

# Sampath Bank Plants 7,500 trees together with Rotary Club and Hayleys

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Nanda Fernando, Managing Director, Sampath Bank handing over the sponsorship cheque to Aruni Malasekera, District Governor, Rotary District Governor, Rotary District 3220 and Aroshi Nanayakkara – President Rotary Club of Colombo. (L-R): Pubudu de Zoysa, Rotary District Governor Elect, Dion Schoorman, Project Director, Rotary One Million Trees Project, Tharaka Ranwala, Senior Deputy General Manager/Group Markering, Deposit Mobilization and Digitalization, Sampath Bank, Lalith Weragoda, Group Chief Human Resource Officer, Sampath Bank, Pujitha Rajapaksa, Chief Manager – Marketing, Sampath Bank.

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Sampath Bank has partnered up with the '10,000 trees campaign with the Rotary Club of Colombo' to protect the environment and invest in climate change. The Bank is expected to facilitate the planting of 7,500 trees at two locations of Hayley's plantations, which will oversee the planting and nurturing of the trees. An event to mark the investment and collaboration on this project was held at the Sampath Bank's Head Office with the participation of Nanda Fernando, the Managing Director, Sampath Bank; Tharaka Ranwala, Senior DGM – Group Marketing, Deposit Mobilization, and Digitalization, Sampath Bank; Lalith Weragoda, Group Chief Human Resource Officer of Sampath Bank; and Pujitha Rajaypaksa, Chief Manager – Marketing, Sampath Bank.

From Rotary Club Colombo, Aroshi Nanayakkara, President of Rotary Club of Colombo and Rotary District Governor.

The collaboration with the Rotary Club of Colombo and Hayleys to plant 7,500 trees is the latest addition to that portfolio of climate action taken by Sampath Bank.

Nanda Fernando, Managing Director of Sampath Bank, said, "The world is reeling from the health and financial crises brought on by the pandemic and other issues such as global warming. As a national bank that values sustainability and development, taking measures to mitigate climate change is a priority for us. For years we've taken several courses of action and been a part of many environmental CSR programs that sought to alleviate risks associated with this global crisis. Through this latest program of planting 7,500 trees, Sampath Bank wishes to extend its support and commitment to building a greener, more climate-ready Sri Lanka."

Aroshi Nanayakkara, the President of the Rotary Club of Colombo and a Board Director at Sampath Bank, stated, "The Rotary Club is guided by a deep commitment to fellowship and service. We actively seek opportunities that allow us to connect with our people through noble causes directed toward environmental stewardship. Being a representative of the Rotary Club of Colombo and Sampath Bank, I see this collaboration as a promising venture to achieve sustainable goals. Especially since these institutions have, over many years, shown an unyielding dedication to building communities and protecting our planet."