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BOC thanks one and all for their splendid response

Massive inward remittances make BOC the favourite bank among Sri Lankan expatriates around the world

BY NEWSLANKA EDITOR
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Dr. Gamini Wickramasinghe Chairman BOC, while thanking the thousands of expatriates who responded to his invitation to help the country by remitting foreign exchange via the BoC (UK Ltd) in July last year, has asked all Sri Lankan expatriates to continue assisting their country by using the Bank of Ceylon NRFC system to transfer money to Sri Lanka. Dr. Wickremasinghe said; "With President Mahinda Rajapakse dramatically ending the war, thousands of Tamils working and resident abroad, are remitting a part of their earnings to their kith

and kin in Sri Lanka, particularly in the north and east, making use of the streamlined lined NRFC service of the Bank of Ceylon in many capitals around the world. "Sri Lankans living abroad and performing important tasks in their chosen countries are not only improving their motherland's image; they are also helping Sri Lanka by remitting foreign exchange in millions of dollars every year to their country. A senior Sri Lankan Tamil expatriate told Newslanka that 'London has always been one of the key points used by expatriates for transferring money', but according to banking sources there is a noticeable increase in



Mr. Cyril Madadeniya
CEO, Bank of Ceylon
(UK Ltd)

remittances from Tamil expatriates employed in many other countries, who probably made such payments to LTTE front organizations earlier, believing that at least a part of the money will be handed over to the people of the payees choice in Sri Lanka. From the time the war ended in May 2009, thousands of new accounts have been opened with BoC and it is noted that Tamils in the north and east have received well over seven and a half billion rupees from their relations living in the United Kingdom.



Dr. Gamini Wickramasinghe
- Chairman BOC

Reliable sources told Newslanka that almost 40,000 new accounts have been opened in north and east branches of Bank of Ceylon since the war ended. Meanwhile the CEO of Bank of Ceylon (UK Ltd) Mr. Cyril Madadeniya said; "Our clients are very important to us and vital to our success. We have built an excellent reputation of being courteous, honest and carrying out our outstanding service to our account holders and quite often they thank us for what we are doing for them" Bank of Ceylon (UK) Ltd is going to organize a raffle draw to offer a return air ticket to Sri Lanka monthly for remitters who use Bank of Ceylon London to send money to Sri Lanka from 1st of August 2011 which will coincide with the 72nd anniversary of Bank of Ceylon.

SriLankan Airlines slashes air fares

SriLankan Airlines' has announced an attractive, flexible air fare plan to provide a more competitive range of fares for flights from Colombo to many of its

destinations in its global network, the national carrier announced earlier this week.

SriLankan currently operates approximately 175 flights a week, out of Colombo to destinations in Europe, the Middle East, Far East and the Sub-continent. The fare structures have been constructed to suit a variety of passenger needs and options which include special one-way fares for students travelling to London, Kuala Lumpur and Bangalore; special one-way fares for Sri Lankan employees to the Middle Eastern countries such as Doha, Dubai & Saudi Arabia; attractive group fares for pilgrimages to India, Jeddah and Thailand; competitive fares for business

travellers to the Far East; and special Prepaid Ticket Advices (PTAs) to bring-in loved ones home from other destinations. Overall, fares have been slashed by about 15 - 20 percent.

There is a double advantage for Business travellers who can now enjoy competitive fares and direct longhaul flights to Europe without the hassle of stopovers. In addition to special Business fares, passengers can avail themselves of a Limousine

transfer to their hotels or homes at no extra cost in London. Special fares are also extended to passengers travelling beyond SriLankan's online points to offline destinations such as Scandinavia, Ireland, Portugal, Greece, Istanbul to name a few in Europe. New Far East fares announced by the airline apply to offline destinations such as the Philippines, Korea, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea. Flights out of Colombo to the SAARC destinations of Dhaka, Kathmandu, Lahore, Pune, Nagpur, Goa, Jaipur and Ahamadabad; plus passengers flying to Canada & USA via Transatlantic points of London,

Paris, Frankfurt and Abu Dhabi can also purchase competitive tickets through SriLankan Airlines. See P8

Adviser to the President on Reconciliation Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha in London



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