

# **Mobitel Treats Tech Enthusiasts With Google I/O Extended Sri Lanka 2019**



*Panel discussion on 5G being moderated by Shamil Appathurai, Senior Manager – Network Strategy and Transformation, Network Planning and Operations, Mobitel with panelists Yuan Fan, 5G Expert, Huawei; Dr Tharaka Samarasinghe, Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa; Major General Renuka Rowel, Director General Research and Development, Sri Lanka Army; and Dr Harinda Vidanage, Director, Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies.*

Mobitel powered up the Google I/O Extended Sri Lanka 2019 for the sixth time at Stein Studios. This year's Google I/O Extended Sri Lanka event was a conducted online. The Mobitel Innovation Center team arranged an exciting line up for the Mobitel Google I/O 2019 Extended. Google I/O Extended, held since 2013 in Sri Lanka, is an interactive overnight event Mobitel treats tech enthusiasts with Google I/O Extended Sri Lanka 2019 with a live stream of the keynote from USA focused on the next generation of technology, mobile and beyond and local presenter sessions on various tech, entrepreneurship, and innovation. The event was streamed on YouTube, Facebook Channels and PEO TV. This year's sessions focused on 5G, tech for a greener future, to Island Mentality Vs Startup Mentality, an Panel discussion on 5G being moderated by Shamil Appathurai, Senior Manager – Network Strategy and Transformation, Network Planning and Operations, Mobitel with panelists Yuan Fan, 5G Expert, Huawei; Dr Tharaka Samarasinghe, Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa; Major General Renuka Rowel, Director General Research and Development, Sri Lanka Army; and Dr Harinda Vidanage, Director, Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies. informative panel discussion with eminent individuals in the Sri Lankan startup eco-system. "Sri Lankan Whizz-Kids",

an interesting panel discussion with teenagers of Generation Z was a spotlight of the event. The session “Your Gateway to the Digital World” demonstrated the new digital services platform of Mobitel, “mSpace”. Google I/O is an annual developer conference held by Google in USA. In parallel to the main event, Google I/O Extended events help developers from around the world take part in the I/O experience through live streaming by bringing local developer communities together to experience the I/O keynote and sessions with one another in real time, around the globe.