

# **HNB Collaborates with KIU Group to Enhance Financial and Professional Opportunities**



*Kanchana Karunagama, Head of Retail Banking, HNB (fourth from left) and Dr. Jagath Seneviratne, Chairman, KIU Group of Companies and President of KIU University (fourth from right) exchanging the MoU in the presence of (from left): Chathura Kodikara, Product Manager (HNB Adishtana), HNB; Ruwanthika Perera, Relationship Manager, HNB; Samuddika Mendis, Head of Business Development, HNB; Dr. Sajeewanie Liyanaarachchi, Vice Chancellor, KIU University; Thishani Rodrigo, Chief of Global Strategic Partnerships & Member of the Board of Management of KIU University, Managing Director, EIPER International; and Dilhara Rathnayake Head of Marketing Division, KIU University and Member of the Board of Management.*

HNB announced its partnership with the KIU Group, a conglomerate that provides comprehensive educational and professional opportunities to nurture the country's next generation of leaders.

HNB and KIU Group of Companies, comprising KIU University, EIPER International, Green Cross Sri Lanka, and PYG Lan, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kanchana Karunagama, Head-Retail Banking, HNB; Dr. Jagath Seneviratne, Chairman of KIU Group of Companies/President of KIU University, and senior management from both companies were in attendance.

Under the terms of this MoU, HNB will collaborate with KIU University to offer innovative financial solutions that facilitate access to KIU's undergraduate and post-graduate programs, including educational loans and payment schemes designed to alleviate financial pressures on students and their families. As a university recognized by the Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the University Grants Commission KIU offers diverse degree programs, ranging from law, accounting, IT, and HR to business analytics, nursing, acupuncture, and more.

"Expanding access to education is fundamental to ensuring a durable economic recovery. Our partnership with KIU Group is a significant step towards addressing the critical challenges Sri Lanka's higher education system faces. This collaboration aligns educational programs with current industry needs to enhance employability and creates pathways for international education and professional training. Together, we are committed to building a skilled workforce, fostering financial inclusion, and supporting the sustainable development of Sri Lanka's next generation of professionals and business leaders," Kanchana Karunagama, Head of Retail Banking, HNB, said.

HNB was ranked number one on Business Today's Top 40 for 2023/2024.