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January

Commercial Bank's 247th Branch opens at Delgoda Laugfs Super



Commercial Bank opens 249th and 250th Branches at Galle City (Minicom) and Orion City Complex (Automated Banking Sector)



The milestone 250th branch of the Bank was opened at Orion City. This sophisticated automated branch represents the Bank's commitment to deploy the latest in secure technology.

Global Finance (USA) names Commercial Bank 'Best Bank in Sri Lanka' for 17th time



Commercial Bank adjudged Best among Banks for Sustainability Reporting



The Sustainability Report of the Bank has been adjudged the best in the Banking Sector at the 2015, Sri Lanka Sustainability Reporting Awards presented by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Sri Lanka Liaison Office.

February

Commercial Bank's 248th Branch opens in departure terminal of Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) Katunayake



Commercial Bank supports 'Ransalu' loyalty privilege programme for apparel sector



Sri Lanka's apparel sector associates are to be supported with an exclusive Debit Card that confers special benefits, under a partnership between Commercial Bank, Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF) and Channel 17, the Company tasked with managing an employee loyalty programme for the sector.

March

Commercial Bank opens its 14th Agriculture & Micro Finance Unit at Neluwa



Commercial Bank introduces e-passbook on mobile phone

The Bank has broken new ground in technology-enabled convenience by becoming the first bank in Sri Lanka to offer customers an e-Passbook that provides access to details of savings, current, NRFC and RFC accounts on Android and iOS powered mobile devices.



April

Commercial Bank wins top Global Brand Excellence Award



The Bank was presented the award for 'Marketing Campaign of the Year' at the 2016 CMO Asia Awards for Excellence in Branding and Marketing in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

May



Commercial Bank signs agreement with Bank Muscat Oman for instant money transfers



Commercial Bank enhances customer convenience with 'Over the Air PIN' for credit and debit cards

New card holders of the Bank will no longer be required to wait for their PIN (Personal Identification Number) to arrive in the post to activate and use their cards, instead, they will now receive their PINs to registered mobile phone numbers via SMS, when the cards are ready for collection.



September



Commercial Bank joins technology initiative for tea leaf suppliers in Sri Lanka



Commercial Bank has been designated the Preferred Bank for the issue of the first Hybrid Debit Card coupled with Sony 'FeliCa' Near Field Communication (NFC) technology in the market, enabling its promoter Smart Metro (Pvt) Ltd. to deploy a Debit Card cum Identification Card for tea leaf suppliers.

June



Commercial Bank launches Sri Lanka's first Remittance Card



A branded Debit cum ATM Card licensed by Visa Inc. and issued locally by Commercial Bank to recipients of remittances, the new Remittance Card eliminates the need to visit a branch of the bank to collect remitted funds.

August



Commercial Bank ATM network first in Sri Lanka to be secure with EMV capability



Commercial Bank has completed the upgrade of its automated teller machine (ATM) network in Sri Lanka to EMV Chip capability, significantly enhancing security against fraud by conforming to the EMV standards of the various card brands that are accepted by the Bank's ATMs.

Commercial Bank receives award as 'Strongest Bank' in Sri Lanka from Asian Banker



Commercial Bank ranked among World's Top 1000 Banks for 6th successive year



Commercial Bank has become the only Sri Lankan bank to be ranked among the Top 1000 Banks of the World for the sixth year running.

Commercial Bank is Sri Lanka's Most Respected Bank for 12th successive year

Commercial Bank has been rated the most respected bank in Sri Lanka for the 12th year running and the second 'Most Respected' corporate entity in the country overall for the sixth successive year in the 2016 by LMD rankings of the Most Respected Entities in Sri Lanka.

July



Commercial Bank's 252nd Branch (Minicom) opens at Batticaloa (second branch)



Commercial Bank receives Finance Asia Award for Best Bank in Sri Lanka



This is the sixth 'FinanceAsia Country Banking Achievement Award' presented to Commercial Bank in the eight years since the Bank became the first entity in Sri Lanka to receive this coveted tribute in 2009.

Additionally, as FinanceAsia celebrates 20 years covering Asia's financial markets this year, the magazine has chosen Commercial Bank as one the recipients of a one-off Platinum Award presented to banks and corporations that have consistently excelled over the past two decades, providing utmost quality and innovation to customers.

Commercial Bank launches new series of 'Cash Deposit and Withdrawal' machines



Commercial Bank has launched a new generation of machines that offers several new advancements on the standard ATMs and deposit machines, including cash deposits that are credited instantly.

Commercial Bank of Maldives launches its operations



History was made when the Commercial Bank of Maldives, a subsidiary of Commercial Bank of Ceylon and a joint venture with Tree Top Investments Maldives, formally inaugurated its banking operations in the Maldives with the opening of its head office and the first branch in the archipelago's capital Malé by Maldivian President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom.

Commercial Bank begins new series of entrepreneurship programmes for women



Commercial Bank conducted the first of a series of entrepreneur development programmes exclusively for women, in recognition of their importance to the national economy.

Commercial Bank adds cross currency transactions to Online Banking

Commercial Bank has added a new dimension to its Online Banking platform by enabling foreign currency account holders to carry out fund transfers between accounts maintained in different currencies other than Sri Lankan rupees.

Commercial Bank launches new enhanced version of PayMaster

Commercial Bank has announced the launch of a new version of PayMaster, the Bank's sophisticated bulk payments platform for corporate customers, offering enhanced functionality and controls and a new level of security.

Commercial Bank wins 4 prestigious awards at South Asian Partnership Summit



The most-awarded bank at the ceremony, Commercial Bank received the awards for 'Best in CSR Practices', 'Best in Brand Excellence in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance Industry,' and 'Best Sustainable Bank' in addition to being named the 'Best Private Sector Bank.'

Commercial Bank unveils ambitious 'Smart Schools' initiative



A ground-breaking new initiative to raise averages for pass levels in key subjects in the secondary schools curriculum has been launched by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon as part of the Bank's extensive commitments to promote education.

October

Commercial Bank launches 'Easy POS' – smartphone linked mobile POS system for card transactions



Branded Commercial Bank 'EasyPOS,' the mobile units introduced in collaboration with CBA Solutions, make it possible for any merchant outlet that has a smartphone to acquire one and enhance sales.

Commercial Bank offers exciting new look and functionality in revamped website



A stand-out feature of the overhaul is the website's enhanced responsiveness to access via phone devices and tabs, in acknowledgement of the growing popularity of mobile banking. New mobile-friendly interfaces and interaction allow faster and smoother access to information and tools on mobile devices.

November

Commercial Bank launches Max Loyalty Rewards



Commercial Bank has unveiled COMBANK Max Loyalty Rewards, offering loyalty benefits for both debit and credit card holders for the first time in Sri Lanka, enabling card holders of the Bank to accumulate points whenever they use their cards to pay for purchases.

Commercial Bank first to launch NFC-enabled premium credit cards for both Visa & Mastercard



Commercial Bank has become the first bank in Sri Lanka to offer Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled credit cards of both Visa and Mastercard.

Commercial Bank's fully-owned subsidiary Commex inaugurated in Italy



Commercial Bank ranked 2nd in Business Today's Top 30



Commercial Bank has been ranked second in Business Today's 'Top 30' public listed companies in Sri Lanka in 2015-16 for the fourth consecutive year.

December

Commercial Bank opens 253rd, 254th, 255th and 256th Branches at Kelaniya, Veyangoda, Delyandara and Morawaka



Commercial Bank Annual Report wins six awards including Best in Banking Sector for 13th time



Commercial Bank won six awards, at the 52nd Annual Report Awards of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. Banking Sector – Gold Award, Overall – Third, Corporate Governance Disclosure – Silver Award, Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting – Silver Award, Integrated Reporting: Best Disclosure on Capital Management – Silver Award, Integrated Reporting – Bronze Award. With these six awards, Commercial Bank became the most-awarded Corporate of the night.

Commercial Bank reopens expanded Wellawatte branch in purpose-built 8-storey Green building



Commercial Bank receives its 10th 'Bank of the Year' award in London



Commercial Bank receives its 10th 'Bank of the Year' award in London. This was the 10th time Commercial Bank has won this prestigious award, thus becoming one of the few banks in the world to achieve this feat.

Commercial Bank honoured with Gold Award by ETF



Commercial Bank was honoured for its exemplary compliance with the requirements of the Employees-Trust Fund (ETF).