

press release

Standard Chartered lead sponsors Sri Lanka Investment Summit

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12 February 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka – Standard Chartered is the lead sponsor of the Sri Lanka Investment Summit to be held In Singapore on 15 March 2016. This inaugural event is presented by FinanceAsia, and will be positioned to showcase and highlight the country to potential investors from across the globe. The event will build on the successes of previous such investment forums organised by FinanceAsia for other countries and is expected to attract business to Sri Lanka. The summit will furnish an opportunity to meet with leading government officials and top private sector CEOs for a first hand guide to future developments, and networking with corporations and co-investors.

Jim McCabe, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Sri Lanka, who was instrumental in initiating the event with FinanceAsia, said: "Sri Lanka is advantageously positioned right now for business enterprise with an investment friendly government, excellent growth potential, and a growing appetite for inbound business projects. This summit will provide an ideal milieu for showcasing and learning how Sri Lanka is positioning itself as one of the fastest growing economies in Asia. We are confident that the summit will help potential investors leverage the growing links between Asia and Sri Lanka. We are proud to be associated with such a forum that could only further the national image and economic agenda."

The Sri Lanka Investment Summit will present a full day program comprising a key note address by Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, guest speakers including Mr. Arjuna Mahendran, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, and panel discussions with private sector CEOs as well as representatives from institutions such as IFC, ADB and leading economists and industry leaders. Past investors will also provide insights on how to make the most of this opportunity and what steps should be taken to engage in enterprise in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Investment Summit has already attracted some 200 registrations. Details of the summit are available at <u>http://www.srilankainvestmentsummit.com/</u> and those interested in participating either as speakers or delegates are welcome to contact the representatives from FinanceAsia.

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