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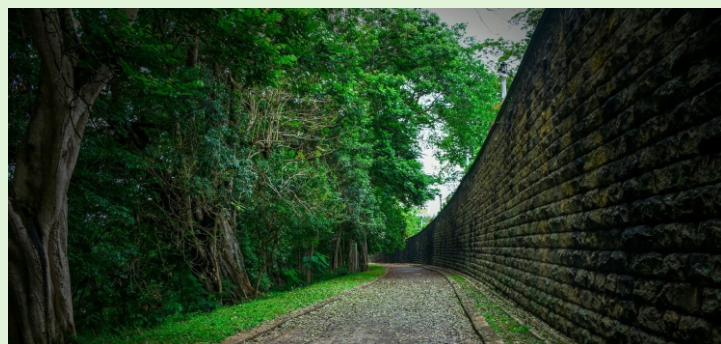
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Message from the Vice-Chancellor



As we conclude the second quarter of 2025, I am delighted to reflect on the dynamic and inspiring journey we have undertaken together at the University of Peradeniya. This period has been marked by a vibrant blend of academic innovation, global collaboration, environmental stewardship, and community engagement—each initiative reinforcing our commitment to excellence and impact.

Our academic community continues to thrive, with new programmes launched, research capacity strengthened, and scholarly achievements recognized. Workshops, seminars, and lectures have enriched our intellectual landscape, fostering a culture of inquiry and continuous learning.

We have deepened our global partnerships through visits and collaborations with esteemed institutions and international delegations. These engagements have not only broadened our academic horizons but also positioned the University of Peradeniya as a hub for cross-cultural dialogue and cooperative advancement.

Environmental consciousness remained at the forefront, with meaningful initiatives promoting sustainability and biodiversity. Our commitment to conservation and climate dialogue reflects the University's role as a responsible steward of the planet.

Our students have demonstrated exceptional talent and leadership in sports, cultural activities, and civic engagement. Their achievements in competitions and leadership development programmes speak to the holistic education we strive to provide.

Institutional development has also advanced, with infrastructure enhancements and quality assurance initiatives paving the way for a more resilient and future-ready University.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, I extend my sincere appreciation to our students, staff, alumni, and partners for their unwavering dedication. Together, we continue to shape a University that is not only academically distinguished but also socially conscious and globally connected.

Prof. Terrence Madhujith

Vice-Chancellor
University of Peradeniya

Leadership & Institutional Recognition

Appointment of Mr. K. A. B. Damunupola as Acting Registrar



The University is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr K.A.B. Damunupola as Acting Registrar, effective from 2 June 2025. Prior to this appointment, he served as Deputy Registrar at the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA). Mr Damunupola holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Peradeniya, a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Before joining the University system, Mr Damunupola held a senior management position at a leading private sector organization for over 15 years. He has also undergone extensive management training in the Netherlands, China, Thailand, and Malaysia, and has gained valuable international work experience in Australia.

With his vast experience spanning both the private and public sectors, Mr Damunupola brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will contribute significantly to driving positive change within the University System.

International Relations & Partnerships

Canada Day Reception 2025



On 30 June, the High Commission of Canada in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the University of Peradeniya hosted a Canada Day reception at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge. The event marked the 158th anniversary of Canadian Confederation and the Founders' Day of the University of Peradeniya, both celebrated on 1 July.

The reception brought together consulate partners, university academics and alumni for an evening of meaningful conversation and exchange of intellectual and professional ideas. His Excellency Eric Walsh, High Commissioner for Canada in Sri Lanka and the Maldives, opened the event, emphasizing that Canada Day is a time to reflect on shared values and to strengthen people-to-people ties through academic partnerships, development cooperation, and enduring friendships among individuals and institutions.

Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya and a Canadian alumnus, welcomed the guests and expressed gratitude for their presence at this historic event, the first Canada Day celebration held outside Colombo, coinciding with the University's Founders' Day.

Distinguished guests included H.E. Eric Walsh, H.E. Gwen Temmel (Deputy High Commissioner of Canada), H.E. Bonnie Horbach (Head of Mission, Embassy of the Netherlands), H.E. Dewi Gustina Tobing (Head of Mission, Embassy of Indonesia), Prof. S.B.S. Abayakoon (Governor, Central Province), Prof. Ranjith Pallegama (Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Prof. M.D. Lamawansa (former Vice-Chancellor), Deans, Directors, and senior university officials. Also in attendance were Uruwarige Wannila Aththo, Chief of Sri Lanka's indigenous community, and many other invitees from the Canadian High Commission and the University.

The event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of University staff, including Mr Mahesh Abeywickrema (Public Relations Officer), Mr Yenuka Pahalage (Chief Security Officer), Dr Chandima Herath (Chief Medical Officer), Mr P. Panditharathna (Works Engineer), Mr Asantha Bandara (Curator), the staff of the International Relations Office, and many others who contributed to its success.

Visit of the Cultural Counsellor of the French Embassy and Director of Alliance Française de Kandy to the University



Ms Olivia Bellemere, Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor of the French Embassy and Mr Paul Rochelemagne, the Director of the Alliance Française de Kandy met the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith, on 28 April 2025 at the Vice-Chancellor's Office. Director International Relations Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi together with Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga, Director-University Quality Assurance Unit, Ven. Dr Jambugahapitiye Dhammaloka, Head of the Department of Classical Languages, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, and Dr Priyadarshani Premarathne from the Department of Sociology also joined the discussion.



Discussions focused on promoting French cultural activities, signing a memorandum of understanding with French entities, future research collaborations with Sri Lankan academics, and the possibility of French teaching support for University degree programmes.

Visit of Shanghai Municipal People's Congress Delegation to the University of Peradeniya and JRDC

A delegation from the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress visited the University of Peradeniya and the Joint Research and Demonstration Centre (JRDC) on 22 April 2025.

The delegation was led by Mr Zhang Quan, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress (SCSMPC), and included Ms Yan Rui, Member and Vice-Secretary General of the SCSMPC and Vice-Chairperson of the Legal System Committee, Mr Wang Linhua, Vice-Chairman of the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee, and Mr Cheng Minji, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Division.

The meeting took place at the conference room of the JRDC. The University of Peradeniya was represented by Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director of the International Relations Office. Dr Madhubhashini Makehelwala and Mr Zammil Hameed from the JRDC chaired and hosted the meeting.

Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between Sri Lanka and China, including support for water purification systems in Sri Lanka and establishing collaborative research initiatives with Shanghai universities, as well as exploring avenues for supporting JRDC activities.



Delegates from the Pakistan Higher Education Commission Visit the University



A delegation from the Pakistan Higher Education Commission visited the University of Peradeniya on 25 April 2025. A meeting was held at the Senate Room with the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy-Vice Chancellor and Deans of Faculties. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director of the International Relations Office of the University.

The discussion during the meeting primarily focused on potential scholarship opportunities offered by Pakistan, Faculty exchange programmes, and the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions.

Visit of Delegation from Niigata University to the Faculty of Dental Sciences



A three-member delegation from the Faculty of Dentistry and the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Niigata University, Japan, visited the Faculty of Dental Sciences (FDS), University of Peradeniya, on 22 and 23 May 2025. The delegation included:

- Prof. Kenji Izumi – Professor Division of Biomimetics
- Dr. Keichiro Okamoto – Associate Professor Division of Physiology
- Dr. Masaru Kaku – Associate Professor Division of Bio Prosthodontics

On 23 May, the delegation met with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya to explore opportunities for further strengthening the sister link between the two institutions, with particular focus on enhancing collaboration between the respective dental faculties. A similar discussion was also held with the academic staff of the Faculty of Dental Sciences.

In addition to these meetings, the visiting academics conducted a series of mini-lectures for dental students, contributing to academic enrichment and fostering international academic exchange.

Indian High Commissioner Visits University of Peradeniya



On 18 April 2025, His Excellency Santosh Jha, the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, visited the University of Peradeniya and held discussions with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama. The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between Indian Universities and the University of Peradeniya, particularly in the areas of academic excellence and research.

University of Peradeniya and Guizhou University Launch Joint Laboratory on Green Plant Protection



The Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with Guizhou University, China, has initiated the establishment of the "China-Sri Lanka Belt and Road Joint Laboratory on Green Plant Protection" (CSBR-GPP Lab). This initiative aims to enhance research and capacity building at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, encompassing staff exchanges, short-term research training programs in China, and long-term training leading to postgraduate qualifications in China and/or Sri Lanka.

A delegation from Guizhou University visited the Faculty of Agriculture on 14 May 2025. The delegation included Prof. Hao Gefei, Dr W.M. Wishwajith W. Kandegama (Project Coordinator from the Chinese Government), Prof. Wu Zhibing, Dr Huang Xiaotian, and Prof. Cheng Hongguang. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the progress of the CSBR-GPP Lab and to initiate planning for a joint conference on Green Plant Protection scheduled for later this year. During the visit, the delegation announced the availability of 30 fully funded MSc/PhD scholarships for University of Peradeniya students, with recruitment beginning this year.

The CSBR-GPP Lab will focus on research areas including, accurate pesticide reduction based on big data, biological control technologies for insect pests, plant diseases and weed infestations in tea gardens, and risk monitoring and control technologies targeting pesticide residues in tea. Through these efforts, the laboratory aims to establish a safe, efficient, environmentally friendly, and scientifically controlled system for sustainable pest and disease management in tea cultivation.

The discussions were attended by Prof. B.C. Jayawardana (Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture), Prof. S.A.C.N. Perera (Head of the Department of Agricultural Biology), Prof. J.P. Eeswara (Head, Department of Crop Science), Prof. D.K.N.G. Pushpakumara (Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture), Prof. B. Marambe (Director of the Joint Lab), Prof. A.J. Mohotti (Principal Investigator of the project), Prof. Pradeepa C.G. Bandaranayake (Director, Agricultural Biotechnology Centre) and Dr W.H. Jayasinghe (Director, Agriculture Education Unit). The Chinese delegation also met with Prof. R.W. Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, to officially announce the approval of the grant by the Chinese Government. All discussion rounds held during the visit were highly successful, reflecting the strong commitment of both institutions to this collaborative endeavour.

This collaboration marks a significant step in strengthening academic and research ties between Sri Lanka and China, focusing on sustainable agricultural practices and green plant protection.

Executive Director of the US-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission Meets the Vice-Chancellor



Dr Patrick McNamara, the Executive Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, met with the Vice-Chancellor on 22 April to discuss several collaborative initiatives. These included the possibility of organizing a colloquium focused on academic preparation for Sri Lankan educators, establishing a Fulbright Alumni Association at the University of Peradeniya, and exploring additional avenues for collaboration.

Donation of Clinical Attire to Dental Students by JICA



For the second consecutive year, on 7 April 2025, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) donated clinical attire to students beginning their clinical training at the Faculty of Dental Sciences (FDS), University of Peradeniya. This generous gesture reflects JICA's continued commitment to supporting the academic and professional journey of future dental surgeons and further strengthens the longstanding collaboration between JICA and the Faculty.

Since 1996, the partnership between the Faculty and JICA has remained strong and impactful. Over nearly three decades, JICA has provided invaluable support across numerous domains, playing a key role in the academic, clinical, and infrastructural advancement, benefiting both the Faculty and the Dental Teaching Hospital. Through capacity building initiatives, equipment donations, training programs, and technical assistance, JICA has played a vital role in enhancing the quality of dental education, research, and patient care.

The staff and students of the Faculty of Dental Sciences extend their heartfelt gratitude to JICA Sri Lanka and the people of Japan for their unwavering support over the past 29 years.

National Impact & Industry Engagement

CDSSL 38th Annual Scientific Sessions: Celebrating Leadership, Innovation, and Academic Excellence in Dentistry

The College of Dentistry and Stomatology in Sri Lanka (CDSSL) held its 38th Annual Scientific Sessions on the 5-6 April 2025, at Waters Edge, Colombo, under the capable leadership of its President, Dr. Gishan Edirisinghe.

The inauguration ceremony, held on the 5 of April, was graced by Prof. Vajira Dissanayake, President of the Sri Lanka Medical Council and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, as the Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour was Prof. D.Y.D. Samarawickrama, Professor Emeritus at Queen Mary University of London. Dr Dhanushka Leuke Bandara served as the Chairperson of the Scientific Sessions.

During the inauguration, Prof. B.M.H.S.K. Banneheka was conferred the prestigious title of Fellow of the College of Dentistry and Stomatology in Sri Lanka (FCDSSL) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession and commitment to maintaining high standards in dental practice and education.



A highlight of the event was the delivery of the 6th Sunil Fernando Memorial Oration by Prof. H.R.D. Peiris from the Department of Basic Sciences. His oration, titled "Dental Anthropology – A Vital Tool in Human Evolution, Forensic Sciences, and Clinical Dentistry," offered insightful perspectives into the interdisciplinary value of dental science.

Dr Dilini Ratnayake of the Department of Community Dental Health was awarded the certificate and cash prize for the best oral presentation during the free paper sessions.

The Annual General Meeting, held on 6 April, concluded with the election of Dr Dhanushka Leuke Bandara as the President of the CDSSL for the 2025/2026 term.

Welfare, Diversity & Inclusion

University of Peradeniya Acquires Rs. 24 Million Backhoe Loader



The University of Peradeniya has enhanced its operational capabilities with the recent acquisition of a backhoe loader valued at approximately Rs. 24 million. Funded by the Treasury, this vital addition will support the university's extensive infrastructure and maintenance needs across its 1,700-acre premises.

The official handover ceremony took place on 2 May 2025, with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith formally presenting the machine to Acting Registrar Mr. Mahinda Ekanayake.

Also in attendance were Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. R.L. Wijayaweera, Bursar, Works Engineer, and several other senior officials.

Opening of the Nursing Care Centre – Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

The Nursing Care Centre of the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, was declared open on 19 May 2025 at Gatambe, Peradeniya. Distinguished invitees and the staff members of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences participated in the opening ceremony.

The Head and the staff of the Department of Nursing were honoured to welcome Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Lalani Yatawara, the Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Heads and the academic staff members of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences as well as members of the extended clinical training staff.

In her address, Dr Deepani Pathiranage, Head of the Department of Nursing, emphasized that the centre will primarily focus on providing wound care services to patients with chronic wounds, in addition to a range of other nursing services aimed at promoting recovery and comfort for patients with various health conditions. The centre will generate income by offering nursing services to the public at affordable rates, while also serving as an invaluable training ground for undergraduate nursing students to gain hands-on experience in wound care and other nursing interventions.

The Department of Nursing extends its heartfelt gratitude to all individuals whose dedication and effort made this achievement possible. The Nursing Care Centre is set to become a significant resource for both the Faculty and the wider University of Peradeniya community.



COM Health Fest 2025 – National Community Health Festival



The Faculty of Dental Sciences actively participated in the COMHealth Fest 2025 – National Community Health Festival, held on 7 June at Viharamahadevi Park, Colombo 07. The event organized by the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka themed "Live Healthy Happy Life", featured a health walk and a public exhibition.

Third- and fourth-year dental students took part in both the health walk and the exhibition, collaborating with the College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka. The students engaged the public in raising awareness on basic oral hygiene practices and common treatment methods. A key highlight was a street drama performed by the students to creatively educate the public on the importance of oral health and themed "හොඳට නරකට දෙකට කටය". Dr Uthpala Gunasekara, a Registrar in Community Dentistry also supported the students' performance by taking part in a supportive role.

The Faculty's participation was coordinated by Prof. Dileep De Silva, Dr. Dilini Ratnayake, and Dr. Thilini Hegoda, reflecting the Faculty's commitment to community engagement and health promotion.

Oral Health Camp in Murunkan

The Dental Faculty Students' Union, in collaboration with RDHS Mannar, organized an oral health camp in Murunkan on the 26 April 2025. This initiative was held in memory of the late student, Thivin Saahithiyan, with the heartfelt purpose of serving the Murunkan community.

The camp offered oral hygiene education, free dental screenings, basic restorations and simple extractions. The Faculty of Dental Sciences is grateful for the warm response from the community and proud to have made a small difference in promoting better oral health.



Guest Lecture on University Examination Rules and Regulations

A guest lecture organized by the Students Welfare and Advisory Committee on "University Examination Rules and Regulations" was held on 8 April 2025, at the Bambaradeniya Auditorium with in-person and virtual participation of both dental undergraduates and academic staff. The session was delivered by Prof. C. Beneragama in a highly interactive and engaging manner, ensuring the participants gained a clear understanding of the important guidelines.



Career Development

Rover Scout Enrolment Ceremony at the University of Peradeniya



The Rover Scout Enrollment Ceremony was successfully held on 11 April 2025, at the University of Peradeniya, marking a significant milestone in introducing the Rover Scouting Movement to the University.

A total of 51 undergraduate students were formally enrolled into the Rover Scouting Movement after completing six months of structured scouting activities and leadership training. This initiative was organized by the Career Guidance Unit in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Scout Association.

The event was graced by Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dileep de Silva, Director of the Career Guidance Unit, also participated as a guest.

Representing the Sri Lanka Scout Association were Mr Srilath Silva, Assistant Chief Commissioner-Rover Scouting; Mr Indika Prasanna, Assistant Headquarters Commissioner and Mr Saliya Prasad Dahanayake, Assistant District Commissioner-Rover Scouts and International Affairs.

Ms Sumudu Lankathilake, Career Commissioner – Rover Scout In-Charge at the University of Peradeniya, played a pivotal role in guiding and coordinating the programme.

This ceremony marks the beginning of a new chapter in empowering undergraduates through scouting values, leadership development, community service, and personal growth.

WSAP–MMF Phase III Traineeship Awarding Ceremony



The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya successfully concluded the Working Students' Assistantship Programme (WSAP) – Phase III Traineeship Awarding Ceremony on 4 June 2025 at the Senate Room.

The event was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Chairman and representatives of the Mosvold-Martinus Foundation, and the Director of the Career Guidance Unit.

The WSAP MMF initiative, supported by the Mosvold-Martinus Foundation, continues to empower financially disadvantaged undergraduates by offering meaningful work opportunities on campus to build their professional skills and support their academic journey. The initiative is conducted by the Career Guidance Unit in collaboration with the Student Services Division of the University of Peradeniya.

University of Peradeniya Academics Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Gender Equity and Equality



The Centre for Gender Equity/Equality of the University Grants Commission celebrated International Women's Day on 11 March 2025 by recognizing the outstanding contributions of six distinguished individuals to gender equity and equality in the university community. Among them, three esteemed members from the University of Peradeniya were honored, namely, Professor Carmen Wickramagamage (currently in active service), Emeritus Professor Kamala Liyanage, and Dr Wijaya Jayatilaka.

Prof. Carmen Wickramagamage, Senior Professor of English at the University of Peradeniya, is a renowned scholar specializing in literature, translation, and feminist theory. A Fulbright and Erasmus Mundus Fellow, she played a pivotal role in developing policies to prevent sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) at Peradeniya, serving as the Chairperson of the University's SGBV Prevention Committee from 2018 to 2024.

Emeritus Professor Kamala Liyanage, a leading political scientist, has over four decades of academic and research experience. A PhD graduate from Keio University, Japan, she has significantly influenced gender policy development in Sri Lanka and conducted groundbreaking research on women's rights, governance, and gender disparities. Her contributions earned her Japan's prestigious Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays on Neck Ribbon.

Dr Wijaya Jayatilaka, a pioneer in gender education and advocacy, introduced Sri Lanka's first university courses on gender and was instrumental in establishing the Gender Education and Women's Initiative Unit (GEWIU) at Peradeniya. As Co-Chair of the UGC's Gender Equity & Equality Standing Committee, he played a key role in shaping gender policies and university gender centres.

This felicitation recognized the remarkable dedication of these scholars in advancing gender justice, women's empowerment, and policy development, inspiring future generations in academia and beyond.

Collaborative Visit from the University of Kelaniya to Enhance Patient-Centred Care



The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya, was pleased to host a visit from the Department of Disability Studies, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. The delegation was led by Dr. Dinushee Atapattu-Bakmeewewa, Head of the Department and specialist in audiology



The collaborative discussions provided valuable insights into enhancing the role of speech and language therapists in the multidisciplinary care of patients with oral cancer, cleft lip and palate, and other oral and maxillofacial conditions.

The visit also fostered broader interdepartmental dialogue, involving specialties including Restorative Dentistry, Prosthetic Dentistry, Oral Medicine, Community Dentistry, and Periodontology, with a shared vision for advancing patient care and research through collaborative initiatives.

University of Peradeniya Hosts ELEVATE Film Screening to Promote Gender Equality and Reproductive Rights



The University of Peradeniya hosted a powerful film screening event on 24 April 2025 as part of the national ELEVATE initiative aimed at promoting gender equality and reproductive rights. Organized by the university's Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Sexual Violence Prevention Committee (SGBVC) in collaboration with the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Centre for Media Information and Literacy (CMIL), the event drew wide participation from students, staff and other stakeholders.

Held at the Art Theatre of the Faculty of Arts, the screening featured 10 short films produced under the ELEVATE initiative, including contributions from the University of Peradeniya. These films explored critical themes such as period poverty, abortion rights, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, LGBTIQ+ rights, and the stigmatization and stereotyping of marginalized communities. Each narrative served to provoke thought, promote empathy, and initiate critical conversations among attendees.

ELEVATE (Empowering Learning Environments to Value and Advance Tolerance and Equity) is a nationwide initiative jointly implemented by the UGC and CMIL. It aims to create safer, more inclusive university environments by promoting understanding of sexual and reproductive health rights and addressing various forms of gender-based violence, particularly within digital spaces. The project has facilitated the production of 25 short films across Sri Lankan state universities, giving students a platform to creatively voice pressing social concerns.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Eresha Mendis, Chairperson of the SGBVC. Ms Isuri Abeykoone, Programme Manager of ELEVATE, outlined the project's objectives, emphasizing the importance of media in raising awareness. The Chief Guest, Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, commended the initiative, emphasizing the urgency of addressing gender-based violence and digital abuse in universities. Mr Ramesh De Silva, General Manager of Future World, commended the creative approach of the project, noting its power to foster digital literacy, empathy, and responsible citizenship.

A thought provoking panel discussion followed the screening, chaired by Dr Wijaya Jayatilaka and featuring Emeritus Prof. Kamala Liyanage, Dr Kalana Senaratne, and Dr Poornika Seelagama. Their discourse reflected on the policy and real-world relevance of the issues raised.

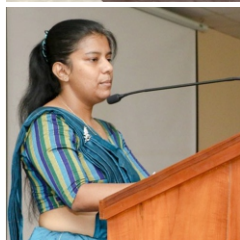
In her vote of thanks, Dr Udari Abeysinghe, Secretary of the SGBVC, acknowledged all contributors and called for continued collaboration to sustain the momentum generated by the project.

The event marked an important milestone in the university's ongoing efforts to promote dialogue, empower student voices, and strengthen a culture of respect, safety, and equity in higher education.



Workshops, Training & Capacity Building

First Aid Training for Sub-Wardens and Work Aids



A First Aid Training session was conducted successfully on 15 May 2025 at the Curve Auditorium, Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture. The session was led by Mr Y.K.M.U. Bandara, Nursing Officer at the University Health Centre, with the guidance of Dr (Mrs) H.M.C.L. Herath, Chief Medical Officer. The training provided in-depth instruction and practical demonstrations on essential first aid procedures.



The training aimed to enhance participants' ability to respond promptly and effectively during medical emergencies, both in the workplace and in daily life, with a strong emphasis on hands-on learning. The training led by the Nursing Officer, ensured medical accuracy and real-world applicability, making it both relevant and practical.



Attendees actively participated in demonstrations and scenario-based exercises, helping to build confidence in their emergency response skills. The event was well-attended, with positive feedback from participants who appreciated the clear instructions, interactive approach, and relevance of the content.

This programme was organized by the University Safety Officer in collaboration with the General Services Division, following the guidance of Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Prof. J.K. Vidanarachchi, Chairman of the University Safety Committee. Mannequins for the hands-on demonstrations were generously supplied by the Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care, Faculty of Medicine.

Mathematics Education – ICMME 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop



A Pre-Conference Workshop for School Mathematics Teachers was conducted on 13 June in preparation for ICMME 2025, which will be held in July. This professional development session focused on enhancing pedagogical skills in mathematics.

Advancing School-Level Education

On 2 April 2025, the PGIS conducted a Workshop for Directors of Science and Mathematics Education, led by the Board of Study in Science Education. The event focused on research, best practices, and AI integration in school education, fostering a national dialogue on improving STEM education in Sri Lanka.



Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series – May & June - 2025

May 2025: H.E. Mr. Levan Dzhagaryan



The 12th session of the Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series was successfully conducted on 21 May 2025 at 12.30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya.

The speaker for the event was His Excellency Mr Levan Dzhagaryan, Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. His Excellency delivered an insightful lecture titled "Russia-Sri Lanka Relations: Strengthening Educational and Cultural Collaboration," highlighting the longstanding bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

He noted that Russia is one of the top importers of Ceylon tea and has supported Sri Lanka in various capacities, including assistance in establishing a sugar factory, providing aid during the economic crisis, and supplying vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also emphasized the strong educational and tourism ties between the two nations, with many Sri Lankan students pursuing medical degrees in Russia and a significant number of Russian tourists visiting Sri Lanka annually.

His Excellency briefly addressed the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. He expressed appreciation for the Sri Lankan government's neutral stance and commended former , and praised Sri Lankan government's neutral stance on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and appreciated US President Donald Trump's efforts toward conflict resolution.

The audience included the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Press-Secretary, and the Second Secretary of the Russian Embassy, Mr. German Fedorov, Deans of the Faculties, as well as academic, and non-academic staff members.

The Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series aims to provide the University community with a valuable opportunity to engage with and learn from distinguished speakers and professionals in various fields. It serves as a platform for intellectual enrichment, fostering vibrant dialogue and the exchange of knowledge within the academic community.

June 2025: Prof. Udaya Ralapanawa



The 13th session of the Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series was successfully conducted on 18 of June 2025 at 12.30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya with the participation of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Deans of the Faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes and Centers, Heads of the Departments, as well as many academic and administrative staff. The Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series aims to provide the University community with a distinctive opportunity to engage with and learn from eminent scholars in their respective fields of expertise. It serves as a platform for intellectual enrichment, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and knowledge within the academic community.

Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series (Continued)

The speaker for the event was Prof. Udaya Ralapanawa, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. Prof. Udaya Ralapanawa delivered an insightful speech on Know Your Numbers: Understanding and Beating High Blood Pressure highlighting the epidemiology of hypertension including the aetiology, risk factors and diseases attributable to hypertension in Sri Lanka.



Workshop on Clinical Teaching: Instruction and Assessment



A three-day workshop on Clinical Teaching: Instruction and Assessment was held from 31 March to 2 April 2025, bringing together 62 participants from medical and dental faculties across Sri Lanka. The event was conducted by distinguished resource persons from the Department of Medical Education, College of Medicine, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), USA.

The expert panel included:

- Prof. Ara Tekian, Associate Dean for International Education and expert in health professions education
- Prof. Yoon Soo Park, Ilene B. Harris Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Education
- Prof. Memoona Hasnain, Founding Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Family and Community Medicine.

The workshop, hosted by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, welcomed 40 participants from its own Faculty (including three clinicians from the Ministry of Health) and 22 participants from the universities of Kelaniya, Wayamba, Sabaragamuwa, Jaffna, and the dental faculties of Peradeniya and Sri Jayewardenepura.

Interactive sessions covered topics such as formative assessment and Mini-CEX, assessing clinical competence, providing feedback, learning theories, active learning strategies, team-based learning, standard setting, and patient-centred care. Participants responded enthusiastically, with some even engaging the resource persons in discussions on research ideas.

The inauguration ceremony, held at the Faculty Board Room, was graced by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith, UIC-UoP alumnus and main sponsor Prof. S. Sivanantha, Vidyajothi Prof. Vajira Dissanayake (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo and President of the Sri Lanka Medical Council), and Prof. Madawa Chandratilake (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya)

The workshop was held at the Department of Forensic Medicine, which generously provided the necessary facilities and support to accommodate the large number of participants.

The Seminar



A seminar was held on 3 April 2025 in the Board Room of the Faculty of Medicine University of Peradeniya. Open to all academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine the event also welcomed interested staff from the Faculties of Dental Sciences, Allied Health Sciences and Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science.

The seminar featured three expert speakers from the University of Illinois Chicago, USA.

- Prof. Ara Tekian discussed Competency-Based Education.
- Prof. Yoon Soo Park presented on quality improvement approaches in education, collaborative models, and the integration of artificial intelligence as a learning tool.
- Prof. Memoona Hasnain focused on promoting research and scholarship among students and trainees.

Approximately 20 staff members attended the seminar. The engaging sessions included time for Q&A, clarifying key concepts, and fruitful discussions on strategies to enhance the quality of Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

The visiting team of medical educationists expressed their interest in continuing the collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine and plan to conduct future staff development workshops and engage in joint research on medical education topics with Sri Lankan counterparts.

Institutional Quality Enhancement

On 23 May 2025, the PGIS organized a Quality Assurance Awareness Session for non-academic staff. The session was led by the Director of the PGIS, Prof. B.M.N.W.B. Balasoorita to emphasize the importance of QA systems in supporting academic excellence and operational efficiency.

Research, Innovation & Publications

Recognition of Research Excellence



The PGIS Research Grant Awarding Ceremony was held on 9 May, recognizing twelve recipients under the PGIS Research Grant 2024 scheme. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith graced the event as the Chief Guest.

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Research Capacity Building in Conservation:

From 19–24 May, the PGIS conducted a Short Course on Research Design for Field Biologists, in collaboration with the University of Florida. The programme equipped early-career researchers with advanced skills in ecological research design and statistical analysis.



Academic Affairs & Student Admissions (UG and PG)

Clinical Induction Ceremony - 2021/2022 Batch



The Clinical Induction Ceremony for the 2021/2022 batch (4th semester) of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya, was successfully held on Friday, 20 June 2025, at the S. B. Dissanayake Hall (CPC Hall), marking a significant academic milestone as students transition into the clinical phase of their dental education.

The event commenced with the arrival of invitees, followed by the lighting of the traditional oil lamp and the university anthem. Dean of the Faculty, Prof. B.M.H.S.K. Banneheka, delivered the welcome address. The keynote speech, delivered by Prof. M. D. Lamawansa, Professor of Surgery and Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, offered inspiration and valuable professional insight. A symbolic highlight of the programme was the reading of the oath by a batch representative, signifying the students' commitment to ethical clinical practice.

Prof. Sajjiv Ariyasinghe presented a summary of the ongoing collaboration between JICA and FDS, presented, followed by a speech from Mr Kuronuma Kenji, Chief Representative of JICA Sri Lanka, who emphasized JICA's continued support for dental education and training.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith also addressed the gathering, reaffirming the university's commitment to academic excellence and international collaboration.

The event featured a special appreciation speech in Japanese by Ms Naduni Jayakody, representing the student body and the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. A.K.S. Arambawatta, Coordinator of the Undergraduate Unit.

The Faculty was also honoured by the presence of Ms Ide Yuri, Senior Representative, Education Section – JICA Sri Lanka and Ms Christeen, representing JICA, further underscoring JICA's dedication to supporting the academic and professional journey of future dental surgeons.

Launch of New Academic Programmes in Science Education

The Inauguration Ceremony for the Master of Science Education and Postgraduate Diploma in Science Education was held on 15 June 2025, at the PGIS Auditorium. The event marked the formal commencement of these programmes, aimed at enhancing professional and academic competencies of science educators across the country.

Student Life & Extracurricular Activities

Korea Meets Kandy: A Day of Culture and Friendship between Korea and Sri Lanka



The Korean Embassy in Sri Lanka hosted its first-ever Korea Cultural Festival on 7 June 2025 at the Gymnasium of the University of Peradeniya, offering an immersive and vibrant celebration of Korean heritage. Blending the elegance of Korean culture with the scenic beauty of the university, the event attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd eager to experience the richness of Korean cuisine and entertainment.

A highlight of the event was the Taekwondo Tournament, featuring school students from across Kandy who demonstrated the discipline and spirit of this iconic Korean sport. The atmosphere was further illuminated by live Korean traditional music performances that energized the audience. Participants also experienced authentic Korean flavours prepared by a Korean chef who introduced a variety of Korean dishes at live action food stations including Tteokbokki, the popular spicy rice cakes, offered along traditional Sri Lankan food.

H.E. Ambassador Miyon Lee graced the event as the Chief Guest, along with Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya as the Guest of Honour. Among the special invitees were Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director-International Relations, Prof. T. Sivananthawerl, and the Director-Physical Education of the University of Peradeniya. The event was coordinated by Mr Mahesh Abeywickrama, Acting Public Relations Officer of the University of Peradeniya together with Ms Avindi Vidanage of the Korean Embassy in Sri Lanka.

LEO Carrom Championship - 2025

The LEO Carrom Championship 2025, organized by the LEO Club of the University of Colombo was held on 30 April 2025 at the Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka. The University of Peradeniya men's carrom 'A' team won second place at the Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka premises.



Pera 6's Hockey Tournament - 2025



Pera 6's, the Annual Inter-University and Inter-Club Hockey tournament organized by the Department of Physical Education in collaboration with the Pera Hockey Family was held on 10 and 11 May 2025 at the University of Peradeniya Grounds.

The tournament drew enthusiastic participation, with around 10 universities competing in the Inter-University category and 48 teams from across the island joining the Inter-Club segment.

The first day featured the Inter-University matches and commenced with an opening ceremony graced by Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya.

The men's final of the Inter-University segment saw a tense face-off between the University of Peradeniya and the University of Colombo, ending in a draw at full time. In the subsequent penalty stroke competition, the University of Peradeniya emerged victorious, claiming the championship title. The University of Sri Jayewardenepura secured the second runner-up position in the men's category.

In the women's final, the match between the University of Kelaniya and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura ended in a 0-0 draw, resulting in both teams being declared Joint Champions. Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka took the second runner-up spot in the women's division. Harinsu Bandara of the University of Peradeniya was named Best Goalkeeper of the tournament.

The second day was dedicated to the Inter-Club segment, which included a preliminary round followed by four trophy categories: Cup, Plate, Bowl, and Shield.

In the Cup segment, the Creators Sports Club and Old Aloysian Hockey Club were declared Joint Champions after an intense final that ended in a draw. In the Plate segment, Old Kingswoodians Hockey Club triumphed over Marines Sports Club, while SLA Service Corps won the Bowl segment. KH and FC secured the Shield championship.

In the women's Inter-Club category, past players from the University of Peradeniya showcased their skills by defeating the Wennappuwa team in the finals to clinch the coveted title.



Inter Faculty Athletic Championships 2025

The Inter Faculty Athletic Championships-2025 was held on 21 & 22 June, 2025 at the University Athletic Track, Peradeniya. In the women's category, the Faculty of Arts clinched the champion's trophy while Faculty of Science secured the runner-up position and Faculty of Agriculture was placed third. In the men's category, Faculty of Medicine clinched the champions' trophy, while Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Engineering were placed second and third, respectively.

The prestigious Overall champions' trophy was awarded to the Faculty of Arts. The Faculty of Science secured the runner-up position, while the Faculty of Agriculture claimed second runner-up position.



University of Peradeniya Rugby Team off to a Flying Start in SLUG 2025

The Inter-University Rugby Championship, the first event of the esteemed Sri Lanka University Games, one of the most anticipated university sports festivals, kicked off at the University of Peradeniya. The tournament opened with a match between the Eastern University and the Wayamba University.

The opening ceremony was graced by several distinguished guests, including Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya; Dr. W.M.S. Fernando, President of the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA); Prof. T. Sivananthawerl, Director of Physical Education; Mr S.U. Wijesinhe, Secretary General of SLUSA; and other distinguished guests from other universities across the country.

The University of Peradeniya rugby team made a powerful statement in their opening game of the SLUG 2025 Rugby Tournament, securing a dominant victory over Rajarata University. The game held on 28 June at the Peradeniya Rugby Grounds, was the third match of the tournament and concluded with Peradeniya scoring an impressive 86 points.



Coaching Camps & Workshops

The University Tennis teams organized a coaching camp for advanced and intermediate tennis players on 25 May 2025 at the Kandy Garden Club. A group of students from the University of Peradeniya participated in this training programme.

ACES – Invitational University Mixed Tennis Tournament



The "ACES" Invitational University Mixed Tennis Tournament, organized by the University of Kelaniya, was held on 31 May and 1 June 2025 at St. Joseph's College, Colombo. The University of Peradeniya Tennis team performed admirably, finishing as the runner-up in the tournament.

Central Province Open Ranking Table Tennis Championship-2025

The Central Province Open Ranking Table Tennis Championship 2025 was held on 14 June 2025 at the Indoor Stadium, Municipal Council, Kandy. Organized by the Kandy Smashes Table Tennis Academy, the tournament saw the participation of 11 players representing the University of Peradeniya.

Matale Open Tennis Championship-2025

The Matale Open Tennis Championship 2025, organized by Thora Tennis Academy, Matale was held at the Garden Club, Kandy, on 3 and 4 May 2025.

S.V. Stephan Anthony of the Faculty of Engineering emerged champion in Open Men's Singles event, while his faculty mate M.S. Rashad secured the runner-up position. In the Open Men's Doubles event, the duo of S.V. Stephan Anthony and M.S. Rashad claimed the champions title.

In the Open Women's Doubles event, K. Viruchiga from the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences and N. Asokkumar from the Faculty of Agriculture emerged champions. P.D.H. Kithsaranie and T. Kahandawaarachchi from the Faculty of Engineering finished as runners-up.

Inter Faculty Boxing Tournament-2025

The Inter-Faculty Boxing Tournament 2025 was held on 5 April 2025 at the Gymnasium, University of Peradeniya. The Faculty of Science emerged champions, securing first place, while the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Agriculture claimed second and third places, respectively.

Big Match Between University of Peradeniya & Sabaragamuwa University

The inaugural big match between the University of Peradeniya and Sabaragamuwa University was held at the University cricket ground. In an exciting contest, Sabaragamuwa University emerged victorious, marking a memorable start to what promises to be a spirited sporting tradition between the two universities.



Inter Faculty Freshers' Championships Conclude with a Grand Ceremony



The Inter Faculty Freshers' Sports Championships 2025 concluded with a vibrant and prestigious closing ceremony held on 7 April 2025 at the Gymnasium, University of Peradeniya.

The Freshers' Sports Tournament is the first sporting encounter for new students at the University and is a much anticipated annual event organized by the Department of Physical Education with strong support from the Sports Council of the University. The championship featured 21 sports spanning three weeks, offering participants an exciting and energetic sporting experiences. At the conclusion of the events, the Faculty of Science clinched the overall Champion's trophy, while the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Agriculture secured second and third places respectively.

The closing ceremony was graced by the Director, Physical Education, Prof. T. Sivananthawerl, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, who attended as Chief Guests. Deans of the Faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Arts, Dental Sciences and Medicine also honoured the occasion with their presence. During the colorful awarding ceremony, trophies and challenge shields were presented to the winning faculties in recognition of their outstanding performances.

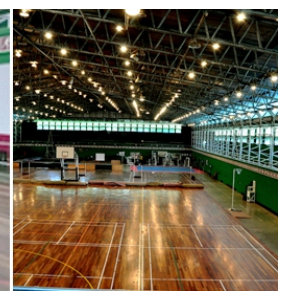


Spin & Smash Central Province Open Ranking Table Tennis Championship -2025

The Spin & Smash Central Province Open Ranking Table Tennis Championship 2025 was held on 11 May at the Municipal Council Indoor Stadium, Kandy. Fifteen players participated representing the University of Peradeniya in this competitive tournament.

Workshop for Captains and Vice-Captains

A workshop was successfully conducted on 27 April 2025 at the Gymnasium for team captains and vice-captains, under the theme 'Lead the Team: Leadership for Champions'. Prof. C.K. Beneragama from the Faculty of Agriculture served as the resource person on a voluntary basis.



Environment & Sustainability

International Delegates Visit the University of Peradeniya Following CCATL 2025



The International Conference on Climate Change and Agriculture (CCATL 2025), organized by the National Science Foundation (NSF), was held in Colombo on 5-6 May 2025, attracting over 300 foreign and local participants. As academic partners, the University of Peradeniya and the Centre for Environmental Sustainability (CES) at the University of Peradeniya played a key role in the successful organization of the conference.

In parallel to a post-conference field visit, a delegation of international participants, led by Prof. Saman Seneweera, Chairman of the NSF, visited the University of Peradeniya on 7 May 2025. The visit aimed to showcase the University's academic strengths and its contributions to climate-resilient agriculture. The visit was organized by CES, in coordination with Prof. S.A.C.N. Perera and Dr. W.H. Jayasinghe from the Department of Agricultural Biology, Faculty of Agriculture.

The delegation was welcomed by Dr. Nalin Suranjith, Director of CES, at the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS). An interactive session highlighting the University's history, academic achievements, and research excellence was conducted by Prof. C.K. Benaragama from the Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, and Prof. B.M.N.W.B. Balasooriya, Director of PGIS. The delegates then took part in a guided tour of key locations at the University. During the visit, Prof. Seneweera met with Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and expressed his gratitude to the University and CES for their support in organizing CCATL 2025.

Celebration of World Environment Day – 2025



In celebration of World Environment Day, the Landscape Division of the University of Peradeniya organized a ceremonial tree planting event on 5 June 2025, reaffirming commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible care for nature.

The event was graced by Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Mr. K.A.B. Damunupola, Acting Registrar and Mr. Asantha Bandara, Curator.

Bamboo Planting Programme to Conserve the Mahaweli River Banks



The ZeroPlastic Association of the University of Peradeniya, with the support of the Mahaweli Authority, organised a bamboo planting programme for the second time on 18 May 2025 to help prevent erosion along the banks of the Mahaweli River, which flows through the University premises.

The planting took place near the Sarasavi Medura Hostel, under the leadership of Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, and Mrs Nilmini Ekanayake, Assistant Director of the Forest and Environmental Conservation Unit of the Mahaweli Authority.

Approximately 200 environmentally conscious students, and Dr Kanthi Hettigoda, Warden of the Sarasavi Medura Hostel, participated in the event. The bamboo planting initiative aimed to restore and stabilize the riverbanks, prevent soil erosion, and promote long-term environmental sustainability.

The event was generously sponsored by the Bank of Ceylon, Peradeniya Branch, in support of conserving the Mahaweli River Basin. The Horticulture Department of the University of Peradeniya also contributed by providing essential facilities to ensure the success of the programme.

World Rainforest Day 2025: All Aboard for a Moving Conversation on Biodiversity



To mark the World Rainforest Day 2025, the Centre for Environmental Sustainability (CES) of the University of Peradeniya launched a creative and eco-conscious awareness campaign—onboard the scenic Podimenike train. Organized in collaboration with Amaya Resorts and Spas and the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs, Central Provincial Council (CPC), the initiative celebrated the island's lush rainforest heritage—on the move.

Led by energetic undergraduates from the Botanical and Environmental Science Societies of the University, the event turned the train journey from Sarasaviyana to Nanuoya into an immersive learning experience. With conversations unfolding in both Sinhala and English, the initiative engaged both local commuters and international travelers alike, as they made their way through the misty hill country.

A highlight of the ride was a lively pop quiz competition, where eager participants tested their knowledge of native flora and fauna. Winners walked away with copies of 'Soba' magazine published by CPC, biodiversity-themed postcards, and reusable glass water bottles, reinforcing the programme's commitment to sustainable, plastic-free living.

As the train threaded its way through verdant valleys and misty peaks, passengers disembarked not only with souvenirs in hand but also with a renewed appreciation of the island's natural heritage.

Green Gift for a Greener Tomorrow



In celebration of World Environment Day 2025, the Faculty of Dental Sciences at the University of Peradeniya united under the meaningful theme, "Green Gift for a Greener Tomorrow."

The Faculty was deeply honoured to receive a generous donation from one of its distinguished alumni, Dr. Joseph Moin of the 1976 batch, who gifted waste bins valued at over one million rupees to the Faculty. This thoughtful contribution was made as an expression of gratitude to his alma mater and to the people of Sri Lanka, in appreciation of the free education he received.

Proper waste segregation is a cornerstone of effective waste management. These newly donated bins will play a crucial role in promoting responsible waste separation and disposal, contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable environment within the Faculty.

A heartfelt thanks is also extended to the Bank of Ceylon, Peradeniya Branch, for generously sponsoring the printing of bin stickers, an essential component in ensuring the success of this initiative.

The event was graced by Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya; Prof. Shyama Banneheka, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Sciences; and Mr Ranjith Jayatilaka, Senior Manager of BOC Peradeniya Branch.

This impactful initiative was organized by the Green Team of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, with the enthusiastic support and participation of both staff and students.

Together, let's work towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future!

Alumni Activities

Golden Jubilee Reunion of the 1975 Batch of Dental Surgeons



The Faculty of Dental Sciences, had the privilege of welcoming the 1975 batch of Dental Surgeons on 20 May 2025, as they celebrated the remarkable milestone of 50 years since their admission to the University.

A total of 27 members from the batch, currently residing both in Sri Lanka and overseas, participated in the event. To mark this special occasion, the group generously donated several items including a laptop computer and a multimedia projector, aimed at enhancing the learning experience of present dental students.

The event was graced by the Dean, Heads of Departments, and several senior academics. The visiting alumni toured the Faculty and the University Dental Hospital, expressing their joy at being back on familiar grounds and their appreciation of the growth and progress their alma mater has achieved over the years.

The Faculty of Dental Sciences is deeply grateful to the 1975 batch for their continued support and contribution towards the advancement of dental education at Peradeniya. Their visit was a celebration of shared memories, professional camaraderie, and enduring commitment to the future of dentistry.

People

Prof. B.S.B. Karunarathna

The University of Peradeniya mourns the passing of Prof. B.S.B. Karunarathna, former Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Science and Emeritus Professor of the University. His contributions to higher education and scientific research have left a lasting impact on the academic community. May he attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana.

Senior Lecturer Mr Attanayake M. Herath

The University of Peradeniya mourns the passing of Mr Attanayake M. Herath, former Senior Lecturer at the Department of Sinhala Studies. His contributions to the academic community and to the field of Sinhala language and literature remain deeply valued. May he attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana.