

# CMA celebrates 14th graduation ceremony

The Institutes of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (CMA), since its inception 17 years ago celebrated its 14th Graduation Ceremony recently, at the Grand Ballroom, Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo.

The Chief Guest at the function was Prof. Sampath Amaratunga Vice Chancellor University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Guest of Honour Mahendra Jayasekera Managing Director Lanka Tiles Plc. and Lanka Walltiles.

With this event CMA moved another milestone and recognized and presented awards to students who have passed the examinations of CMA in November 2016 and May 2017.

Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala President of CMA in

his welcome speech said CMA Sri Lanka established in 1999 with the technical assistance of CMA Canada now CPA Canada and financial assistance from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) commenced its operations in June 2000 and was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in the year 2009 and is today the National Professional Management Accounting Body in Sri Lanka.

CMA is as a member of the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) and joins the fraternity of Professional Accounting bodies in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives, Bhutan and Afghanistan. CMA is a member of the International Federation of Account-

ants (IFAC). IFAC is the global organization for the accountancy profession dedicated to serving the public interest by strengthening the profession and contributing to the development of strong international economies.

IFAC is comprised of over 175 members and associates in more than 130 countries and jurisdictions, representing almost 3 million accountants in public practice, education, government service, industry, and commerce.

The launch of the CMA Professional Programme 2018 in conformity with the IFAC International Accounting Educational Standards Board (IAESB) carries significant improvements in the syllabus with respect to the focus, struc-

ture, and coverage both in terms of scope and depth of contents.

It will undoubtedly facilitate the grooming of competent management accountants who are capable of crafting strategies and managing risk in pursuit of developing sustainable world class organizations.

From 2018 CMA will Commence Computer Based Examinations (CBE) in association with Pearson VUE the global testing body for the Foundation Stage.

CMA will be the first National Professional Accounting Body to commence computer based testing introducing new technology in keeping with the developments taking place globally.



Council Member J.M.U.B Jayasekera, Dr.Harendra Kariyawasam, Council Member and Chairman Examination Committee, Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala President, Chief Guest Professor Sampath Amaratunga Vice Chancellor University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and D.N. Pandithasekara, M.S.S. Ahamadh, H.M.T.K. Jayathilake President Gold Medal Award Winners for best overall performance and W. Adiran A.D. Perera Council Member.