

SUREN RAJAKARIER RECEIVES ACCA REGIONAL ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD



(L-R): Suren Rajakarier, Partner and Head of Audit, KPMG Sri Lanka receiving the award from Leo Lee, Immediate Past President, ACCA Global Council while Nilusha Ranasinghe, Head of ACCA, Sri Lanka looks on.

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certi- fied Accountants) has awarded Suren Rajakarier, based in Sri Lanka, its Regional Advocate of the Year Award. He is a Partner of KPMG in Sri Lanka and the Head of Audit for the Firm. The award was presented by Leo Lee, Immediate Past President of ACCA Global Council.

Suren Rajakarier was recognized for his work helping to build ACCA’s brand within South Asia, by initiating the process of KPMG becoming a Platinum Approved Learning Provider. This has led to KPMG becoming the largest ACCA student and affiliate employer within Sri Lanka. He has also been a part of the ACCA mentoring program for the last four years.

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Nilusha Ranasinghe, Head, ACCA, Sri Lanka, said: "Suren Rajakarier has been an influential advocate in helping ACCA advance the profession across Sri Lanka, and assisting us to attract, develop and sustain the next generation of finance professionals. He is the epitome of an ACCA member advocate and consistently contributes to shaping the future of the profession. He is an invaluable asset to the organization and I con- gratulate him on being chosen as Middle East and South Asia's Advocate of the Year. I would also like to thank him for the contribution he has made to ACCA over the years. Of course, outside the formal awards process there are also many ACCA members who give up their time to give back to our organization, promote the profession and inspire future talent – not only in Sri Lanka, but also in our 179 other markets around the world. I thank them all for their contributions and hope to see many more of our members recognized in future years."

ACCA launched the regional advocacy awards last year to recognize members who go above and beyond in expressing public support for the accountancy profession, embodying ACCA's values.

These advocates are also members who deliver public value, display ethical professional- ism and inspire others to follow in their footsteps. The Advocacy Awards are not about career achievement; but about the way ACCA members give back to their communities, and help ACCA to develop the next generation of professional accountants. The ACCA Advocacy Award winners for 2018 comprise ACCA Middle East and South Asia Advocate of the Year: T J Suren Rajakarier from Sri Lanka; ACCA Emerging Markets Advocate of the Year: Jarosław Grzegorz from Poland; ACCA ASEAN and ANZ Advocate of the Year: Alice Tan from Singapore; ACCA Greater China Advocate of the Year: Major Qinxue Mei from China; ACCA Europe and Americas Advocate of the Year: Etain Doyle from Ireland and ACCA Africa Advocate of the Year: Paul Ankunda from Uganda.