

# Revolutionising Leadership and Management Education

## Complete your British Degree right here in Sri Lanka!

The Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka together with the Business Management School (BMS) is proud to announce the launch of its unique new British Degree programme, which can be completed entirely right here in Sri Lanka. Students can now obtain an internationally recognised Degree in Leadership and Management from Northumbria University UK, without leaving the country.

**British High Commissioner, His Excellency Dr. Peter Hayes will formally launch the commencement of the programme on Monday 30th March, 2009. The Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. Ajith Cabraal, will be the Chief Guest at the event.**



### Message from the Honourable Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka

I am very pleased to send a message on the occasion of the inauguration of a programme to offer Leadership and Management Degrees in Sri Lanka by the Business Management School (BMS) and the Institute of Bankers in Sri Lanka (IBSL) in collaboration with the Northumbria University in the United Kingdom on 30th March 2009.

I am happy to learn the initiative taken by BMS and IBSL will meet the growing need for professionals in this field in Sri Lanka to keep with global challenges at an affordable cost to students in our country. The initiative by these two reputable organisations is all the more commendable as they have played an important role in obtaining international recognition for local qualifications. This is a notable step towards providing relevant knowledge and skills to Sri Lanka youth and thereby contribute to economic growth in our country.

I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all those who have contributed to this commendable innovation and wish the programme every success.



### Message from His Excellency Dr. Peter Hayes British High Commissioner

I am pleased to support the launch of Northumbria University's BA in Leadership and Management as part of their efforts to provide affordable and accessible Degree pathways to professionals in Sri Lanka. I commend BMS for their innovative approach and their success in bringing British Degrees to Sri Lanka in collaboration with reputable institutions like the Institute of Bankers.

By creating a new partnership between the UK and Sri Lanka in developing leadership and management skills, I hope that this programme will strengthen the already strong ties that exist between our two countries across a wide range of fields, including politics, economics, trade, culture, and education.



### Message from Gill Westaway Country Director, British Council Sri Lanka

This year is special to the British Council as it marks our 60th Anniversary in Sri Lanka. Over the years we have become well known as a cultural organisation that builds engagement between UK and Sri Lanka through the various services and products we offer.

The UK's tradition of education dates back hundreds of years and is constantly evolving to meet the demands of the world and the needs of its students. Students who study in the UK are assured of a quality education which is recognised around the globe. Today the flexibility of gaining a UK qualification in Sri Lanka is a reality and represents a cost effective option available to many. This collaboration between the Institute of Bankers and Northumbria University to offer a local, quality Degree programme is evidence of another strong education partnership created between our two countries. We anticipate that this study programme will be of great service to Sri Lanka's banking fraternity and wish this endeavour all success.



### Message from W.A. Wijewardena Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Chairman, Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka

The Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka is proud to be associated with Northumbria University of the United Kingdom and its local representative Business Management School (BMS), to offer in Sri Lanka the final year Honours Degree programme in Leadership and Management to the institute's students as a part of its Degree pathway.

In terms of the arrangement, Northumbria University had recognised the Institute's Advanced Certificate in Banking and Finance or success at four core subjects in its Diploma in Banking and Finance as equivalent to the first two years of the University's Honours Degree programme. Up to now, students desiring to acquire this international qualification had to travel to the United Kingdom and study the final year on campus. The current programme of offering this qualification in Sri Lanka helps students to study for the Degree, while working in their respective jobs, if they are employed, or at their home environment, if they are full time students.

The Institute wishes to congratulate the first batch of students enrolled for the Degree programme in Sri Lanka and success in their study programme.



### Message from Professor Craig Mahoney Deputy Vice Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) Northumbria University, UK

I am delighted that Northumbria University's Newcastle Business School, is now offering the BA (Hons) Leadership and Management in Sri Lanka. This completion award is an innovative work based Degree programme to be delivered over one year in Sri Lanka and supported by staff from Northumbria University. Northumbria University has been working extensively across Sri Lanka for many years and is constantly looking at ways to develop new links and further strengthen

existing ones, providing greater opportunities for Sri Lankan students to access UK university education.

Newcastle Business School is one of the fastest growing business schools in the UK, with a first class reputation, both at home and internationally. The size, infrastructure and resources enable us to offer an unprecedented range of programmes, designed to deliver relevant, cutting edge skills for the business leaders of today as well as to prepare tomorrow's leaders for a successful future in the global business world.

Our thanks also go to Northumbria University's local representative, BMS in Sri Lanka, for the active role they have played in helping us establish this link.



### Message from Nizam Razzaq, Director - Business Management School (BMS)

BMS, the UK education specialist, is pleased to announce yet another milestone in the future of education in Sri Lanka. BMS, has always been in the forefront in providing Sri Lankan students the opportunity to complete a British Degree in Business from a top UK university. We now take pride in making a strategic partnership with the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka. With a wide experience in developing British Degree pathways for local qualifications in

developing British Degree pathways for local qualifications in affiliation with Northumbria University, we are confident that it will be a unique and successful programme.

We would like to thank the British High Commission, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, the British Council Colombo and the Institute of Bankers for their unstinted support for the launch of this programme in Sri Lanka.

