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The new Broiler unit: laying the foundation

The Department of Livestock Production has recently undertaken a significant expansion of its Broiler unit, with the aim of providing students with enhanced practical exposure to animal husbandry. The latest addition to the unit required an investment of approximately 4.5 million rupees and is expected to not only contribute to the academic goals of the department but also provide high-quality broiler chicken meat to the university community.

The event was attended by esteemed members of the academic and administrative staff, including Prof. Udaya Rathnayaka, the Vice Chancellor of the university, W. A. M. P. Senadheera, and Manoj K Wijesundara, the engineer responsible for overseeing the project, as well as the farm staff. The project was executed with meticulous attention to detail and professionalism.



The Department of Livestock Production's expansion of the Broiler unit is a significant development that demonstrates the department's unwavering commitment to providing students with a comprehensive and well-rounded education in animal husbandry. This latest addition is expected to enhance further the department's ability to provide students with practical experience, which is essential for their future success in the field.

The investment in the Broiler unit expansion also highlights the Department's dedication to promoting sustainable practices and self-sufficiency in high-quality protein production. The access to locally sourced, high-quality broiler chicken meat will not only benefit the university community's health and well-being, but also contribute to the promotion of sustainable food production practices.

Laying the foundation for New Piggery



The construction of the new swine unit at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka is a significant development for the Department of Livestock Production. The new facility will serve as a research center and provide hands-on experience for students studying swine production.

The Department of Livestock Production has been working towards this goal for a long time and is grateful for the support and assistance of all the parties involved. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Udaya Rathnayake, has played a vital role in making this project a reality and has provided special attention to the development of the farm. The department is highly appreciative of his efforts and the contributions of other university officers and academic staff members.

The new swine unit will be equipped with the latest technology and facilities to ensure the welfare and health of the animals. It will provide a platform for research and development of swine production techniques, genetics, and nutrition. The department aims to produce graduates who are well-versed in all aspects of swine production and can contribute to the agriculture industry.

In addition to the academic benefits, the new swine unit will generate employment opportunities for the local community, which is an added advantage. The department is committed to promoting sustainable agriculture practices and is confident that the new facility will contribute towards achieving this goal.

Overall, the construction of the new swine unit is a significant milestone for the Department of Livestock Production at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. It is a testament to the department's commitment to providing students with a quality education and promoting research in the field of swine production. The department looks forward to the completion of the project and the many opportunities it will bring.

Workshop for aquaculture farmers in Sabaragamuwa Province



The Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council in Sri Lanka recently requested a residential training program on ornamental fish production from the Sabaragamuwa University, and the program was successfully conducted for 30 farmers selected from the Ratnapura district at the university's Aquaculture unit. The Department of Livestock Production organized the training program, which was conducted under the guidance of Professor C.N. Walpita.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by several distinguished guests, including Senior Professor Udaya Rathnayake, Vice Chancellor of the Sabaragamuwa University, Mr. Saman Uyangoda, Registrar of the University, Mr. S. Weerakoon, Director, Planning of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, Professor MMP Sumith, Former Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, SUSL, Professor Sanjeewa Prasad Jayaweera, Head of the Department of Livestock Production, and Professor C.N. Walpita, Coordinator of the Aquatic BioResource Production and Technology at SUSL.

The program covered various topics, including fish breed selection, breeding techniques, pond preparation, water management, and disease control. Through the program, participants learned about the latest technologies and practices in ornamental fish production, which can improve their production and increase their income.

The main objective of the program was to equip farmers with knowledge and skills in ornamental fish production to improve their livelihoods. The training program is expected to contribute to the development of the growing ornamental fish industry in the Ratnapura district and Sri Lanka.

The program was successful, and participants expressed their appreciation to the Sabaragamuwa University and the Department of Livestock Production for organizing it. The university officials expressed their commitment to supporting the development of the ornamental fish production industry in Sri Lanka through similar training programs in the future.



Farm Development work



The dairy and aquaculture units of Sabaragamuwa University Agriculture farm have recently completed several development activities despite the challenging circumstances. The Department of Livestock Production expresses its gratitude towards Professor Udaya Rathnayake, the Vice Chancellor of the university, and Professor MMP Sumith, the former Dean of the Faculty, for their endless support and guidance, as well as the dedicated efforts of the department staff.

Particularly noteworthy is Professor CN Walpita's achievement in starting the breeding of ornamental fish for marketing. This accomplishment is highly appreciated and recognized by the department. Despite the difficulties faced, the team's determination and hard work have successfully completed these projects.

The dairy unit at the university has undergone significant revamping activities, thanks to the financial assistance of FONTERRA Sri Lanka and the administrative support provided by the Vice Chancellor of the university and the Dean of the Faculty. The new design, which prioritizes cow comfort and efficient management, was conceptualized by Mr. Weerakkody, a valuable resource person who provided free consultancy to make this vision a reality. The Department of Livestock Production expresses its immense gratitude for his contribution.

Furthermore, the department acknowledges the assistance given by the works engineer and SATHUTA builders, without whom this project would not have been possible. The revamped dairy unit is a testament to the power of collaboration and dedication in achieving shared goals, and the department is proud to have been a part of it.





Constructing a Bio-gas unit

The Sabaragamuwa University Agriculture Faculty farm is making strides in sustainable energy with the construction of a biogas unit. The project was made possible through the AHEAD grant's financial assistance and the collective effort of the academic, academic support, and farm staff.

The Department of Livestock Production expressed their gratitude towards Mr. Weerakkody for providing voluntary consultation to help make this project a reality. The department takes pride in having such valuable resources and a team of dedicated staff members who are ready to face any challenges.

The team has been working tirelessly for over a week to complete the project with a limited budget. The encouragement and assistance provided by the Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty, and various parties within the university are highly appreciated.

In addition to the faculty and university support, the project received a visit from Professor Anil Pushapakumara of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, further highlighting the collaborative efforts between different academic departments.

This project serves as a testament to the university's commitment to sustainable practices and innovative solutions for the agriculture sector. The Sabaragamuwa University Agriculture Faculty farm is setting an excellent example for other institutions and organizations to follow.



Governer's visit

Honorable Governor of Sabaragamuwa Province, Mr. Tikiri Kobbekaduwa, recently visited the Agriculture farm at Sabaragamuwa University to assess the available facilities and discuss potential collaborative projects aimed at improving the socio-economic status of livestock farmers in the province. During the visit, the Governor expressed his appreciation for recent developments at the farm, including the ornamental fish breeding unit.

Several notable guests accompanied the Governor on this visit, including Professor Udaya Rathnayake, the Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University, Professor CN Walpita, Professor Manoj Ariyaratne, dairy specialist Mr. G. Weerakkody, Registrar of the University Mr. Saman Uyangoda, and Mr. Anura Hemakumara, the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture for Sabaragamuwa Province.

The Governor's visit highlights the importance of collaborative efforts between government officials and academic institutions in promoting the welfare of farmers and improving agricultural practices in the region. Such partnerships have the potential to bring about meaningful change and contribute to the overall development of the province.





Workshop for 'BST' A/L Students

The Department of Livestock Production at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka organized a successful workshop for Advanced Level students in Biosystems Technology. The event was attended by 100 students who were eager to gain practical experience in the field of animal husbandry.

The Faculty of Geomatics contributed to the workshop by providing their resources, including equipment and human resources, to conduct a fruitful practical session on land surveying. This opportunity provided a valuable experience for the students, as it is not something that is commonly available in schools due to a lack of equipment and human resources.

In addition to the land surveying session, the workshop also included a session on Ornamental Fish culture and Aquatic Plants, which was conducted at the university's Aquaculture unit. This was a rare opportunity for the students to gain hands-on experience in a specialized area of animal husbandry.

The Department of Livestock Production is committed to providing students with a comprehensive and well-rounded education that will prepare them for successful careers in the field of animal husbandry. The success of this workshop is a testament to the department's dedication to this goal.



Workshop for 'Agriculture' A/L Students

The Department of Livestock Production organized a workshop for 100 students pursuing agriculture at their Advanced Levels. The workshop aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the field of livestock production and management, which they may not have had the opportunity to explore in their schools due to limited resources.

The workshop focused on various aspects of livestock management, including dairy farming, dairy cow management, machine and hand milking, animal housing methods, and poultry management. Additionally, laboratory tests on milk quality were also conducted.

The Department of Livestock Production recognizes the social responsibility of contributing to the education and development of future generations in the field of agriculture. This workshop is a testament to the department's commitment.

The workshop was well-received by the students, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field. The Department of Livestock Production remains committed to providing students with a comprehensive and well-rounded education that prepares them for success in their chosen careers.





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