

# press release

## **Standard Chartered Top Executives to Present Insights at the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2019**

**03 September 2019, Colombo** – Nirukt Sapru, CEO Vietnam and ASEAN & South Asia (ASA) Cluster Markets, Standard Chartered will deliver a keynote address at the inaugural Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2019 titled ‘Global Dynamics in the next Decade’. The forum will centre on topics including trade tension, Brexit, and the US Federal Reserve’s monetary policy. Nirukt has over 30 years of banking experience and is responsible for strategy development and driving Standard Chartered’s business in Vietnam as well as overseeing the Bank’s performance in five other countries in the ASA region including Australia, Brunei, Nepal, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

Commenting on the upcoming summit, Nirukt said, “The theme has been suitably chosen to reflect the need to re-calibrate the status quo of the Sri Lankan economy and the overall development journey of the country. I am excited about Sri Lanka’s development and look forward to providing insights into global dynamics and economic trends in the next decade. Standard Chartered is committed to driving commerce and prosperity across our footprint, and I am confident that Sri Lanka can both benefit and contribute to the growth of the region.”

Bingumal Thewarathanthri, the Sri Lankan franchise’s first locally-born CEO, will also share thought leadership during a discussion on the different ways of harnessing technologies. The session, titled ‘Technologies transforming economies’, will look at exploring the technologies that can be tapped to transform economies and the impact of these transformations.

Commenting on the partnership with the event organisers, Bingumal said, “We have partnered with the Ceylon Chamber on many initiatives and are pleased to be the Platinum Sponsors once again for the Economic Summit. This event will be an excellent platform to deliberate on key proposals and reforms that will help Sri Lanka realise its economic potential. Standard Chartered is committed to supporting Sri Lanka’s continued economic growth and development.”

Standard Chartered is the Platinum Sponsors of the annual Sri Lanka Economic Summit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Organised by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, the country's foremost economic event will take place on 17 & 18 September 2019. The summit is set to tackle key proposals and reforms that need to be implemented by 2025 to help Sri Lanka achieve its economic potential.

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