

# BOC Celebrates 80th Anniversary

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*President Maithripala Sirisena receives a special publication to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BOC from Ronald C Perera, President's Counsel and Chairman, BOC in the presence of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.*



*Ronald C Perera, President's Counsel and Chairman, BOC presents a memento to President Maithripala Sirisena while Senarath Bandara, General Manager, BOC looks on.*



*Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe receives a memento from Ronald C Perera, Chairman, BOC, while Senarath Bandara, General Manager, BOC looks on.*

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Bank of Ceylon (BOC), celebrated 80 years in operation as an established and an innovative bank. The ceremony was held under the patronage of President Maithripala Sirisena, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, and Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of the Parliament. Considered among the topmost contributors towards the economic and social development of the country, BOC commemorated its long journey of serving the nation. President Maithripala Sirisena said, "It is right to say that Bank of Ceylon gives life to the Government and many Government Institutions. Therefore, BOC sustains the country as a profityielding institution, helping uphold the lives and lifestyles of every tier of Sri Lanka's citizenship." Over eight decades, BOC has dominated the Sri Lankan banking landscape at different levels. It is involved in uplifting every socio-economic stratum by comprehensively pervading the everyday life of Sri Lankans. BOC is also a significant contributor to economic and social development by fostering good Governance and ensuring banking services are available in the country. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe stated, "With the financial prowess that BOC possesses, it can help Sri Lanka aspire to become one of the financial centers in the region, in a few years."

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” Integrating world-class technologies to provide the best-in-class banking service that is suited for the next generation consumer, BOC has brought banking to the fingertips of the customer. Ronald C Perera, President’s Counsel and Chairman, Bank of Ceylon, said, “Being the Bank for the future, we look forward to building more Sri Lankan entrepreneurs, and encourage youth to contribute towards economic growth and become active future business leaders. BOC will also extend its international network to emerging markets, establishing its innovative brand as an International Sri Lankan Bank.” “Beginning with a handful of staff back then, we have grown to become a large organization with over 8700 employees as at today. Having a like-minded, dedicated, and knowledgeable staff is the best resource we have. It has to be emphasized that the Bank’s staff pioneered many of our digitalization projects,” stated Senarath Bandara, General Manager, BOC. Marking the anniversary, BOC issued a commemorative stamp in partnership with Sri Lanka Post.