## **Foreword**

The export sector of Sri Lanka is playing a vital role in fostering socio-economic development of the country. The Government has focused and given the highest recognition to the export sector. The export development effort is a long-term, continuous process and the challenges posed by the global market highlights the importance of constant reviewing of the export performance for the purpose of formulating export development policies and strategies. In this backdrop we are pleased to present the "Export Performance Indicators of Sri Lanka" for the year 2015 which is the main statistical publication of the EDB. This annual publication gives a comprehensive analysis of all aspects related to the performance of the export sector of Sri Lanka for the period 2006-2015. It will serve as one single source from which policy makers, academics, exporters as well as prospective exporters and investors to obtain useful information in analyzing the performance and future trends of the sector.

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