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Maker Faire 2024 - The IoE exhibition

Maker Faire 2024 of the Department of Statistics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science, was successfully held on the 02nd of October 2024. The event was graced by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith as the chief guest and by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama.

Maker Faire is a student-organized event supported by the CSC2052 Computer Architecture course instructors, Mr. Isuru Madugalla and Dr. Erunika Dayaratna. The course, introduced in the 2023 curriculum revision, incorporates initiatives from the CS 206 Computer Device Interfacing course, broadening its scope to include embedded computing and edge-AI applications.

Students showcased microcontroller-based (Arduino, Raspberry Pi, etc.) projects exploring Internet of Everything (IoE) concepts. These projects aim to foster skills such as collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and communication. The event also serves as a comprehensive assessment, promoting self-directed learning and multimodal literacy through project building and public presentations.

Eighteen group of students from the second year batch presented a diverse range of exhibits, including medical drones, robotic arms, and CPR and AED training kits, smart greenhouses and smart blind sticks. The course encourage students to translate their 1000 and 2000 Level foundation knowledge into practical applications using commercially available microcontrollers, sensors and communication modules. Students are expected to build on this experience in their 3000-level software development projects and final-year research, ultimately driving them to develop practical, smart solutions for real-world challenges.



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Message from the Vice-Chancellor



The final quarter of 2024 has been a period of remarkable achievements and meaningful initiatives at our university. It brings me great pride to reflect on the vibrant and transformative activities that have taken place, showcasing our unwavering commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement.

The quarter featured notable events such as the JICA Chair Programme and Maker Faire 2024, both showcasing our innovative and collaborative spirit of our students and staff. The inauguration ceremonies across faculties celebrated the entry of promising young minds into our academic community, while the Vice Chancellor's lectures series provided a valuable platform for intellectual exchange and inspiration.

Our achievements on the global stage have been remarkable. The university's exceptional ranking in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2024 stands as a testament to our commitment to sustainability. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Center for Environmental Sustainability and all stakeholders for their contributions to this significant accomplishment.

The Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Congress, along with other academic symposia and activities, reaffirm our commitment to research and its role in addressing real-world challenges. These initiatives were further complemented by cultural and community-focused events, such as exhibitions commemorating the Geneva Conventions' anniversary and World Disability Day celebrations, fostering inclusivity and awareness.

Our international engagements have also strengthened our academic partnerships and broadened our global outlook. Visits from ambassadors and delegations from Japan, Indonesia, Nepal, China and Bhutan have opened new avenues for collaboration in education, research, and cultural exchange.

Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to the staff, students, alumni and other stakeholders whose dedication and hard work ensure the success of our university's many endeavors. As we step into 2025, I am confident that the University of Peradeniya will continue to uphold its legacy of excellence, innovation, and community engagement.

Let us embrace the opportunities ahead with the same enthusiasm and commitment that define our institution.

I wish you all a successful and fulfilling 2025!

Professor Terrence Madhujith

Vice-Chancellor
University of Peradeniya

Welcoming the New Entrants

The University of Peradeniya recently held a series of inauguration and welcome ceremonies to greet the newest cohorts of students across its faculties. These events marked the beginning of an exciting academic journey for the incoming students and provided an opportunity for them to familiarize themselves with their respective faculties. This year, the University took a special attempt to admit students to the respective programmes following the release of cut-off marks by the UGC.

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences – Welcoming the 2022/23 Batch



The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences held its inauguration ceremony on 2nd October 2024 at the Diamond Jubilee Hall, welcoming the 2022/23 batch. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Terrence Madhujith, graced the occasion alongside the Acting Dean, Dr. T.P. Gamagedara, and other distinguished faculty members. The event included insightful speeches on the role of healthcare education, as well as a vibrant cultural performance by senior students, adding a celebratory touch to the ceremony.

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Faculty of Medicine – Welcoming the 2023/24 Batch



On 6th November 2024, the Faculty of Medicine welcomed its 2023/24 batch with a ceremony at the Physiology Lecture Theatre. The Chief Guest, Dr. Palitha Mahipala, Hon. Secretary of the Ministry of Health and a distinguished alumnus, delivered an inspiring address emphasizing the responsibilities of future healthcare professionals. The event, attended by 237 new students and their parents, featured addresses from the Vice-Chancellor and key faculty members. A cultural performance by senior students enriched the occasion.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science – Welcoming the BVSc 2022/23 Batch



The Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) 2022/23 batch was officially welcomed on 26th November 2024 at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Terrence Madhujith, served as the Chief Guest, accompanied by faculty leadership. The event included an address by Dr. T.A. Gunawardana, cultural performances, and an awards ceremony recognizing students for academic excellence.

These ceremonies reflect the University of Peradeniya's commitment to providing a welcoming and inspiring environment for its students as they embark on their academic journeys.

Bhutanese Students Enroll in MBBS Programme at the Faculty of Medicine



On December 2, 2024, ten Bhutanese students enrolled in the MBBS degree programme at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. These students, who achieved top rankings in Bhutan's university entrance examinations, were selected under the memorandum of understanding between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the University of Peradeniya. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the MoU, a testament to the strong academic collaboration between Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

The new students were warmly welcomed by the Dean and staff of the faculty and were treated to a welcome lunch at the Peradeniya Rest House. Sharing their excitement, the students shared their gratitude and enthusiasm for embarking on their academic journey at one of Sri Lanka's premier institutions.

The Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka Visits University of Peradeniya



On 9th December 2024, His Excellency Mr. Akio Isomata, the Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka, visited the University of Peradeniya. Mr. Isomata, who officially assumed duties in Colombo on 7th November 2024, toured the university, which is home to the Sri Lanka-Japan Study Center. This center was established in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, reflecting the strong educational and cultural ties between the two nations.

The Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Upul Dissanayake, Professor Sajiv Ariyasinghe and Dr. Poornika Seelagama, Director of the Sri Lanka-Japan Study Center met the dignitaries. Discussions were carried out on ways to enhance and promote collaborative research between the two countries focusing on creating a robust framework fostering research collaborations across various disciplines, aiming to leverage the strengths of both nations' academic and scientific communities. His Excellency Mr. Akio Isomata acknowledged the fact that Sri Lanka and Japan have complementary academic strengths and emphasized continued cooperation.

Officials from the Yunnan Research Institute of Culture and History Visit the University of Peradeniya



A delegation led by the Deputy Director of the Yunnan Research Institute of Culture and History visited the University of Peradeniya on 9th December 2024. The Deputy Director Zhou Ling was accompanied by several dignitaries from the Liaison Office, Discipline Inspection Commission of the Yunnan Research Institute of Culture and History and the Yunnan Literature Research Institute.

The delegation met with the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya at the Senate house of the university. Understanding historical and cultural development in Sri Lanka, the role of social organizations and institutions, and the implementation of cultural propaganda and education and Identifying the entry points for academic and artistic exchanges and cooperation between two institutes, and exploring the establishment of a mechanism for historical and cultural academic and artistic exchanges.

The visit concluded with a mutual commitment to fostering deeper academic and cultural ties between the two institutions. Both parties expressed optimism about future collaborations and the visit marked a significant step towards building a sustainable partnership that will contribute to the preservation and promotion of shared cultural heritage.

CGU, DELT and Library Join Hands with the British Council



On 5th November 2024, the University of Peradeniya marked a significant milestone with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the British Council at the Vice-Chancellor's Office. This collaboration aims to enhance opportunities in undergraduate internships, library services, and professional development for English language teachers.

The event was attended by key representatives from both organizations. The British Council was represented by its Country Director and the Assistant Manager of the Kandy office. From the University of Peradeniya, attendees included the Vice-Chancellor, the Director of the Career Guidance Unit (CGU), the Librarian, the Head of the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), and Career Counselors.

This partnership underscores a shared commitment to fostering academic growth, expanding student opportunities, and strengthening institutional resources.

Balancing Work and Learning WSAP (NZ) Empowers Students



The Career Guidance Unit and the Student Services Division of the University of Peradeniya successfully hosted the Traineeship Awarding Ceremony for the Working Student Assistantship Programme (WSAP) – NZ Phase II on 22nd October 2024, at the Senate Room. The event was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrance Madujith, as the chief guest.

The event celebrated 50 outstanding students who were awarded assistantships based on their skills and financial needs. Funded by the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya (AAUP) New Zealand Chapter, the program provides students with valuable hands-on experience at various departments of the university, fostering professional development while contributing to the institution.

Distinguished attendees included Prof. Dileep De Silva, Director of the Career Guidance Unit, and Dr. Jayantha Sirisena, Assistant Secretary of the AAUP New Zealand Chapter.

Congratulations to all the selected trainees as they embark on this meaningful journey of growth and contribution.

Assistant High Commissioner of India visited the University



The Assistant High Commissioner of India visited the University of Peradeniya and held a detailed discussion with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ranjith Pallegama. The meeting focused on strengthening academic and research collaborations between India and Sri Lanka.

Inauguration Ceremony of JICA Chair Programme 2024

The Sri Lanka-Japan Study Centre of the University of Peradeniya hosted the JICA Chair Programme for the fifth consecutive year on 16th of October 2024.



Peradeniya University Student Christian Movement (PUSCM)

Peradeniya University Student Christian Movement (PUSCM) , celebrated the annual Christmas Carol Service on 7th December 2024, at the Chapel of Christ the Risen Lord.



❖ Internal Appointments at the University of Peradeniya

Dr. A.W. Kalupahana Appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science



Dr. Anil W. Kalupahana, a highly respected scholar and educator, was appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, effective November 1, 2024, for a three-year term. Dr. Kalupahana holds a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree from the University of Peradeniya, a MSc from the University of Anglia, United Kingdom and a PhD from the Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

He has served the University of Peradeniya for over twenty years and was the former Head of the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science prior to his appointment as the Dean. His research primarily focuses on molecular virology, rapid viral disease diagnostic techniques and vaccines against viral diseases. He has published extensively in peer reviewed indexed journals and conference proceedings.

❖ University Academics Taking on National Leadership Roles

Professor T.M.W.J. Bandara Takes Charge as Chairman of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority



Professor T.M.W.J. Bandara of the Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA). With his leadership, SLSEA is expected to drive national efforts in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable development.

Professor B.D. Rohitha Prasantha Assumes Leadership at the National Institute of Post-Harvest Management (NIPHM)



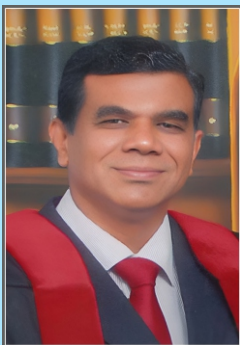
Professor B.D. Rohitha Prasantha, from the Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, has been appointed as Chairman of the National Institute of Post-Harvest Management (NIPHM), Anuradhapura. His expertise in post-harvest technology will be instrumental in reducing post-harvest losses and improving food sustainability.

Professor R.S. Dharmakeerthi Leads the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP)



Professor R.S. Dharmakeerthi from the Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, has been appointed Chairman of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP). His extensive background in soil fertility and nutrient management will strengthen agricultural research and innovation across Sri Lanka.

Professor W.A.J.M. De Costa Appointed Chairman of the Tea Research Board



Professor W.A.J.M. De Costa has taken over as Chairman of the Tea Research Board, which oversees the Tea Research Institute (TRI) of Sri Lanka. With his background in plant ecophysiology, he is expected to contribute significantly to tea research and the sustainability of Sri Lanka's tea industry.

Professor Thilak Hewawasam Appointed Chairman of the Central Environmental Authority (CEA)



Professor Thilak Hewawasam has been appointed Chairman of the Central Environmental Authority (CEA). His commitment to environmental sustainability and conservation will help shape strategic policies on pollution control, environmental education, and resource management.

Prof. Roshan Ragel was honored with the Gold Medal for Computing at The National Educator Awards (NEA) 2024

The National Educator Awards (NEA) 2024 is an initiative to honor outstanding educators across Sri Lanka who have contributed exceptionally to their academic disciplines. Organized by the National Educator Awards Committee and supported by the Ministry of Education to foster excellence in teaching and learning. The mission of NEA is to spotlight extraordinary individuals who shape the future of education in Sri Lanka by driving innovation, research, and impactful contributions. The awards are categorized into three levels—Gold, Silver, and Bronze—to honor excellence in various academic fields, emphasizing achievements in Academic Contributions, Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work, and Contributions to Institute, National, or International Development.

This year, Prof. Roshan Ragel was honored with the Gold Medal for Computing, recognizing his exceptional contributions to research, education, and national development in this critical field.



Visit of Key Personnel from Tribhuvan University, Nepal



On November 27, 2024, a delegation from Tribhuvan University, Nepal's oldest and top-ranked university, established in 1959, visited the Department of Geology at the University of Peradeniya. The delegation included Assoc. Prof. Dr. Krishna P. Bhandari, Director of the Center for Space Science and Geomatics Studies; Assistant Prof. Bikash Sherchan from the Department of Geomatics Engineering; and Assistant Prof. Nabaraj Neupane from the Department of Civil Engineering, along with four students from Oxford College, Pokhara University.

The visit featured discussions with key officials, including Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Acting Head of the Department of Geology, Prof. Nanda Balasooriya, and academic staff members Dr. Jagath Gunatilake and Dr. Dharmapriya. These discussions focused on fostering future research and academic collaborations.

An exhibition on Women's Histories of Sex Work

An exhibition on Women's Histories of Sex Work: Narratives of Conflict, Courage and Survival was held at the New Library Building of the University of Peradeniya from 14th to 16th October 2024, aimed at shedding light on the complexities and realities of the lives of sex workers.

Co-sponsored by Grassrooted Trust and Sex Workers and Allies of South Asia, and the Sexual or Gender-Based Violence and Harassment Prevention Committee of the University of Peradeniya, it challenged the visitors to rethink their biases and consider the broader societal issues at play. Through powerful photographs, personal narratives, and interactive documentaries, the exhibition offered a platform for sex workers to share their stories and advocate for their rights with the general public.



With more than 300 visitors, the event successfully challenged many preconceived notions and societal stigma surrounding sex work. The event included an opening panel discussion and a workshop on "Using Art Forms for Documenting Oral Histories" for students in addition to the exhibition. The interactive documentaries were another highlight, making the viewing experience engaging and thought-provoking. The visitors appreciated how the exhibition created a platform for open discussions about important topics such as consent, autonomy, and social justice.

The panel discussion, which included academics, non-academics, and students, offered an excellent opportunity to delve deeper into these topics and engage in critical conversations. It was refreshing to see diverse perspectives on advocating for the rights of sex workers. The event was an opportunity also to educate the University community about the UoP Policy on Sexual or Gender-Based Violence and Harassment Prevention through handing out an easy-to-read handbook on the same.

75th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions: Photography Exhibition & Panel Discussion



A photo exhibition, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, was declared open at the New Library Building on the 29th November 2024. The exhibition was organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in collaboration with the University of Peradeniya.

The Geneva Conventions, adopted in 1949, represent the most significant attempt made by the international community to establish a legal framework that ensures the protection of people who are most vulnerable in times of war; i.e. civilians, prisoners of war, the wounded, and the sick. They are the cornerstone of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) which seeks to respect and protect the rights and dignity of the individual, even during armed conflict. In doing so, the Geneva Conventions give expression to a shared global responsibility, a collective effort made at ensuring that the horrors of war are mitigated by adherence to humanitarian principles.

Professor Terrance Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Dr. (Mrs) Siri Walt, Ambassador of Switzerland to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and Ms. Séverine Chappaz, Head of Delegation, ICRC (Colombo), spoke at the opening of the exhibition.

A panel discussion was also held on the theme, 'International Humanitarian Law as a Common Heritage of States and Humanity'. The speakers at this discussion included Dr. Kalana Senaratne, Head of the Department of Law, and Ven. Mahawela Rathanapala Thero, Executive Member of the Supreme Sangha Council of the Malwatta Chapter of Siyam Maha Nikaya, and a visiting lecturer at the University of Peradeniya. The session was moderated by Ms. Prabodhini Munasinghe, Legal Advisor, ICRC (Colombo).

The event was coordinated by the Department of Law, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya. Senior academics, including Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments, religious dignitaries, military officials, civil society activists and law students took part in the opening of the exhibition and the panel discussion.

The photo exhibition was open on weekdays, from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, until 9th December 2024, at the New Library Building of the University of Peradeniya.

Dental Students' Research Symposium – STURESYS 2024

Dental Students Research Symposium, STURESYS 2024 on the theme "Research for the Future: Shaping Tomorrow's Dentistry Today" was held on 30th November 2024, at CPC Hall of the Faculty of Science. Prof. W. M. T. Madhujith, Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya graced the event as the chief guest. Keynote speech on "Navigating the Research Journey: From Ideas to Publications" by Prof. S.H.P. Parakrama Karunaratne brought colour to the event. The technical sessions consisted of 12 oral presentations and 13 poster presentations. The awards ceremony was a key highlight of the event, where the six best oral research presentations received Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals with commendable certificates, and the five best poster presentations were awarded



The Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series October - December

October



The seventh of the Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series was successfully conducted on 23rd October 2024, at 1.00 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya with the participation of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans of Faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes and Centers, Heads of Departments, as well as many academic and administrative staff. The speaker for the event was Prof. Terrence Madhujith, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya and the Chair Professor in Food Science and Technology at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Prof. Madhujith delivered an insightful

speech on "Fuel for Life: Eat smart and live better" a subject that is both timely and crucial to make healthier food choices and to understand the profound impact these choices can have on our lives.

The Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series is an initiative of the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, aiming to provide the University community with a distinctive opportunity to engage with and learn from eminent scholars in their respective fields. It serves as a platform for intellectual enrichment, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and knowledge within the University community. Prof. Terrence Madhujith was not only eager to continue this lecture series, but delivered the first lecture of the series held after his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of University of Peradeniya.

November



The eighth of the Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series was successfully conducted on 20th November 2024, at 1.00 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya with the participation of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes and Centers, Heads of Departments, as well as many academic and non-academic staff. The speaker for the event was Prof. Roshan Dharshana Yapa, the Director of the Business Linkage, Innovation, Incubation and Technology Transfer Office, University of Peradeniya.

Prof. Darshana Yapa delivered an insightful speech on "Pera Innovation Park: Elevating University of Peradeniya's Global Standing through Innovations and Collaborations" highlighting the importance of establishing an innovation park to promote research collaborations and establishment of industry sponsored research laboratories with leading industries, commercialization of research findings, encourage startups among staff and students, and to provide research and technology support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), ultimately uplifting the Global Innovation Index of the country.

December



The ninth of the Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series was successfully conducted on 18th of December 2024, at 1.00 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya.

The speaker for the event was Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Former Chairman of the Election Commission of Sri Lanka. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya delivered an insightful and comprehensive speech on "Everything you need to know about elections in Sri Lanka" highlighting the main pillars of election, updated electoral

register, and delimitation, explaining the election process in Sri Lanka in detail. In attendance were the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans of faculties, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes and Centers, Heads of departments, as well as many academic and non-academic staff.

Musical concert-සමාධික කරළිය - celebrating World Disability Day

The Department of Sinhala, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya hosted a heartfelt musical concert titled "සමාධික කරළිය" in celebration of World Disability Day on 03rd December 2024 at the WUS, University of Peradeniya.



The event showcased the incredible talents of 34 special-needs students from the Faculty of Arts, whose performances inspired and captivated the audience. Adding brilliance to the event were two invited artists, Ranshika Dissanayake and Chanaka Sampath, whose remarkable performances elevated the evening's ambiance.

The organizer, Dr. Nimal Wijesiri, emphasized the importance of recognizing diverse lived experiences and the need to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in Sri Lanka. His message resonated with the event's theme of inclusivity and empowerment.



The concert was graced by the presence of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ranjith Pallegama, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Ranga Kalugampitiya, and Head of the Department of Sinhala, Mr. Mangala Dissanayake, along with numerous academics, non-academics, and students.

U.S. Embassy Recruitment Outreach Event at the University of Peradeniya



The Career Guidance Unit proudly hosted a Recruitment Outreach Event in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy and USAID on 8th October 2024. This impactful program provided students with invaluable insights into the recruitment processes at the U.S. Embassy, internship and fellowship opportunities, and strategies to enhance their CV writing and interview skills through engaging, interactive sessions.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of students and the expertise of the resource persons from the U.S. Embassy and USAID.

This initiative highlighted the Career Guidance Unit's commitment to connecting students with global opportunities and empowering them for professional success.

Hanthana Conservation Society Collaboration with Regreen Hanthana Project



The Hanthana Conservation Society successfully completed the Plantation Programme on Lower Hanthana, focusing on tree planting and promoting environmental sustainability. This meaningful initiative brought together ten dedicated groups working collectively to enhance the region's natural beauty and ecological health.

The programme was made possible through the generous contributions of BOC Bank, which provided the plants, while Commercial Bank & the Fire Plate Restaurant provided refreshments for all participants.

The event greatly benefited from the guidance of Prof. Thilanka Gunaratne, whose expertise and leadership were instrumental in the success of the project. A special highlight of the day was the presence of Miss Michelle Dilhara, who added charm and enthusiasm to the occasion with her active participation.

Field Visit to Sri Lanka's Largest Rice Mill A Learning Experience

The Department of Economics and Statistics at the University of Peradeniya organized a field visit on December 3, 2024, for students enrolled in Agricultural Development and Policy Analysis (ECN 4078). This visit provided an opportunity for 23 students and 2 staff members to gain first-hand experience of the rice production process at Sri Lanka's largest rice mill.

The guided tour offered an in-depth look at the various stages of rice milling, from harvesting to packaging. Students observed how advanced machinery separates the husk from the grain and how the rice is processed for market distribution.

Beyond the technical aspects, the visit highlighted the critical role rice plays in global food systems and its significance in agricultural development.



Inaugural National Sustainable Tourism Conference (NSTC 2024)



The inaugural National Sustainable Tourism Conference (NSTC 2024), a collaborative effort between the Department of Trade, Commerce & Tourism, Central Province, and the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, took place successfully on December 17, 2024, at the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya. The event brought together a vibrant mix of academics, policymakers, industry leaders, and students to explore sustainable tourism practices under the theme, "Harmony of Culture, Heritage, and Nature: Towards Sustainable Tourism in Sri Lanka."

The conference was co-chaired by Mrs. Sandamali Hewage, Director of the Department of Trade, Commerce & Tourism, Central Province, and Prof. T.W.M. Tilak Wijethunga Bandara, Head of the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya.

NSTC 2024 featured insightful technical sessions spanning five critical themes:

- Cultural Heritage Preservation and Tourism
- Biodiversity Conservation and Ecotourism
- Community Empowerment and Engagement
- Sustainable Tourism Policy and Planning
- Innovation and Technology in Tourism

A key highlight was an engaging panel discussion moderated by Prof. M.S.M. Aslam, which delved into the intricate relationships among culture, sociology, economics, governance, and tourism. The distinguished panelists, including Prof. H.M.D.R. Herath, Dr. Poornika Seelagama, Dr. Samanmala Dorabawila, and Mrs. Sandamali Hewage, shared diverse and thought-provoking perspectives on these interconnected areas.

This landmark event underscored the power of collaboration between academic institutions and government bodies in fostering impactful dialogue and actionable strategies for sustainable tourism development. NSTC 2024 has set a strong foundation for shaping the future of Sri Lanka's tourism industry with a focus on preserving its rich cultural heritage, protecting biodiversity, and empowering communities.



The University of Peradeniya Secures Top Spot in Sri Lanka for UI GreenMetric 2024

The University of Peradeniya proudly claimed the top position in Sri Lanka, ranks 10th in South Asia, 101st in Asia, and 192nd globally in the prestigious UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2024. With an impressive total score of 8,050 out of 10,000, the university stands among the elite 309 Gold Cluster Universities, making an exceptional 87 position global advancement compared to 2023.

The UI GreenMetric World University Ranking evaluates institutions based on six key categories: Setting and Infrastructure (SI), Energy and Climate Change (EC), Waste (WS), Water (WR), Transport (TR), and Education (ED). The University of Peradeniya excelled in these categories, achieving 1300 in SI, 1550 in EC, 1125 in WS, 750 in WR, 1600 in TR, and 1725 in ED.

The Center for Environmental Sustainability (CES) at the University of Peradeniya was instrumental in this achievement, driving sustainability practices and policies that reflect the university's steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship over the past three years.

The university extends its heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, and partners, for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions to this remarkable accomplishment. Their collective efforts have driven the university's sustainability initiatives, earning this prestigious recognition.



As the University of Peradeniya continues to lead by example in environmental sustainability, it remains committed to fostering a sustainable future for future generations. This accolade not only celebrates the university's achievements but also reinforces its commitment to environmental responsibility and innovation.

For further information on the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2024, visit [UI GreenMetric Rankings 2024](https://ui-greenmetric.com/rankings/2024).

Voices in Winter 2024: A Celebration of Faith and Joy

The Newman Society and Catholic Students' Movement of the University of Peradeniya hosted "Voices in Winter 2024", their annual carol service, on December 15th at the University Catholic Chapel. Guided by Rev. Fr. Ruwan Perera OMI, the event celebrated the spirit of Christmas through music and fellowship.

The chief guest, Rev. Fr. Milroy Fonseka, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Gatambe, inspired the gathering with his words. Special invitees included Rev. Fathers and Brothers from Ampitiya National Seminary, Rev. Sisters from Hindagala Convent and distinguished professors including Prof. Shyama Banneheka, the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, and Prof. Panagoda, a past senior treasurer of the Newman Society, parents, benefactors, SLUCSM members from various universities and many university students.



The evening featured traditional carols, scripture readings, and reflections, uniting all in a heartfelt celebration of faith and community. It was a memorable occasion that left everyone uplifted and inspired for the season.

First Aid Training Programme for Safety Officers of the University of Peradeniya



The First Aid Training Programme for the Safety Officers of the University of Peradeniya was successfully held on December 4, 2024, at the Circular Auditorium in the Department of Animal Science. Forty-two Safety Officers participated in this essential programme, which aimed to enhance their preparedness for responding to medical emergencies.

The training was conducted by Mr. Y.M.K.U. Bandara, Nursing Officer, and Mr. A.H.M.D.M.B. Abeyrathna from the University Health Center, under the guidance of the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. (Mrs.) H.M.C.L. Herath. The programme covered a wide range of crucial topics, ensuring that the participants were equipped with the knowledge and skills to handle various emergency situations. These topics included Basic First Aid Principles, Basic Life Support, Fractures and Musculoskeletal Injuries, Medical Emergencies, Basic Trauma Care, and Emergency Preparedness and Response.

The programme received valuable support from the General Services Division of the University, which facilitated logistics, financial arrangement and personnel coordination. Additionally, mannequins for the hands-on demonstrations were generously supplied by the Department of Anesthesiology, Faculty of Medicine, and the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

This important initiative was coordinated by Mr. Nalaka Akurange, Safety Officer at the University of Peradeniya, under the guidance of several esteemed university officials. These included Professor Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice Chancellor; Professor J.K. Vidanarachchi, Chairperson of the Safety Committee; and the Senior Assistant Registrar of the General Services Division. The photographs showcase key moments from the training, highlighting the importance of this capacity-building program.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Visits University of Peradeniya



On 10th December 2024, Her Excellency Mrs. Dewi Gustina Tobing, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. She was accompanied by a delegation from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, including Mr. Heru Prayitno, Head of Chancery, along with political, administrative, and socio-cultural staff members. The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chancellor and the Director of the Career Guidance Unit of the university.

As part of her visit, Her Excellency delivered a public lecture to a group of university students, providing insights into Indonesia's culture, economy, and its strong bilateral ties with Sri Lanka. The lecture emphasized the importance of fostering mutual understanding and collaboration between the two nations, highlighting Indonesia's role in the region and its strategic partnership with Sri Lanka.

Students gained valuable perspectives on Indonesia's unique cultural, social, and economic landscapes, expanding their awareness of regional and global affairs. The event also underscored the historical and contemporary significance of the relationship between Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

The visit concluded with an interactive session, where students had the opportunity to engage directly with Her Excellency and the embassy officials. This dialogue enabled students to explore topics of mutual interest and further appreciate the depth of cooperation between the two countries.

University of Peradeniya Secures Runner - Up Title at the Inter - University Human Rights Debates 2024

The University of Peradeniya clinched the Runner-Up title in the English category at the Inter-University Human Rights Debates 2024, organized by the Capital Maharaja Group (CMG). Held annually to celebrate World Human Rights Day on December 10, this prestigious competition brought together 300 students from 20 state and private universities across Sri Lanka, competing in English, Sinhala, and Tamil.

The University of Peradeniya's English debating team, comprised M.I.M Imaadh and Daniel Adrian Victor from the Faculty of Engineering (FOE) and W. Amayuru Sankalpa Senadheera and Renishka Fernando from the Faculty of Arts, Department of Law (FOA/DOL). The team showcased exceptional talent and critical thinking and eloquence, advancing through multiple challenging rounds to secure a place in the grand final. Despite a fiercely contested final, the team emerged as runners-up, earning accolades for their compelling arguments and articulate delivery.



This milestone highlights the university's commitment to fostering intellectual engagement and empowering students to voice their perspectives on critical human rights issues. The Faculty of Engineering, which facilitated the team's participation, and Mr. S.M. Dissanayake, Liaison Officer for the University Debate Team, played vital roles in supporting the team throughout the event.

The Inter-University Human Rights Debates have become a platform to nurture informed dialogue and advocacy among university students, aligning with global efforts to promote human rights awareness. The University of Peradeniya is proud of its team's remarkable achievement and looks forward to continuing its tradition of excellence in debating and academic pursuits.

Congratulations to Imaadh, Daniel, Amayuru, and Renishka for their outstanding performance!

X-PERTS 2024 Celebrating World Radiography Day



On 6th November 2024, the Department of Radiography/Radiotherapy at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya and the Society of Medical Radiation Sciences, University of Peradeniya, collaboratively organized X-PERTS 2024, celebrating World Radiography Day 2024. Held in the Main Lecture Hall of the faculty premises, the event signified the indispensable role of radiographers in healthcare, highlighting their expertise in diagnosis and treatment. It was an inspiring event presented under this year's official theme, "Promoting the Profession"

The event features an impressive lineup of special guest speakers : who shared their expertise and experience in the field of radiography:

- Dr. W. M. Ediri Arachchi

Head of the Department of Radiography & Radiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University

- Mr. Gayan Ranchagoda

MRI Radiographer, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge, UK

- Mr. W. J. S. K. Weerakkody

Group Radiology Manager, Asiri Hospitals Private Ltd

These distinguished speakers shared insights from their diverse experiences in radiography, ranging from pioneering MRI work in the UK to managing radiology services in Sri Lanka's leading private hospitals.

In addition to the insightful talks, X-PERTS 2024 included engaging competitions designed to celebrate creativity and critical thinking.

Art Competition – Illustrated the beauty and significance of radiography.

Short Video Competition – Captured moments that reflect the radiographer's journey in healthcare.

Debate Competition – Students exchanged ideas on pressing topics in radiography.

Participants and winners of these competitions were recognized and awarded certificates during the event, fostering enthusiasm and a sense of achievement among attendees.

X-PERTS 2024 was a resounding success, bringing together students, faculty, and esteemed professionals to discuss advancements in medical imaging and radiography's transformative impact on patient care and healthcare systems. It was a celebration of innovation, dedication, and the vital contributions of radiographers to the medical field.



PGIHS Research Congress 2024

The Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), affiliated to the University of Peradeniya, continues its mission of advancing postgraduate education and research in the Humanities and Social Sciences. As a part of its commitment to promoting postgraduate research, the institute annually hosts the PGIHS Research Congress, providing an internationally recognized platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and academic discourse.



The seventh PGIHS Research Congress (PGIHS- RC-2024) was successfully held on 19th December 2024, at the PGIHS premises. The event commenced with a ceremonial inauguration, graced by Chief Guest Professor Terrence Madhujith, Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, and Guest of Honor Mrs. Erin Tanner, Chief of Education at UNICEF Sri Lanka. Distinguished attendees included Professor Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Directors of Postgraduate Institutes, Deans of Faculties, Board members of the PGIHS, and other prominent academics. The highlight of the inaugural session was the Keynote Address by Dr. Chandranath Amarasekara, Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, offering invaluable insights to attendees.

The technical sessions of the Congress featured eight thematic areas:

- Demography, Economics, and Management
- Aesthetics, Culture, and Heritage
- Politics, Law, Governance, and Administration
- Society, Environment, and Spatial Development
- Philosophy and Psychology
- Education
- Religious Studies
- Language and Literature Studies
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These themes were explored through 14 technical sessions, where researchers presented their findings and engaged in vibrant discussions. Senior academics, serving as Chairpersons and Discussants, offered their expert commentary, enriching the academic dialogue.



Out of 135 abstracts submitted, 76 were selected for oral presentations after a rigorous review process conducted by subject experts. Over 300 participants attended the event in person, joined by foreign participants, research students, academic and administrative staff, and media representatives. The event concluded with a Closing Plenary Session, during which Chairpersons highlighted key insights from each thematic area. The best presenters from each theme were recognized and awarded certificates, celebrating their exceptional contributions to the Congress.

The PGIHS Research Congress 2024 culminated with an elegant Congress Dinner, attended by over 50 distinguished invitees, marking a fitting conclusion to this landmark event. The PGIHS extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants, organizers, and contributors for making PGIHS-RC 2024 a resounding success, fostering a culture of academic excellence and collaboration.

Exploring Real-World Development A Field Visit to the Moragahakanda Kaluganga Project



Students enrolled in the course ECN 4060 - Project Planning and Appraisal from the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya, recently embarked on a field visit to the Moragahakanda-Kaluganga Project. This excursion provided an invaluable opportunity to bridge classroom theory with practical experience in one of Sri Lanka's most ambitious water resource development projects.

The Moragahakanda-Kaluganga Project is a landmark initiative aimed at addressing the dual challenges of water scarcity and agricultural productivity. The project includes two major reservoirs, an extensive network of irrigation canals, and facilities for hydropower generation. It is designed to improve water supply for both domestic and agricultural purposes, contributing to socio-economic upliftment and regional development.

The field visit was organized to provide students with firsthand exposure to the complexities of planning, implementing, and appraising large-scale socioeconomic projects. It highlighted the importance of multidisciplinary approaches in addressing economic, environmental, and social challenges associated with development initiatives.

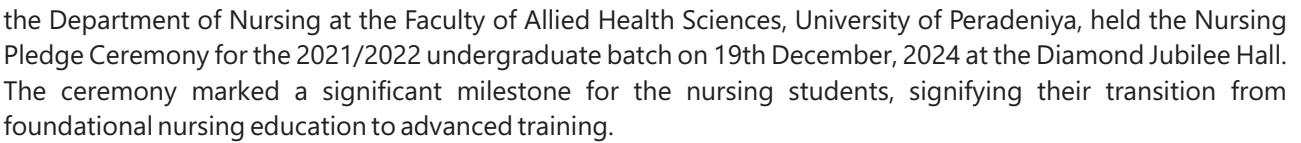
Japura-Pera Collaboration Bridging Mental Wellness and Career Growth

The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the University of Peradeniya proudly presented the MindCareer: Harmonizing Mental Wellness and Professional Growth program in collaboration with the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Organized to coincide with World Mental Health Day, this inspiring two-day exchange program took place from September 29th to 30th, 2024, and was dedicated to connecting mental health awareness with career development.

Guided by Career Counselors Mr. Suchinthana Dasun and Ms. Sumudu Lankathilake, participants from both universities actively engaged in workshops that led to the creation of four innovative project proposals aimed at addressing real-world challenges.

This initiative underscored the importance of balancing personal well-being with professional growth, empowering students to thrive in all areas of their lives.





The Chief Guest, Mrs. S.L.H. Vithanarachchi, former Head of the Department of Health Sciences at the Open University of Sri Lanka, shared inspirational insights, encouraging students to develop their skills and compassion in patient care. The event was further enriched by the Guest of Honor, Prof. Yoshie Mori, from Japan, a global leader in nursing and health sciences. She served as a Professor at the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Gunma University, Japan, and has been at the forefront of advancing nursing education and international health. Her presence added immense value to this special occasion.

The ceremony was graced by distinguished guests, including the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Terrence Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, and the Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. M.D.M.L.D.K. Yatawara, as well as academic staff, hospital staff, and parents.

The Department of Nursing expresses heartfelt gratitude to all contributors, especially Dr. Deepanie Pathirana, Head of the Department of Nursing, for their efforts in making the ceremony a success. The Department extends best wishes to the nursing students of the 2021/2022 batch as they embark on their journey to make a meaningful impact in healthcare.

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Faculty of Medicine News

- The Workshop on Paediatric Emergency Medicine ' THE BAD CHILD' was held on 25th October 2024, at the Skills Lab in Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm.

This workshop was a collaboration between the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya and the Emergency Department, Canberra Hospital, Australia.

- Inter-medical-faculty quiz that was held as an online event via the Slido platform, on 07th November 2024. The Head of the Department of Microbiology acknowledged the support provided in forwarding the names of the students and facilitating IT support through the e-library, as well as the contributions of Mr. D.B. Ekanayake and the students who participated in the event.

The Peradeniya team was coordinated and trained by Dr Wasana Kudagammana, with the support of other staff members of the department.

The University team, comprised four students and one reserve from the 2019/2020 batch, selected based on their performance in Microbiology related modules.

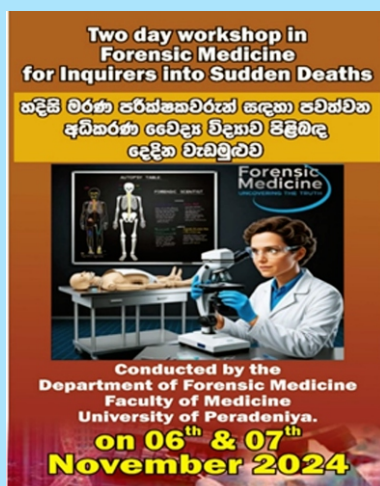
They secured 4th in the competition. Although they scored the same number of answers correctly as the team placed 3rd, they lost due to a delay in submitting an answer. Overall, their performance was commendable.

❖ Team Members

- Ms. Boyagoda EMSN (M/19/025)
- Ms. Dhanapala DMNN (M/19/041)
- Mr. Dissanayake JMB (M/19/056)
- Mr. Perera TNTN (M/19/131)
- Mr. Kalhara SK (M/19/097)



- A two-day workshop for Inquirers into Sudden Death, organized by the Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine was held on November 6th and 7th 2024, for group II at the Department of Forensic Medicine. Each group consisted of about 70 participants and certificates were awarded.



- Prof. Indu Nanayakkara of Department of Physiology delivered the prestigious Valentine Basnayake Oration at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Physiological Society of Sri Lanka held at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardanepura, on 23rd November 2024.

- A workshop on Medico-Legal Issues in Emergency Department was held on 16th October 2024, for postgraduate MD trainees in Emergency Medicine. This event was organized by the Department of Forensic Medicine.



DETAILS OF NEW APPOINTMENTS ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.10.2024–31.12.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	Date of Appointment
Ms. EGI Sewwandi	Lecturer (Probationary)	Basic Veterinary Science	03/10/2024
Mr. HMST Gunarathne	Lecturer (Probationary)	Computr Engineering	22/10/2024

DETAILS OF RESIGNATION ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.10.2024–31.12.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mr. Prof. SDGSP Gunawardena	Professor	Mechanical Engineering Faculty of Eng,	24
Ms. Dr. HMPU Dematawa	Lecturer	Paediatrics	5
Mr. Pro. NS Kalupahana	Senior Professor	Physiology Faculty of Medicine	21
Mr. Prof. RP Senevirathna	Professor (Chair)	Classical Language,Faculty of Arts	14
Mr. Prof. PABD Alexander	Professor (Chair)	Farm Animal Prod. Faculty of Vet, Medicine	28

DETAILS OF RETIRED ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.10.2024–31.12.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mr. MLM Haniffa	Senior Lecturer Grade I	Arabic & Islamic Civilization	26
Ms. Prof. HANM Hennayake	Professor (Chair)	Geography	28

DETAILS OF RESIGNATION NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.10.2024–31.12.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mrs. KMPHKCJ Konara	Management Assistant - Grade II	Office of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine	2
Mr. AMDTB Alahakoon	Technical Officer Grade I	Dep. of Food Sci. & Tec., Faculty of Agriculture	12
Mrs. IN Weerasinghe	Management Assistant- Grade III	Office of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine	9

DETAILS OF RETIRED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.10.2024–31.12.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Mrs. HLM Abeysinghe	Health Services Labourer-Special Grade I	Health Centre	38
Mr. MH Wijedasa	Staff Technical Officer - Grade I	Dep. of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine	27
Mr. EG Karunadasa	Lab Attendant - Higher Grade	Technical Resources Centre, Faculty of Medicine	31
Mr. MGU Warnakulasooriya	Driver - Special Grade	Transport Division	31
Mr. NK Jayathilake	Works Aide - Special Grade	Land & building Maintenance Division	25
Mr. D Abeyrathne	Technical Officer Grade II Seg. A	Dep. of Food Sci. & Tec., Faculty of Agriculture	33
Mrs. KG Nawarathne Bandara	Staff Technical Officer - Grade I	Dep. of Chemical & Process Eng., Fac. of Engineering	37
Mr. S Ariyasena	Works Aide - Special Grade	Land & building, Maintenance Division	25
Mr. RMD Rathnayake	Deputy Chief Security Officer	Security Division	36
Mr. HM Sunilrathna	Works Aide - Special Grade	Dep. of Agri. Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture	40
Mr. JLMGDS Jayantha	Senior Staff M. A. (Book Keeping)	Office of the Deans, faculty of Medicine	32
Mr. PHR Dharmakeerthi	Security Inspector - Grade II	Security Division	26
Mr. HMNB Herath	Supervisor (Maintenance) Grade II	Physical Education Division	32
Mr. CM Razak	Senior Staff Management Assistant (Shroff)	Office of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine	35
Ms. PG Seelawathi	Health Services Labourer - Special Grade I	Dep. of Oral & Maxillofacial Sur., Fac. of Den. Sciences	37
Mrs. BLNW Chandrasena	Nursing Officer - Grade I	Health Centre	31
Mr. PG Senevirathna	Machinist - Special Grade	Engineering Workshop, Faculty of Engineering	24

DETAILS OF DEATH NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES FROM (01.10.2024–31.12.2024)

Name	Designation	Place of work (Department/Division)	No. of Years
Ms. WKMMR Wijeratne	Staff Technical Officer (Grade II)	Dep. of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine	21