

Press Release

The Asian Development Bank Provides Financial Assistance of US\$ 100 million for Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project

The Asian Development Bank provides financial assistance amounting to US\$ 100 mn for the implementation of Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project in Sri Lanka. The total investment cost of this project is US\$ 116.63 million of which the Government provides US \$ 16.63 million.

The Project is aimed at upgrading sewerage infrastructure by rehabilitating the main sewerage system in the Greater Colombo area. This includes rehabilitation of 2 marine outfalls in Mutwal and Wellawatte and refurbishment of 17 existing pumping stations in Kolonnawa, Dehiwala/Mt.Lavinia, and CMC service area. It will improve urban environment and public health for about 1.5 million urban and suburb residents in the Greater Colombo area through improving marine and inland water.

In addition, the Project will strengthen institutional and operational capacity and project management capabilities of the Colombo Municipal Council through implementation support and comprehensive capacity building.

The project will be implemented by the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) under the supervision of the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils. The project is scheduled to be completed by 31.12.2014.

In this connection, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Dr P.B.Jayasundera, on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka and the Country Director of Asian Development Bank, Mr. Richard W.A. Vokes signed the Loan Agreements today at the Ministry of Finance and Planning. The Asian Development Bank also entered into two Project Agreements with CMC and NWSDB.

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