



Regional Office - Killinochchi

"Economic Development Framework for a Northern Province Master Plan" launched on 22 February 2019, in Colombo



The study commissioned by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka urges a fresh approach to address post-war socio-economic challenges in the North by building on its existing regional capacity and resources, launched by Hon. Finance Minister. Mangala Samaraweera with the presence of Hon. Parliamentarians, UN representatives, members of donor agencies, the Governor of the Central

Bank of Sri Lanka, Secretary to Treasury and other senior officials on 22 February 2019 at Ministry of Finance.

This offers a forward-looking blueprint to realise the potential of the North and contribute to the national economy as well as draws attention to the legacies of war on society and economy that underscore the imperative for a unique policy approach.

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Governor's Pilot Visit to Northern Province



Governor, together with senior officials of the Central Bank visited Northern Province to explore suitable solutions for issues in micro finance sector on 07 and 08 September 2020. In relation to that Regional Office – Killinochchi of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has been arranged a series of meetings with various groups of stake holders and representatives in Northern Province.

Accordingly, a discussion with the Northern Governor Mrs. P S M Charles at her office on 07 September 2020 was started the series of meeting. Several discussions with District Secretaries, Senior Government Officials, Divisional Secretaries, Northern Regional Heads of Financial Institutions, Representatives of selected micro finance institutions, Representatives of Co-operative Rural Banks and Representatives of civil societies of all five districts of Northern Province are taken place on 07 and 08 September 2020.

In addition, Governor and senior officials of the Central Bank visited to meet successful entrepreneurs in Jaffna & Killinochchi as a part of the visit. (Tastra Industries, Jaffna and Possible Green (Pvt) Ltd, Killinochchi).

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Help Desks to Guide and Assist Public on Financial Aspects



Five Sub-Help Desks are in operation at District Secretariats in all five Districts of Northern Province in addition to the Help Desk available at Regional Office – Kilinochchi with a view to guide and assist public on financial aspects.

Details of Sub Help Desk

Regional Office – Kilinochchi of Central Bank of Sri Lanka successfully conducted two webinars to mark the 70th anniversary of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka

A webinar was conducted on 'Compilation of National Accounts' with the collaboration of Economic Research Department and Centre for Banking Studies on 18 September 2020 for A/L Economics teachers in Northern Province. 133 teachers attended the webinar. The resource person of the webinar was Mr. M Kesavaraja, Senior Economist, Economic Research Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Another webinar was conducted on 'Digital Future of Payments in Sri Lanka' with the collaboration of Payments and Settlements Department and Centre for Banking Studies on 09 December 2020 for officials of Licensed Commercial and Specialised Banks in Northern Province. 80 officers from banks actively participated and benefitted from the webinar. The resource person of the webinar was Mr. P G G N Rupasinghe, Senior Assistant Director, Payments and Settlements Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Distribution of Standard Coins in North



The first time in history, with the intension of reducing coins shortage in the region, standard coins were directly distributed by the Central Bank to the commercial banks' branches located in Northern Province. Currency Department enabled all banks functioning in North to collect coins at the Regional Office – Kilinochchi in order to distribute to the general Public.

3,664,000 number of coins worth of Rs. 20.578 million distributed on 18 January 2018 and 3,040,000 number of coins worth of Rs.17.044 million again distributed on 29 November 2018 at the Regional Office – Kilinochchi.

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