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Prof. Terrence Madhujith assumed duties as the 23rd Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya

Prof. Terrence Madhujith assumed duties as the 23rd Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya on 1st August 2024. The induction ceremony began with religious observances by the Maha Sangha and representatives from the three other main religious denominations. The ceremony took place in the Senate Room and was attended by Chancellor Gerald Peiris, outgoing Vice-Chancellor Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ravi Kuruppuge, Deans of faculties, Council members, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes, former Vice-Chancellors, academic, administrative nonacademic staff and other distinguished guests. Prof. Madhujith, a Professor of Food Science, previously served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya.





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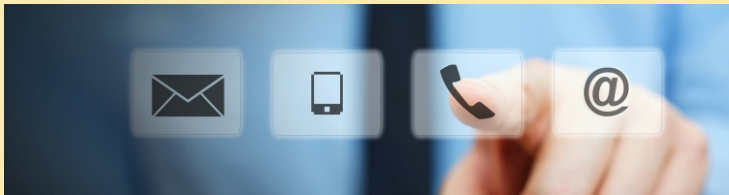
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Vice-Chancellor's full address is as follows.

Good morning

Reverend Sir, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, esteemed council members, the Acting Registrar, the Bursar, the Librarian, former Vice-Chancellors of the University of Peradeniya, Directors of postgraduate institutes, Deans of Faculties, Directors of centers and units, Heads of Departments, academic staff, administrative staff, executive staff, Chief Medical Officer, academic support staff, nonacademic staff, students, distinguished invitees, media personnel, ladies and gentleman.

I am indeed honored and privileged to have been appointed as the 23rd Vice-Chancellor of this pioneering higher educational institute, the University of Peradeniya. First and foremost, let me express my sincere gratitude to the governing council members for keeping faith in me and nominating me, the UGC and the ministry for endorsing my name and his excellency the president of Sri Lanka for appointing me as the Vice-Chancellor for the next three years starting from today. I am truly humbled to be at the helm of this prestigious institution which had been founded by none other than Sir Ivor Jennings and subsequently by the leaders of our time, Prof. Madduma Bandara, Prof. Gunawardana, Prof. Goonasekara, Prof. Abeygunawardena, Prof. Abayakoon, Prof. Senaratne, Prof. Dissanayake and Prof Lamawansa.

I appreciate the services rendered by Prof. Lamawansa to uplift the University through a most critical period from late 2021 to August 2024. I had the privilege of working closely with him as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, alongside the support of our capable deans, administrative staff, and nonacademic personnel. The past three years were challenging, first plagued by the global pandemic followed by political turmoil, upheaval, economic downturn and trade union actions. Despite all these challenges, the University did not halt the academic programmes, did not postpone convocations, did not stop research work and outreach programmes. Instead, the University allocated more money to research. It is noteworthy that during this period we paid more attention to students' welfare, providing vital support when they were most vulnerable. Initiatives such as establishing working student assistantships, expanding hostel facilities by furnishing some unfurnished hostels, providing psychological support through the newly established center, screening employees aged above 35 years for non-communicable diseases, are just to name a few. Additionally, we made significant strides toward economic and environmental sustainability, making the University of Peradeniya a truly sustainable University. One of the most significant accomplishments under Prof. Lamawansa's visionary leadership was the development of the Centenary Development Project, with the support from the staff, outlining a clear roadmap for the future of the University.

With the wealth of experience I gained during this period, I believe that I have been well seasoned to face the challenges ahead. Needless to mention that attracting the best students to state universities will be a challenge in the future due to a plethora of reasons. I am planning to minimize delays in academic programmes and to improvise the curricula of faculties catering to the contemporary needs of the country and the world.

Research is what propels humanity forward. As the founder director of the University research council, I was able to establish rewarding schemes for researchers and provide financial assistance for the publication of articles. During the past three years, we have provided enormous support to researchers, and I hope to continue to support research and innovations.

Economic sustainability will be extremely important in reducing financial burden on government resources. Key initiatives such as establishment of a school of law and a school of education, restructuring the CDCE, establishment of a branch campus in Colombo, and introduction of modern academic programmes are essential steps forward. Having served as both Deputy Director and the Director of the CDCE, I am confident in my ability to get the CDCE to come up with innovative programs in the future.

I also want to emphasize that total quality management is essential for an institution. Less productivity, undue delays, irregularities in administration could be avoided, in part through automation, which will be a priority of mine.

ICT needs are rapidly increasing in the teaching and learning process. However, our physical infrastructure is not sufficient to meet the rising daily demands. I firmly believe that development of ICT infrastructure should be a top priority.

In alignment with SDG 6, Clean water and Sanitation, it is paramount to replace the decades old pipe network. With 65% of the new pipes already laid, I will prioritize the remaining 35% within the next year.

Environmental sustainability is of paramount importance. Initiatives such as tree planting, regreening Hanthana, regularizing waste management, installation of an incinerator, setting up PET bottle collection programme, and collection of e-waste have already been implemented. I pledge to further improve sustainability efforts within the University.

My deepest appreciation goes to the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, who molded and groomed me, permitting me to work independently across various domains. I also extend my gratitude to the deans, academic, administrative, and nonacademic staff for their cooperation over the past several years.

International relations will be strengthened, and the association with the alumni associations will be harnessed. We maintained student discipline by enforcing zero tolerance policy towards ragging during the last three years, a standard we will continue to uphold in the future.

I take this opportunity to offer my profound gratitude to the teachers from my school, and my faculty and my PhD supervisor who shaped me into an academic leader of this pioneering institution. I also extend my thanks to my research collaborators, research students and assistants, whose contributions helped me establish myself as a researcher of good standing. Thanks are also due to my colleagues who have always encouraged me and helped me in numerous ways. I am truly grateful to my mother and my late father, who raised me, and educated me, to be a good citizen. They were constant pillars of strength. I also thank my brothers and relatives for their continued support throughout my life. A special thanks goes to my staff at the DVC's office, Ms. Preethimali, Inoka, Iresha and Asela who created an exceptionally homely environment for me to work comfortably during the past few years. I also acknowledge the Public Relations Officer and his staff who worked with me day and night and the staff at the Vice-Chancellor's office.



85th Annual General Convocation of the University of Peradeniya



The University of Peradeniya proudly hosted its 85th General Convocation on August 21st and 22nd, 2024, at the university gymnasium. This significant event celebrated the academic achievements of 3,784 graduands from nine faculties and four postgraduate institutes.

A total of 2,710 undergraduate degrees and 1,074 postgraduate degrees were conferred, with the esteemed Chancellor, Prof. G.H. Peiris, presenting the degrees to the graduating class.



The convocation was held in four sessions, each recognizing different faculties and institutes. On August 21st, 2024, the first session recognized graduands from the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA) and the faculties of Agriculture, Allied Health Sciences, Dental Sciences, and Medicine. The second session honored graduands from the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), along with the faculties of Science and Veterinary Medicine. On August 22nd, 2024, the first session featured graduands from the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), as well as the faculties of Engineering and Management. The final session celebrated the accomplishments of graduands from the Faculty of Arts.

In addition to the conferral of degrees, six distinguished individuals were awarded honorary doctorates for their outstanding contributions to their respective fields.



- Prof. D.Y.D. Samarawickrama was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science for his exceptional contributions to Dental Sciences.
- Vidya Nidhi Prof. M.A.K.L. Dissanayake and Prof. Bengt-Erik Mellander received Honorary Doctor of Science degrees for their remarkable work in the field of Science.
- Vidya Nidhi Prof. S. Sivananthan was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science for his significant contributions to Science.
- Prof. Emeritus M.P. Ranaweera received an Honorary Doctorate for his contributions to Engineering.
- Prof. W.I. Siriweera was honored with an Honorary Doctorate for his notable work in the Arts.



The event was meticulously organized by the Convocation Organizing Committee, chaired by Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kuruppuge, with the support of the executive staff, ensuring the ceremony proceeded smoothly and in line with the university's tradition of excellence.



For those unable to attend in person, the entire convocation was live streamed on the university's website, allowing friends, family, and well-wishers from around the globe to witness this special occasion.

The University of Peradeniya extends its heartfelt congratulations to the graduands of the 85th General Convocation. Their hard work, perseverance, and academic accomplishments stand as a testament to the university's dedication to fostering intellectual growth and producing graduates of the highest caliber.



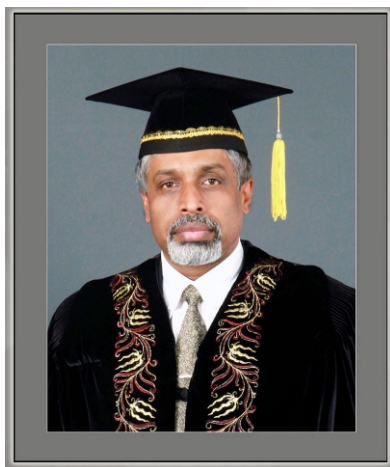
Professor Ranjith Pallegama Assumes Duties as Deputy Vice-Chancellor



Prof. Ranjith Pallegama assumed duties as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya on 4th September 2024. The ceremony was attended by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Deans, and key administrative staff.

Prof. Pallegama, a Professor in Physiology at the Faculty of Dental Sciences, brings extensive leadership experience from his roles as Director of the Centre for Quality Assurance and the Staff Development Centre. He is expected to lead initiatives focusing on student welfare, academic excellence, and institutional growth.

Prof. Sarath Abayakoon Appointed as Governor of the Central Province: A Distinguished Career of Leadership



Prof. Sarath Abayakoon has been appointed the Governor of the Central Province, Sri Lanka, a role that reflects his distinguished career in leadership. The University of Peradeniya congratulates Prof. Abayakoon, who has significantly contributed to both the university and the nation.

A graduate in Civil Engineering with First Class Honours from the University of Peradeniya in 1979, he earned his Master of Applied Science and PhD from the University of British Columbia, Canada. He joined the University of Peradeniya in 1988 as a Senior Lecturer and rose through the ranks, becoming a full Professor in 2004 and a Senior Professor in 2006.

Prof. Abayakoon held numerous key administrative positions, including Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, and he was the Vice-Chancellor of the University from 2009 to 2012. His leadership was pivotal in enhancing academic excellence and quality of learning. Additionally, he has served as the Chairman of the Engineering Council Sri Lanka (ECSL) since 2018.

We extend our best wishes to Prof. Abayakoon in his new role and are confident that his expertise and leadership will continue to benefit the nation.

New Leadership Appointments in the Faculties of Dental Sciences and Medicine



Prof. Shyama Banneheka has been appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, effective August 10, 2024. He holds a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the University of Peradeniya and a PhD in Human Anatomy from Niigata University, Japan, reflecting his strong academic foundation.

With over 20 years of experience in education and administration, Prof. Banneheka has served both the Faculty of Dental Sciences and the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Peradeniya. His contributions to university governance include serving as a senate representative to the governing council and chairing the Arts Council of the University of Peradeniya.

His teaching and research interests span developmental biology, human anatomical variations, dental and medical education, and natural oral health care products.



Prof. Saman Nanayakkara, a highly respected scholar and a medical specialist, has been appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, for a period of three years, effective from 12th September 2024. Prof. Nanayakkara holds an MBBS degree from the University of Peradeniya (1995), an MD in Anesthesiology from the Postgraduate Institute, University of Colombo (2007), a Postgraduate Diploma in Sociology from the University of Peradeniya (2019), and a Master in Archeology from the University of Peradeniya (2022).

He has served as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Professor in Anesthesiology and Critical Care since 2002, and as an Honorary consultant of Anesthesiology and Critical Care for the Teaching Hospital Peradeniya and the Dental Hospital, Peradeniya.

Prof. Nanayakkara has published numerous journal articles and delivered conference presentations at both International and local conferences. He has also been the President of many professional organizations, including the Kandy Society of Medicine, the Faculty and Medicine in the College of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, and the Sri Lankan Association for the Study of Pain.

Inauguration programme for the New Entrants of the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts held its inauguration programme for the new academic year 2023/2024 on September 2, 2024, at the university gymnasium. The Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans of faculties, the Proctor, Acting Registrar, Librarian, Bursar, and other distinguished guests, along with academic and administrative staff members attended the opening ceremony.

The orientation programme, which ran from September 2nd to 27th 2024, introduced the new students to the various academic departments, divisions, centers, units, and relevant by-laws. This year's incoming cohort consists of 1,160 students, including 70 in the Bachelor of Laws programme, 51 in the Bachelor of Social Work programme, 71 in the Bachelor of Science in Geographical Information Science, and 969 in the Bachelor of Arts programme.



Mahawamsa Palm-Leaf Manuscript in the World International Register



The Mahawamsa palm leaf manuscript, one of Sri Lanka's most significant chronicles, was formally declared a World Heritage on 17th July 2024. The manuscript, which is housed in the Main Library of the University of Peradeniya has also been inscribed on the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register. This historic event took place at the University of Peradeniya, with Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO, officiating the ceremony.

The Mahawamsa manuscript consists of 238 palm leaves, preserving an uninterrupted historical narrative spanning from the 6th century BCE to 1815. It documents a wide range of historical events, transcending national and religious boundaries.

During the ceremony, the World Heritage certificate was officially presented by the UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay to Prof. G. H. Peiris, Chancellor of the University. The event was attended by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. D. Lamawansa, Librarian R. Maheswaran and other distinguished guests, including academics, UNESCO representatives and members of the National Library Services Board.

Opening Ceremony of a New Building for Department of Psychology - Faculty of Arts



The Department of Psychology at the University of Peradeniya, known for its strong academic and community involvement, celebrated the opening of its new space in the Faculty of Arts. The ceremony began with religious rituals from four different faiths, reflecting the diversity of Sri Lanka. Distinguished guests included Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrance Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Dean of the Faculty of Arts Dr. Prabath Ekanayake, heads of departments, and representatives of the LBMC.

The event commenced with the lighting of the traditional oil lamp, followed by a welcome speech from Dr. Asanka Bulatwatta, Head of the Department of Psychology, who expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to this milestone. The Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts congratulated the department on its progress and growth. Prof. Danesh Karunanayake, Senate Member and Professor of the Department of Psychology, shared the department's journey, highlighting the challenges overcome to establish the new facility.

A performance by students, showcasing dance and a skit, added vibrancy to the event. Ms. Manjula Gunasekara, Senior Lecturer of the Department, delivered the vote of thanks, followed by refreshments for all invitees. The day was marked as a significant and memorable milestone, symbolizing hope and strength for the department's future.

The World's Top 2% Scientists



Stanford University's list of "World's Top 2%" Scientist is based on a 2% or above percentile rank, or the top 100,000 by c-score (with and without self-citations). This prestigious list identifies the world's leading researchers, representing approximately 2% of all scientists worldwide. It encompasses standardized data on citations, H-index, and a wide range of bibliometric indicators. Researchers are classified into 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields, drawing from Scopus data provided by Elsevier.

The following members from the University of Peradeniya are recognized in the database based on career-long citation impact up until the end of 2023 and based on the citation index in 2023.

Traineeship Awarding Ceremony – WSAP (MMF) Phase II

On 5th September 2024, the Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya successfully hosted the Traineeship Awarding Ceremony for the Working Student Assistantship Programme (WSAP) – MMF Phase II. The event took place at the Senate Room, with Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, as the chief guest.

The programme recognized and awarded traineeships to a group of exceptional students, selected from over 300 applicants based on their skills and financial needs. These students will now begin hands-on roles in various offices across the university, helping them develop professionally while contributing to the institution.

Congratulations to all the selected trainees. We wish you the very best in your roles and look forward to your continued success.



Gender Awareness Day

The "Gender Awareness Day" was held in full splendor on the 13th of September 2024, at the Department of Sociology. Organized by the second-year undergraduates of the Department of Sociology, the event was part of their continuous assessment for the course, SOC 2010 Gender and Society.



The programme featured a variety of activities, including short films in English and Sinhala (produced by the students), a debate, a discussion forum with esteemed panelist Prof. Carmen Wickaramagama and Dr. Kalana Senarathna, oral presentations, and a special guest speech by Probation Officer Mr. Jagath Ellalagoda on the importance of sex education for all genders. Other highlights included poster presentations, exhibits, a contemporary dance performance and songs, all addressing global gender issues such as violence against women, discrimination against men in patriarchal systems, LGBTQIA+ discrimination, child abuse, gender division of labor, and abortion.

The event was open to all staff and students at the University of Peradeniya and was graced by the presence of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. E.M.P.C.S. Ekanayaka and Head of the Department of Sociology, Dr. Kumari Thoradeniya.

Visit of the British High Commissioner to the University of Peradeniya



His Excellency Andrew Patrick, the British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, visited the University of Peradeniya on 19th August 2024, to observe the progress of the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP) MPhil scholarships, which are hosted at the Centre for Aquatic Animal Disease Diagnosis and Research (CAADDR) of the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS).

The OCPP is funded by the UK Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs ("Defra") as part of the UK's Blue Planet Fund, and delivered through the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science ("Cefas"). The programme awarded fully funded MPhil scholarships to six Sri Lankan students to conduct full-time research in Aquatic Animal Health, under the theme 'sustainable seafood'. These scholarships, managed by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, have provided £149,320.50 in funding to the University of Peradeniya.

During his visit, His Excellency Andrew Patrick met with Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya at the Vice-Chancellor's office to discuss potential collaborations and strengthening ties between the UK and the University. The meeting also included Prof. Ravi Kuruppuge, the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.G.A. Pushpakumara, Dean of the FVMAS, Prof. Prof Sarath S. Kodithuwakku, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Vasanthi Pinto Dean Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Dean Faculty of Science, and a team of academics of the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology (DVPB), including Dr. A. W. Kalupahana, Head/DVPB, Dr. Samanthika Jagoda, the Coordinator of the OCPP MPhil scholarships at University of Peradeniya and Dr. N.M.T. Anupama. His Excellency Andrew Patrick also visited the CAADDR and had a discussion with the OCPP MPhil scholars to discuss their research progress.



Ceylon Journal of Science

The Ceylon Journal of Science was recently indexed in Scopus, a prestigious abstract and citation database for academic research. This marks a significant achievement, highlighting the journal's quality and impact of the research published while enhancing its visibility and credibility in the global academic community. Additionally, the Ceylon Journal of Science is listed in several other indexing services, including the Web of Science Master Journal List, and is currently seeking inclusion in the SEI. The chair congratulated Prof. S.H.P.P. Karunaratne, Editor-in-Chief of the journal, and his team for their efforts in reaching these milestones.

Praveen is Honored as One of this Year's "Seeds for the Future" Awardees by Huawei



Congratulations to Praveen Sumanasekara, a talented undergraduate from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (DEEE), for being selected as one of this year's awardees for Huawei's prestigious "Seeds for the Future" programme".

Huawei officially launched the 9th edition of this flagship corporate social responsibility initiative in Sri Lanka on August

30th, 2024, at the Shangri-La Hotel. The event was attended by distinguished guests, including representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka, the University Grants Commission, university deans, and heads of departments.

This year's awardees, chosen from top talents from various universities, will participate in an intense 8-day training session in China, focusing on advanced ICT technologies and leadership in science and technology. Since its launch in 2008 in Thailand and introduced to Sri Lanka in 2016, the "Seeds for the Future" programme has expanded to 139 countries, attracting over 15,000 students worldwide and shaping the next generation of ICT leaders.

Passing of Prof. S. Pinnawala



We deeply mourn the passing of Prof. S. Pinnawala, a distinguished member of the Faculty of Arts, on July 21, 2024. A dedicated scholar and educator, Prof. Pinnawala earned his PhD from Canberra, Australia, and an MSc from AIT, Thailand. His academic excellence was further recognized through his time as a Fulbright Scholar at Cornell University, USA, underscoring his commitment to education and research on a global scale.

Prof. Pinnawala held several key positions at the University of Peradeniya, including Chair of the Editorial Board for the University Calendar and a member of the Faculty Board of Management, he was also deeply involved in postgraduate education, serving on the PGIA Board of Management and providing consultancy for the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences.

His leadership extended beyond the university, serving as the Director of the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI) and Deputy Director of the Institute for National and Regional Development (INNRR). As Head of Sociology and Warden of Hilda Hostel, he played a crucial role in shaping the lives of students. His involvement in the Global Campus Programme showcased his vision for promoting international education.

Prof. Pinnawala also contributed to vital socio-economic research in Sri Lanka through his work at the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA). His efforts in projects like NORAPRT and other developmental initiatives addressed pressing national challenges, making a lasting impact.

Prof. Pinnawala leaves behind a legacy of scholarship, mentorship, and community service. His dedication to education, research, and societal development will be remembered and honored by colleagues, students, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Extension of the MoU Between the University of Peradeniya and the Centre of Defense Research and Development (CDRD)



An extension of the MoU between the University of Peradeniya and the Centre of Defense Research and Development (CDRD) of the Ministry of Defense was signed on 27th August 2024. The signatories were the Director General of the CDRD, Major General Imal Assaarachchi and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Terence Madhujith.

This MoU, initiated by the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (DEEE) of the Faculty of Engineering, aims to promote joint research and development programmes that are mutually beneficial to both institutions, as well as the sharing of technical expertise and resources. Prof. Aruna Gunawardena of the DEEE presented the department's ongoing radio frequency and microwave projects, which are of potential interest to the CDRD, followed by a visit to the laboratories in the department.

Visit of the Delegates from the IIT Dhanbad, India



On 30th August 2024, delegates from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dhanbad visited the University of Peradeniya to explore potential academic collaborations. The visit, facilitated by the International Relations Office (InRO), began with a warm welcome from the Vice - Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith.

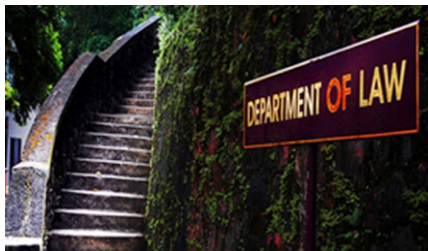
The delegation included Dr. Tanmoy Maity, Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Associate Dean of International Relations and Alumni Affairs, and Mr. Mritunjay Sharma, Assistant Registrar of International Relations and

Alumni Affairs. An initial meeting was held at the Vice-Chancellor's office, attended by Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the InRO, and the InRO staff, where discussions centered on fostering academic cooperation between the two institutions.

Following this, the delegates visited the Department of Geology at the Faculty of Science, where they met Dr. Jagath Gunathilake to explore collaborative opportunities in geology, mining, geophysics, GIS, and related fields. Productive discussions covered joint research, faculty and student exchanges, as well as potential dual degree programs.

The visit concluded with a meeting at the Faculty of Engineering, where Dr. Tanmoy Maity and Mr. Mritunjay Sharma met with Prof. Lilantha Samaranayake, Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, the Faculty representative for InRO, and Dr. Isuru Dasanayake, the Department representative for international activities. The discussions focused on potential research collaborations and academic exchange programs, further strengthening ties between the institutions.

Department of Law Achieves "A" Grade at the UGC Programme Review



The Department of Law of the Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, received an "A" grade at the recent Programme Review conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC), reflecting its commitment to excellence in legal education and its dedication to promoting the interdisciplinary LL.B. programme, offered in English. Established in 2009, this is the first time that the Department's LL.B. programme was reviewed, covering the period 2019-2023.

The review process included a thorough assessment of the Department's Self-Evaluation Report (SER) and a two-day site visit on the 19th and 20th of February 2024. During the visit, the review panel met with key stakeholders, including the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, academic and non-academic staff, students and alumni. The panel also engaged with key administrative figures including the Director of the Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA) and the Faculty Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), library staff, student support services, counselors, as well as representatives of the Kandy Bar.

In addition to meetings, the review panel observed lectures, gaining insight into the Department's teaching and learning environment. The review team commended the Department's well-structured curriculum, student engagement, and the dedication of the academic staff while also noting challenges such as staffing and infrastructure needs. The high quality of the alumni was a standout feature, with graduates excelling in diverse fields, including a Fulbright Scholar and a Chevening Scholar. Some have pursued further studies at prestigious institutions like Oxford University, while others have become members of the judiciary, legal practitioners, and academics and legal advisers to international organizations.

This achievement highlights the Department commitment to modernizing legal education, despite resource constraints, and highlights its efforts to train high quality legal professionals with integrity and social sensitivity.

The Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series-July 2024 by Dr. Asitha Bandaranayake



The sixth session of the Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series was successfully conducted on July 24th, 2024, at 1.00 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Asitha Bandaranayake, Senior Lecturer from the Department of Computer Engineering, Faculty of

Engineering at the University of Peradeniya. Dr. Bandaranayake delivered an insightful speech on "The Future is Blended: Unlocking Higher Education's Potential with Technology".

The Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series is an initiative of the Vice-Chancellor, aiming to provide the University community with a distinctive opportunity to engage with and learn from eminent scholars in their respective fields of expertise. It serves as a platform for intellectual enrichment, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and knowledge within the academic community.

National Clinical Pharmacy Train the Trainer Programme 2024



The National Clinical Pharmacy Train the Trainer Workshop, held from 8th 2024, to 11th July 2024 was a major success. Organized by the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya, in partnership with the Collaboration of Australians and Sri Lankans for Pharmacy Practice, Education, and Research (CASPPER), the event aimed to enhance clinical pharma teaching and training.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Lalani Yatawara, Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, and Mr. Velauthem, Sri Lanka Pharmacy (Pvt) Ltd, Kandy. The workshop featured leading experts from Australia, including Professor Ian Coombes, Dr. Judith Coombes, Professor Amanda J Wheeler, Dr. Paul Firman, Ms. Hannah Knowles, Ms. Tara van der Vliet, Ms. Yashani Algama, and Ms. Alessandra Rose and Madam Jane Hough from UK. A total of 27 of trainees from universities and hospitals across Sri Lanka participated.

The workshop focused on developing pharmacy skills in clinical teaching, simulation, role plays (in English, Sinhala and Tamil) and clinical stations.

Participants hailed from the University of Peradeniya and several other national institutions, with overwhelmingly positive feedback emphasizing the workshop's educational impact and collaboration between pharmacy academics and practitioners.

Special thanks to all contributors, especially the Department of Nursing for providing the mock Ward, and to Perabeats Photography for capturing the key moments. This event marks a significant step forward in advancing clinical pharmacy education in Sri Lanka.

MoU Signing Between the University of Peradeniya and Hemas Manufacturing (Pvt.) Ltd



On 9th September 2024, the University of Peradeniya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hemas Manufacturing of (Pvt.) Ltd., marking the beginning of a promising partnership. Facilitated by the Science-Industry Interaction Cell (SIIC), this collaboration aims to create valuable opportunities for undergraduate students to bridge the gap between academia and industry. Through this initiative, students will gain professional

exposure and practical experience, significantly enhancing their career prospects.

Empowering University of Peradeniya Undergraduates through PET Collection



The University of Peradeniya and Ceylon Cold Stores (CCS), a subsidiary of John Keells Holdings, have entered into a landmark agreement to launch a PET bottle collection and recycling initiative. Coordinated by the Center for Environmental Sustainability (CES) of the University as part of their waste management efforts. This collaboration represents a major step toward PET recycling at the University of Peradeniya.



The agreement, signed on August 15, 2024, formalizes the joint commitment of both parties to promote environmental sustainability through responsible waste management. As part of the project, CCS has provided 10 PET collection bins to be placed in each faculty of the University. Selected student societies will be responsible for managing the collection process in each faculty. These collected bottles will then be transported to recycling facilities, where they will be processed and converted into reusable materials. In return for their efforts, the participating societies will receive a monetary incentive, with payments of LKR 30,000 or more every other month, depending on the collection rate. Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, emphasized the significance of the partnership, stating "This collaboration is a critical step towards creating a cleaner and more sustainable environment for future generations. The University of Peradeniya is proud to partner with Ceylon Cold Stores in this endeavor, and we are committed to ensuring the success of this project." Senior Vice President of Ceylon Cold Stores, Mr. Sanjeeva Jayasundara, also expressed enthusiasm for the project, stating, "We are excited to work with the University of Peradeniya on this initiative. As a responsible corporate citizen, CCS is dedicated to reducing our environmental footprint and contributing to the well-being of our communities."



Visit of the Delegates from California State University



A group of 17 undergraduate students, accompanied by four mathematics teachers, Prof. Ajith Weerasinghe from the LCOE (Mechanical Engineering), and Prof. Rajee Amarasinghe from the Department of Mathematics at California State University, visited the University of Peradeniya on 7th August 2024. The delegation was welcomed by Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. Prof.

C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Prof. B.D. Rohitha Prasantha from the Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, and staff members of the International Relations Office participated in the meeting held at the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

Following a brief introduction to the University of Peradeniya by the Vice-Chancellor, potential academic collaborations were discussed, including research partnerships in Engineering, Agriculture, and Mathematics, as well as programs related to Mathematics Education between the two universities. The meeting was followed by a program featuring an exchange of Information, an interactive session, a quiz competition, and a research discussion at the Department of Mathematics in the Faculty of Science. Prof. Ajith Weerasinghe also visited the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Engineering Mathematics in the Faculty of Engineering where possible research collaborations were discussed including solar system development research. The visit concluded with a short tour of the university premises.

Collaboration Between China Sri Lanka Joint Research & Demonstration Center for Water Technology and TRACE to Boost Innovation and Economic Growth



The China - Sri Lanka Joint Research & Demonstration Center for Water Technology (JRDC) and TRACE (Technologically Reawakening Culture of Excellence) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to accelerate scientific, technological, and entrepreneurial development in Sri Lanka.

This partnership leverages the strengths of both organizations to drive innovation, commercialization, and economic growth. JRDC, affiliated with the Ministry of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development, is dedicated to advancing scientific and technological capabilities and building international research collaborations.

TRACE, a leader in technology and entrepreneurship, will oversee JRDC's co-working space, virtual office programme, and other facilities. The collaboration is anticipated to significantly boost JRDC's revenue. The MOU outlines plans to create an Innovation Park, a Common Production Facility, and Incubation Space. The commercial arm of the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with JRDC and TRACE, will assist in identifying and supporting industries and entrepreneurs for the incubation space. This initiative aims to support Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by providing crucial machinery for the production facility.

This agreement represents a major milestone in advancing scientific progress and entrepreneurial success in Sri Lanka, contributing to the country's economic and technological advancement.

Annual Inter-School Environmental Awareness Competition 2023

The Center for Environmental Sustainability (CES), University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the Central Province Education Department, organized the “පරිසර නතු පැන පිළිතුරු” Annual Inter School Environmental Awareness Competition 2023. The final round and the awards ceremony were held on 15th August 2024 at the Auditorium of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya. Students from 17 schools in the Kandy district participated, with nearly 200 children, teachers, and principals in attendance.



The competition aimed to foster environmental awareness and cultivate a sense of responsibility for environmental protection and sustainability among students. The event was coordinated by Mr. Ashwin Wickramasooriya, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya. The Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya (AAUP) generously sponsored cash prizes of Rs. 100,000, Rs. 75,000 and Rs. 50,000 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, respectively. These funds will support environmental sustainability projects at the winning schools, with CES committed to monitoring their progress. In addition, Ceylon Cold Stores PLC sponsored plaques for the top three schools.

The event was graced by Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Ravi Kuruppuge, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, along with Directors and Deans from various Faculties and the Postgraduate Institute. Also, in attendance were Prof. Siril Wijesundara, President of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya (AAUP), Mr. Namal Kumara, Deputy Director of the Central Province Education Department, Mr. Sanjeeva Jayasundara, Senior Vice President and Head of Supply Chain Management at Ceylon Cold Stores PLC, as well as other senior officials and distinguished guests.

Dharmaraja College, Kandy secured 1st place, Wimaladharma National College, Atabage took 2nd place, and Hemamali Girls' College, Kandy placed 3rd place. The top schools were awarded prizes and plaques, while all participating schools received certificates in recognition of their efforts. This event marks a significant milestone in promoting environmental awareness and empowering students to lead future sustainability initiatives.

Eng. E.W. Karunarathne Award 2022/2023 for the Best Undergraduate Project in Electrical Engineering

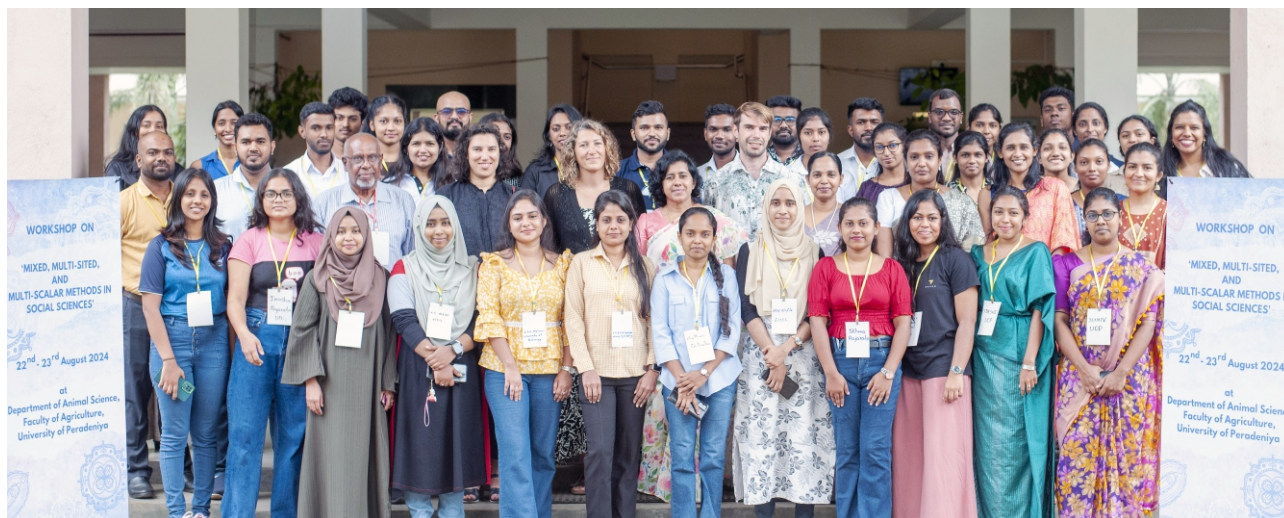
A final year undergraduate project from the E17 batch, titled "Design of an Interferometric Bio-Medical Radar for the Contactless Detection of Breathing and Heart Rate," presented by Aveesha Gunasekara, Aloka Jayawardhana, and Bhagya Welagedara from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, has been awarded the Eng. E.W. Karunarathne Award for the Best Undergraduate Project in Electrical Engineering for 2022/2023.

The award winner is selected from projects across all engineering faculties island-wide. The winning project introduces an innovative radar system capable of detecting breathing and heart rate without physical contact, making it especially useful in healthcare settings where hygiene and patient comfort are crucial. The project was supervised by Prof. Aruna Gunawardena, Prof. Disala Uduwawala, and Dr. Himal Suraweera.



The award was presented at the Induction and Graduation Ceremony of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL), held on July 23, 2024.

Research Methodology Workshop Cultivates Emerging Scholars in Sociology in Sri Lanka.



The Department of Sociology at the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the Embassy of France to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, recently hosted a highly successful two-day workshop on "Mixed, Multi-sited, and Multi-scalar Methods in Social Sciences." Held on the 22nd and 23rd of August 2024 at the Faculty of Agriculture's Animal Science Department, the event attracted 45 early-career sociology researchers from 10 national universities across Sri Lanka.



The workshop was led by two distinguished international scholars, Dr. Marine Al Dahdah, a sociologist and CNRS permanent researcher at the French Institute in Pondicherry, India, and Dr. Mathieu Ferry, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (UVSQ), France. Participants received hands-on training in advanced research methodologies aimed at enhancing their research skills and fostering collaboration among early-career scholars within the country.

Adding to the event significance, Ms. Olivia Bellemère, Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor at the Embassy of France, graced the occasion with her presence. The workshop was further enriched by an insightful keynote address from Prof. Kalinga Tudor Silva, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Peradeniya, making the experience even more valuable for all attendees.

University of Peradeniya initiates Endowed Professorship Scheme



We are proud to announce the launch of the prestigious Endowed Professorship Scheme at the 30th Peradeniya University International Research Sessions (iPURSE). This initiative was graciously inaugurated by Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, Professor Emeritus of the University of Hong Kong and a distinguished alumnus of the Faculty of Dental Sciences. Prof. Samaranayake generously contributed five million rupees from his personal funds to kickstart the programme.

The University warmly invites the support of other alumni and well-wishers to further strengthen this transformative scheme. Your contributions will directly promote research and innovation, fostering progress that will benefit both local and global socioeconomic development.

Industry Day 2024 – Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya



The Science-Industry Interaction Cell (SIIC), in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit (CGU), Faculty of Science, Society of Industrial Relations and Entrepreneurship Development (SIREN), and the Applied Sciences Society successfully hosted “Industry Day 2024” on 8th August 2024, the annual career fair for the twelfth consecutive time. The event provided a platform for students and recent graduates from the Faculty of Science to connect with representatives from 14 private sector companies, including the main sponsor Kelun Lifesciences (Pvt) Ltd. and Celogen Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., offering opportunities for internship and employment.

The inauguration was graced by the Chief Guest, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrance Madhujith, the Guest of Honour, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, and other university dignitaries, along with industry representatives.

Over 450 students from the third and fourth years and recent graduates participated in interview sessions with 70 industry representatives. Potential candidates were shortlisted for further interviews, internships and permanent positions. Prior to the event, the official media partner for the event, Industry TV televised an interview with Dr Piyumali K. Perera (Director/SIIC), Dr. Ashwini Amarasinghe (Director/CGU, Faculty of Science) and Mr. Janindu Chandrasekara (President/SIREN) on the Industry Day 2024. The event was also highlighted in news segments on many TV channels including Rupavahini, Sirasa TV, and Industry TV.

Leading up to the event, three Pre-Industry Day Workshops were held with industry experts as resource persons. The first workshop on “Introduction to the Apparel and Clothing Industry” was conducted by Mr. Gayan Ellepola, Director Operations, Cotton Sky Global Pvt. Ltd. The second workshop on “IT industry” was conducted by Mr. Kapila Karunaratne, Head of Delivery – Testing, Exactpro Systems and the third workshop on “CV writing, interview facing and personal branding” was conducted by Ms. Miuli Kalubowila, Founder and CEO of Generation Alpha (Pvt) Ltd.



Winner of the IEEE SL Chips Challenge Examination 2024



We extend our congratulations to Mr. Dinith Mayadunna from the University of Peradeniya for winning the prestigious IEEE SL Chips Challenge Examination 2024. His hard work and dedication have earned him the top spot in this national-level competition, which serves as the selection process for the International Microelectronics Olympiad in Armenia.

This inaugural Chips Challenge in Sri Lanka, held on July 27, 2024, at the Sir John Kotelawala Defense University (KDU), provided students with the opportunity to showcase their expertise in microelectronics and EDA software development through a one-hour closed-book exam.

In addition to Dinith Mayadunna's impressive victory, we also acknowledge the runners-up: Hirusha Maduwantha (University of Moratuwa), Udara Ranabahu (Sri Lanka Technological Campus), Thisara Vikum (University of Moratuwa), and Kavishka Dulara (University of Sri Jayewardenepura).

The full list of competition winners is available on the IEEE Challenge Sphere website. The competition was organized by the IEEE Sri Lanka Section as part of the IEEE Challenge Sphere 2024 program. The Chips challenge was sponsored by Synopsys.

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (DEEE) Celebrates Best Paper Awards at MERCon 2024

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (DEEE) is proud to announce that two research teams have won Best Paper awards in different tracks at the recent Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference (MERCon) 2024.

In the Technology Management Track, the paper titled "Quality Assessment of Welding Using Regression Analysis of Biomechanical Data" received the Best Paper award. The study, conducted by Mr. Mahela Pandukabhaya, Mr. Tharaka D. Fonseka, Ms. Madhumini Kulathunge, Prof. Roshan Godaliyadda, Prof. Parakrama Ekanayake, Dr. Chanaka Senanayake, Dr. Pramila Gamage, and Prof. Vijitha Herath, explore innovative methods for improving the quality assessment of welding through biomechanical data analysis. The paper showcased the strong interdisciplinary collaboration between the DEEE and the Department of Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering (DMIE), with contributions from Dr. Pramila Gamage and Dr. Chanaka Senanayake. It also underscores the research versatility within the DEEE.

In the Mining and Earth Resources Engineering Track, the Best Paper award was presented for "Comparative Analysis of Endmember Extraction Methods for Lithological Mapping Using Hyperspectral Imaging", authored by Mr. Chiranjith Dammage, Mr. Keshawa Ratnayake, Mr. Ravindu Rodrigo, Prof. Roshan Godaliyadda, Prof. Parakrama Ekanayake, and Prof. Vijitha Herath. The paper focused on advancing lithological mapping techniques through hyperspectral imaging.

MERCon 2024 now in its 10th edition, is an international event organized by the Engineering Research Unit at the University of Moratuwa, featuring pioneering research across all engineering disciplines.

These prestigious awards highlight the Department's commitment to research excellence and innovation.



Strategic Leadership in Managing Universities: Workshop for the Senior Management Team of the University of Peradeniya



Strategic leadership in universities stimulates visionary thinking and effective execution, ensuring excellence in the fast-evolving educational landscape. A two-day strategic leadership workshop was conducted from 18th to 19th July 2024, for members of the senior management team of the University of Peradeniya, with the following overall aims:

- Equip the senior leadership team to drive organizational change, performance, and growth.
- Align and develop organizational programmes, systems, and teams to establish a sustainable strategic advantage in the higher education sector.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to deliver superior outcomes and optimize opportunities to create value by significantly contributing to citizenship development and professionalism.
- Inspire and empower employees, expanding the leadership impact to gain a competitive advantage in managing digital disruptions and emerging challenges in the world of work.

Over forty participants including the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans of faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes, and the Directors of University Centres and Units participated in the workshop. The programme spanned approximately twenty hours and consisted of six plenary sessions featuring practical insights by eminent resource persons including former Vice-Chancellor's of Peradeniya, Colombo, and Ruhuna Universities, as well as other renowned experts and Industry Leaders. In addition to the plenary sessions, the workshop featured an inaugural session to set the agenda for discussions and three interactive sessions.

The enthusiastic participation throughout the programme reflected the participants' strong interest and the overall usefulness of the leadership programme. Participants expressed satisfaction with the programme's outcomes, noting the relevance of the topics covered, the expertise of the renowned resource persons, and the usefulness of the interactive discussion. The programme was designed and organized by Dr. Chandana Jayawardena, Director of the HRDU.

Workshop Series

Workshop on Excellence through Professionalism



The 2nd session of the workshop on 'Excellence through Professionalism' was held on 29th August 2024, themed "Artificial Intelligence part 1" for Technical Officers of the University. The workshop took place at the Babaradeniya Auditorium of the Faculty of Dental Sciences.

Workshop on Modern Ways of Electrical and Electronic Equipment Handling and Maintenance



The 4th session of the workshop was held on 13th September 2024 at the CROC Auditorium of the Faculty of Dental Science. Mr. H.T.L. Abeyrathne, Staff Technical Officer, Department of Engineering and Mathematics and Mr. K.A.S. Rohana, Staff Technical Officer, Electronic Workshop of the Faculty of Engineering served as the resource persons.

This session focused on "Modern Ways of Electrical and Electronic Equipment Handling and Maintenance." Participants engaged actively and gained hands-on experience, which enriched their knowledge of contemporary techniques.

Knowledge Empowerment Workshop



The 3rd session on "Knowledge Empowerment" organized for the Management Assistants and allied grades was held on 06th September 2024 at the main lecture room of the Department of Education, Faculty of Arts. Mr. M.F. Hibathul Careem, the Registrar of Uva Wellssa University of Sri Lanka conducted the session.

The participants gained foundational knowledge and skills essential for contributing to the management and leadership of the institution. The session provided a comprehensive overview of the higher education system, including its structure, governance models, and the regulatory and policy environment. The session also covers roles and responsibilities of key administrative and governance bodies.

Sharing for Excellence Workshop Series



The 1st session of the Sharing for Excellence workshop series was held on 19th September 2024 at the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya. The session themed "Introduction and Finding Information Using Scholarly Databases Accessible Through the University of Peradeniya Library" was conducted by Mrs. Harshani N.K. Dissanayaka, Senior Assistant Librarian at the Faculty of Allied Health Science Library. Dr Chamini Gunasekara, Deputy Librarian of the Main Library, facilitated the session.



English Programme for Executive Officers

Human Resource Development Unit (HRDU), in liaison with the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) of the Faculty of Arts has organized a Course in English Language for Executive Staff. This course has been designed to enhance language proficiency and communication skills, both of which are integral to the duties and essential for the career development of executive officers.

The 3rd session of the programme was conducted on 06th September 2024 on "Tense Review" and the 4th session on 13th September 2024 on "Telephone Etiquette"

Artificial Intelligence Part 2



The 3rd session on "Artificial Intelligence Part 2" for Technical Officers was held on September 6, 2024, at the CROC Auditorium, Faculty of Dental Sciences. Ms. M.M. Kanthi Manathunga, Staff Technical Officer of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, served as the resource person for the program. The session proved highly beneficial for the professional development of the participants.

Change Management and Time Management Workshop



The 4th session on "Change Management" and "Time Management" was held on 13th September 2024 in the main lecture room no 02 of the Department of Education, Faculty of Arts. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Sithumini Wijerathne, Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic Establishment Division and Ms. Sanjeevani Ranasinghe, Deputy Registrar of the Non-Academic Establishment Division.

The session on change management covered topics such as types of change, reasons for failure of change programmes, change management and Managing resistance to change among staff. The time management session focused on the definition of time management, techniques for managing time, challenges, and strategies for improvement.

DETAILS OF NEW APPOINTMENTS ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.07.2024–30.09.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	Date of Appointment
Mr. N. Priyankarage	Senior Lecturer Grade I	Basic Veterinary Science	02/08/2024
Mr. D. T. De Alwis	Lecturer (Probationary)	Agricultural Economics & Business Management	01/08/2024
Ms. D. M. P. D. Dissanayake	Senior Lecturer Grade II	Soil Science	30/07/2024
Mr. C. Kuruppuarachchi	Lecturer (Probationary)	Agricultural Engineering	25/07/2024
Ms. S. N. Dissanayake	Senior Lecturer Grade II	Agricultural Economics & Business Management	15/08/2024
Mr. G. G. J. W. Ahamed	Lecturer (Probationary)	Arabic & Islam	01/08/2024
Mr. W. L. A. B. J. Weerasuriya	Lecturer (Probationary)	Archaeology	26/07/2024
Ms. V. G. E. S. W. Dissanayake	Lecturer (Probationary)	Law	09/09/2024
Mr. H. I. De Silva	Lecturer (Probationary)	Law	21/08/2024
Mr. L. N. Wickramaratna	Senior Lecturer Grade II	Mechanical Engineering	23/07/2024
Mr. W. C. D. Fernando	Lecturer (Probationary)	Computer Centre	23/07/2024
Ms. K. A. P. K. Premaratna	Lecturer (Probationary)	Chemistry	02/09/2024
Ms. H. H. V. K. N. De Silva	Lecturer (Probationary)	Pharmacy	01/07/2024
Ms. W. E. A. D. S. Gunapala	Lecturer (Probationary)	Pharmacy	08/07/2024
Ms. D. R. S. Adicaram	Lecturer (Probationary)	Psychiatry	01/08/2024
Mr. H. M. N. M. Herath	Senior Lecturer Grade II	Electrical & Electronics	02/09/2024
Ms. M. Mathusha	Lecturer (Probationary)	Computer Engineering	14/08/2024
Ms. K. M. S. M. K. Senavirathne	Lecturer (Probationary)	Basic Veterinary Science	15/07/2024

DETAILS OF RESIGNATION ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.07.2024–30.09.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mr. Prof. P. B. R. Dissanayake	Senior Professor	Civil Engineering	25
Mr. K. G. K. G. Kottegoda	Senior Lecturer Grade II	Engineering Mathematics	2
Mr. M. V. R. U. K. B. Ariyaratna	Lecturer (Probationary)	Business Finance	3
Mr. Prof. K. B. Galketiya	Professor	Surgery	17
Mr. A. Tilakaratne	Senior Professor	Oral Medicine & Periodontology	31
Mr. W. M. S. V. Ratnapreya	Lecturer (Probationary)	Community Dental Health	2
Ms. D. M. V. A. Senevirathna	Senior Lecturer Grade II	Physics	27
Mr. P. T. Weeraratna	Lecturer (Probationary)	Stat & Computer Science	2
Ms. F. Z. Razik	Instructor in English	E L T D	9
Ms. K. G. D. T. L. De Alwis	Instructor in English	E L T U	6

DETAILS OF RETIRED ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.07.2024–30.09.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Ms. Dr. C. K. Pathirana	Senior Lecturer Grade I	Civil Engineering	34
Ms. S. M. W. T. P. K.	Senior Engineering Teaching Assistant	Chemical & Process Engineering	24

DETAILS OF RESIGNATION NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.07.2024–30.09.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mr. D. I. P. Wimalasena	Audit Assistant (Grade II)	Internal Audit Division	2

DETAILS OF RETIRED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.07.2024–30.09.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mr. B. G. Danasekara Banda	Carpenter - Special Grade	Maintenance Division	35
Mr. J. A. C. N. Jayasooriya	Works Engineer (Civil)- Grade III	Maintenance Division	12
Mr. W. M. Jayathilakabanda	Works Aide - Special Grade	Dodangolla Experimental Station	35
Ms. N. W. Wadanamby	Supervisor (Civil) Grade I	Maintenance Division	23
Ms. K. B. M. Ashoka Malani	Library Attendant - Special Grade	Main Library	35
Mr. E. G. Nimal	Works Aide - Special Grade	Statistics & Information Division	35
Mr. M. A. A. C. Perera	Auto Electrician - Grade II	Maintenance Division	25
Mr. K. M. Karunajeewa	Lab Attendant - Special Grade	Department of Veterinary Pathobiology	-
Mr. S. I. V. Joseph	Cook - Higher Grade	Health Centre	-
Mr. W. T. J. Perera	Health Services Labourer - Higher Grade	Senaka Bibile Hall	37