

Tilaka Kumara Wakista

Summary

Tilaka Wakista, a seasoned professional with over 34 years of experience, has a proven record of excellence in engineering, procurement, logistics, and transport management. As the Department Head of Premises & Engineering at the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Tilaka has demonstrated expertise in managing complex projects, developing sustainable solutions, and delivering results that align with organizational objectives.

Skills

- Strategic Planning and Execution
- Leadership and Team Management
- Engineering and Technical Expertise
- Project Management
- Procurement and Logistics
- Sustainability and Compliance
- Technical Skills

Professional Experience

Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (27 years 9 months)

- **Department Head – Premises & Engineering** July 2021 – March 2025 (3 years 9 months)
- **Chief Manager – Premises & Engineering** April 2016 – June 2021 (5 years 2 months)
- **Senior Manager** – Premises & Engineering January 2009 – March 2016 (7 years 2 months)
- **Manager** – Premises & Engineering February 2003 – December 2008 (5 years 10 months)
- **Engineer** – Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) July 1997 – January 2003 (5 years 6 months)

Collettes Limited

Mechanical Engineer 1994 – 1997 (2 years)

International Distillers Lanka Limited

Maintenance Engineer 1991 – 1994 (3 years)

Education

- B.Sc. Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
- Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Memberships

- Associate Member, Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka
- Member, Alumni Association of MBA Holders, University of Colombo

Professional Training & Certifications

Relevant Certifications:

- Certificate in Anti-Money Laundering / Countering the Financing of Terrorism awareness, Fintelekt Academy
- Project Management Program, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India
- Properties & Facilities Management, Marcus Evans, Bangkok

Workshops & Training:

- Institutional Carbon Footprint Calculation, GBCSL
- Business Continuity Management & Disaster Recovery, McQuire Rens & Jones
- Air Quality Management and Adverse Results of Photochemical Pollution, GBCSL
- In-Plant Training in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at Ceylon Railways, Walker and Sons Limited, and Ceylon Steel Corporation

Lecturing and Training Experience

Deputy Executive Director – Sri Lanka Business Development Centre (SLBDC)

- Conducted entrepreneurship training and consultancy programs using GTZ CEFE methodology

Assistant Lecturer – Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa

- Conducted undergraduate lectures and tutorials in Mechanical Engineering Department and consulted the Assisted in curriculum development