

Sri Lanka's leading blue-chip conglomerate, Aitken Spence PLC renewed its support extended to one of the country's largest professional organisations, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) with a lead sponsorship, to help advance the accounting profession.

This is the third year in a row, Aitken Spence has reposed its confidence with the country's national body of accountants, which has 4300 chartered accountants as members and over 41,000 aspiring chartered accountants.

The sponsorship cheque was recently handed over to CA Sri Lanka President Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse by Aitken Spence's Deputy Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. J M S Brito.

Speaking on the renewed support extended to CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Brito said, "Aitken Spence has over many decades pioneered many businesses and set industry benchmarks in several key sectors of the Sri Lankan economy. We believe that human resources development is a critical factor in driving sustainable growth in the country. Hence we are pleased to announce our continued support to CA Sri Lanka, which is one of Sri Lanka's oldest and largest professional bodies, with the aim of strengthening the country's human capital,"

Welcoming Aitken Spence onboard for the year 2013, CA Sri Lanka President Mr. Rajapakse commended the country's leading blue-chip conglomerate for playing an important role in assisting the Institute to conduct its activities and help advance the accounting profession further.

"Aitken Spence's role as a lead sponsor for a third year is an endorsement of the institute's mission to continue to serve society by promoting and developing the accountancy sector continuously," he said.

Aitken Spence PLC is a leading player in Hotels, Travel, Maritime Services, Logistic Solutions and Power Generation in Sri Lanka, while the diversified conglomerate also has significant interests in Plantations, Insurance, Financial Services, IT, Printing and Garments.

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