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## Colombo ranked top city in region

(Island.lk) - By Mario Andre  
According to Asian Development Bank (ADB), Colombo ranked first in the city competitiveness ranking among the top cities in the region. Colombo's top ranking was due to it being most favourable in the apparel, finance, insurance, real estate, ICT, and hospitality sectors. The future demand for commercial office space in

Colombo would be closely correlated with industries which had prospects for maximum growth, the ADB said. The ADB said the growth in the textile and apparel industry would result in demand for retail and industrial space, while the growth in financial, insurance and ICT sectors would require the generation of quality space. **See page 14**

## Dr. Chris Nonis wins 'Diplomat of the Year from Asia' Award

Sri Lankan High Commissioner in the UK, Dr. Chris Nonis, was awarded the prestigious 'Diplomat of the Year from Asia' at a glittering 2012 Diplomat Annual Awards Ceremony held in London on Tuesday. ( Full picture coverage and report next week)



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By Reggie Fernando - OUR MAN IN COLOMBO  
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