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BOC signed an MoU with the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment and the Forest Department in the presence of Ajith Mannapperuma, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment. Ronald C Perera, Chairman, BOC and Senarath Bandara, CEO/GM, C Amarasinghe, DGM Sales and Channel Management, E M Jayaratne, DGM Retail Banking (Range 1 and Range 2), represented BOC. Anura Dissanayake, Secretary of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, M P D U K Mapa Pathirana, State Secretary of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment and W A C Weragoda, Conservator General, Department of Forest Conservation were also present. The Gal Oya Forest Reserve consists of 14,000 hectares of land, of which almost 6,000 hectares have been deforested. BOC will ensure that this project comprehensively looks at improving its land scale. Through this initiative, the growth of invasive plants such as Shrub Verbena (Gandapana), Spear Grass (Iluk) and Ceylon Citronella (Mana) will be eliminated, while reducing the chances of wildfires and the spread of such, as well as limiting the feeding of

cattle inside the forest reserve, while regenerating the natural growth of plants that form the forest. Being a concerned partner in protecting the environment in the country, BOC takes responsibility by actively engaging in causes that deliver sustainable results for society, its citizens and the environment.