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University of Colombo MBA Alumni Association President, Saranga Wijeyarathne

Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker Dinesh Weerakkody

Saranga Wijeyarathne appointed as President

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the MBA Alumni Association of the University of Colombo was held recently at the Hilton Residence, Colombo amidst a large and distinguished gathering including the University of Colombo Vice Chancellor Dr. Kumara Hirimburegama and Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC chairman Dinesh Weerakkody as the Chief Guest on this occasion. Gracing the occasion, Commercial Bank Ceylon chairman delivering his speech said, "The country has three major challenges in human resources and they are retaining talented

resources, improving organizational effectiveness and development of HR skills. "Slow growth and weak demand will impact on the country's export industry. Sri Lanka needs reforms and in the next five years social media will transform more effectively. Hence we have to be strict with the web platform and social media," Weerakkody added. Saranga Wijeyarathne was unanimously elected as the President for the forthcoming year. Outgoing President Jude Silva congratulated the new President and handed over his duties. At the AGM Rohana Ellawala was elected as Deputy President and

Lalith Sumanasiri was elected as Vice President. On taking office the new president, Saranga Wijeyarathne said: "I am delighted and honoured to have been elected as the president. This was a dream come true. I intend to fully engage the Colombo MBA Alumni with all its stakeholders — MBA graduates — past, present and future, the management faculty administration, university academic staff, its MBA students, and the university community at large. "The Colombo MBA Alumni will be highly visible in the coming year, and this will create tremendous value for the

university's MBA community. I hope that together with the University of Colombo we can make the Colombo MBA a coveted qualification, and that it will be the flagship for the university as it rightly should be. Hence I would appreciate the active participation of members in the upcoming events of organization. As such, the theme for the year will be 'professional networking for value addition'," Saranga added. Saranga Wijeyarathne is an old Nalandian who graduated from Sri Jayewardenepura University and is an MBA holder of the University of Colombo. Saranga currently holds the post of Director - Marketing at

the Ceylon Newspapers (Private) Limited and is a foremost young player in the marketing sector. The University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance provides the most prestigious and highly regarded Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) in Sri Lanka. The Alumni Association was originally set up in the year 1997 by a group of MBA graduates from the University of Colombo who wished to further the interests of MBA graduates and also make a contribution to their *alma mater* and to the country with the vision, "To be the first choice in

business governance". Since then, the association has grown in stature and is today a well-known association with members working in diverse disciplines — corporate governance, general management, finance, marketing, IT, HR and administration in both private and public sector across a large part of Sri Lanka. The 17th committee in office is yet another vibrant and dynamic team committed to serve the best interests of the University of Colombo, MBA Alumni Association. (CW)



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