

U.S. Ambassador Julie Chung Visits Bank of Ceylon

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Kavinda de Zoysa, Chairman, BOC and Julie Chung, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka.

Julie Chung, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka, paid a courtesy visit to the Bank of Ceylon (BOC) Head Office. The visit marked an important interaction between the newly appointed Chairman Kavinda de Zoysa and the Ambassador Chung.

Ambassador Julie Chung was received by Kavinda de Zoysa, Chairman and Russel Fonseka, GM/CEO and members of the Board and Bank's senior leadership. This visit provided an opportunity to showcase BOC's role as Sri Lanka's largest financial institution and highlight the Bank's strategic focus areas, including women's empowerment, youth development, financial inclusion and digital transformation. The team highlighted the Bank's significant milestones, including its status as a 'Top 1000 Bank' globally and its leadership in gender equity, with women representing 60 percent of its workforce. The discussions also touched

on the Bank's ambitious digital transformation journey, its contributions to youth empowerment, and the role of innovation in strengthening Sri Lanka's economy. Ambassador Chung was given a glimpse into BOC's storied history with a guided tour of the Bank's Museum. She also met with some of the Bank's star athletes who have achieved accolades on national and international stages. Additionally, the Ambassador had the opportunity to interact with the Bank's Best Branch Manager of 2023, recognizing their exemplary leadership and achievements.

Speaking about the visit, Kavinda de Zoysa, Chairman said, "It was an honor to host Ambassador Chung along with the Board of Directors at the Bank of Ceylon. This interaction highlighted the shared goals of fostering economic growth, advancing innovation and building on principles of sustainability and inclusion with the USA being Sri Lanka's number one export market."