

Profile of Mr. Anura Lokuhetty

Anura Lokuhetty is the Chairman of the Asian Council on Tourism and Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) and the Past President of The Hotels Association of Sri Lanka. Mr Lokuhetty still functions as the honorary member of The Hotels Association of Sri Lanka (THASL) and he is a strong believer of developing sustainable development of tourism principals through Community participation. He was awarded the Entrepreneur for the year award at the Tourism Awards in 2010, and was awarded with the Central Bank Governor's award for Economic Excellence in 2012.

Whilst being the Chairman of Red Apple Travels & Holidays Lanka Pvt Ltd, Chairman of Luxury Villas & Hotel Management Pvt Ltd and Managing Director of Sooriya Resort & Spa, Mr. Lokuhetty presently heads the Training arm of the Ministry of Finance, Miloda-Academy of Financial Studies as the Co-CEO.

He started his career as a Management Trainee at the Confifi Hotel Group in 1978. After holding many positions, he became the General Manager of several group hotels, CEO of Confifi Group and CEO Galle Face Hotel Group.

In addition to all his experience in the Hotel industry, he was a Director of the Sri Lanka Institute of Hotel Management and was the Chairman of the Institute of Hospitality in Sri Lanka. He has addressed many international forums and workshops and has published many articles on various tourism related topics both nationally and internationally. He has been a regular expert panelist in TV and Radio programmes on Tourism Industry.