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Press Release

Financial Assistance from the Asian Development Bank for the Implementation of the Building a Strong and Inclusive Financial Ecosystem for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Sector Development Program (Subprogram 1)

The Government of Sri Lanka had discussions with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to mobilize a loan facility amounting to USD 200 million for the implementation of the Building a Strong and Inclusive Financial Ecosystem for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) Sector Development Program (Subprogram 1), which comprises a Policy-Based Loan component (budget support financing) and a Financial Intermediation Loan (FIL) component of USD 100 million each.

The above loan will be utilized to (i) strengthen the financial ecosystem for MSMEs by enhancing the capacity of existing financial institutions, establishing relevant new financial institutions, and diversifying available financing mechanisms and products; (ii) enhance financial inclusion through increased financial literacy and digitalization of MSME finance information and related institutional processes; and (iii) enhance the ecosystem for the greening of MSMEs by introducing green finance instruments, developing sector frameworks for MSME greening, and integrating sustainability metrics into the financial ecosystem. The program is scheduled to be implemented from 2026 to 2030.

Since all pre-specified policy actions relating to the Policy-Based Loan have already been completed, the Government is expected to receive USD 100 million in a single tranche as budget support financing under this program.

Furthermore, the Financial Intermediation Loan component offers concessional financing through participating banks to facilitate the expansion of market opportunities for MSMEs, enhance business capabilities, and improve financial and digital literacy. In line with the Government's policy priorities, the facility particularly focuses on supporting women-led enterprises, start-ups, and MSMEs undertaking climate financing and climate-responsive business activities.

Accordingly, the Loan Agreements to obtain the above financing facility were signed at the General Treasury in Colombo by Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, and Mrs. Shannon Cowlin, Country Director, ADB Sri Lanka Residence Mission, on behalf of the Asian Development Bank, on 23 November 2026.

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