

The Global Commerce Excellence awards

Seylan wins Governor's Challenge Trophy

The Global Commerce Excellence awards ceremony was held in Colombo on Tuesday to honour personalities who stood by the country during bad times. The event was organized by Central Bank and Shipper Council.

The global commerce excellence awards and medals will be presented to selected categories of Sri Lankan entities and individuals on December 13.

The Export Development Board, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the Shippers' Academy Colombo have been instrumental with the concept with guidance and technical assistance coming from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

The criteria behind the awards and medals are to recognise the contribution made by the business community at large and those who supported global commerce in Sri Lanka during the past three decades since liberalizing the economy.

The awards and medals are themed as 'recognising the big and the bold' and will cover the five categories that were selected after research and analysis done on 6 fundamental areas to support the effort, they included, turnover, employment, national importance, innovativeness and uniqueness together with support for global commerce. Former Minister of Finance Ronnie De Mel too participated.

Meanwhile Seylan Bank Team won the first-ever Governor's Challenge Trophy for Global Commerce Excellence. The five member strong Seylan Bank Team, clinched the inaugural quiz competition for

the Governor's Challenge Trophy for Global Commerce Excellence.

Hailed as the "most prestigious and coveted trophy for mind sport in Sri Lanka", this event was held on December 13 at the Ceylon Continental Hotel and attracted a record 50 participating teams both from Sri Lanka and overseas.

"We are indeed delighted to have emerged champions of this first ever Governor's Challenge Trophy. A deep degree of team work, coupled with a great deal of detailed preparation went into our success. It brought out the best of us as a team comprehensively and fostered great bonding among every single team member. I wish to thank and acknowledge the untiring efforts of my team members Brian, Nimesh, Illanko and Subani", said Mr. Shanaka Perera, Assistant General Manager - Treasury/Senior Dealer and Quiz Team Leader.

The quiz was conducted by the International Quizzing Association (Sri Lanka Branch) and covered a wide array of subjects ranging from World Affairs to Global Transportation and Logistics, to Global Commerce, General Knowledge and more.

Launched by the Shippers Academy (SA) Colombo, this particular initiative seeks to recognize the importance of global commerce and its players. This event was jointly organized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, the Export Development Board, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, and the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka.



Here business leaders and eminent personalities are seen receiving the awards. Picture by Sumancandra Ariyawansa



The Seylan Bank Winning Team (L to R) Subani Amaraweera (Ceylinco House Branch), Nimesh Dissanayake (Treasury), Shanaka Perera (Quiz Team Leader / Dealing Room), Illanko Kathiravelupillai (Imports) and Brian Joseph (Dealing Room).

