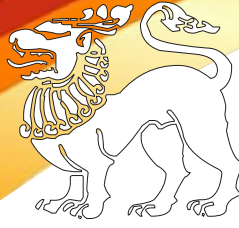


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The 10th Convocation for External Graduands of the University of Peradeniya was held on the 09th of December, 2019 at the Mahinda Rajapaksha Auditorium, NICD, Polgolla, Kandy. During the ceremony 474 external Graduands were conferred the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business Administration. The ceremony was presided by the Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Professor KM De Silva.





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NSF awards for the year 2019



The NSF awards for the year 2019 which recognize the outstanding contributions made by Sri Lankan researchers towards the advancement of knowledge, societal development, and fostering innovation, was held on the 18th of December, 2019 at the BMICH, Colombo. Of the twenty six projects selected for the awards, seven had been carried out by the researches of the University of Peradeniya. Altogether fourteen researchers from the Faculty of Agriculture Science and Engineering received honors.

An MoU between the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technology (ACCIMT) and the University of Peradeniya (UoP)



An MoU between the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technology (ACCIMT) and the University of Peradeniya (UP) was signed on the 23rd of October 2019 in the Senate Room of the University. The signatories to the MoU were the Director General of the ACCIMT, Mr. Sanath Panawannege and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake. This MoU enables the two institutions to share their expertise and resources.

In parallel to this event, Mr. Tharindu Dayaratne, a Research Engineer at the Arthur C. Clarke Institute was felicitated by presenting a plaque of recognition for his contribution to the development of Sri Lanka's first satellite, Ravana-1. Tharindu is an alumnus of the University of Peradeniya. He graduated in 2016 with a 2nd Class Upper Division degree from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. Ravana-1, the first satellite of Sri Lanka was jointly developed by the ACCIMT and the Kyushu Institute of Technology, Japan. The satellite successfully launched is currently in operation transmitting valuable data to ground stations around the globe.

Inauguration of the 02nd Induction Program for Academic Staff – 2019



Staff Development Centre (SDC) of the University of Peradeniya commenced the 02nd Induction program for Academic Staff – 2019 on 02nd December, 2019. Twenty-eight academic staff members got enrolled in this six weeks program. Over thirty-five internal and external experts contribute to the program as resource persons. The program had been scheduled to be held from December 2019 to February 2020 in three segments as follows.

01st Segment – 02nd to 06th and 09th to 13th December, 2019

02nd Segment – 06th to 10th and 13th to 17th January, 2020

03rd Segment – 27th to 31st January and 03rd to 07th February, 2020

The program covers all modules prescribed in the Program Manual published by the UGC including two sessions of teaching practice



Launching ceremony of the "Ithihasaya" Magazine, Department of History (ISSN 2706-0330)



The Department of History, University of Peradeniya, launched the book "Ithihasaya Shastriya Sangrahaya" at a ceremony held on the 03rd of December, 2019 at the Seminar Room of the Faculty of Arts. This magazine was published after the year 1994 and includes the research work of the students of the

Department. There were 15 research articles, either in the Sinhala or Tamil medium, coming under various themes of History. The keynote speech was delivered by Emeritus Professor (Mrs) Tilaka Mettananda who was a member of the Department of History. Students of Curia Historica (History Society) also participated at this event.



Workshop on "Medico-legal Issues in the Emergency Department"

A workshop on "Medico-legal issues in emergency department" was held on the 19th of July, 2019 for emergency medicine registrars at the Department of Forensic Medicine. The resource persons present were Dr. Prabath Senasinghe (Consultant JMO, Teaching Hospital, Kegalle), Prof. Sarathchandra Kodikara (Head of the Department), Prof. Dinesh Fernando, Dr. Amal Vadysinghe and Dr. Deepthi Edussuriya. It was coordinated by Prof. Vasanthi Pinto, Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

Awareness Programme on Erasmus+ for the Academic Staff of the University of Peradeniya

International Affairs Office, University of Peradeniya together with the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), organized an event to enlighten university academics about the European Union's programme Erasmus+ on the 14th of November, 2019 at the Auditorium of the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport for the years 2014-

2020. The strong international dimension of Erasmus+ opens up immense opportunities for mobility and cooperation between the European Union and Partner Countries like Sri Lanka. The foremost focus of the programme was to share information on the knowledge on the Erasmus+ Funding Programmes among the University Academics and also to inform them of the details of the call deadlines for proposals in 2020.

Henry Dunant Memorial Vernacular Moot Court Competition in Sinhala



The Sinhala mooting team of the Department of Law of the University of Peradeniya was placed runners-up at the Henry Dunant Memorial Vernacular Moot Court Competition in Sinhala, held on the 18th of December, 2019 at the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo. The competition was organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Sri Lanka. The mooting teams from the Department of Law performed well at this prestigious competition, which was originally conducted in the English language. The Department previously emerged as national champions after winning the competition in 2016 and placed third in 2015. The competition this year was unique as it was the first time that the competition was held in the Sinhala and Tamil languages. This was also the first time that the Department of Law took part in a Sinhala-mooting competition.

New Court House at the Department of Forensic Medicine

A newly established court house at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine is now open for mock trials.



Visit of Delegates from Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS)



Delegates from Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) visited the University of Peradeniya from 2nd December 2019 – 13th December 2019. The overall objective of the visit was to strengthen already existing academic collaborations among the institutions through student exchange programs, scholarships and other research collaborations.

Oba Asirimathya' Workshop on Soft Skills Development



The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya jointly with the Ministry of Labour and

Trade Unions & Manpower conducted a three day workshop for the undergraduates. The main objective of this workshop was to develop and improve the employability of the undergraduates. The workshop was held on the 6th, 7th & 8th of December, 2019 from 8.30 am to 4.00 p.m. at the Career Guidance Unit. The workshop also improved their presentation skills, leadership skills & team building skills with many activities. 31 students participated in this workshop.

Workshop on Vision Building & Personality Development

The Career Guidance Unit conducted a workshop on Vision Building & Personality Development for 58 students following the BBA degree programme in the Faculty of Management. The purpose of this workshop was to impart knowledge to articulate their vision and develop a strong personality to face a dynamic business environment. The workshop was held on the 20th of November, 2019 from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Career Guidance Unit.



Pahan Tharuwa at Rupavahini, Sanhinda TV programme

Prof. K.A.S. Kodikara, Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, participated in the Rupavahini Sanhinda TV programme telecast on the 28th of October, 2019. He gave a brief introduction on the "Pahan Tharuwa" musical extravaganza which was organized by the Students' Union of Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.



"Karadhiya Gambare - Gee Padura" 2019



On the 10th of December, 2019, everyone of the Dental family gathered in the common area of the Faculty to indulge and submerge themselves in the oceans of classical music from the much awaited musical event "Karadhiya Gambare - Gee Padura" 2019 ; the annual musical program organized by the Arts Circle of the Faculty of Dental Sciences. It was a splendid evening with mesmerizing performances from students of all the batches and from the academic staff as well. This turned out to be a relaxing and an enjoyable night giving everyone a break from their hectic schedules.

Clinical induction



The clinical induction for the 4th semester dental students was held on the 16th of December, 2019 at the K. Bambaradeniya auditorium of the Faculty. The Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Vajira Jayasinghe, co-coordinators of the undergraduate unit, Prof. Aruni Tilakaratne and Prof. Kapila Arambewatta and several administrative and academic staff members of the Faculty of Dental Sciences were there at the event. Addressing the students, Prof. Lilani Ekanayaka, a senior professor of the Department of Community Dentistry, emphasized the importance of inculcating good attitudes while mastering clinical skills in order to become a good dental surgeon.

The Peradeniya International Economics Research Symposium (PIERS) 2019



The 7th Peradeniya International Economics Research Symposium (PIERS) was held on 17th & 18th of October 2019 at the Auditorium of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), under the theme of "Nothing to be Left Behind: Integrating Sub-national Dynamics Towards Global Sustainable Development".

This was organized by the Department of Economics and Statistics at the University of Peradeniya with the assistance of Faculty of Economic Sciences & Business Administration, Transylvania University of Brasov, Romania, in collaboration with South Asia Economic Policy Network (SAEPN), World Bank and South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi, India.

Joint venture for pasture development



The Department of Farm Animal Production and Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, initiated a pasture development project as a joint venture with the Department of Animal Production and Health, Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development, recently. Under the project, a five acre land is to be cultivated with CO₃ at the Veterinary Teaching Farm of the Faculty.

The project will be beneficial to the veterinary undergraduates for their agrostological studies and for the dairy farmers to receive cuttings for their pasture developments.



Workshop on "Virology Sample Collecting, Preserving and Sending in a Medico-legal Context"

A workshop on "Virology Sample Collecting, Preserving and Sending in a Medico-legal Context" was held on the 20th of November, 2019 at the Department of Forensic Medicine, for the staff of the Faculty of Medicine. It was conducted by Dr. Rohitha Muthugala, Consultant Virologist, Teaching Hospital, Kandy.

Productivity Enhancement Training



As per the course requirement of EX 4103: Productivity Enhancement Training, annual field farmer training conducted by the final year extension majoring students in the Department of Agricultural Extension, Faculty of Agriculture was successfully held in the Madulla village of the Nuwaraeliya District on the 18th and 19th of October, 2019 with the participation of over 100 participants. Training was conducted under four themes as Pepper, Other crops (mainly Ginger and Turmeric), Women and Youth. In addition to the technical training, ICT- based market opportunities were

introduced for the farmers, especially for pepper. With the collaboration of the Hadabima Authority and the Department of Export Agriculture, jak fruit plants and pepper plants were also distributed among the participants. Ms. B.S.A.K. Rathnayake and Dr. J.M.P.N. Anuradha of the Department of Agricultural Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, coordinated the programme. Resource persons of the program were from the Department of Export Agriculture, Hadabima Authority, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Services and Women Development Centre. The Dean, and staff members of the Department of Agricultural Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, attended the programme.



Welcome ceremony for new entrants, Faculty of Medicine



The welcome ceremony of the new entrants to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya was held at the Physiology Lecture Theater, Faculty of Medicine on 7th November 2019, under the patronage of Pro. Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. Two hundred and ten undergraduate students including five Bhutan students were enrolled for the 2018/19 academic year and their parents Were also present in the occasion.



Information Sharing Session with National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU)



A group of 17 delegates from the National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan visited University of Peradeniya on the 02nd of December, 2019, with the objective of furthering collaborations between the two institutions. The NSYSU team was led by the Vice-President for Research and Development, Dr. Mitch Ming-Chi Chou, and the team comprised of members from Engineering, Marine Sciences, Science, and Management fields.

Distribution of Research Benefits among Needy Farmers



Professor Basil Alexander, Department of Farm Animal Production and Health at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, distributed ten high producing heifer calves among needy farmers, as the first set of output on 17th of December 2019. Professor Upul Dissanayake, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, participated as the chief guest of the occasion.

Welcome ceremony for new entrants, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science



The welcome ceremony for the new entrants to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, was held at the Auditorium of the Department of Farm Animal Production & Health, on the 31st of December, 2019, under the patronage of Professor Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. Dr. Madura Munasinghe, Dean/Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science, welcomed the gathering. Seventy one undergraduate students were enrolled for the 2018/19 academic year and their parents were also present at the occasion.



Inauguration of the Induction Program for Newly Recruited Security Officers



Registrar, Mr. E.A.R.M. Edirisinghe, the Bursar and Mr. Dinal Rathnayake, the Chief Security Officer of the University of Peradeniya graced the Inauguration. Fourteen Security Officers participated at the workshop.



Staff Development Centre (SDC) of the University of Peradeniya conducted a one-day workshop for the 02nd group of newly recruited Security Officers on 31st October, 2019 from 8.30a.m. 6.00p.m. Prof. Parakrama Karunaratne, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Saman Rajapaksha, the Acting

Inauguration of the Induction Program for Technical Officers and the staff of Allied Grades



Staff Development Centre (SDC) of the University of Peradeniya commenced the fifth Induction program for technical officers and the staff of allied grades of the University on 01st of November, 2019. Thirty-seven staff members got enrolled in this fifth offering of the program. This seven-day full-time training program engaged participants in a comprehensive training program and with 100% participation in all sessions, they received the certificate of completion. The program was held on the following dates.

01st, 06th, 14th, 21st and 26th of November, 2019

02nd and 21st of January, 2020

Revitalizing Tropical Agriculture Research Journal of PGIA

The first issue of the 31st volume of the Tropical Agriculture Research Journal was launched at the Inaugural Session of the 31st Annual Congress with a new outlook with the objective of helping it to become a journal maintaining the highest scientific integrity. From this year onwards, the journal is open for accepting papers year round and will also be open for non-postgraduate research.

The Tropical Agriculture Research Journal of PGIA is an indexed Journal in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and CiteFactor. The 1st issue of volume 31 is now available online.

14th IEEE International Conference on Industrial & Information Systems



The inaugural ceremony of the 14th IEEE International Conference on Industrial & Information Systems, organized by the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, was held on the 18th of December, 2019 at E.O.E. Pereira Theatre, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya, under the theme of "Engineering Innovations for Industry 4.0". Professor Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor of the University participated as the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony.

Dr. C.S. Kalpage, Acting Dean/Faculty of Engineering & Professor M.A.R.M. Fernando, Head/Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, also addressed the gathering. Invited members from outside organizations, academic staff members of the University, Acting Registrar and research students were among the participants.



Diploma in Forensic Medicine for Lawyers and Judges – 2019



The inauguration ceremony of the "Diploma in Forensic Medicine for Lawyers and Judges" (7th Batch) organized by the Department of Forensic Medicine was held on the 7th of September, 2019 at the Department premises. Prof. K.A.S. Kodikara, Head of Department, Prof. D.M.G.Fernando, Dr. A.N. Vadysinghe, Dr. D. Edussuriya and Dr. R.P. Jayasooriya were present at the occasion.

5th International Pali Conference (IPC-2019)



5th International Pali Conference (IPC-2019), organized by the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies was successfully held on 30th of October 2019 at the Senate Room, University of Peradeniya under the patronage of Ven. Dr. Anamaduwe Dhammadassi, Annunayaka Maha Thero of Asgiri Chapter. The theme of the IPCs-2019 was "An

Enquiry into the Buddhist Sectorial Definitions of Terminologies".

Professor R.G.D. Jayawardena, Head, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies made the welcome speech. The key keynote address was delivered by Ven. Dr. Walmoruwe Piyarathana, Assistant Professor, Mahachulalongkorn Rajavidyalaya University, Thailand.



Courtesy Visit of Afghanistan Ambassador



His Excellency, M. Ashraf Haidari, the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Sri Lanka, made a courtesy visit to the University of Peradeniya and met Professor Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya on the 05th of December, 2019. A fruitful discussion on postgraduate student exchange programmes and research collaborations between the two countries took place at this meeting.

Faculty of Agriculture celebrates "International Egg Day"

The Department of Animal Science and the Animal Science Society of the Faculty of Agriculture organized a Breakfast Omelette to celebrate International Egg Day for the first time, on 11th of October, 2019 at the Lobby area of the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture. Prof. Parakrama Karunaratne, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya attended as the Chief Guest of the event.

The Inaugural Sir Ivor Jennings Memorial Oration



Professor Savitri W.E. Goonesekere, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Colombo, delivered the inaugural oration under the theme of 'Constitutionalism, Governance and the People'. The Department expects to organize this as an annual event in future.

The inaugural session of the Sir Ivor Jennings Memorial Oration series, organized by the Department of Law, Faculty of Arts was held on the 13th of December, 2019 at the Senate Room.



Finish it on Time

Dr. Induka Werellagama from the School of Engineering, Wellington Institute of Technology, New Zealand, conducted a workshop titled "Finish it on Time", on the 16th of December, 2019 at the International Affairs Office, University of Peradeniya.



The objective of this program was to motivate Postgraduate Research students of the University of Peradeniya to complete their research on time and provide tips on writing their thesis effectively. Around 15 students including students from the University of Peradeniya and research staff from National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) participated in this event.

The Annual "Belimal Dansala"

The Annual "Belimal Dansala" was organized by the Buddhists' Association of the Dental Faculty on Full Moon Poya Day (12th of November). It was held at the Faculty main entrance facing the Getambe Temple. This was held with great success strengthening the bonds of the Dental fraternity.

Peradeniya University International Management Research Sessions (iPUMSE 2019)



The maiden international conference of the Faculty of Management, "Peradeniya University International Management Research Sessions" (iPUMSE 2019) was successfully held on November 14, 2019 at the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya under the theme of "Sustainability and Competitive Advantage".

Professor Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor, graced this occasion as the Chief Guest. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. B.A.N. Eranda, Chairperson, iPUMSE 2019. Dr. M. Alfred, Dean of the Faculty of Management addressed the gathering. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Alistair R. Anderson, Lancaster University, the United Kingdom. A Business Forum was also conducted as part of the conference with the participation of Academics, Researchers and Industry Professionals.



7th International Symposium on "Water Quality & Human Health: Challenges Ahead"



The inauguration ceremony of the 7th International Symposium on "Water Quality & Human Health: Challenges Ahead", organized by the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya was held on the 06th of December, 2019 at the PGIS Auditorium of University of Peradeniya under the patronage of Professor Saman Seneweera, Director/National Institute of Fundamental Studies.

Professor H.M.T.G.A. Pitawala, Director/PGIS, delivered the welcome speech. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. P.H. Amarasinghe, Senior Researcher, Human & Environmental Health International Water Management Institute (IWMI).



Successful Solution for High Producing Cows in Mega Farms



The Dairy Cattle Production project, led by Prof. Basil Alexander, Department of Farm Animal Production and Health at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, returned 30 high producing pregnant cows to their owners on 17th December, 2019. The project was designed as a solution for the repeat breeder cows in Mega Farms of the country and is partially funded by the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development. The 2nd set of high producing pregnant cows will be returned in March 2020.

Signing of MoU



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between University of Peradeniya and Incheon National University, Republic of Korea was held on 30th of October 2019 at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor in order to develop and expand academic collaborations and exchange in fields of shared interest and expertise.

PGIS Research Congress, 2019



The inauguration ceremony of the PGIS Research Congress 2019 organized by the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya and was held on 11th October 2019 at the PGIS Auditorium of University of Peradeniya under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Taranjith Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka. Keynote address was delivered by Professor Alan Lyons, Department of Chemistry, College of Staten Island and Graduate Centre of CUNY, USA.



The Department of Geography introduces a New Bachelor of Science in Geographical Information Science Degree Program



The Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts, understands that in order to ensure a sustainable society based on spatiality and socially equitable principles, the country needs graduates who know how to solve problems efficiently and effectively through GIS once they become policy makers and planners. Therefore, such graduates should be competent in technical and analytical skills to understand developmental problems such as rapid urbanization, congested transportation networks, regional backwardness, environmental hazards, natural disasters, poverty and internal displacement (development, natural hazards and war-induced) etc. As a result, the Department of Geography has commenced the degree of Bachelor of Science in Geographical Information Science with the view of

producing graduates who will excel in technical and analytical skills necessary for mapping cum planning with a sense of social responsibility. This is the first such bachelors' degree programme offered by a Sri Lankan university.

Geographical Information Science is a derivative discipline from Geography that focuses on several areas of spatial planning, management and decision making. It was initially developed as a technology in the 1960s, but later developed in the academia as a new discipline with its own principles, methodologies and practices. The demand for the graduates with the necessary knowledge and skills in GIS is growing at an unprecedented rate ly in Sri Lanka and overseas at present. Through this new degree program, the Department hopes to produce trained graduates to fill the human resource demand in this rapidly growing sector and the UGC has introduced a separate window for admitting advanced level students from the Arts and Science streams for this degree programme. As an initial step, this programme will commence with 50 students from 2020.

Runner -up of the Inter- University Finance Quiz Competition – 2019



A team of five undergraduate students, representing the Department of Business Finance of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya were the runner-up of the Inter-University Finance Quiz Competition – 2019, organized by the Department of Finance, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya in collaboration with Acuity Knowledge Partners.

The Grand Finale took place on the 28th of November, 2019 at the University of Kelaniya, where our team competed with the Uva Wellassa University for the trophy. As all the rounds ended with a tie, the winner was decided by toss.

A Pre- conference workshop on titled 'Delivering effective large and small group teaching'



A pre-conference workshop of the Colombo conference on Medical Education titled 'Delivering Effective Large and Small Group Teaching' was held

on the 12th of November 2019 in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. It was coordinated by the Medical Education Unit.

Resource persons were Dr. Mark Lillicrap and Dr. Jeremy Web, both being Sub-Deans of the University of Cambridge, U.K.

It was attended by around 50 participants including staff of the faculties of Medicine, Dental Sciences and Allied Health Sciences of the University of Peradeniya, University of Wayamba and trainers of health professionals of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. They indicated that the modeling of good practices by the resource persons during the sessions was useful.

Awards & Achievements



The article on "Technology acceptance model and social network sites (SNS): a selected

review of literature" by Mrs. Suren Weerasinghe and Dr.(Mrs). Menaka Hindagolla, published in the journals of 'Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication' was awarded the 'Emerald Literati Awards' as the Highly Commended Paper of in 2019. Mrs. Suren Weerasinghe is currently serving as the Senior Assistant Librarian of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, while Dr.(Mrs).Menaka Hindagolla serves as the Senior Assistant

Librarian of the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya.



News from Department of Radiography / Radiotherapy

- The World Radiography Day is celebrated on the 8th of November each year. The date marks the anniversary of the discovery of x-radiation by Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895. Radiographers worldwide can use the day and the days around the date to promote Radiography as a career, and as a vital contribution to modern healthcare and as a chance to increase public awareness of Diagnostic imaging and Radiotherapy.
- The Department of Radiography/ Radiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, in collaboration with the Society of Medical Radiation Sciences, organized a workshop for students on "Radiological Sciences" commemorating World Radiography Day 2019 on the 9th of December, 2019.
- Dr. Somaratne Disanayake, former Radiographer and Film Director, Mr. S. S. K. Kolambage, Deputy Director/, Atomic Energy Regulatory Council, Ms. Ayomie Amarasinghe, Radiotherapist and the Alumnus of the Department and Ms. D. L. B. O. Abayarathna, Allcation Specialist, Nextgen Healthcare (pvt.) Ltd. and the Alumnus of the Department contributed as the resource persons for the workshop.

Workshop on Eating Etiquette & Dress Sense



The Career Guidance Unit conducted a workshop on Dress Sense & Eating Etiquette for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science. The main purpose of this workshop was to provide social etiquettes needed for their career. Miss Dhammi Peries and Miss Sheami Dewendre, retired Air Lanka officers, served as the resource persons. CEAT Lanka sponsored the workshop & it was held on the 03rd of October, 2019 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Royal Mall, Kandy. Thirty one final year students participated in the workshop.

Teacher Training Workshop for G.C.E. (A/L) Science for Technology teachers



Head/Department of Physics, coordinators and resource persons were also present at the inauguration ceremony of the workshop. Mrs. Mangalika Dissanayake, Assistant Director of Education (Science) participated in the inauguration ceremony, representing the Department of Education, Central Province. The workshop was highly valued by the teachers as a successful effort to enhance their theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

The Science Education Unit, Faculty of Science together with the Department of Education, Central Province, organized a 5-day Teacher Training Workshop for 40 G.C.E. (A/L) Science for Technology teachers of the Central Province from the 25th of November to the 29th of November, 2019 at the Faculty of Science. Prof. K. M. G. G. Jayasuriya, Head/Department of Botany, Dr. W.M.A.T. Bandara, Head/Department of Chemistry, Dr. V.A. Seneviratne



Short Course on Business Law

The Agribusiness Centre conducted a short course on Business Law for the students of the Faculty of Agriculture during the 10th and 11th of August, 2019. The course content included relationships in business environments (transactional, agency, and employee), the need for regulation, frameworks within the Sri Lankan business landscape, different types of business contracts and frameworks for the regulated conduct of employees.

Workshops on MENDELEY Reference Management System and PUBMED



The Library of the Faculty of Dental Sciences in collaboration with the Faculty Research Committee organized a couple of workshops for the academic staff members and postgraduate trainees of the Faculties of Dental Sciences and Medicine. The first session was held on the 03rd of December, 2019 on the theme of "Mendeley: Free Reference Management

System". The second workshop was held on the 10th of December, 2019 on "Features of PUBMED: effective use of it in searching for research articles". Both programs were held at the E-Library, Faculty of Dental Sciences. Mrs. Sriyani Perera, former Faculty Librarian of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, served as the resource person in both sessions.



Horizon 2020: Information Day



The International Affairs Office and the Postgraduate Institute of Science, together with the Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, organized a one day seminar to learn about the EU's research and innovation programme, Horizon 2020, on the 24th of October, 2019 at the Auditorium of the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya. Professor Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor, graced this occasion as the Chief Guest.

Mr. Frank Hess, Head of Corporation, Delegation of the EU to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Ms. Tania Friederichs, Head Counsellor for Research and Innovation at the EU Delegation to India, Mr. Mattia Ceracchi, International Cooperation Service Facility of the EC, and Mr. Ranjan Kathiravel, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, shared their expertise on funding opportunities for cooperation between Sri Lanka and Europe through the Horizon 2020 programme. Discussions covered during the programme provided useful information on the topics and areas funded under the Horizon 2020 Programme, available research career opportunities, how to prepare and submit proposals and on networking platforms.

Professor S.H.P.P. Karunaratne, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Directors from the PGIs, Deans from the Faculties, academic members of the faculties from the University of Peradeniya and also from other universities, EU delegates, postdoctoral students and members from the industry also participated in this successful event.

Workshop on "Advances in Tribology and Material Engineering"



The Department of Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering organized a workshop on "Advances in Tribology and Material Engineering" in collaboration with the International Affairs Office of the University of Peradeniya. This was successfully conducted on the 29th and 30th of October, 2019 and the speaker

was Prof. Raimundas Rukuiza, Agriculture Academy of Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania. Around thirty (30) participants including academic staff members and students from the Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Agriculture were there at this workshop.



Workshop on "Lean Construction and Industrial Engineering"



A workshop on Lean Construction and Industrial Engineering was jointly organized by Department of Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering, University of Peradeniya and University of Melbourne, Australia at the 10th International Conference on Structural Engineering and Construction Management, 2019

(ICSECM 2019). This was held on the final day of the conference, 14th of December, 2019 at Earl's Regency Hotel, Kandy. The workshop was conducted by five resource persons; Prof. Priyan Mendis, Prof. Lu Aye, Dr. Felix Hui from the Department of Infrastructure Engineering at the University of Melbourne, Dr Asela Kulatunga from the Department of Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering, University of Peradeniya, and Eng. Sanjaya Gunasekara from MAS Active Trading (Pvt) Ltd. The topics discussed included Modular and construction 4.0, integrated building services design for lean construction, lean tools for Engineering Management, basic lean construction and supplier integration through lean concepts. There were 15 participants from all disciplines; construction professionals, postgraduates and researchers who successfully completed the workshop.

Seminar series for 100 level (New Syllabus) Examinations



Many academic staff members from the Faculty of Arts contributed as resource persons in this seminar series which took place from 31/08/2019 to 07/09/2019 and 14/12/2019 to 28/12/2019.

The Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE) has successfully organized a series of seminars in selected subjects, in both Sinhala & Tamil mediums, for the benefit of candidates preparing for the BA (Old Syllabus) examination December, 2019 and 200 level examination of the BA New syllabus (External Degree) February, 2020.



Sathsara Anurawa – 2019

The Faculty of Dental Sciences held their annual mix of music and Pera energy on the 29th of October, 2019. The show happened in front of thousands of raving fans at the Peradeniya Gymnasium. Dayan Witharana and Nirosha Wirajini sung their hearts out with their classical tunes, while Priya Sooriyasena and Lahiru Perera entertained the audience with their dance anthems. In the end, it wasn't just the crowd that enjoyed the day since the earnings of the show will contribute to the Faculty scholarship fund and education of children in rural areas as well.



Recognition of Outstanding Researches



The outstanding researchers of the Faculty of Dental Sciences were awarded certificates at the Faculty Board Meeting held on the 29th of October, 2019.

The most outstanding researchers in the senior category were Prof. C.D. Nanayakkara, Prof. W.M. Tilakaratne, Prof. B.S.M.S. Siriwardhana and Prof. R.D. Jayasinghe while those in the junior category were Dr. I.P. Tilakumara, Dr. R.M. Jayasinghe, Dr. P.V.K.S. Hettiarachchi and Dr. K.S.N.D. Gunawardhana.

**Appointments made for Academic Posts
from 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019**

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Dr. S.R Perera	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Faculty of Medicine	31.12.2019
Dr. B.D.A.D.N Bulathwatta	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Faculty of Medicine	20.12.2019

**Resignations received from Academic Staff
for the period from 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019**

Name	Designation	Place of Work	No. of Service Years
Mr. N.K.B.M.P Nanayakkara	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Faculty of Engineering	19
Dr. W.D.D Fernando	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Faculty of Vet. Med. and Animal Science	06

**Details of Retired Academic Employees
From 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019**

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Service Year
Mrs. M. Ranasinghe	Senior Lecturer Gr. I	Dept. of Management Studies	42
Mr. H Abeyruwan	Senior Lecturer Gr. I	Dept. of Civil Engineering	41
Prof. B.F.A Basnayake	Senior Professor	Dept. of Agric. Engineering	40
Prof. I.D Silva	Senior Professor	Dept. of Vet. Clinical Science	38
Prof. K Samarasinghe	Professor	Dept. of Animal Science	38
Mrs. P.A.S.H Perera	Senior Assistant Librarian I	Library	33

**Appointments made for Non-Academic Posts
from 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019**

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Mrs. E.M.P.D. Ekanayake	Nursing Officer (Grade II)	Nuclear Medicine Unit, Fac. of Medicine	14.10.2019
Mr. J. M. R. A. B. Jayasundera	Supervisor (Landscape) (Grade III)	Landscape Division	14.10.2019
Mr. A. I. Abeywickrama	Gymnasium Supervisor (Grade III)	Physical Education Division	15.10.2019

**Resignations received from Non-Academic Staff
for the period from 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019**

Name	Designation	Place of Work	No. of Service Years
Mr. M.D.S.D. Ananda	Management Assistant (Grade III0	Internal Quality Assurance Unit	01

**Details of Retired Non-Academic Employees
from 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019**

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Service Year
Mr. Y. G. Piyasiri	Works Aide (Grade I)	Main Library	20
Mr. E. D. Wilson	Works Aide (Grade I)	Wijewardena Hall	24
Mr. A.M. Wijetunga Banda	Works Aide (Grade I)	Uni. Experimental Station, Dodangolla	36
Mr. G.G. Samaraweera	Health Services Labouer (Lower Grade)	Marrs Hall	36
Mr. R. M. Seneviratne	Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	41
Mrs. S.W.M.R.P.K. Udalagama	Senior Staff Management Assistant	Cen. for Dis. & Continuing Education	35
Mr. B.M. Seelaratne	Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)	Department of Paediatrics	26
Mr. D. Chandrasena	Office Aide	Postal Unit, General Services Division	35
Mr. D.G.W. Karunaratne	Library Attendant (Special Grade)	Main Library	41
Mr. D.M.G.A. Banda	Chief Technical Officer	Department of Agricultural Biology	41
Mrs. W.J. Mallika	Attendant (Health Ser.) (Higher Grade)	Health Centre	23
Mr. R.M. Kudabanda	Works Aide (Grade I)	Uni. Experimental Station, Dodangolla	38
Mr. S.L.A. Jeewananda	Driver (Special Grade)	Postgraduate Institute of Science	28
Mr. R.A.N.K. Ranaweera	Health Services Labourer (Special Grade)	Hindagala Hall	28
Mr. E. G. Jayatilake	Security Inspector (Grade I)	Security Division	23
Mrs. D. A. Gamage	Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services)	Main Library	37
Mr. R. M. M. B. Ratnayake	Senior Staff Management Assistant	Accounts Unit, Faculty of Arts	35
Mrs. S. V. Nagamma	Health Services Labourer (Special Grade)	Malalasekara Hall	31
Mr. H. M. Jayatissabanda	Health Services Labourer (Higher Grade)	New Sangaramaya Hall	22
Mr. K. G. Yasaratne	Works Aide (Grade I)	Office of the Dean	27
Mrs. A.D.S.S. Siriwardena	Staff Technical Officer Grade I	Department of Mathematics,	35

Peradeniya University Hockey Men's Team Emerged 02nd Runners-up



fought hard and overwhelmed their opponents by 3 goals to 01: 08 men's & women's teams participated in the tournament. It was organized by the University of Moratuwa and was held at the Astro hockey turf, Colombo.



The men's hockey team thrilled after a spectacular win over Rajarata University at the consolation finals of the Mora "9" hockey tournament held on the 13th & 14th of December, 2019 at the Astro turf, Colombo. There was a heavy battle for the bronze medal from both universities, but the University of Peradeniya

Peradeniya Wrestlers Shine at the Nationals

Wrestling National Novices Championship was held on the 18th & 19th of December, 2019 at the Ministry of Sports premises, Colombo 07. O.S.H. Perera, MG/16/06, weight category 125 kg, and R.M.C.S. Bandara, S/16/321, weight category 92 kg, placed 02nd and K.S.W. Rathnasooriya, S/16/830, weight category 79 kg, placed 03rd.

Peradeniya Chess Mens' Clinch the Silver Medal

The men's Chess team of the University of Peradeniya grabbed the 02nd place in the "B" division at the Inter-Club Chess tournament which took place in Colombo. The Peradeniya team played well and defeated Jaffna Super Kings (5:1, Classical YMCA (3 1/2: 2 1/2)), Dharmaraja team (5 : 1), and Sri Jayewardenepura University team (6 : 0)) with their group matches to become the overall runners-up of the tournament.

Peradeniya soccerites play for the Sri Lanka Premier League

The University of Peradeniya qualified for the Premier League Division II tournament conducted by the Football Federation of Sri Lanka. They played against Young Wanderers Football Club, Kandy for 3-2 and lost the 02nd match with Maya Football Club 2-1. The matches were worked off at the university football ground, Peradeniya in November, 2019.

" Upadhidari Viyawasayake Udanaya " Entrepreneurship Development Programmes – 2019



The Career Guidance Unit, in collaboration with the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA), conducted an entrepreneurship development program for undergraduates and recently passed out graduates of the university. The students have developed 45 business proposals for the year 2019 and they have registered them for their own businesses. The training programs were held on the 20th, 21st & 28th, 29th of November, 2019 at 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Career Guidance Unit. The People's Bank & Regional Development Bank have evaluated the business plans of students on 28.11.2017 at the Career Guidance Unit to determine for their sustainability for funding.