

"Wycherley groomed me into what I am" -Sabrina

"I'm what I am because of Wycherley," words of Sabrina Iftikhar Ahmed, a young and a promising Barrister seemed to encapsulate the 'grounding' given to youngsters at Wycherley International School (WIS) since their formative years. Yet another 'star' of Wycherley, Sabrina entered the portals of this esteemed institution of learning in 1987 to Grade 1.

Till her graduation in 2000, offering Accounting, Business Studies, Law and Economics at A/L's Sabrina proved to be a versatile student, balancing studies with a host of extracurricular activities and sports. "I was the swimming captain of my school house and played

Basket Ball as well. The fusion of sports and quality education received at Wycherley is invaluable to any student who will leave its gates and go out into the mainstream of society," she said. At Wycherley, discipline is the cardinal rule and Sabrina is ever grateful to her alma mater for drilling it into her at a tender age. "I'm grateful to my teachers who taught me what was right and wrong and groomed me into what I'm today," said Sabrina. Having completed her external L.L.B from University of London at Royal Institute,



as a Barrister and took her oaths as an Attorney-at-Law last year. Reminiscing her experience in UK, Sabrina said, "It was just a phenomenal experience. London is a vibrant and a cosmopolitan place to be and the fact that we were exposed to cultural diversity back in school was a tremendous advantage. I specialized in Corporate and Commercial Law and the teaching there was simply brilliant."

Shedding light upon the sound education rendered by Wycherley, Sabrina added, "If anyone aspires to reach global

standards in higher education, I must say Wycherley is the ideal choice. The reputed universities, specially those in the UK have a high regard for academic records of Wycherley and I'm happy to say that most of my friends are doing exceptionally well in top universities in diverse fields." A voracious reader and a movie buff with a flair for writing, Sabrina strongly believes in 'Serving one's land of birth'. Having been quite a globe trotter during her student days in the UK, Sabrina still feels, "there is no place like home." "Although I studied in an International School, it is nevertheless a Sri Lankan school, something we were always made to realize at Wycherley. This is why I'm determined to serve my country because it's where I truly belong," final words of Sabrina seemed to carry a timely message to any budding professional.

Abans Finance strengthens its regional operations

Abans Finance opens its Kandy City Window on Thursday, 25 June 2009 at No.162, D S Senanayaka Veediya, Kandy within the premises of Abans Elite Showroom, a press release said. This window will greatly facilitate the collections the existing clients and prospective depositors in and around Kandy.

Mr Kithsiri Wanigasekera who will be responsible for the operations of the region has assumed duties as Executive Director from 1 June 2009. Mr Wanigasekera said that this move will assist the company to build its operations in the region and ensure a significant growth. Abans Finance is a steadily growing compa-

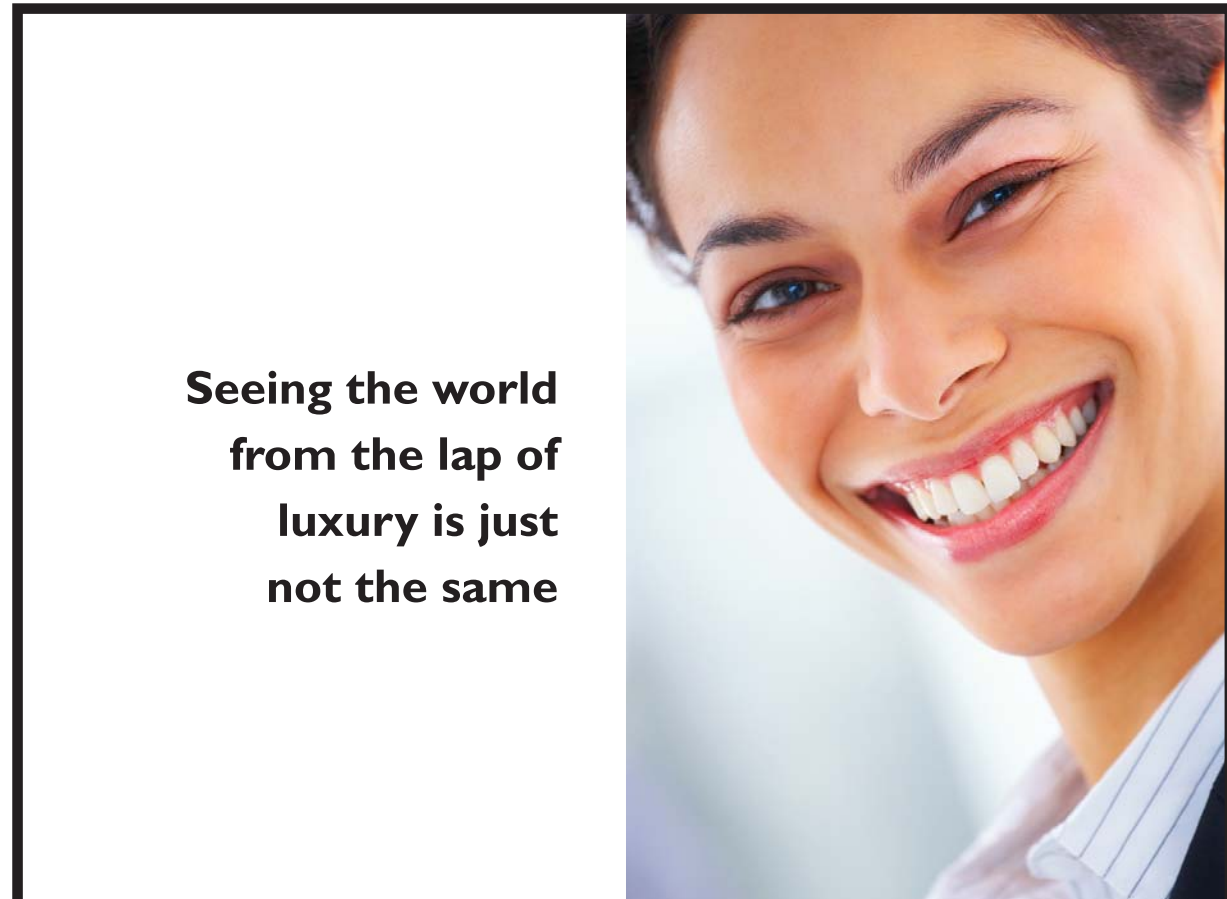
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Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the Finance Companies Act No.78 of 1988 qualifying as a company with a strong issued capital base of Rs.370 Million. Abans Finance is one of the 21 individually operating businesses of Abans Group, which has recently been given an "A" rating from Fitch Rating. The rich corporate heritage of Abans has been a tower of strength to Abans Finance and it does surely benefit from the outreach created by the massive net work of showrooms and dealers scattered through out the country serving as a conduit for canvassing small savings of the rural masses. Hence, the synergies available in the group presents Abans Finance

exciting new avenues of enterprise and growth.

Abans Finance which had set up Windows in 8 main cities has since upgraded the Windows into branches at Anuradhapura, Badulla, Dambulla, Katugastota and Galle whilst it also operates through Windows at Ratnapura, Kurunegala and Gampaha.

Mrs Mano Alles, Managing Director said that despite the challenges that threaten to slow down the economy, it is our responsibility to help more people become players in the formal economy and Mr Wanigasekera's long experience in Kandy would certainly help Abans Finance to carve out a niche in that region."



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Wash hands well with soap to prevent yourself from influenza h1n1

With the second case of the global pandemic disease influenza H1N1 detected here, Sri Lanka's largest health and hygiene soap brand, Lifebuoy cautions people to take simple preventative steps to avoid the illness. The World Health Organisation and the Centers for Disease Control recommend washing your hands with soap as a way of preventing the spread of the virus. Globally Lifebuoy has stepped up its commitment to improving health and hygiene through the active promotion of handwashing with soap to help people feel more safe and secure during this outbreak.

Research proves that hand washing with soap lowered the risk of respiratory infections, like swine flu, by up to 44%. An extract from a research document of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine says "Hand washing with soap is one of the most cost-effective

health interventions we have and now more than ever it is important to promote it. Handwashing with soap is simple and cheap and is an excellent way to remove flu viruses from hands." This simple action was the focus of the first ever Global Handwashing Day in 2008, co-founded by Lifebuoy, which called for improved hygiene practices across the world. Lifebuoy is a pioneer for health and hygiene by providing affordable soap to everyone and campaigning to change handwashing behavior. With this in mind a series of educational articles on hand washing, in order to inculcate this habit among general public, will be published by Lifebuoy.

Can washing hands with soap prevent flu?

Handwashing with soap can help prevent the transmission of swine flu because it interrupts person-to-person

transmission. Washing your hands with soap can help get rid of the germs you pick up from other people, surfaces or animals you come into contact with.

Is washing my hands with water enough?

No. Simply running your hands through warm water isn't enough. Washing your skin with water will not remove microorganisms that cause illness.

When should I wash my hands?

You should wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water, especially if you are touching your mouth, nose or eyes, or surfaces that are potentially contaminated. Make sure you wash your hands after coming home from work or school, when you have been out in public or crowded places, after shaking hands with people exhibiting flu like symptoms, after coughing or sneezing, or after handling animals.

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