

## Media Release

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Colombo:

### **CSE opens its newest branch in Panadura**

The Panadura branch of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) was officially opened to the public by the CSE Chairman, Mr. Dilshan Wirasekera, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2023, with the participation of a few Stockbroker Firms, President of Sinhala Business Association Mr. Gihan Kuruppu, CSE CEO Mr. Rajeeva Bandaranaike, Senior Management and the staff.

Panadura Branch is the CSE's ninth branch and adds to the branch network in Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Negombo, Jaffna, Anuradhapura, Ratnapura, and Ambalanthota.

Interested investors in the region could access to four Stockbroker Firms at the Panadura Branch and they are, Asha Securities Ltd, Lanka Securities Ltd, Bartleet Religare Securities and Softlogic Stockbrokers (PVT) Ltd.

Among the services the Branch offers are, the facilitation of opening CDS accounts, investor educational workshops, access to multiple stockbrokers, etc.

Commenting on the latest addition to the CSE's branch network, Chairman of the CSE, Mr. Dilshan Wirasekera stated, "It is important that market presence and growth initiatives are sustained during periods of strong market performance and otherwise. The new branch is yet another step in our effort to create greater convenience and better engagement opportunities for investors around the country."

"The initiatives driven through the branch network relate to various aspects of financial literacy, including regional investor forums, educational workshops, programmes for schools and universities, and other awareness programmes targeting investors and the public at large."

Mr. Wirasekera also mentioned that, as CSE is a facilitator for capital raising, SMEs in the region could avail the Empower Board to take their businesses to the next level of growth.

"Further, for the investors, presently, we have equity and debt as instruments for investments. We would be diversifying our product offering to cater to different market segments so that investors could have diversification option when investing with CSE," he added.

CSE intends to conduct an Investor Forum also in Panadura on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

### **Photograph**



CSE Chairman Mr. Dilshan Wirasekera opens the new branch in Panadura.

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#### **About CSE**

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