

# Bank of Ceylon hosts Sacred Relic Pilgrimage at Head Office



*The Chairman and the General Manager of the Bank of Ceylon, along with staff members, reverently bowing to the sacred relics.*

In celebration of the Vesak festival, the Bank of Ceylon hosted a pilgrimage to sacred relics at its head office premises. This significant event was graced by the presence of BOC's Chairman, General Manager/CEO, Corporate and Executive management, and staff members, alongside a large number of devotees who came to worship the holy relics with sincere devotion. The Sacred Relic pilgrimage was organized by the United Buddhist Association of the Bank of Ceylon as part of the 'Dharma Shakthi Pooja Vesak Program.'

This program was a col- laborative effort between the General Conference for the Preservation of National Heritage with the Bank of Ceylon, the Ministry of Defense, and the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious, and Cultural Affairs.

Launched in 2019, the 'Dharma Shakthi Pooja Vesak Program' began in Kilinochchi, followed by Jaffna in 2022, and then in Trincomalee for 2023. This year, the unique Vesak observance was held in Batticaloa with enthusiastic support and participation from the region's Buddhist as well as the non-Buddhist communities.

The Bank of Ceylon joined hands with this charitable event, including providing transportation for the holy relics in a specially designed vehicle known as the Ransivi house.

Staff members from the Bank's North Central, Eastern, and Western Provinces

have actively supported and ensured the success of this program.