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HSBC'S SENIOR ASIAN ECONOMIST TO VISIT SRI LANKA

Leif Lybecker Eskesen, Chief Economist for HSBC India and ASEAN will visit Sri Lanka this week. During his visit, he will address the Bank's corporate customers on '*Asia's Inflation – Growth Tango: who's dominating the dance?*' at a special Power Breakfast, scheduled to be held on 7 October 2011, at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

Leif Lybecker Eskesen joined HSBC in October 2010 as Chief Economist for India and ASEAN and is currently based at HSBC Global Research, Singapore.

Before joining HSBC, Leif was Senior Economist and Country Mission Chief at the International Monetary Fund's Headquarters in Washington, DC. During his career spanning ten years at the International Monetary Fund, he has covered a number of Asian and European countries, including South Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Austria, Denmark, and Croatia. He was also engaged in regional work across many Asian countries and was co-author of IMF's bi-annual report "Regional Economic Outlook-Asia and Pacific." In addition to macroeconomic and financial sector research, his responsibilities included assessing and advising governments on macroeconomic and structural policies.

Leif was Head of Section at Denmark's National bank, Denmark's central bank and his responsibilities were related to the Strategic Management of the Foreign Exchange Reserves. He also worked for one of Denmark's largest commercial banks and as a Research Scholar at his University.

Leif has published a number of papers across a wide range of topics, including fiscal policy and labour market issues.

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He holds a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Aarhus, Denmark.

The 'HSBC Power Breakfast' is one in a series of events organized by HSBC Global Markets, to share HSBC'S views on the current/future global economic trends, and its affects on Sri Lanka and the economy. Thus, providing business entities guidance on managing and mitigating foreign currency and interest rate risks.

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