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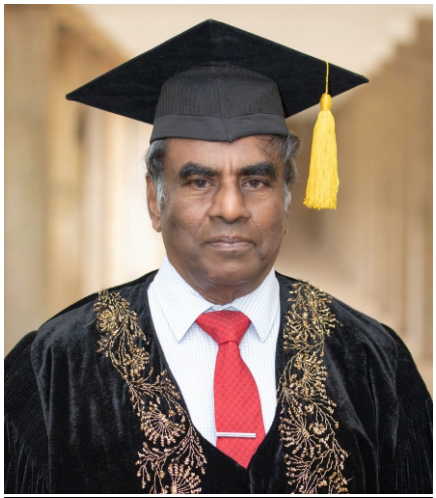
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Leadership & Institutional Recognition

Congratulations to the New Chancellor!



Prof. M.A.K.L. Dissanayake
Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya

Prof. M.A.K.L. Dissanayake Appointed as 17th Chancellor of University of Peradeniya by His Excellency the President, effective on 16 July 2025.

An alumnus of the Faculty of Science, he earned his B.Sc. (Hons) in Physics from the University of Peradeniya in 1970 and his Ph.D. in Experimental Solid-State Physics from Indiana University, Bloomington, USA in 1977. He has served the University in several key roles, including Professor of Physics, Head of the Department of Physics, and Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Science.

Currently a Research Professor in condensed matter physics and solid-state ionic research at the National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Prof. Dissanayake is globally recognized for his research excellence. He is ranked among the top 2% of scientists worldwide and is the top scientist in materials engineering in Sri Lanka, according to the AD Scientific Index 2023.

His numerous accolades include the Vidya Nidhi National Award (2005), CVCD Award for Outstanding Senior Researcher in Physical Sciences (2010), National Science Foundation Lifetime Award (2018), and Honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) Degrees from the University of Peradeniya (2024), University of Wayamba (2013), and the Open University of Sri Lanka (2021).Honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) Degrees

With an h-index of 39 and an i10-index of 107, his impactful work continues to inspire generations of scientists. He serves as an Editor of the Springer Journal of Materials: Materials in Electronics, is a prolific textbook author, and a mentor to many scientists. He was also honoured with the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University on 1 July.

The Vice-Chancellor and the university community extend warm congratulations and best wishes for continued success in his new role as Chancellor.

Career Guidance Unit, University of Peradeniya Wins Best Project Proposal at ICLVE'25

The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya was honored with the Best Project Proposal Award for its innovative initiative, the launch of the 'SARARAS' Magazine, under the theme "Values in a Multidisciplinary Context – Cultivating Ethics across Disciplines."

This recognition was awarded at ICLVE'25 – The International Conference on Living Values Education, held on 11 August 2025 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. The conference was proudly organized by the VOW Society of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, under the guidance of its Career Guidance Unit.





National Impact & Industry Engagement

CBSL and University of Peradeniya Sign MoU to Strengthen Academic and Research Collaboration



The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and the University of Peradeniya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 2 August 2025, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership to enhance research, education, and capacity building in Statistics, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, and related disciplines.

The ceremony, held at the University of Peradeniya, was attended by representatives from both institutions. Representing the CBSL were Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the Central Bank, together with the Senior Deputy Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistant Governor, and the Director and Deputy Director of the Statistics Department. Representing the University of Peradeniya were Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor, along with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty of Science, the Director of the Business Linkage, Innovation, Incubation and Technology Transfer Office (BLII-TTO), Head of the Department of Statistics and Computer Science, and the Acting Registrar.

The MoU, initiated by the Statistics Department of the CBSL and the Department of Statistics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science outlines collaboration in research, capacity building, internships and training, curriculum development, student projects, staff development, and data sharing.

Dr. Weerasinghe emphasized that the partnership would create a platform for knowledge exchange and applied research that directly supports the country's economic goals, emphasizing the importance of linking academic expertise with national policymaking. Prof. Madhujith highlighted that the collaboration would enhance academic excellence while providing students with valuable exposure to national institutions, strengthening both education and industry engagement. The MoU is expected to benefit both parties through mutual learning and resource sharing, offering students hands-on experience, aligning academic programmes with industry needs, and supporting analytical and policy functions through high-quality research.



The event concluded with the formal signing of the MoU and a discussion on future collaborative activities, reaffirming the shared commitment of both institutions to advancing national development goals.



ICONELT 2025: Department of English Language Teaching Hosts Landmark International Conference



The Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, proudly marked a historic milestone with the successful hosting of its first-ever International Conference on English Language Teaching (ICONELT 2025) on 12 September 2025. Graced by the presence of Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ravi Kuruppuge, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Prabath Ekanayake, and other distinguished guests, the conference represented a significant advancement in the Department's academic journey, highlighting its growing leadership and commitment to excellence in English language education. The event was chaired by Prof. Pushpa Vitharana, Head of the Department, who provided academic guidance and leadership throughout.

ICONELT 2025 brought together a vibrant gathering of scholars, researchers, practitioners, and educators from across the globe, creating a truly international platform for dialogue and collaboration. The conference was enriched by three distinguished keynote speakers whose thought-provoking insights set the tone for engaging discussions. Prof. Emeritus Arjuna Parakrama from the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, delivered a compelling address on "English Teaching vs. English Use in Sri Lanka: A Tale of Two Worlds Apart." Dr. Romola Rassool, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of English at The Open University of Sri Lanka, presented on "Challenges to Preserving and Promoting the Lesser-Known Languages of Sri Lanka." Prof. Michiko Weinmann, Associate Professor of Education (Languages Education) at Deakin University, Australia, explored "'Language(s) Otherwise': Engaging Ontologies of Language for Reconceiving ELT/L in Multilanguage Contexts." Together, their presentations provided rich, interdisciplinary perspectives that inspired lively discussions and critical reflections among participants.

In addition to the keynote sessions, the parallel technical sessions provided a platform for presenters to share innovative research, classroom interventions, and interdisciplinary perspectives. These sessions sparked lively, constructive discussions and offered new directions for research and practice in English language teaching.

The resounding success of ICONELT 2025 stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the organising committee, the generous support of the university community, and the wholehearted engagement of all participants. As the Department celebrates this landmark achievement, ICONELT 2025 will be remembered as the beginning of a proud tradition of scholarship, collaboration, and academic excellence.

Central Bank and University Host High-Level Discussion on Economic Outlook and Financial Inclusion





On 2 August 2025, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the University of Peradeniya, organized an insightful and timely discussion on Economic Outlook, Financial Inclusion, and Financial Literacy. The event took place at the University of Peradeniya and brought together an impressive audience of around 130 participants, including Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Director, PGIHS Prof. Wasantha Athukorala, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes, and Deans of various faculties.

A distinguished delegation from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, led by its Governor, Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe, graced the event and actively engaged in the discussions. The Central Bank team included Senior Deputy Governor Ms. Nelumani Daulagala, Deputy Governor Mr. Janaka Karunaratne, Assistant Governor Dr. Chandranath Amarasekara, and Assistant Governor Ms. W. A. Dilrukshini.

The event was marked by a keynote address from Dr. Weerasinghe, followed by a dynamic and thought-provoking exchange on Sri Lanka's present and future economic trajectory. Key themes discussed included financial literacy, financial inclusion, debt sustainability, and monetary policy stability. This high-level engagement served as a valuable platform for dialogue between the academic community and financial policymakers, fostering a deeper understanding of the economic challenges and opportunities facing the country.

University of Peradeniya Signs MoUs with Keells Food Products PLC and Ceylon Cold Stores PLC



Two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the University of Peradeniya and Keells Food Products PLC and Ceylon Cold Stores PLC to establish opportunities for mutually beneficial research and development collaborations.

Representing the University of Peradeniya were Prof. W.M. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.C. Jayawardana, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Prof. Sarath Kodithuwakku, Former Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Dr. Malinda Hulugalla, Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture.

From John Keells Holdings, participants included Mr. Daminda Gamlath (President – Consumer Foods Group), Mr. Viranga Wickramaratne (CEO, Keells Food Products), Mr. Nirosh Lalantha (Head of Research and Development, Keells Food Products), Mr. Sanjeewa Jayasundera (Head of Supply Chain, Ceylon Cold Stores), and Mr. Udaya Padmakumara (Head of Innovation and Product Development, Ceylon Cold Stores).

The signing ceremony was held on 27 June 2025 at the Head Office of John Keells Holdings, located at Cinnamon Life, City of Dreams, Colombo.

Workshops, Training & Capacity Building

International Workshop on Future of Pali Studies Held During International Week 2025







As part of the International Week 2025, a one-day International Workshop on 'Future of Pali Studies' was jointly organized by the Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy, the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies and the International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya.

The inauguration was graced by the Most Venerable Deputy Patriarch (Anunayake thera) of Malwatte Chapter of Siam Sect, Ven. Niyangoda Sri Vijithasiri Thero, H.E. the Assistant High Commissioner of India Ms. Saranya V.S, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Conference Chair Prof. Abey Ratnayake and Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya.

Pali language and its different usages in Theravada countries were discussed in depth at the workshop. The Keynote addresses were given by Ven. Aggamaha Panditha Prof. Muwaetugama Gnanananda Thero of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Peradeniya, Dr. Arun Kumar Tadew, Head, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Banaras Hindu University, Prof. Ujjwal Kumar, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Calcutta, and Ven. Miriseatte Wimalagnana, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya. Dr. Shailendra Kumar of Banaras Hindu University also attended as a Resource person. More than 100 participants representing several Universities of Sri Lanka attended the workshop.

Workshop on Stress Management Conducted for International Students

International Relations Office organized a workshop as part of its International Week activities, for international students on Stress Management. The workshop was conducted at the PGIS, University of Peradeniya by Dr. Rasangi Adicaaram, Director/CAPSU and Mrs. Apsara Diwarathne, a professional Counselor. More than 30 international students attended the workshop. Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Prof. Nanda Balasooriya, Director/PGIS, Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director/InRO, Dr. Chandima Herath, Chief Medical Officer of the University and several other academic and non-academic staff also joined the event.



Brain into Business – Three-Day Entrepreneurship Workshop (21–23 July 2025)





The Career Guidance Unit, in collaboration with the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA), successfully conducted the Brain into Business workshop for undergraduates and recent graduates. Held at the WUS Building, the three-day programme focused on entrepreneurial motivation, branding, business planning, and financial strategy. Participants engaged in interactive sessions with industry experts and hands-on activities that encouraged creativity, innovation, and practical business thinking.

Outbound Training Programme Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya

The Outbound Training Programme 2025 marked an inspiring journey of growth, teamwork, and experiential learning. Conducted from 18 to 22 August 2025, the five-day Programme was successfully completed with the participation of the final group of undergraduates, concluding a remarkable week of learning beyond the classroom.

The Outbound Training Programme 2025 transformed more than 1,000 undergraduates from the Faculty of Arts through a wide range of outdoor activities designed to strengthen essential employability and life skills. Through interactive challenges, group tasks, and reflection sessions, participants enhanced their leadership, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving abilities while fostering strong bonds with their peers. The programme served as a transformative platform for students to step outside their comfort zones and develop confidence, resilience, and teamwork qualities that will serve them well as future professionals and leaders.

Organized by: Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya
Delivered by: Career Guidance Unit, University of Peradeniya







Alumni Activities

University of Peradeniya Celebrates 83rd Founder's Day and Honors Distinguished Alumni



On 1 July 2025, the University of Peradeniya proudly celebrated its 83rd anniversary with the Founder's Day and Alumni Excellence Award Ceremony, paying tribute to its visionary founder, Sir Ivor Jennings, and honouring the outstanding achievements of its alumni.

Sir Ivor Jennings, the founding Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon, which later evolved into the University of Peradeniya, envisioned an institution of higher learning, set amidst natural beauty, inspired by his alma mater, the University of Cambridge. His vision was to establish a world-class university that would serve the academic and developmental aspirations of Ceylon.

The day's commemorations began with the garlanding of the statue of Sir Ivor Jennings by an esteemed gathering that included His Excellency Mr. Eric Walsh, High Commissioner for Canada to Sri Lanka and Maldives, Prof. Sarath Abeykoon, Governor of the Central Province, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Former Vice-Chancellor, along with the Deans of all Faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes and Centres, Registrar and Bursar of University of Peradeniya.

The garlanding ceremony was followed by a tree planting event, symbolizing growth and renewal within the university community. To honour the Founder's legacy, the Alumni Excellence Award Ceremony was organized for the first time, recognizing 20 distinguished alumni for their exemplary achievements in academia, professional practice, and public service achievements. Over 150 dignitaries participated in this memorable event.

The awardees represented all nine Faculties and included senior emeritus professors who had served the university for over four decades, leaders in the public and corporate sectors, and young alumni who have earned national and international recognition for their contributions.

The awardees were: Mr. Thilina Hettiarachchi, Prof. H.P.M. Gunasena, Prof. Kapila Goonasekere, Mr. W.A.C. Wickrama Arachchi, Dr. R.M. Palitha Ratnayake, Late Prof. Leslie Gunawardana, Mr. K.A.H. Kalugampitiya, Prof. M.A.M. Sitheeque, Dr. Hilary Cooray, Eng. Mr. Nuhuman Marikkar, Eng. Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe, Mr. Sasaka Kodithuwakku, Prof. Kalana Maduwage, Dr. Palitha Abeykoon, Dr. Asela Gunawardana, Prof. Neelakanthi Rathnatunga, Prof. S.A. Kulasooriya, Prof. R.P. Gunawardane, Prof. V.K. Gunawardana, Dr. N.U. Horadagoda.

The 2025 Founder's Day and Alumni Excellence Award Ceremony not only celebrated the university's proud legacy but also marked the beginning of a new tradition, honouring those who continue to uplift the name of Peradeniya across the world. It was a day of reflection, recognition, and inspiration for generations to come.

Three Alumni of Physics Department Appointed as Chancellors of Leading Sri Lankan Universities

Three distinguished Emeritus Professors of Physics, who obtained their B.Sc. degrees from the Department of Physics at the University of Peradeniya, currently serve as Chancellors of three leading Sri Lankan universities.



Chancellor, University of Peradeniya
Professor Emeritus, Vidya Nidhi, Lakshman Dissanayake.

- B.Sc. (Special) in Physics – University of Peradeniya (1970)
- Ph.D. Experimental Solid State Physics (Indiana University, Bloomington, USA)

Chancellor, University of Jaffna
Professor Emeritus, Rajaratnam Kumaravadivel

- B.Sc. (Special) in Physics – University of Peradeniya (1970)
- Ph.D. Theoretical Solid State Physics (University of Bristol, UK)

Chancellor, Open University of Sri Lanka
Professor Emeritus, Dhammika Tantrigoda

- B.Sc. (Special) in Physics – University of Peradeniya (1973)
- Ph.D. Computational Geophysics (University of Durham, UK)

The University of Peradeniya takes great pride in the appointments of these distinguished alumni and gratefully acknowledges their invaluable contributions to the nation and to the advancement of science.

People

University Mourns the Loss of Distinguished Agricultural Scientist Professor Y.D.A.Senanayake



It is with profound sorrow that the University of Peradeniya announces the passing of Prof. Y.D.A. Senanayake, a truly distinguished scholar whose contributions to agriculture in Sri Lanka were immeasurable.

Prof. Senanayake served the University with exceptional dedication in numerous leadership roles, including Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Head of the Department of Crop Science, and Director of the Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA).

His visionary leadership, unwavering commitment, and lifelong service have left an indelible mark on the University and the wider agricultural community. His legacy of excellence and innovation will continue to inspire generations.

The University of Peradeniya extends its deepest sympathies to Prof. Senanayake's family, colleagues, and all who had the privilege of learning from and working alongside him.

Research, Innovation & Publications

University Recognizes Focal Points for Annual Data Collection 2024













The Statistics & Information Division of the University of Peradeniya successfully organized the Certificate of Appreciation Ceremony for Annual Data Collection – 2024 Focal Points on 23 September 2025 at the Senate Room, University of Peradeniya.

Faculty of Medicine Students Excel in Final MBBS Examination 2024



The Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, has long been recognized for producing well-trained, compassionate, and highly competent medical professionals. Graduates of the Faculty achieved outstanding results in the Final MBBS Examination 2024, securing 5th, 6th and 7th places, with eight students ranked within the top 50 and 17 within the top 100 in the national common merit list.

The University of Peradeniya extends its congratulations to these high-achieving students for their exceptional performance and conveys sincere appreciation to the academic and clinical staff of the Faculty of Medicine for their dedicated guidance and mentorship, which continue to inspire excellence.

New Issue of PGIS Newsletter

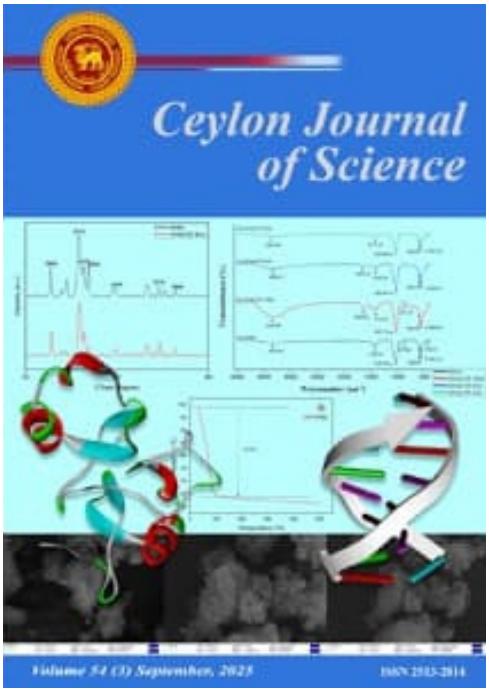


PGIS Newsletter reflects the academic, cultural, and community engagements carried out by the institute in recent months. The PGIS continues to thrive as a hub of postgraduate education, research, and innovation, while upholding values of unity, collaboration, and service.

Click HERE to read / download the PGIS Newsletter

Ceylon Journal of Science Volume 54, Issue 3 Released

The latest issue of the Ceylon Journal of Science, Volume 54, Issue 3 (September 2025) has been released.



Research Symposium of Executive Staff Held at Senate Room

As instructed by the Research Management Committee, the Research Symposium of the Executive Staff of the University of Peradeniya was held on 12 August 2025 at the Senate Room of the University.



Environment & Sustainability

Sri Lankan Students Participate in UCAS-ANSO-APRU International Summer School 2025 in Beijing

Five Sri Lankan undergraduate students who won the Undergraduate Environmental Sustainability Leaders (UESL) 2025 programme, jointly organized by the Centre for Environmental Sustainability (CES), University of Peradeniya, the Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Sciences (RCEES), and the Joint Research and Demonstration Centre (JRDC), recently participated in the UCAS-ANSO-APRU International Summer School, held from 5 to 13 July 2025, in Beijing, China. The summer programme was organized by the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), the Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions (ANSO), and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU).



The Summer School, organized under the theme "Earth Science for a Shared Future," welcomed student participants from Russia, Greece, Brazil, Thailand, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Vietnam, Egypt, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan delegation included UESL 2025 winners Ms. W.K. Nadeesha S. Priyanjalee (University of Peradeniya), Ms. S. M. S. R. Samarakoon (University of Peradeniya), Ms. Samanmalee Wathsala Dassanayake (Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka), Ms. N. Mandara Vidarshani Silva (University of Colombo), and Ms. A.A. Sewmini Imasha Laksiri (Ocean University of Sri Lanka). All five students were awarded full scholarships by UCAS, allowing them to fully engage in this prestigious academic and cultural experience.





Throughout the programme, participants explored a range of advanced topics including microbial roles in regulating ecosystem feedback to climate change, ecological urban design, sponge city development, sustainable rainwater management systems, real-time and automated water quality monitoring, and climate modelling. These were delivered through a dynamic mix of lectures, seminars, hands-on demonstrations, field visits, and live discussions.



Beyond academic enrichment, the programme also showcased China's progress toward sustainability through technology, policy, and practice. Students had the opportunity to engage with peers from around the globe, exchange cultural insights, and forge lasting friendships - truly embodying the spirit of international collaboration for a sustainable future.



Fourth International Conference on Environmental Sustainability (ICCES) Successfully Held

The Fourth International Conference of the Centre for Environmental Sustainability (ICCES) 2025, jointly organized by the Centre for Environmental Sustainability (CES), Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs of the Central Province, was successfully held as a hybrid event on 12 September 2025, at the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

A total of 65 abstracts were presented at the conference, spanning three key thematic areas that highlight the multifaceted nature of environmental sustainability: Environmental Science, Technology and Pollution Control, Biodiversity, Conservation, and Ecology, and Climate Adaptation, Green Innovations, and Sustainable Governance.

The closing ceremony of the conference was graced by Ms. Saranya V.S., Assistant High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka (Kandy), who attended as the Chief Guest. Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, participated as the Guest of Honour. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Tilak Hewawasam, Chairman of the Central Environmental Authority, on the theme "Environmental Protection versus Sustainable Living: Challenges for Environmental Regulatory Agencies." Mr. Chaminda Abeyaratne, Assistant Director at the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs, represented the Central Provincial Council at the ceremony.

During the event, student societies involved in the PET recycling initiative-jointly implemented by Ceylon Cold Stores (CCS) and the Centre for Environmental Sustainability—were recognized for their contributions. Mr. Amila Sirimanne, Senior Manager of Regulatory Affairs at CCS, awarded cheques to the best-performing student societies.

A special issue of the International Journal of Environmental Issues (IJEI), featuring research articles presented at ICCES 2023, was officially launched by Prof. Namal Priyantha, Editor-in-Chief. Additionally, a new issue of Sobha magazine, published by the Central Provincial Council and featuring articles by ICCES 2025 presenters and other scholars, was launched by Mr. Chaminda Abeyaratne.









International Relations & Partnerships

International Week 2025 Main Ceremony Features Japanese Ambassador as Chief Guest







The Main Ceremony of International Week 2025 was successfully held on 27 August 2025, from 08.30 a.m. to 01.30 p.m. The event was graced by His Excellency Isomata Akio, Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka, who attended as the Chief Guest. He delivered the keynote presentation, followed by an engaging Q & A session with the audience.

Subsequent sessions on academic opportunities were conducted by Dr. Patrick McNamara (Executive Director, Fulbright Commission), Ms. Nimaya Manude (Regional Officer, DAAD German Academic Exchange Service, Colombo) and Mr. Paul Rochelemagne (Director of the Alliance Française de Kandy).

International Education and Employment Fair Attracts Students and the Public

As part of the International Week 2025, an international education and employment fair was conducted at the Senate premises by DAAD-Colombo, Alliance Française de Kandy together with ABEC` Premier and DreamJ institutes. Students, University staff and the general public attended these events. A special Outreach activity organized by the US embassy and Sarvodaya Fusion, in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit and the International Relations Office, was also conducted at the new library building of the University.



Chinese Delegation from Ma'anshan Teachers' College Explores Educational Collaboration



A delegation from Ma'anshan Teachers' College, China, led by Deputy Mayor Kan Qinghe, met with Prof. Sanath Rajapakshe, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, on 19 September 2025. The purpose of the visit was to explore an international exchange programme and establish long-term cooperation with the Department of Education, Faculty of Arts. The discussions were attended by Dr. Prabath Ekanayake, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Sakunthala Yatigammana, Acting Head, Prof. Prasad Sethunga, Prof. Pushpa Vitharana, and Mr. Theekshana Athukorala from the Department of Education, marking a significant step toward strengthening international academic exchange and collaborative research.

University Delegation Visits University of Illinois to Strengthen International Partnerships



A Sri Lankan delegation led by Hon. Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Chrishantha Abeysena, together with the Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Vice-Chancellor and senior academics of the University of Peradeniya, visited the University of Illinois System in September 2025 to strengthen academic, clinical, and research collaborations.

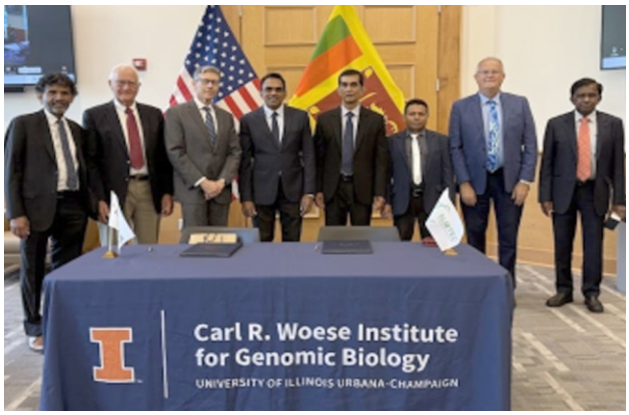
The meetings with leaders of the Colleges of Medicine, Applied Health Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, Engineering, Veterinary Medicine, and Agriculture highlighted opportunities for joint programmes in medical education, patient care, nephrology research, surgical training, simulation-based teaching, and the integration of artificial intelligence over multiple disciplines. Discussions also extended to areas of psychiatry, public health, nursing leadership, pharmacy practice, veterinary training, wildlife medicine, agricultural biotechnology, food sciences, and digital agriculture. Emphasis was placed on sustainability, staff and student exchange, and the initiation of formal Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to ensure long-term partnerships.

The delegation observed state-of-the-art facilities such as surgical robotics laboratories, clinical simulation centers, digital agriculture platforms, and innovation hubs for technology commercialization. Key outcomes included commitments to expand collaborative research, develop shared data resources, seek international grant opportunities, and enhance student mobility through structured exchange and study abroad programmes. PhD co-supervision, joint curriculum development, and training in emerging fields such as biotechnology, bioengineering, and veterinary diagnostics were identified as priority areas. Illinois faculty members expressed interest in visiting Sri Lanka in 2026 to advance ongoing projects, and discussions highlighted the importance of strengthening innovation ecosystems, patenting, and translational research as models for Sri Lanka to adapt.

An important aspect of the visit was engagement with Sri Lankan postgraduate students currently studying at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). The students proposed establishing a graduate student society and student ambassador programmes to promote bilateral academic opportunities. Discussions also addressed practical concerns related to healthcare, housing, peer integration, and student support systems, with a view to creating a more welcoming environment.

The visit reaffirmed the strategic importance of the University of Illinois -University of Peradeniya partnership, paving the way for impactful collaboration across multiple disciplines, stronger institutional ties, and long-term academic and societal benefits.

The visit was generously sponsored and supported by Sivananthan Laboratories Inc., USA, under the leadership of Prof. Sivalingam Sivananthan, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Peradeniya, whose continued commitment and support are deeply appreciated.



University of Peradeniya and IIT Roorkee Explore Future Collaboration Opportunities



The University of Peradeniya welcomed a delegation from the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR) on 30 September 2025 at the Vice-Chancellor's Office to discuss opportunities for academic and research collaboration.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, together with Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Acting Director, International Relations Office, and Ms. Thushanika Pakkiyarasa, Project Manager, International Relations Office.

The IITR delegation was led by Prof. Kamal Kishore Pant, Director, accompanied by Prof. Vimal Chandra Srivastava, Dean of International Relations, and Prof. Sanjaykumar Harihar Upadhyay, Head of the Center for Space Science & Technology. Two representatives from the Office of the Assistant High Commission of India to Sri Lanka were also present.

Both institutions highlighted the potential for cooperation in Engineering. Discussions focused on launching student and staff exchange programmes, initiating collaboration through an Exchange Agreement, and exploring the possibility of joint PhD and Master's programmes.

The 3rd Puducherry World History Congress Successfully Hosted at University of Peradeniya



The 3rd Puducherry World History Congress was successfully held from 22 to 24 August 2025 at the University of Peradeniya. The previous two sessions of this prestigious international congress were hosted in Pondicherry and Hyderabad, while the Department of History, Faculty of Arts, had the honour of organizing its third session at Peradeniya.

The primary objective of the congress was to strengthen scholarly connections between Sri Lanka and India and to facilitate the exchange of new and innovative historical research. It also sought to foster cordial relations between the two countries through academic dialogue and collaboration.

The event was made possible through the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and the dedicated support of the members of the Department of History. Their encouragement and commitment played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this landmark event.

The congress welcomed nearly 100 research papers from both local and international scholars, providing a rich platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and the promotion of South Asian research culture. More than 50 distinguished foreign scholars, representing various states of India and beyond, participated in the sessions.

This international congress marked one of the most significant academic gatherings hosted by the University of Peradeniya in recent years. The collaboration of many staff members across the Faculty of Arts contributed greatly to its success. The event not only enhanced the visibility of the University on the international academic stage but also became a landmark occasion in the history of Peradeniya, symbolizing its enduring commitment to fostering global scholarly engagement.

German University Delegation Visits to Strengthen Collaboration in Geological Sciences



A twelve-member delegation from the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg (TUBAF), Germany, led by Prof. Carsten Drebenstedt, Professor in Surface Mining, visited Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith on 30 July 2025. The visit was hosted by the Department of Geology, University of Peradeniya, as part of an ongoing international engagement.

This visit was part of a collaborative initiative between TUBAF, and the University of Peradeniya aimed at strengthening partnerships in geological sciences, mining engineering, and sustainable resource development. The initiative seeks to promote long-term academic collaboration, joint research opportunities, the establishment of a formal MoU and enhanced international exposure for both students and staff.

During their stay, the delegation held meetings with faculty members, toured university facilities, and participated in a public lecture delivered by Prof. Drebenstedt, organized in collaboration with the Geological Society of Sri Lanka. They also conducted an interactive session with undergraduate students.

The meeting at the Vice-Chancellor's Office was also attended by Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Nanda Balasooriya, Director-PGIS, Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director-International Relations and Head of the Department of Geology, Dr. Bhathiya Athurupana, Coordinator of the visit and academic staff of the Department of Geology, Faculty of Science.

Usbus - Mobile American Space Programme Enhances Student Skills Development

The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with Sarvodaya Fusion and the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka successfully hosted the "USBus – Mobile American Space" Skills Development Programme on 26 and 27 August 2025 at the Auditorium, New Library Building.

The initiative featured a series of engaging activities, including leadership development sessions, STEM-based workshops, American English learning modules, and entrepreneurship guidance programmes. The USBus Booth, operating from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., provided students with hands-on opportunities to explore innovative learning experiences and global educational resources.





Indonesian Ambassador Meets University Leadership to Discuss Academic Collaboration

A meeting was held on 19 September 2025 at the Vice-Chancellor's Office, University of Peradeniya, between H.E. Dewi Gustina Tobing, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, and Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Laila Khairiyah Yuniarti, Minister Counsellor and Head of the Chancery, Mr. Yadi Suriahadi, Counsellor, and Ms. N. Kasuni Malsha, Secretary to the Ambassador. The University delegation included Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.P.K. Malaviarachchi, Director, International Relations Office; and Ms. Thushanika Pakkiyarasa, Project Manager, International Relations Office.

The meeting commenced with brief introductions from both parties, followed by a discussion on possible areas of collaboration. The Indonesian delegation expressed particular interest in the University's faculties and academic programmes, with a specific focus on agricultural programmes, especially Plant Physiology. They also inquired about the University's facilities, student life, and other academic support systems.



Both parties explored the possibility of initiating collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with an Indonesian university. Prof. Malaviarachchi explained that while obtaining the necessary approvals for a formal MoU may take some time, initial activities such as student and staff exchange programmes could commence through a Letter of Intent (LoI). Once the MoU is formally approved by the relevant authorities, additional collaborative activities can be implemented.

The Ambassador also requested nominations of two students interested in pursuing master's degree programmes in Indonesia. The discussion also covered opportunities for broader academic collaboration across multiple disciplines, reflecting a shared interest in strengthening academic ties between the University of Peradeniya and Indonesian institutions.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both parties expressing commitment to advancing collaborative initiatives and maintaining close communication for follow-up actions.









Peradeniya International Economic Research Symposium (PIERS) 2025 Addresses Sustainable Development











The Peradeniya International Economic Research Symposium (PIERS) 2025 was held on 11 September at the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya. Organized by the Department of Economics and Statistics in collaboration with Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania, the symposium provided a platform for academics, researchers, and policymakers to discuss contemporary economic challenges. The theme of this year's event was "Forging a Path for Sustainable and Inclusive Development: Global and Local Challenges."

The proceedings commenced with a welcome speech by Prof. S. Vijesandiran, Chair of PIERS 2025, followed by opening remarks from Prof. J. G. Sri Ranjith, Head of the Department of Economics and Statistics. The Chief Guest, Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, formally inaugurated the symposium and emphasized the importance of research-driven dialogue in addressing national and international policy challenges.

Distinguished invited speakers. Mr. Chandrasena Maliyadde, Vice President of the Sri Lanka Economic Association and the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA), delivered the guest speech, offering valuable reflections on Sri Lanka's development trajectory. The keynote address was presented by Prof. Bianca Tescasiu, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration, Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania. The symposium attracted international participation, with delegates from Germany, Romania, and India joining Sri Lankan scholars and professionals to share perspectives and research findings. This global representation added richness to the dialogue, highlighting both shared challenges and diverse approaches to economic policy and development.

Guided by its central theme, PIERS 2025 featured sessions on diverse topics including entrepreneurship and technological change, business management, land, labour and capital markets, sectoral policies, health, nutrition and food security, natural resources and the environment, growth and development, inequality and gender, external sector dynamics, banking and finance, as well as fiscal policy and macroeconomic management. Each session encouraged thoughtful debate, combining theoretical insights with practical applications relevant to national and international contexts.

The programme concluded with presentation of certificates of appreciation to contributors. In his Vote of Thanks, Prof. J. G. Sri Ranjith, Head, Department of Economics and Statistics, expressed gratitude to the speakers, participants, and organizing committee, while acknowledging the leadership of Prof. S. Vijesandiran (Chairperson) and Dr. Kalpa Rajapaksha (Coordinator) in ensuring the event's success.

PIERS 2025 reaffirmed the University of Peradeniya's role as a centre of intellectual exchange, fostering cross-border collaboration and reinforcing the value of economic research in building a more informed and resilient future.

Career Development

Five-Day Engineering Exhibition Attracts Over 50,000 Visitors



Engineering has long been one of the most sought-after career paths among Sri Lankan students, valued for its role in national development and innovation. To further inspire the next generation of engineers, the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya, hosted EngEx 2025, a five-day exhibition from 23 to 27 September 2025 at the University premises.

'EngEx 2025' attracted over 50,000 participants including industry leaders, school students, and members of the public.



A mix of academic and practical

Like most subjects in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields, engineering involves a combination of rigorous academic study and practical experience. In order to accommodate the needs of budding engineers, visitors to the exhibition experienced interactive displays, live demonstrations as well as direct engagement opportunities with top researchers and industry professionals in the field of engineering.



According to Prof. Lilantha Samaranayake, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, the exhibition showcased cutting-edge research, pioneering innovations, and collaborative projects that demonstrated the impact of engineering in shaping a sustainable and technologically advanced future.

The exhibition featured ten thematic zones, covering areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, electronics and sustainable and nature-based technologies, allowing participants to explore multiple facets of modern engineering.



The event was supported by SLT-Mobitel's, which hosted a comprehensive stall highlighting digital solutions including fleet management systems, SL Travel, Kaspersky virus guard and Play Street along with a 5G gaming area and live demonstrations featuring AI.

Eng. Prabhath Dahanayake, Chief Marketing Officer of SLT-Mobitel's, noted that the company's participation reflected its commitment to nurturing young innovators and advancing Sri Lanka's technological development. Dahanayake expressed the hope that SLT-Mobitel's presence at the exhibition would help young people connect with their love for engineering and inspire them to explore their love of technology and innovation in the future.

EngEx 2025 concluded as a landmark event, inspiring curiosity, creativity, and innovation among young minds while reinforcing engineering's vital role in driving the nation's progress.



Industry Day 2025 – Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya



The Science-Industry Interaction Cell (SIIC), the main industry outreach arm of the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya together with the Career Guidance Unit (CGU), Faculty of Science, Society of Industrial Relations and Entrepreneurship Development (SIRED), and Applied Sciences Society co-organized "Industry Day 2025", the annual career fair, for the 13th consecutive time.

The event was held on 14 August 2025 at the Faculty of Science premises, providing a platform for representatives from private sector industries to meet with Science Faculty students and recent graduates seeking internship and employment opportunities across diverse fields. The event was sponsored by 15 companies including the main sponsor A. Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. Lilantha Samaranayake, Acting Vice-Chancellor of University of Peradeniya, as Chief Guest. Also in attendance were Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Dean of the Faculty of Science; Prof. Nanda Balasooriya, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Science; Prof. Darshana Yapa, Director of Business Linkage, Innovation, Incubation and Technology Transfer Office; Prof. Dileep De Silva, Director, Career Guidance Unit; Dr. Ashwini Amarasinghe, Director, Career Guidance Unit – Faculty of Science, Dr. Piyumali K. Perera, Director, Science-Industry Interaction Cell (SIIC), along with academic staff and invitees from 14 companies.

Interview sessions were conducted by more than 50 representatives from 15 companies, including A. Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd (Main Sponsor), CodeGen International (Pvt.) Ltd (Silver Sponsor), Noritake Lanka Porcelain (Pvt.) Ltd (Silver Sponsor), Hemas Consumer Brands (Bronze Sponsor), MAS Holdings (Bronze Sponsor), Aayu Technologies (Bronze Sponsor), Sands Active by Melwa (Bronze Sponsor), Federation for Environment, Climate and Technology, Octave – John Keels Holdings PLC, LiveRoom (Pvt.) Ltd, Creative Software, Hutch Telecommunications Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd, Avenir IT, Au Labs and Avon Pharmo Chem (Pvt) Ltd. Over 460 students and recent graduates participated, gaining the opportunity to be shortlisted for a second round of interviews or recruit for internships and permanent positions. The sessions also helped students explore potential career paths and gain valuable interview experience.

In preparation for Industry Day, SIIC, SIRED, and the Applied Sciences Society organized two Pre-Industry Day workshops. The first conducted by Ms. Nepa Wickramasinghe, Assistant Manager of Business Support at MAS Kreeda. The workshop, focused on CV writing, personal branding, and interview mastery, was with participation from over 80 students. The second workshop, "Nextgen Career Prep 2025," was conducted by Embla Software Innovations with the participation of over 70 students, covering CV and LinkedIn profile building, interview skills, fundamentals of Agile and Scrum, workplace culture, and generational dynamics through interactive sessions and live demonstrations.

Following the career fair, a feedback discussion was held at the Faculty of Science Boardroom with the participation of the Dean, Directors of SIIC and CGU, Industry Day 2025 Organizing Committee members, and industry representatives. The discussion focused on student performance, areas for improvement, and potential collaborative workshops to better prepare undergraduates for future industry opportunities.

Inter-Faculty Financial Literacy Quiz Competition 2025



The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka (IBSL), successfully organized the Inter-Faculty Financial Literacy Quiz Competition 2025 on 3 September 2025 at the Auditorium of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science.

The programme aimed to enhance undergraduates' knowledge of financial literacy, a vital skill in today's world, and to promote healthy inter-faculty collaboration. The event featured enthusiastic participation from all nine faculties, reflecting the diverse talent and commitment of our student community.

The competition was conducted in multiple rounds, testing a broad spectrum of financial knowledge and practical applications. After an intense and exciting contest, the Faculty of Medicine emerged as Champions, while the Faculty of Dental Sciences secured the First Runners-up position, and the Faculty of Agriculture was awarded Second Runners-up.

The event was graced by Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Acting Vice-Chancellor; Mr. C. P. A. Karunatilake, Director General of IBSL; Prof. Dileep De Silva, Director of the Career Guidance Unit, along with Deans of Faculties, coordinators, and undergraduates.

This initiative marks another milestone in the Career Guidance Unit's continuous efforts to equip students with essential skills for professional and personal success.





Academic Affairs & Student Admissions (UG and PG)

The 86th General Convocation

The 86th General Convocation of the University of Peradeniya celebrated the achievements of graduates from across a wide range of disciplines, recognizing their dedication, perseverance, and pursuit of excellence. A total of 4,449 students were conferred bachelor's and postgraduate degrees during this glamorous occasion, held on 23 and 24 July 2025 in the University Gymnasium.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all graduates who have worked tirelessly to reach this significant milestone. Your commitment to academic excellence and contributions to the University community are truly commendable.

















Postgraduate Diploma Awarding Ceremony - 2025





The Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) successfully conducted the Postgraduate Diploma Awarding Ceremony - 2025, on 25 July 2025. A total of 518 Students were awarded Postgraduate Diplomas at this event.

Department of Nursing Inaugurates Master of Science (MSc) Programme



The Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya, inaugurated the Master of Science (MSc) in Nursing programme on 16 August 2025 at the Faculty premises. The event was graced by senior academics, invited dignitaries, and the newly admitted cohort of postgraduate students.

The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and the commencement of a new academic journey. This was followed by a welcome address delivered by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lalani Yatawara, who emphasized the significance of advancing nursing education and research within the country. The Head of the Department, Dr. Deepani Pathiranage, also addressed the gathering, highlighting the vital role of postgraduate training in enhancing professional expertise, leadership, and scholarly contributions in the field of nursing.

The inauguration marked a significant milestone for the Department's continuous efforts to strengthen postgraduate education and research capacity. The MSc in Nursing programme is designed to cultivate advanced knowledge and skills in clinical practice, education, and research, thereby contributing to the improvement of healthcare services both nationally and globally.

The Department of Nursing extends its best wishes to the incoming batch of MSc Nursing students and looks forward to their academic success and professional accomplishments in the years ahead.

Faculty of Medicine Welcomes 238 New Undergraduates

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, held its Welcome Ceremony on 11 September 2025 at the Physiology Lecture Theatre to greet the 2024/25 batch of 238 new medical undergraduates.

The event was held under the patronage of Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama and attended by many distinguished guests. The Chief Guest, Dr. Asela Gunawardena, Director General of Health Services and an alumnus of the faculty, delivered an inspiring keynote address, encouraging students to embrace their future roles in healthcare with dedication and integrity.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Saman Nanayakkara, extended a warm welcome to the new students and their families, while Prof. Pallegama and Dr. Anura Abeysundara, Chairperson of the Student Affairs Committee, also shared words of encouragement about university life and the journey ahead.

The ceremony was attended by Deans of other faculties, academic staff, university officials, and parents, reflecting the strong support network for the new students. Adding to the spirit of the occasion, current medical students performed musical items, showcasing the faculty's vibrant culture and warmly welcoming their juniors.



Student Life & Extracurricular Activities

University of Peradeniya Crowned Cluster 2 Champions at Varsity Battles 2025







The University of Peradeniya proudly emerged as the Cluster 2 Champion at Varsity Battles 2025, a prestigious national inter-university quiz competition organized by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) in collaboration with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

- Champions: Faculty of Engineering – 1st Year Team
- Runners-up: Faculty of Medicine – Final Year Team

The University extends its warm congratulations to the winning teams and sincere appreciation to all participating students and academic staff for their enthusiasm and commitment. The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya coordinated the university's participation in this nationally significant event.

Sri Lankan cultural show for Foreign and local delegates

On 23 August, the congress concluded with its valedictory function held at the Jubilee Hall of the Faculty of Agriculture, bringing together participants in a memorable celebration. The evening was not only a formal closing but also a cultural showcase that highlighted Sri Lanka's deep-rooted traditions. The occasion was enriched by a vibrant cultural show featuring several traditional performances, among which Pandam Paliya stood out as a rare and unique representation of the island's heritage. These carefully selected performances carried with them the spirit of generations, leaving a lasting impression of the richness and diversity of Sri Lankan culture.

The event became even more colorful with the enthusiastic participation of the student dance troupe from the Faculty of Arts. Their youthful energy and captivating movements infused the evening with elegance, bridging tradition with the dynamism of the present. Particularly remarkable were the cultural items that featured the playing of various traditional drums belonging to both the low-country and up-country musical traditions. The rhythmic beats resonated through the hall, capturing the hearts of the audience and reminding everyone of the powerful role music plays in cultural identity.

Foreign and local delegates alike were delighted by these traditional performances, many of which were a new experience for them. The surprise and admiration on their faces reflected the universal appeal of Sri Lanka's cultural spirit. Beyond entertainment, the performances carried a message of resilience, showing how cultural practices have been preserved and celebrated for thousands of years. The valedictory function was a reminder of the island's enduring heritage and its ability to inspire across generations and borders.



University of Peradeniya Secures 6th Place at SLUG 2025

The Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG) 2025 concluded with unforgettable memories for undergraduates across Sri Lankan university system. The 15th edition of this prestigious triennial event was held at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale, from 5 to 21 September 2025. The University of Peradeniya undergraduates delivered an impressive performance, securing 6th place overall, with three championships, four runner-up titles, and three second runner-up positions.

➢ Wrestling

University of Peradeniya wrestlers secured 6th place at the SLUG Wrestling Championship held on 19 and 20 September 2025 at the Rajarata University Gymnasium.



➢ Carom

The Men's Carrom Team grabbed the champion's trophy, defeating Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine (3:0), University of Jaffna (3:1), University of Colombo (3:2), and University of Moratuwa (3:0) in the final.



➢ Hockey

Men's Hockey Team advanced to the final after a thrilling semi-final victory over University of Moratuwa. The championship match against University of Colombo ended 1-1 at full time, with Peradeniya narrowly losing 5-4 in penalty strokes.

The Women's Hockey Team secured second runner-up position after defeating the University of Colombo in the consolation final.



➢ Baseball

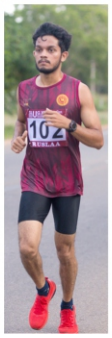
The Men's Baseball Team finished fourth at the SLUG Baseball Championship held from 5 to 7 September 2025.



➢ Road Race

The University of Peradeniya Road Race Team secured 5th place at the Championship held on 21 September 2025.





➢ Chess

Women's Chess Team Wins Third Consecutive SLUG Championship for the third consecutive year, underscoring their dominance in university-level chess.

The six-round tournament brought together top talent from across Sri Lanka, with Peradeniya demonstrating consistency, strategy, and resilience throughout the event.

Match Summary

- Round 1 – University of Peradeniya vs University of Jaffna (6-0) Win
- Round 2 – University of Peradeniya vs University of Moratuwa (3-3) Draw
- Round 3 – University of Peradeniya vs University of Ruhuna (5-1) Win
- Round 4 – University of Peradeniya vs University of University of Sri Jayewardenepura (3-3) Draw
- Round 5 – University of Peradeniya vs Eastern University of SL (3-3) Draw
- Round 6 – University of Peradeniya vs University of Kelaniya (4-2) Win





➢ Women's Tennis

The Women's Tennis Team finished as second runner-up at the championship held from 8 to 12 September 2025 at the University of Colombo Tennis Courts. Peradeniya triumphed over the University of Moratuwa in the consolation final with a final score of 3–2.





➢ Men's Tennis

The University of Peradeniya Men's Tennis Team secured the Silver Medal, marking a historic return to the finals after 12 years. In the final match, they were narrowly defeated by the University of Moratuwa (2–3) after a series of closely contested games.





➢ Swimming

The Women's Swimming Team emerged as champions, winning 8 gold medals and 2 silver medals. Ms. Nimasha Dissanayake of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science set two new SLUG records in 50 m breaststroke and 100 m breaststroke events, clocking 38.12 seconds and 1:25.72 minutes, respectively.

The Men's Team also performed commendably, winning 2 gold and 1 silver medal.









Details of Retirements of Non-Academic Employees from (1st July – 30th September 2025)

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Years of Service
Mr. RWMSN Karunarathne	Office Machine Operator - Grade II	Dean's Office, Faculty of Agriculture	32
Mr. WEAJ Epa	Staff Technical Officer - Grade I	Dean's Office, Faculty of Engineering	34
Mr. KG Wijitharatne	Security Guard - Supra Grade	Security Division	36
Mr. GRW Rathnayake	Carpenter - Grade I	Maintenance Division	25
Mr. HPGT Wijerathne	Works Aide - Grade I	Maintenance Division	17
Mr. PG Abeywardena	Plumber - Special Grade	Maintenance Division	36
Ms. RAAJ Perera	Senior Staff Management Assistant	Dept. of Statistics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science	34
Mr. HMDJ Bandara	Lab Attendant - Higher Grade	Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts	28
Mr. MAN Perera	Works Aide - Special Grade	Dept. of Veterinary Public Health & Pharmacology Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science	30
Mr. WAA Podibanda	Works Aide - Special Grade	Engineering Workshop, Faculty of Engineering	36
Mr. P Subramaniyam	Health Services Labourer - Higher Grade	Sangramaya Hall	39

Details of Resignation of Non-Academic Employees from (1st July – 30th September 2025)

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Years of Service
Ms. MGDC Muhandiram	Assistant Bursar	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science	8
Ms. HMDM Samarakoon	Nursing Officer (Dental)	Dept. of Restorative Dentistry, Faculty of Dental Sciences	11
Ms. HMSV Rathnayaka	Management Assistant Grade III	Financial Administration Division	7
Mr. JMPBK Jayasundara	Management Assistant Grade II	Academic Establishment Division	12
Ms. MGI Maduhansi	Management Assistant Grade I	Registrar Office	12

Details of New Appointments of Non-Academic Employees from (1st July – 30th September 2025)

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Date
Mr. KAN Rohana	Data Administrator Grade II	Dean's Office, Faculty of Engineering	15.09.2025

Sri Lankan Cultural Show for Foreign and Local Delegates













