

# HNB and RDA Introduces Card Payment on Expressways

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*Damith Pallewatte, Managing Director/CEO, HNB shakes hands with the T. Paskaran, Chairman of the RDA, at the official launch of Sri Lanka's first card-based toll payment system at the Kottawa interchange.*

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