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"Select an area you are passionate about and focus on it. That is the best way to succeed" This was the advice of a very successful professional, Mr. Isuru S. Tillakawardana, the Deputy General Manager (Human Resource Management) at Union Commercial Bank, Ceylon PLC. Mr. Tillakawardana who has had a varied and illustrious career, studied at Ananda College, Colombo, where he was a keen participant in extracurricular activities and served as the Deputy Head Prefect. After obtaining a degree in Law from the University of Colombo, he joined the Colombo Stock Exchange as a Management Trainee. His rapid progression there resulted in his being appointed, after two and a half years, as the Assistant General Manager. While at the Stock Exchange, Mr. Tillakawardana played a key role in automating the trading process. Mr. Tillakawardana successfully completed a Masters in



Mr. Isuru S. Tillakawardana, the Deputy General Manager (Human Resource Management)

Business Administration (MBA) from the Post Graduate Institute of Management of the Sri Jayawardanapura University before deciding on a change in career path and becoming the General Manager, Human Resources (HR) at Union Assurance. From there he joined Sri Lanka Insurance while it was undergoing privatisation and played a pivotal role in their restructuring process. While at Sri Lanka Insurance he served as Additional General Manager and Chief Operating Officer of Retail Sales. Mr. Tillakawardana has also worked with Hemas Holdings PLC as the Group HR director and is currently Deputy General Manager (Human Resource Management) at Commercial Bank, Ceylon PLC. In addition to his busy working schedule Mr. Tillakawardana is also the current President of the Sri Lankan Association of Human Resource

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