# HNB Wins at LankaPay Technovation Awards

Sanjay Wijemanne, Deputy General Manager – Retail and SME Banking, HNB accepting the Gold Award for the Bank of the Year for Excellence in Customer Convenience from Dr. Kenneth De Zilwa, Chairman, LankaClear, in the presence of (from left) Sunimal Weerasooriya, former General Manager/CEO, LankaClear, Chakshika Amarawardhana, Manager – Digital Banking, HNB; and Channa de Silva, General Manager/CEO, LankaClear.

From left: Dr. Kenneth De Zilwa, Chairman of LankaClear; Chakshika Amarawardhana, Manager – Digital Banking, HNB; Jayantha De Silva, Secretary to the Ministry of Technology/Guest of Honor, Sanjay Wijemanne, Deputy General Manager – Retail & SME Banking, HNB; Dharmasiri Kumaratunga, Assistant Governor, CBSL; Oshada Senanayake, Chairman; Panel of Judges and Channa de Silva, General Manager/CEO of LankaClear with the Bronze Award for ‘Overall Award – Excellence in Interbank Digital Payments’ (Banking Institutions).

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HNB was awarded the Bank of the Year for Financial Inclusivity and Bank of the Year for Excellence in Customer Convenience titles.

It was hosted by LankaClear to recognize and reward flag bearers and promoters of innovative digital payment solutions, with the participation of former State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development Namal Rajapaksa as the Chief Guest, Secretary to the Ministry of Technology Jayantha De Silva as the Guest of Honour, Chairman Panel of Judges Oshada Senanayake and LankaClear Chairman

Dr. Kenneth De Zilwa, together with representatives from financial institutions across the island.

HNB was also bestowed with the Silver awards for ‘Financial Institution of the Year for Best Digital Payment Strategy’, as well as Bronze for ‘Overall Award – Excellence in Interbank Digital Payments’ (Banking Institutions). Sanjay Wijemanne, Deputy General Manager – Retail and SME Banking, HNB, said: “We would firstly like to congratulate all the winners and nominees who have taken remarkable strides to make Sri Lanka a digitally empowered nation. We are also thrilled to have our initiatives to support innovative digital payment solutions recognized at such a prestigious gathering. Since the pandemic, we have worked tirelessly towards digitally empowering customers to access a cashless and contactless ecosystem. Given that LankaPay, a notable body that has supported and encouraged the digital expansion of payment solutions throughoutthe nation, has recognized our efforts further solidifies HNB’s mission to bring about a digitally empowered nation. It is evident that the world is seamlessly adapting to digital mediums, especially regarding financial requirements. HNB will continue to understand this shift and work to improve its digital portfolio and strategy set by the Bank to suit the average customer’s needs. I congratulate every staff member on our team for turning the spotlight onto us, and we will continue to improve and innovate.”