

HNB appoints Kyle Abeysinghe as Sports Ambassador



L–R: Roshantha Jayatunge, Assistant Vice President – Head of HC Strategy and Talent Development, HNB; Upul Adhikadi, Head of Marketing, HNB; champion swimmer Kyle Abeysinghe; Damith Pallewaththa, MD/CEO, HNB; Kanchana Karunagama, Senior Vice President – Head of Retail Banking, HNB; and Viranga Gamage, Vice President – Head of Deposits, HNB.

Hatton National Bank has appointed Paris 2024 Olympian and Sri Lanka’s National Swimming Captain, Kyle Abeysinghe (OLY), as its newest Sports Ambassador, reinforcing its commitment to developing Sri Lanka’s sporting excellence and empowering young athletes. Kyle, who has represented Sri Lanka internationally since the age of 14, embodies resilience, leadership, and dedication. His career highlights include breaking national records, competing in the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and South Asian Games, and making a remarkable comeback after a four-year hiatus. Kyle emphasized that support and belief are

crucial in any athlete’s journey. He noted that HNB’s backing not only strengthens his personal path but also symbolizes encouragement for every young Sri Lankan who dreams big. “This partnership is about more than just sport—it’s about inspiring youth to work hard, stay disciplined, and persevere through challenges,” he said.

Upul Adikari, Vice President of Marketing and Corporate Communications, HNB, stated that sports mirror the bank’s values of resilience, discipline, and self-belief. Through this collaboration, HNB aims to celebrate Sri Lanka’s sporting spirit and motivate the nation’s youth to face obstacles with confidence and recognize their inner potential.

HNB sees Kyle as a role model who blends athletic success with education, leadership, and community impact. His goal to be the first Sri Lankan swimmer to qualify for the Olympics under the ‘A’ standard highlights his ambition.

Additionally, Kyle’s advocacy for youth financial literacy supports HNB’s mission of holistic development.