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Dushni Weerakoon appointed IPS Executive Director

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Senior Sri Lankan economist Dr. Dushni Weerakoon has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), succeeding renowned economist, late Dr. Saman Kelegama, who passed away in June this year, the institute announced on Wednesday.

Dr. Weerakoon, seen as a cool, calm and collected economist, has over 23 years of experience at the IPS, and has been functioning as its Deputy Director since 2005. Her research and publications cover areas related to macroeconomic policy, regional trade integration, and international economics.

Highly involved in the arena of public policy through her research and direct engagements in policy formulation, she has served as a member of the Macro and Trade Policy Steering Committee of the Ministry of Policy Development and Implementation (2002-2004), an official delegate to the Committee of Experts to negotiate the South Asian Free Trade Agreement under the Ministry of Trade and Commerce (2004-2005) and a member of the Trade and Tariff Committee of the National Council for Economic Development (NCED) of the Ministry of Finance (2004-2010).

She holds a BSc in Economics with First Class Honours from the Queen's University of Belfast, UK, and an MA and PhD in Economics from the University of Manchester, UK. - ENDS -

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