

Commercial Credit PLC - Platinum Sponsor of 'Lester James Peries & Sumitra Peries Foundation'

Colombo. Monday 14 May 2012. Commercial Credit PLC recently joined hands with the "*Lester James Peries & Sumitra Peries Foundation*" as Platinum Sponsor for its activities during 2012/13.

CEO of Commercial Credit PLC Roshan Egodage said, "We are delighted to partner with the "Lester James Peries & Sumitra Peries Foundation". Dr. Peries is a national icon who changed the course of Sri Lankan cinema. Hailed as an Asian great, he has had numerous international and local honours bestowed on him over decades. A former Ambassador to France, Mrs. Peries possibly enjoys the position as the world's only qualified woman film director who is still in active service. She is currently working on her latest movie Vaishnavee. Commercial Credit PLC is undoubtedly proud to be associated with these two eminent Sri Lankan personalities and wish the Foundation all the very best in its future activities".

Taking top billing in the Foundation's calendar of activities is the annual 'Lester James Peries Oration'. The second annual such oration is scheduled for Tuesday 19 June at the auditorium of the Sri Sambuddhatva Jayanthi Mandhiraya in Colombo 05.

This year's Oration will be delivered by Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Senior Minister of International Monetary Cooperation, himself a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. Peries for several decades,

Guest of Honour on the occasion will be Prof. Phang Lai Tee, Senior Assistant Director, Audio Visual Archives of the National Archives of Singapore who will speak on the importance of archiving.

“We sincerely thank Commercial Credit PLC for coming on board as our Platinum Sponsor. The Foundation has planned activities for the forthcoming year and will surely be assisted by this generous sponsorship. We look forward to a strong and fruitful partnership with Commercial Credit in the months to come”, said Yadamini Gunawardene, Trustee of the Foundation

The inaugural Oration was held last year, at the launch of the "Lester James Peries & Sumitra Peries Foundation" and was delivered by Prof. Wimal Dissanayake with celebrated Indian film maker Adoor Gopalakrishnan as Guest of Honour.

The “Lester James Peries and Sumitra Peries Foundation” is an Approved Charity and is incorporated by an Act of Parliament. Its Trustees are Dr. Lester James Peries, Mrs. Sumitra Peries, Mrs. Gayathri Mustachi, Mr. Yadamini Gunawardene and Mr. Kumar de Silva.

Caption for PHOTO 01 - CEO of Commercial Credit PLC Roshan Egodage hands over the sponsorship cheque to Dr. Lester James Peries. Also in the picture are Mrs. Sumitra Peries and Mr. Shammi Jayathilake, DGM Marketing & Product Development at Commercial Credit PLC

Caption for PHOTO 02 – In the photo (L to R) are Kumar de Silva (Trustee), CEO of Commercial Credit PLC Roshan Egodage, Sumitra Peries, Dr. Lester James Peries, Shammi Jayathilake, DGM Marketing & Product Development, Commercial Credit PLC, Gayathri Mustachi (Trustee) and Yadamini Gunawardena (Trustee).

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