

## Managing Director's Statement on AML/CFT - 2024

**Dear Colleagues,**

My best wishes to you and your families for a very Happy New Year.

We have successfully completed a challenging year, with the best effort of all, in a sustainable and compliant manner. The issues of sustainability and compliance are getting uttermost importance in the financial sector. Compliance with AML/CFT is a major component in this respect.

To strengthen compliance with AML/CFT, preparation of KYC and subsequent management is very important. To make digitalization of KYC, e-KYC implementation is going on and we hope within the year, all individual clients will be on boarded through e-KYC. We are preparing ourselves to achieve the goal. All the employees working in the branches of LBF have been provided with the required training so that they can understand and handle the e-KYC procedure. We know, once implemented, e-KYC will enable us to serve the clients easily.

Besides, increased incidents of financial crime may put financial institutions in a risky position along with its clients. To meet the regulator's direction and guidelines and to maintain the reputation of LBF as a leading financial institution, we must not compromise with the compliance of AML/CFT.

In order to increase consciousness regarding compliance with AML/CFT guidelines, the CCU of LBF has been organizing training in the branches on regular basis. utilization of e-learning to develop the human resources of LBF is ongoing.

Published news in electronic and print media reminds us that we are not free from risks related to human trafficking, drug trade, illegal arms dealing, and extremist financing. Minimum noncompliance or negligence may put an institution in critical condition. Combating money laundering and preventing criminal networks are becoming difficult day by day with the advancement of technology and globalization of financial services.

Therefore, as a leading financial institution, at the onset of a new year, we sincerely commit to be vigilant against the money launderers and terrorist financiers and will continue the adoption of the policy of being compliant with all regulations under the legal framework of "Money Laundering Preventions Act 2012 (amended in 2015) and Anti-Terrorism Act, 2019 (amended in 2012 & 2013) and all other regulatory instructions.

The Board of Directors of LankaBangla Finance PLC. regularly supervises money laundering and terrorist financing control procedures of the company and sets the tone at the top for handling these issues as prevention of these crimes is considered as an integral part of the Company's risk management strategy.

Last but not least, our collective endeavor is indispensable to achieving the goal of our loving organization.

Thank you.