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"Kurunegala Investor Forum" generates strong interest amongst domestic investors

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) organized yet another investor education programme in Kurunegala. It was the tenth domestic investor forum under the programme series titled "Kotas Welenda Pola: Nagarayen Nagarayate" (කොටස් වෙළෙඳපොළ නගරයෙන් නගරයට). The forum was held at Kandyan Reach on the 19th of May 2018. The forum attracted overwhelming response with an attendance of over 250 individuals.

"Kotas Welenda Pola: Nagarayen Nagarayate" is a joint initiative of the SEC and CSE geared at improving financial literacy (capital market) in the country. Accordingly, forums were held in Colombo, Negombo, Jaffna, Kandy, Galle, Batticaloa, Panadura and Bandarawela. These forums focused on increasing awareness on varied investment products and services available for existing and potential investors.

The forum in Kurunegala commenced with a presentation titled 'Introduction to the Stock Market' by Mr. Prabash Wanigatunge, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, SMB Securities (Pvt) Ltd. It was followed by a presentation titled 'Analysis of opportunities available in the Stock Market' by Mr. Sanjeewa Fernando, Executive Director, Research / Strategist, CT CLSA Securities (Pvt) Ltd.

Subsequently, a panel discussion was organized with the aim of addressing the concerns faced by the investor community. Mr. Tushara Jayaratne, Director, External Relations and Surveillance, SEC, Mr. Nishantha Batagalle, Manager, Colombo Branch, CSE and the two presenters served as panelist. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Madhawa Aramandeniya, Executive, Kandy Branch, CSE. The need of the SEC and CSE continuing to educate the investor community in Kurunegala on current developments in the capital market was emphasized during the panel discussion.

Further on, Stock Brokers and Unit Trust Management Companies provided the attendees with valuable investment advice.

The next programme will be organized in Embilipitiya on the 10th of June 2018 at Centauria Lake Resort from 9.30 am-11.30 am.

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