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## Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy assumes office as the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy placing the specimen signature to be used on currency notes

Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy was appointed as the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena, according to the provisions of the Monetary Law Act No.58 of 1949. Accordingly, Dr. Coomaraswamy will function as the Chairman of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy was an official in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka from 1974-1989. He worked in the Economic Research, Statistics and Bank Supervision Departments. During this time he was seconded to the Ministry of Finance and Planning (1981-89).

Dr Coomaraswamy was thereafter employed by the Commonwealth Secretariat from 1990-2008. During that time he held the positions, inter alia, of Director, Economic Affairs Division and Deputy-Director, Secretary-General's Office. He was subsequently Interim Director, Social Transformation Programme Division, Commonwealth Secretariat (Jan-July 2010).

Dr. Coomaraswamy was a member of the Monetary Policy Consultative Committee of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka during the period January 2013 – January 2015.

Dr. Coomaraswamy was the Advisor to the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade until recently.

Dr Coomaraswamy completed his undergraduate degree at Cambridge University and obtained his Doctorate at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

Dr. Coomaraswamy was an illustrious sportsman and represented Sri Lanka and the CR&FC at Rugby. He played Cricket for the Tamil Union C&AC.