

The increasingly important role professional accountants including Chartered Accountants can play in eradicating corruption and the culture of impunity was highlighted at a forum jointly organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) and South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA).



Delivering the welcome address, President of CA Sri Lanka Mr. Jagath Perera said that the finance profession can play an important role in helping eliminating bribery and corruption. "In this journey, the accounting profession can be the catalyst of change," he said.

Mr. Perera noted that CA Sri Lanka members can also play a significant role in this effort as they hold influential positions across both the private and public sectors. He added that to strengthen the fight against corruption and bribery, CA Sri Lanka has also set up a forensic accounting faculty which will offer an international qualification on the subject. To eradicate corruption and bribery, Mr. Perera said it was important to start from the top. "Then automatically the rest of the people in the bottom tier will fall in line."

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A section of the participants at the forum, including accountants from other South Asian countries.