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HNB ‘Oba Venuwen Api’ Initiative Donates Ultrasound Scanner To IDH



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HNB donated a state-of-theart ultrasound scanning machine through its Oba Venuwen Api initiative to support the healthcare sector.

The scanner valued at 7.5 million rupees will be used for diagnosis and

intervention related to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases at the hospital. Dilshan Rodrigo, Executive Director/COO, HNB, and officials presented the ultrasound machine to Dr. Hasitha Attanayake, Director, IDH, and Dr. Kishani Abeywardena, Consultant Radiologist.

“Our ability to combat the spread of COVID-19 is a direct result of our healthcare professionals’ courageous and diligent efforts, especially those at the IDH. With this donation, we convey our gratitude to the frontline medical staff, working each day tirelessly to help our nation recover. These heroes have been on the frontlines of this battle from the very beginning, and we pledge to continue supporting the hospital and the healthcare sector in any way possible,” Dilshan Rodrigo, Executive Director/COO, HNB, said.

The Oba Venuwen API initiative is funded by HNB employees contributing a day’s pay at the onset of the pandemic last year. The Bank matched the staff donation to establish the initiative, which has since been allocated for various projects aimed at uplifting healthcare services to combat the pandemic. Through this project, HNB delivered urgently required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to regional hospitals and MOH offices.

The Oba Venuwen Api initiative and the HNB Sustainability Foundation also donated 20 million to revive micro-enterprises across the island earlier this year. “HNB’s strategic focus on sustainability has withstood the test of time over the years. Sustainability is embedded into the Bank’s business model, and CSR has evolved to participatory volunteerism, be it in cash or kind by HNB staff,” L Chiranthi Cooray, Chief Transformation Officer/ Deputy General Manager, HNB, said.