

Awareness Programme on Prohibited Financial Schemes, Unauthorized Deposit-Taking Institutions, Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism, Counterfeit Notes and Financial Literacy, September 21 and 22, 2023

Based on an invitation by Mr. Aruna Wijesiri, the Manager, Regional Office, Anuradhapura, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, the officials of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Sri Lanka (FIU),

- Mr. Dilan Siriwardana, Senior Assistant Director, Head of the Intelligence Analysis Division 1 & 2, FIU;
- Mr. Nimantha Athukorala, Senior Assistant Director, Head of the Legal & Policy Division, FIU; and
- Mr. Supun Gunasekara, Assistant Director, Intelligence Analysis Division 1, FIU

participated as resource persons in the awareness programs, which focused on augmenting the knowledge and understanding of Senior Police Officers concerning a spectrum of crucial financial aspects. The program concentrated on enlightening these officers about Prohibited Financial Schemes, Unauthorized Deposit-Taking Institutions, Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism, Counterfeit Notes, and the fundamental principles of Financial Literacy. The awareness programs were attended by the Senior Officers of Sri Lanka Police attached to North Central and North Western Provinces on September 21 and 22, 2023, in Wariyapola and Anuradhapura.



The awareness programme conducted in the Auditorium of the Regional Office, Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Anuradhapura.



The Awareness programme conducted in the Education Development Center, Wariyapola.

During their session, the officials of the FIU covered the following topics and answered the questions raised by the participants,

- Introduction to the concepts of Anti-Money Laundering, Countering the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Financing of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Evolution of the above concepts and the Sri Lankan context
- Functions and duties of the FIU
- Introduction to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act No. 5 of 2006

The other topics of the program were covered by the officers who represented the respective departments of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Overall, the program received good feedback from the participants as it addressed many challenges faced by the senior Police Officers during their routine work, and it was instrumental in improving their knowledge on the subject matters.