

Sampath Bank launches PayPal integration to expand global payment access for Sri Lankans



Amir Valliani Vice President and General Manager, PayPal and Sanjaya Gunawardana, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Sampath Bank, at the official signing ceremony for the PayPal integration via Sampath Vishwa.

Sampath Bank has become the first bank in Sri Lanka to offer integrated PayPal withdrawal and account connectivity through the Sampath Vishwa platform, enhancing the country's digital banking landscape and providing customers with secure, convenient access to global payment services.

As Sri Lanka's freelancing, entrepreneurship, e-commerce, and export sectors continue to grow, the demand for secure international payment solutions is increasing. Sampath Bank's collaboration with PayPal addresses this need by enhancing global financial connectivity, enabling easier cross-border transactions, and supporting foreign currency inflows into the country.

Sanjaya Gunawardana, MD and CEO, Sampath Bank, said, “Digital access should never limit Sri Lankan talent from participating in the global economy. Our collaboration with PayPal is an important step toward helping individuals and businesses engage confidently with international markets through secure, convenient banking. Sampath Bank remains committed to shaping the future for our customers through meaningful digital innovation that supports entrepreneurship and strengthens Sri Lanka’s growing digital economy.”

Amir Valliani, Vice President and General Manager of PayPal, said, “PayPal’s partnership with Sampath Bank marks an important step toward expanding secure, trusted access to global payments for customers in Sri Lanka. This collaboration is an important milestone for Sri Lanka, helping freelancers, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and businesses easily connect to international opportunities and access their earnings with greater convenience and confidence. We are excited to support Sri Lanka’s growing digital economy and the talented communities driving its global participation.” Sampath Bank’s integration with PayPal enables customers to link their PayPal accounts to the Sampath Vishwa Mobile App and withdraw funds directly to their bank accounts in LKR or USD. Designed for freelancers, entrepreneurs, SMEs, exporters, and digital professionals, the solution offers secure, seamless access to global payments while supporting Sri Lanka’s growing digital, freelance, and export-oriented economy.