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[1] Mr. Asoka de Silva

Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Mr. Asoka de Silva is a B.A. (Hons.) Graduate of the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya and also an Alumni of the Harvard Business School, USA (AMP 163). He holds a Management Development Certificate awarded by the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayawardenapura and also Certificates awarded by Arthur D. Little School of Management, USA for Project Analysis and Project Management.

An honorary Fellow of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka, Asoka serves on the Board of People's Leasing Co. Ltd., People's Travels (Pvt) Ltd., Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka and People's Merchant Bank Ltd. He is also a Committee Member of the Financial Sector Cluster of the National Council for Economic Development, Governing Body of the Institute of Bankers Sri Lanka, National Payment Council, Steering Committee of the Financial Market Programme for Private Sector Development.

Further, he serves as the Vice Chairman of Sri Lanka Banks' Association (Guarantee) Ltd. and the Deputy Chairman of Lanka Financial Services Bureau Ltd.

[2] Mr. K.K.L. Piyasena

Senior Deputy General Manager

(Business Support and Productivity Management)

Mr. Piyasena is a B.Com. (Hons.) Graduate, a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka (FIBSL) and a Member of the Chartered Management Institute - UK (MCMI - UK). He has received extensive overseas training and exposure in Banking and Industrial Financing which include training on Project Analysis and Financial Restructuring at Arthur D. Little School of Management, Massachusetts, USA. Mr. Piyasena counts over 35 years of experience from Branch Manager to Senior Deputy General Manager in different areas of the Bank.

He holds the Directorship of CT Land Development Co. Ltd. He is also a Member to the Governing Board of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka and the Vice President of the Association of Professional Bankers, Sri Lanka.

[3] Mr. M. Wickremasinghe

Senior Deputy General Manager (Branch Operations)

Mr. Wickremasinghe who has 34 years of experience in People's Bank is a B.A. (Hons.) Graduate as well as a Bachelor of Philosophy (B.Phil.). He is also a holder of a Merit Pass at the Management Development Programme conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), University of Sri Jayawardenapura. From the rank of Branch Manager and Senior Manager in the International Division, he has moved on to the position of Deputy General Manager and has had wide experience in the areas of Inspection, Organisation & Methods, Finance, Planning & Treasury and Development Finance and is heading as the Senior Deputy General Manager (Branch Operations) at present. He is an Alternate Director, Governing Board of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka, and a Director of the Board of Lanka Clear (Pvt) Ltd.

[4] Mr. Kapila Ariyaratne

Senior Deputy General Manager (Corporate & Institutional Banking, Domestic and Development Credit)

Mr. Ariyaratne who joined the People's Bank in March 2001 counts 23 years of experience in the fields of Customer Services, Trade Finance Operations, Corporate Banking and Credit Risk Management with leading international Banks. He holds a First Class Honours Degree (B.Sc.) and a Diploma in Business Administration.

He is a Director of People's Merchant Bank Ltd. and People's Leasing Co. Ltd.

[5] Mr. N. Vasantha Kumar

Senior Deputy General Manager

(Treasury and International Business)

Mr. Vasantha Kumar holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and counts nearly 29 years experience in Treasury Management. He joined the People's Bank in March 2001, prior to which he served as Treasurer at ANZ Grindlays Bank, Colombo for many years.



Mr. Kumar has re-engineered the Bank's Treasury Unit from a relatively support oriented service unit to a frontline revenue-earning business segment and has significantly enhanced the technical expertise and service quality that is delivered by the treasury team.

He is the current President of the Association of Primary Dealers and former President of the Sri Lanka Forex Association.

Director at People's Leasing Co. Ltd. and People's Travels (Pvt) Ltd.

[6] Mr. Ahamed Sabry Ibrahim

Senior Deputy General Manager (Risk Management)

Mr. Ibrahim has over 24 years of banking experience, both locally and internationally, primarily in the areas of Corporate Banking, Treasury Management and Risk Management. He holds an Honors Degree (B.Sc.) from the University of Colombo and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers UK (FCIB).

[7] Mr. P.V. Pathirana

Senior Deputy General Manager

(Business Support and Productivity Management)

Mr. Pathirana who has 36 years of experience at the People's Bank, is a B.Sc. (Business Administration) Graduate and a Fellow Member of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka (FIBSL). He holds a Diploma in Bank Management from the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka. He has wide experience working from Branch Manager level to Senior Deputy General Manager level in different areas of the Bank, specialising in Micro Finance and Development Banking.

[8] Mrs. P.W.K. Athukorale

Secretary to the Board of Directors/

Acting Chief Law Officer

Mrs. Athukorale is an Attorney-at-Law with a Bachelor of Laws Degree and has 31 years of experience in banking service. She has served as the Additional Chief Law Officer prior to her appointment as the Secretary to the Board of Directors.

Currently she functions as the Acting Chief Law Officer in addition to her duties as the Secretary to the Board of Directors.

[9] Mr. A.M. Chandrasagara

Chief Internal Auditor

Mr. Chandrasagara has 37 years of experience at People's Bank in the fields of General Banking, Accounting, Finance, Inspection and Internal Auditing. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers (FIB) of Sri Lanka and an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ACA) of Sri Lanka. He holds the Diploma in Information Systems Security, Control and Audit, conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka with the technical collaboration of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and a Diploma in Accountancy.

Presently, he is the Chairperson of the Committee of Internal Auditors of Banks appointed by the Sri Lanka Banks' Association (Guarantee) Ltd., to study fraudulent activities in banks and to suggest systems and procedures to minimise such frauds. He was a member of the Council of the Institute of Internal Auditors of Sri Lanka and was also a member of the Council of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka.

[10] Mr. Deepal Abeysekera

Head of Marketing & Public Affairs

Mr. Abeysekera who joined the People's Bank in March 2001, counts 25 years of experience in Marketing of Financial Services. He has been responsible for setting up the Sales, Marketing and Strategic Business Development Operations in several financial sector organisations. Mr. Abeysekera is a Chartered Marketer and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing UK and the Chartered Management Institute UK. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, and a MBA from the University of Southern Queensland, Australia. He has also followed the General Management Programme at the National University of Singapore.



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He is currently a Member of the Market Interest Group for Financial Services of CIM - UK Sri Lanka Branch, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chartered Management Institute - UK Sri Lanka Branch and has also been nominated by the CMI as the Vice President of the Board of Management of The Management Club (TMC).

[11] Mr. Kumar Mayadunne

Head of Banking Services

Mr. Mayadunne has over 34 years banking experience specialising in Operations. Prior to joining People's Bank, he was attached to the Standard Chartered Bank, Colombo, where he held many Senior Management positions viz., Head of Operations, Treasurer, Head of Administration/ Compliance, Head of Personal Banking and Head of Trade Services. He holds a Diploma in Bank Management from the Institute of Bankers Sri Lanka. He has also received extensive banking training and exposure in UK, United Arab Emirates, India, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

[12] Mrs. P.M. Dunuwille Koralege

Special Executive - Legal

Mrs. Preeni Manjula Dunuwille Koralege is an Attorney-at-Law and also holds a LLB Degree from the University of Colombo with 19 years experience in active legal practice and Corporate Law and Banking.

She is also a qualified Company Secretary.

She commenced her career as a Professional Assistant at M/s. F.J. & de Saram, one of the oldest Law Firms in Sri Lanka and worked there for 6 years. Thereafter, she joined the ABN Amro Bank and served for 8 years handling Legal, Recoveries, Credit Risk Management and Control. Subsequently she joined Confifi Group of Companies as the General Manager, Legal and Corporate and served for 3 years prior to joining People's Bank on 1st September, 2005.

[13] Mrs. Summaiya Macan Markar

Chief Compliance Officer

Mrs. Summaiya Macan Makar passed the Attorneys-at-Law final examination in 1993 with First Class Honours and was placed second in the order of merit. She served her internship at the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka and apprenticeship at the Attorney General's Department. She served the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka between 1994 and September 2005 and was NDB's Manager Compliance at the time of joining People's Bank in September 2005.

Her main responsibilities include monitoring People's Bank's compliance with all Laws, Regulations and Central Bank of Sri Lanka Guidelines and Directives, Financial Intelligence Unit's (FIU) Rules on Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Know Your Customer (KYC), Customer Due Diligence (CDD) and the reporting of Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs).

She is also involved in the areas of Corporate Governance and ensuring that People's Bank has in place a framework of good governance, ethics and conduct across all levels of the Bank.

[14] Mr. R.D. Weerasinghe

Deputy General Manager (Recoveries)

Mr. Weerasinghe holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree as well as a Bachelor of Laws Degree. He is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Bankers (Sri Lanka) [FIBSL] and an Associate Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka (AAT). During his 40 years of service with People's Bank, he has held responsible positions at various levels, especially in Credit Recovery. He has also participated in various overseas training and exposure programmes in UK, USA, Germany, Philippines etc.



[15] Mr. H.S. Dharmasiri

Deputy General Manager (Human Resources)

Mr. Dharmasiri is a Graduate in Economics with First Class Honours and an Associate Member of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka. He has also obtained a Diploma in Bank Management from the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka.

He joined the Bank as a Management Trainee and his experience in the banking industry spans 32 years during which time he has served in various capacities ranging from Branch Manager to his current position.

During this period he has participated in a number of training programmes conducted locally as well as overseas.

[16] Mr. K.U. Pushpakumara

Deputy General Manager (Branches)

Mr. Pushpakumara is in charge of the branch network consisting 08 zones, 24 regions, 324 branches and 314 service centres with a staff force of over 7,000. His career experience over three decades covers the areas of International Banking, Development Banking, Human Resource Management and particularly Branch Business/Banking at the levels of Branch Manager, Assistant Regional Manager, Regional Manager, Zonal Assistant General Manager, Acting Head of Information Technology and Deputy General Manager.

He is a member of the Chartered Management Institute - UK, the Institute of Management - SL, the Association of Professional Bankers of Sri Lanka, the Organisation of Professional Associations and the prestigious TMC (The Management Club) of Corporates.

He obtained his first Degree B.A. (Hons.) in Mathematics from the University of Peradeniya in 1975 and worked at the University as an Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics and after a brief teaching career joined the People's Bank in 1977 as a Manager. He holds an MBA from the University of Colombo, Diploma in International Trade and has professional banking qualification AIB (Inter) - SL as well. His overseas exposure includes Development Banking, Financial Management, Bank Marketing, Branch Banking etc., in India, Japan and Malaysia.

[17] Dr. S.L. Thilakasiri

Director Research

Co-ordinator - CEO/GM's Communication Unit

Dr. Thilakasiri, Director Research, heads the Research Division of the Bank and overlooks the publication of Economic Review, the reputed journal of the Bank. He also functions as the Co-ordinator - CEO/GM's Communication Unit.

Thilakasiri joined People's Bank in 1977 as a Research Officer and has 31 years of research experience in the fields of Banking, Rural & Agricultural Financing and Marketing of Banking Products/Services. He has also gained wide exposure and hands-on research experience through his close involvement with Scandinavian and New Zealand research teams. Before joining the Bank, he worked as a District Planning Officer and an University Lecturer. He holds a BA (Hons.) and a MA from the Sri Jayawardenapura University, an M.Sc from the University of Linkoping (Sweden) and a Ph.D from the University of Peradeniya. He also holds a Diploma in Comparative Production Systems (Norway), a PG Diploma in Social Statistics and a Certificate in Management Development Programme. He holds membership in several professional/academic bodies and has also served as a consultant/guest researcher and lecturer in local and foreign universities.



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[18] Mr. M.T.M. Shuaib

Credit Controller

Mr. Shuaib counts 28 years service at the People's Bank. He joined the Bank in the capacity of a Finance Officer has integrated to the banking functions and acquired wide knowledge in credit related activities. Prior to joining the Bank he has had several years of experience in Finance and Management in two large State Institutions. He is a Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka and possesses part qualification from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) in UK. He has successfully completed a Management Development Programme conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura.

[19] Dr. Nihal Ramanayake

Head of Information Technology

Dr. Ramanayake holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) Degree with Mathematics in addition to securing a M.Sc. in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Engineering. He commenced his career lecturing in Mathematics at the University of Sri Lanka, and to-date continues to function as a visiting lecturer in Computer Science and Project Management. He is also a Council Member of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya.

Prior to joining People's Bank in March 2007, he worked as Head of IT with international banks such as Citibank and Standard Chartered Bank overseas and as CIO of an international airline. He was considered for the position of Director of IT for the UN Headquarters in New York. He also worked for the Commonwealth Government of Australia giving leadership to the team developing tax applications and implementing it in many States in Australia.

While working for IBM, 'In Recognition of Outstanding Achievements' he was awarded the first prize for best performance in the systems environment in the Asia South Pacific Region.

In his last assignment, as the Senior Deputy General Manager for ICT at a commercial bank, additionally he led outreach programmes to empower rural communities with affordable access to ICT in the NCP, North and East of Sri Lanka.

[20] Mr. G.M.G. Perera

Deputy General Manager

(Corporate & Institutional Banking)

Mr. Milton Perera counts 29 years of experience at People's Bank. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and BTI Intermediate Certificate. He successfully completed a Management Development programme conducted by Postgraduate Institute of Management at the University of Sri Jayawardenapura.

He has gained wide experience through his services in the rank of Manager through Deputy General Manager in International Division/Corporate Banking Division especially on export financing.

[21] Mr. R.G. Jayatissa

Deputy General Manager (Branch Credit & Commercial Banking Development)

Mr. Jayatissa's career with People's Bank spans 40 years of service. He is a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and also a Bachelor of Laws and an Attorney-at-Law. A Member of the Governing Board of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka, Mr. Jayatissa is also a Fellow of the Institute.

He joined the People's Bank in 1967 and has gained experience in all aspects of Branch Banking, having served as Branch Manager, Assistant Regional Manager and Regional Manager over a span of more than 25 years.

His overseas exposure includes Project Lending, Banking & Finance, Credit Management and Human Resource Development.



[22] Mr. Yohan Soza

Head of Finance

Mr. Yohan Soza was appointed as the Head of Finance at People's Bank from 1st May 2007. Yohan is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and counts more than 14 years of experience in the private sector in Finance, Management and Equity Research. He received his professional training at Ernst & Young and later at Lanka Orix Factors Ltd. (LOFAC), where as Chief Accountant he handled Finance, Management Information and IT departments. Most recently he was attached to Amba Research Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. as Vice President, and was involved in comprehensive equity research and stock recommendations for one of the reputed Investment Banks in the world. He has had training on equity research locally as well as in Australia and India and worked with senior investment analysts in Bank's overseas.

[23] Mr. P. Rajapakse

Deputy General Manager

Mr. P. Rajapakse joined the Bank in 1970 and counts for over 37 years experience. He has wide experience in all aspects of Branch Banking from the rank of Branch Manager to Deputy General Manager. He possesses AIB and holds a Management Development Certificate with a Merit Pass awarded by the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayawardenapura.

He has received extensive local and overseas training and exposure in Banking and Finance which includes Strategic Management, Risk Management, Project Lending, Corporate Credit etc.

He has contributed his knowledge and vast experience as a trainer and a lecturer to guide Branch Managers, Assistant Regional Managers, Regional Managers and other Staff in order to improve their service quality and self development.

