

A diverse portfolio of some of Sri Lanka's well-known names including corporate leaders, entrepreneurs, famous mountaineers and a legendary cricketer will take the stage at the 40th National Conference of Chartered Accountants to help re-discover the passion and purpose of professionals to ensure they reach the pinnacle of professional success.

Dubbed as Sri Lanka's biggest business summit, the National Conference organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka), will feature Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya, Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Chief Executive Officer - South Asia Region & Corporate Executive Vice President of Axiata Group Berhad who will set the momentum of the conference by delivering the keynote on the theme "Finding your Mojo" on 14th October 2019 at Waters Edge, Battaramulla. The conference will conclude following two days of technical sessions on 15th and 16th October.

Sri Lanka's popular Mount Everest duo, Ms. Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala and Mr. Johann Peries, will kick off the first session on 'Self Mojo' which aim to look at how professionals can rise up from their negative mindset to take charge and become an effective part of change.

The second session titled 'In search of a Nation's magic that has sustained in most of its history' will feature Mr. Merrill J. Fernando, the pioneer of Sri Lankan Tea and Founder of the global brand Dilmah as the speaker. Mr. Mano Sekaram, CEO/Co-Founder of 99X Technology Limited, Mr. Murtaza Jafferjee, CEO of JB Securities and Dr. Malkanthi Hettiarachchi, Chartered Clinical Psychologist, a counter terrorism researcher and instructor will join the session as panelists to help participants understand how to regain their lost mojo, which is defined as the internal magic that translates to external success. This session will be moderated by Mr. Deepal Sooriyaarachchi, Management Consultant, Trainer, Author, Speaker and Accredited Master Coach.

The third session on 'Mojo in one's career – how do you fall back in love with your job' will feature Mr. Chevaan Devavarathan Daniel, Executive Group Director of the Capital Maharaja Organization Limited, who will be joined by Mr. Rakhil Fernando, Managing Director of Daraz Sri Lanka and Ms. Dinali Peiris, Director – Group Human Resources of MAS Holdings who will share their insights on how to look beyond the daily tribulations and seek purpose in one's work, aspire to reach greater heights and more importantly fall back in love with one's job.

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Well known entrepreneur and business leader, Mr. W. K. H. Wegapitiya, Chairman/Group CEO of LAUGFS Holdings Limited will steer the fourth session on 'The enterprising Mojo of family businesses.' The session will also feature Ms. Sheamalee Wickramasinghe, Group Managing Director of CBL Group (CBL) and Mr. Murtaza Esufally, Executive Director of Hemas Holdings PLC. The session which will be moderated by Mr. Arjuna Herath, Senior Partner of Ernst & Young Sri Lanka and Maldives looks at how one of the oldest and most common models of economic organizations, family businesses can teach participants lessons on building an enterprise with its own unique Mojo.

Legendary cricketer, Mr. Muttiah Muralitharan will take the stage during the fifth session on 'It's about how you play the cards you hold' to help participants understand the need to never give up despite the obstacles. During this session, he will share with the participants his road to success, despite the hurdles, and how he never threw in the towel and kept on playing to finally achieve his target.

The sixth session will bring forth two respected corporate leaders, Mr. Reyaz Mihular, Managing Partner of KPMG Sri Lanka and Ms. Indresh Fernando, Chief Process Officer of Softlogic Holdings PLC who together with Mr. Russel Valentine, Mr. Nigel Wayne White, Ms. Sakina Juzar, Ms. Kaveesha Coswatte and Ms. Shenellka De Silva will go in for a 'rapid fire tango' titled 'The future of Mojo – it takes two to tango.' The session will help participants to understand the next generation and what they bring to the table and what their world looks like to ensure the older generation can gain a better understanding of the next generation and their expectations.



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