

In an attempt to encourage students from the Eastern Province to join the world renowned chartered accountancy course, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) opened its doors for the benefit of future chartered accountants with the opening of its seventh Information Centre in Kalmunai on July 23rd.

In its continuing attempts to revolutionise tertiary education provided in the country, CA Sri Lanka in its capacity as one of the largest tertiary education providers, has progressively expanded its presence in all major provinces and currently has a total of seven Information Centres in Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, Matara, Ratnapura and the latest being in Kalmunai covering the Eastern Province.

The seventh CA Sri Lanka Information Centre was declared open by Kalmunai Mayor Mr. Shiraz Mirashib in the presence of the members of the CA Sri Lanka Council including its President Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse.

Over the past 53 years, the Institute has commanded an impressive standing both locally and globally in its capacity as the national accounting body of Sri Lanka, apart from being one of the largest professional organisations with 4200 members and 37,000 students.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Rajapakse underscored that the opening of the seventh Information Centre was an important step which promotes the Mahinda Chinthanaya vision of President Mahinda Rajapaksa in ensuring that Sri Lanka becomes a key hub for knowledge and learning in the world.

“Today, the Eastern Province is reinforced with renewed energy; as it enjoys the perks of peace. The East is progressing steadily. But even with peace, we face challenges, the challenge to ensure development sustains, the challenge to make sure we produce skilled professionals for the benefit of our area, our profession and most importantly our country,” Mr. Rajapakse said.

He emphasized that the Institute has continuously endeavored to propagate the importance of chartered accountancy to every part of Sri Lanka, not limiting it to only Colombo and other major cities of the country but instead to educate the youth and future leaders in every village on the importance of choosing a successful profession, with global recognition.

“You have a world of unlimited opportunities lying ahead of you as a chartered accountant. You will be sought after by

top companies in the country and your employment abroad is secure because the qualification offered at CA Sri Lanka is globally recognized,” he noted.

He expressed hope that with the opening of the new CA Sri Lanka Information Centre in Kalmunai, the number of student registrations from the province will see a remarkable increase in the coming year.

Chief Executive Officer of CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Aruna Alwis disclosed that to ensure all students are given an equal opportunity to follow the CA Sri Lanka course, the Institute has also launched a scholarship programme so students who suffer from even financial adversities are given an equal opportunity to embark on a world renowned qualification.

Representatives from the South Eastern (Oluvil) University and tuition colleges were also present during the opening ceremony.

