

**SANKEN GEN established as an  
Independent International Group  
following Five Decades of  
Construction delivery across three  
continents**



Eng Maj. Ranjith Gunatilleke, Chairman, SANKEN GEN.

SANKEN GEN has been established as an independent international group that brings together the Group's overseas construction operations, real estate interests, and associated ventures under a single restructured holding company. As part of this transition, Sanken Overseas has been rebranded as SANKEN GEN, marking an important milestone in the Group's evolution and building on nearly five decades of experience across international markets.



L-R: David Keen, Founder and CEO, QUO; Eng. Mevan Gunatilleke, CEO, SANKEN GEN; Armagan Gunaydin, Director, SANKEN GEN; Eng Maj. Ranjith Gunatilleke, Chairman, SANKEN GEN; Koichi Yokota, Director, SANKEN GEN; and Duleesha Wijesri, Director, SANKEN GEN.

The Group traces its origins to 1977, when it commenced operations in Sri Lanka as the local arm of Japan's Mitsui Construction Company. By 2020,

ownership and leadership had transitioned fully to Sri Lankan professionals. Over the decades, the Group has delivered civil engineering, commercial development, and construction projects across markets including the Maldives, Seychelles, India, Bangladesh, and Kenya, building a strong track record in international project delivery.

At an event in Colombo, SANKEN GEN outlined its vision for the future and reflected on its achievements, showcasing landmark projects that highlight its track record in international markets. Over the past five years, the company has executed a project portfolio valued at approximately USD 900 million across seven countries, generating valuable foreign exchange earnings for Sri Lanka.

The new structure adopts a radial model, positioning each operating company as a partner within a broader network, supported by a shared center of expertise, governance, and strategic direction. This model is designed to strengthen collaboration, facilitate the sharing of knowledge and expertise, and provide a common framework for strategic alignment across the Group. The name SANKEN GEN reflects the Group's forward-looking vision while remaining rooted in its heritage. "GEN" represents generations of people, knowledge, and principles that continue to shape the organization. It also draws inspiration from the Japanese word *gen*, meaning "source" or "origin," symbolizing the foundations on which the Group will build its next phase of growth.

Throughout the Group's five-decade journey, Eng Maj. Ranjith Gunatilleke has remained a constant presence, contributing to its evolution and helping preserve the principles that have shaped its identity. As Chairman of SANKEN GEN, he represents a continuing link between the Group's heritage and its ambitions for the future.

"The Sanken spirit is built on the trust and confidence we share with our clients, partners, and consultants," he said, reaffirming the importance of upholding the core principles that have guided the Group over the past five decades and will continue to underpin its growth over the next 50 years.

Eng. Mevan Gunatilleke, Chief Executive Officer, SANKEN GEN, highlighted the importance of its people in driving progress and the need to embrace technological advancements to strengthen its capabilities and remain future-ready. He also outlined ambitions to expand its global footprint and diversify beyond construction into multiple sectors, creating new avenues for sustainable growth.

Today, SANKEN GEN has an international presence spanning ten countries across the Indian Ocean region, East Africa, and Asia-Pacific, with interests in construction, real estate, hospitality, and associated services. Building on its established foundations, it aims to deepen collaboration across its operations and pursue opportunities across its markets.



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