In a significant milestone, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) together with its Business School celebrated the grand inauguration of their highly anticipated Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme, setting the stage for professional excellence.

The inaugural intake of the CA Sri Lanka world-class MBA programme in October showcased an impressive number of registrations, demonstrating a rich diversity among participants, which included CEOs, CFOs, managers, auditors, executives, lawyers, and professionals representing multiple sectors such as FMCG, apparel, and the hospitality industry, among others.

The inauguration was graced by Mr. Bingumal Thewarathanthri, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank Sri Lanka, Mr. Sanjaya Bandara, President of CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Vice President of CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Laknath Jayawickrama, Chairman of the CA Business School, as well as Council Members and Ms. Lakmali Priyangika, acting Chief Executive Officer of CA Sri Lanka.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Bandara said that year after year, CA Sri Lanka has dedicated itself to elevating the professional standards of Chartered Accountants as well as non-accounting professionals to ensure that the Institute's professional benchmarks align with international excellence. "The introduction of CA Sri Lanka's MBA programme is part of our ongoing mission to foster the growth of visionary business leaders capable of reshaping and sustaining businesses amidst an increasingly competitive landscape."

Mr. Jayawickrama emphasised that the MBA curriculum was meticulously crafted by a team of distinguished professionals and academics, and it strikes a delicate balance between industry demands, and also aligns with the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF). He added that CA Sri Lanka is poised to provide new management knowledge and paradigms in the years to come and act as an important agent of change management, providing intellectual capital for industry through this MBA.

The two-year programme, approved by both the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), offers a flexible learning experience through a hybrid delivery mode, which combines online and physical classes to ensure accessibility for all. Furthermore, the MBA also adheres to the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) at Level 10,

guaranteeing the highest quality of education. Further, students will also have the opportunity to learn from industry professionals who bring real-world insights into the classroom, providing a dynamic and enriching educational experience, in addition to top-notch classroom facilities that support a conducive learning environment.

Over two decades ago, the CA Sri Lanka Business School was founded with a clear mission: to provide a forward-thinking and creative curriculum that nurtures business leaders capable of building, innovating, and sustaining successful organizations. Today, the CA Sri Lanka Business School offers a diverse range of qualifications, both locally and internationally recognised, including MBAs, postgraduate and executive diplomas, executive programmes, and masterclasses. Renowned for its contemporary executive and postgraduate education, the CA Business School has earned a reputation for facilitating the professional advancement of executives and stands out as one of the few business schools in the country to offer a variety of recognised local and international MBA programmes, all under one roof.

## **CAPTIONS -**

- DSC\_4326: Guests at the CA Sri Lanka MBA inaugural intake.
- DSC\_4474: Mr. Bingumal Thewarathanthri, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank Sri Lanka addressing the event.
- DSC\_4523: A token of appreciation presented to Mr. Bingumal Thewarathanthri by Mr. Sanjaya Bandara in the presence of Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Mr. Laknath Jayawickrama, and Ms. Lakmali Priyangika.



