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Market Open ceremony conducted by Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation of Sri Lanka

London Stock Exchange hosts first Sri Lanka 'Capital Markets Day'

By Pandula Ranatunga

The London Stock Exchange Group held the first Sri Lanka Capital Markets day at its London Headquarters in Paternoster Square.

The event was held in conjunction with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, and featured participation from seven of Sri Lanka's leading companies. To mark the occasion the London Stock Exchange's markets were opened by Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama MP, Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation of Sri Lanka along with senior representatives of the Sri Lankan companies participating in the event. Tracey Pierce, Director, Equity Primary Markets, London Stock Exchange Group, said:

"This event demonstrates the significant investment opportunities available in Sri Lanka and how London, as the world's most international financial centre, can be a significant conduit in providing growth finance for Sri Lankan companies and the broader economy.

As a company, the London Stock Exchange Group greatly values its links with Sri Lanka. With over 500 of the Group's employees based in Sri Lanka and Millennium IT providing the core of the LSEG's world class technology services, our long term partnership with Sri Lanka is key to driving the LSEG's future growth and will bring significant benefits to the Sri Lankan economy."

The Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama MP, Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation of Sri Lanka, said: "We are delighted to take part in this event, which we believe underlines the world class investment opportunities available in the Sri Lankan economy across a range of sectors."

Among the guests were the Acting Sri Lankan High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr. P. M Amza, Ms. Sonali Wijeratne - Minister (Commercial) and Mr. Jagath Kumara - First Secretary (Commercial) from the Sri Lankan High Commission. **SEE PAGE 10**



Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama MP ceremonially starts the trading at the LSE. Picture by Nimal Navaratne

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