HNB launches new branch at City of Dreams Sri Lanka



L–R: Krishan Balendra, Chairperson, John Keells Holdings; Damith Pallewatte, MD and CEO, HNB; and Sanjaya Wijemanne, COO, HNB ceremonially opening the latest HNB branch at City of Dreams Sri Lanka.

HNB has launched a new branch at the City of Dreams Sri Lanka, providing customers with access to a full range of banking services.

This development strengthens HNB’s partnership with the JKH Group, as the bank previously helped finance the resort. The branch offers advisory services, self-

service machines, and aims to meet the financial needs of tourists, residents, and businesses at the integrated resort.

The project is expected to create significant employment and boost economic activity in tourism, real estate, and professional services. City of Dreams Sri Lanka features a premium gaming and entertainment center managed by Melco Resorts and Entertainment Limited.

HNB serves as a key banking partner for Melco’s operations in Sri Lanka, enhancing ties with global operators.

Damith Pallewatte, MD and CEO, HNB, stated: “The opening of this branch is part of HNB’s strategy to integrate into Sri Lanka’s emerging economic hubs. The City of Dreams Sri Lanka branch is a significant investment, enhancing tourism and attracting diverse visitors. HNB is proud to be the only banking operator in City of Dreams Sri Lanka, providing secure and convenient banking for modern needs.”

Supun Dias, Executive Vice President and Head of Network Business, HNB, stated that the new branch aims to serve an evolving urban clientele, including foreign guests and local businesses, with high-quality service from a skilled team. He added that it would provide a seamless blend of digital and personalized services for efficient banking access for all customers.