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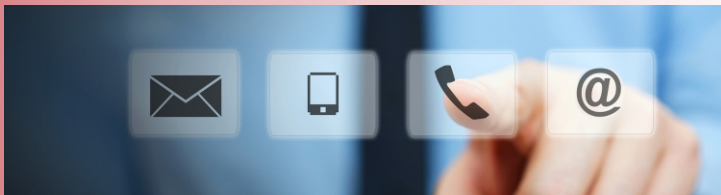
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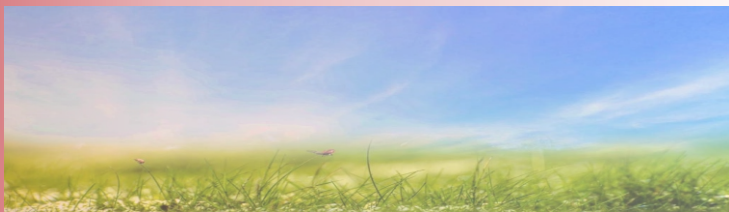
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New Chancellor for the University of Peradeniya



Prof G.H. Peiris, one of the Council members of the University of Peradeniya was appointed as the Chancellor of University of Peradeniya for five years. Prof. Peiris has graduated from the Faculty of Arts in 1960 with a first class honors degree in geography and subsequently with PhD in geography from Cambridge, the UK. He subsequently joined Peradeniya University as an Assistant Lecturer and has served the University for 44 years. Prof. Peiris has carried out extensive research in political changes in countries.

Message from the Vice-Chancellor



I am glad to submit this write-up for the Newsletter (2022) of the University of Peradeniya which brings the community's attention to our accomplishments during the second and third quarters of this year. We have a quarterly tradition of sharing a summary of our news and events to provide you with a better understanding of our initiatives covering academic, research, and welfare activities. This year, however, we will only publish one newsletter spanning both quarters.

The University was kept open for the greater part of the year except for three weeks. The Academic Affairs Division was established to coordinate and encourage new initiatives with regard to the University's academic programs. Funding for research was not curtailed in any way.

The welfare of our students is our utmost priority. In anticipation of any mental stress students might experience, the Counseling & Psychological Support (CaPSU) Unit was established. The Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology and the University Health Center contribute to this endeavor. The Director is a consultant psychiatrist and two professional counselors were appointed with financial support from the Canberra Chapter of our Alumni Association. The Colombo Chapters of the AAUP and PEFA has come forward to fund 300 scholarships which have been combined with part-time employment opportunities.

A virtual office was established to broaden our staff welfare services. The Health Centre started a Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening program for all staff above 35 years old. We also initiated a 'Waga Sangramaya' in line with the acute requirements of the country.

The staff and students of the University continue to work to the best of their abilities despite the difficulties the country is facing at the moment. Their patience and tolerance in these challenging times must be appreciated. I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have worked tirelessly and positively to achieve our aspirations. I also appreciate the tremendous dedication of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for providing the necessary guidance to the Statistics Division to issue this newsletter and am grateful to all the entities for providing the necessary news/information. I would also like to thank the Statistics Division for their efforts in compiling the newsletter.

I am optimistic about what we will accomplish together in the coming quarters.

Professor M.D.Lamawansa

General Convocation 2020



The 83rd General Convocation of the University of Peradeniya was held on the 30th and 31st of August, 2022. The General Convocation is one of the most glamorous events of the University of Peradeniya. This year, 3130 graduands belonging to nine Faculties and three Postgraduate Institutes received their degrees (2505 Bachelor's degrees and 625 postgraduate degrees) from the Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. G.H. Peiris.

There were 26 PhD and 597 Master's degrees awarded by the Faculties of Agriculture, Arts, AHS, Dental Sciences, Engineering, Management, Medicine, Science, Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science and the PGIS, the PGIA and the PGIHS. Due to the large number of graduates, the Convocation was held in six sessions over two days.

Conventionally, the convocation was organized by the faculties. However, for the first time in the recent past, the convocation was centrally organized. The convocation organized committee comprising of administrative staff was chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor, Terrance Madhujith.

The proceedings were live-streamed over the University web site for the benefit of the viewers from all the parties of the word.

Research Publications of Library Academics

- Hindagolla, B.M.M.C.B. & Weerasinghe, S. (2022). Acceptance of Electronic Information Resources by Library Users: A Review of Literature from the Asian and African Perspective. In M. P. Singh, S. Kumar Sonkar (Eds.), *Management of Modern Libraries in New Normal – Memorial volume in loving memory of Dr. Suchetan Kumar* (pp. 372-383). Corvette Press
- Weerasinghe, S., (2022). Citation Analysis of Veterinary Dissertations. *Journal of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka*, 25(1), pp.31–54. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/jula.v25i1.8052>

Ambassador of Egypt Visits the Library

The new Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Sri Lanka, His Excellency Maged Mosleh, visited the Main Library on the 25th of May, 2022. He discussed the Sri Lankan libraries he had visited and expressed his views on the need of a forum of academic institutions to share information regarding recognition and appreciation of cultural diversity on an international level. The ambassador signed the Visitors' Book and extended his best wishes to "A beautiful library in a beautiful setting" – in his own words. Mr. R. Maheshwaran, Librarian and several senior staff members of the library were present at the event.



Staff-Industry Exposure Programme



The inaugural ceremony of the "Staff Industry Exposure Programme" of the Department of Human Resource Management was successfully held on the 7th of June, 2022 at the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, in the presence of Prof. Athula Ekanayake, the Dean, Faculty of Management, Mr. Saman Rupasinghe, Deputy General Manager Human Resources, MAS Holdings, Ms. Waruni Edirisooriya, Head, Department of Human Resource Management, Heads of other Departments, academic staff members of the Department of Human Resource Management, and representatives from MAS

Intimates, Pallakelle. Mr. Saman Rupasinghe, the Deputy General Manager Human Resources, MAS Holdings featured as the guest speaker on this remarkable day.

The existing curriculum of the Department covers both theoretical and practical facets of human resource management. Thus, the Department makes a tremendous effort to facilitate integration and collaboration with the industry to provide a comprehensive learning environment for its learning partners. Accordingly, the staff members of the Department are required to update as well as upgrade their academic credentials to align with the contemporary trends and practices in the corporate setup. For this purpose, the "Staff Industry Exposure Programme" was launched with the assistance of Mrs. Subashini Weerakotuwa, Senior Lecturer/Department of Human Resource Management.



Computer Engineering Graduates Receive the Silver Medal for the Best Research Project

Ms. Sandali Lokuge, Mr. Shyaman Jayasundara, and Mr. Puwasuru Ihalagedara, recent graduates of the Department of Computer Engineering (E/14) were bestowed the national award of 1st Runner-up of the Best Research Awards 2021 competition organized by the Institute of Applied Statistics Sri Lanka (IASSL) under the open category. The awarding ceremony was held on Sunday, the 27th of March 2022 at the auditorium of the Organization of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka. The chief guest was Dr. D.M.J.B Senanayake, Director of the Rice Research and Development Institute. The award was given by Dr. R.A.B Abeygunawardena, Secretary/IASSL.



The winning research was an extended version of their final year research project on "Plant MicroRNA Prediction using Machine Learning Models" which was supervised by Dr. Damayanthi Herath, (Senior Lecturer/Department of Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka) and Dr. Indika Kahanda (Assistant Professor/School of Computing, University of North Florida, United States). Their research work was also published in the 2020 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB) and in the journal, Biosystems. The project was also nominated for the "Best Research Article" award in ESCaPe 2020, the annual project symposium of the Department of Computer Engineering.

Tree Planting Event 2022

The Organizational Management Students' Society, Department of Management Studies, under the course MGS 4102: Sustainability in Organizations, organized a 'Tree Planting Event' on the 27th of April, 2022 to commemorate the Earth Day (22nd of April) with the theme "Invest in our Planet." The tree planting event took place with the welcome note provided by the Lecturer-in-Charge and the Senior Treasurer of the Society Ms. A.S. Shiromy.



The event primarily served two purposes: to ensure that human dignity is protected for a healthy planet; and to remember that trees are a symbol of dignity, prolonged existence, sustainability, and robustness. In line with this vision, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean/Faculty of Management, planted a tree. He was followed by Ms. R.M.C. Kumari, Head of the Department, Lecturer-in-Charge and students of the Department of Management Studies. In the end, the tree planting event was declared an annual event.

The 'Tree Planting Photo Gallery 2022' was also organized in parallel and the Department students planted trees in their yards and sent images to commemorate the occasion. The tree-planting event was conducted successfully with the active participation of students and staff and was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

iPUNRSE 2022



Peradeniya University International Nursing Research Sessions (iPUNRSE) 2022, organized by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya was successfully held as a virtual event on the 16th and 17th of June 2022 in collaboration with the Niigata University, Japan, the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom and Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, United States.

The inaugural ceremony, which was held on the 17th of June, was graced by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof M.D. Lamawansa as the Chief Guest and Prof. Aisha Holloway, from the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, as the Guest of Honour. It was attended by the Directors of the Postgraduate Institutes, the Deans of the Faculties, and the Chairperson and members of the Organizing Committee of iPUNRSE 2022.

The keynote addresses were delivered by Dr. Aya Saitoh, School of Health Sciences, Niigata University, Japan; Prof. Catherine Ling, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, USA; Prof. Tonks Fawcett, The University of Edinburgh, UK; Prof. Wendy Moyle, Griffith University, Australia and Prof. Don Eliseo Lucero-Prison, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. The conference provided a venue for nursing and healthcare researchers to communicate with each other while addressing national and global healthcare challenges, giving particular attention to the field of nursing science. The conference consisted of 23 abstract presentations under the conference theme 'Discovering the Paradigms beyond Caring Hands'. The technical sessions were held as two parallel sessions. Concurrent to the iPUNRSE 2022, two pre-congress workshops were held on the 16th of June, 2022. The closing ceremony, which was held on the 17th, saw the announcement of the three best presenters of iPUNRSE 2022.



Book Reading Circle

The inaugural session of the Book Reading Circle Programme of the Department of Management Studies, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, was conducted successfully on the 25th of May, 2022 at the Faculty Board Room with the participation of the Head of the Department, staff members of the Department and students specializing in Organizational Management.

This programme was organized in collaboration with the Organizational Management Students' Society with the aim of enriching the reading skills of the students.

Cultivation under the “Waga Sangramaya” Programme



The “Waga Sangramaya” is a sustainable agriculture project of cultivating lands of the University of Peradeniya. Under this program, the staff members of the Engineering Library initiated an entirely organic farming project to grow crops. At present, they have grown various vegetables such as green chillies, bird chillies, brinjal and cabbage, green leaves including spinach and gotuokola as well as manioc. The project was coordinated and guided by Ms. Neetha Damayathi Peiris, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Engineering Library.

News from the Faculty of Medicine

- A donation of medical items worth USD 15,500 from India was received by the Assistant High Commissioner of India, the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean, and other colleagues attended this occasion.
- A "Shramadhana Programme" to clean the Faculty premises and prevent dengue disease was held on the 12th of June, 2022 with the participation of academic and non-academic staff members.
- Celebrating the arrival of Buddhism to Sri Lanka, the Medical Faculty Students' Union and Medical Faculty Buddhist Brotherhood Association designed a "Poson Lantern" that was displayed at the Galaha Junction on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of June, 2022.



Seminar for G.C.E. Advanced Level Commerce Stream Students

The Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty of Management conducted a seminar on "Transportation, Supply Chain and Insurance" for the Advanced Level Commerce stream students of the CP/H/Ambagamuwa Central College on the 05th of May, 2022 at the Faculty Auditorium. This is a CSR initiative of the Student Affairs Committee, assisting the Advanced Level Commerce stream students in broadening their understanding of the important topics in the G.C.E. Advanced Level syllabi. Mr. Sameera Fernando, Chairman, Students Affairs Committee, welcomed the students and the staff of the CP/H/Ambagamuwa Central College, whilst Prof. Athula Ekanayake, Dean, Faculty of Management, addressed the students to share inspirational thoughts. Ms. Yashoda Seneviratne and Ms. Wathsala Niwarthana, the resource persons for this seminar, delivered speeches on the topics of Transportation, Supply Chain and Insurance.



Opening of the Engineering Library 24 x 7 Study Room



The Engineering Library of the University of Peradeniya has expanded its services by providing a serene atmosphere for students to study in through the construction of a 24 x 7 Study Room near the main entrance to the Library. It was declared open for students of the Faculty of Engineering on the 26th of May, 2022. The Chief Guest was Dr. Udaya Dissanayake, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

The Study Room can be accessed around the clock, any day of the week, including holidays and will be suited to group and individual learning. It is equipped with a free, high-speed Wi-Fi system and students can use this facility for group and individual learning. This is a vital asset to all students (undergraduate and postgraduate) of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya.



The Study Room project is partially funded by the Peradeniya University Alumni Association, NSW (PUAAN), Australia. The rest of the cost is covered by the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya.

Information Literacy Programme for Sociology Undergraduates



The Department of Sociology, University of Peradeniya organized an awareness session for 3rd & 4th year undergraduates of the Honors Degree programme in Sociology on the 11th of July, 2022 at the Auditorium of the Department of Sociology. Mr. A. Dharmarathne, Head/Senior Assistant Librarian of Reader Services, Mr. S.A. Jeewan, Assistant Librarian of Reader Services and Mr. B.E.S. Bandara, Assistant Librarian of Reference Services & Ceylon Collection of the Main Library, were invited for the session as resource personnel. Mr. Dharmarathne gave a brief introduction to the library, digital library and available library resources for sociological research, while Mr. Jeewan provided a hands-on

session on using the Library Online catalogue and open access e-resources available for Sociology and allied fields. Mr. Bandara made a presentation on the Ceylon collection of the Main Library and its importance for sociological research and available databases accessible via the library web page. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. (Ms.) Priyadharshani Premaratne, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Sociology. A guided library tour related to the above session was held at the Main Library on the 05th of August, 2022.

Talent Show by Management Students



At the end of the Intensive English Programme for the first year students of the Faculty of Management, a concert was organized to showcase their talents. The Concert 2022 was conducted virtually on the 4th of April 2022, from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean/Faculty of Management and Senior Prof. Arjuna Parakrama, Head/Department of English Language Teaching, were invited as the guests of honour for the event.

Publications by University staff

- SLJFMSL – SRI LANKA JOURNAL OF FORENSIC MEDICINE, SCIENCE & LAW – Published biannually by the Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- YOUR NEWBORN AND INFANT by Harendra De Silva, Heshan Jayaweera, Navoda Atapattu
- PERIODIZATION IN SRI LANKAN HISTORY Some Reflections with Special Emphasis on the Development of the State – ශ්‍රී ලංකා ඉතිහාසයේ යුග බෙදීම - රාජ්‍ය වර්ධනය පිළිබඳ විශේෂ අවධාරණයට ලක් වූ අදහස් ගොනුවක්, ආර් ඒ එල් එම් ගුණවර්ධන; පරිවර්තනය - එන් ඒ විමලසේන
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- ESSAYS IN APPLIED STATISTICS, A compilation of selected publications of R.O. Thattil – A Publication of the Board of Study in Biostatistics of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.
- PERADENIYA MANAGEMENT REVIEW, the Journal of the Faculty of Management
- Agricultural Policy Analysis – Concepts and Tools for Emerging Economics - Professor Jeevika Weerahewa and Andrew Jacque (Editors)
- Concise Textbook of Pediatrics by Shaman Rajindrajith (University of Colombo), Sachith Mettananda (University of Kelaniya) and Asiri Abeygunawardena (University of Peradeniya)
- Basic Essentials in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for Peripheral Care Units by Professor Chaminda Kandauda
- Practical Histology by Himani Amaratunga
- Handbook of Medical Emergencies for Medical Students and Practitioners by Dr. Chamara Dalugama, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.
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Dental Students' Research Symposium - STURESYS 2022



The Dental Students' Research Symposium-STURESYS 2022 was successfully held on the 17th of September, 2022 under the theme "Z Generation Research for a better Tomorrow". STURESYS-2022 was a unique event this year because it provided a platform for 24 undergraduate and 3 postgraduate research presentations. The award ceremony was the highlight of the day where the students with the best

presentations were rewarded with medals and commendable certificates. The Gold Medal and the KSM Research Prize were won by Miss S.M. Range, Miss P.H.P. Rodrigo and Mr R.P.S.S. Rathnayake for their presentation titled "Impact of Pain Catastrophizing and Pain Sensitivity on Acute Pain Experience and its Recalled Ratings in Healthy Dental Students".



First Training Programme under the ENACT project on Internationalization



The first international Training of Trainers (TOT) programme of the Capacity Building in Higher Education project on "Enhancing Governance, Management and Reforms in Sri Lankan Universities through Non-Academic Staff Training (ENACT) was held at the Centre for International Cooperation, Masaryk University, Brno, the Czech Republic from 16th of May 2022 to 20th of May 2022.

The TOT, which was on internationalization, was conducted by the resource persons from the European partners of the project with the participation of six Administrative

and Finance Officers of the University of Peradeniya. The participants were Mr. C.J. Ponnampemura/ Deputy Bursar, Ms. M.S. Ranasinghe/Deputy Registrar, Ms. W.G.A. Dilrukshi/Deputy Bursar, Ms. D.K.K. Narampanawe/Senior Assistant Registrar, Ms. K.S.G. Ranasinghe/ Assistant Registrar, Ms. A.A.K.U. Atapattu/Statistical Officer. The programme had participants from five other Sri Lankan Universities and four European Universities/Institutes.

The participants are expected to conduct training programmes at their home Universities for the Non-Academic staff members.

The ENACT project focuses precisely on Non-Academic staff members. It aims at developing their knowledge, skills and expertise in order to support organizational performance and contribute to achieving the objectives of higher education, while also improving their job satisfaction, motivation and career prospects.

Welcome Ceremony for the New Entrants (2020/2021) - Faculty of Dental Sciences



The welcome ceremony for the new entrants of the Faculty of Dental Sciences was held via Zoom on the 30th of May, 2022. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. AM Attygalla, Dean/Faculty of Dental Sciences. This was followed by the Vice-Chancellor's speech. Prof. MD Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor/University of Peradeniya, joined the ceremony via Zoom.

MoU between the UoP and AHRP

The University of Peradeniya entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Association of Human Resource Professionals on the 14th of September, 2022 in the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya. Representing the two institutions, the MoU was signed by Professor M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, and Mr. Roshan Kulasuriya, President/AHRP and Director/HR and Business Integration at Singer Sri Lanka.

This collaboration aims to offer Affiliate Membership to HRM undergraduates and provide them with opportunities to participate in HR Forums, HR Big Bus Tours, HR Think Tanks, and Bite – Size Learning Sessions to facilitate the provision of knowledge and professional training about human resource management functions. It



will also assist in the development of a plethora of comprehensive skills via the AHRP undergraduate capability development programme that will undoubtedly support these undergraduates to succeed as professionals in the field of Human Resources Management.

Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Ms. E.M.W.A Edirisooriya, Head of the Department of Human Resource Management, and the academic staff members of the Department of Human Resource Management of the Faculty of Management, Dr. Chandana Wijayanama, Executive Vice President/AHRP and Organization and HR Director/Siam City Cement Ltd also graced the occasion.

Orientation Programmes 2022 - Faculty of Management

In collaboration with the Students' Societies, the following Departments of the Faculty of Management successfully conducted virtual orientation programmes for the second-year undergraduates who recently joined the Department.

Department of Human Resource Management	29 th of March, 2022
Department of Management Studies	06 th of April, 2022
Department of Business Finance	22 nd of April, 2022
Department of Operations Management	09 th of May, 2022

An IIT Scientist from India visited Peradeniya



A delegate from IIT Roorkee, Dr. Ravikant Ranjan, Intl Projects & JDP, visited the University of Peradeniya on the 28th of April, 2022. The meeting was conducted with the participation of Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director/International Relations Office (InRO), Prof. Roshan Ragel, Senior Lecturer/Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Damayanthi Herath, Senior Lecturer/Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Senior Lecturer/Faculty of Engineering and Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project Manager/International Relations Office at the Department of Computer Engineering.

The meeting was conducted to discuss the progress of the collaborations initiated between the two

parties and to introduce new opportunities, scholarships, and funds that can be provided to the students and staff members of UoP by IIT Roorkee under several grant schemes. Funding for student and staff exchanges, facilitating research collaborations, providing scholarships for Masters and PhD programmes, organizing online webinars and workshops and facilitating students' internships were discussed at the meeting. Dr. Ravikant Ranjan visited the InRO after the meeting in order to meet the staff to discuss and introduce the new practices followed by IIT Roorkee in managing international relations of the Institute and to strengthen the relationship between the staff members of the two institutes.



Library Seminar Series : Lecture No.4

Theme: "University and the Library: Reading and Academic Research"

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Lecture No. 04 of the 'University of Peradeniya - Library Seminar Series' (පොත්පත් ශාස්ත්‍රීය සංවාද මාලා 04) was held at the Library Auditorium of the New Library Building on the 25th of August, 2022 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. as a hybrid event. Professor Liyanage Amarakeerti, a well-known author, artist and a scholar from the Department of Sinhala,

Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, presented his thoughts on the theme "University and the Library: Reading and Academic Research". The occasion was graced by the academic staff and students of the Faculty of Arts and the staff of the Library System. The seminar was followed by a lively discussion on reading and academic research in University culture. The Librarian, Mr. R. Maheswaran, welcomed the audience while Dr. (Ms.) C.N.K. Alahokoon/Deputy Librarian, introduced the guest speaker. The seminar was coordinated by Mr. S.A. Jeewan, Assistant Librarian/Main Library.

Workshop on Vision Building and Personality Development



The Department of Management Studies in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit, University of Peradeniya, has organized a workshop for second-year Organizational Management Students on title "Vision Building and Leadership Development" on the 3rd of June, 2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Career Guidance Unit, University of Peradeniya. This workshop was organized to develop positive attitudes in towards determining a clear vision for their lives and to develop their personalities. At the end of the session, certificates were awarded to all the students for their active participation.

Lecture Series on "Practical

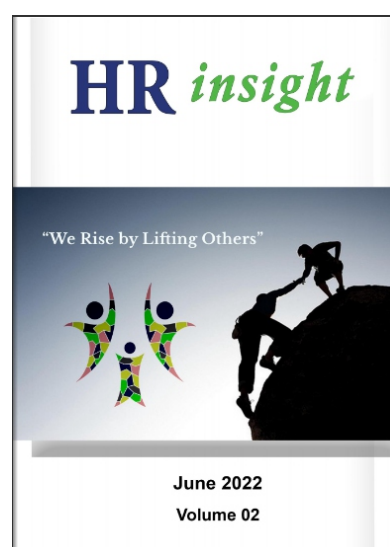
The Department of Community Dental Health, Dental E-Learning Unit (DELU) and the Dental Sciences Library, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya, organized a lecture series under the theme 'Practical Approaches to Evidence-Based Dentistry' for the Bachelor of Dental Sciences (BDS) students of the third year batch. It was scheduled to be held from the 8th of August 2022 to the 26th of September 2022 from 8.30 am – 10.30 am at the E-Lab, Faculty of Dental Sciences. The resource persons for this lecture series were Mr. Sunil Premaratne, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Acquisition Division and Mr. Pradeep Epa, Assistant Librarian of the Dental Science Library. The lecture series focused mainly on disseminating knowledge and skills on the importance of literature searches, the use of electronic resources for research purposes and practical approaches of electronic databases related to the dental sciences.



e-HR insight - HRM Guild

The student publication of the HRM Guild (The Society of Human Resource Management); 'e-HR insight' was released on the 7th of June, 2022 in the presence of Prof. Athula Ekanayaka, Dean, Faculty of Management, Mr. Saman Rupasinghe, Deputy General Manager of Human Resources, MAS Intimates, Ms. Waruni Edirisooriya Head, Department of Human Resource Management Heads of other Departments, Academic Staff Members of the Department of Human Resource Management, Mr. Dinusha Bhagya, President/HRM Guild and all the members of the HRM Guild.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent business transformations have expanded the role of human resource management in the current decade. Hence, this latest volume of HR insight focused on the main theme of "Managing HR in the New Normal," followed by three sub-themes namely, "Empathy, Resilience, and Empowerment". This volume has now become a great platform for the undergraduates of the Department of Human Resource Management to express their opinions, challenge the status quo, and provide feedback on matters concerning students and their future.



Please find the link to the e-HR Insight Magazine here:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/wndsw/ehyj/>

2nd Undergraduate Research Symposium 2022 - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science



The 2nd Undergraduate Research Symposium of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science was held on the 28th of June, 2022 as an online event with the participation of the Chief Guest, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University,

Prof. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Anil Pushpakumara, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Janaka Ekanayake (Keynote Speaker) academics from the Faculty and invitees representing several professional state veterinary bodies. The symposium was organized by the team led by Dr. Suranji Wijekoon, the Chairperson of the Veterinary Medical Education Unit.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium is an opportunity for undergraduates to present what they have learned through their research experiences to a larger audience. A research symposium of this nature provides a platform to young researchers to present their research and development work and get feedback and suggestions to improve the quality of their work.

The Journey to PhD" Programme by the Faculty of Management

The first workshop of Phase II of "The Journey to PhD" programme was held on the 17th of May, 2022 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on a virtual platform under two themes, namely "The Importance of Research Integrity and Ethics for Academic Research" and "Publications in Indexed and Refereed Journals." The resource person was Professor Pavithra Kailasapathy from the Department of Human Resources Management, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo.

This session discussed as to how one could publish in a high impact ranked journal. The resource person's extensive expertise and experience helped to broaden the participants' academic prospects as future PhD students, strengthened learning patterns, and motivated them to engage in quality research work while giving significant importance to the ethical aspects of research.

Awareness Session on the AHRP Undergraduate Capability Development Programme



An awareness session on the Association of Human Resource Professionals (AHRP) undergraduate capability development programme was held on the 14th of September, 2022 at the Faculty of

Management, University of Peradeniya. The session was conducted by Mr. Roshan Kulasuriya, President/AHRP and Director/HR and Business Integration at Singer Sri Lanka, and Dr. Chandana Wijayanama, Executive Vice President/AHRP and Organization and HR Director/Siam City Cement Ltd. This programme is designed to provide mentoring support to undergraduates who aspire to pursue a career in HR. Moreover, this programme will enable the undergraduates to understand of their strengths, build confidence, enhance skills, and map their development journey. According to the programme, one-on-one mentoring sessions with industry professionals will be conducted for 3000-level undergraduates of the Department of Human Resource Management for eight months.

E-Magazine - “The Essence of Marketing”



The Marketing Management Students' Society of the Department of Marketing Management, University of Peradeniya, successfully launched the maiden issue of the E-Magazine “The Essence of Marketing”, on the 30th of May, 2022 at the Faculty Auditorium. The purpose of the magazine is to provide students with a platform to publicize articles related to Marketing Management, opinion pages, interviews and their insights, creative content and write-ups of case studies.

This special occasion was marked by Professor E.M.A.S.B. Eknayake, Dean/Faculty of Management, Ms. B.S. Hettiarachchy, Head/Department of Marketing Management, Heads of other Departments, lecturers and students from Marketing and other Departments. The President, Mr. Aaqil Munavver, and the Vice-President, Ms. A.M.Y. Jayarathna of the Marketing Management Students' Society, Department of Marketing Management, welcomed the guests. Ms. K.D.M.K. Weerathunga, Senior Treasurer/Marketing Management Students' Society, Head/Department of Marketing Management and Dean of the Faculty of Management, addressed the gathering.

The dancing and singing items of the students from the Department of Marketing Management made for an entertaining event. The Secretary of the Society, Ms. W.M.H.W. Wijesundara, delivered the vote of thanks thereby concluding the session.

Vice-Chancellor meets Library Staff



An impromptu meeting was held between the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. D. Lamawansa, and the Library Staff on the 19th of August, 2022 at 10.45 a.m. The Acting Registrar, Ms. M.G.J. Dharmasiri also attended this meeting. The Librarian welcomed the Vice-Chancellor and talked about the challenges the Library faced and its valuable contributions to the University community. The Vice-Chancellor discussed important issues, including new administrative changes, staff training and skills development and enhancing services in accordance with modern trends. He further acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the services provided by the staff of the Library Network.

Information Sessions on funding opportunities in Germany

The information session on opportunities for higher studies, scholarships, and other funding opportunities in Germany was conducted on the 30th of April, 2022. The information session was organized by the International Relations Office with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service. Mr. Nadeesha Ranganath Palliyaguru, Sri Lanka Representative, German Academic Exchange Service, participated as the resource person for the session.



The participants were welcomed by the Director/International Relations Office, followed by a presentation and a 30-minute Q&A session. The DAAD Scholarship and other funding for Masters in Germany were discussed at the session. There was also a session where useful information regarding scholarships was discussed; these included the procedure of application for Masters degree in Germany, terms and conditions, tips for the application and visa process, and general information like living costs in Germany, etc.

The Opening of the Research Laboratory of the CROC



The Research Laboratory of the Centre for Research in Oral Cancer (CROC), Faculty of Dental Sciences, was ceremonially opened on the 03rd of August, 2022. The ceremony was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. D Lamawansa, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith. Deans/Faculty of Dental Sciences, Prof. Manjula Attygalla, Deans of other Faculties of the University, academic staff and non-academic members, clinicians and representatives of the Health Ministry were also present. The Director, Prof R.D Jayasinghe, invited all parties to join with CROC for collaborative research in laboratory, experimental, epidemiological and clinical aspects of oral cancer.



Second Workshop on nEUROcare



Prof. MD Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, and several academics from the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences attended the nEUROcare workshop held from the 9th to the 12th of May, 2022 in Kristianstad, Sweden. The event was organized in collaboration with European partners

from Högskolan Kristianstad, Sweden, Triskelion, Norway, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, University of Tartu, Estonia, and Neapolis University Pafos, Cyprus. The purpose of the workshop was to develop eight courses that represented a total of 30 credits in accordance with the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) system related to neurodegenerative care.

Prof. MD Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. HDWT Damayanthi Dassanayake (Project Coordinator/Manager), Dr. UWS Rathnayake, Dr. AMSD Pathirana, Ms. BRGTK Weerasingha, and Ms. DARK Dasanayaka of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya, participated in the workshop. The Vice-Chancellors and members of the Universities of Colombo, University of Ruhuna, and General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, were also present at the event.

Opening of the Smile Train Cleft Centre

The opening of the Smile Train Centre of the Faculty of Dental Sciences was ceremonially held on the 23rd of August, 2022, by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. D Lamawansa, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith. This occasion was graced by Prof. Manjula Attygalla, Dean Faculty of Dental Sciences, Deans of other Faculties of the University, Prof. Parakrama Wijekoon, Director/Smile Train Cleft Centre, together with the Board of Management, academic staff and non-academic staff members, clinicians and representatives of the Health Ministry.



The Faculties of Agriculture Develop Strategies to Restore the Agri-food Sector of Sri Lanka



With the current economic crisis, there is an imminent threat of a food shortage in the country. Against this backdrop, the Deans of the Faculties of Agriculture of the state universities of Sri Lanka (led by the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya) have developed strategies to restore the once prosperous agri-food sector of Sri Lanka. The recommendations that are expected to be implemented immediately (in short to medium terms) were presented to the President and the Prime Minister recently.

HR Camp 2022



The Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management in collaboration with Sampath Bank PLC organized an “HR Camp” for second-year BBA undergraduates who follow the HRM 2102: Employee Resourcing course. It was held under the supervision of Dr. Lalith Weragoda, Group Chief Human Resource Officer, Sampath Bank PLC on the 25th of May, 2022 at the Sampath Bank Head Office. The programme was conducted by Ms. Chryshanthy Lokuhetty (Chief Manager of Human Resources, Sampath Bank), Mr. Thenuka Thushyalak (Manager - Talent Acquisition, Sampath Bank), Mr. Prajesh Dayarathne (Manager - Human Resource

Operations, Sampath Bank), Ms. Pubudu Rathnayake (Assistant Manager - Sampath Learning Academy, Sampath Bank) and Ms. Hiranthi Gamage (Assistant Manager - Human Resources, Sampath Bank).

The fundamental purpose of this programme was to create a solid platform for our students to understand how the employee resourcing function is practised in the industry. The programme delivered theoretical and practical insights on how major functions such as human resource planning, recruitment & selection, preparation of advertisements, and employee onboarding are performed at Sampath Bank. Most importantly, the students were granted an opportunity to face on-site interviews with industry experts followed by reviews and critiques of their resumes and performance at the interviews.

Indeed, this programme enabled students to develop and apply employee resourcing tools and techniques to a specific organizational context in which they may operate shortly. It was also a golden opportunity for them to build their soft skills through experiential learning since such skills will be helpful for undergraduates in building a lucrative professional career in human resource management.

Science Camp at Royal College, Polonnaruwa



The Science Education Unit, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, organized a Science Camp at Royal College, Polonnaruwa from the 9th to the 10th of April 2022. Approximately 250 G.C.E. (A/L) Biology and Physical Science students participated in the Science Camp. A group of 50 resource persons including academic staff members, demonstrators and non-academic staff members of the Faculty were

involved in conducting lectures and practical session in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. The participants appreciated the knowledge they gathered from the Science Camp and said that it motivated them to face their exams with confidence in their feedback.



An Awareness Session on "Exploring Opportunities for Higher Education"

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The International Partnership Programme Committee organized an awareness session on "Exploring Opportunities for Higher Education" targeting countries such as the UK, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and Australia. This session aimed to raise awareness on securing foreign higher educational opportunities, including Masters/PhD in the field of Management, for students who graduated from the Faculty of Management. Accordingly, the session was held on the 05th of May 2022, from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. via Zoom.

Science Practical Programmes for G.C.E. (A/L) Students

The Science Education Unit, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya conducted 5 one-day practical programmes for 273 G.C.E. (A/L) Biology and Physical science students at the Science Education Resource Centre. The schools included Humbuluwa National College Alawwa (27.04.2022), Wickramashila National College Giriulla (27.04.2022), Dambadeniya Central College Dambadeniya (27.04.2022), Jayanthi Navodya College Nikaweratiya (04.05.2022), Mahasen National School Nikaweratiya (04.05.2022), Sri Naga National School Naula (08.06.2022), Sri Sumangala National College Wariyapola (15.06.2022) and Mayurapada Central College Narammala (29.06.2022).



MAS Seasonal Internship Programme 2022



The Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with MAS Linea Intimates,allekele, called applications for the "MAS Seasonal Internship Programme 2022". As the initial step to select the most suitable candidates for the programme, the MAS

Linea Intimates team conducted an "Assessment Centre" on the 02nd of September from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm at the Faculty premises. This Assessment Centre was an opportunity for undergraduates to receive some real-time experience on different company selection practices. They engaged in multiple group activities including IQ tests, speaking tests, and interviews as per the selection criteria and 22 students representing all departments received the opportunity to get selected for this programme. The selected candidates received an on-site learning experience that integrates classroom learning, theories, and experiences into a professional setting from the 05th to the 09th of September 2022 at MAS Linea Intimates,allekele.

OB Week – 2022 - Department of Human Resource Management

"OB Week 2022" is a student-driven, activity-based assignment spearheaded by the Department of Human Resource Management held from the 21st to the 31st of July, 2022 aligned with the course "HRM 2101 – Organizational Behaviour" for the 2nd Year undergraduates of the Faculty of Management. Students allocated to 22 groups organized many activities including webinars by guests and interactive games in the Faculty premises to showcasing short films, workshops, film reviews and quiz competitions. The series of mini-projects were successfully conducted with the aim of improving the capabilities and soft skills of the undergraduates by giving them the opportunity to showcase their creative and organizing skills while disseminating knowledge and practically applying the concepts learnt in Organizational Behaviour.



Distinguished personalities from various fields supported the endeavour by sharing their knowledge via webinars on "Managing Conflicts" (by Ms. Bishmi Rajapaksha), "Organizational Culture" (by Mr. Navin Rupasinghe), "Wake up with Attitudes" (by Mr. Samalka Rathnasooriya), "Emotional Intelligence" (by Dr. Lalith Weragoda), "OB Trends" (by Ms. Rasanjalie Dedunu), "Impact of Childhood on Personality Disorders" (by Dr. N. Kumaranayaka) and "Managing Discrimination in Organizations" (by Dr. Nilushika Chandima Jayasinghe).

Students demonstrated their creative abilities by screening short films produced by themselves to share learning related to perception barriers, cognitive dissonance, motivation, leadership and diversity addressed in Organizational Behaviour. Some groups organized games and competitions in an attempt to practically execute concepts learnt about leadership, teamwork, motivation and attitudes in class.

"The Journey to PhD" Programme

The second workshop of Phase II of "The Journey to PhD" programme was held on the 24th of May, 2022 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on a virtual platform under the topic of "Problem Identification." The resource person for this session was Professor Sampath Kehelwalatenna from Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo.

This session was focused on identifying research gaps and establishing a proper research problem within a chosen field of study. The participants would therefore be able to deepen their understanding of the research gaps and learn the techniques to identify an appropriate problem for their research study.

Opening Ceremony – Dents Games 2022

The opening ceremony of the annual sports fiesta "DENTS GAMES 2022", organized by the 2016/2017 Batch of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, was held on the 13th of September, 2022 at the Faculty premises, followed by a checkers tournament. This year, the tournaments were held throughout the months of September and October. Students, and academic and non-academic staff members of the Faculty of Dental Sciences took part in the event.

“Boost Your Mind” - A Motivation session

The Department of Management Studies organized a motivation session titled "Boost Your Mind", for students specializing in Organizational Management in the BBA Honours Degree Programme. It was held in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya on the 8th of June, 2022 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Faculty Auditorium.

The resource person was Mr. S.A.S. Dasun, Counsellor/Career Guidance Unit, University of Peradeniya. The session included several innovative tasks with the aim of elevating student performance in both academic and aesthetic aspects.



Completion of the Barcoding Project of Reading Room I - Main Library

The barcoding and editing project of Reading Room I of the Main Library was initiated on the 08th of October, 2021. The project was implemented with the assistance of three Library Information Assistants of the Main Library who were experienced users of the KOHA Library Management software. The project was completed on the 11th of July, 2022 by the assigned staff members. They edited the Reading Room I records as well as the books housed in the reference area of the Ground Floor. (Leading to Counter I of the Prof. Sarachchandra Museum). This reading room comprises all kinds of Ready Reference Materials (Quick Reference Materials) relating to many subjects. This entire project was coordinated by Dr. (Ms). Champa Alahakoon, Deputy Librarian/University of Peradeniya. The staff members who were involved with this task were Ms. Chandima Jayatissa, Ms. Tilini Jayaweera, and Ms. Piyumi Halpita and the labels were pasted by Ms. Chanchalee Kumari and Mr. Asela Pushpakumara. Approximately 6000 texts are housed in reading room and reference area of the ground floor of the Main Library.



OPEN SOURCE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Memorandum of Understanding between UoP and SIMATS.



University of Peradeniya entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Saveetha Dental College, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, recently. Prof. MD Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya and Dr. Sheeja S Varghese, Registrar of SIMATS were the signatories. The purpose of this MOU is to develop cooperation and promote mutual understanding and excellence in practice-based education, research and knowledge exchange between the parties Concerning to Dentistry.

Two Best Paper Awards at ICARC 2022

Two publications from the Department of Computer Engineering have won best paper awards at the 2nd International Conference on Advanced Research in Computing (ICARC) 2022. ICARC 2022 was organised by the Department of Computing and Information Systems, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and was technically co-sponsored by IEEE.

The paper "Microservice based edge computing architecture for the internet of things" authored by Lakara Chandasiri (E15), Sonali Prasadika (E15), Sewwandi Nisansala (E15) and Dr. Upul Jayasinghe won the best paper in the Parallel and Distributed Computing Track. This publication is one of the outputs of the final year project by the student group.



The paper titled "Interpretable Student Performance Prediction using Explainable Boosting Machine for Multi-Class Classification" authored by Shayaman Jayasundara (E14), Amila Indika (E14) and Dr. Damayanthi Herath won the best paper award of the Technology-enhanced Learning and Teaching Track.

ACES AI Hackfest 2022



ACES AI Hackfest is the most recent endeavour by the Association of Computer Engineering Students (ACES) to inspire young undergraduates of the University of Peradeniya to develop innovative and creative Artificial Intelligence solutions in a competitive environment. ACES AI Hackfest is an AI-empowered software development competition organized under the following themes: Disaster Management, Healthcare, Agriculture, and Education & Entertainment.

The competition was conducted via Zoom in three phases: Ideation, Solution Development and the Final Pitch. Starting on the 19th of April, 2022, it was continued for about one and half months' time that included technical and mentoring sessions. Four teams were selected as the winners from the final round that was held on the 8th of May, 2022. The staff members of the Department of Computer Engineering and experts from the industry played a great role in the Hackfest by mentoring and judging the competitors who took part in teams.

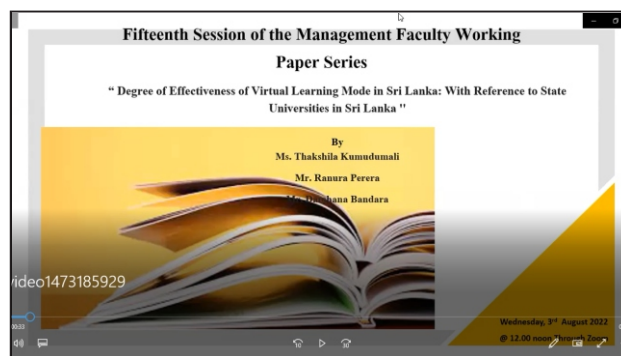
The projects, AI Debris Collector, Oral Cavity Detection, Smart GreenHouse, and History of Music won under the categories

Disaster Management, Healthcare, Agriculture, and Education & Entertainment respectively. The most popular idea in the competition was won by the project AI Debris Collector.

AI Hackfest 2022 was organized by ACES in collaboration with the Hackers Club of the University of Peradeniya. DirectFN and Dialog, Sri Lanka generously supported the competition by being the platinum and gold sponsors, respectively.

Faculty of Management - Working Paper Series – May & August 2022

The thirteenth session of the Faculty Working Paper Series was held virtually on the 27th of May, 2022. Mr. D.I.J. Samaranayake, from the Department of Management Studies, made a presentation on , "New Classical Growth Models: Do Well or Less Well? A Review". The paper was reviewed by Prof. Malaka Ranathilake from the Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya. The event was graced by the Dean, Heads of the Departments, and the academic staff members of the Faculty of Management. A brief abstract of the paper is given below:



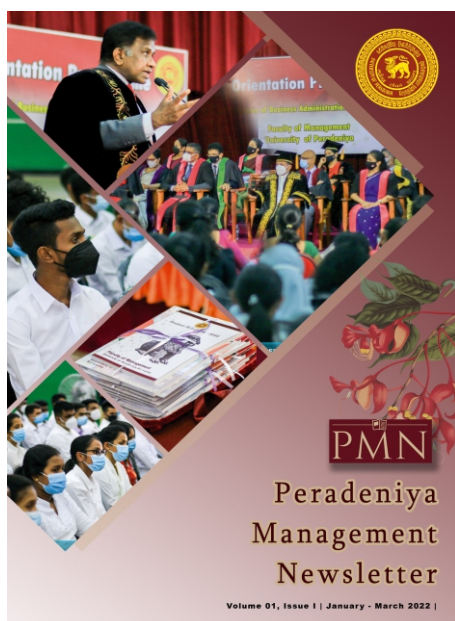
The fifteenth session of the "Faculty Working Paper Series" was conducted virtually on the 03rd of August, 2022. Ms. Thakshila Kumudumali from the Department of Operations Management, Mr. Ranura Perera from the Department of Human Resource Management, and Mr. Darshana Bandara from the Department of Marketing Management, conducted a presentation on the "Degree of Effectiveness of the Virtual Learning Mode in Sri Lanka: With Reference to State Universities in Sri Lanka". The paper was reviewed by Mr. A.M.A.S.M. Bandara from the Department of Operations Management. The event was graced by the Dean, Heads of the Departments, and academic staff members of the Faculty of Management.

Online Registration of Undergraduates Using the KOHA - LMS

The Reader Services Division (RSD) of the Main Library takes pride in announcing yet another milestone in reader service related operations. The RSD implemented an online registration facility for the undergraduates of the Faculties of Arts and Management for the first time in the annals of the history of the Main Library. The service was implemented from July 2022 onwards and was a long-awaited need for both academics and students. In the first phase of the project, the first and second year undergraduates of both faculties were registered online via the KOHA Library Management System (LMS). The RSD extends their sincere gratitude to Mr. Anuruddha Adikari, Systems Analyst of the Library and his team for their utmost commitment towards accomplishing the task.

"Peradeniya Management Newsletter"

The maiden issue of "Peradeniya Management Newsletter" (PMN), the e-newsletter of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, was launched at a ceremony held on the 25th of April, 2022 (Monday) from 1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. at the Faculty Auditorium. The event was graced by Prof. Athula Ekanayake, Dean of the Faculty, Heads of Departments, academic staff members and non-academic staff members of the Faculty of Management.



The Peradeniya Management Newsletter (PMN) is one of the pillars of the Media Unit that publishes four electronic issues per annum. The Newsletter includes news articles regarding recent publications, workshops, seminars, conferences attended or organized, MOUs, awards and other recognitions, appointments, promotions, and retirements of the Faculty members. The Academic Departments, Committees, Units, and Centres of the Faculty of Management are invited to submit news articles for publication in the Newsletter.

The link to the Peradeniya Management Newsletter, Volume 01, Issue I, is given below: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/fbfyq/cwrq/>

Seminars on 'Research Design and Data Collection for Qualitative and Quantitative Research' of Management

The Faculty Undergraduate Research Committee, in collaboration with the Management Educational Resources Centre (MERC) of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, conducted two seminars via Zoom on "Research Design and Data Collection for Qualitative and Quantitative Research" for the students of the Faculty. The session on Research Design and Data Collection for Qualitative Research was held from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm on 21st May, 2022. The session on Research Design and Data Collection for Quantitative Research was held from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm on the 22nd of May, 2022 (Sunday). The aim of these seminars is to facilitate students to improve their knowledge on Research Design and Data Collection for Qualitative and Quantitative Research and enable them to incorporate those skills into the learning and research process.

The resource persons for the seminars were Prof. Arosha S. Adikaram, Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management & Finance, University of Colombo and Mr. Tharindu Weerasinghe, Senior Lecturer/Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya.



Awareness Session for M.Ed. Students - 2022/23

The Department of Education, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya organized a one-day awareness session for postgraduate students following the Masters degree in Education on the 03rd of June, 2022 from 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m at the Auditorium of the Department of Education. Mr. A. Dharmarathne, Head/Senior Assistant Librarian of Reader Services, Main Library and Mr. B.E.S. Bandara, Assistant Librarian of the Ceylon Room and Reference Services served as resource personnel for this programme. Mr. Dharmarathne delivered a lecture and delivered a hands-on training session on available resources for educational research and e-resources that can be accessed (or subscribed to) through the Library web Page. The training session also included techniques on conducting search entries via the KOHA Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC). Mr. Bandara did a presentation on resources available at the Ceylon Room for educational research. Following the session, a guided library tour was conducted at the Main Library as well.

Collaboration with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

The Possibility of establishing a "Research Centre for Biomaterials and Biomass" and developing research Collaboration with Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences were discussed on 10th June 2022. The Meeting Chaired by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, was attended by Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Prof. C. N. R. A. Alles (Director/International Relations Office), Prof. R. M. G. Rajapakse, Prof. T. M. W. J. Bandara (Faculty of Science), Prof. S. Dharmakeerthi, Dr. A. K. Karunarathne (Faculty of Agriculture), Prof. J. P. A. P. Jayasooriya and Dr. S. S. S. de S. Jagoda, (Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science).

Prof. T. M. W. J. Bandara was nominated as the Coordinator and Dr. S.S.S de S. Jagoda was nominated as the Secretary of the committee and two subsequent meetings were held regarding the same. Prof. T. M. W. J. Bandara and Dr. S.S.S de S. Jagoda are currently working on a proposal to establish a "Research Centre for Biomaterials and Biomass" at the University of Peradeniya. Furthermore, nine proposals were developed to identify potential research areas for multi-disciplinary research with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences by the above group and the titles and proposals were tabled at the 60th BOM of InRO.

New Appointments - Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Department	Effective Date
Ms. M M S Abhisheka	Lecturer (Probationary)	English	21.03.2022
Ms. A M S K Wijewardhana	Lecturer (Probationary)	Computer Unit Science	05.04.2022
Ms. B R P M Basnayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Stat & Computer Science	18.04.2022
Dr. K N Samarasekera	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Botany	04.05.2022
Dr. H G Kanthilatha	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Psychology	04.05.2022
Mr. S Ilangakoon	Senior Lecturer Gr. I	Philosophy	04.05.2022
Ms. D M H Y Dissanayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Law	23.05.2022
Ms. E H C M Eeriyawala	Lecturer (Probationary)	Botany	15.06.2022
Dr. A C Vidanapathirana	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Industrial Tr. & C G Unit	04.05.2022
Dr. W M D S B Nawaratna	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Industrial Tr. & C G Unit	04.05.2022
Dr. WMSV Ratnapriya	Lecturer (Probationary)	Community Dental Health	15.08.2022
Dr. RMSHB Medawela	Lecturer (Probationary)	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	25.07.2022
Dr. N D Karunaratne	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Farm Animal Production & Health	02.09.2022
Dr. H E L De Seram	Senior Lecturer Gr. II	Farm Animal Production & Health	02.09.2022

Promotions - Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Department
Prof. R.S. Thalgahagoda	Professor	Paediatrics
Ms. DMSM Dasanayake	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Operations Management
Ms. PRWMSM Weerakotuwa	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Human Resource Management
Ms. UWGYE Jayawickrama	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Human Resource Management
Ms. EMWA Edirisooriya	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Human Resource Management
Mr. TSS Fernando	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Management Studies
Prof. AKBTTB Samarasinghe	Professor	Surgery
Prof. PV Dissanayake	Professor	Paediatrics
Prof. JP Eeswara	Professor	Crop Science
Prof. KMS Wimalasiri	Professor	Food Science & Technology
Prof. AGL Seneheweera	Professor	Fine Arts
Dr. WNU Perera	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Animal Science
Prof. MP Perera	Professor	Basic Sciences
Prof. RM Jayasinghe	Professor	Prosthetic Dentistry
Ns. RMURK Rathnayake	Lecturer (Transitional)	Marketing Management
Ms. MNF Nuskiya	Lecturer (Transitional)	Business Finance
Dr. HMPC Kumarihamy	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Crop Science
Dr. P Weththasinghe	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Animal Science
Dr. Leuke Bandara	Snr. Lecturer Gr. I	Oral Medicine & Periodontology
Ven. Prof. K Rahula Thero	Snr. Professor	Pali & Buddhist
Dr. DRKC Dissanayake	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Anatomy
Prof. LVC Liyanapathirana	Professor	Microbiology
Prof. BN Dissanayake	Professor	Microbiology
Prof. MWCJ Jayasinghe	Snr. Professor	Medicine
Dr. DACL Dalugama	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Medicine
Dr. BKDasanayake	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Surgery
Dr. CLDandeniya	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Medicine
Dr. PVK S Hettiarachchi	Snr. Lecturer Gr. I	Oral Medicine & Periodontology
Ms. SAC Ferozia	Snr. Lecturer Gr. I	History
Prof. RPSenevirathna	Professor	Classical Language
Prof. PSK Nanayakkara	Professor	Anesthesiology & Critical Care
Prof. MHF Sakeena	Professor	Pharmacy

Promotions - Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work
Dr. DSK Karunasinghe	Professor	Engineering Mathematics
Dr. HDP Premarathna	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Sociology
Dr. KK Madugalla	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Law
Mr. NWAJ Thilakasiri	Instructor Computer Technology Gr.I	IT Centre
Mr. GATN Ariyaratne	Instructor Computer Technology Gr.I	IT Centre
Mr. AN Thatil	Instructor Computer Technology Gr.I	IT Centre

Resignations - Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	No. of Service Years
Dr. DS Dissanayake	Snr. Lecturer Gr.I	Community Medicine	16 years
Dr. CJG Galappaththi	Lecturer	Surgery	06 years
Dr. MGCM Jayasinghe	Lecturer (Probationary)	Vet Clinical Science	08 years
Prof. WM Thilakaratne	Snr. Professor	Oral Pathology	30 years
Ms. RMGS Rathnayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Chemistry	01 years
Dr. SMK Gamage	Snr. Lecturer	Anatomy	05 years
Mrs. DMLH Dissawa	Lecturer (Probationary)	Electrical & Electronic	01 years
Ms. OPS Anuradha	Lecturer (Probationary)	ELTD	03 years
Dr. JAB Alawatugoda	Snr. Lecturer Gr. II	Computer Engineering	03 years
HMUSK Kotakadeniya	Engineering Teaching Assistant	Mechanical Engineering	07 years

Retirements - Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	No. of Service Years
Prof. DPD Amarasekera	Snr. Professor	Sociology	38 years
Prof. DRRM Fonseka	Professor	Crop Science	38 years
Prof. LHP Gunarathna	Snr. Professor	Agricultural Econ. & Busi. Mgt.	32 years
Prof. S Sivarajasinham	Professor	Economics & Statistics	32 years
Mr. T Rajeswaran	Snr. Lecturer Gr. I	Economics & Statistics	31 years
Dr. DN Jayatissa	Snr. Lecturer Gr. I	Agricultural Engineering	41 years
Dr. DI Amarathunga	Snr. Lecturer Gr. I	Restorative Dentistry	30 years
Prof. A Jayasinghe	Professor	Community Medicine	27 years
Prof. PVR Kumarasiri	Professor	Community Medicine	26 years

New Appointments - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Mrs. A.M.Y.S.K. Adikari	Matron (Faculty of Dental Sciences)	Faculty of Dental Sciences	23.05.2022

Resignations - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Ms. U.G.L.B. Jayasooriya	Assistant Registrar	CDCE	12.05.2022
Mr. R.O. Dayan Gray	Works Aide (Gr. III)	Faculty of Medicine	04.08.2022
Mrs. S.T.M.T. Senevirathna	MA (Book-keeping) Gr. III	Financial Administration Division	01.09.2022
Mrs. D.G.N.N. Bandara	Staff Management Assistant	Academic Establishments Division	01.08.2022

Retirements - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	Effective Date
Mr. MGWM Thilakaratne	Driver (Special Grade)	CDCE	27.04.2022
Ms. DK Rathnadiwakara	Senior Staff Management Assistant	Faculty of Agriculture	03.05.2022
Mr. EA Suraweera Appuhami	Works Aide (Special Grade)	Faculty of Arts	31.08.2022

Deaths - Non-Academic Staff

Name	Designation	Place of Work	No. of Service Years
Ms. KKGSM De Silva	Laboratory Attendant (Gr. III)	Faculty of Engineering	08 years

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September 20, 2022 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
<https://learn.zoom.us/j/68453494781?pwd=ZWlkdHBKWWm5qZm5hYVpWVUlnSUJvQ109>

The sixth session of the "Accounting & Finance Research Forum 2022", Department of Business Finance, titled "Publications in Indexed Journals: An Experience Sharing Session", was held on the 20th of September, 2022 through the Zoom platform.

The resource persons for the session were Dr. Nuwan Gunarathne, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Mr. Upekha Atupola, PhD Candidate, University of Colombo. Those interested in the workshop were also invited to attend.

Memorandum of Understanding between the UoP and CFA Society Sri Lanka



A Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Peradeniya and Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) Society Sri Lanka was signed on the 22nd of September, 2022, at the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

Representing the University of Peradeniya and the Chartered Financial Analysts Society Sri Lanka, Professor M. D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Ms. M.G.J. Dharmasiri, Acting Registrar, University of Peradeniya, Mr. Aruna Alwis, CEO, CFA Society Sri Lanka and Mr. Nuwan Jayawardena, Chairman/University Outreach Committee, CFA Society Sri Lanka, signed the MoU.

This understanding aims to establish a long-term collaborative relationship to promote ethics and industry best practices upheld by the CFA Institute (US), increase awareness of the scholarships granted by the CFA Institute amongst students, and facilitate knowledge-sharing initiatives (including the conducting of guest lectures, providing resource persons etc.) to improve learning and the marketability of graduates.

Ms. Arati Porwal, Director/Society Relations, CFA Institute and Mr. Sachin Naik, Manager/Candidate & Membership Strategy, CFA Institute, were also present at the event representing the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute, United States.

Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dr. Sujeewa Kodithuwakku, Head, Department of Business Finance, Mr. Uwin Ariyaratna, Academic Liaison between the Department of Business Finance and CFA, and academic staff members of the Department of Business Finance of the Faculty of Management also graced the event.

