

The country's foremost accounting organization, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) received a tremendous boost recently when Sri Lanka's leading conglomerate, John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH) joined hands once again to renew its sponsorship for the year 2012.

As a lead sponsor, JKH supports the Institute's diverse activities including its long term educational development in the sphere of accounting which will benefit its 4200 members, over 37,000 students and professionals from non-accounting sectors.

Prior to renewing its agreement this year, John Keells Holdings has been CA Sri Lanka's lead sponsor since 2007.

JKH Group Finance Director Ronnie Peiris handed over the sponsorship cheque to CA Sri Lanka President Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse at a ceremony held recently.

Mr. Peiris said that John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH) is delighted to continue its Lead Sponsorship of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

CA Sri Lanka has, over the years, been at the forefront of the development of the accountancy profession, and accountants, in the country and is highly respected in both Sri Lanka and abroad.

JKH is committed to maintaining integrity, facilitating ethical dealings, enabling sustainable development and undertaking a greater social responsibility in a multi stakeholder context. Its partnership with CA Sri Lanka dovetails well with these objectives, Mr. Peiris noted.

The JKH Group Finance Director also believes that the agreement with the Institute will lead to the accelerated development of accountants in Sri Lanka and this, will, in turn, lead to improved corporate governance and financial reporting.

Welcoming JKH onboard, CA Sri Lanka President Sujeewa Rajapakse expressed his delight in partnering with the country's largest listed conglomerate once again as the lead sponsor for the year 2012.

As one of the country's leading professional bodies, we are most honoured by the faith reposed on us by Sri Lanka's largest listed conglomerate on the Colombo Stock Exchange. This will be a mutually beneficial partnership for both organisations, Mr. Rajapakse noted.

He also stressed that all conceivable effort will be taken to ensure the upliftment of chartered accountants and future chartered accountants by providing the required facilities and services including knowledge sharing initiatives which are important for their long term professional development.