Konichchankulama Lake Rehabilitated and Declared Open in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of NSB



Shashi Kandambi, GM/CEO, National Savings Bank (NSB) opening the plaque at the opening ceremony of the Konichchankulama Tank.

The Konichchankulama Tank, in Kakupadiyawa Village in Aanamaduwa, was

rehabilitated and ceremoniously declared open in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Bank, with the contribution of the NSB Pensioner's Society and under the direct supervision of the Department of Agrarian Development.

With the restoration of the tank, approximately 100 families became direct beneficiaries, and more than 2000 villages living in the area can use the water stored in the tank to fulfill their daily water and sanitary requirements.

Shashi Kandambi, General Manager and CEO, National Savings Bank (NSB), graced the occasion as the chief guest. Dammika Perera, a former GM/CEO of the Bank; Nawam Udani, the Divisional Secretary, Mahakumbukkadawala; Samantha Pushpakumara, the District Deputy Commissioner of Agrarian Services – Puttalam and Sandhya Priyadarshani, the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services were also present at the event as special guests.

Shashi Kandambi, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, NSB, addressed the gathering and said, "The village, temple, tank, and stupa are the main elements of our rural community. It implied that the village, the smallest unit that builds the country, should be empowered by the religious background that promotes the discipline of the society and agricultural lifestyle that brings forth economic strength. Also, an irrigation system and culture were developed to protect, save and store the water resource and we should be aware that thousands of tanks were built to serve these purposes. An advanced irrigation industry existed, especially in the dry zone. Accordingly, I believe that this tank, which had been restored at a cost of approximately six million rupees, following the practice of our ancestors, would be the economic power of the community in the area and provide the water resource required for the country's agriculture, betterment of lives, and a significant contribution towards the development of the local economy."

Janaka Herath, Assistant General Manager; Kumari Jayasinghe, Regional Manager; Sarath Kumara, Manager of the Anamaduwa Branch; Krishantha Dissanayake, Manager of the Puttalam Branch; and many members of the NSB Pensioners' Society were also present at the occasion.