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ශිෂ්‍ය අධ්‍යයන හා අනධ්‍යයන යන තෙ කොට්ඨාශය නියෝජනය කරමින් අවුරුදු අසිරිය පිළිබඳ කල්වේලා ඇතිව දනන් සිත්සන් අවදි කරමින් 2008 අප්‍රේල් 05 වන දින අසිරිමත් බක් මහ උළෙලක් පේරාදෙණිය සරසවියේදී පැවැත්විණි. එය සැබැවින්ම සතුට දනවන මොහොතක් විය. සිසු දරු දැරියන් ඇදුරු මඩුල්ල නිල දරුවන් හා කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය එකම සෙවනක සොමනසින් කැවුම් කිරිබත් බෙද හදාගෙන කමින් එක රොන්තට අවුරුදු කෙළි සෙල්ලම්වල නිරතවූ මොහොත මනස්කාන්ත දර්ශනයක් වූවාට සැකයක් නැත. සම සෞඛ්‍ය විද්‍යා පීඨයේ දරු දැරියන් විසින් ගොඩනැගුන ගම ගෙදර ගමගෙදරක්ම විය. එලවා පසෙකය. වි බිස්ස ගෙපල අසලය. ගම මහගේ ලීප ගිණි මොලවයි. අසල වූ පැදුරු වානට ගිනි ඇවිලේදැයි සැක සිතේ. සිහින් සුළං රැල්ලට වහලේ සෙවිලි කළ අතු සර සර හඬ නැංවිණි.



උපකුලපති මහාචාර්ය එච්. අබේගුණවර්ධන, විද්‍යා පීඨාධිපති මහාචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම කරුණාරත්න මැතිතුමන්ලා ඇතුලු පිරිස කිරි උතුරන මොහොතට සහභාගී වෙමින්



කුඩා දැරියන් අවුරුදු කුමාරිය තරඟයට සහභාගී වූ මොහොත

පසෙක ඉස්තෝප්‍රවේ බක් මහේ නෑගම් ආ පිරිසක් කැවුම් කොකිස් කිරිබත් රස බලති. ඒ කවුරුවත් නොව පේරාදෙණිය සරසවියේ උපකුලපති හරිස්චන්ද්‍ර අබේගුණවර්ධන මහැදුරුතුමන්, නියෝජ්‍ය උපකුලපති අනුර වික්‍රමසිංහ මහැදුරුතුමන් හා ලේඛකාධිකාරී රංජිත් අල්විස් නිලදරුවා හා පීඨවල අධිපති තුමන්ලා ය. බක්මහ උළෙල සංවිධානය කරන්න කියලා උපකුලපති තුමා හමුවන්න ආවේ සරසවි මහ සිසු සමුලුවේ නිලදරු මඩුල්ලයි. ඇදුරුතුමන් නිලදරුවන් හා කාර්ය මඩුල්ල එක්තැන් කරලා කොමිටියක් පිහිටුවා ගෙන මහ සිසු සමුලුවේ නිලදරුවෝ ටික බක්මහ උළෙල නිමා වෙන තෙක් ගත්ත උත්සහය නිමක් නැහැ. අත හිත දුන් හැමදෙනා අතරින් අමතක කරන්න බැරි කණ්ඩායමකුත් ඉන්නවා. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ටෙලිකොම් ආයතනය, මහජන බැංකුව, ලංකා බැංකුව, ජනශක්ති ඉන්ෂුරන්ස්, IRQUE ව්‍යාපෘතිය, හොඳහිත, පේපර් ලයින් යන ආයතන තමයි ඒ. කැවුම්, කොකිස්, අතිරහ, මුං අලුවා වලින් පිරි ඉතිරි ගිය මේසවලට කෑම ගේන්න මුලු සරසවි ප්‍රජාවම කැපවුනා.

මුලු දවස පුරාම පැවතුන මේ සූර්ය මංගල්‍යයට නොතිබුන තරඟයක් සොයන්න අමාරුයි. මැරතන් තරඟ, කනා මුවට්ටි, අලියට ඇස තැබීම, රබන් ගැසීම, සැගවුන අමුත්තා සෙවීම, කොට්ටපොර, අන්ධයාට කිරි පෙවීම, ගෝනිපේස්, පොරපොල් ගැසීම, බොරු කීම, සංගීත ප්‍රටු තරඟය, කඹ ඇඳීම, ඉන් කිහිපයක් විතරයි.



කනා මුවට්ටි බිඳීමේ තරඟයට සහභාගී වෙමින්

තැගි බෙද දීමේ උත්සවේ පටන් ගන්න කොට ඉර අවරට ගිහින් හමාරයි. මහැදුරු හරිස්චන්ද්‍ර අබේගුණවර්ධන මැතිතුමන්ගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් පටන් ගත්ත උත්සවය හමාර වුනාට පස්සේ සොකරි නාඩගමෙන් තමයි බක්මහ උළෙල නිමාව සනිටුහන් කළේ. සරසවි සිසු දරු දැරියන් ඇදුරු මඩුල්ලේ දූ දරුවන් කාර්ය මණ්ඩලයේ දූ දරුවන් ජය ලබා ගත් තරඟවලින් තැගි බෝග ලබා ගත්තේ බොහොම සංතෝසයෙන්.

සූර්ය මංගල්‍ය 2008 සංවිධානය සඳහා අතහිත දුන් සෑමට පේරාදෙණිය සරසවිය වෙනුවෙන් ස්තූති කරන ගමන් එන වසරෙන් එහෙම එකක් නියලා හැමෝම අතරේ සුහදකාවය බැඳීම තව තවත් වැඩි කරන්න කියලා ආරාධනා කරනවා.

Academic Programmes

New Entrants to the Faculty of Engineering

New Entrants to the Faculty of Engineering were admitted on 19 June 2008. 415 students who were successful at the G.C.E. (A.L) examination held in 2007 have been selected to follow the four year B Sc Eng. degree course at Peradeniya. This year too, the Peradeniya Engineering Faculty was the first Faculty in the island to admit the new batch of students.

Certificate Course in Human Rights

The lecture programme of the Human Rights Certificate Course (Programme No.01 of 2008) commenced on February 03 and concluded on 23 March. The Examination was held on 06 April 2008. Programme No.02 of 2008 is due to commence on 20 July 2008 with an enrollment of approximately 200 candidates.

BBA (Special) Degree

For the first time in the history the University of Peradeniya 150 students have been registered for a Management Degree program (Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Special Degree). It is another milestone passed by the Department of Management Studies in its way to a separate Faculty. The BBA is a four year program particularly designed for students from the G.C.E A/L Commerce stream. The entire program is conducted in the English medium.. The objectives of the new BBA program include, providing a thorough knowledge of the theory and practice of Management, building up management skills and modeling ethical behavior of students through attitude change. The first three years of the BBA program will give students an opportunity to gain a generalized knowledge in the various disciplines of management and at their final year, they are required to specialize in one of four different fields of management: Finance, Operations, Marketing and Human Resources.

Workshops/Seminars

- ❖ The ELTU/Science produced a play "What's Next?" on 22 April 2008 after a four day workshop. The purpose of this event was to improve dramatic talents as well as English skills of students in the Faculty. This program was conducted for the second time under the sponsorship of IRQUE project specifically under the social harmony component.
- ❖ Dr. A. Dangolla participated in a workshop on '**Research Ethics**' held at the Faculty of Medicine, Colombo, on 24th and 25th June 2008.
- ❖ Dr. I. S. Abeygunawardena participated in a workshop on "**Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Livestock Agriculture**" from 8th to 10th April 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand. This workshop was sponsored by the 'Veterinarians without Borders'.
- ❖ A workshop on "**Quality Related Issues in Higher Education in Sri Lanka**" was organized by the University of Peradeniya and was held on 03rd April 2008 at the Hotel Hilltop, Kandy and was attended by a few members of the Faculty of Vet. Medicine.
- ❖ The third course on '**Captive Elephant Medicine and Anesthesia**' co-ordinated by Dr. A. Dangolla was conducted by the Board of Study in Zoological Sciences at the PGIS on 22nd June 2008. This course was sponsored by the Diyawadana Nilame and the Lions Club of Kandy Hill Capital. The Faculty academics involved in elephant anesthesia, final year students and veterinarians from the Department of Animal Production and Health, participated at this workshop. A practical session on handling tranquilization guns was also included in this programme. The Veterinarians from the Department of Wildlife and the Zoological Gardens served as resource person while Prof. Indira Silva served as the main resource person.

Appointments

- Dr. Gamini Hitinayake served as the Chairman of the Evaluation Panel of the final round of the homegarden competition organized by the *Hadabima* Authority of Sri Lanka. The competition involved around 2400 homegardens developed by the Hadabima Authority in four Districts, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya and Kegalle.
- Prof. A.L.T. Perera has been appointed a consultant to the Serendib Horticulture Technologies Pvt. Ltd. to carry out a feasibility study to establish a Regional Centre for Plant Generic Engineering & Biotechnology in Doha, Qatar for the GCC countries
- Prof. A.L.T. Perera has been appointed a member of National Consultative committee by the National Science Foundation to formulate the National Research Policy on Biotechnology for Sri Lanka. He has also served as a resource person at CARP and FAO National Workshop on Present Status of Agricultural Biotechnology R & D in Sri Lanka and as a resource person at a National Training Programme on Capacity Building of Convention on Biological Diversity and Biosafety Protocol through clearing House Mechanism.

Training Programmes

- The annual Forum for school children sitting for the A/L examination in Greek and Roman Civilization, organized by the Department of Classical Languages was held on 28 June 2008 in the Arts Theater of the University of Peradeniya. There were 143 students participating at the event. Seven lectures were delivered under different themes within the GRC syllabus, by the staff of the Department of Classical Languages (Western Classics). This programme was co-ordinated by Dr. Chandima Wickramasinghe (Western Students Classical Forum 2008). The same programme will be repeated on 05 July 2008 in Colombo at Acquinas College for the A/L students in Colombo schools.
- On a request made by the Minister of Health, Dr. A. Dangolla successfully conducted a pilot project to control the monkey problems faced by the villagers and farmers of Hali Ela, This pilot project was funded by Lions Club of Kandy Hill Capital.
- The third course on ***"Taxidermy, Osteology and Other Related Techniques for Preparation of Museum Specimens"*** was organized by the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences on 11th, 24th, 25th March 2008 and 01st, 02nd and 03rd April 2008. This course was sponsored by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- Mr. S. C. Dissanayake participated in a training programme under the IRQUE Project on ***"Operation Maintenance & Repair of Analytical and Biomedical Instruments"*** at Central Scientific Instrument Organization, India from 13th February 2008 to April 2008.

First Induction Program for Academic Staff - 2008

The SDC planning committee decided to review and revise the teaching methodology program after considering the evaluations and comments of the participants and resource persons of the past programs. It also adhered to conditions stipulated by the University Grants Commission in formulating programs for this purpose. Therefore the SDC held several meetings with the Vice Chancellor, Deans and the members of the planning committee to review and revise the teaching methodology program. They also decided to rename the teaching methodology Program the Induction program for academic staff.

The first Induction Program was advertised in Peradeniya, Sabaragamuwa, Rajarata, Wayamba, South Eastern, Eastern, Jaffna, Kelaniya, Moratuwa, Sri Jayawardenapura, Ruhuna, Buddha Sravaka Bhiksu Universities and the Open University in January, 2008. Twenty five participants from the above universities were selected for the program out of fifty seven applications. The program started on 17 March 2008.

The awards ceremony was held on 01 June 2008 at the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya. The Vice Chancellor University of Peradeniya, Prof. H. Abeygunawardena awarded certificates to twenty four participants who had successfully completed the program.

The Staff Development Centre, has identified the training requirements of Officers of the Administrative Staff of the University. Therefore the SDC hopes to conduct training programs in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) to train the Administrative Staff in the University to improve their knowledge and skills during the next four months.

Outreach Activities

ROBOCON 2008

The 7th ABU ROBOCON 2008, the Asia-Pacific Robot Contest organized by the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU), will be held on 31 August this year, in Pune, India. The theme of the contest is based on Indian mythology related to Lord Krishna (a Hindu deity) and the festival of Dahi-Handi, celebrated annually in the northern part of India. A set of fully automatic robots and a single manually operated robot are used to achieve the state of "GOVINDA", the winner. Giants in Robotics in the region such as Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, India, etc, will be contesting in the event. The team from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya, will be the contestant from Sri Lanka for the 4th consecutive year.



The internal screening to select the team, which will be representing Sri Lanka in the contest, was held by the Independent Television Network (ITN), who is the ABU correspondent in the country. In terms of the game strategy, the technical strength, the quality of workmanship and the operation, the robots from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya showed magnificent performance when compared with robots from the rest of the Engineering Faculties in Sri Lanka. A group of engineering undergraduates involved in the robot construction and testing are shown in the pictures above.

UoP Gavel Club Shines at AIBS

The Colombo Toastmasters Club (CTC) in collaboration with Bartleets Group conducted the All Island Best Speaker Contest (AIBS) 2008 at Hotel Oberoi, recently.

Azrah Azhar and Anparasan Mahalingam of the Faculty of Engineering, representing the Gavel Club of the University of Peradeniya, reached the final round competing with more than 50 competitors, almost all of whom are members of toastmaster clubs from leading mercantile organizations. At the finals, Azrah Azhar became the first runner up. The Gavel Club is proud of them.

The Gavel Club is the undergraduate version of Toastmasters International, and the aim of the club is to improve public speaking and presentation skills of undergraduates which will be useful in their career, and it has become very popular among the undergraduates of Faculty of Engineering. There are a few members from other faculties, and the club extends an invitation to all the students to join this fun activity. Interested students may reach the advisor of the club Dr. M. Sandirigama at m_sandirigama@ce.pdn.ac.lk or by dialing university PABX extension 3470 for further details.

Donations by Alumni

- E/82 Pera Engineers' Association donated an A/C unit, Laptop Computer, Multimedia Projector, Complete Sound System, and a Motor Driven Screen. Moreover, the members took the initiative to install these in the room known as Lecture Room No. 5, to convert it in to a fully fledged seminar room. This will be a fulfillment of an essential need of the Faculty to conduct/host seminars. It was ceremonially handed over to the Dean/Faculty of Engineering on 22nd December 2007. The Academic staff of the Faculty and members of the Association together with their families were present to grace the occasion.
- Two more computers worth Rs.70,000.00 were donated to the Computing Centre by Mr. Lanka Shantha from E/75 batch and Mrs Shantha at the AGM of PEFAA on 15th Dec. 2007.
- A Multi Media Projector was donated by Mr. R.M.A.S. Rathnayaka (E/83 batch) together with Dr. L.N. Pussegoda who were academic staff members of the Faculty of Engineering.
- E/78 batch pledged to donate Rs. 1.2 million to support the Faculty. This was announced by the Dean/Faculty of Engineering at their batch get-together held on 28th and 29th Dec. 2007 and also at the AGM.
- Mr. Tharaka Gunathilake from E/88 batch, who is presently employed in the USA, donated a "Digital Systems Synthesis Kit" to the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department. He has donated a valuable collection of books and electronic components to the Department on a previous visit.
- Computer facilities comprising 40 new computers donated by E 72-75 Batch Association were ceremonially opened for the students of the Faculty of Engineering on 5th April 2008.
- Twenty five boxes of drawing instruments were donated by E/93 Batch on the occasion of their annual get together held on 3 May 2008 to support the students of the Faculty.
- Mrs. Malini Ratnayake, wife of late Eng. FMA Ratnayake, has donated some books on engineering from her husband's collection for use in the Faculty Library.

Book Launching

The launch of "*Sina Mal Kiniththie*", written by Randika Amarasuriya (an undergraduate of the Faculty of Engineering), was held on 24 of June 2008, at the University Arts Theatre. "*Sina Mal Kiniththie*" the second book written by Randika is a collection of lyrics. Some of the songs included in "*Sina Mal Kiniththie*" were performed live by the Art Circle of the Engineering Faculty with dance items. Prof. S.B.S. Abayakoon, Dean Faculty of Engineering, participated as the Chief Guest and Prof. Hanguranketha Dheerananda Thero, Mr. Senarathna Kariyawasam and Mr. Nimal Wijesiri presented comments regarding the book.

Publications

To mark the completion of five years of satisfactory progress and also winding up of the Grant received from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Centre published a Progress Report with illustrations covering the period 2003-07. The publication saw the light of day on 26 April, 2008.

Other Activities

The Late Professor W.M. Tilakaratne

The Department of Economics & Statistics honoured the life and contributions of the late Professor W. M. Tilakaratne at a commemoration ceremony on Thursday, April 03, 2008. Professor Tilakaratne was one of the most distinguished dons in Sri Lanka. He was the Professor of Economics at the time of his demise in 2006, which occurred while in Japan on academic work.

Professor Tilakaratne obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1965 from the University of Ceylon, an MPhil from the University of Kent and a PhD from the University of Sussex in UK.

He served in the Department of Economics & Statistics from the early 1980s onwards, beginning as a Senior Lecturer and obtaining a full Professorship later on. Among the various positions he held at different times were Head of the Department and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts. He was a distinguished teacher, a congenial colleague and an excellent mentor to students and young staff. Above all, he was known as a gracious human being. He earned the highest esteem from all members of the University as an academic with honesty and integrity.

Professor Tilakaratne was also a distinguished researcher in many areas of economic development, including demographic changes and the environment, rural finance and agricultural development. He had Published widely both nationally and internationally.

Professor Tilakaratne rendered yeoman service to the Department of Economics & Statistics and the Faculty of Arts. He pioneered in establishing an academic exchange programme between the University of Saga in Japan and the University of Peradeniya. He was also instrumental in establishing the Department of Management Studies in the Faculty of Arts.



The commemoration ceremony held at the Arts Faculty Seminar Room from 5–7 p.m. The Professor W.M. Tilakaratne Memorial Oration was delivered by Professor W.D. Lakshman, a distinguished alumnus of this university, a former member of staff of this Department, and a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo. The Professor W.M. Tilakaratne Memorial Volume (Sri Lankan Economy: Liberalization and Development) was also launched on this occasion.

Diploma Awarding Ceremony

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights (UP) held its first Diploma Awarding Ceremony on 26 April 2008 at the auditorium of the J.E.Jayasuriya Memorial Building, Faculty of Arts. 160 candidates who had passed the Diploma in Human Rights received their Certificates on the occasion. Mr. Charles Parker, the Head of Aid of the Canadian High Commission, Colombo, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour on behalf of Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Canada. The Chief Guest was Prof. Harishchandra Abeygunawardena, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. Among the invitees were the Members of the CSHR Governing Board, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Resource Persons of the Centre, District Secretary, Divisional Secretaries, Police and Army personnel and representatives of selected NGOs.

Symposium on Water Supply, Sanitation and Wastewater Management

Cap- Net Lanka in collaboration with the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka organized the above symposium on the 23rd June 2008 at the Auditorium of the PGIA.

The opening session was chaired by Dr. M.I.M. Mowjood, Country Co-ordinator, Cap-Net Lanka. One of the eminent scientists in the country and a medical professional, Prof. Arjuna Aluwihare had been invited as the Chief Guest.



Session in progress



The panelists

Prof. Athula Perera, Director, PGIA, Prof. C. Sivayoganathan, Acting Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya and Prof. R.P De Silva, Head, Department of Agric. Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture had been invited as special guests. There were 52 participants, representing various institutions, professional bodies, government officials, international agencies, researchers, university students, etc. related to water and sanitation sector present at the symposium.



Part of the audience: Informal discussion during the time of refreshments

In explaining the symposium objectives, Dr. S. Pathmarajah, the Symposium Co-ordinator stated that the current year has been declared by the UN General Assembly as the "International year of Sanitation" and the Cap-Net Lanka is attempting in its own little way to contribute towards this global goal by organizing this symposium. He stressed the importance of disseminating the knowledge generated locally to the local audience and sharing the lessons learnt between and among the researchers and practitioners.

Altogether 11 papers were discussed in two sessions namely; Water Quality and Waste Water Management (6 papers) and Water and Sanitation (5 papers). These presentations reflected the water and sanitation status all over the country including the conflict and Tsunami affected areas.

At the end of the event, a panel discussion on "Water Supply, Sanitation and Health - Where do we go from here?" was held in order to share the views of the participants in envisioning the way forward. Here, awareness building on water conservation, pollution prevention and sanitation, enforcement of laws, and the need for a better coordination and networking were identified as the most essential requirements that are required to progress towards creating a 'Clean and Healthy Society'.

New Administrative Complex

The house warming of the newly built administrative complex of the Faculty of Agriculture was held on 26 April 2008. The Dean's office of the Faculty has shifted to the new building officially with effect from 26 April 2008.

Sri Lanka Journal of Agricultural Sciences: Joint Publication with the NASSL

The Faculty of Agriculture has signed an agreement with the National Agricultural Society of Sri Lanka (NASSL) on the joint publication of the *Sri Lanka Journal of Agricultural Sciences*.

- At a function held on 17th June, 2008 at Hotel Topaz, Dr. Dangolla was made an honorary member of the Kandy Cricket Club by Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, the Interim Committee Chairman for the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka.

Human Rights Cartoon Exhibition

A Human Rights Cartoon Exhibition was held on 26 of April at the Lobby of the Kannangara Building. It was declared open by Mr. Charles Parker, the Guest of Honour of the Diploma Awarding Ceremony. More than 100 human rights related cartoons were exhibited and the exhibition was open for University students and staff – academic and non-academic – for four days (26-29 April 2008).

- Professor Malkanthi Chandrasekera assumed duties in the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya after spending her sabbatical leave as the Acting Dean, Faculty of Medical & Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. She was appointed Head of the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya from 22 April 2008.







What's New at the UP Library Network

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▪ Our Vision in our Ten Year Plan:

"Be a national leader in the development and provision of information services for higher education and research".

▪ Achievements in our Ten Year Plan:

-  2008 Job Descriptions for all Library Staff completed.
-  2008 Job Plans for Non-Academic Staff completed.
-  Priorities and Targets of the Ten Year Plan explained to all Library Staff.
-  Performance Improvement Reviews done for all Non-Academic Staff.
-  De-acquisition Policy finalized.
-  Collection Development and Management Policy finalized.

▪ Orientation Sessions and Workshops:

-  **Quality Services Workshop** was conducted on 24 April for all Library Assistants with the objective of developing awareness of Quality Services through our libraries.
-  A Workshop on **Priorities of UP Library Network** was conducted on 23 May for Library Attendants and Library Labourers.
-  Two Orientation Sessions were organized on **Alice for Windows** for Library Senior Staff and Library Assistants on 20 June 2008 and 27 June 2008 respectively.

▪ Stress on Achieving Quality:

All Library Assistants identified respective tasks / duties and committed themselves to develop them to the Quality levels by end of 2008.

▪ Official Opening of the E-Zone at the Science Library:

On 16 May UP Library Network achieved another target of its Ten Year Plan by officially opening the **E-Zone** at the Science Library. ICT facilities are available with three workstations and Ms. Hema Wijetunga, Branch Librarian and her staff are planning to expand the facility up to five workstations. **Our congratulations to Mrs. Wijetunga and Science Library Staff**

▪ Expanding Facilities at the Dental Reading Room

Prof. Prasad Amaratunga, Dean/Faculty of Dental Sciences and the Library Committee has taken the initiative to refurbish the **Dental Reading Room** premises and expand the reading facilities with the intention of developing a full-fledged Library. A collection of current journals and text-books will be the core of the new Dental Reading Room.

Our hats-off for Prof. Amaratunga and the Library Committee. Plans are underway to open the new premises of the Reading Room in early July.

▪ Inter-Library Code for University Libraries

On 6 June Librarian of University of Peradeniya presented a draft for the Inter-Library Code for University Libraries to be considered for all University Libraries to the Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Sciences (SCOLIS). The draft was approved and Librarian of University of Peradeniya was requested to forward the final document to the next SCOLIS Meeting.

▪ Library Security

After months of deliberations on Library Security the Vice-Chancellor appointed a Team of Experts to tour all libraries and forward a report for action. Dr. Prasanna Boyagoda of Faculty of Engineering let the Team on 25 June and visited all the libraries.

Colours Awards Ceremony

The Colours Award Ceremony for the year 2007 was held on 24th April 2008 at the University Gymnasium under the distinguished patronage of Prof. H. Abeygunawardena, the Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya. The Awards Ceremony was held with a view to appreciate the achievements of sportsmen and sportswomen of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2007. In this Ceremony, 89 sportsmen and 44 sportswomen were awarded colours who excelled at the Sri Lanka University Games 2007, held recently. The Sri Lanka University Games is a prestigious sports event of the University System and other national & international level competitions.

The Secretary of the Athletic Association of Sri Lanka, Mr. Prema Pinnwala, an outstanding sportsman and a well known product of the University of Peradeniya graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Ashoka de Silve, General Manager, Bank of Ceylon, yet another proud product of the University of Peradeniya was the Special Guest.



Spectators who participated at the Colours Award Ceremony with the Guest of Honour Mr. Prema Pinnawala, Secretary of the Athletic Association, Special Guest Mr. Ashoka de Silva, General Manager/ Bank of Ceylon, Prof. H. Abeygunawardena/the Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Anura Wickremasinghe, Deputy Vice Chancellor.



A winner is receiving a trophy from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. H. Abeygunawardena, Mrs. Arosha Perera, the Director, Physical Education, is also in the picture

Staff Sports Program

For the first time, the Department of Physical Education organized sports program for all the University employees including academic members, in the University. The program which spanned about 28 days from 04th of June to 02nd July was very much successful. The program included six games namely, Badminton, Carrom, Netball, Softball Cricket, Table Tennis & Volleyball. All these games, except Cricket and Netball, were opened for both men & women. A Simple closing ceremony was held at the end of the program. The Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dean, Faculty of Science and the Registrar were the Guest of Honors at the event. The Instructress in Physical Education Miss Badra Mangalika was the organizing Secretary of this program.

Workshop for All Captains & Vice Captains

A special workshop was organized for the Sports Council Members by the Department of Physical Education. The aim of this workshop which was held on 09th & 10th July 2008 was to improve qualities of all Captains and Vice Captains of respective teams. The areas covered during the workshop were Leadership Qualities, Code of Ethics & Discipline of a Leader, Game Captaincy & Development of Players Abilities, Tools for a successful leader, Rules & Regulations that should be followed by a Captain and important procedures one should follow when someone represent the University for sports events. The resource personnel were Prof. H.M. R.D Herath, Department of Sociology/Faculty of Arts, Prof. Buddhi Marambe, the Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Dr. B.M.K.Perera, Director Career Guidance, and all the Officials from the Department of Physical Education. Mr. Palitha Kumar, Instructor in Physical Education coordinated the programme.

- The teams from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science received the highest number of awards and certificates in the Staff Sports Competition 2008, conducted by the Dept. of Physical Education from 04 - 27 June 2008. Women badminton, Carrom, Netball, Table Tennis championships and the second runner-up in Table Tennis (men) were won by the teams represented by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science.
- Miss A. C. Kaluthantrige won the First place and received the Gold Medal at the XXXIII National Sports Festival 2007 for Taekwondo Championship. She was also awarded the Trophy for the outstanding sportswomen 2007, Certificate of Honour and the University Colours 2007.
- Miss. M. A. U. Wathsala won the third place and Bronze Medal at the XXXIII National Sports Festival 2007 for Taekwondo Championship. She was awarded a Certificate of Honour and the University Colours 2007.