

# Veteran Banker Aravinda Perera Assumes Duties as Chairman of Pan Asia Bank



*Management and staff of Pan Asia Bank and APB officials welcoming Aravinda Perera as Chairman of Pan Asia Bank.*

Pan Asia Bank welcomed respected banker and business leader Aravinda Perera as Chairman of Pan Asia Bank on August 11, 2023. Aravinda Perera is expected to lead the Bank to the next phase of growth. On the occasion, Naleen Edirisinghe, Director/CEO, and the Corporate Management joined for a simple yet elegant welcoming ceremony held at the headquarters of the Bank. Addressing the gathering, the incoming Chairman stated that he and the Deputy Chairman look forward to laying out the strategic direction for the Bank to make it 'future ready'. He also thanked the outgoing Chairman, Jayantha Rangamuwa, for contributing during his tenure.

The Association of Professional Bankers (APB) also felicitated its former President, Aravinda Perera, for ascending to the highest office as Chairman of Pan Asia Bank. The recognition from APB is a testimonial to Aravinda Perera's notable contribution to the banking sector as a long-time member of APB while underscoring his visionary leadership.

A veteran in the banking industry, Aravinda Perera has garnered valuable expertise as the Managing Director of Sampath Bank from January 1, 2012, until his retirement in September 2016. Perera is also the Managing Director of Royal Ceramics Lanka, Chairman of Singer Finance (Lanka), and a Director of Hayleys, Hayleys Aventura, Fentons and Hayleys Advantis. He is also a former Governing Board Member of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka and Past President of the Association of Professional Bankers, Sri Lanka. He is a Member of the Institute of Engineers of Sri Lanka (MIESL) and a Chartered Engineer (C.Eng.). He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) (FCMA) and a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers - Sri Lanka (FIB). During his illustrious career, Perera has won many accolades, including 'CEO Leadership Achievement Award 2016' by the Asian Banker and the 'Platinum Honours - 2014' award by the Postgraduate Institute of Management Alumni (PIMA) of Sri Jayewardenapura University. He was also honoured with the 'Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Banking Industry - 2015' by the Association of Professional Bankers. The Association of Professional Bankers awarded him an Honorary Life Membership in October 2018.