

Some of Sri Lanka's well known Chartered Accountants have come onboard to build the capacity and nurture the aspirations of young members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka).

The 'Nurturing Aspirations' Mentoring Programme organised for a third time, kicked off recently with over 100 mentees in attendance. The three month programme is recognised as an important platform to help young as well as new members of the Institute to reach their full potential in the profession, develop skills and improve performance to progress. The mentors are also expected to give guidance to the young CAs so that they can go on to be effective business partners as well as business leaders.



President of CA Sri Lanka Mr. Jagath Perera addressing the gathering

Well known corporate leaders and high profile finance professionals will steer the programme to help the young CA members achieve their full potential as globally sought after Chartered Accountants.

The mentors for the 2018 programme are; Mr. Anura Perera, Director/Chief Financial Officer of Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC, Mr. Asoka Peiris, Former Group Chief Executive Officer of Singer, Mr. Dilum Bellana, Group Chief Financial Officer of Maliban Biscuit Manufactories (Pvt) Ltd, Mr. Jayampathy Molligoda, Executive Deputy Chairman of Bogawantalawa Tea Estates PLC, Mr. M. N. Gunasekara, Independent Director and Audit Committee Chairman of Sierra Cables PLC, Mr. Mahendra Jayasekara, Managing Director of Lanka Ceramic PLC & Lanka Tiles PLC, Mr. Nadun Fernando, Chief Executive Officer of Brandix Apparel Solutions Ltd – Casualwear, Mr. Nandika Buddhipala, Chief Financial Officer of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Ms. Nilanthi Sivapragasam, Chief Financial Officer of Aitken Spence Group, Mr. Nishan Fernando, Managing Director of BDO Consulting (Pvt) Limited & Independent Chairman of First Capital Holdings PLC, Mr. Pushpika Janadheera, Director Operations - Main Board Director of Dipped Products PLC, Mr. Ramesh Jayasekara, Deputy General Manager Corporate Banking at Seylan Bank PLC, Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse, Managing Partner of BDO Partners, Mr. U. H. Palihakkara, Chairman of the Finance Commission of Sri Lanka, Mr. Upali Witharana, Deputy

Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of Ceylinco General Insurance (Pvt) Ltd, Mr. Vipula Gunathilaka, Group Chief Executive Office of Sri Lankan Airlines and Mr. Wasaba Jayasekara, Deputy Managing Director of Hayleys Aviation and Projects (Pvt) Ltd.



A section of the mentees with the mentors and officials of CA Sri Lanka

During the three months of mentoring, the mentors will help the mentees to reach their full potential by sharing knowledge and guidance on core areas which are important for a Chartered Accountant. This year's programme will focus on several areas including; leadership skills, attitudes, teamwork, motivation, soft skills, career progression, ethical issues, managing difficult situations and how to adapt to cultural changes.



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Mentors assign the young CA members at the inauguration ceremony of the programme, which is a three month long