

# ACCESS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE

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Access has become one of Sri Lanka's leading conglomerates since beginning operations as the sole agent for a host of Japanese companies in the country back in 1989. The company has steadily grown in capacity and diversified into many areas over the past 30 years, contributing significantly to the growth of the country's economy. Today, with an employee base of approximately 6,000, Access operates in the fields of Engineering, Telecommunications, Healthcare, Water, Education, Automotive, Power, Renewable Energy and Property Development. The company has also expanded its global footprint by venturing into projects in the Maldives, Africa and the Middle East. Sumal Perera, Chairman, Access Group, commenting on the company's growth said, "Access began operations in 1989 with a seven-member team, a license to sell Konika photocopier machines, and a desire to actively contribute to the growth of the country's economy. We have faced and overcome many challenges over the years, only to emerge stronger and more determined to achieve our goals and contribute positively to the development of our nation. Throughout all this, our biggest asset has been our people. I am proud to say that we have over 500 employees that have been with us for over 15 years."

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empowering them to grow, not only improves the performance of the business, but also plays a key role in retaining the right talent. That is one of the strongest pillars of our 30-year success,” added Sumal Perera. Access has celebrated many milestones throughout its history, with the most significant being development and operating two business towers in the heart of Colombo, investing in Ninewells hospital, which is the country’s leading private medical facility for women and children. The company has recently ventured into the Real Estate sector, and is currently in the process of constructing 1,500 apartments across the island. Access is also looking at expanding its presence in the Education, Automotive and Healthcare sectors with a number of projects and collaborations in the pipeline. “We have come this far as a business because we have been resilient in our endeavors to be the best and offer the best services to our country. We constantly look out for new opportunities, be it new industries to invest in, new technology, new international investors to partner with or new countries to expand our business into. We keep moving forward, learning from our experiences, adapting to changes in the economic and political environments and always presenting the wellbeing of our customers and employees at the forefront,” Sumal Perera further added. Access currently consists of 21 companies, operating in eight industries. The company has successfully secured and completed a number of major projects for infrastructure development in Sri Lanka. It has the franchise for many global brands such as Jaguar Land Rover, Porcelanosa Group, Hansgrohe SE, Isuzu, GE, Samsung and Zhenhua Port Machinery Company (ZPMC). The organization is focused on consolidating and strengthening its existing enterprises, while aggressively pursuing new opportunities in different fields and in new markets