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DISRUPT ASIA: SRI LANKA'S PREMIER STARTUP CONFERENCE AND INNOVATION FESTIVAL

Disrupt Asia 2025 is Sri Lanka's Premier Startup Conference and Innovation Festival, where visionaries, investors, and disruptors come together to shape the future. Showcasing Sri Lanka as South Asia's epicentre for cross border collaboration, the event features industry-defining tracks, exclusive insights into emerging opportunities, and a venture competition showcasing the nation's top startups.

HISTORY OF DISRUPT ASIA

Since its inception in 2016, Disrupt Asia has grown into Sri Lanka's flagship event for tech innovation and entrepreneurship. Starting with just 27 startups and 300+ attendees, the event gained momentum in 2017 by drawing 400+ attendees. In 2018, Disrupt Asia expanded its global footprint, attracting over 750 attendees from 11 countries marking a significant leap in international participation. By 2019, Disrupt Asia had become a globally recognized platform, hosting over 1,000 attendees and delivering a world-class experience. Now, in 2025, we return with our boldest vision yet.



DISRUPT ASIA 2025

Event Dates: 17th – 20th September 2025

Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka & coastal networking venue

Venture Engine Competition – 17 September 2025

Sri Lanka's leading startup funding platform returns, connecting high-potential startups with global investors. Venture Engine has vetted and mentored over 1,000 startups and facilitated more than Rs. 2 billion in funding. This year, Venture Engine is set to return bigger and better than ever.

Disrupt Asia Main Conference Day – 18 September 2025

The flagship day of Disrupt Asia 2025, designed to attract international venture capitalists, accelerators, policymakers, and regional ecosystem enablers. This conference positions Sri Lanka as the next emerging innovation hub in South Asia with strategic keynotes, startup showcases.

Innovation Festival – 19 September 2025

A public-facing celebration of creativity, emerging technologies, and innovation culture. The festival features interactive exhibits and demonstrations aimed at bridging the gap between tech and community.

Sundown Networking – 20 September 2025

A relaxed, high-value networking event hosted by Sri Lanka's leading co-working spaces in a scenic coastal setting outside Colombo. Designed to facilitate authentic connections between founders, investors, and ecosystem leaders.

Disrupt Asia 2025 is your gateway to Asia's next wave of innovation and investment.

Disrupt Asia 2025 as a premier platform for innovation leadership, we will be extending invitations to a distinguished group of individuals who represent the forefront of government, entrepreneurship, and technology.

For More Information: [About Disrupt Asia](#)

Speaker Highlight



H.E. Hon. Anura Kumara
Dissanayake
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka



Hon. Eranga Weeraratne
Deputy Minister of Agriculture



Dr. Hans Wajayasuriya
Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Health



Rajan Anandan
Managing Director, Lanka Development Bank



Sanyra Weerawarana
Chief Executive Officer, Lanka Development Bank



Urmila Chandrasekaram
Chief Executive Officer, Lanka Development Bank



Bhanuka Harischandra
Chief Executive Officer, Lanka Development Bank



Jiffry Zutter
Chief Executive Officer, Lanka Development Bank

TARGET AUDIENCE :

Diplomatic Missions are encouraged to arrange an International Delegation, which consists of VC Firms, angel investors, Incubators and accelerators, exploring partnerships, investments, and innovation opportunities within Sri Lanka and South Asia.

- VC Firms (Early-Stage to Series A): Actively investing in high-growth, scalable startups. (High-priority)
- Angel Investors: Individuals providing early capital and strategic guidance to emerging founders.
- Incubators & Accelerators: Institutions that help startups scale through mentorship, funding, and ecosystem access.
- Innovative Startups: Early to growth-stage ventures solving real-world problems through tech or unique business models.

THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

Disrupt Asia 2025 will focus on high-impact innovation sectors that are shaping the future of economies and societies across the region.

- FinTech, AgriTech, EdTech, HealthTech, BioTech, GovTech

EXPECTED POLICY CHANGES SHAPING SRI LANKAN STARTUP FUTURE

- Establishment of Fund of Funds: Collaboration with government and financial institutions to create a sustainable funding model for tech startups, with a detailed operational model presented for ministerial approval.
- Development of a VC Tax Structure: Formulation of a favorable tax framework to attract venture capital investments, involving consultation with tax experts and policymakers.
- Exchange Control Relaxation: Streamlining account opening processes for investment accounts, mandating banks to open both Inward and Outward Investment Accounts within one working day, increasing annual investment caps for individuals and institutions, and conducting annual reviews to align with market demands.
- Attract Global Talent: Introducing entrepreneur and working holiday visas, amending the Foreign Exchange Act to allow sweat equity for foreign individuals, and enabling startups to sponsor skilled foreign workers through an efficient online system.
- Investor Residency Program: Establishing residency incentives for foreign investors, including tax benefits, business-friendly policies, and strategic investment incentives.
- Ease of Doing Business: Centralizing approvals under a regulatory body, creating a transparent digital platform for business processes, and providing global market intelligence and go-to-market support.
- Legal Protection for Businesses: Implementing legal frameworks for startups to restructure during financial distress, introducing bankruptcy legislation, and streamlining worker layoff policies for early-stage companies.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF DISRUPT ASIA 2025

Disrupt Asia 2025 aims to catalyze Sri Lanka's innovation and startup ecosystem through meaningful outcomes that extend beyond the event itself. The following key results are targeted:

- Establishment of 1–2 new venture capital funds operating locally to drive early and growth-stage startup investments.
- Showcase of 50 high-potential startups, with startups expected to secure funding opportunities.
- Facilitation of strategic business contracts and partnerships among startups, corporates, and global innovation partners.
- Incorporation of international-standard accelerator programs in Sri Lanka to support long-term startup incubation and scaling.

SRI LANKAN STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

This section provides essential insights and powerful messages to equip our delegates with a clear understanding of the current landscape and the transformative potential of Disrupt Asia 2025. Here, you will find key data points highlighting the rapid growth and dynamic nature of the Sri Lankan startup ecosystem, backed by strong government support and vibrant community engagement.



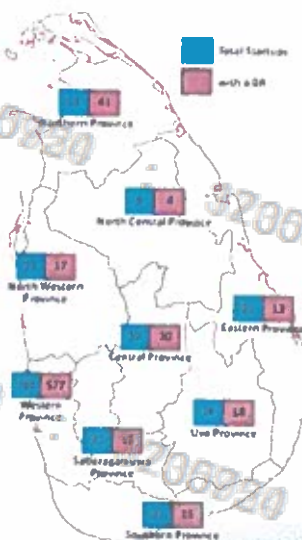
Alongside these facts, we outline strategic messages that emphasize the significance of this event, not only as a platform for innovation and investment but also as a catalyst for policy reforms and regional collaboration. Delegates are encouraged to use these facts and messages to communicate the vision, impact, and opportunities of Disrupt Asia confidently and consistently within their networks.

Snapshot on Sri Lankan startup ecosystem and key highlights from Startup Genome Report

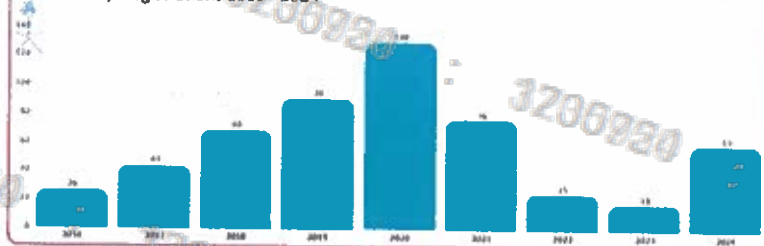
Snapshot of a SL Startup Ecosystem (By 2024)



Regional Breakdown



Total Startup Registrations 2019 - 2024



Top Sectors	
Artificial Intelligence	77
Internet of Things	70
Finance / Fintech	65
E-commerce	170
Educational Edutech	111
Agri-tech / Agri-tech	43
Digital Marketing	119
Other	296

Listed startups 950

Startups with Business Registration 729

Employment Generation 7346

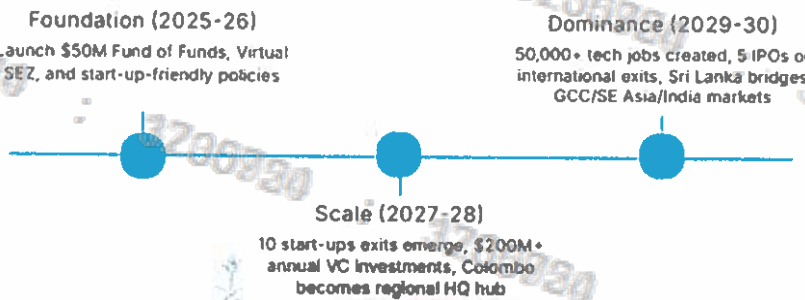
Based on the Startup Genome Report



SL Goal towards ecosystem development

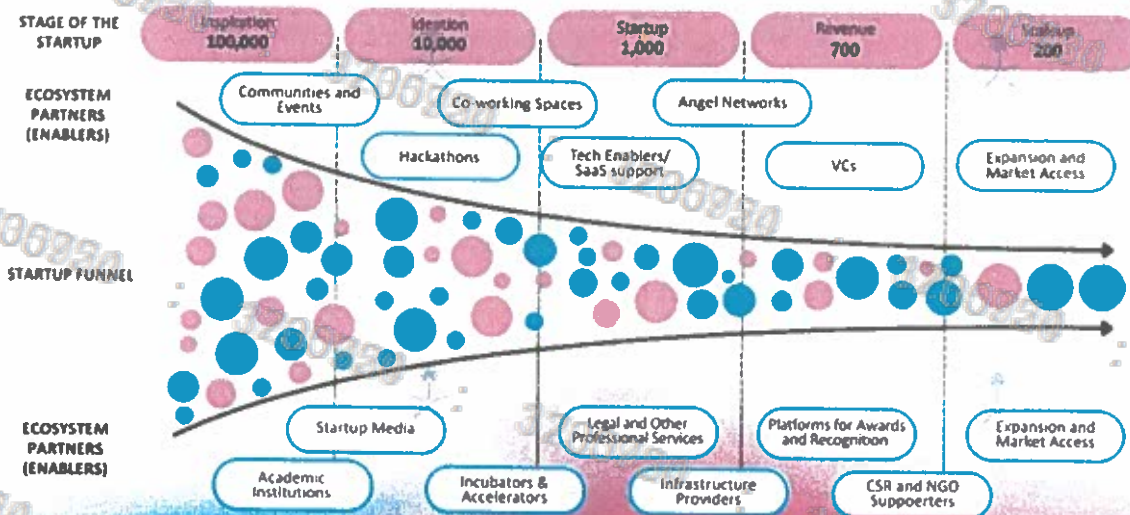
SL Goal Towards Ecosystem Development

From 2025-2030, Disrupt Asia will transform Sri Lanka into South Asia's digital hub through three phases



A strategy to build 200 scale-up stage startups by leveraging a funnel of inspiration and strategically positioning ecosystem partners at each stage of the startup journey.

10,000 Ideas to 200 Scaleups



More highlights:

The country is poised to grow into a \$15 billion digital economy by 2030, driven by digital and AI strategies inviting global investors.

Source: <https://startupgenome.com/articles/sri-lanka-tech-ecosystem-by-the-numbers>

Over 950 startups are registered on StartupSL, with a target of 1,000 startups and 10,000 jobs by 2025.

Source: <https://www.startupsl.lk>

Events like Disrupt Asia and Global Entrepreneurship Week have helped raise the ecosystem's profile and foster networking (The Morning, Startup Genome).

Sources: <https://www.themorning.lk/articles/IFTwc2nnyrXajytdHa6s>

<https://startupgenome.com/ecosystems/sri-lanka>

The ecosystem aims to increase female founders to 100 by end of 2024 and empower women entrepreneurs through programs like AccelerateHER

Source: <https://startupgenome.com/ecosystems/sri-lanka>

ADVANTAGES FOR VC FIRMS, ACCELERATORS AND INCUBATORS FROM DISRUPT ASIA 2025

Disrupt Asia 2025 is being organized through a first-of-its-kind coalition of government agencies, private sector leaders, diplomats, and innovation stakeholders. This collaboration positions Sri Lanka as a rising Innovation Festival in South Asia offering a unified front for investors seeking policy alignment, deal flow, and high-impact partnerships.

Sri Lanka has collaborated with international VC firms and inviting more to partner us.

Regional and international VCs



For VC firms: Strategic Entry into South Asia's Emerging Market

Disrupt Asia 2025 provides VCs with:

- Direct access to investable startups across key verticals including fintech, healthtech, agri-tech, AI, and edu tech.
- Opportunities to engage with co-investors, opening up collaborative investment prospects.
- Exposure to policy and legal reforms that support investor-friendly regulations (e.g., Fund of Funds, Virtual SEZ, startup incentives).
- Participation in investor roundtables and matchmaking sessions to fast-track partnerships and pipeline development.

For Accelerators: Market Insights & Regional Growth

Accelerators attending Disrupt Asia 2025 will gain:

- Opportunities to identify startups ready for acceleration and regional expansion.
- Insights into how the ecosystem supports VC and accelerator collaboration including access to government support, R&D networks, and cross-border entry points.
- A chance to evaluate partnerships with local hubs and incubators, especially with the planned incorporation of one global-standard accelerator in Sri Lanka.

Demonstrated Track Record

- Several startups have already secured funding, setting the stage for a new wave of promising ventures to emerge and thrive.

Raised Funding (2022-2024)



IPO/Exits

IN VENTURES

2020
Virtusa
Taken
private by
EQT

2021
99x
Acquired by
Herkules
Capital

2021
Kapruka
Went
IPO

2022
Paladin
Acquired by
Surge

2024
WSO2
Acquired by
EQT

2024
PickMe
Went IPO

2020
Takas.Ik
Acquired by
Ideal
Industries

2021
hSenid
Went IPO

2022
Linear Squared
Acquired by
Algonomy

2022
Trabeya
Acquired by
Surge

2024
Kaiju Labs
Acquired by
KAST

BRANDING + LOGO

To ensure consistency across all global communications, we are providing the official Disrupt Asia 2025 logo along with the brand color palette and key visual guidelines. You can access and download these assets from the Brand Elements Kit linked below. Please use these elements in all promotional materials, digital assets, and communications related to the event.

Logos: [Click Here](#)

COMMON WHATSAPP MESSAGE CONTENT

Hi!

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17-20 September 2025
Colombo & Southern Coast

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- Day 2: Thursday, 18th September 2025 – Conference & Startup Showcase
- Day 3: Friday, 19th September 2025 – Innovation Festival
- Day 4: Saturday, 20th September 2025 – Sundown Networking Event

Pre-register now: [Click Here](#)

Learn more: www.disruptasia.today

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OFFICIAL EMAIL TEMPLATES

Invitation to Join Disrupt Asia 2025 – Sri Lanka's Premier Startup Conference and Innovation Festival, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dear Mr/Ms/Miss [Name],

On behalf of [Your Organization], we are delighted to invite you to Disrupt Asia 2025 – Sri Lanka's Premier Startup Conference and Innovation Festival, taking place from September 17th to 20th, 2025, in Colombo. Organized by the Ministry of Digital Economy and the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), alongside global and national partners, the event is a flagship platform for innovation, investment, and entrepreneurship.

Since 2016, Disrupt Asia has become a cornerstone of Sri Lanka's startup ecosystem, engaging 5,000+ participants, showcasing over 200 startups, and connecting with global experts and policymakers. The 2025 edition will feature Venture Engine, Sri Lanka's leading startup competition; a high-impact conference with global investors and industry pioneers; an innovation festival open to the public; and a sundown networking event designed for strategic conversations and future-forward announcements.

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Key event highlights include:

- Keynote Sessions and Conference: Official commencement featuring government representatives, industry pioneers, and local & international startups.
- Startup & Innovation Showcase: A dedicated exhibition for local and international ventures to showcase their breakthrough innovations and disruptive startups.
- Investor Matchmaking: One-on-one meetups between high-potential startups and investors to streamline the funding process and explore investment opportunities.
- Thematic Discussions: Focused conversations on the latest industry trends including FinTech, HealthTech, Generative AI, AgriTech, GovTech and more.
- Networking: Sessions to foster collaboration and build lasting relationships.

We deeply value your expertise in regional innovation and would be honored to welcome you to Disrupt Asia 2025. Your presence would inspire Sri Lanka's startup ecosystem and help foster meaningful cross-border partnerships. We also welcome introductions to others in your network who may be interested in exploring Sri Lanka's investment landscape.

Please confirm your availability at your earliest convenience, and let us know if you require any further details.

Sincerely,

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[Your name and Designation]

Pre-registration link - [Click Here](#)

REGISTRATIONS & MORE INFORMATION

TICKET PRICE - \$100

Partner Directions for Engaging VCs, Angel Investors & Accelerators

Step 1: Identify Relevant Partners

- Diplomatic Mission partners are encouraged to identify relevant VCs, angel investors, accelerators and incubators from their respective countries who would align with the goals of Disrupt Asia 2025.

Step 2: Recommend Firms for Invitation

- Submit a recommended list of VCs, angel investors, or accelerators to the Disrupt Asia team. (info@disruptasia.today)
- For each recommendation, include:
 - Type of attendee
 - Name of the firm or individual
 - Email
 - Phone number
 - Short bio

Step 3: The Disrupt Asia team will also share the key VC firms, accelerators, and incubators in your market. Connect them with the Disrupt Asia team.

Note: To explore additional benefits, kindly submit a request. Each submission will be assessed individually, and we will inform you of the decision.

- Use our pre-approved Disrupt Asia Deck and invitation letter template (provided Above).
- Please coordinate with MODE/ICTA to align messaging and track confirmations.
- When sending invitations, kindly copy the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on all communications.

Letter Signing & Branding

- All official invitation letters issued by the Diplomatic Mission or Embassy must be:
 - On official letterhead
 - Signed by the Head of Diplomatic Mission, Ambassador, or an officially designated representative
- Alternatively, invitations sent through ICTA will be signed by:
 - An officially designated representative of the Ministry

Step 5: Coordinate Introductions & Follow-ups

- Share all confirmations or active conversations with the Disrupt Asia team.
- We will coordinate follow-up details and onboarding of confirmed VCs, angels, and accelerators to ensure a smooth experience.

TIMELINE & BENEFITS FOR SELECTED VC DELEGATES – DISRUPT ASIA 2025

We kindly request that you stay engaged with us from the official launch. Please refer to the timeline below for key milestones.

June 2025 – Official Launch & Awareness

- Disrupt Asia 2025 Press Launch
Join us as we unveil this year's edition through a live-streamed event.
Streamed live via Disrupt Asia's official Facebook and YouTube channels
Youtube : [Click Here](#)
Facebook : [Click Here](#)
- Social media promotion
After the press launch, we will start Social Media Promotion.

July 2025 - Open for tickets

- General Participation
Registrations for general attendees will open on mid july via our official website:
disruptasia.today
- Pre-registration: [Click Here](#)

We will offer support in onboarding & travel support, accommodation arrangements, Visa facilitation

August 2025 – Final Visa Processing

- Dedicated visa facilitation window for confirmed delegates.
- All documents and approvals processed in coordination with relevant authorities.

September 2025 – The Main Event

- An immersive four-day experience featuring startup pitches, global forums, innovation showcases, and high-level networking.

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**DISRUPT ASIA 2019
STARTUP BATTLE
GRAND FINALE**

SRI LANKA'S PREMIER STARTUP
CONFERENCE AND INNOVATION EVENT



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Group Head of Technology
Wipro Lanka, Inc.



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JIFFREY**

CEO, Hienaz
Hienaz Pvt. Ltd.



**MIRKO
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Details of Disrupt Asia 2025



Colombo, Sri Lanka



17th - 21st September 2025



8:00 A.M - 11:00 P.M



Specialized
tracks



Investor
& Business
Matchmaking



Networking
session



Startup
Showcase



Venture
Competition



Conference



Innovation
Festival



Beach
Festival

Key Objectives of Disrupt Asia Conference

Target Audience: 1500+ high-level local and international entrepreneurial ecosystem, including startup founders, investors, venture capitalists, policymakers, and industry leaders.



Facilitate venture funding for Sri Lankan startups and scaleups.



Attract new venture studios and accelerators to Sri Lanka.



Showcase the best of Sri Lanka's tech ecosystem.



Highlight the specialized tracks in the digital economy.

Key Objectives of Disrupt Asia Innovation Festival

Target Audience: The mass population, including key stakeholders such as academia, government institutions, private sector professionals, students, and the broader community.



Education & Awareness on tech innovation



Showcase innovation to undergraduates and students



Workshops and hands on experience startup models.



Awareness on STEAM education and STEM careers

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Disrupt Asia 2018
highlights

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Disrupt Asia 2019
highlights

Why attend Disrupt Asia 2025?



Driving Regional Collaboration & Strengthening South Asia's Digital Integration



- Disrupt Asia 2025 will bring together high-level policymakers, industry leaders, and regional stakeholders to explore cross-border digital cooperation while facilitating discussions on fintech, AI, cybersecurity, digital trade, and emerging technologies, reinforcing its role as a key platform for shaping South Asia's interconnected digital economy.

Inspiring and Catalyzing South Asia's Next Wave of Tech Entrepreneurs

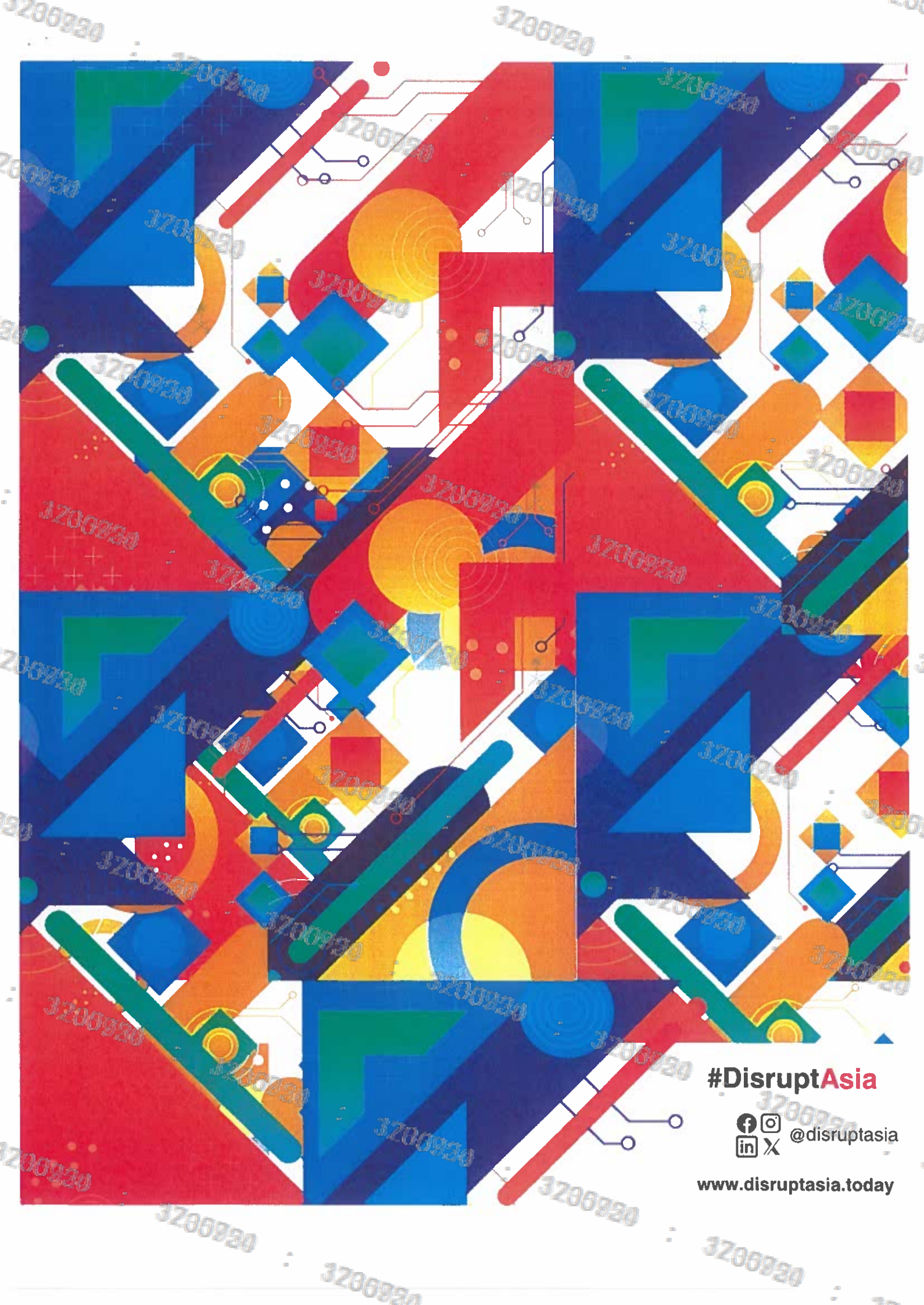


- Disrupt Asia 2025 will empower the next generation of innovators with high-impact discussions on leveraging DPI (Digital Public Infrastructure) for startup growth, investment attraction, and digital economy expansion. Sri Lanka's most promising founders, investors, and accelerators—alongside key stakeholders from the international entrepreneurial ecosystem—will have the opportunity to engage in keynote sessions, fireside chats, and mentorship opportunities designed to drive meaningful impact.

Shaping the Future of South Asia's Digital Economy



- Disrupt Asia 2025 will be a driving force in defining South Asia's digital transformation. With a focus on building a dynamic and future-ready digital economy, the event will convene industry pioneers, investors, and innovators to explore breakthroughs in digital infrastructure and shape the policies, investments, and technological advancements that will propel the region into the next era of digital growth.



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Main Deck 2025



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Disrupt Asia is a platform to bring together Sri Lanka's next generation of builders, movers, and shakers who are collectively crafting tomorrow's world.

Since its inception in 2016, each edition of Disrupt Asia has gone on to showcase the best of Sri Lanka in tech and innovation, with participation swelling with each subsequent edition.

In 2025, Disrupt Asia aims to go bigger and bolder, with appearances from big names in the region and an event roster curated for maximum exposure for partners and participants alike.



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Sri Lanka's Premier Startup Conference and Innovation Festival

This year, the festival aims to achieve three key goals.

Launch a USD 50 Million Fund of Funds

To support deserving local entrepreneurs and mission-driven startups to succeed

Legal and Policy Advocacy

To create a channel and platform through which the private sector can participate in investment, policy reform, and digital initiatives at a national level

Launch of a Virtual SEZ

To create a favourable, cost-effective, and innovation-friendly environment for global tech firms and startups so they may consider setting up in Sri Lanka

2019

Keynote by Casey Lau and
Amarit Charoenphan
1000+ attendees from
around the world



2018

Keynote by Nick Marino and
Glenn Robinson
750+ attendees from 11 countries



2017

Keynote by Cheryl Edison
and Kevin Petrovic
400+ attendees



2016

Keynote by Brian Wong
and JF Gauthier
300+ attendees



A Roster of Past Speakers and Panelists Spanning the Breadth of the World



Brian Wong is the Founding Partner at BW Growth Ventures/Asci.vc and co-founder of Klip, a mobile ad platform backed by over \$40 million from investors.



JF Gauthier is a Silicon Valley serial entrepreneur, best known as the Founder and CEO of Startup Genome and a leading voice in innovation ecosystem development.



Cheryl Edlison is a Venture Partner at Venturewave Capital, specialising in scaling businesses, international market entry, and sustainable growth strategies.



Kevin Petrovic is the co-founder of FlightCar, a peer to peer car sharing company built for airport travellers. FlightCar is now disrupting the car rental market in 12 cities and counting.



Nick Manno Jr. is a leader in corporate social responsibility and nonprofit innovation. Co-founded Revolving Mind Media and supports ventures promoting social impact.



Glenn Robinson is a senior executive with experience across industry and startups in South Asia and is a published author and speaker on innovation, entrepreneurship and wealth-creation.



Casey Lau is one of Hong Kong's tech start-up pioneers. Casey speaks regularly around Asia on Hong Kong's startup scene at conferences, and teaches a class for new entrepreneurs at General Assembly.



Amarit Charoerphan is the VP of Growth, Southeast Asia for INNOVERA, Managing Partner of Aim Ventures, and a Partner of Unfold Ventures, Thailand's most active angel investor network.



Alejandro Alvarez has over two decades of experience driving private-sector-led growth. He is currently the Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Maldives at the International Finance Corporation.



Craig Dixon is a Founding General Partner of Accelerating Asia Ventures, an early stage Venture Capital + Accelerator investing in and supporting early stage technology companies.



Priyan Fernando brings over 30 years of leadership experience across global firms such as American Express, Boston Consulting Group, and Ernst & Young. Currently the Chairman of Brandix Lanka.



Mohan Belani is the Co-founder and CEO of e27, a startup and tech ecosystem platform focused on helping startup founders build and grow their companies.

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Alok Lall is the Chief Operating Officer at Microsoft for the Indian and South Asian region, and bring with him nearly 30 years of experience in tech.



David Mann is Chief Economist - Asia and MEA for Mastercard, with a strong markets background working in London, New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.



Sanjay Jain is deeply involved in India's digitization journey and has been a leading figure in the rollout of Aadhar, UPI, and the India Stack. Prior to that, he was an EIR at Khosla Labs and a PM at Google.



James Tan is Managing Partner at Quest Ventures, a top venture capital fund in Asia. Previously, he was co-founder and COO of 55tuan, a NASDAQ listed e-commerce group.



Lakmini Wijesundera is the Founder and CEO of BoardPac and IronOne Technologies, and has over 18 years of experience in technology management and global distribution.



Mark Moffat is the Chief Executive Officer of IFS, a global leader in enterprise cloud and Industrial AI software. Before IFS, he held senior leadership roles at PwC.



Megha Jain is an early stage impact focused investor keen to engage with entrepreneurs in the field of technology, consumer, agriculture, healthcare and financial services.



Rajan Anandan is the Managing Director at PeakXV Partners and Surge, with a notable career spanning leadership roles at Google, Microsoft, Dell, and McKinsey & Company.



Ravi Narayan is a pioneer in the Venture Catalyst/Startup Accelerator space. He has worked for the last decade in building institutions for supporting entrepreneurship globally.



Romesh Ranawana is the Group Chief Analytics and AI Officer at Dialog Axiata. Dr. Ranawana has experience as an academic, entrepreneur, and business leader.

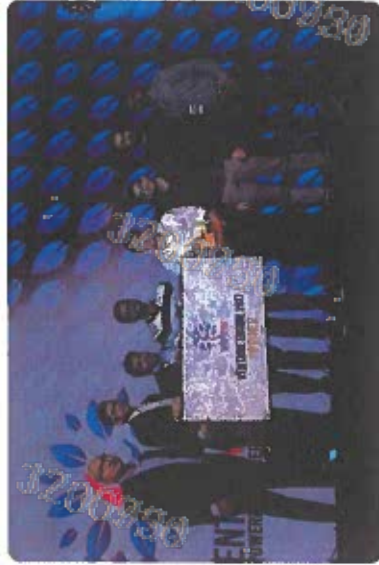


Sachindra Samararatne is the Associate Chief Digital Economy Officer of ICTA. He is tasked with driving the Industry, Startup & Innovation SBUs under the Digital Economy Pillar of ICTA.



Siddhartha Raja is a World Bank Senior Specialist for Technology & Jobs. He leads the World Bank's thinking on how technology is reshaping the world of work.

Four Days of Exciting Events and Networking



17 September
2025

Venture Engine

Live pitches and investment from top local angels and regional VCs.



18 September
2025

Main Conference

An entire day of illuminating discussions and power-packed events.



19 September
2025

Innovation Fest

A showcase of Sri Lanka's best innovations. Open to the general public.



20 September
2025

Networking

A closed-door, sundown networking session at a scenic, beachfront location.



Venture Engine

Angel funding platform for entrepreneurship and social impact

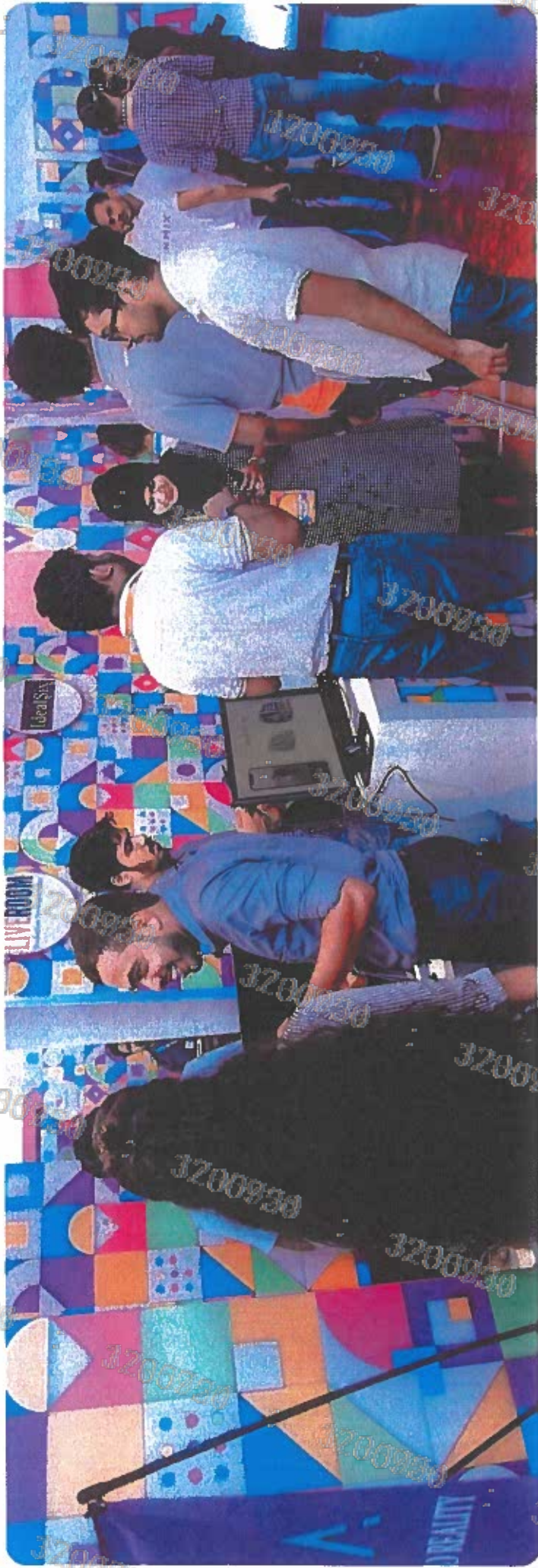
Venture Engine is Sri Lanka's pioneering startup acceleration program, founded by BOV Capital and the Indian Angel Network, and partnered by the Lankan Angel Network (LAN). Since its launch in 2012, it has become the country's most successful platform for funding innovative and scalable startups that address genuine pain points. Over 10 editions, Venture Engine has vetted more than a thousand startups and attracted over Rs. 2 billion in funding for more than 35 promising businesses. Key sponsors include the Ford Foundation and Indian venture capital firm Aavishkaar, alongside other prominent partners in Sri Lanka's startup ecosystem.



Disrupt Asia Main Conference

A premier technology conference on par with the region's flagship events

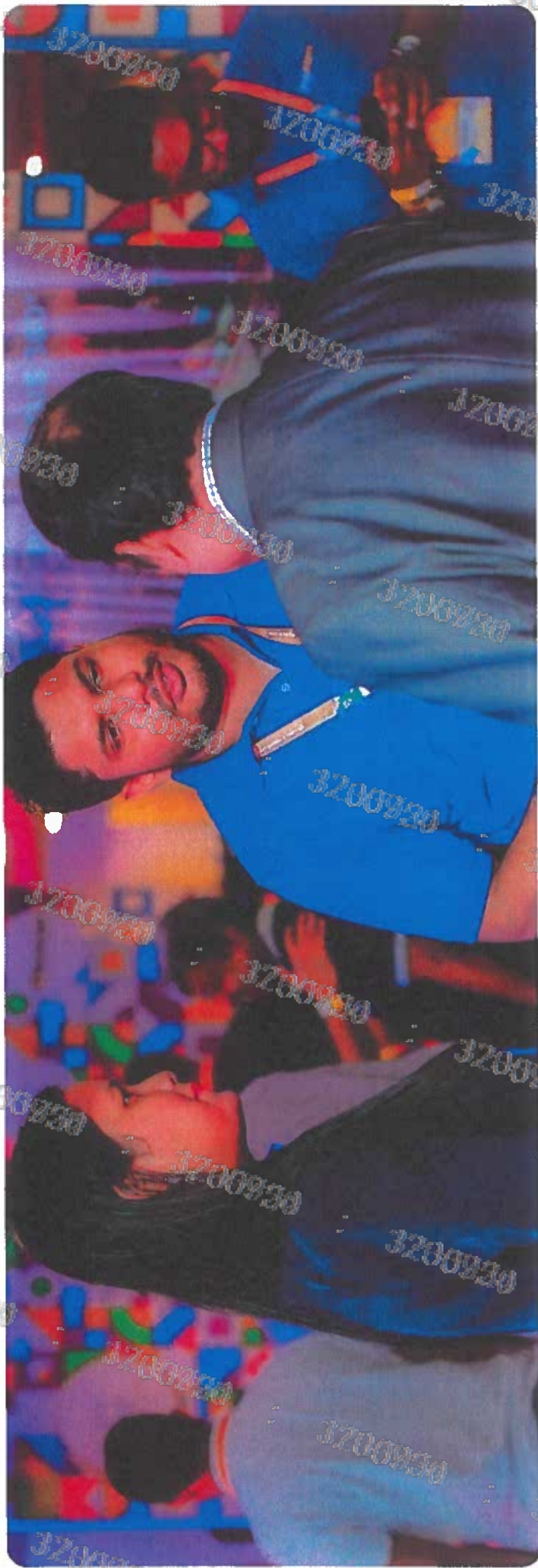
Since 2016, Disrupt Asia has stood as Sri Lanka's iconic flagship event celebrating entrepreneurship and the startup ecosystem. With each passing year, the conference has grown in stature and influence, attracting innovation luminaries, visionary entrepreneurs, business leaders, and global companies to the sunny shores of Sri Lanka. The 2025 edition promises to be bigger and better than ever, proudly powered by title sponsor Mastercard.



Innovation Fest

A showcase of the best innovations from all four corners of Sri Lanka

The innovation festival taking place as part of Disrupt Asia 2025 will be a showcase for emerging innovations which are the brainchild of Sri Lanka's next generation. The festival is open to the public, with previous editions attracting a wide cross section of society from school children to SME owners investing for growth, and corporate executives on the hunt for the next big thing to help propel their organizations forward.



Networking Event

A fitting finale to a celebration of Sri Lanka's untapped potential

As the four day festival comes to a close, this private networking event is curated to encourage high-value introductions and conversations. Expected to be held at a scenic beachside location in Colombo, this event will also serve as the final point of announcement for significant future initiatives.

Speaker Highlight



**H.E. Hon. Anura Kumara
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President of Sri Lanka



Hon. Eranga Weeraratne
Deputy Minister of Digital Economy



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local and global investors



69%

of investees said the event far exceeded expectations in terms of value provided

60%

of investors were impressed by the event's organization and execution

40%

of investors found the event to be insightful and relevant

40%

praised the high quality and engaging content and panels

Key Highlights From 2024



"As a VC with already two investments in Sri Lanka, this was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our network with local investors and meet new startups of high caliber. We have invited several startups to apply for our upcoming Accelerator Programs.

I was impressed about the concentration of decision makers both from private and public sector who attended. As a foreign VC, we rely on a strong local network which I managed to strengthen during my trip. Moreover, I was very impressed by the tech talent that there is in Sri Lanka - this left me inspired to visit back more regularly and meet new founders for potential investments."



Jonas Thuerig
Managing Partner and VP, APAC, Tenity



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