

2014 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

A concise overview of what one can expect in global economy,
key economies and in Sri Lankan economy.

0900-1300 HRS 19th
December, OAK Room, Cinnamon Grand

In a world of increasing economic interconnections, the challenges facing Sri Lanka are great; but so too are the opportunities. Thus, no business executive can afford not to have a finger on the pulse of the economy. Performance of Sri Lankan economy during the next 12 months will be closely linked to that of US and Euro Zone. The gradual withdrawal—or ‘tapering’—of unconventional monetary policy in the U.S. may have potential spillover effects on Sri Lanka.

Whilst continue to exploit opportunities in traditional markets, Sri Lanka must also turn to the Orient for future growth prospects, as the bulk of world GDP growth is expected to come from Pacific rim and India. The challenge corporate executives facing are; how to make sense from the present day economic volatility and identify what probable impact the evolving economy will have on their respective sectors.

With this in mind, Razeen Sally PhD (LSE), Visiting Professor at Lee Kuan Yew Institute of Public Policy of National University of Singapore will critically examine the outlook of world economy, the state of play of key economies and what one can expect in Sri Lankan economy in the year 2014 at LBR LBO Debrief on “2014 Economic Outlook” on 19th December from 9 am to 1 pm.

The program will end with a panel discussion, with the participation of Chamira P. Wijetilleke, Deshal de Mel, Riyaaz Rasheed2nd, Razeen Sally, Anushka Wijesinha (moderator).

0800	0845	Registration
0800	0850	Breakfast 
0850	0900	Opening remarks
0900	0930	Outlook for global economy
0930	1015	State of play and outlook in key economies: US, EU, China, ASEAN and India
1015	1045	Tea/Coffee 
1045	1130	Assessment of and outlook for the Sri Lankan economy
1130	1245	Panel discussion <div> <div>Chamira P. Wijetilleke Head of Corporate Banking / HSBC Sri Lanka and Maldives</div> <div>Riyaaz Rasheed DCEO / Etisalat Sri Lanka</div> </div> <div> <div>Deshal de Mel Senior Economist / Hayleys Group</div> <div>Razeen Sally Associate Professor / Lee Kuan Yew. School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore</div> </div> <div>Moderator Anushka Wijesinha Research Economist / Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)</div>
1245	1300	Closing remarks
1300	1345	Lunch 



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Razeen Sally's research and teaching focuses on global trade policy and Asia in the world economy. He has written extensively on the WTO, FTAs, and on different aspects of trade policy in Asia. He has also written on the history of economic ideas, especially the theory of commercial policy. He has consulted widely for governments, international organizations and businesses in Europe and Asia, and has worked for extended periods in France, Germany, Belgium, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Hong Kong. He writes frequently in international newspapers, and comments regularly on international economic issues on radio and TV.

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