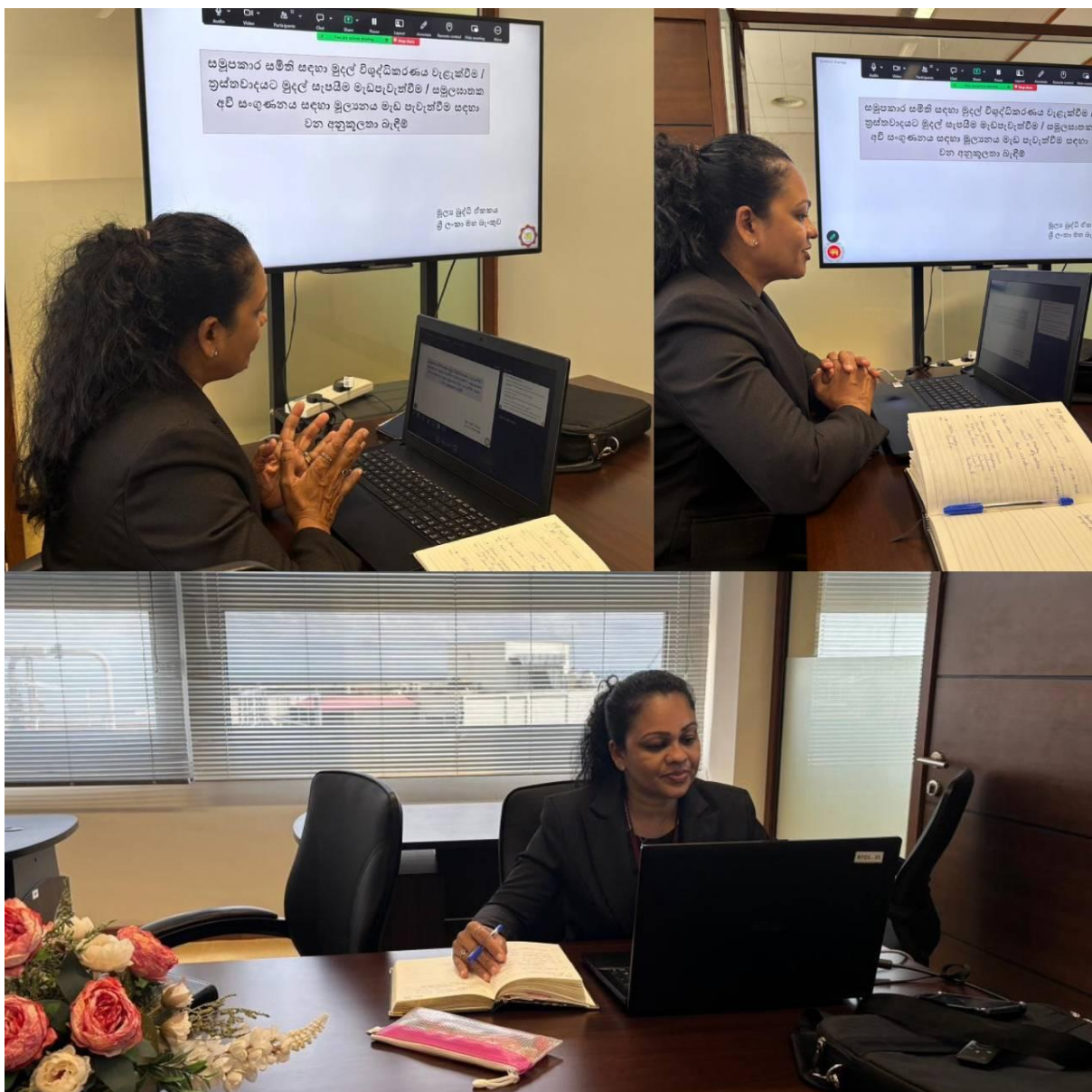


Awareness Programme for Provincial Commissioners of Department of Co-operative Development on AML/CFT/CPF requirements applicable to Co-operative Societies – May 04, 2026

An awareness programme on AML/CFT/CPF requirements applicable to Co-operative Societies was successfully conducted for Provincial Commissioners of the Department of Co-operative Development on May 04, 2026, by the Financial Intelligence Unit via Zoom technology.



Provincial Commissioners representing all 09 provinces, along with officials from the Line Department of Co-operative Development, participated in the programme. The primary objective of the programme was to enhance awareness of AML/CFT/CPF requirements applicable to Co-operative Societies, with particular emphasis on the mandatory appointment of Compliance Officers for each Co-operative Society under the purview of Provincial Commissioners.

Mr. Sampath Weersekera, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Co-operative Development, delivered opening remarks, emphasizing the importance of implementing AML/CFT/CPF requirements within Co-operative Societies.

The session was delivered by Mrs. Theja Pathberiya, Deputy Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit, and covered key areas, including ML/TF concepts, Sri Lanka's legal framework on AML/CFT/CPF, the role and responsibilities of compliance officers, other key compliance obligations applicable to Co-operative Societies and the outcomes of 2024/25 National Risk Assessment.

The programme forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen regulatory awareness and promote effective implementation of AML/CFT/CPF measures within the Co-operative sector.

The provincial Commissioners agreed to conduct a series of awareness programmes for cooperative societies in their respective provinces, including a dedicated session to support the appointment of Compliance Officers (COs). Following these programmes, the Financial Intelligence Unit will deliver targeted training for the newly appointed COs, with a view to strengthening the implementation of AML/CFT/CPF supervisory measures for cooperative societies.