

The Business School of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka), which has for nearly two decades been at the forefront in developing business leaders who create, transform, and sustain successful organisations, organised its MBA convocation recently, where graduates celebrated their accomplishments in earning one of Australia's top master's degrees.

At the convocation, senior finance and non-finance executives representing different industries, were awarded the Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ). The graduates also joined a local alumni network of over 800.

The MBA Convocation was graced by Mr. John Dornbusch, Chancellor of USQ, Professor Ren Yi, Pro Vice Chancellor of USQ, Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Vice President of CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Laknath Jayawickrama, Chairman of the CA Sri Lanka Business School as well as Mr. Satya Shah, Associate Director (Markets & Developments) of USQ and Mr. Prasanna Liyanage, Acting Chief Executive Officer of CA Sri Lanka.

Mr. Dornbusch said that the graduates were joining a community of more than 110,000 University of Southern Queensland alumni living and working around the world, many of whom have risen to the top of their fields and make meaningful contributions to society. "The COVID-19 pandemic affected the way that universities operated and presented many challenges for students as they adapted to a new way of learning. I pay tribute to the outstanding effort that you have all made to overcome these challenges. Your persistence has certainly paid off and your presence here today is a testament to your determination and resilience," he said.

Prof. Yi said that USQ has an enviable reputation as one of Australia's leading higher education providers, whose graduates have the highest starting salary of any University in Australia. "UniSQ has also accelerated its position among the world's top universities, recently being ranked in the top 350 global universities in the prestigious QS World University Rankings," he said.

Emphasizing on the need to embrace lifelong learning, Mr. Kuruppu said that it is no longer just a concept but a mandatory requirement in the modern world which requires professionals to constantly upskill to satisfy work and life ambitions. "As you graduate today, don't think you're learning comes to an end. Learning never stops because life never stops teaching," Mr. Kuruppu said.

According to Mr. Jayawickrama said that the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic crisis have not been easy for all, however, despite the numerous challenges the students faced, they devoted their time to achieving the master's degree and have emerged triumphant., "I am proud to remember your batch as those who lit candles without cursing the darkness during a challenging period in Sri Lanka," he said.

The USQ master's degree Programme managed by the CA Sri Lanka Business School has obtained a unique position among Sri Lankan professionals seeking advanced learning opportunities. The USQ MBA is among the most popular programmes offered by the CA Sri Lanka Business School for over 18 years and is also one of the most sought-after foreign MBA programmes in the country due the problem-based learning design which provides opportunities to develop the skills and capabilities to convert thinking from operational to the strategic providing a platform to jump into executive roles in regional, national or international organisations. The programme is also conducted 100% online, giving enhanced flexibility and convenience.

The CA Sri Lanka Business School offers a range of programmes, from finance, to management, as well as global leadership programmes. The locally and globally recognised qualifications offered at the CA Sri Lanka Business School include master's degrees, postgraduate diplomas, and short courses tailor made for corporate trailblazers.



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