

## Awareness Programme for the Law Enforcement Officers of Sri Lanka Police to facilitate investigations related to “Trade Based Money Laundering and Tax Related Crimes” - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The FIU conducted an awareness programme on “Trade Based Money Laundering and Tax Related Crimes” for the law enforcement officers of Sri Lanka Police on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm at the Centre for Banking Studies (CBS), Rajagiriya. The key objective of the session was to facilitate investigations carried out by law enforcement officers in relation to “Trade Based Money Laundering and Tax Related Crimes”.



Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director of the FIU delivered the opening remarks of the session which was followed by a noteworthy keynote address by Hon. Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare, P.C., Retired Justice of the Supreme Court who is the Chairman of the “Task Force on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism”.

Further, two sessions on “Trade Based Money Laundering” and “Tax Related Crimes” were conducted by Mr. G B Gnanaraj, Senior Director of Customs (Retired) and Mr. D R S

Hapuarachchi, Commissioner General (Retired) of the Department of Inland Revenue, respectively.

The session was attended by 110 officers from different divisions of the Criminal Investigation Department and Colombo Crimes Division of Sri Lanka Police whereas Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr. P Ampawila and Senior Superintendent of Police, Mrs. H W Imesha Muthumala also attended the workshop.

In concluding the programme, Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director, Dr. Ayesh Ariyasinghe, Additional Director, Ms. Wangeesha Karunarathna, Deputy Director and Mr. Chandima Bandara, Senior Assistant Director of the FIU participated in the discussion and provided feasible solutions to the concerns raised by the participants.