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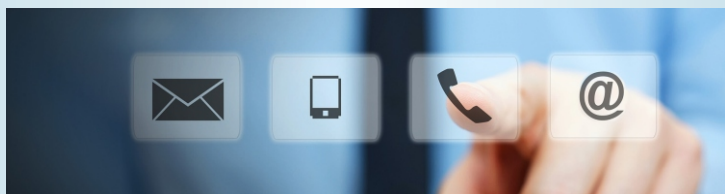
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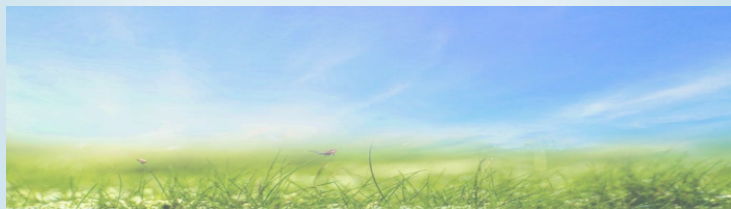
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

It is with immense pleasure and great satisfaction that I send this message to the year-end Newsletter of the University of Peradeniya. The Newsletter gives a complete picture of the progress of our academic and co-curricular activities. It is indeed about our collective contribution during the last part of 2022 by showcasing our resilience and commitment.

Despite all the challenges of 2022, we worked together to foster excellence, creativity, and innovation in all university functions and the all-round development of our students and staff.

The University streamlined central administration, improved governance and management, strengthened academic programmes, augmented the research culture, ensured stakeholder welfare and well-being, cared for the natural and physical environment, and engaged all stakeholders.

The University's reputation grew, with Times Higher Education ranking first in Sri Lanka and among the world's top 5% of universities for the fourth year. Stanford University ranked nine researchers from our University in the top 2% of world scientists. In 2022, three program reviews of the Faculty of Science and one program review of the CDCE were conducted.

In its quest to expand automation, the University implemented an online leave management system for non-academic employees and an ERP system. Automation of two establishment divisions is underway. The "Peradeniya University Publication Unit" was established and expected to expand to its fullest potential in the coming year.

The University received Rs. 492.34M for research grants and signed 24 MoUs. The URC established the Peradeniya University Research Grant Office (PURGO) to streamline grant applications, management, and monitoring.

More emphasis was placed on staff and students' welfare and physical and mental health. The University Health Centre implemented several health and mental health initiatives, including NCD Screening of staff above 35 years of age. The Counseling and Psychological Support Unit (CaPSU) was founded to provide professional counselling and quality mental health services to students and University staff in a welcoming environment. A virtual office for staff welfare was established. We recruited 53 staff during 2022, and 69 of staff were retired from our service.

Regreen Hantana, a project to restore degraded sites in the Hantana Mountain Range to improve biodiversity, carbon sequestration, watershed management, and soil protection, was initiated. The University administration also works with its entities to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

I acknowledge the excellent effort of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Statistics & Information Division led by the Statistical Officer and the information support of all entities in compiling this Newsletter.

We all can be proud of our perseverance, and I am optimistic about what we will collectively achieve in the coming year.

Prof. M D Lamawansa
Vice-Chancellor

Visit by the Rector of the Moscow Metropolitan Governance University and Heads of Moscow Hospitals



Dr. Vasily Fivesky the Rector of the Moscow Metropolitan Governance University, Government of Moscow and the Heads of Moscow Hospitals, visited the University of Peradeniya on 2nd December 2022. The delegates were welcomed by Prof. MD Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya. The vice president of the University Grant Commission, the Deans of the Faculties, the Director of the International Relations Office, and the Heads of Departments participated in the event.

Dr. Vasily Fivesky, conducted a session titled "Selection System and

Method of Training of Moscow City Administrative Staff and the Role of the Moscow Metropolitan Government University in these matters". Senior administrative officers of the University of Peradeniya and undergraduates of the Faculty of Management who study the subjects of 'Public Sector Accounting' and 'Public Sector Management' participated in the session. The Vice-Chancellor discussed possible collaborations between the Moscow Metropolitan Governance University and the University of Peradeniya. Afterward, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at the Vice Chancellor's Office between the Moscow Metropolitan Governance University, Russia, and the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Dr. Vasily Fivesky expressed his interest in consolidating strong collaborations with the university in the various fields discussed.

University of Peradeniya Receives APFASL Gold Award for the Second Time



University of Peradeniya received the Gold Award for the best Annual Report and Accounts 2020 in the University category. The public finance wing of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (CA), and the Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL) presented the Gold Award at the Annual Conference and Best Annual Report Award Ceremony – 2022 held at the BMICH on 02nd of December 2022.

Mr. Priyantha Mayadunne, the Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Council and Local Government, Dr.

Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. Mahinda Siriwardana Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Sanjaya Bandara, President of CA, Mr V. Kanagasabathy, President of APFASL, Dr Asela Atapattu graced the occasion. Representatives from 125 public institutions took part in the award ceremony.



04th Peradeniya University Physiotherapy Congress – 2022



The Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences organized the 04th Peradeniya University Physiotherapy Congress – 2022 from 16th to 19th December 2022 at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya. The theme of the congress was “Global Trends and advancements in Physiotherapy in the Modern Era”. The congress comprised of a keynote lecture, guest lectures, research sessions, and a workshop.

The ceremonial inauguration of the congress was held on 16th December 2022. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa was invited as the chief

guest of the event. Dr. S.I. Wadugodapitiya, the Head of the Department of Physiotherapy chaired the congress. Guest of Honor, Prof. B.M.H.S.K. Banneheka, Professor in Anatomy, Faculty of Dental Sciences, Prof. L. Yatawara, the Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. W.M. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Heads of Departments, academic and administrative staff members of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Chief Physiotherapists and other invited guests took part in the ceremonial inauguration of the congress.

Prof. Narasimman Swaminathan, Professor in Physiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Sri Ramachandra Medical University, India participated as the keynote speaker of the congress. Prof. Oleksandr Krasilshchikov, Exercise & Sports Science Programme, School of Health Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Dr. Durga Prathap, Former Assistant Professor and CEO of– Dr. GD Physiotherapy and Rehab Center, Punjab, India delivered guest lectures in the scientific session of the congress. Oral research presentations of selected research papers were made by the authors, encouraging the synthesis and dissemination of new knowledge regarding Physiotherapy.

Dr. Piyush Jain, Former Head, the Department of Physiotherapy, Jaipur National University, India took part as the resource person for the congress workshop on 'Dry Needling – A new physiotherapeutic way of pain management'.

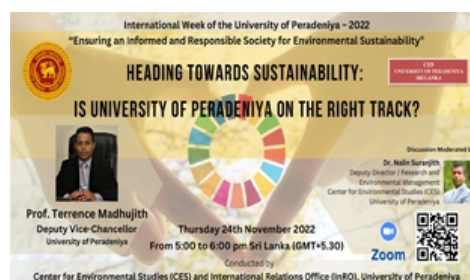
The Peradeniya University Physiotherapy Congress 2022 which provided an excellent opportunity for the physiotherapy professionals from various parts of the island to update their knowledge to be on par with the modern era was successfully held with the participation of over 100 participants..

Fireside chat on “How to succeed in Professional Life”

University of Peradeniya Science Alumni Association (UPSAA) successfully conducted a fireside chat on “How to succeed in Professional Life” with Mr. Indrajith Boyagoda. Mr. Boyagoda is one of the prestigious alumni of the Faculty of Science and the former Deputy General Manager/Executive Vice President, Treasury and Investment Banking at Nations Trust Bank.

Webinar on Heading Towards Sustainability

The Center for Environmental Studies (CES) and the International Relations Office (InRO) of the University of Peradeniya hosted a webinar on Heading towards Sustainability Is University of Peradeniya on the right track ? on 24th November 2022, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.



Field Visit to Heritage Tea Factory

The Department of Operations Management, Faculty of Management under the Department AHEAD project, organized a field visit to Heritage Tea Factory, Kandapola, Nuwara Eliya, on the 06th of October 2022 for the 3000 level BBA undergraduates who followed the OPM 3102: Hospitality Management course. The field visit was arranged by Prof. Ravi Kuruppuge, the Head, Department of Operations Management, and the programme was conducted by Mr. Chature Seneviratne, Human Resource & Administration Manager, Heritage Tea Factory, Kandapola, Nuwara Eliya.



Appreciation of the Best-Performing Landscape Employees

The Landscape Division is responsible for maintaining over 150 acres of land in the University park. Twenty-three best-performing employees of the Landscape Division were awarded certificates and cash prizes in appreciation of their service on the 24th of October 2022. Professor MD Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ms. Jayantha Dharmasiri, the Acting registrar, Mr. A.M.N.B. Arampath, the Bursar, Dr. Nalin Suranjith, Acting Curator, Mr. A.G.A. Bandara, Curator of the University, Ms. Sanjeevani Marasinghe and Ms. Thushari Amarasena, Deputy Registrars of General Services and Non-Academic Divisions participated in the event.



Information Session on ANSO Scholarship for Young Talents for Masters and PhD Studentship

"Information Session on ANSO Scholarship for Young Talents for Masters and Ph.D. Studentship" was conducted in collaboration with the China-Sri Lanka Research and Demonstration Center for Water Technology (JRDC), University of Peradeniya and Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) on the 19th of December 2022 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the JRDC Auditorium. The event was organized by JRDC in collaboration with the International Relations Office (InRO), University of Peradeniya.

Field Visit to MAS Intimates - Thurulie

The Department of Operations Management, Faculty of Management, organized a field visit to MAS Intimates - Thurulie, MAS Fabric Park, Thulhiriya on the 26th of October 2022 for the 2000 level BBA Honours undergraduates specializing in Operations Management.



Inter-University Internal Medicine Quiz - 2022

The Inaugural Inter-Medical Faculty Internal Medicine Quiz was held as a virtual event. It was organized by the Sri Lanka College of Internal Medicine (SLCIM). Twelve state medical faculties in Sri Lanka contested, and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya team emerged as champions winning the trophy, certificates, and medals at the Sri Lanka Internal Medicine Conference (SIMCON 2022) on the 5th of November 2022 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel. The team trained by



Dr. Chathurika Dandeniya, Senior Lecturer in Medicine, Department of Medicine were Ms. Umangi Karunaratne, Mr. Isuru Manawaduge, Mr. Pasan Kumara, Mr. Paveetha Abeykoon and Mr. Lahiru Kularatne .

Peradeniya Medical School 1st Annual Research Conference (PeMSARC'22)



The First Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference (PEMSARC), was held successfully in 2022. The Chief Guest was Prof. Rohan Jayasekara and Prof. Channa Rathnatunga was the Guest of Honor. The conference included research outcomes of the academic staff, undergraduates, and postgraduate students. Medical students were involved in organizing this event under the banner of the Peradeniya Medical Undergraduates Research Committee.

The inaugural co-chairs were Dr. Samidi Navaratne and Dr. Duminda Yasaratne, Secretary, Dr. Sakunthala Jayasinghe, Treasurer, Dr. Padmini Dahanayake, Head of the Scientific Affairs, Prof. Vajira Weerasinghe. Editorial committee consisted of Dr.

Chamara Dalugama and Dr. Sayuri Perera. The logistics was handled by Dr. Sanjeevani Fonseka with Dr. Keerthi Dissanayake, Dr. Lakshika Pathirana, Prof. Indu Nanayakkara and Prof. Manoji Pathirage, and IT by Dr. Kesara

Opening of the AHEAD Building

The AHEAD Building of the Faculty of Management was declared open by the Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission, Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa on the 02nd of December 2022. The commemorative plaque was unveiled by the Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, the Dean of the Faculty of Management, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake and distinguished guests.



Department of Operations Management Seminar- November 2022



The 23rd Department Seminar of the Department of Operations Management was held on the 08th of November 2022 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the Faculty Boardroom. The seminar titled "Cut Panel Wastage in the Off-Site Embellishment Process of a Leading Apparel Manufacturing Company in Sri Lanka" was given by Ms. W.D.C.K.T. Kumarasiri. The academic staff of the Faculty of Management participated in this event.



The Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) accreditation of the Faculty of Medicine



The Faculty of Medicine was reviewed and evaluated by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) in 2022 for the accreditation of the Faculty. All nine criteria were satisfactorily met and recommended for accreditation as per the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) standards.

Guest Lecture for the Students of the B.Sc. Honours in Computation & Management Degree Programme

The Department of Operations Management, Faculty of Management organized a guest lecture for the final year students of the B.Sc. Honours in Computation & Management degree programme offered by the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya on the 7th of October 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at the Faculty premises. The resource person was Mr. Rajiv Weragama, a Senior Engineer in Service Assurance and Fulfillment at Sri Lanka Telecom PLC.

The main purpose of this guest lecture was to introduce telecommunication, internet, and wireless technologies, and explain their evolution and application in day-to-day business activities.

Launch of the Bi-annual Student Magazine -The Operations Management Student



The Department of Operations Management launched the maiden issue of "The Operations Management Student", a bi-annual students' e-magazine on the 21st of December 2022 at the Faculty Auditorium in front of staff and students of the Faculty of Management.

The link to 'The Operations Management Student':
<https://online.fliphtml5.com/uthjl/cmcb/#p=7>

Launch of the Media Incubator space at the Faculty of Agriculture

The Faculty of Agriculture launched a Media Incubator Space to promote development communication on the 10th of November 2022 with the participation of Prof. M.D. Lamawanse, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Mr. Nicolas Gerad, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Prof. Sarath S. Kodithuwakku, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Ms. Subhashi Dissanayake, Country Director of HELVETAS Sri Lanka and Mr. Azad Mustafa, The Director of Sri Lanka Development Journalists Forum. This Media Incubator Space was designed and furnished under the InSPIRE Project of the Helvetas- Sri Lanka, and funded by the European Union in Sri Lanka and the Maldives, as part of their MOU with the Department of Agricultural Extension, Faculty of Agriculture. The Media Incubator Space is dedicated to promoting creative expression, development communication, freedom of expression, and innovation among undergraduates.



The Working Student Assistantship Program (WSAP) Receives a Boost

The Colombo Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya together with Dialog Axiata PLC came forward to fund the ongoing Student Assistantship Program (WSAP), the Program introduced for the students to earn while learning. The WSAP initiated by the University a few months ago provides an opportunity for students to work up to a maximum of 10 hours per month while studying. This is an opportunity for them to gain some work experience and some money. The University makes a nominal payment for nearly 140 students registered under the program. At a charm ceremony organized by the University, office bearers and members of the Colombo Chapter of the Peradeniya Alumni Association and the Senior Officials from A. Bours & Co (Pvt.) Limited pledged to support WSAP. Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University graced the occasion as the chief guest. Professor Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dileep de Silva, the Director of the Career Guidance Unit, Ms. Jayantha Dharmasiri, the Acting Registrar, and Mr. Arampath, the Bursar attended the meeting.

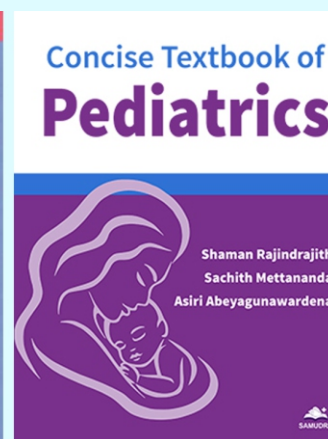
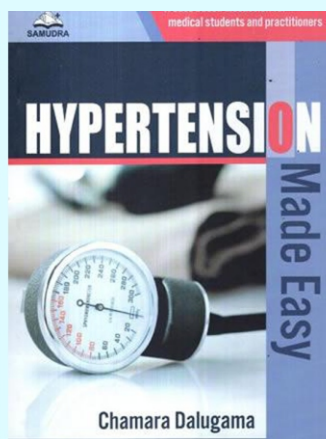
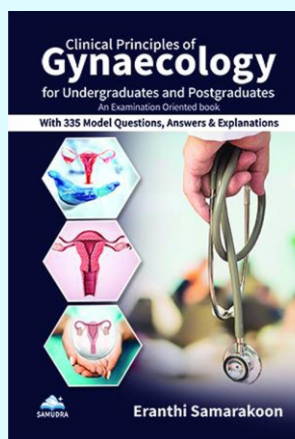
OPM Stall Festa

The Operations Management Students' Society of the Department of Operations Management successfully conducted a fundraising programme to raise funds for the upcoming CSR events of the Operations Management Students' Society at the WUS premises on the 03rd of November 2022 with the participation of academic staff, non-academic staff and students.

Publication of books

The following books were published by academics of University of Peradeniya.:

1. Dr. Eranthi Samarakoon a book on "Clinical Principles of Gynaecology for Undergraduates and Postgraduates"
2. Dr. Chamara Dalugama two books "Handbook of Medical Emergencies for Medical Students and Practitioners" and "Hypertension made Easy"
3. Prof. Asiri Abeygunawardena and his team a book on "Concise Textbook of Pediatrics"
4. Prof. Heshan Jayaweera and his team a book on "An overview of feeding and nurturing your Newborn and Infant; A Guide for Parents, General Practitioners, Students and Others"
5. Prof. Chaminda Kandauda a book on "Basic Essentials in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for Peripheral Care Units."
6. Dr. Padmini Dahanayake a book on "A Guide to Visual Electrophysiology in Ophthalmology"



Award Winners of CAS-PIFI Program-2022 and CAS-UOP-JRDC Collaborative Research Work

China – Sri Lanka Joint Research and Demonstration Center for Water Technology (JRDC) is the first China-aided technological project in Sri Lanka and established to become one of the outstanding research centers for drinking water testing in South Asia. Scientists from both China and Sri Lanka use JRDC as a platform to engage in multiple collaborative research areas, including high-end research on the causative elements of Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown etiology (CKDu) and technology development strategies to obtain safe drinking water. To strengthen the collaborative research work between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the University of Peradeniya and the JRDC, Prof. J.G. Shirani Ranasinghe (Senior Professor in Biochemistry), Prof. S.H.P. Parakrama Karunaratne (Senior Professor & Chair of Zoology), Prof. Shameen Jinadasa (Professor in Civil Engineering) and Dr. H.M. Sanjeewani Wasana (Senior Lecturer, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture) from University of Peradeniya (UoP) were awarded the President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) by the CAS for the years 2021 and 2022. Two PIFI fellowships were received by Prof. Rohana Chandrajith (Senior Professor in Geology) and Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi (Professor in Geology) in 2020. The awarding ceremony of 2021/2022 fellowships was held at the JRDC on the 19th of December 2022. Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-chancellor of the University of Peradeniya and Prof. Yuansong Wei, the Director of the Laboratory of Water Pollution Control Technology, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) graced the occasion as the Chief Guests.



Awareness Raising Session on Student Mentoring

An awareness-raising session on Student Mentoring for academic staff members was organized by the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, on the 10th of November 2022 at the Faculty Auditorium. The main aim of this session was to lay the foundation knowledge on handling students' mental states while enriching the role of an academic mentor. The session provided knowledge and skills required for a successful mentor-mentee relationship.

Prof. Athula Ekanayake, the Dean, Faculty Management, welcomed the gathering while highlighting the importance of the session for staff members. Prof. Manoji Pathirage, Director, Student Support Services and Welfare Systems, University of Peradeniya, Dr. Sayuri Perera, Director, Counseling and Psychological Support Unit (CaPSU), University of Peradeniya and Dr. Chandima Herath, Chief Medical Officer, Health Center, University of Peradeniya were the resource persons of the programme.

The staff members highlighted that the session was informative and interactive, and the insights gained during the session would help them become effective mentors.



Talento 2022



The most awaited talent adventure of the year, "Talento'2022" was successfully staged on the 15th of October 2022, at the E.O.E. Pereira Theatre, University of Peradeniya for the second consecutive time. "Talento" is the Annual Talent Show of the University of Peradeniya,

organized by the Marketing Management Students' Society in collaboration with the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya. "Talento" is one of the most glamorous events in the Faculty of Management and the main purpose of the event was to provide a platform for the undergraduates of the University of Peradeniya to showcase their talents and creativity and to sharpen their event-organizing skills.

The event was graced by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya as the Chief Guest along with Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean of Faculty of Management, Deans of other Faculties, Heads of Departments, and Academic members of the Faculty of Management, along with many dignitaries from the corporate sector.

Forty talented contestants selected by an expert panel of judges through two auditions held on the 18th and 22nd of September 2022, and a semi-final held on the 28th of September 2022 under seven segments namely Singing, Dancing, Video Content Creation, Painting, Stand-up Comedy, Instrumental were eligible to perform at the Grand Finale.

The audience was fascinated by the stunning performances of the contestants at the Grand Finale. The elegant performance by the national and international award-winning Musician, Saman Lenin and Visharad Nilakshi Helapitiya added more glamour to the event.

The event was judged by an eminent panel of judges consisting of Musician, Saman Lenin, Visharad Nilakshi Helapitiya, Ms. Nimna Preshani, Lecturer, Visual & Performing Arts, Mr. Vishwa Sankanath, Actor, Teacher and Choreographer, Ms. M.D.D.S Priyangani, Dr. Manoj Alawathukotuwa, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Arts and Ms. Jayamini Amarasinghe.

The winners of this event are as follows and they were awarded cash prizes, certificates, and medals.



International Week 2022

The Inauguration Ceremony



The International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya organized the International Week 2022 with the aims of expanding international collaborations, exposing the university students and staff to international educational opportunities, and promoting the University of Peradeniya in the global context.

The International Week was held from 21st – 25th of November 2022 in collaboration with the Assistant Indian High Commission in Kandy, the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka, the Russian House in Colombo, the Embassy of Germany in Sri Lanka, the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka and the Japan International Cooperation Agency Sri Lanka Office.

The Inauguration ceremony on the 21st of November 2022 was attended by the chief guest, H.E. Michael Appleton, the New Zealand High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Prof. Don. Eliseo Lucero Prison III, Editor-in-Chief, Public Health Challenges, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, the Deans of the faculties, and the Directors of the postgraduate institutes of the University of Peradeniya, Dr. Nanda Gunawardhana, Director of Research and International Affairs, Sri Lanka Technological Campus, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya, the Directors of the Centers, the Heads of Departments, and the management committee members of the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya.

International Education Fair



The International Education Fair of the International Week was held successfully on the 24th of November 2022 at the Postgraduate Institute of Science, with the purpose of opening doors to the international higher education arena for those who are looking to do their postgraduate studies.

Madam Maria L. Popova, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Sri Lanka and the Director of the Russian House in Colombo, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of

the University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Mudhujith, the Deputy Vice-chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Mrs. Alexandra Shalaginova, Head of Finance of the Russian House in Colombo, Mr. Venurika Jayasinghe, Educational and Public Relations Officer of the Russian House in Colombo, Mr. Nihal De. Zoysa, Senior Executive of the Russian House in Colombo, the Deans of the Faculties, Prof. C.N.R.A Alles, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya, Dr. Shiranthi Colombage and the Representatives from the Tokyo University - Sri Lanka Office, Representatives from the Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy, Representatives from the German Academic Exchange Service of the German Embassy in Sri Lanka, the management committee members of the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya participated in the event.

International Cultural Show

The International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya organized the International Cultural Show in collaboration with the Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy to promote and share Sri Lankan cultural heritage with the international community and share the diversity of the different cultures around the world with the university community on the 25th of November 2022 at the EOE Perera Auditorium, Faculty of Engineering.

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H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Colombo, Dr. S. Athira, Assistant High Commissioner, Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Mudhujith, the Deputy Vice-chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, the Deans of the Faculties, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya, the management committee members of the International Relations Office, and the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Peradeniya participated in the event.



An evening of commemorative music - සරසවි ගීතාවලිය



Being the heart of the University of Peradeniya, The Faculty of Arts celebrated its Platinum Jubilee in 2022. To mark this prestigious occasion, an evening of commemorative music titled සරසවි ගීතාවලිය was held on the 01st of December, at the University Arts Theatre. This event was especially contributed to by the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, which also Celebrated its 70th anniversary this year along with the Faculty.

Meeting with Mrs. Olivia Bellemere, Cultural Counsellor of the Cultural & Cooperation section at the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka

Mrs. Olivia Bellemere, Cultural Counsellor of the Cultural & Cooperation section at the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka visited the University of Peradeniya on the 09th of December 2022. Mrs. Olivia Bellemere was accompanied by Ms. Sarah Toucas, Director of the Alliance Française, Kandy.

Mrs. Bellemere and Ms. Toucas were welcomed by Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office (InRO), and Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga, Head of the Department of Classical Languages, Faculty of Arts.

After giving a brief introduction to the University of Peradeniya and the Department of Classical Languages, the Acting Vice-Chancellor explained the current status and the history of teaching the French Language at the University of Peradeniya. Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga emphasized the importance of restarting the French language Course and the progress made in initiating modern language courses at the University of Peradeniya. Developing strong relationships with French Universities for academic collaborations, including teacher training, curriculum development, staff exchange, and material sharing, with the support of the Embassy of France in Colombo and Alliance Française, Kandy were discussed at the brief meeting.



Undergraduate Immersion Programme 2022



The Undergraduate Immersion Programme 2022 was conducted by the Association of Human Resource Professionals (AHRP) as an initiative aligned with the MoU signed with the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya.

Through this program, students received a short but comprehensive insight and exposure to multiple industries across various disciplines. Students received an opportunity to visit and explore Brandix Lanka Limited, Sysco LABS Sri Lanka and John Keells Holdings PLC located in Colombo as part of this programme. 13 students representing the Department of Human Resource Management attended this extensive programme from 14th to 24th of November 2022.

University Officials Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Kandy



Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ms. Jayantha Dharmasiri, the Acting Registrar and Mr. Mahesh Abeywickrama, the Public Relations Officer and a few other officials of the University paid a visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Kandy and met with Diyawadana Nilame (Chief custodian), Dr. Nilanga Pradeep Dela on 26th of October 2022. Potential contributions from the university in preserving the cultural heritage,

making Kandy a tourist-friendly city and promoting tourism were discussed during the meeting.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the MAS Seasonal Internship programme - 2022



The Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya organized the certificate awarding ceremony of the MAS Seasonal Internship program - 2022 for the 22 students who received an on-site learning experience from 05th September 2022 to 09th September 2022 at MAS Intimates – Linea Clothing, Pallekele. The ceremony was held on the 02nd of November 2022 at 02.00 p.m. at the Faculty Auditorium.

Faculty of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Symposium (FAuRS) 2021/22

FAuRS 2021/22 was held on December 28th 2022 at the premises of the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture. The FAuRS was held this year for the 8th consecutive time with more than 350 participants attending in person and about 200 participants joining online. Mr. Nihal Ranasinghe, the Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Nayana Mawilmada, The President of the Property Group of John Keells Holdings. Mr. Nalin Munasinghe, the Assistant Representative (Programme) of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to Maldives and Sri Lanka delivered the invited guest speech.



The symposium was attended by distinguished guests, including Professor Terence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor S. Kodithuwakku, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, directors of PG institutes, deans of other faculties, and various other guests.

The FAuRS provides a platform for the final year undergraduate students to blend with the local and international professionals and students, and showcase their talents while improving knowledge, skills and attitudes. Winners from eleven competitions organized by the organizing committee received awards and cash prizes. This year the Invention and Innovations and 3MT competitions accepted submissions from undergraduate students from other local and foreign Universities as well.

The best submissions of the research briefs written in all three languages are compiled into "Hantana Blossoms", a magazine dedicated for communicating the research findings to the general public. All the abstracts originating from 305 research projects of the students of the Faculty of Agriculture, are published in the FAuRS Proceedings. As additional training and guidance for the students, an online workshop series on "Success in Research: tips and tools" was conducted. The online workshops were attended by students from other local universities as well. Prof. Warshi Dandeniya Served as the Coordinator of FAuRS 2021/22.

Management Undergraduate Internship & Research Symposium-2022



The Faculty Internship Committee and the Undergraduate Research Committee collaboratively organized the Management Undergraduate Internship & Research Symposium – 2022 on the 21st of October 2022 at the Faculty of Management. This symposium is a unique event in the Management Faculty's annual calendar as it creates a platform to select the 'Best Intern' and the 'Best Undergraduate Researcher' of the year from among the final year undergraduates of the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours and the Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com) Honours degree programmes offered by the Faculty. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. MD Lamawansa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, the Dean, Faculty of

Management, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, and distinguished guests from industry and academia graced the event. Dr. Dinesh Hamangoda, General Manager - Sales, Hemas Holdings PLC delivered the keynote speech on the value of research exposure for corporate success.



Field Visit to Geragama Tea Factory



The Department of Operations Management, in collaboration with the Geragama Tea Factory organized a field visit for 1000 level undergraduates who follow the OPM 1202: Operations Management course on the 23rd of November 2022. The main purpose of this visit was to provide the students practical exposure to the tea manufacturing process of the factory.

The Department is extremely grateful to Mr. M. Marasinghe the owner of the factory for hosting the students in person and making the students thoroughly aware of the tea culture, the conversion process and how quality is ensured at each step of the process. Further, the students were taken on a informative factory tour to explain the tea making process and the quality standards and practices adopted during the manufacturing process.

World Restart a Heart Day



A Restart a Heart Day program was carried out at the Faculty of Medicine "Beach" area on the 14th of October 2022 parallel to the 'World Restart a Heart Day'. This event was conducted by Prof. Vasanthi Pinto, Dr. Tharanga Wijethilake, Prof. Saman Nanayakkara, Dr. Ashani Rathnayake, Dr. Sameera Wasala, Dr. Amila Jayasinghe along with the extended

staff members of the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care and the Consultant Emergency Physicians. The same program was carried out in two shopping malls in Kandy with very high public participation.

Visit by His Excellency, Rinchen Kuentsyl Bhutan's Ambassador to Sri Lanka



His Excellency, Rinchen Kuentsyl, Bhutan's Ambassador to visited the University of Peradeniya on the 13th of November 2022. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Sherab Dorji, the Second Secretary, Embassy of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The Ambassador was welcomed by Prof. MD Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya. Prof. T. Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. V. Pinto, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office. The Vice Chancellor discussed the close relationship between the Kingdom of Bhutan and the University of Peradeniya. Possible future collaborations including research and academic exchange were discussed at the brief meeting. His Excellency, Rinchen Kuentsyl also expressed his interest in students' welfare and consolidating strong collaborations with the university. His Excellency pointed out the cultural similarities between the Kingdom of Bhutan and Sri Lanka. Following the meeting, His Excellency visited the Faculty of Medicine and met with the Bhutan students studying at the faculty.

The External Convocation 2019-2020 of the University of Peradeniya



The Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE) of the University of Peradeniya held its 2019-2022 convocation for external graduands at the Mahinda Rajapaksha Auditorium of the National Cooperative Development Institute, Polgolla, on 12th of December 2022. This was the eleventh convocation that the CDCE organized for its external graduands. This year 505 and 69 graduands were conferred the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Business Administration Degrees, respectively. Prof. G.H. Peiris, the Chancellor of the University, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. T.W.M. Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Deans, the Director of CDCE, the Administrative Officers of the University of Peradeniya and invitees graced this graduation ceremony.

Laptop Computers for Students



A. Baur & Co (Pvt.) Limited donated five laptop computers to selected students from the faculties of Agriculture, Management, Engineering, Science & Arts. Mr. Janaka Gunasekara, Director Agriculture, Baur & Co (Pvt.) Limited and Ms. Basnayake, Director, IT and a few Senior Officials of A. Baur & Company Limited gave away the laptop computers at a ceremony organized by the University on the 12th of November 2022. Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dileep de Silva, the Director of the Career Guidance Unit, Ms. Jayantha Dharmasiri, the

Acting Registrar, Mr. Arampath, the Bursar, and members of the Colombo Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya attended the meeting.

Inauguration of the newly completed Farm Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital



The latest addition to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, the Farm Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital (FA-VTH) building was declared open by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa of the University of Peradeniya on the 30th of November 2022. The commemorative plaque was unveiled by the Vice-Chancellor and the distinguished guests. At the inaugural ceremony the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Anil Pushpakumara emphasized the significance of this newly built facility, the only national hospital dedicated to treating farm animals and equine in the country.



The Vice-Chancellor in his speech expressed his appreciation for the completion of the new facility. He stated that it is the responsibility of the students to reap the maximum benefits from this novel complex and thereby further improve the undergraduate and postgraduate work in the field of veterinary science in Sri Lanka. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. M.N.M. Fouzi, the Head of the Department of Farm Animal Production and Health. The hospital complex was completed within seven years at an estimated cost of 85 million rupees.

Pahan Tharuwa 2022

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A Star shone on the Hanthana Sky on the 30th of November 2022, at the University of Peradeniya Gymnasium as "Pahan Tharuwa 2022", the Medical Faculty's flagship musical concert with performances by Edward Jayakody, Nirosha Virajini, T.M Jayaratna. Music was provide by Nalaka Anjana Kumara and compered by Nihal Wickrama Edirisuriya. The event was a massive

success, having been held after a lapse of 3 years. The pceeds from the event was utilized for an outreach programme for O/L students, a community health camp and a drug donation programme to a divisional hospital, and scholarships for needy medical students.

Movie Night 22

The second-year students of the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management successfully conducted "Movie Night 22", which was held on the 02nd of November 2022 from 05.30 p.m. onwards at the Art's Theatre with an audience of over 200.



The event aimed to provide an opportunity for entertainment and relaxation for the undergraduates amidst their busy academic schedule.

Lean Enterprise Day 2022

"Lean Enterprise Day 2022" was organized by the Department of Operations Management in collaboration with the AHEAD Project of the Department on the 6th of December 2022 at the Faculty Premises. The main aim of the event was to disseminate knowledge in the area of Lean Management for staff and students.

At the inaugural session, the guest speech was conducted by Ms. Udeshi Rathnayake, General Manager, Manufacturing Operations, Linea Clothing, MAS Holdings followed by a panel discussion by the Alumni members of the Department who are knowledgeble Lean practitioners. The Panelists of the discussion were Mr. Sasaka Kodithuwakku, Ms. Yasara Herath, and Ms. Medhagie Galgamuwa. The discussion was moderated by Dr. S. Maheswaran, Senior Lecturer, Department of Operations Management.

The Lean Exhibition was held as the second event of the programme. The main aim of the event was to showcase students' knowledge, skills, and abilities gained through the OPM 2203 - Lean Manufacturing course. This was also part of their continuous assessments of the course.

The Paediatric Inter-University Quiz



The Paediatric Inter-University Quiz was won by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. The participants were; Janith Weerakkody, Awanthi Premaratne, Samadika Wimalarathne, Navoda Yatapana, Ravindu Withana. The team was trained by Dr. Wasana Kiridena and Prof. Pathum Dissanayake.

A Top NASA Astronomer Visits Peradeniya



Dr. Henry Throop, an astronomer, and a planetary scientist from the NASA headquarters in Washington, USA visited University of Peradeniya on the 15th December 2022. Dr. Throop specializes in the dynamics of rings and dust in the outer solar system and he is a member of the science team for NASA's New Horizons mission to Pluto and the Kuiper Belt. The asteroid 193736 Henrythroop has been named after him.

Dr. Throop delivered a guest lecture on NASA's New Horizon Mission to Pluto, the Kuiper Belt and beyond for students of the Department of Physics, Faculty of Science on December 15th 2022. The event which was held at the P1 Lecture theatre of the Department of Physics, Faculty of Science was organized by the Astronomical Society of the University of Peradeniya. Mr. Throop accompanied by Dr. V. Sivakumar, the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science and the Head of the Department of Physics met with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, of the University.

Inaugural Meeting of the Founder Executive Committee of the Arts Faculty Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya



The Inaugural Meeting of the Founder Executive Committee of Arts Faculty Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya was held successfully on the 28th of November 2022 at the Faculty Seminar Room.

Nine University of Peradeniya Researchers among the World's Top 2% of Scientists



The September 2022 edition of the top 100,000 scientists by c-score (with and without self-citation) or a percentile rank of 2% or above in the sub-field published by Stanford University and Elsevier BV is out now. The University of Peradeniya is proud to be the university with the highest number of Sri Lankan researchers represented in this distinguished list. Nine researchers from the University of Peradeniya are among the top 2% of the world's scientists. The updated list can be downloaded from <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/4.>

Learning from the Person Next to You - Workshop Series - Do You Like to Learn about Drop Shipping?



The Society of Human Resource Management (HRM Guild) of the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya organized a workshop on "Drop Shipping" under the workshop series "Learning from the Person Next to You" on the 28th of October 2022.

The session was conducted by Mr. Darshana Sanjeeva, an undergraduate of the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya.



Workshop on Skills on Stage

The Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya successfully conducted a workshop on 'Skills on Stage', under the module MKT 2201: Skills Development and Fine Arts on the 24th of November 2022 at the Arts' Gallery. The session was conducted by Ms. Niroshi Senevirathne and Ms. Hasanthi Niriella from the Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya. The aim of the workshop was to enhance the aesthetic skills of the second-year marketing students, Faculty of Management

Workshop on Undergraduate Mentoring and Active Listening

A workshop on "Undergraduate Mentoring and Active Listening" was held for the academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya on the 18th of October 2022. After an introduction to the Faculty Mentoring Program by Dr. Rumala Morel, an animated panel discussion was held with Prof. Sanjaya Adikari, Dr. Irushika Fernando and Dr. Champa Ratnathunga acting as panellists.

This was followed by a session on active listening entitled "Talking to your Mentee" by Consultant Psychiatrist Dr. Pabasari Ginige which was both entertaining and informative. Dr. Pabasari did many role plays which helped the participants identify how and how not to talk with our mentees.

As both senior and junior staff were participating, the case discussions which followed were extremely valuable. Many staff members explained how they handled difficult situations relating to students. The majority found the sessions on 'Active Listening with Role Play' and the 'Case Discussions' most useful.



2nd Annual International Undergraduate Finance Research Conference (IUFRC)

The Sri Lanka Finance Association, in collaboration with the Department of Business Finance, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya, successfully conducted the 2nd Annual International Undergraduate Finance Research Conference 2022 under the theme "Value Creation through Sustainable Finance" on Friday, the 25th of November 2022 via zoom platform.



This conference was a great opportunity for undergraduates to present their research findings to a wider audience. Prof. Douglas Cumming, Professor of Finance and Entrepreneurship, College of Business, Florida Atlantic University, Florida, USA delivered a keynote speech on "Market Manipulation and ESG Violations", describing how market manipulation enables corporate deception, which in turn facilitates

ESG manipulation. Further, Mr. Nishan Fernando, Chairman of First Capital Holdings PLC, and the Managing Director of BDO Consulting, delivered a keynote speech titled "Sustainable Finance-Risk to Opportunity".

Five concurrent sessions were conducted under the technical sessions, and presentations were evaluated by session chairs and two panellists in each of the sessions. At the concluding session of the conference, the Best Paper Award was presented to D.M.H.R. Dissanayaka, W.M. Hansani, A.W.G.P.D. Sandaru and A.W.G.C.N.Wijethunga of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka for the paper titled "Financial Development and Environmental Quality: Evidence from Sri Lankan Perspective". The conference was wrapped up by Dr. Sujeewa Kodithuwakku, the Conference Chair of IUFRC 2022.

Field Visit to IFS R&D International (PVT) Ltd

The Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya in collaboration with IFS R&D International (Pvt) Ltd, organized a "Field Visit" for the third-year BBA undergraduates who follow the course HRM 3205: Human Resource Information Systems on the 10th of November 2022 at IFS R&D International (PVT) Ltd, Orion City, Colombo. The fundamental purpose of this visit was to give an overview of the industrial use of Human Resource Information



Human Rights Debate 2022



The Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya won the Human Rights debate 2022. Team members were Mr. Sachith Keragala (Captain), Mr. Shakthi Senarathne, Mr. Malaka Samarasinghe, Mr. Melaka Jude, Ms. Thisari Walawege, Minura Kulasekara, Mihashee Mahaulpotha and Hirudini Dassanayake.



An exhibition organized to mark the International Day 2022 - Special Needs Persons



An exhibition organized by the Special Needs Resource Center (SNRC) of the University of Peradeniya to mark the International Day of Special Needs Persons which falls on the 03rd of December was held on 28th November 2022 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm at the Senate Building premises.

The Motto for this year announced by the United Nations was, "Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fueling an accessible and equitable world".

The aim of this exhibition was to provide education on how to recognize and support children who may have special needs among both academic and non-academic staff at the University. Additionally, it aimed to provide guidance on how to effectively communicate and interact with these individuals within the community. At the exhibition which was held under the title of 'Path to inclusive Education', presentations were made by visually handicapped alumni of the University on how to engage in studies with the help of the Brail System and the way of communicating with those with hearing defects,



Further, alumina members of the SNRC showcased their literary creations such as poetry, paintings and dancing skills as well. A documentary film created by Sakuna Wikcramsinghe was also screened. This occasion was graced by Prof. W.M. Terrence Madhujith, Deputy Vice-chancellor, Dr. E.M.P.C.S. Ekanayake, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Ms. MG. Jayantha Dharmasiri, Acting Registrar, and the Heads of Departments, academic and non-academic staff. Addressing the meeting the Deputy Vice-chancellor, Dean/Arts and the Coordinator of the SNRC, Prof.

Leena Seneheweera emphasized the importance of extending the service of this centre beyond the University to the whole society by producing researchers and conducting Teacher Training Programs etc.

The present Coordinator of the SNRC, Prof. Leena Seneheweera extended her voluntary service to this centre. She stated that after the exhibition, many members of the academic and non-academic staff are keen to be educated in the manner of working with their children in the future. Prof. Leena Seneheweera further stated that our task should be to encourage these children and create opportunities to enhance their skills instead of sympathizing and weeping over their differences.

Science Practical Programme for G.C.E. (A/L) Science & Mathematics Students



The Science Education Unit (SEU) of the Faculty of Science organized three Science Practical Programmes for approximately 170 G.C.E. (A/L) Science/Mathematics students from the North Western Province and the Central Province in November 2022 at the Science Education Resource Center (SERC). These practical programmes

consisted of sessions in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. The aim of the above programmes is to motivate students by encouraging and giving hands-on experience to learn Science/Mathematics subjects.

Program on “Ensuring an Informed and Responsible Society for Environmental Sustainability”



The Center for Environmental Sustainability (CES) in collaboration with the International Relations Office (InRO) of the University of Peradeniya launched a series of events under the theme “Ensuring an informed and responsible society for environmental sustainability” to commemorate the International Week 2022 of the University.

These events included several activities under four major categories:

- Community outreach activity on “Household Waste Management for Achieving Circular Economy”.
- Enhancement of the knowledge and attitude of school children in “Mulgama Maha Vidyalaya” towards mitigating air and water pollution.
- Inculcating environmental pro-attitudes among Peradeniya University Undergraduates and School Children in the Kandy district.
- Showcasing the wider community of the commitment of the University of Peradeniya to environmental sustainability through a Webinar (Guest Speaker: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith)

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Program was held successfully on the 23rd of November 2022 at the auditorium of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) of the University of Peradeniya, with the participation of the chief guest, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, the Deans of the Faculties, the Directors of the Postgraduate Institutes, Director, International Relations Office, Director and Deputy Directors of the Centre for Environmental Studies, Environment Committee members of the Faculties of Arts and Science, the students from Mulgama Maha Vidyalaya and the winners of art/poster competitions.

Drawing and Poster Competition

With an aim of inculcating environmental pro-attitudes among Peradeniya University Undergraduates and School Children in the Kandy district, poster and drawing competitions were conducted by the Environmental Management Committees of the faculties of Arts and Science, and the winners of both the competitions were awarded certificates by the Acting Vice-Chancellor. Tree seedlings were also distributed among these participants. A sculpture carving program for the winners of the drawing competition was successfully conducted by Prof. Sudharshana Bandara, Department of Fine Arts, University of Peradeniya.



A Steering committee to work on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

A Steering Committee Meeting of the Sustainable Development of the University of Peradeniya was held on the 15th of December 2022 at the University conference hall. The meeting was headed by Prof. W.M. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya.



Senior academic members (Prof. Fazeeha Azmi, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts; Prof. CS. Kalpage, Department of Chemical & Process Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Prof. Sampath UB. Tennakoon, Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine; Prof. JAMS. Jayatilake, Department of Oral Medicine & Periodontology, Faculty of Dental Sciences; Prof. Tilak Hewawasam, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts; Dr. Nalin Suranjith, Deputy Director of Center for Environmental Studies; Dr. Nilupa Amarasinghe, Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences; Dr. Darshana Ruwanjith, Health Centre, Dr. Ruchika Fernando, Department of Veterinary Public Health & Pharmacology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science; Dr. Anuruddha Karunaratne, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture; Mr. Chaminda Wijesundara, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science; Mr. Isuru Gunarathne, Department of Operations Management, Faculty of Management), non academic staff (Mrs. Sanjeewani Marasinghe, Deputy, Registrar, General Service Division; Mrs. Kanchana Atapattu, Statistical Officer, Statistical Division; Mrs. Chandima Rathnayake, Senior Assistant Registrar, Student Service Division), and Mr. Uthumansa Ahamed, webmaster of the University participated in the meeting.

The current progress of the objectives under the SDGs of the University in 2022 was discussed and new senior academic & non-academic members were appointed based on their specialty to address each SDGs as follows.

21st International Students Summit on Food, Agriculture and Environment



Mr. Saranga Konara and Ms. Shimani Attygala, two undergraduate students of the Faculty of Agriculture, attended the 21st International Students Summit 2022 organized by the Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) representing the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. The theme of the Summit was "Youth actions and

Innovations towards Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation to promote sustainable Agriculture in their communities". The Summit was held as an online forum from 20th September to 22nd September 2022.

In addition to the certificate of completion, Mr. Saranga Konara received the "Best Discussion Participant Award" of the Summit. Both students were invited to the 309th Faculty Board of Agriculture Meeting held on 15th of November 2022, where the certificates were awarded by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Sarath S. Kodithuwakku. Prof. B. Marambe and Prof. S.P. Nissanka of the Department of Crop Science served as the advisors of the two students.