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Orientation Programme 2022 Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya



The Orientation Programme for the new entrants to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme - 2021-2022 Academic Year, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, was successfully conducted from the 08th of March to the 11th of March, 2022. The Inauguration Ceremony of the Orientation Programme was held on the 08th of March at the Gymnasium of the University of Peradeniya with the participation of 171 students together with their parents, adhering to the COVID-19 health guidelines. Professor M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, was the Chief Guest, and the event was graced by Professor Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean/Faculty of Management, Deans of the other Faculties, Heads of the Academic Departments and Units of the Faculty of Management and the academic and non-academic staff members of the Faculty of Management. Furthermore, Professor Rasnayaka M. Mudiyanse, Director/Staff Development Centre, University of Peradeniya, delivered an inspirational speech on "University Life". He proposed a comprehensive framework for undergraduates to develop themselves as responsible citizens in the future.

With the purpose of familiarizing undergraduates with the university system, a number of informative sessions were conducted on the 10th and the 11th of March, 2022. An awareness raising session was conducted on "Industry Expectations from BBA Undergraduates" by Mr. Indika Liyanahewage, Chief Executive Officer at Eskimo Fashion Knitwear, who emphasized the importance of acquiring the knowledge, skills and the right set of positive attitudes in pursuing a respective position in the industry following graduation. The undergraduates were engaged in sessions conducted by the respective coordinators of the Centres and Units established in the Faculty, namely, the English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU), Centre for Skills for Life, Management Educational Research Center (MERC), and Business Incubation and Innovation Ecosystem Services Centre (BIIES). The supporting services including the Library and the Department of Physical Education, as well as programmes such as Career Guidance and Student Personal Counselling, and the Learner Management System (LMS) were introduced to them in order to further educate undergraduates on the university service centres.





The Faculty of Management is the ninth Faculty at the University of Peradeniya and was established in 2015. Even though the Faculty is only seven years old, the University of Peradeniya is the pioneer in Management higher education in the country as it has been offering a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Degree Programme since 1962. At present, the Faculty of Management offers the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme under five specializations related to five Departments and caters to nearly 175 university entrants who sit their G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in the Commerce stream each year.

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In addition, it also offers two inter-faculty degree programmes, namely, the B. Com. and B.Sc. Degrees in Computation and Management, in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science, respectively. Apart from the internal degree programmes, the Faculty offers a BBA External Degree Programme through an online platform and a Diploma in Management and Development through the Centre for Distance & Continuing Education (CDCE) of the University of Peradeniya. Furthermore, the Faculty of Management offers two postgraduate diplomas and four masters degree programmes with a view to expanding its services to those who seek postgraduate qualifications and training. Within seven years of its existence, the Faculty has achieved the highest grade (Grade 'A') offered by the Quality Assurance Council of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for its BBA Degree Programme. The Faculty recently won AHEAD grants worth Rs. 120 million through which a building and a computer lab were constructed, and furniture, equipment, and learning materials were purchased to promote outcome-based education and learner-centred teaching.



As part of its strategic plan, the Faculty of Management intends to expand its portfolio in line with the development taking place in the industry by introducing new degree programmes at undergraduate as well as postgraduate levels. For this purpose, the Faculty plans to provide additional training to staff members and develop its physical infrastructure to provide students with adequate knowledge and facilities to transform them into high-quality graduates.

Visit of the British High Commissioner





The British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Her Excellency, Ms. Sarah Hulton, paid a courtesy call on the University of Peradeniya on the 10th of March, 2022.

Diamond Jubilee of the Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya



The 60th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya was celebrated on the 4th of January, 2022 with the participation of the Vice-Chancellor of the University. Trees were planted at the Faculty premises to commemorate the day.

Medical education in Sri Lanka started with the inception of the Colombo Medical School in 1870 under colonial rule.

With more candidates qualifying to pursue a degree in Medicine, it became necessary to increase Faculty capacity to accommodate these students, As a result, in 1962, a second, fledgling Faculty of Medicine was established in conjunction with the University of Ceylon. A cluster of semi-permanent buildings were erected at a site at the northern end of the Peradeniya campus, in close proximity to the main Kandy-Colombo road. This was carried out through the University of Ceylon. It still stands there at the entrance to the University, having acquired more sophisticated infrastructure over the years, while retaining some of the founding structures which tell its history.

In 1966, the administration changed with appointment of Prof. Senaka Bibile as the first Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya. His undying passion towards improving medical education led to the establishment of the Faculty as we know it today, with the groundwork for the Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya also being laid under his vision.

The Faculty of Medicine at present comprises 17 academic departments including the pre-clinical departments of Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology, the para-clinical departments of Community Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Parasitology, Microbiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and the clinical departments of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery, Anesthesiology and Critical Care and Radiology.

AHEAD Workshop on "Business Data Analysis using SPSS" - Faculty of Management



The Management Educational Resources Centre (MERC) of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya organized a workshop titled "Business Data Analysis using SPSS" for the students of the Faculty. This session was held at 6.00 p.m. on the 25th of January, 2022 via Zoom. The workshop aimed to facilitate students to sharpen their analytical skills and enable them to incorporate those skills into the learning and researching process. It was conducted by Mr. Tharindhu Weerasinghe, Senior Lecturer/Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya. Mr. A.M.A.S.M. Bandara, Chairperson/Management Educational Resources Centre (MERC), Faculty of Management, graced the occasion. The students and the staff members of the Faculty of Management were also present.

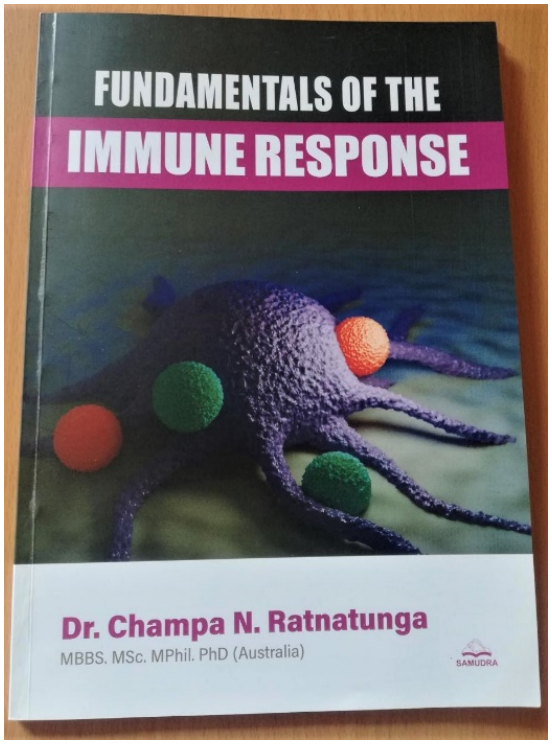
Brief Biography of Prof. Champa Ratnatunga



Champa N. Ratnatunga, MBBS, MSc (BioStat), M.Phil (Microbiology), PhD (Immunology), is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, where she teaches Immunology and Microbiology. She graduated from the University of Peradeniya in 2007 with Upper 2nd Class Honors, obtaining nine distinctions and thirteen medals, scholarships and prizes during her undergraduate career. After completing her internship and peripheral service as a Medical Officer of mental health, she joined the University of Peradeniya as an academic in 2011. She completed her MSc in Biostatistics and her M. Phil in tuberculosis diagnostics at Peradeniya as well. She received her PhD in Immunology (where she studied immune responses to non-tuberculous mycobacterial infections) at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research and the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine where she is an Adjunct Research Fellow. Her primary areas of expertise are T cell biology including functional assays, polychromatic flow cytometry including panel design, and high dimensional data analysis. Her current research is centred on antibody responses to COVID-19 vaccines in patients with kidney disease in Sri Lanka. Her other interests include teaching methodology and curriculum development, particularly in relation to Immunology, English language training for students, and student welfare.

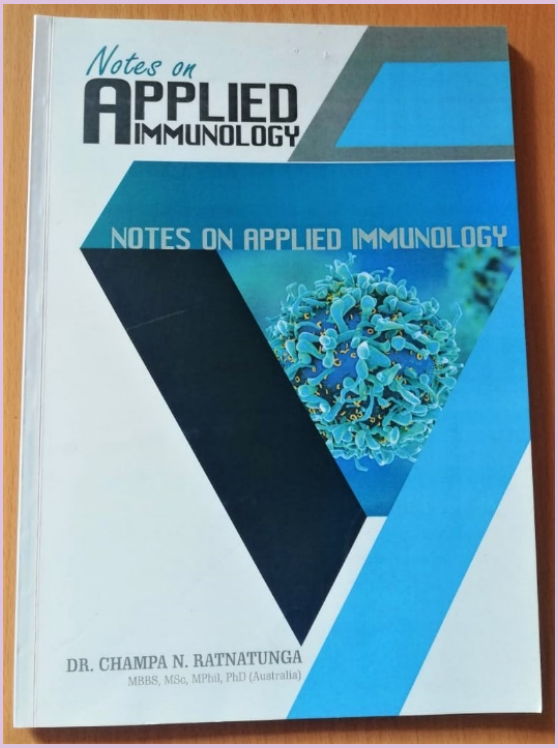
Books

Fundamentals of the Immune Response



This book provides a brief introduction to the cells, molecules and processes that make up the basic immune response. It is meant to serve as an introductory text to immunobiology to students - both undergraduate and postgraduate - who have some knowledge of human biology. The text provides the reader a scaffold of knowledge which can assist further detailed reading on the subject.

Notes on Applied Immunology



This book provides a series of brief outlines on various topics of applied immunology, ranging from hypersensitivity to tumor immunology. These are purely introductory texts, meant to introduce the novice reader in applied immunology to some of the important areas of applied immunology to facilitate further reading.

Digging the Past: Department of Archaeology's Field School at Fort Frederick, Trincomalee



The third-year students of the Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Arts, participated in a field training programme in January 2022 after a lapse of two years. Field training, which is an integral part of the Honours Degree programme, could not be conducted during pandemic restrictions. The training was partially funded by the University and was held at the former colonial stronghold Fort Frederick, Trincomalee, from the 10th to the 20th of January 2022. It was conducted by the Trincomalee Project of the Central Cultural Fund. Nineteen students participated in the fieldwork training where they were trained by professional archaeologists on surveying methods (including Total Station surveying), excavations, conservations, documenting monuments and artifacts with scaled drawings and procurement management/handling finances in archaeological projects. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, the Head of the Department of Archaeology and staff members visited the students during training. The students who presented the progress and their experiences to the Dean and the Faculty members stated that this was an excellent first opportunity for them to get hands-on experience which was essential to become competent field archaeologists. They believed that their team work skills had also improved and said that they thoroughly enjoyed the programme as well. One student stated that the training had given her the opportunity to see the sea for only the second time; for many, therefore, it was an unforgettable experience since the Covid-19 pandemic had mostly limited them to their homes. Dr. Prabath Ekanayake, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, congratulated the students on completing the programme successfully. Prof. Ananda Jayawickrama, the Head of the Department of Archaeology, stressed the need for more practical components in the degree programme to produce professionally trained archaeologists required for state service in order to preserve the country's national heritage. The group of students thanked the University and Central Cultural Fund for funding, facilitating and conducting a fruitful programme. A short video produced by the students detailing their experiences at Fort Frederick with other students, academics and wider community has been uploaded to the University website as well. Fellows of the National Academy of Science

Prof. Asiri Abeyagunawadena, Prof. Athula Perera (retired), Prof. Janaka B Ekanayake, Prof. Amarasooriya Pitawala, Prof. Deepthi Yakandawala, and Prof. Kamala Liyanage (retired), were elected as new Fellows of the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka (NASSL) from the 05th of March, 2022 onwards. The NASSL is a non-governmental body of eminent scientists of Sri Lanka that provides independent advice on policy matters to the Government and the public in general on all matters of national importance relating to science and technology. The NASSL also promotes the advancement and dissemination of scientific knowledge.



The Visit of Honorable Julie J. Chung, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Sri Lanka



The Ambassador of the United States of America to Sri Lanka, The Honorable Julie J. Chung, Public Diplomacy Officer, Ms. Kelly McCarthy, and Political Officer, Mr. Dan Monson, visited the University of Peradeniya on the 14th of March, 2022. The Ambassador was welcomed by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor/University of Peradeniya, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes, and the Director/International Relations Office. The Vice-Chancellor discussed possible collaborations between the United States of America and the University. The progress of ongoing collaborations, possible future collaborations, including research and academic collaborations and exchange especially in the fields of Arts and Culture, Engineering, Health, Management, and Agriculture, were discussed at the brief meeting. Ambassador Julie J. Chung conveyed her greetings to the University of Peradeniya and expressed her interest in consolidating strong collaborations with the University in the various fields discussed at the meeting.

In the second half of the event, Prof. Arjuna Parakrama and Dr. Manoj Alawathukotuwa from the Faculty of Arts, introduced the project "Preservation of Endangered Traditional & Indigenous Ritual Music & Dance Forms, Related Oral Expression and Craftsmanship That Cut Across the Ethnic Divide in Sri Lanka" funded by the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP). Honorable Julie J. Chung officially launched the website of the project during the event. It provides information on the main communities, and cultural practices of Upcountry Kandyan dance forms including Kohomba Kankariya and related oral expression and craftsmanship, the North-Eastern Tamil Koththu dance-drama tradition and related practices, Adivasi (Indigenous) rituals, cultural activities, the relatively neglected music & dance areas of the Polonnaruwa and Batticaloa district, and Southern dance-drama ritual performances in the Kolam tradition.



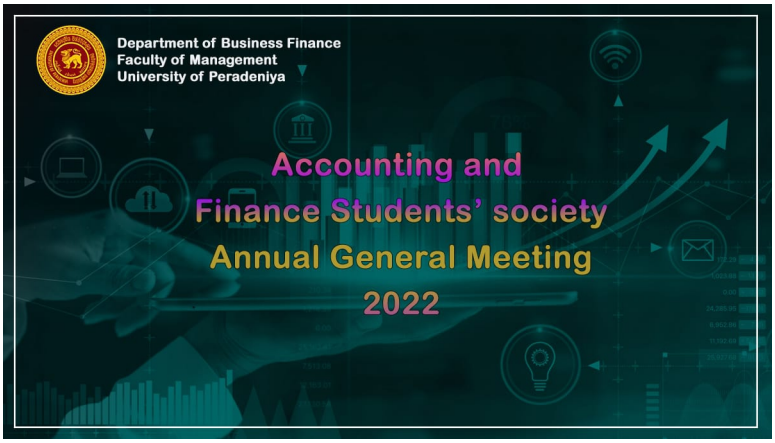
Book Launching



The book "Basic Concepts in Immunology" introduces the reader to the functions of the immune system by giving a concise, but comprehensive compilation of immunology concepts arranged into easily digestible building blocks. The first few chapters of the book are dedicated to the background knowledge of the basics of immunology, the cells and organs responsible and their development which is followed by a more detailed explanation of the different arms of the immune system, hypersensitivity, tolerance and autoimmunity, tumor immunology, immunodeficiency and transplant immunology. The easy to understand concepts make it an ideal reference book for undergraduates in health related fields, such as Medicine and Dentistry, as well as those who follow Biology and Allied Health Sciences.

Accounting & Finance Students' Society - AGM
Department of Business Finance, Faculty of Management





The Annual General Meeting of the Accounting and Finance Students' Society, Department of Business Finance, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, was held on the 28th of January, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was held under the patronage of Mrs. Sujeewa Kodithuwakku, Head of the Department of Business Finance, and with the attendance of academic staff members and students of the Department of Business Finance.

The outgoing President, Mr. M.J.M. Shihab, delivered the welcome speech and the outgoing Secretary, Ms. Poorni Abeykoon, presented the minutes of the previous meeting. As the primary task, the office bearers for the year 2022 were appointed at the meeting.



Mr. Ruwan Wijethunga was appointed the President of the society, and Mr. Imasha Dheerawardana was appointed the Secretary. Mr. Dinuk Koumika and Mr. Rachini Fernando were appointed the Vice-President and Assistant Secretary respectively. Furthermore, Mr.Viraj Maduranga was elected the new Junior Treasurer and Mr. Nuwan Wijesekara was appointed the Editor of the society. Six undergraduates were elected as the committee members for the new board and to represent the Department of Business Finance; these were, namely, Ms. Minoshi Kavindya, Ms. Rashmila Dissanayaka, Mr. J. Jethusan, Ms. Madara Nawarathne, Ms. Thanusha Rajenthiram, and Ms. Azka Nazar. Mr. Uwin Ariyarathne, Lecturer (Probationary), was appointed the Senior Treasurer of the society.

Apart from that, the official Facebook page of the society "Accounting & Finance Students' Society" was launched at the end of the Annual General Meeting: https://www.facebook.com/Accounting-Finance-Students-Society-104345498831724

Students' Society - AGM : Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management



The Annual General Meeting of the Marketing Management Students' Society, Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya was held on the 16th of March, 2022 at 05.00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was held under the patronage of Mrs. Sandamalie Hettiarachchy, Head of the Department of Marketing Management, and with the attendance of the academic staff members and students of the Department of Marketing Management.

Mrs. Sandamalie Hettiarachchy, Head of the Department of Marketing Management, and Ms. K.D.M.K.Weeratunge, Senior Treasurer/Marketing Management Students' Society, addressed the gathering and invited the outgoing President, Achintha Gihan, to deliver the welcome speech and the outgoing Secretary, Piumi Kularathna, to present the minutes of the previous meeting. As the primary task, the office bearers for the year 2022 were appointed at the meeting. Mr. Aaqil Munavver was appointed the President of the society and Ms.W.M.H.W. Wijesundara was appointed its Secretary. Ms. A.M.Y. Jayarathna and Ms. M.R.F. Ilma were appointed the Vice-President and Assistant Secretary. Furthermore, as the Junior Treasurer, Ms. A.P.T.L.Pathirana was appointed, and Ms. R.G.S. Ariyasena was appointed the Editor of the society. Six (06) committee members for the new board were appointed to represent the Department of Marketing Management including undergraduates Ms. A.J.M.S.M. Abeykoon, Ms.Y.M.A.K.Bandara, Mr. B.A.D. Sanjeewa , Ms K.M.M.N.K.Kangara, Ms. F.S.Nibar and Mr.W.A.D.S.Sanjana.

The Welcome Ceremony for Specialization Students of the Department of Marketing Management 2022



A ceremony was organized by the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, to welcome the new students of the '19 batch to the Department of Marketing Management. The welcome ceremony took place on the 15th of March, 2022 from 5.00 p.m. onwards on Zoom.
Mrs. Sandamalie Hettiarachchy, Head of the Department of Marketing Management, addressed the gathering and invited the third and final year students to welcome the new second year students to the Department. The session was followed by a vibrant dancing and singing performance by the students. The welcome ceremony concluded successfully with the support of the academics and the students of the Department.

Appointment of the Current President of the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA)



Prof. Samath Dharmarathne has been elected the President of the "Sri Lanka Medical Association" (SLMA) in the year 2022. Prof. Samath Dharmarathne is a professor in the Department of Community Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine.

Guest Lectures on "Forensic Audit" and "Performance Audit"



The Department of Business Finance, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya organized two guest lectures on "Forensic Audit" and "Performance Audit" for the 3000 level undergraduates who specialize in Accounting & Finance. The guest lecture on "Forensic Audit" was conducted by Mr. Malintha Rathnaweera, Manager - Forensic & Integrity Services (EY Forensics), Ernst & Young on the 18th of January, 2022 at 4.00 p.m. via Zoom. The guest lecture on "Performance Audit" was conducted by Mr. P.L.K. Perera, Additional Auditor General, Auditor General's Department - Sri Lanka, on the 20th of January, 2022 at 3.30 p.m. on Zoom. Mr. Malintha Rathnaweera, Mr. P.L.K. Perera and Mrs. S. Kodithuwakku, Head/Department of Business Finance, graced the occasions with their presence. The students and the staff members of the Department of Business Finance were also present.

Webinar on "Stock Market Investing for Beginners"

The Accounting & Finance Students' Society, Department of Business Finance, organized a webinar on "Stock Market Investing for Beginners" on the 26th of January, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. via Zoom. The webinar was conducted by Mr. Imtiaz Buhardeen, CEO of Almas Organization & Carelines Holdings, who has over 35 years of experience in investing at the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and overseas stock markets.



The Interfaculty Radiology Quiz - First Place

The Sri Lanka College of Radiologists (SLCR) hosted an Inter-faculty Radiology Quiz to commemorate the International Day of Radiology in November, 2021. The Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya were judged the winners; undergraduates I.S. Kothalawala, S.L.P. Chathuranga, M.M.A.I. Premarathne, H.Narampanawa, Umangi Karunarathne, and A.M.A.P. Alahakoon constituted the winning team.



PURES 2022 - Organized by the University Research Council



The 1st Peradeniya University Research Excellence Showcase was held on the 23rd of March, 2022 at the Joint Research and Demonstration Centre for Water Technology. The main purpose of this event was to showcase novel and cutting-edge research and many locally developed solutions for national needs. The top tier researchers of the University were recognized at the event as well. The World's Top 2% Scientists by Elsevier BV and Stanford University and Tier 4* Researchers, based on the transparent research performance scheme stipulated in the UGC circular 05/2018, were presented at the award ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor awarded a plaque and certificate to these eminent researchers. Volume 7, Issue 2 of the Hanthana Vision magazine was also launched during this event.

The leading researchers of the University of Peradeniya, key members of government organizations, company CEOs, and University research administrators were present at the event.

During the showcase event, over fifty research projects funded by international grant bodies, the AHEAD project, and other projects with inter-faculty collaborations, were on display. Some of the main attractions included videos presented by some of our eminent researchers on patentable research outcomes such as the Respirone Nano Av 99 Face Mask, and the Covi-2 Loop Test Kit. Other highlights inside the exhibition hall were the e-wheeler, open-source PV inverter, non-invasive and non-transmitive monitoring of fetal conditions by the Faculty of Engineering, and Covi-2 Loop Test Kit by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science. The Centre for Research in Oral Cancer (CROC) of the Faculty of Dental Sciences and the Agricultural Biotechnology Centre of the Faculty of Agriculture had two stalls as well.

Awarding Medals and Certificates to the Winners of the Undergraduate Research Symposium 2020



The Undergraduate Research Symposium 2020, organized by the Undergraduate Research Committee of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, was held on the 28th of June, 2021 via Zoom. The Undergraduate Research Symposium is an annual event that provides a platform for the undergraduates of the Bachelor of Business Administration Honours Degree Programme and the Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree Programme to showcase their research skills by presenting the findings they gained through their independent research projects.

he winners of the Undergraduate Research Symposium 2020 were awarded medals and certificates by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, at the inauguration ceremony of the 'Orientation Programme 2022'. The orientation was held for the newly enrolled students of the Bachelor of Business Administration Honours Degree Programme - 2021/2022 academic year. The event was held on the 08th of March, 2022 at the Gymnasium, University of Peradeniya.

Winners of the Undergraduate Research Symposium 2020:

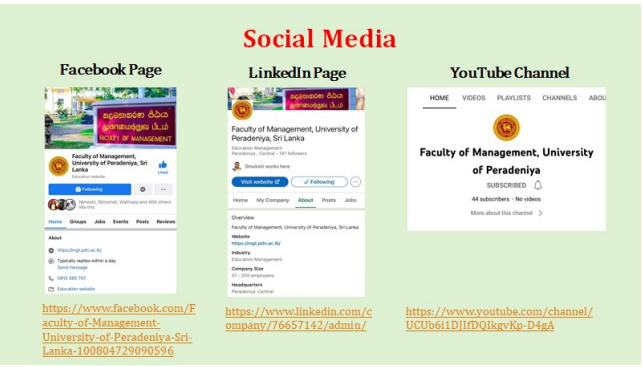
The Best Researcher/Winner - Ms. S. Yogendran, Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) Honours Degree Programme

1st Runner-up - Ms. M.R.M.U Manikrama, Department of Business Finance, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme

2nd Runner-up - Ms. R.P Gunasinghe, Department of Human Resource Management, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme

Media Unit - Faculty of Management





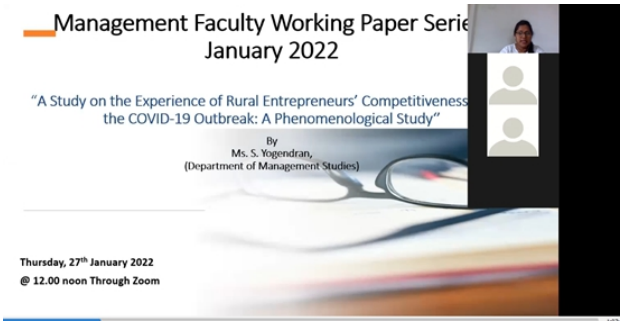
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An awareness-raising session titled "Awareness-raising Session on Services Rendered by the Media Unit, Faculty of Management" organized by the Media Unit, Faculty of Management, was held on the 01st of February, 2022 via Zoom. The session aimed to elaborate on the services rendered by the Media Unit of the Faculty. Accordingly, the Media Unit renders services on the Faculty website, social media, the Peradeniya Management Newsletter (the e-Newsletter of the Faculty of Management), Peradeniya Management Student (the e-Newsletter of the students and students' societies of the Faculty of Management), organizing workshops, and increasing the stakeholders' awareness of the Faculty and its resources. Finally, the session covered suggestions and proposed changes to the website of the Faculty of Management. Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean/Faculty of Management, academic staff members and administrative staff members of the Faculty participated in this session.

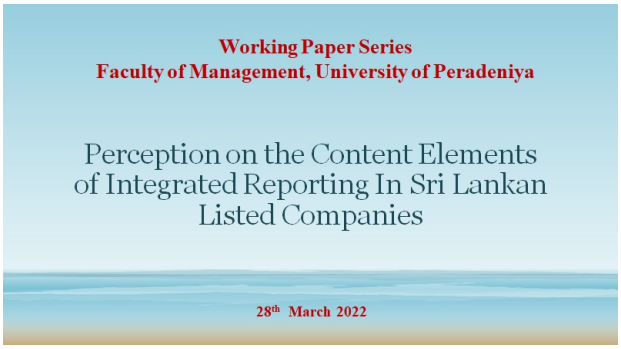
Faculty Working Paper Series – January 2022



The eleventh session of the Working Paper Series, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, was held on the 27th of January, 2022 through a virtual platform. Ms. S. Yogendran from the Department of Management Studies made a presentation on the title, "A Study on the Experience of Rural Entrepreneurs' Competitiveness during the COVID-19 Outbreak: A Phenomenological Study". The paper was reviewed by Ms. R. M. C. Kumari from the Department of Management Studies. The event was graced by the Dean of the Faculty, Heads of the Departments, and academic staff members of the Faculty.

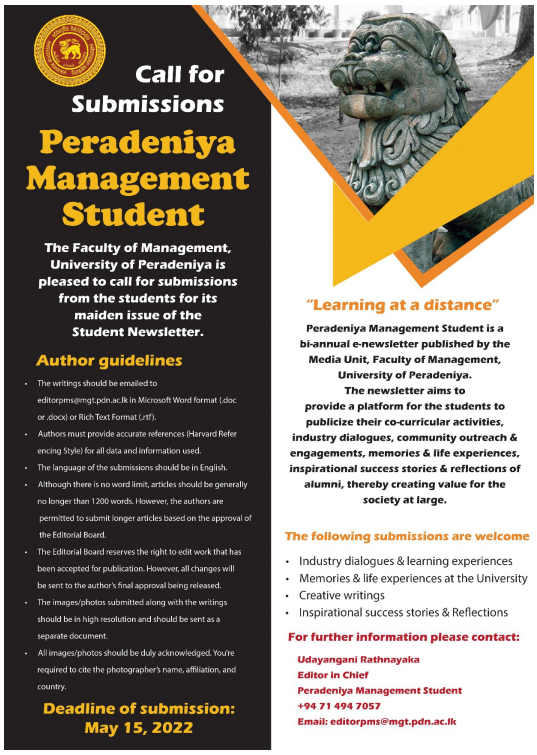


Faculty Working Paper Series – March 2022



The twelfth session of the Working Paper Series, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya was held on the 28th of March, 2022 through Zoom. Ms. M.N.F. Nuskiya, from the Department of Business Finance, made her presentation on the title, "Perception on the Content Elements of Integrated Reporting In Sri Lankan Listed Companies". The paper was reviewed by Ms. H.M.N.K. Mudalige from the Department of Business Finance. The event was graced by the Dean of the Faculty, Heads of the Departments, and academic staff members of the Faculty.

Call for Submissions - Peradeniya Management Student



The Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya is pleased to call for submissions for its maiden issue of the "Peradeniya Management Student", the Student Newsletter of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya.

The Students of the Faculty are requested to forward submissions adhering to the author guidelines to editorpms@mgt.pdn.ac.lk on or before the 15th of May, 2022.

The following submissions are welcome:

Industry dialogues & learning experiences
Creative writing
Memories & life experiences at the University
Inspirational success stories & reflections



Tree-planting Programme



The State Ministry of National Security, Home Affairs, and Disaster Management launched an islandwide tree-planting programme in relation to the 74th Independence Day celebrations on the 4th of February, 2022. Accordingly, in parallel to this event, the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, launched a tree-planting campaign to plant Ashoka and Thabobiya trees. This program was carried out whilst adhering to the Covid-19 health guidelines.

Felicitation Ceremony of the Faculty of Medicine

According to a concept of the staff of the Faculty of Medicine, a ceremony to appreciate the janitorial, cleaning and landscape staff of the Faculty and acknowledge their services was held at the Faculty premises.



Awarding Medals and Certificates to the Winners of the Management Internship Diaries 2020



The Management Internship Diaries 2020, organized by the Internship Committee of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya was held on the 18th of June, 2021 via Zoom. Management Internship Diaries is an annual competition organized to select 'The Best Intern of the Year' from those who participated in the Internship Programme in the particular academic year. Management Internship Diaries provides a platform for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Management to showcase their skills through presenting internship experience and the results they gained through the internship project.

The winners of the Management Internship Diaries 2020 were awarded medals and certificates from Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice Chancellor, University of Perdeniya, at the inauguration ceremony of the 'Orientation Programme 2022' for the newly enrolled students in the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme - 2021-2022 Academic Year, which was held on 8th March 2022 at the Gymnasium, University of Peradeniya.

Winners of the Management Internship Diaries 2020:

The Best Intern/ Winner – Ms. V.P. Edirisinghe, Department of Business Finance, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme

1st Runner up - Mr. S.A.N.H. Samarasekara, Department of Operations Management, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme

2nd Runner up - Mr. W.S. Niroshan, Department of Marketing Management, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours Degree Programme

Congratulations to the Winners of the Management Internship Diaries 2020!!!

The Inter-Medical Faculty Psychiatry Debate - 1st Place



The Inter-Medical Faculty Psychiatry Debate was held on the 15th of December, 2021 at the Grand Kandyan Hotel, and was organized by the Sri Lankan College of Psychiatrists as part of the Annual Academic Sessions. The University of Peradeniya were the opposing team for the motion "Physician Assisted Suicide should be Legalized in Sri Lanka" and became winners after a lengthy battle. The team members were Sachith Keragala, Shakthi Senarathne, Malaka Samarasinghe as speakers and Nadarasa Ganashiam, Tharani Kularathne and Vikum Dharmasena as reserves.

Annual Niigata – Peradeniya Sister Link Programme



The University of Niigata, Japan, organizes the Summer Exchange Programme for Students of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, on an annual basis. Mr. Paveetha Abeykoon and Mr. Isuru Kothalawala from the 2015/16 Batch represented the Faculty of Medicine in the year 2020.



Most Outstanding Researchers - Prof. Kalana Maduwage



Professor Kalana Maduwage, Professor in Biochemistry at the Faculty of Medicine is an active researcher in the field of clinical and experimental toxicology, particularly on clinical, pathophysiological and treatment aspects of snake envenomation. He is an extensively published scholar in international literature. He has 56 publications in SCI journals and has won 6 international and 21 national awards for research, including 10 President's Awards for scientific publication.

His research contribution was honored by the CVCD Excellence Award for the most outstanding young researcher in the fields of Medicine, Dental, Allied Health Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in 2016. He is the recipient of the Informa Healthcare Award, USA, the John Morris Scientific Award and ASMR Awards, Australia, the Young Physician Leadership Award, Germany, and a finalist of the Aspirin Social Innovation Award, Germany. Furthermore, he has delivered 3 orations including the Professor Senaka Bibile Memorial Oration, Dr S Ramachandran Oration, as well as the SLMA and KSM Health Research Prize Oration. He is competent in in-vitro, in-vivo and clinical research methodologies in snake venom toxicology, antivenom research (including isolation and pharmacological characterization of toxins) and research methods associated with the efficacy, safety, and effectiveness of antivenom treatment. Exploration of pharmacologically active biomolecules from animal venom is amongst his future research interests.

Economics Seminar Series – Chapter I



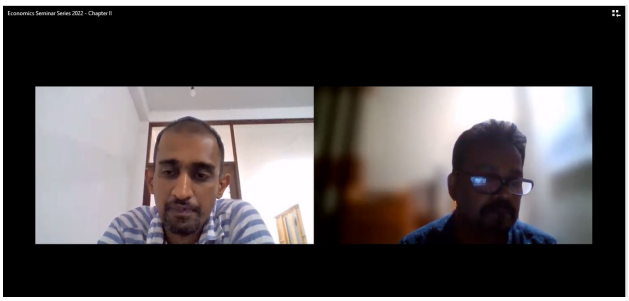
The Department of Economics and Statistics of the University of Peradeniya organized the first chapter of its lecture series on the topic, "The Tri-layer Crisis surrounding the Budget 2022" on the 8th of December, 2021.

The guest speaker for the event was eminent political economist, Prof. Sumanasiri Liyanage who was a professor in Economics, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya.

An audience of 120, consisting of academic staff and students, joined the event. It concluded with an insightful discussion, where the guest speaker answered questions posed by the audience and engaged productively with them.

Economics Seminar Series – Chapter II





The Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya, organized the second chapter of its lecture series, with Environment & Community Development Specialist Mr. Kapila Rajapaksha, as the guest speaker. The discussion was based on the topic "The Environment, Marxism and Development" and was held on Wednesday, the 2nd of February from 6.00 p.m. onwards via Zoom.
Video: http://arts.pdn.ac.lk/econ/seminars.html

Most Outstanding Researcher- Prof. SAM Kularathne



SAM Kularatne, Senior Professor and the Chair of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, is an active researcher in the field of tropical medicine including clinical and experimental toxicology, particularly on snake envenoming and infections. In the 2020 and 2021 list of outstanding researchers compiled by Elsevier BV, Stanford University USA, he was amongst the top 2% of world scientists. He has over 174 research publications in National and International journals. He received 23 Awards for research articles including more than 10 President Research Awards annually. His research contributions were honored by the CVCD Excellence Award for the most outstanding researcher in health sciences including Medicine, Dental Science, Veterinary Science and Allied Health Science in 2010. He has also delivered 3 orations including the 23rd Bibile Memorial Oration and the K S M Health Research Prize oration. He has published a number of notable books and chapters locally and internationally. He has been part of many international research collaborations and currently serves as the Director of the Centre for Research in Tropical Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

Senate Recommendation - Announcements:

- Professor Gunadasa Amarasekara has expressed his willingness to accept the Honorary D.Litt., which the Senate and the Council decided to confer on him.
- Nomination of the Mahawansa Palm Leaf manuscript for the UNESCO register by the National Library of Sri Lanka.
- Professor Samath Dharmaratne of the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, has been appointed as the President of the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA).
- The University decided to allocate Rs. 40 million for University Research Grants and another Rs. 20 million through the University Research Council.
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- රාජ්‍ය සාහිත්‍ය සම්මාන 2021 හි විවිධ විෂයක ග්‍රන්ථ සමාජ ශාස්ත්‍ර අංශය යටතේ මහාචාර්ය මහින්ද සෝමතිලක විසින් රචනා කළ දෙගල්දොරුව විහාරය සහ එහි බිතුසිතුවම් නමැති කෘතිය 2021 රාජ්‍ය සාහිත්‍ය සම්මාන සඳහා නිර්දේශ වී ඇත.
- A stamp and a first-day cover were issued on the 18th of February, 2022 as a unique commemorative cover to honour Professor HMDR Herath, former Head of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, for his contribution to academics and society.
- A new Department, namely the "Department of Family Medicine," was established at the Faculty of Medicine.

Publications:

- Essentials of Acute Pain Management for Health Professionals - Dr. Saman Nanayakkara
- බුද්ධිමය ආබාධිතභාවය :ෂබඑැකකැජඑමක ඉසීඉසකසඑහ_ විශේෂඥ මනෝවෛද්‍ය පබාසරී ගිනිගේ
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- The Pharmacological Basis of Topical Therapies in Dermatology – Dr Sanjeewani Fonseka
- Handbook of Compounding Topical Preparations in Dermatology – Dr Sanjeewani Fonseka
- කුරුලෑ, කුරුලෑ කැළැල් සහ ප්‍රතිකාර ක්‍රම - විශේෂඥ වෛද්‍ය සංජීවනී ෆොන්සේකා
- Therapeutics in Dermatology – A Student's Guide – Dr Sanjeewani Fonseka
- Systematic Pharmacology – MCQ: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS – Dr Sanjeewani Fonseka
- General Pharmacology – MCQ: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS – Dr Sanjeewani Fonseka
- Insight, the research magazine of the Department of Civil Engineering; Editor: Dr DTKK Chamindu.

New Appointments - Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Ms. R.A. Bartholomeuz	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Management	16.3.2022
Ms. B.T.D.N. Senarath	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Management	18.1.2022
Ms. S.H.T. Kumudumalie	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Management	18.1.2022
Ms. W.D.C.K.T. Kumarasiri	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Management	18.1.2022
Mr. N.H. Madanayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Science	28.3.2022
Dr. S.G. Senarathna	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Faculty of Science	04.3.2022
Mr. P.T. Weerasinghe	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Science	04.3.2022
Ms. A.G.S. Polgolla	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Science	04.3.2022
Ms. G.U. Vidanapathirana	Lecturer (Probationary)	Medical Laboratory Science	03.1.2022
Dr. G.M.G.C.K. Premachandra	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Vet. Medicine & Animal Science	03.2.2022
Dr. M.L.W.P.De. Silva	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Agriculture	11.1.2022
Ms. K.I.S. Thamali	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Agriculture	13.1.2022
Ms. P.B.G. Pathirana	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Agriculture	24.1.2022
Mr. K.D.R. Rienzie	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Agriculture	24.1.2022
Mrs. N.M.N. Liyanage	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Agriculture	18.2.2022
Dr. R.M.A.S.K. Ratnayake	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)	Faculty of Medicine	01.1.2022
Dr. A.R. Fernando	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Medicine	22.1.2022
Dr. M.J.S. Jayarathna	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Medicine	03.3.2022
Dr. E.M.K.B. Ekanayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Medicine	01.2.2022
Dr. W.M.A.S. De. Silva	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)	Faculty of Medicine	06.1.2022
Dr. K.C. Ratnatunga	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Faculty of Medicine	01.1.2022
Dr. H.M.K.B. Herath	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Medicine	29.1.2022
Prof. M.D.K. De Silva	Professor	Faculty of Dental Sciences	03.1.2022
Dr. D.R.D.L. Rathnayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Dental Sciences	15.2.2022
Dr. D.D. Vithanachchi	Lecturer (Probationary)	Faculty of Dental Sciences	15.2.2022

New Appointments - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Mr. I.G.G.T. Amararathna	Technical Officer (Chemical) Grade III	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	03.01.2022
Mr. K.A.U. Senarathne	Public Health Inspector (Grade III)	Health Centre	19.01.2022
Mr. H.M.S.C. Sugathapala	Nurseryman (Grade II)	Landscape Division	06.01.2022
Mr. D.P. Perera	Tractor Operator (Grade II)	Faculty of Vet. Medicine & Animal Science	05.01.2022
Mr. A.M.C. Attanayake	Driver (Grade II)	Faculty of Vet. Medicine & Animal Science	07.02.2022
Mr. K.A.A.P. Kariyawasam	Driver (Grade II)	Faculty of Vet. Medicine & Animal Science	07.02.2022
Mr. A.G.C.T. Weerasinghe	Mechanic (Grade II)	Faculty of Medicine	17.03.2022

Resignations - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Ms. W.R.S.M.Y.D. Higgoda	Assistant Registrar	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	01.01.2022
Ms. A.W.R.R.M.M.M Rathnayake	Assistant Bursar	Department of Finance Administration	14.03.2022
Mr. B.R.M.C.B. Rathnayake	Laboratory Attendant	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	10.01.2022
Mrs. W.A.M.S. Wijayasinghe	Management Assistant (Grade III)	Faculty of Medicine	28.02.2022
Mrs. W.A.S.G. Weragodaarachchi	Management Assistant (Grade I)	Faculty of Medicine	06.02.2022

Retirements - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Mrs. N.P.S.M. Asoka	Works Aide (Special Grade)	Faculty of Vet. Medicine & Animal Science	25.02.2022

The Visit of His Excellency, Andrés Marcelo González Garrido, the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to Sri Lanka





The Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to Sri Lanka, His Excellency, Andrés Marcelo González Garrido, and Mrs. Garrido visited the University of Peradeniya on the 26th of March, 2022. The Ambassador was welcomed by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. N. Alles, The Director/International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya. The Ambassador highlighted the visit of Mr. José Antonio Echeverria, a Cuban revolutionary and a student leader of the International Student Congress held at the University of Peradeniya in 1956. The Vice-Chancellor discussed possible future collaborations between parallel universities in Cuba and the University of Peradeniya. His Excellency, Andrés Marcelo González Garrido, conveyed his greetings to the University of Peradeniya and expressed his interest in consolidating strong collaborations with the University.

Inauguration Ceremony for New Entrants of the Faculty of Medicine





Adhering to COVID-19 health guidelines, the inauguration ceremony for new entrants to the Faculty of Medicine was held on the 4th and 5th of January, 2022 with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and other distinguished guests including the Deans of other faculties of the University of Peradeniya. The event was graced by Emeritus Professor Neelakanthi Ratnatunga as the Guest of Honor, who delivered an inspiring address at the ceremony.

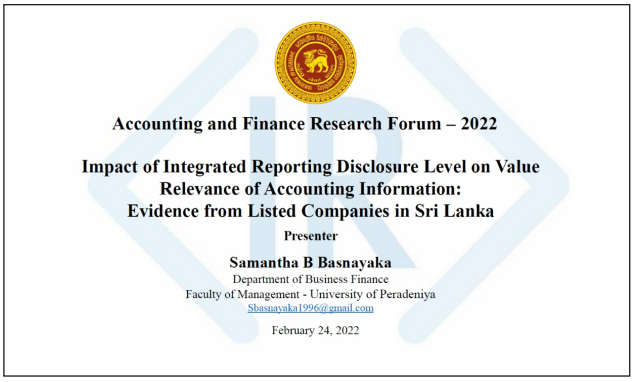
Narration Competition - First and Third Place

A Narration Competition for medical students organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) was held in October, 2021. From the contestants representing all faculties, Mr. Paveetha Abeykoon and Ms. A.M.A.P Alahakoon from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, managed to secure the first and third place respectively.



Accounting & Finance Research Forum 2022

The first session of the 'Accounting & Finance Research Forum 2022', Department of Business Finance, was held on the 28th of January, 2022 on the Zoom platform at 1.00 p.m. Ms. D.D.K. Sugathadasa, Lecturer/Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University, made a presentation titled, "Attitude towards Financial Inclusion, Owner-Manager's Characteristics and Financial Decision Making in the SME Sector within the North Central Province of Sri Lanka''.



The second session of the 'Accounting & Finance Research Forum - 2022' was held at 10.00 a.m. on the 24th of February, 2022 also via Zoom. Mr. B. M. S. B. Basnayaka made a presentation titled, "The Impact of Integrated Reporting Disclosure Level on Value Relevance of Accounting Information: Evidence from Listed Companies in Sri Lanka". This paper was judged the Best Research Paper under the Accounting Finance and Economics Track at the 12th International Conference on Business and Information 2021, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya.

The Journey to PhD - International Partnership Program Committee (IPPC)

A programme, "The Journey to PhD", organized by the International Partnership Program Committee (IPPC), Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya aims to assist its young academic staff members to enrol in PhD study programmes, preferably in a high ranked foreign University. There are three expected requirements to qualify for the "Journey to PhD" programme; the participants should have a). an excellent research proposal; b). an attractive CV, an individual web profile and a professionally appealing LinkedIn account; and c). required test scores to attract scholarships for PhD studies.

The first preparatory workshop of the first phase of "The Journey to PhD" programme was held on the 1st of February, 2022 from 09.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. via Zoom under the title of "An Interactive Conversation on Dissecting Body of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): A Standpoint from a Social Science Researcher". The resource person was Prof. M. Saman Dassanayake from the Graduate School of Business Administration (GSBA), Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan. The session mainly emphasized the main aspects of a PhD qualification with the comprehensive framework to be followed in order to enter a PhD study programme, and the importance of health concerns during the PhD tenure. This session was expected to broaden the participants' intellectual horizons as prospective PhD holders, reinforce their reflective learning, and inspire them to produce a high-quality PhD thesis claiming significant academic merit.

The second preparatory workshop was held on the 10th of February, 2022 from 09:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. also via Zoom. under the theme of "The Quantitative Research to be Focused on to Secure a PhD Placement and a Scholarship". The resource person for this session was Professor Pavithra Kailasapathy from the Department of Human Resources Management, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo. This session emphasized key philosophical concepts and methodology from the view of functionalist researchers. The participants were able to deepen their understanding of the research paradigm and theoretical base in relation to a quantitative study.

The third preparatory workshop was held on the 10th of March, 2022 from 02:30 p.m. to 05:30 p.m. via Zoom under the theme of "The Qualitative Research to be Focused on to Secure a PhD Placement and a Scholarship". The resource person for this session was Professor Danture Wickramasinghe from the Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom. This session highlighted the key concepts and methodology from the perspective of qualitative researchers. The participants were able to broaden their understanding of the qualitative research concept and theoretical base, and select a strategy of inquiry for a qualitative study.

News from the Department of Forensic Medicine

- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) donated equipment to the Department of Forensic Medicine, Peradeniya, for the establishment of a forensic anthropology laboratory for the Central Province of Sri Lanka, which took place on the 25th of March, 2022 at the Department premises.





- Visit by Prof. Werner Jacobs, Professor in Forensic Medicine and Pathology, University of Antwerp, Belgium - who is also a Medical Major in the Belgian Defence Force and an Editorial Board Member of the SLJFMSL - to the Dept. of Forensic Medicine on the 6th of January, 2022.





- Dr. Kasun Ekanayake (01.02.2022) and Dr. Chathula Wickramasinghe (01.03.2022) joined the Department of Forensic Medicine as Lecturers (Probationary).

- Professor Dinesh Fernando of the Dept. of Forensic Medicine delivered the Professor H.V.J. Fernando Oration at the 20th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka held at the Oak-Ray Regency Hotel, Kandy from the 11th to the 12th of December, 2021.



- The Sri Lanka Journal of Forensic Medicine, Science and Law, a publication of the Department of Forensic Medicine has been re-assessed on the Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS) framework and the journal has been placed at level 5 of 6 and awarded two stars.



Sri Lanka University Basketball Women's Team Emerged as Champions





Sri Lanka Universities Women's Basketball team was victorious at the recently held Senior National Basketball Championships - 2022 and emerged as the Champions at the Level II category. The tournament was held from the 28th to the 30th of January, 2022 at the Miyani Basketball Academy Complex, Batticaloa.

In the first round, Sri Lanka Universities defeated the Rathnapura District Basketball team by a huge margin of 64 to 36 and lost to the Gampaha District team to the score of 53 to 60. At the semifinals - after a tough fight with the home team - the University team ultimately won the game.

Sri Lanka Universities and Gampaha District were selected to play the finals and it was a well-fought contest on both sides. However, the Sri Lanka Universities team were more determined at the grand finals and after a nail-biting match, they emerged champions and won the match by a narrow margin. The final score was 51 to 49 points.

Two players from the University of Peradeniya - Ms. E.M.M.R.P.V. Nugapitiya, from the Faculty of Science and Ms H.M.W.G.P.T. Wedagedara, from the Faculty of Arts - took part in this tournament representing the Sri Lanka University Combined Team. The championship was organized by the Sri Lanka Basketball Federation as an annual event.

Physical Education & Sports Orientation Program for First Year Undergraduates



A series of orientation programs were conducted by the Department of Physical Education for the new, first year students to the Faculties of Science & Management. The orientation for the first year undergraduates of the Faculty of Science included introductory programs that were conducted via virtual platforms and the whole batch visited the Department of Physical Education on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of March, 2022. During the visit, the first year students were given all the necessary information on various sports activities they can engage in as undergraduate students, the opportunities available to them during their time at university, the benefit of doing sports as a leisure activity or at a competitive level, and the rules & regulations to be followed when using the sports facilities at the University. The introductory session for the newcomers of the Faculty of Management was held online on the 10th of March, 2022, and the Department of Physical Education delivered an informative lecture session on Sports & Recreational Activity at the University. These sessions were very successful and highly appreciated by the participants and the officials involved.