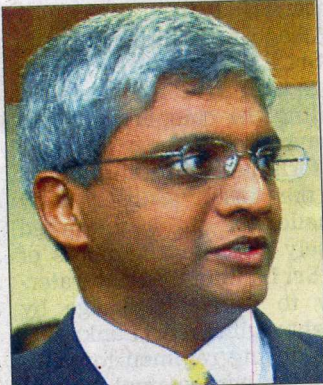


President and CEO, Asian Banker to deliver keynote speech at APB Conference

Emmanuel Daniel, President and CEO of Asian Banker will be the Guest of Honour at the 22nd Anniversary Convention of the Association of Professional Bankers (APB), which will be held on 3rd and 4th September, 2010 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

Mr Daniel is the founder of the Asian Banker, provider of consulting services and intelligence reports in the financial services industry in the Asia Pacific and other emerging markets. Today, it is one of the leading industry research, publication and consulting houses in Asia with a worldwide reputation. The Asian Banker Journal has become an award winning publication while Mr Emmanuel Daniel himself has been presented an Award for Excellence in Journalism.

Mr Daniel will be arriving in the island in connection with the APB Annual Convention and will deliver the key note address at the inauguration ceremony



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on 3rd September. The technical sessions of the Convention will be held on 4th September, also at the Cinnamon Grand.

APB is the premier professional body for bankers in Sri Lanka, with a membership of nearly 900 bankers, including CEOs and members of Senior Management of banks.

The main objectives of APB are to improve the professional standards of the Bankers and facilitate studies in the field of banking, organize training events, promote and safeguard common interests of the profession and to promote

fellowship and understanding among its members.

This year's APB Annual Convention will be held on the timely theme, "Gear Up... Sri Lanka, Next Financial Hub" and will feature renowned speakers from Sri Lanka and abroad, including Treasury Secretary Dr P B Jayasundera, Managing Partner, MTI Consulting, Mr Hilmy Cader, IMF Resident Representative Dr Koshy Mathai and Mr Likhith Wagle, Global Industry Leader in Banking and Financial Markets, IBM. The presentation of papers will be followed by a panel discussion "Sri Lanka: Next Financial Hub", with Dr Ranees Jayamaha, Advisor to HE the President on Banking, Mr Rohantha Athukorala, Head of National Portfolio Development - Sri Lanka & Maldives, United Nations Operations, Mr Aritha Wickremānāyake, Partner, Nithya Partners and Mr Nihal Fonseka, CEO, DFCC Bank as panelists. A large number of bankers are expected to attend the Convention.