

DFCC Bank Aloka Powers WCIC Prathibhabhisheka Women Entrepreneur Awards 2022

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President Ranil Wickramasinghe with Tusitha Kumarakulasingam, Co-Chair WCIC PRATHIBHABHISHEKA/Board member WCIC; Ramani Ponnambalam, Co-Chair WCIC PRATHIBHABHISHEKA, Thimal Perera- Director/CEO of DFCC Bank and Dr Chandanamali Punchihewa, GeneLabs and Anoji De Silva, Chairperson WCIC.

DFCC Bank was the Platinum Sponsor of the WCIC Prathibhabhisheka Women Entrepreneur Awards 2022, powered by DFCC Aloka. The awards ceremony recognizes the contributions of women entrepreneurs. The Chief guest at the event, the President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremasinghe, presented the final award and title of Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2022 to Dr. Chandanamali Punchihewa of Genelabs Medical. She also won the gold award in the large Enterprise Category and the Award for Western Province for her dedicated service to the community.

The WCIC Prathibhabhisheka Women Entrepreneur Awards, powered by DFCC Aloka, is an initiative of the Women's Chamber of Industry and Commerce (WCIC). It aims to recognize the credibility and improve the visibility of outstanding women entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka and the wider SAARC region. Over 175 applications were received this year, while 47 inspirational women were recognized for their

exceptional contributions to the economic development of the country and continuous improvement towards their business growth and creating more job opportunities.

Thimal Perera, the Chief Executive Officer at DFCC Bank, said, “We’re honored to have been a part of this worthwhile initiative that recognizes the efforts and contributions of women entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka. At DFCC Bank, we are committed to empowering women and promoting financial inclusivity. Our women-centric banking proposition, DFCC Aloka, is a testament to this commitment and provides women with the financial tools they need to achieve their dreams and aspirations. We also take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Chandanamali Punchihewa and all the winners of the WCIC Prathibhabhisheka Women Entrepreneur Awards 2022, including the DFCC Aloka customers who won on the night. Their outstanding contributions to the economic development of Sri Lanka are an inspiration to us all.”

DFCC Aloka is a financial and non-financial platform designed to support the aspirations of women of all ages and all profiles based in Sri Lanka.

Anoji De Silva, Chairperson of WCIC, said, “It’s a great honor to have had DFCC Bank Aloka as our Platinum Sponsor. Propositions such as Aloka support creating new opportunities for female professionals and entrepreneurs through financial and non-financial services relevant to females, and the WCIC Prathibabisheka Awards seek to recognize such women’s exceptional contributions it’s a natural fit. We take this opportunity to thank DFCC bank and congratulate all the winners.”

DFCC Bank is ranked among Business Today’s Top 40 Corporates in Sri Lanka.