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Institute of Chartered Corporate Secretaries of Sri Lanka Hosted a Coffee Evening on Governance Regulations at the Granbell Hotel, Colombo

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The Institute of Chartered Corporate Secretaries of Sri Lanka (ICCSSL) successfully hosted an insightful Coffee Evening on 30th July 2025 at the Granbell Hotel, Colombo 3. The event brought together Chartered Corporate Secretaries practicing as company secretaries to discuss critical issues surrounding the new governance regulations imposed on listed companies by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

The evening featured a distinguished panel comprising Ms. Nilupa Perera, Chief Regulatory Officer of the Colombo Stock Exchange, and Ms. Shanika Gunasinghe, Assistant Manager – Compliance at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka. The discussion was expertly moderated by Mr. S. Sudarshan, Chairman of Governance Consultants Limited, Director of People's Leasing & Finance PLC and former Group Company Secretary of Sampath Bank PLC.

The panelists delved into the implications and challenges faced by listed companies in adapting to the newly introduced governance regulations by the CSE. Key areas of discussion included compliance complexities, practical hurdles in implementation, and the evolving expectations from company secretaries and boards in upholding governance standards. The forum also explored proactive strategies and recommendations for navigating the regulatory landscape effectively.

The interactive session provided a platform for practitioners to engage directly with regulators, raising pertinent questions and sharing insights on practical issues encountered in the field. The event underscored the vital role Chartered Corporate Secretaries play in fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and good governance in Sri Lanka's corporate sector.

The ICCSSL reaffirmed its commitment to supporting its members in understanding and adapting to regulatory changes through such knowledge-sharing forums, ensuring they remain at the forefront of governance best practices.

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