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**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR**

I have great pleasure in tendering this message to the first ever newsletter of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. This has been a long-awaited need, albeit immaterialized – our university being still a young one comparatively. However, the initiative to produce one was taken just at the beginning of 2009. Thus, we could very well be proud of having the debut of such a significant production within a short period of time.



The excellences of an august institution like a university emerge with their multifaceted features through its journals, magazines, newsletters etc. The latter becomes an important one in that the dynamicity of a university is conveyed through it; for, all that are fresh there element the contents of a newsletter - a platform for the display of its current developments.

This newsletter is not for publicity, but for the public to be aware of the opportunities it could gain. It helps the university to share its ideas and views with other universities in Sri Lanka.

I thank all those who have taken pain in the effort of accomplishing such a momentous mission – the successful publication of the first issue. I also hope that their diligence will continue to bear fruit, making the subsequent issues increasingly efficient ones.

Prof. Mahinda S Rupasinghe
Vice Chancellor

University Day

The first ever *University Day* was celebrated on 2nd February 2009, marking the day (2nd February 1996) when it attained the national university status from that of an affiliated university college; it constituted a part of the yearly Art Festival – Kala Ulela, Pirihimbini Diyawara – 2009 organized by the students.



The vice chancellor hoists the University flag

The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the university flag by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mahinda S Rupasinghe followed by a tree planting campaign.

The Vice Chancellor then addressed the gathering of academic and non-academic staff and the students at the university auditorium. Having briefed the history of the university, he dwelled upon many important matters, the most important of them being the present achievements and the plans for the future. He stressed the importance of academic staff members engaging in more and more research work, for which there is enormous amount of fund.

General Convocation – 2008

The 11th general convocation of the university was held on 15th January 2009 at the BMICH, Colombo under the patronage of the Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ven. Kumburugamuwe Vajira Nayaka Thero. Hon Minister Dinesh Gunawardhana, Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Vice Chairman of the UGC, Prof. MTM Jiffy was the Guest of Honour.

Prof. ADV De S Indrarathne, Prof. BL Panditharathne and Prof. Ariyapala Ekanayake, were awarded with honorary degrees.

In appreciation of their excellence in academic sphere, 65 Agricultural Sciences, 25 Applied Sciences, 88 Geomatics, 179 Social Sciences and Languages, 138 Management Studies and 55 Military degrees were awarded.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mahinda S Rupasinghe, members of the Council, members of the academic staff, administrative staff and the officers of the Diyatalawa Military Academy were also present at the occasion.

Dayata Kirula 2008 and the Sithawaka Abimana 2009 Exhibitions

The students of the Faculty of Geomatics, the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Management Studies and the Faculty of Applied Science demonstrated their capabilities in academic and research activities for strengthening the national work

force towards the development of the future generation in the “Dayata Kirula 2008” exhibition held at BMICH Colombo.

To envisage the leadership held by the Sabaragamuwa University in the development and the education process of the Sabaragamuwa Province, the students addressed the community at the “Sithawaka Abimana 2008” exhibition held at Awissawella.

For both the exhibitions the students were sponsored by the university as a step to promote the students’ participation in the upcoming national events, and to develop a competitive culture among the students. Those who participated in the event will be awarded with a certificate of recognition by the university.

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History of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

The Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was officially established in Belihuloya in Ratnapura District on the 7th November 1995, but its history dates back to 20th November 1991 with the establishment of the Sabaragamuwa Affiliated University College (SAUC).

The potential location, as had been suggested by those concerned was the housing complex used by Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) at the time of constructing the Samanalawewa hydro-power project. The newly appointed Director informed of the said location to Prof. S.B. Hettiarachchi, the then Vice Chancellor of University of Sri Jayawardenepura through Mrs. Chithra Karunaratna, the secretary of UGC. The role played by the late Minister Mr. M.L.M. Abusali, the Minister of Labor and Vocational Training in this regard is immense. Later on, President Ranasinghe Premadasa swiftly released the block of land amounting to 71 acres, and the housing complex in it, valued at 100 million by that time for the use of AUC.



The late President HE R. Premadasa declares open the library of SAUC. Also Prof. JWD Somasundara, Prof. SB Hettiarachchi and Prof. Arjuna Aluwihare were present.

Attached to University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, the SAUC was established under the Ordinance No. 14 of 1991 at the Samanalawewa Hydro-power Project housing complex. The first Director was Professor JWD Somasundara. Consequently, SAUC was declared open by the Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province, Mr. Abeyrathna Pilapitiya on 20th November 1991 in the presence of other distinguished guests. The library and the Centre for Computer Studies were declared open by the late President HE R. Premadasa on 8th February 1992. The academic program of the SAUC commenced on 7th May 1992.

The increased number of students admitted to the SAUC in 1994 points to the gradual upbringing of the institution. 1995 was a crucial year for the AUCs in Sri Lanka, in



The late Prime Minister Hon Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike declares open SUSL by unveiling the plaque, accompanied by Prof. WA Wiswa Warnapala, then Deputy Minister of Higher Education

that, the students demanded degrees instead of the diplomas from AUCs. Consequently, the two committees appointed to look into the possibilities of promoting the affiliated universities in Sri Lanka to national university status recommended the SAUC to be upgraded as a national university; namely, the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. At a ceremonial gathering, on 2nd February 1996, the newly established University was declared open by the then Prime Minister, Mrs Sirimavo RD Bandaranaike.

According to the arrangement made those days, SUSL functioned at Belihuloya and the Uva Campus at Rahangala and Buttala. At its foundation, it boasted of four faculties: Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Business studies, and Faculty of Social sciences and Languages.

In 1996 itself, all the university legal bodies were formed: the Council, the Senate, the respective faculty boards. The first meeting of the Council of Sabaragamuwa University took place on 18th January 1996, and the first gathering of the Senate was on 19th February 1996. The inaugural convocation of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 3rd June 1998 in the University premises in Belihuloya. The jubilant occasion was graced by H.E the President Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunga.

In 1997, for the first time in the University history of Sri Lanka, SUSL introduced a degree course in Surveying Sciences, which led to the establishment of a full-fledged faculty; namely, the Faculty of Geomatics with three degree programmes in 2004.

During the short history of the university, the four Vice Chancellors in office have contributed immensely to uplift it among

the national universities in Sri Lanka. The first Vice Chancellor was Prof. JWD Somasundara, followed by Prof. IK Perera, whose successor was Prof. Rohana P Mahaliyanaarachchi; the present Vice Chancellor is Prof. Mahinda S Rupasinghe.

The Sabaragamuwa University at the Moment

The present number of Academic Staff is 199; the Administrative Staff, 17 and Non-Academic Staff, 264. The student population of the university amounts to 2229 at present. The university makes available for these students 25 Bachelor degree programs through its five faculties. In 2009, for the first time in Sri Lanka, the Faculty of Applied Sciences introduced three degree programs: BSc in Physical Education, BSc in Sports Management and BSc in Computing and Information Technology.

Degree programs available at present:

Bachelor Degree Programmes: BSc in Agricultural Sciences, BSc in Applied Sciences, BSc in Geomatics, BSc in Management Studies, BA in Social Sciences and Languages, BSc in Military Studies.

Postgraduate degree programmes – Diploma, M Phil and PhD in Indigenous Community Studies, Master of Science in Ayurvedic Hospital Management, Master of Philosophy in Natural Resource Management.

The present Administrative Body of the University:

Vice Chancellor:

Prof. Mahinda S Rupasinghe

Deans:

Faculty of Agriculture Sciences:

Dr. AAY Amarasinghe

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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



New faculty Building

Background

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was formally part of the Uva Affiliated University College (UAUC) in Rahangala. When the Sabaragamuwa Affiliated University College (SAUC) was elevated to a national university in 1995, the UAUC was amalgamated to Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) as the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FAS). With the ceremonial opening of the SUSL on February 2, 1996 with four faculties, the FAS at Rahangala was shifted to the main university premises in Belihuloya in March 2001. The Faculty is located in Kinchigune, along the road leading to Samanawewa reservoir.

Objectives of the Faculty

The objectives of the Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences degree at the SUSL is to produce graduates who would be able to,



Dean of the faculty Dr. A.A.Y. Amarasinghe at a discussion

- Demonstrate broad knowledge in agriculture related subjects in Plantation, Horticulture, Livestock and Agribusiness Management
- Apply theoretical knowledge in practical situations of commercial agriculture
- Apply scientific knowledge to define, analyze and solve agricultural and agriculture related environmental problems

- Design and conduct scientific inquiries and experimentation when required
- Apply the principles of sound practice in relation to health, safety, animal welfare and the environment in agricultural and related industries
- Exchange, acquire and disseminate scientific and industry related information and be a partner in technology transfer
- Demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Secure employment opportunities worthy of the degree earned

Departments

The Faculty is composed of three Departments of study: the Department of Agribusiness Management, the Department of Export Agriculture and the Department of Livestock Production.

Department of Agribusiness Management

The Department of Agribusiness Management was established to be a centre of excellence in Agribusiness sector in Sri Lanka, and it was the pioneer academic department in Agribusiness Management in the university system of Sri Lanka. The department is geared to develop analytical, business and entrepreneurial skills of students to provide intellectuals and entrepreneurs for the present and the future.

Department of Export Agriculture

Students chosen to the Department of Export Agriculture (DEA) are able to specialize either in commercial horticulture or plantation management. Graduates specializing in commercial horticulture and plantation agriculture in the DEA are well-equipped with knowledge and skills in modern techniques of commercial agriculture. Moreover, special emphasis is given on leadership and personality development to enhance their skills and attitudes to face the challenges of the dynamic business environment.

Department of Livestock Production

The department strives to produce future leaders and innovators who can bear major responsibilities and perform roles for the

enhancement of the livestock sector. It offers various courses related to animal production.



Demonstration on animal restraining in the farm

Academic Programmes

The FAS of the SUSL awarded BSc (Agricultural Sciences) in the past. With the recent curriculum revision, the degree programme has been named as BSc (Agricultural Sciences and Management). The students can choose to specialize in the areas of Commercial Horticulture, Plantation Management, Livestock Production and Agribusiness Management.

Salient Features of the New Degree Programme

- Industrial training exposure
- Practical orientated course contents
- Additional hours for self-learning
- Extensive farm practice courses
- Outward-bound personality development
- Assigning students to farm families
- Exposure to international languages

Duration of the Degree Programme

Four years of fulltime study is considered as a minimum requirement to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes required for a graduate in agriculture. The four year period comprises of 8 semesters, 2 semesters per year, each semester having 15 weeks.

Some of the Interesting Research Publications by the Faculty:

Vidhana Arachchi L.P (2009) Effect of deep ploughing on the water status of highly and less compacted soils for coconut (*Cocos nucifera* L.) production in Sri Lanka, Soil and Tillage Research, Volume 103, Issue 2, Pages 350-355.

Wijeratne A.W (2009) Fengqi Yi and Junjie Wei, Bifurcation analysis in the diffusive Lotka-Volterra system: An application to market economy, Chaos Solitons & Fractals, Volume 40, Issue 2, Pages 902-911.

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

The History of the Faculty

The Faculty of Applied Sciences of the SUSL was started as the Buttala Affiliated University College (BAUC) on 21st June 1993. The BAUC offered two diploma courses, one in Food Science and Technology and the other in English Language. With the establishment of SUSL, BAUC became the Faculty of Applied Sciences. With effect from March 2008, the faculty has been relocated in the main university premises at Belihuloya.

Present Situation

The faculty comprises three departments, the Department of Natural Resource, the Department of Physical Science and Technology and the Department of Food Science & Technology. Even through the faculty conducts four year (Special) degree programmes, students who enroll for the BSc degree programmes in Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Management, and Physical Sciences have an option to exit at the end of the third year.



(Deyata Kirula) Pro-food exhibition held at BMICH

Employment opportunities for graduates from the Faculty

The graduates of the Faculty of Applied Sciences are mainly targeted for the local job market in both the private and state sectors. A fair percentage of our graduates are pursuing post graduate studies with a reported high rate of success.

According to the results of a tracer study conducted by the faculty in 2005 on graduate employment, with a sample of 104 graduates, it was revealed that the relevance of the degree programmes to the field of employment is the highest (73%) among applied science graduates. Ninety percent

(90%) of the graduates are employed, and six out of them are reading for their post-graduate degrees.

The three new degree programmes introduced from the current academic year are also focused on a wide array of employment opportunities available both locally and internationally: BSc in Sport Science and Management, BSc in Physical Education and BSc in Computing and Information Systems.

Student life

SUSL is one of the residential universities in the country paving way to a wide range of community activities to complement the academic activities. The Applied Sciences community participates in a wide range of activities in the areas of social welfare, culture and religion. These activities constitute an important component of the university life.

There is a large number of inter-faculty societies which cater to a wide range of interests of the campus community. Some of them are:

SNRS (Society of Natural resources studies)

The SNRS, a society comprising the Natural Resources students, represents their views and interests.

STS (Society of Technical studies)

The STS is one of the major societies for the Physical Sciences students. This society spreads its hand to other students belonging to the rest of the faculty departments. SKT (Student Knowledge Transferring) is one under STS.

Sabaragamuwa University Food Science and Technology Association (SUFSTA)

The association was established in 2002 with the vision of achieving excellence in undergraduate education in Food Science and Technology.

Inter University statistic Quiz Competition -2009

The Stat Circle of the University of Colombo has organized its annual "Inter University

stat Quiz Competition" for the 7th time on 26th March 2009 at Prof. V.K Samaranayaka auditorium, the University of Colombo with the participation of many leading universities in Sri Lanka.



Field excursion - Bogala Mines

It was for the first time that the Stat Team of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka got the opportunity to take part in the "Inter University Stat Quiz Competition". After having a very tense competition, the Applied Sciences Stat Team became the Second runners-up giving honours to the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

Some of the Interesting Research Publications by the Faculty:

Perera M.S.J. (2008): A Review of the Distribution of Grey Slender Loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) in Sri Lanka. *Primate Conservation* 23:89-96.

Liyanage A.L.C.J., Ranweera K.K.D.S. and Bamunuarachchi A. (2008) Development of an infusion bag with *Momordica charantia* L. (bitter gourd) with its etained hypoglycemic agent. 14th World Congress of Food Science and Technology, Shanghai, China (Abstracts) pp 622.

NRM 2009

FIRST NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT 2009



Sustainable Utilization of Natural Resources for National Development organized by the Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka will be held on 29th-30th August 2009. For more details visit us :<http://www.sab.ac.lk/nrm2009/index.htm>

FACULTY OF GEOMATICS

VISION.... To be the Centre of Excellence for teaching, training, research and application of Geomatic Sciences for the sustainable development of Sri Lanka

MISSION.... To produce graduates in Surveying Sciences competent in Geodesy, Hydrography and Geographic Information Sciences, and dedicated to the management of land and ocean resources for national development.



Faculty of Geomatics

Pioneering the Spatial Sciences for the Future

The Faculty of Geomatics, a unique faculty, is the pride and splendor of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. This faculty is the solitary teacher and practitioner of Earth Sciences in the country, comprising advanced and flexible features to suit both local and global standards.

The roots of the Faculty of Geomatics reach back to 1997 as the Department of Surveying Sciences which evolved into a faculty in 2004. The faculty houses two departments and offers degree programmes in three fields of specialization.

DEPARTMENTS

- Department of Surveying & Geodesy – Study and research mainly on applications and development of Land Surveying and Management
- Department of Cartography, Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Science – Study and research on spatial and allied sciences

DEGREES OFFERED

- BSc (Surveying Sciences) Specialization in Surveying & Geodesy
- BSc (Surveying Sciences) Specialization in Cartography & GIS

- BSc (Surveying Sciences) Specialization in Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing

Current Activities:

- Practices the sciences of Land Surveying, Geodesy, Remote Sensing, Cartography, GIS and Photogrammetry
- Consists of up-to-date curricular, state-of-the-art equipment and a compulsory Industrial Training component tailor-made to suit the needs of the national and international industry
- The young and qualified staff of the faculty is involved in research and development in various fields of GPS, Remote Sensing, GIS, and Geodesy etc.



GPS data collection

- The social contribution, especially towards the social welfare and knowledge enrichment of the rural school children in the surrounding area as well as utility management – demarcation of pipe lines for water transportation, mapping hazardous hotspots etc. – is part of the faculty's mission
- The Faculty of Geomatics shares its physical and human resources, unreservedly, with the other faculties and departments of the university

Our graduates have a 100% unrivalled employment rate and thus, fill responsible positions, very competently, both nationally and internationally; and it is a pride to state that the demand for our

graduates in the industry keeps on mounting rapidly day by day.

RECENTEVENTS

- The fourth year students defended their final year projects
- Faculty participated in the “Sithawaka Urumaya 2008” and the massive “Deyata Kirula” exhibitions to demonstrate the educational and research activities to the community
- 43 students obtained their BSc in Surveying Sciences with Specialization in Surveying & Geodesy, Cartography & GIS and Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing
- Triangulation task for the year 2008 has been successfully completed



Students practice Geodetic Triangulation

Some of the Interesting Research Publications by the Faculty

Nalani, H.A, Hahn M. (2007): An Interactive Tool for 3D object Extraction using Airborne Laser scanning Data and Ortho-images in International Archives of Photogrammetry & RS, Vol. 36, part 4/N45, 5 pages, ISPRS June 27-29, 2007, Stuttgart: Germany

Welikanna D.R (2008) “Analyzing the effectiveness of spectral mixture analysis and Markov Random Field Based Super Resolution Mapping technique over an urban environment, Vol. XXXVII, Commission VII, pg 641-645, XXI ISPRS proceedings, Beijing: China

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES



New faculty Building

HISTORY OF THE FACULTY

The faculty commenced its programmes of study offering a three-year degree in September 1996. After the completion of the foundation year and two specialization years, students were offered a degree in Bachelor of Science which had four major areas of specialization; namely, Financial Management, Business Management, Marketing Management and Tourism Management. From 1997 to 2002, the faculty had contributed to offer BSc (Business Studies) degrees for six batches of graduating students.

The Faculty of Business Studies evolved into the Faculty of Management Studies in 2003 with substantial increase in academic members specialized in various management disciplines. Upon the approval of University Grant Commission, the duration of BSc (Business Studies) degree was increased up to four years making it the BSc (Business Studies - Special) degree.

At present the faculty consists of four departments; namely, Department of Accountancy & Finance, Department of Business Management, Department of Tourism Management and Department of Marketing Management. The following Special degree programmes are being offered by the faculty for internal undergraduates: BSc Financial Management, BSc Business Management, BSc Marketing Management, BSc Tourism Management, BSc Eco-Business Management.

The duration of the degree programmes is four years, and the medium of instruction and examination is English. The degree programmes currently consist of a one year foundation programme and three years of study in the fields of specializations mentioned above. Further, during the final semester of the study the students are

required to undertake a four month period in-plant training in government or recognized private organization, or to be engaged in independent research study in order to complete their degree programmes.

In addition, the faculty offers a master degree; namely MSc in Ayurvedic Hospital Management. This programme is specially designed to provide a comprehensive postgraduate training for Ayurvedic medical practitioners. The duration of programme is two academic years. In the first, consisting of two semesters, the participants follow several subjects. In the second, they have to follow two more courses including a course in Research Methodology and write a dissertation on an approved research topic. The major objective of these study programmes is to produce high quality graduates well versed in different aspects of management studies to fill the requirements primarily in Sri Lanka and overseas in general.

Being the largest in the SUSL, the faculty bears good inventory of manpower as well as physical resources. The faculty has been able to maintain the highest job absorption rate of its passed out graduates. Presently, it is engaged in reviewing its curricula in keeping track with the demands by its stakeholders as well as the demands by the environment at large.

Student Magazine

Student of the Department of Accountancy and Finance publish a



magazine titled "Finance Mirror"

The magazine published by the Students of Department of Accountancy & Finance



Information Centre

Conduit of providing access to information pertaining to capital markets

It provides a learning environment, through which market information would be disseminated to students, staff and faculty members seeking to further their understanding of the capital market for research and academic purposes.



This programme was launched by the Students of the Department of Accountancy & Finance as an initiative to improve the personality and professional competency of undergraduates, school students, and business community.



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New products lunching program organized by the Department of Marketing Management.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LANGUAGES

HISTORY

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages had its beginning when the university commenced her study programmes in 1996. The Faculty initially possessed two departments of studies: the Department of Social Sciences and the Department of Languages. The third, the Department of English Language Teaching came into being in 2004.

PRESENT SITUATION

In pursuit of its *vision* and *mission*, the Faculty offers special degrees through its departments: the Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) and the Bachelor of Arts (Languages). Breaking from the initial concept of three year special degrees in the faculty, in 2007, the Department of Social Sciences introduced Four Year special Degree programmes in Economics, Geography, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology and Statistics in addition to its three year Social Sciences special degree programme.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The Faculty offers the option of following all the subjects either in Sinhala or English medium providing students across all the communities and social strata in the country with opportunities in higher education.

The Department of Social Sciences offers six degree programmes: BA (special) Economics, BA (Special) Geography, BA (Special) Political Science, BA (Special) Sociology & Anthropology, BA (Special) Statistics and BA (Special) Social Sciences

The Department of Languages offers BA (Special) degrees in several national and foreign languages: Sinhala, Tamil, Japanese Studies, Japanese Language, German, Hindi, Chinese Studies and English. The Faculty *Handbook*, provides details of eligibility to major or minor any of the subjects. The "Languages Day" celebrated on 3rd February 2009 gave a vivid picture of the students' achievements in terms of language potentials and their knowledge of culture related language behavior.

Department of English Language Teaching: The role played by the department is of paramount importance in that it schedules programmes to sharpen the English knowledge of all the students – who have

to compulsorily pass Core English Language - English Language Level papers (CEL 1, 2, 3, and 4) to obtain their degree.



Miss Kishi Haruna, the Japanese Voluntary teacher at a lecture theatre

New Curriculum

The faculty's new curriculum revision is in progress. The plans are underway for 4 year special degree and 3 year general degree as well as the internship programme for all the final year students of four-year degree programme. The Department of Languages and the Department of English Language Teaching are planning to introduce their four year Special Degree programme in 2011.

Computer and IT

The faculty imparts the knowledge of IT to all the arts graduates – at the minimum, ten (10) credits in the particular subject areas – making them eligible for completing their degrees.



Students at the IT centre

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages wins 20 million

At a very useful phase of its development, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages was awarded by the World Bank a grant of Rs.20 million under IRQUE project batch - 3 for its development in various aspects; the faculty members, as a group, contributed a great deal in developing a

competitive proposal in order to win this huge sum of money. Under the grant, the faculty expects to improve the quality and relevance of its degree programme under four main activities that directly address some long due root causes and problems faced by the faculty in particular and the university in general.

IRQUE Project; a Success Story in SSL

The first programme under IRQUE project of Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages was successfully conducted from 26th to 28th November, 2008 in Olympic Plaza Hotel in Haputale. It was a two-day workshop or counseling for a selected group of academic staff members of the faculty and a few other academics from other faculties. It was conducted by Prof. Ranawaka, a veteran in the field. All the participants were awarded with participation certificates.



Workshop on Student Counselling for Academic Staff

Students Activities

Even though the faculty does not formally offer fine arts subjects in its degree programmes, the students are always exposed to such activities through various programmes initiated by the faculty. From time to time the faculty conducts arts festivals, workshops, training programmes for students developing their creativity and innovation.



Students rehearsing a drama