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New Vice Chancellor Appointed

Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Professor in Chemistry, has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka since 19th May 2014. Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte is Professor of Chemistry in the Department of Physical Science and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences. He was the Chairman of the Lanka Phosphate Private Limited from 2004 to 2007, and he has also served as Chairman of the Sri Lanka Science Foundation from 2007 to 2010.



Appointing New Deans

Dr. Mohamed Esham was unanimously selected by the Faculty Board as the new Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences with effect from 19th August 2014.

Prof. RMUSK Rathnayake was unanimously selected by the Faculty Board for the second time as the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science for next three years with effect from 04th October 2014.

Dr. RMW Rathnayake was unanimously selected by the Faculty Board for the second time as the new Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies since 12th September 2014.

Dr. Manoj Ariyaratna was unanimously selected by the Faculty Staff Members as the new Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages on 13th October 2014.



The Establishment of Psychological Counselling Centre of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

The Psychological Counselling Centre, “සිත් අරණ” has been established at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with effect from September 2014. It is undoubtedly clear that university undergraduates are distressed with many emotional matters within their university existences due to personal, educational, family, economic, social and many other related issues. Therefore, the Psychological Counselling Centre has been established to provide professional psychological counselling service for the university students, staff and community in private and confidentially.

Administrative functions of the counselling centre are taken place under the direct supervisor of the Vice Chancellor of the SUSL. Prof. HMS Priyanath has been appointed as Chief Coordinator of the Centre. Mr. Deepal Wijesekara, Mr. Jayaprasad Welgama and Mrs. Nadeera Jayathunga, with professional qualification for psychological counseling, have been appointed as Counselors. Dr. Asanga D Ampitiyawaththa, Dr. MLM Chandrika Disanayake, Mr. MCN Jayasooriya, Mrs. RS Sabaragamuwa, Dr. Ranmalee S Bandara, Mr. PGRNI Puswella, Dr. WKAC Gnanapala, Mrs. NPGSI Naotunna, Prof. HMS Priyanath and Mrs. EMTK Senevirathna have been appointed as Faculty Coordinators for a period of one year to implement activities of the centre.

Opening of New Girls Hostel Complex

The new hostel complex of the Sabaragamuwa University in Belihuloya, with accommodation facilities for 800 students was declared open by Hon. SB Dissanayake on 4th October 2014. The hostel complex is constructed under the government's program to provide 60 hostels to all Universities within the University premises. This occasion was graced by Hon. Deputy Minister Nandimithra Ekanayake, Higher Education Ministry Director General of Students affairs Keerthi Mawella and several other distinguished guests.



Foundation Stone for New Boys Hostel Complex

The foundation stone for a new hostel building under the 60 Hostel projects facilitated by the Ministry of Higher Education was laid by Hon. SB Dissanayake, Minister of Higher Education on 5th October 2014. Hon. Deputy Minister Nandimithra Ekanayake, Higher Education Ministry Director General of Students affairs Mr. Keerthi Mawella and several other distinguished guests also witnessed the occasion.



Newly Opened Japanese Lab

Japanese Language Laboratory of the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages, was donated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The Laboratory was ceremonially opened by Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawaratne, the Secretary to the Ministry of Higher Education.



Learning for Life Lecture Series

The Centre for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRDK) organizes the knowledge sharing public lecture series with a view of enhancing the knowledge of the university community in multiple disciplines that is indispensable for a better life. For the month of May the CRDK talk was delivered on the topic “Horticulture therapy; Therapeutic benefit from gardening”, on May 27th at the Staff Development Centre by Dr. GD Kapila Kumara, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

Next Lecture was held on 24th September 2014. Dr. PMAS Karunarathne Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, delivered the lecture on “Bridge for Sustainable Future; Building Bridge Between Science, Policy and Industry”.



UGC Delegation Visited the University

University Grants Commission officials Chairperson, Secretary and Additional Secretary visited Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka under 50D- GSP programme on 18th August 2014. It made the floor to the University community to discuss current issues. The team was led by Chairperson; Professor SSMK. Kshanika Hirimburegama, and they met academic, administrative, non-academic staff members and student's representatives.



President's Awards for Excellence in Research

Professor Lal P Vidhana Arachchi, Dr. DM Anil Gunartatne, Dr. PMAS Karunarathna Dr. HAD Ruwandeeepika; Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Dr. Enoka P. Kudavidanage; Faculty of Applied Sciences have been honored with president's award for Research by His Excellency, The President Mahinda Rajapaksha at the ceremony held on 31st October at Hotel Waters Edge. These awards are given in



recognition of authors pursuing research work effectively appeared in the Sciences Citation Index of 2011, 2012 and 2013. The recipients were selected by the National Research Council in Sri Lanka.

Awards and Training

- Dr. Mohamad Eham was awarded the Erasmus Mundus Experts for Asia Fellowship to conduct collaborative research at Finland Futures Research Centre at University of Turku in Finland.
- Mr. S. Achchuthan, Lecturer (Probationary), Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies was awarded Academic Excellence with High impact research In Universities for Researcher in the Field of Management & Commerce by University Grant Commission, Sri Lanka, 2014.
- Dr. PMAS Karunaratne was awarded the UK Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship- 2014 (competitive basis) for a period of three months.
- Dr. A. Aruna Shantha was invited by the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) to the Training Programme on Environmental Valuation Methods held on 15th to 19th September 2014 at Maldives National University (MNU) in Male.

Overseas Conference Attended

- Dr. RMW Rathnayake at the Faculty of Management Studies has participated in the 5th World Congress of Environment and Resource Economists from 28th June to 02nd July 2014, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Dr. DAM De Silva at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has participated in the 7th International Conference of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics & Trade from 7th to 11th July at Brisbane, Australia
- Mr. S. Vasanthapriyan at the Faculty of Applied Sciences has participated in the International Symposium on Civil Engineering, Ecology and Business from 17th - 18th July, 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand
- Mr. ALCJ Liyanage at the Faculty of Applied Sciences has participated in the 17th World Congress of Food Science and Technology from 17th - 20th August, 2014 in Montreal, Canada.
- Dr. PMAS Karunaratne at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has participated in the 29th International Horticulture Congress-"Sustaining lives, Livelihood and Landscapes", IHC 2014, Brisbane, Australia, 17th - 22nd August, 2014.
- Dr. MLMC Dissanayake at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, has participated in the International Conference on "Current Status, Opportunities and Challenges in Medicinal Plants and Natural Product Research" at Uka Tarsadia University, Gujarat, India from 24th to 26th September, 2014.
- Dr. SHP Malkanthi at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has participated in the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Trends in Academics Research 2014 (MTAR-2014) organized by Global Illuminators in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 29th - 30th September, 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Prof. AAY Amarasinghe at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has participated in the International Conference on Ocean and Rivers (ICOR) from 13th - 15th October, 2014 in Nadi, Fiji.

Research Grant Received

- Dr. DAM De Silva at the Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, has received a grant of LKR 4946000.00 from the UGC Innovative Research Grant to carry out research activities of the project titled as "Value chain approach to maximizing the contribution of Underutilized crops to sustainable economic Development and nutritional wellbeing of small holders in northern Sri Lanka.
- Dr. PMAS Karunarathna at the Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has received a grant of LKR 8655000.00 from the UGC Innovative Research Grant to carry out research activities of the project title as "Modelling the Climate sensitivity and genetic structure of Proso Millet (Meneri) in Sri Lanka".

*"We are what we repeatedly do.
Therefore EXCELLENCE is not an act but a habit"*
-Aristotle-



Final Year Student Presentations (2011 / 2012 Academic Year)

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences successfully organized the annual student research sessions for the 2011/2012 batch from 21st and 22nd 2014. Eighty three students presented their research findings of different disciplines such as Agribusiness Management, Commercial Horticulture, Plantation Management and Livestock Production. Five students were awarded certificates for best oral presentation in the respective modules.



Department of Agribusiness Management conducted a workshop on Takakura Compost preparation and allied activities (other methods of compost preparation, problem of waste, solid waste management etc.) for the final year students of the faculty on 03rd October 2014. This was successfully completed with the assistance of the National Solid Waste Management Support Centre of the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils. Assistant Director, Mr.

DP Indika and Development officer Ms. D Madurapperuma, three JICA Volunteers; Ms. Shizuka Yashimoto, Mr. Ryo Ino and Ms. Junko Kawaguchi have given their fullest cooperation to make the workshop effective and efficient.

The Department of Export Agriculture and Department of Livestock Production, conducted a two-day workshop for Agriculture teachers of Bandarawela Educational division from 16th to 17th October 2014. These days were devoted for seminar and practical sessions regarding all aspects of Rice Cultivation, Pest Management, Post-harvest handling of Horticultural Crops, Farm Equipment and Animal Husbandry. Resource persons of the workshop were Dr. MLMC Dissanayake, Dr. GDK Kumara, Dr. AD Ampitiyawatta, Dr. TSP Jayaweera, Dr. MMP Sumith and Mr. Ruchika Perera.

Workshops Conducted by Faculty of Applied Sciences

A four-day workshop on "Food Rules and Regulations" have been conducted to year 13 school students of four selective schools of Rathnapura district during the period from August 2014 to October 2014. Mr Niroshan Jayasooriya, Senior Lecturer Department of Food Science & Technology contributed as a resource person.



The Department of Food Science & Technology, conducted a one day practical workshop on "Hard Biscuit preparation and sensory evaluation of processed food" for school students of R/ Ananda Maithrie National School, R/ Gankanda National School and B/ Walhaputhenna National School at 23rd October 2014. Mr Niroshan Jayasooriya contributed as a resource person.

The Faculty of Applied Science conducted a full day practical workshop on "Personality Development" for Non-academic staff members of Faculty of Applied Sciences 21st October 2014, Mr Anura Hemakumara Divisional Secretariat Haputale; contributed as a resource person.

NR Night

The annual "NR night" was held on 04th June 2014 at the center for Biodiversity and Environmental Studies of SUSL. The objective of enhancing harmony and awareness of natural resources creation among the students and also to have a get together among the past and present graduates and undergraduate students. The distinguished guests who graced this valuable occasion were Dr. Jayantha Wattevidanage from Open University of Sri Lanka, Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Mr Kelum Pathirana; Warden National Park Udawalawa.

Pro-Food / Pro-Pack 2014

International Exhibition at BMICH

The Department of Food Science & Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences, participated in the Pro-Food / Pro-Pack 2014 International exhibition at BMICH at Colombo, from 21st August to 24th August 2014.

Banking and Insurance Programme

Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies organized a one day program on Banking and Insurance for all academics and students of the Faculty on 28th June 2014. Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, The vice Chancellor was the chief guest for the inauguration ceremony. Mr. Thilan Perera, Mr. Sudath Perera, Mr. Nayana Gunathilaka from HR/ Sub Committee of Insurance Association of Sri Lanka and Mr. GAP Perera Senior Assistant Director Central Bank shared their experiences and knowledge in facilitating this program.

Toastmaster Speech Craft programmes

Two (02) Toastmaster Speech Craft programmes for staff members and students were successfully completed from 31st May 2014 to 2nd August 2014 (10 weeks). The aim of the programme was to improve communication and leadership skills of the Students and Staff members of the University. These programmes were organized by the Department of Business Management of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with the sponsorship of the Quality and Innovation Grant (QIG) of Higher Education for

Twenty first Century project. Toastmasters International, a world leader in communication and leadership development, conducted the programmes. Learn-by-doing approach which was used in the Speech Craft programmes ensured a significant improvement of communication skills and leadership skills of the participants.

The 7th Tropical Tourism Outlook Conference

The 7th Tropical Tourism Outlook Conference 2014 on “Nature, Culture and Networking for Sustainable Tourism” was held on 8th to 10th August 2014 at Heritance Kandalama, Dambulla. The Conference was organized by Department of Tourism Management, Faculty of Management Studies in collaboration with Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Tourism in Central Province and Ministry of Tourism in Eastern Province along with international academic associates: University Technology MARA, Malaysia, North Arizona State University, USA International Union of Geographers and Journals of Tourism Geographies. The conference was aimed at providing a platform in Sri Lanka for local and international researchers and academics to disseminate their research findings to the world and to strengthen the network among tourism researchers, journal publishers, global tourism experts and Sri Lanka tourism to ensure sustainable tourism development.

The keynote speakers for the conference were Prof. Norain Othman; University Technology MARA, Malaysia, Prof. Tim Coles; University Exeter, United Kingdom; Prof. Andrew Church; University of Brighton, United Kingdom; Prof. Michael Leuck; Auckland University, New Zealand and Prof. Jeremy Buultjens; Southern Cross

University, Australia. A special Research Paper presenters were Prof. Malcorn Cooper, Ritsumeikan University of Japan and Associate Professor Kharil Wahidin, Awang University Putra, Malaysia. Prof. Allen Lew, Northern Arizona State University, USA, was the cochairmen for the conference The Chief Guest of the conference was Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development. The Guest of Honour of the conference was Hon. SB. Dissanayake, Minister of Higher Education.

Book Donation

The Alumni Association 2000/2001 of the Faculty of Department of Tourism Management, Sabaragamuwa Management Studies donated books for undergraduate students of the Banking & Insurance programme in the Department of the Banking & Accountancy & Finance, Faculty of Management Studies. Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, The Vice Chancellor was the chief guest for the book donation ceremony which was held on 26th September 2014. The department greatly appreciates our donors’ generosity to enhance the undergraduate knowledge.

Undergraduates Community Projects

During the month of June, a series of projects “Kick Cancers”, “Pubudamu Sina Mal” and “Pahan Sili” were implemented by the First Year Second Semester students of the Department of Business Management for the subject of Management Process & Practices under the guidance of Mrs. K.L.B.G Dharmarathne Subject Lecturer and the Head of the Department. The aim of this series of projects is to tune the students mind set towards their Social Responsibility as University undergraduates while developing communication skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills, organizing skills, self management skills, initiative, team spirit, and self- efficacy among them.

Workshops Conducted by the Faculty of Management Studies

Department of Tourism Management, Faculty of Management Studies organized a one day workshop on “Publishing in High Impact Journals” for all academics and students on 4th August 2014. Dr. Alan A. Lew, Professor Department of Geography, Planning and Recreation, Northern Arizona University, USA shared his knowledge in facilitating this workshop. This workshop was conducted in order to enhance the overall quality of research publications of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.



World Tourism Day - Arugambay

University of Sri Lanka, jointly celebrated the World Tourism Day with the Ministry of Tourism Eastern Province and the Chamber of Tourism & Industry at Arugambay on 27th September, 2014. The chief guests were Dr. Sarath Amunugama (Deputy Minister of Finance & Planning), Mr. John Rankin (High Commissioner for the United Kingdom) and Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte (Vice Chancellor, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka).

1st Annual Student Research Session on Social Sciences and Languages

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages organized its first annual student research session on Social Sciences and Languages on 18th August, 2014 under IDAS project. The chief guests of this research session were Professor Kshanika Hirimburegama, Chairperson of the University Grants



Commission and Professor Rajiva Wijesinghe. Professor Athula Ranasinghe the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo was invited as the key note speaker of the session. In this research session, the final year students who completed their dissertations presented their findings.

New Degree Programmes

B.A (Special) in Translation Studies

To cater the current needs, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages for the first time introduced a new degree programme in Translation Studies in 2014. Dr. Manoj Ariyaratne, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages and Mr. HAMA Hapugoda, Senior Lecturer in English in the Department of Languages, represented SUSL in the Curriculum Development Committee of BA in Translation Studies appointed by the University Grants Commission, chaired by Prof Asoka Premarathna. An evaluation team namely, Mr Tissa Nandasena; Secretary/UGC, Dr. Priyantha Premakumara; Addl. Secretary-AC&AD, UGC, Mr. Mohomed Niyas; Program Manager, National Language Project (NLP) and Mr Vidya Abegunawardena; Project Coordinator -NLP, visited the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages on 19th August 2014 to evaluate the progress of the said degree program.

B.A in Information Communication Technology (Special/General) Degree Programme

In line with the objectives of the action plan of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and meeting with the ever increasing demand for IT related professionals, the Faculty has introduced a Degree of Bachelor of Information Communication Technology (ICT) offering higher education opportunities for a wider audience of students who were eligible to enter to the Faculty of Social Sciences since June 2014.

The Future Minds Exhibition

A team from the Faculty of Geomatics participated for the Future Mind 2014, the National City Center on 14th – 15th June,

Higher Educational and Career Exhibition which was held at Kandy 2014. This annual event was organized by the Nalanda College Junior Old Boys' Association, Colombo. Under the theme of Geo-Information for Infra Structure Development, the innovative methods for land surveying, remote sensing and GIS applications were exhibited for a large gathering.

Curriculum Revision – RICS Accreditation Programme

Adhering to the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) published by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2012, a revision to the existing curriculum was proposed, with the objective of obtaining the international accreditation of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). As a result, a panel of RICS representatives from Australia, UK and UAE visited the Faculty from September 29th-30th for an intensive two-day review. They were impressed with both the curriculum and the Faculty of Geomatics, and as such, made a positive recommendation about the application for accreditation.



Workshop for the Administrative and General Officers

The Faculty of Geomatics organized a one-day workshop for the Administrative and General Officers of Southern Provincial Land Department on 23rd August 2014 with the intention to educate the public servants about GIS and its applications. Basics in GIS and GPS practical sessions were covered in this workshop.

Achievements of Students

Ms PIM Ariyaratne, who studied Japanese as a major subject in the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, successfully completed a short course in Japanese Studies from 15th of July to 1st of August 2014 in Japan under the JENESYS 2.0 SAARC University Invitation Program.

Monbukagakusho Scholarship

K.G.Jayasekara, M.Liyanaarachchi, and D.P.O.Dassanayake, who studied Japanese as a major subject in the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages were selected to study Japanese in Japan under the Monbukagakusho Scholarship for a period of one year from October 2014 to September 2015.

Scholarships to study Chinese

Ms. ERMNB Senevirathne, Ms. IT Abeysinghe, Isuru Dissanayake, Chinthani Prbhamala Gunarathna, Madushi Suchitra Chandrasena and Ovini Gayanika at the Department of Languages who are following Chinese as their major subject were awarded scholarships to study Chinese in three universities in China with effect from 10th September, 2014.

Blisspoint 14

Blisspoint 14 is an Annual Economic Festival organized by the Economic Department of Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi. The event if patronized by best students from invited Universities and the representatives from Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka have attended the event.

Youth Enterprise Awards 2014

Erangika Harshinie Mudalige, a third year student of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, won the fourth place at the 'Youth Enterprise Awards 2014' jointly organized by the British Council Colombo and HSBC. This competition was held in Colombo on 03rd and 04th October this year. Erangika showed her creative talents through her product "Banana Belt" produced using banana fibre which is extracted from banana trunks thrown away as a waste material from banana plantations. Erangika won a cash price of Rupees 50'000 to develop this model enterprise. She competed in the agro-enterprise category.

Sports News

- ☑ Ms. JMD Dasuni Malsha Jayamaha, Student of Faculty of Applied Sciences, was placed third & won Bronze medal in senior, women, individual, Kumite event in -45kg weight category at the South Asian Cadet/Junior & Senior Karate Championship, organized by South Asian Karate Do Federation from 25th-26th June 2014.
- ☑ University Staff Netball team won the netball tournament organized by Urban Council Balangoda to celebrate Local Government week – 2014 at Urban Council ground at Balangoda from 20th - 22nd June 2014.
- ☑ In inter University swimming competition (Women) held at University of Sri Jayewardenepura from 25th – 27th June 2014, the 02nd place in the 50m Free Style and 100m Free Style events were won by Sabaragamuwa University Students.
- ☑ Sabaragamuwa University Volleyball (Men) team became 01st Runner up of the Inter University Volleyball tournament held at University of Peradeniya from 25th – 26th July 2014.



Staff Development Centre (SDC)

- ☑ One day workshop on "Student Centered Learning" organized by the Staff Development Centre (SDC) was held on 19th June 2014 for all Academic staff members of the University at the Auditorium of Faculty of Management Studies. Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawarathna, the Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education was the resource person for the workshop.
- ☑ Three-day Workshop on "Assessment and Evaluation systems adopted in the University system" was held from 04th – 05th July 2014 for the University Academic Staff members who are following the induction Training Program of Teaching Methodology. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. CK. Beneragam, Director, Staff Development Centre, University of Peradeniya.
- ☑ Workshop on "How to make an effective presentation" was held on 15th August for the academic staff, including those who are following the induction Training Program of Teaching Methodology, at the Auditorium of the Staff Development Centre by Prof. AAY Amarasinghe, Director, Staff Development Centre, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
- ☑ The Staff Development Centre organized a one-day Workshop for the University Academic, Non-Academic and Administrative Staff members on 1st August 2014. Mr. Sanath Gamage shared his experiences and knowledge on "How to go for a common goal" by facilitating this workshop.
- ☑ Workshop on "Financial System of a University" was held on 23rd September 2014 for the Administrative Staff members by Mr. DAU Dharmadasa, Bursar, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka.



**Completion
of Ph.D.
Degrees**
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Dr. MDEK Gunathilake at the Department of Surveying and Geodesy has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Hydrography at the University of Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia.



Dr. H. Divithure at the Department of Surveying and Geodesy has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Land Administration at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.

Dr. Ranmalee Bandara at the Department of Surveying and Geodesy has successfully completed her PhD research study in the area of Land Surface Modelling and Environmental Science at Monash University, Australia



Dr. HA Nalani at the Department of Remote Sensing and GIS has successfully completed her PhD research study in the area of Photogrammetry at Technische Universität Dresden, Germany.

Dr. DR Welikanna at the Department of Surveying and Geodesy has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Optical and Microwave Remote Sensing at Kyoto University, Japan.



Dr. MSM Aslam at the Department of Tourism has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Sustainable Rural Tourism at University Putra – Malaysia.

Dr. Salinda Premadasa at the Centre for Computer Studies has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Mobile Learning at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.



Dr. KPL Nishantha Patabandi at the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Geography at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Sandun J. Perera at the Department of Natural Resources, has successfully completed his PhD research study in the area of Conservation Biogeography at the University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.



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