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Dimantha Seneviratne takes over as CEO of NDB



National Development Bank PLC (NDB) commenced its business operations for the year 2017 with religious blessings and welcoming the leadership of Mr. Dimantha Seneviratne who took over office as Director/CEO of NDB.

Commenting on the new appointment, Mr. Ananda Atukorala - Chairman of NDB said "It is my pleasure to welcome Mr. Dimantha Seneviratne on board. With his wide experience within the industry he is poised to drive the growth of the NDB Group and take the financial conglomerate to new heights in years to follow. I would like to wish him all the very best in his endeavours at NDB and assure our support in the strategic evolution of the Bank and the Group."

Addressing the Senior Management, the new CEO highlighted the need to capitalize on NDB's strong foundation and work together to realize its fullest potential.

Mr. Dimantha Seneviratne counts more than 26 years of experience in the Banking industry, of which the last 3 years were with Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC (PABC) where he functioned as Director / CEO. He was instrumental in turning around PABC and transforming it into a high performing mid sized player in the industry.

Prior to that, he spent 15 years with the HSBC Group, where he held key senior management positions including several senior overseas postings covering Thailand, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia. His last posting with the HSBC Group was as the Chief Risk Officer, Thailand (2011 - 2013). Prior to that he was the Chief Risk Officer Sri Lanka / Maldives (2008 - 2011). He was also the Chief Risk Officer of HSBC Bangladesh in 2010. At HSBC, he was responsible for credit growth, strategy and governance in those respective geographies as a member of the country leadership team. He has gained extensive exposure in Corporate Banking, Retail Banking and Wealth Management, Credit Risk Management, Operations and Market Risk, Internal Control, Investment Banking and Finance.

Mr. Seneviratne commenced his banking career with Sampath Bank and has also served in Overseas Trust Bank, Colombo Branch and Saudi British Bank prior to joining HSBC.

Mr. Seneviratne holds a MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, and BSc, from the same University. He is a Fellow Member (FIB) of the Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka and a Post Graduate Diploma Holder in computer system design from the NIBM. He successfully completed the High Potential Leadership Programme at the Harvard Business School, Boston, USA, in 2016.

A Past President of The Association of Professional Bankers (APB) Sri Lanka, he has held various positions in the Executive Council of APB for over a decade including the posts of Secretary General (2008 -2009) and Senior Vice President (2009 - 2010).

He currently functions as a Director of Lanka Clear (Pvt) Ltd and a Director of the Credit Information Bureau - Sri Lanka.