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Program Report on



SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Awards & SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony 2021

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN) hosted the SAFA Conference on International Taxation and Digital Currency followed by SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony 2021, on 18th December 2022 at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The program was organized in two sessions as under:

First Session: SAFA Conference on International Taxation and Digital Currency 2022

Inaugural Session

CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President, ICAN started the program with his welcome remarks. Chief Guest of the program, Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President, SAFA and Guest of Honor, CA. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank jointly inaugurated the program. Likewise, CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria - Vice President, SAFA and CA. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank addressed the program as a Guest of Honor, in the inaugural session of the program. Similarly, Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President, SAFA was the keynote speaker in the program.



Mr. H. M. Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President, SAFA delivering keynote speech on Inaugural Session of SAFA Conference

CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria, Vice-President, SAFA delivering speech on Inaugural Session of SAFA Conference

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CA. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank delivering speech on Inaugural Session of SAFA Conference



CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President, ICAN delivering welcome remarks on Inaugural Session of SAFA Conference

The Conference was further organized in two technical sessions as below:

Technical Session 1: International Taxation and Transfer Pricing

Paper Presentation and Panel Discussion

CA. Sanjay Kumar Agrawal, Central Council Member ICAI, started his session with the question of taxation jurisdiction while determining the Residential Status of the person who does not fulfill the criteria of stay duration in any country and taxation to the investment whose real location is disguised. Highlighting the issues, he said that the global minimum taxation might be the way out which is already in implementation in various countries worldwide. Moreover, he also explained about the policy and regulations adopted by India for extending the horizon of global taxation and avoidance of tax evasion.

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Paper Presentation in Technical Session 1 of SAFA Conference by CA. Sanjay Kumar Agrawal, Central Council Member, ICAI

CA. Sudarshan Raj Pandey, Past President, ICAN, discussed the criticality of global taxation and provision of DTAA and transfer pricing in the Income Tax Act of Nepal. He added the hit back that Nepal may face due to complexity of taxation on foreign direct investment on which the economy largely depends. The major challenges that have been faced are due to multi layered transactions creating high chances of tax erosion and added emphasis on clarity of Income Tax Act and Guidelines to mitigate it.

Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir, Council Member ICA Bangladesh, Technical Advisor, SAFA Board also added to the words of previous panelist on the DTAA provision as a step to restrict the evasion and control the issues in taxation. He added that transfer pricing has tapped the area of loophole in international transactions between the companies and the important role of the accountants for its implementation and review. The challenges might also be faced due to misunderstanding of the regulatory bodies and administrator in application of laws and requirements due to lack of highly equipped professionals to deal with it. He at last shared the practice in Bangladesh regarding the international taxations and challenges.

Mr. Awais Yasin, Fellow Member and Honorary Treasurer, ICMAP, discussed the Multinational Companies (MNC) who are trying to escape the higher taxed jurisdictions by booking profit in less taxed zones. He briefed about the Pakistan practice of reporting by Multinational Companies namely three reports i.e., Country by Country Report (CBC), Master File, and Local File filed in Country Board of Revenue. This voluntary requirement of filing by companies to some extent has reduced the risk of tax evasion.

At last, he added that Pakistan has recently developed and implemented the new regulations for taxing the resident who might be liable to pay tax even irrespective of residency status i.e., 182 days requirements

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normal above requirements. Additional documents need to be presented in the tax office if they are not within the scope of new requirements.

Mr. Dirgha Raj Mainali, Director General, Inland Revenue Department, explained about the practice that Nepal has initiated and tax provision for including the MNC and foreign company transactions. He highlighted the practice of the other countries and the need for development of new policies and regulations to address the new developing issues in international taxation.



Panel Discussion in Technical Session 1 of SAFA Conference

Session Chair

Mr. Rameshwor Dangal, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance, Nepal, put forward the need and requirement of introduction of digital taxation systems in the current fast changing economy. He added that the challenges Nepal is facing is mainly due to the cross-border transactions and requirement to mitigate these challenges by developing the policies and guidelines. He further added on the topic of presentation where Global minimum taxation can be the way out to avoid the tax escape but required higher concentration of taxation authority and international companies.

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Mr. Rameshwor Dangal, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance, Nepal Chairing the Technical Session 1 of SAFA Conference

Question and Answer Session

Q. What can be the tactics and action plan that can be implemented to foreign companies and Multinational companies transferring the profit to low taxed zones to bring within the local tax boundaries.

A. The way out could be to expand the reporting requirements by the FC and MNC where profit earned in different jurisdictions is reported to local taxation authorities. If there is sufficient provision of disclosure and liability for the same, they can be brought within the parameters of the jurisdictions.

Q. Next question was raised on defining the arm length transaction values and what types of evidence is required to validate the transaction being performed in arm's length.

A. There is a well-defined method in OECD regarding the valuation of transactions on an arm length basis. The major factors that are considered are comparability and uncontrolled price of the service or products. However, tax authorities in case of local level complexities can determine themselves the minimum price and cost for the transactions.

Vote of Thanks

CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, ICAN concluded the first session of the program with closing remarks and vote of thanks.

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Technical Session 2: Digital Currency – Evolution and Trends

Paper Presentation and Panel Discussion

CA. Chandrashekhar Vasant Chitale, Central Council Member ICAI, presented about the recent development in Digital Currency and steps initiated by the Central Bank of different countries for its adoption. In his paper he differentiated the Digital Currency with Virtual Currency and Cryptocurrency, which are indeed all the part of overall digital currency. Further, he highlighted the current status of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and initiation taken to cope with the challenges posed by the crypto currency. He also presented the two types of CBDC namely CBDC-R (CBDC – Retail) and CBDC-W (CBDC Wholesale) and its effectiveness.



Paper Presentation in Technical Session 2 of SAFA Conference by CA. Chandrashekhar Vasant Chitale, Central Council Member, ICAI

Mr. Guru Prasad Poudel, Executive Director, Nepal Rastra Bank, presented about the initiation taken by the Central Bank of Nepal (NRB) in the study and steps towards development of Digital Currency. He highlighted the major aspect from the BIS (Bank for International Settlements) Survey 2021, NRB study of CBDC and strategic plan developed by the central bank for stage wise process for its implementation. Further, he discussed the major challenges and recommendations from the BIS report and perspectives of regulators to consider CBDC as an opportunity rather than a threat.

Dr. Biswash Gauchan, Executive Director, The Institute for Integrated Development Studies, talked about the history of currency development and its current role in the economy since the beginning. He said that the future of currency is the digital currency which is a part of evolution and emphasis on its regulated

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adoption by the authorities. Likewise, he pointed out the major challenges in case of Nepal being an open border transaction with India, which has already developed and brought into circulation their own digital currency.

Mr. Muhammad Awais, Council Member, ICA Pakistan, explained the scenario of digital currency in Pakistan and the regulatory environment existing for prohibiting of its uses. He said that the digital currency will not be free of challenges since it mostly depends on the computer system and needs a highly qualified technical team to manage its circulation with strong regulatory measures. Moreover, he mentioned that digital currency will not completely remove the paper currency but will coexist at the same time.

Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Vice President - CA Sri Lanka and Technical Advisor, SAFA Board, talked about the status of the digital currency in Sri Lanka. He mentioned that there are not any specific guidelines or study being conducted by the Central Bank but is bringing the technical experts and accountants in the same place to study the market of digital currency and further work that can be carried out by Sri Lanka to catch up with the pace of digital currency development.



Panel Discussion in Technical Session 2 of the SAFA Conference

Session Chair

CA. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank, Chaired the session and presented the status of Digital Currency study by the NRB and informed that NRB is aware of the recent developments of Digital Currency, majorly Cryptocurrency. He said that the transaction of Cryptocurrency is strictly prohibited, and continuous public notice has been issued by NRB regarding its illegality. He further added that in order to be tender as the currency, it must fulfill the attributes of the legal currency. He also explained the initiative taken by SAARC finance region to develop the common digital currency in SAARC countries and expects the study will bring positive news. At last, he thanked SAFA and ICAN for bringing such important and

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pertinent issues to the floor for discussion and expressed his confidence of assistance from the valued member of the SAFA for its effective study and implementation.



CA. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank Chairing the Technical Session 2 of the SAFA Conference

Question and Answer Session

Question was raised by the participant about the challenges in implementation faced by India regarding the Digital Currency and how had the new development been interpreted by Public.

The issue raised was answered by the paper presenter about the preparation carried out by the Central Bank of India prior to issues and rules, regulations of the same adopted to restrict the misinterpretation. Also, the central bank has assured and increased the confidence of the public for its legal obligation of payment to the value same as paper currency.

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Second Session:

SAFA Best Presented Annual Report (BPA) Awards, Integrated Reporting Award and SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosure Ceremony, 2021

The second session started with the welcome remarks of. Ms. Anoji De Silva, SAFA Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance (ITAG) Committee, Chair. In her remarks, she highlighted the importance of SAFA BPA Award. Likewise, the Special Guest, CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria - Vice President, SAFA and Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President, SAFA also addressed the program and stressed on the significance and impact of SAFA BPA Award. Hon'ble Auditor General, Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma Dangal, was the Chief Guest in the program.



Ms. Anoji De Silva, Chair, SAFA ITAG Committee delivering welcome remarks, highlights on SAFA BPA Awards and its Importance

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Mr. H. M. Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President SAFA delivering Speech in SAFA BPA Awards Ceremony, 2021



CA. Nihar N. Jambusariya, Vice-President, SAFA delivering speech in SAFA BPA Awards Ceremony, 2021

Hon'ble Auditor General, Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma Dangal; Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President, SAFA; CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria - Vice President, SAFA; Ms. Anoji De Silva, SAFA ITAG Committee Chair; CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President ICAN and CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle distributed Award to the winners of SAFA BPA Award 2021. Altogether, 137 (*Certificate of Merit, Joint Bronze, Bronze, Joint Silver, Silver, Joint Gold and Gold*) award under 16 categories (*1.Overall Winners, 2. Private Sector Banking Institutions (including Co-operative Banks), 3. Public Sector Banking Institutions, 4. Insurance Sector, 5.Financial Services Sector, 6.Manufacturing Sector, 7. Communication and Information Technology Sector, 8.Service Sector (Excluding Financial Services & Communication & IT Sector), 9. Non-Governmental Organizations (including NPOs), 10. Agricultural Sector, 11.SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance, 12.Public Sector Entities, 13. Diversified holdings, 14.Power & Energy, 15.Infrastructure & Construction and 16.Integrated Reporting) were distributed to total 121 entities from amongst 5 SAARC Countries (<i>Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan*).

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Sample Photo of Representative of Award-Winning Entity receiving the award



Representatives of Award-Winning Entities from India

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Hon'ble Auditor General, Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma Dangal, Office of the Auditor General, Nepal congratulated ICAN for hosting SAFA BPA Award Distribution Ceremony in Nepal and commended the Award Winners.



Hon'ble Auditor General, Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma Dangal, Chief Guest to the Ceremony commending the BPA Award Winners

CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President, ICAN distributed token of love to the Chief Guest, Special Guest and Master of Ceremony. He concluded the BPA Award distribution ceremony with his closing remarks and vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honors, Paper Presenter, Panelist, SAFA delegates, Member of the ITAG Committee, other Distinguished Guest, Past President, Council Members, representative of the Award-winning entities, participants, press and staffs. More than 250 participants attended the SAFA events. Mrs. Shivanee Thapa Basnet was the Master of Ceremony in both sessions.

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CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President, ICAN providing token of Love to Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, FCMA, President, SAFA



CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President, ICAN providing token of Love to Hon'ble Auditor General, Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma Dangal

Link for Program Brochure:

https://en.ican.org.np/_browsable/file/general/SAFA_Conference_and_BPA_Award_Brochure.pdf

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| Category | Award | Sri Lanka | Bangladesh | India | Nepal | Pakistan | Sub- Total |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|
| | Certificate of Merit | 1 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | |
| Private Sector | Joint/Bronze Award | 2 | | | | | 15 |
| Banks | Joint/Silver Award | | | | | 2 | 15 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | 3 | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Public Sector | Joint/Bronze Award | 1 | | | | 1 | 9 |
| Banks | Joint/Silver Award | | 1 | | | | , |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | 1 | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | |
| Insurance | Joint/Bronze Award | | | | | 1 | 10 |
| Insurance | Joint/Silver Award | 1 | 1 | | | | 10 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 2 | | | 1 | 3 | |
| Financial | Joint/Bronze Award | 1 | 1 | | | | 10 |
| Services | Joint/Silver Award | | 1 | | | | 10 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | 1 | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | |
| Manufacturing | Joint/Bronze Award | | 1 | | | 1 | 13 |
| Wanutacturing | Joint/Silver Award | | 1 | | | 1 | 15 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Communication | Certificate of Merit | | | 1 | | | |
| & Information | Joint/Bronze Award | | 1 | | | | 4 |
| Technology | Joint/Silver Award | | 1 | | | | 7 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | 1 | | | | | |
| Service | Certificate of Merit | | | 1 | | | |
| (Excluding | Joint/Bronze Award | | | | 1 | | |
| Financial | Joint/Silver Award | 1 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| Services & Communication & IT Sector) | Joint/Gold Award | 1 | | | | | · |
| NCO | Certificate of Merit | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| NGOs | Joint/Bronze Award | 2 | 1 | | | | 10 |
| (Including NPOs) | Joint/Silver Award | | | | | 1 | 10 |
| NFOS) | Joint/Gold Award | | 1 | | | 2 | |
| | Certificate of Merit | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | Joint/Bronze Award | 1 | 1 | | | | Λ |
| Agriculture | Joint/Silver Award | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | 1 | | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | | 2 | | | | |
| Public Sector | Joint/Bronze Award | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 9 |
| rublic Sector | Joint/Silver Award | | | | | 1 | 9 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | | 2 | | | |
| Diversified | Certificate of Merit | | 1 | | | 1 | 6 |
| Holdings | Joint/Bronze Award | 1 | | | | | U |

Annex 1: Country Wise Award List

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| Category | Award | Sri Lanka | Bangladesh | India | Nepal | Pakistan | Sub- Total |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|
| | Joint/Silver Award | 1 | | | | | |
| | Joint/Gold Award | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Power & | Joint/Bronze Award | | | 1 | | 1 | 9 |
| Energy | Joint/Silver Award | | 1 | 1 | | | 9 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | | | | 1 | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Infrastructure | Joint/Bronze Award | | 1 | | | | (|
| & Constrution | Joint/Silver Award | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | | 2 | | | |
| SAARC | Certificate of Merit | 2 | | | | | |
| Anniversary | Joint/Bronze Award | 1 | | | | 2 | |
| Award for | Joint/Silver Award | | | | | 1 | 9 |
| Corporate Governance | Joint/Gold Award | | 3 | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| Integrated | Joint/Bronze Award | 1 | 1 | | | | 12 |
| Reporting | Joint/Silver Award | 1 | | | | 1 | 12 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | | 1 | | | 2 | |
| Overall | Certificate of Merit | | | | | | |
| Excellence in | Joint/Bronze Award | | 1 | | | | 4 |
| Corporate | Joint/Silver Award | | 3 | | | 1 | 6 |
| Reporting | Joint/Gold Award | | 1 | | | | |
| | Certificate of Merit | 16 | 8 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 55 |
| Sub-Total | Joint/Bronze Award | 10 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 30 |
| Sub-10iul | Joint/Silver Award | 6 | 10 | 1 | - | 8 | 25 |
| | Joint/Gold Award | 4 | 12 | 4 | - | 7 | 27 |
| , | Total | 36 | 39 | 23 | 7 | 32 | 137 |

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Annex 2: List of BPA Award 2021

| | Overall Excellence in Corporate Reporting | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Country | Name of the Entity | Award | |
| | Bangladesh | Bank Asia Ltd | Bronze Award | |
| | | BRAC Bank Ltd. | Joint Silver Award | |
| | | Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd. | Joint Silver Award | |
| | | Walton Hi-tech Industries PLC | Joint Silver Award | |
| | | Bangladesh Finance Limited | Gold Award | |
| | Pakistan | Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited | Joint Silver Award | |

Private Sector Banks

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| | BRAC Bank Ltd. | Joint Gold Award |
| Bangladesh | Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd. | Joint Gold Award |
| | Bank Asia Ltd. | Joint Gold Award |
| | Federal Bank Ltd. | Certificate of Merit |
| India | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. | Certificate of Merit |
| | Axis Bank Ltd. | Certificate of Merit |
| | Siddhartha Bank Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Nepal | Mega Bank Nepal Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Sunrise Bank Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Allied Bank Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Pakistan | MCB Bank Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| | Bank Alfalah Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| Sri Lanka | Hatton National Bank PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC | Joint Bronze Award |
| | National Development Bank PLC | Joint Bronze Award |

Public Sector Banks

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| D 1 1 1 | Sonali Bank Limited | Silver Award |
| Bangladesh | Janata Bank Limited | Gold Award |
| India | State Bank of India | Certificate of Merit |
| | Bank of Punjab | Certificate of Merit |
| Pakistan | National Bank of Pakistan | Certificate of Merit |
| | Bank of Khyber | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Bank of Ceylon | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | National Savings Bank | Certificate of Merit |
| | People's Bank | Joint Bronze Award |

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| Insurance | | |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
| | Green Delta Insurance Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| Bangladesh | City General Insurance Co. Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Reliance Insurance Ltd | Gold Award |
| India | HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Salaam Takaful Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Pakistan | Jubilee Life Insurance Company Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Adamjee Insurance Company Limited | Bronze Award |
| | Union Assurance PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | Ceylinco Life Insurance PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | Softlogic Life Insurance PLC | Silver Award |

Financial Services

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| | IPDC Finance Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| Bangladesh | IDLC Finance Ltd | Silver Award |
| | Bangladesh Finance Limited | Gold Award |
| Nepal | Muktinath Bikas Bank Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | First Habib Modaraba | Certificate of Merit |
| Pakistan | Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | JS Global Capital Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Citizen Development Business Finance PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | People's Leasing & Finance PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | L B Finance PLC | Joint Bronze Award |

Manufacturing

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Reckitt Benckiser Bangladesh Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| Bangladesh | British American Tobacco Bangladesh | Joint Silver Award |
| | Walten Hi-tech Industries PLC | Joint Gold Award |
| | Ambuja Cements Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| India | Grasim Industries Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Jk Cement | Certificate of Merit |
| Nepal | Bottlers Nepal Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Cherat Packaging Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| Pakistan | Engro Polymer and Chemical Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| | Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| | Samson International PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | Dipped Product PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | Lanka Walltiles | Certificate of Merit |

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| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | Robi Axiata Ltd | Bronze Award |
| | Grameenphone Ltd | Silver Award |
| India | National Internet Exchange | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka Telecom PLC | Gold Award |

Communication & Information Technology

Service (Excluding Financial Services & Communication & IT Sector)

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | Unique Hotel & Resorts Ltd | Joint Silver Award |
| India | EIH Associated Hotels Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Nepal | Karja Suchana Kendra Limited | Bronze Award |
| Cui Laula | Hayleys Advantis Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| Sri Lanka | Singer Sri Lanka PLC | Gold Award |

NGOs (Including NPOs)

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| | BRAC | Certificate of Merit |
| Bangladesh | Community Development Center (CODEC) | Joint Bronze Award |
| | SAJIDA Foundation | Joint Gold Award |
| India | Vidya Dairy | Certificate of Merit |
| | Memon Medical Institute & Hospital | Silver Award |
| Pakistan | The Citizens Foundation | Joint Gold Award |
| | Childlife Foundation | Joint Gold Award |
| | The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing | Joint Bronze Award |
| SII Lalika | The Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Lanka (AAT) | |
| | | |

Agriculture

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bangladesh | ACI Formulations Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Elpitiya Plantations PLC | Joint Bronze Award |
| Sri Lanka | Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC | Silver Award |
| | Kelani Valley Plantations PLC | Gold Award |

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Public Sector

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Infrastructure Development Co. Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Investment Corporation of Bangladesh | Joint Bronze Award |
| India | Numaligarh Refinary Ltd | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Southeastern Coalfields Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| | Power Finance Corporation Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| Pakistan | Pakistan Petroleum Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Oil and Gas Development Company Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Pakistan State Oil Company Limited | Silver Award |

Diversified Holding

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | ACI Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Delviston | TPL Corporation Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Pakistan | Crescent Steel and Allied Products Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| | Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC | Bronze Award |
| Sri Lanka | John Keells Holdings PLC | Silver Award |
| | Hayleys PLC | Joint Gold Award |

Power & Energy

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | United Power Gen. Dist Co. Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Summit Power Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| | Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| India | GAIL (India) Ltd. | Joint Bronze Award |
| | The Tata Power Company Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| Nepal | Butwal Power Company Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| Pakistan | The Hub Power Company Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| | K-Electric Limited | Gold Award |
| Sri Lanka | Resus Energy PLC | Certificate of Merit |

Infrastructure & Construction

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | Eastern Housing Limited | Bronze Award |
| | Railtel Corporation of India Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| India | Rites Ltd | Joint Gold Award |
| | NHPC Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| Sri Lanka | RIL Property PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | Access Engineering PLC | Silver Award |

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SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | Shahjalal Islami Bank Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| | IDLC Finance Ltd. | Joint Gold Award |
| | Bank Asia Ltd. | Joint Gold Award |
| Pakistan | Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| | MCB Bank Limited | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Adamjee Insurance Company Limited | Silver Award |
| | Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| Sri Lanka | Hatton National Bank PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | LB Finance PLC | Joint Bronze Award |

Integrated Reporting

| Country | Name of the Entity | Award |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bangladesh | IDLC Finance Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| | Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Bank Asia Ltd. | Joint Gold Award |
| | Credit Access Grameen Ltd | Certificate of Merit |
| India | Grasim Industries Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Tata Consultancy Services Limited | Certificate of Merit |
| | Atlas Honda Limited | Joint Silver Award |
| Pakistan | Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| | Engro Fertilizers Limited | Joint Gold Award |
| Sri Lanka | National Development Bank PLC | Certificate of Merit |
| | John Keells Holdings PLC | Joint Bronze Award |
| | Softlogic Life Insurance PLC | Joint Silver Award |