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## PRESS RELEASE

### Sri Lanka Recorded One of the Most Significant Score Improvements in Investor Relations Practices in 2025

Sri Lanka has shown a significant improvement in its investor relations practices in 2025, as reported by the Institute of International Finance (IIF) in its latest Investor Relations and Debt Transparency Report, published on 09 July 2025, which covered 54 emerging markets and developing economies from various geographical regions. Sri Lanka recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> place of the most significant score improvements (+9.1) in 2025 elevating its overall score to 37.33 out of 50 from 25.2 in 2023 and 28.21 in 2024.

The first official engagement of the Government of Sri Lanka with the IIF was in 2025, with the initiation of a dedicated Unit for Investor Relations (IRU) at the newly established Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. As per the IIF, presence of a formal Investor Relations Programme at PDMO has been key to the enhanced score in 2025. The PDMO's official engagements with the assistance of the other stakeholders facilitated the timely and accurate responding to the survey, and also the initiation of several activities that were key to the enhancement of the country score, such as the accessibility of senior policymakers to investors.

Enhancements in the Sri Lanka's investor relations score would contribute to advance the investor perception of country's economic policies, build investor confidence and trust, reduce financing costs, and improve market access while achieving better sovereign credit ratings. The significant enhancement of the country's investor relations score in 2025 is a testimony that Sri Lanka is moving steadily forward.

The IIF's Investor Relations and Debt Transparency Report can be accessed from the link below.

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