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## ARS 2022



The Annual Research Sessions 2022, organized by the Centre for Research and Knowledge Dissemination was held on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



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# University Events

## Internet Payment Gateway

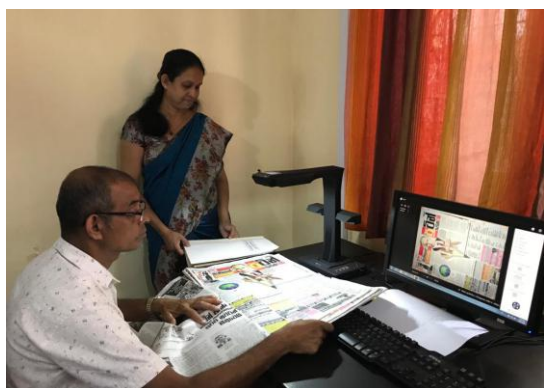
The Bank of Ceylon (BOC), recently entered into an exclusive partnership with Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) to promote digital payment facilities through the bank's Online Payment Gateway. The ceremony took place recently with the patronage of the Sabaragamuwa Province Assistant General Manager, Mr. W.M.N.D. Dayawansa and Embilipitiya Regional Manager, Mr. J.D.B.W. Jayakody. Meanwhile, Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor and Prof. H.M.S. Priyanath, the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies graced the occasion representing the university. Promoting digital payment facilities for both local and international undergraduate and post-graduate degree applicants of the university to settle their course fees digitally was the main objective of this initiative.



## Professional Development

The Faculty Career Guidance Unit of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of SUSL organized a webinar on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 under the topic "English for Professional Development". Ms. D. D. Dhananji Mannapperuma, Demonstrator in English, Department of Surveying and Geodesy, Faculty of Geomatics contributed as the resource person of the workshop. The target audience was the students of the Department of English. In addition, another webinar was held on "Learn English by Yourself" on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022. This workshop was conducted by H.H.S.U. Samarakoon, Lecturer (Temporary), Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Management, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

## Expanding Library Services



The Library of Sabaragamuwa University initiated a digital scanning project to transform conventional library services into the next level of digitized services while reducing the paper usage of the department. In parallel to this, the library also commenced a current contents service to disseminate information regarding the recent inclusion of periodicals.



# University Events

## Agreement with Universitas Sumatera Utara

A Memorandum of Agreement was made by and between the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and the Faculty of Medicine Universitas Sumatera Utara on 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. The Parties hereby agreed to cooperate in the programme named “Sport and Physical Education as a Vehicle for Inclusion and Recognition in India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka (SPIRIT)”.



## Intellectual Property



Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne, the Director, University Business Linkage Cell (UBLCC) has conducted two webinars on “Intellectual Property Protection and Management” on 05<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to make the undergraduates of the Faculty of Management Studies aware of the protection, management and commercialization of their intellectual properties.

## We were on Air

The “Jathika Mehwara” programme, produced by the MTV TV I channel selected the University Business Linkage Cell to showcase the work done by them. The relevant episodes were aired on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022.



# University Events

## Research Agreement

A research agreement between SUSL through the University Business Linkage Cell with the Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, Pelwatta was signed on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to establish mutually beneficial collaborations in conducting collaborative research with regard to monitoring the health conditions of the sugar cane plantations and the maturity levels of plants using remote sensing techniques and dissemination of knowledge for the purpose of enhancing the sugar production as well as search avenues for further collaborations. The agreement was signed by the Vice-Chancellor of SUSL, Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake and the Chairman, Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, Pelwatta Unit, Mr. Janaka Nimalachandra.



## CGU Workshop

The Career Guidance Unit of SUSL conducted a workshop on “Path to Become a Successful Career Counsellor for University Students” in collaboration with the Career Guidance Cell and the faculty Industry Collaborative Unit of the Faculty of Technology on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The main objective of the workshop was to conduct a training programme for the academic staff of the university to deliver effective and efficient career counseling for university students. A selected number of third-year students of the Faculty of Technology were given a chance to participate in the workshop with the objective of having an effective group discussion.





# University Events

## An Interactive Session from UBLC

The University Business Linkage Cell conducted an interactive session on Developing Policies and Standards for the Innovation Ecosystem for the academics and administrative staff of the university. The workshop was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and conducted by Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne, the Director, UBLC.



## 4th Human Library



The 4<sup>th</sup> Human Library Event organized by the main library, SUSL was successfully held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Faculty of Geomatics, SUSL, Belihuloya in parallel with the reading month celebration. The award-winning writer and reviewer Mr. Nishshanka Wijemanna was the 4<sup>th</sup> human book of this project.

## INNOVACLUB

"INNOVA CLUB", a club that aims to create a platform for sharing experiences and exchanging research results and innovative ideas among the university community was established by UBLC. As the initial step, the first meeting of the club was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 with the participation of a student team from multiple disciplines.



## CODL Awarding

The awarding ceremony for the year 2022, organized by the Centre for Open and Distance Learning was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022.





# University Events

## Support from BOC

The Bank of Ceylon financially sponsored the First Undergraduate Research Symposium of the Medical Faculty of SUSL. This funding was officially awarded on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



## Katina Pinkama 2022

“Katina Pinkama”, an annual religious event, was graciously held to invoke blessings upon the University and upon the community of its surrounding area. The event was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022





# University Events

## Serving Public Libraries



The academic staff of the library visited Opanayaka Public Library on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 with a view to contributing to the public libraries in the vicinity with their intellectual capacity. This event was organized by the *Weligepola Pradeshiya Sabha* for launching the KOHA library system.

## IQAC Workshop

An awareness programme organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Council on "Formation of policy repository" was held on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



## Workshop for School Librarians

Mrs. T. N. Neighsoorei Jayah, the Librarian of SUSL conducted a workshop on "Library Transformation and the Role of the Teacher Librarian" for the school librarians of the Balangoda educational zone. This programme took place on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Public Library of Balangoda.



# University Events

## An MoU through UBLC

The university entered into a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Colombo Stock Exchange on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The agreement was signed by Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayaka, the Vice-Chancellor, SUSL and Mr. Niroshan Wijesundere, Senior Vice-President (Marketing), Colombo Stock Exchange. The collaborative partnership is initiated to promote the Sri Lankan capital market more effectively and to bring up internship opportunities for the students who are engaged with financial management and banking-related degree programmes.



## Online Reservation



The online reservation system for Holiday Resort, NEST, and Kabanass was launched on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Board Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Office.





# University Events

## Licensing Agreement

The University Business Linkage Cell assisted SUSL to sign a licensing agreement with Farmchemie Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd. in order to transfer the manufacturing and commercialization rights of Black Soldier Fly Larvae incorporated Animal Feeds developed by Prof. M.P. Sumith Magamage and his research team. These products were developed as a collaborative research effort between the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the AHEAD project operations. This momentous occasion was held on 08<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Board Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Office of the university. The event was graced by Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor, SUSL; Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, the Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission; Prof. Thusitha Abeytunga, Lead Academic Expert Research and Innovation, AHEAD Operations; Mr. Uditha Wanigasinghe, Managing Director, Farmchemie Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd.; and other distinguished guests.



In addition, the 05<sup>th</sup> licensing agreement with Cargills Ceylon Plc. was signed as a pioneering initiative to commercialize a Cinnamon Cola Beverage developed by Prof. Achini De Silva and her research team. The official ceremony of this was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Board Room of the Vice Chancellor's Office. The event was graced by Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor of the University; Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, the Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission; Mr. Dilantha Jayawardhana; and Mr. Buddhisha Herath, Directors of Cargills Ceylon Plc.



# University Events

## Financial Procedures



A workshop conducted by the Centre for Quality Assurance on "Financial Procedures" was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



## Grievance Handling

An awareness programme on "Student Grievance Handling at SUSL" was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



## Health Camp

A health camp organized for the university community was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the university premises.





# Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

## Animal Feed Project



The Department of Livestock Production launched a broiler and fish feed project incorporated with the University Farm. The project collected raw materials to produce animal feed from the surrounding areas of the faculty premises. This project was funded by the faculty grant of the AHEAD Project and initiated in October 2022.

# Faculty of Applied Sciences

## What We Achieved

The programme review done by the Quality Assurance Council of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka offered an “A” grade to the BSc Hons Degree Programme in Computing & Information Systems conducted by The Department of Computing & Information Systems, while the Departments of Food Science & Technology, Natural Resources, Physical Sciences & Technology, Sports Science & Physical Education received “B” grades for the degree programmes offered by each of them.

# Faculty of Applied Sciences

## Advancing IT Knowledge

### Corporate Etiquette and Business Communication

15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

3 PM - 5 PM

**Dinuka Jayaweera**  
Senior Project Lead  
Sysco LABS

An awareness-raising and knowledge dissemination programme was organized by the Department of Computing and Information Systems in collaboration with Sysco Labs from July to October 2022 for the undergraduates of the department.

### Computer Vision with OCR & Object Detection

5<sup>th</sup> August 2022

10 AM - 12 PM

**Pivithuru Amarasighe**  
Associate Technical Lead  
Sysco LABS

### AWARENESS SESSION ON SOFTWARE QUALITY ENGINEERING

**Malkanthi Hewage**

Lead - Software Quality Engineering at Zone 24x7

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 | Time: 01.30 PM | Via: Zoom

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## Orientation Programme – Intake 2020/21

The orientation programme aimed to foster the academic preparedness of the new students while allowing them to adapt to the living campus life. This online programme was started on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 after completing four weeks.



# Faculty of Applied Sciences

## Space for English Activities

The newly established English Activity Room of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was opened on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with a view to enriching the English learning skills of the students of the Faculty. Further, this project aims to facilitate students to prepare for English Language Proficiency Tests like TOEFL, GRE, and IELTS.



## Innovation Center



Opening and handing over of an Innovation Center to the students was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 respectively. Fostering innovation and creativity by providing students with an opportunity to engage in cross-curricular activities and facilitating their self-learning were the primary objectives of these events.

# Faculty of Applied Sciences

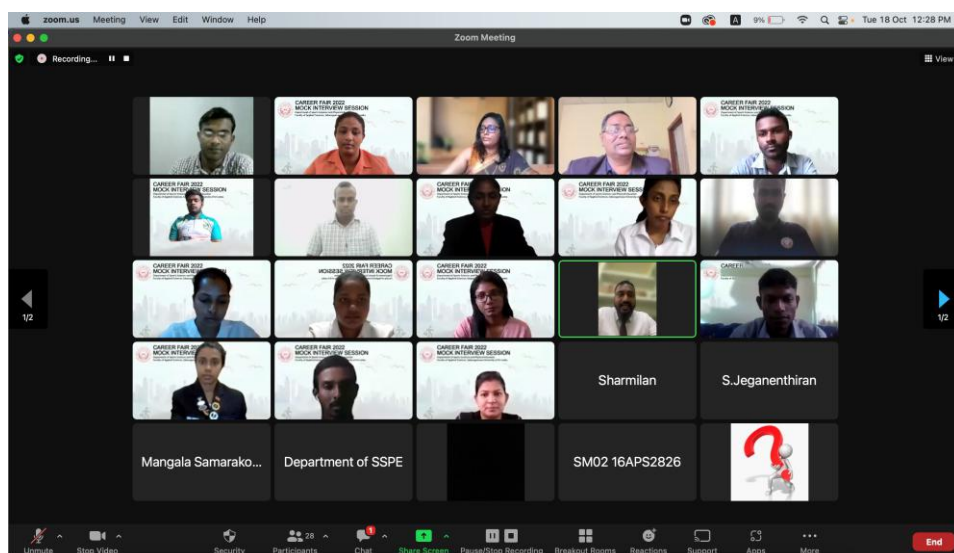
## Monthly Research Colloquium

The Monthly Research Colloquium of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to create a platform for the university community to share their knowledge, research findings, and to facilitate awareness development. The talk in October was delivered by Ms. J.W. Amanda Sajiwanie on “Research and Development Potential of Traditional Roots and Tubers”. Mr. M.C.N. Jayasooriya presented his research in December on “Fish and Animal Products for a Healthy Life”.



## Career Fair

Career Fair 2022 of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was held in November 2022 in order to empower and build the capacity of the undergraduates. This event included workshops and mock interview sessions conducted by the leading corporate organizations for personality and soft skill development of the students for their career development goals.





# Faculty of Geomatics

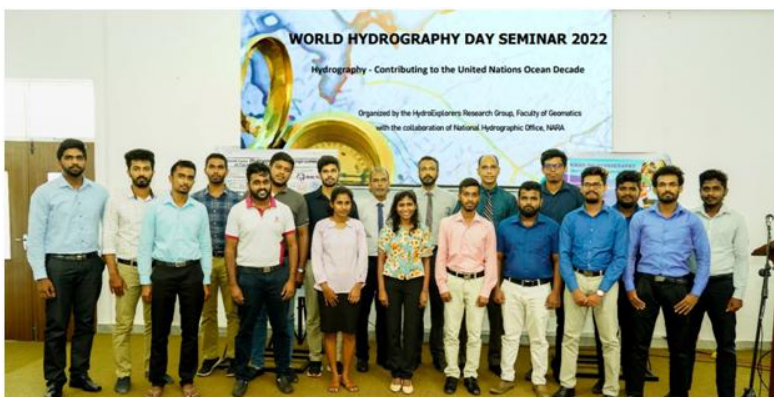
## EBC-K Project 2022

A collaboration project between the Faculty of Geomatics and Asia Pacific Telecommunity was initiated on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to facilitate ICT applications in the Asia-Pacific region.



## World Hydrography Day

Concomitant with the commemoration of World Hydrography Day 2022, the Faculty of Geomatics, in unification with the National Hydrographic Office (NHO) of Sri Lanka, organized a hydrographic seminar. Distinguished experts delivered several lectures on the subject of the World Hydrography Day 2022 theme. In addition, an exhibition on hydrography was held at the faculty to foster awareness of the discipline among the general public. The event was attended by a diverse range of participants, including industry professionals, university academics, hydrographic alumni of Sabaragamuwa University, as well as the current and prospective students specializing in hydrography.



## GEOWEEK 2022

The Faculty of Geomatics proudly conducted the web launch and the kick-off meeting of the GEOWEEK 2022 on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, in the auditorium, Faculty of Geomatics. The event was glimmered with the presence of Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka; Mr. Vipula Abeyrathne, the Dean, Faculty of Geomatics; Dr. Sanka Perera, Chair-GEOWEEK 2022; and all the academics of the Faculty of Geomatics. The event was remarkably twinkled with the participation of Mr. Rajitha Jayasinghe, the Director, SULECO (Pvt) Ltd, as the platinum sponsor of the GEOWEEK 2022, Softlogic Holdings as the Platinum Plus sponsor, Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors as the Gold Sponsor, Global GIS as the Silver sponsor, ICC (Pvt) Ltd, GIS solutions, and Metropolitan (Pvt) Ltd as the Bronze sponsors of the event. The GEOWEEK 2022 took its initial step on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with the inauguration ceremony followed by the event Chinese MoU.

The programme was conducted with a series of important events. The second phase of the event started with GEO-EXPEDITION 2022 at BMICH, Colombo with the immense contribution of the industry experts in the Geo-spatial sector.





# Faculty of Management Studies

## The Hike I Took

A webinar series namely, “The Hike I Took 3.0” was held from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to inspire undergraduates to reach their maximum potential through the shared life stories of successful professionals in multiple fields. This event basically aimed to develop the designing, organizing, leadership, teamwork, coordination, and communication skills of the undergraduates. A number of resource persons from both industry and academia contributed to this programme.

**THE HIKE I TOOK 3.0**

LIVE WEBINAR

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**08.00 P.M. Onwards**

**Mr. Asanka Dissanayake**  
General Manager  
Brandix Minuwangoda

2020/2021 BATCH  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES  
SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

in

**“EXPERIENCE IS THE TEACHER OF ALL THINGS”**  
-Julius Caesar

JOIN US  
LIVE WEBINAR

**THE HIKE I TOOK 3.0**

**28<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday** | **02:00 p.m. Onwards**

via zoom

**OUR SPEAKER**  
**MRS. NISANSALA PARANAYAPA**  
LL.B/Attorney at Law, MBA in HR  
Head of Human Resources - Consumer Foods Sector  
Vice President  
John Keells Group

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**THE HIKE I TOOK 3.0**

**05th July 2022**  
**8.30 a.m onwards**

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VIA zoom

**Our Speaker**  
**Dr. Nayana Swarnapali**  
Head Department of Accountancy and Finance  
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

## Cleaner Production Assessment

The management of Jay Jay Mills (Pvt) Ltd. conducted a series of workshops on cleaner production assessment starting from 27<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. At the end of the programme, the participants were supposed to present a detailed report on the observations of the visits and the potential no-cost, low-cost and high-cost options to reduce waste generation after analyzing the company operations.

# Faculty of Management Studies

## Entrepreneurship



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FORUM BOARD LEAD OF SLASSCOM WOMEN TECHNOPRENEURS  
CO-FOUNDER/ CEO - INQBAYTOR, CRAZY GETS, TICKET GADGET

**ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING**

Join with us

MEETING ID : 681 8595 7612 **09<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2022**  
PASSCODE : ?r0Hs+!r **09:00 AM**

Organized by  
Department of Business Management &  
Department of Marketing Management  
Faculty of Management Studies  
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

A webinar on Entrepreneurship was held on 04<sup>th</sup> August and 09<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to gain knowledge from the experts in the fields of e-commerce and intellectual property rights. The students who follow the subject course: “Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management” from the Marketing Management and Business Management departments were the participants of the event. Prof. Indunil Dayaratne, Director of the University Business Linkage Cell and Dr. Harshani Perera, Forum Board Lead of Slasscom Women Technopreneurs contributed as the resource persons of the event.

## Research Mentoring

The Faculty of Management Studies conducted a Research Mentoring Programme (RMP) in collaboration with Emerald Publishing and Gulf Medical University, Ajman, UAE, as a project of the Research and Publication Unit, Faculty of Management Studies. This programme was an extension of the Writing Impactful Research (WIR) programme conducted in 2021 and also as a post-conference engagement of ICMR 2021. The RMP was designed to shape the future of young and emerging researchers by sharpening their skills in conducting impactful research toward publishing in a recognized journal. The programme was held from 01<sup>st</sup> September to 08<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in virtual mode.



**RESEARCH MENTORING WORKSHOP 2022**

The Research Mentoring Workshop (RMW) is delivered as an extension of the Writing Impactful Research (WIR) program and as a post-conference engagement of ICMR 2021 conducted by the Faculty of Management Studies in collaboration with Emerald Publishing and Gulf Medical University, Ajman, UAE. The workshop aims to achieve the following outcomes for the attendees.

- Devising new contributions and making originality through your research
- Writing and publishing impactful manuscripts
- Leading the scholarly community
- Strategizing for making contributions to the scholarly journals

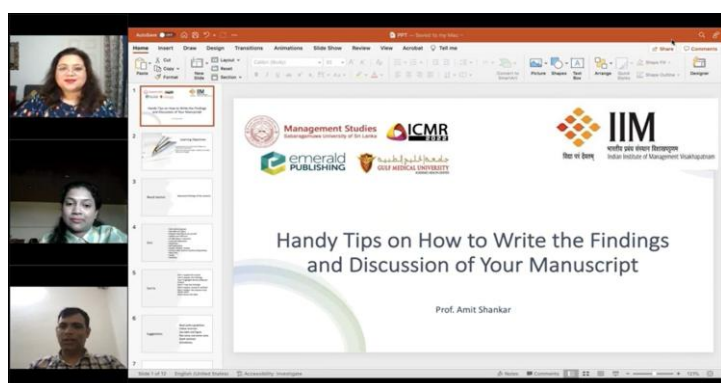
01 Sep 2022 - 08 Oct 2022  
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No fee, limited seats  
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**THE SPEAKER LINEUP**

- Dr Sudhir Rana**  
Associate Professor, Gulf Medical University, Ajman (UAE)
- Prof. Amila Jayarathne**  
Professor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka
- Prof. N. Jayantha Dewasiri**  
Professor, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
- Dr Amit Shankar**  
Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam, India
- Dr Jagroop Singh**  
Assistant Professor, Gulf Medical University, Ajman (UAE)
- Dr Kashif Saeed**  
Assistant Professor, GIFT University Pakistan
- Prof. Shanthi Gopalakrishnan**  
Professor, Martin Tuchman School of Management, USA
- Dr Vikas Arya**  
Assistant Professor, International University of Rabat, Morocco



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**Handy Tips on How to Write the Findings and Discussion of Your Manuscript**

Prof. Amit Shankar



How to write the conclusion, implications, and future directions of your manuscript?

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# Faculty of Management Studies

## Webinar

**STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT**

Guest Speaker:  
Mr. Sthira Dewasurendra  
Manager  
Strategic Programs and Business Development  
Sierra Construction Limited

A Workshop organized by  
AHEAD (Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development)  
For Year III Semester II Students of  
Department of Accountancy & Finance  
Faculty of Management Studies

Date: 09<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Time: 6.00 p.m. to 08.00 p.m.

**PROPERTY INSIGHTS**  
BE ALERT AVERT FIRE

Join via  
Zoom

Mr. Gamini Bandara  
Branch Head, F&I Insurance Limited

26th September  
2022 | 4.30 p.m.  
Onwards

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2018/2019 Batch,  
B.Sc Honors in Banking and Insurance,  
Department of Accountancy and Finance,  
Faculty of Management Studies,  
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

A series of webinars on different topics, including “Marine Insights”, “Strategic Management”, “Property Insights”, “CV writing and interview skills”, “Accounting Standard –Investment Property”, “Financial Environment-Stock Market”, and “Investment Analysis & Portfolio Management”, organized by the AHEAD project of the Department of Accountancy & Finance was held on 09<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 via Zoom platform. A number of academic and industrial experts from relevant fields contributed to this programme as resource persons.

**Marine Insights**  
~To Navigate in the Blue Planet~

**MARINE UNDERWRITING FOR SAFE NAVIGATION**

JOIN ONLINE SESSION

06 August  
2022 | 9.30 AM  
ONWARDS

Jayaprasam Niroshkanth  
Director / Chief Operating Officer  
Eagle Insurance Brokers

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Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

## Dining Etiquette

The Department of Business Management organized “Fyn Dyne 1.0”, a practical dining etiquette workshop for Business Management Degree students with a view of improving their hands-on experience in dining etiquette. Day one of the workshop was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the faculty with the contribution of Prof. Rangana Shalika, Department of Tourism Management. The second and third days of the event were held at the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) Bandarawela College on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with the resource contribution of Mr. Chaminda Thennakoon, Principal, SLITHM Bandarawela College and Mr. Anuradha Ellawala, Assistant Lecturer, SLITHM Bandarawela College respectively.





## General Convocation



The 23<sup>rd</sup> General Convocation of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was proudly held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the university premises.



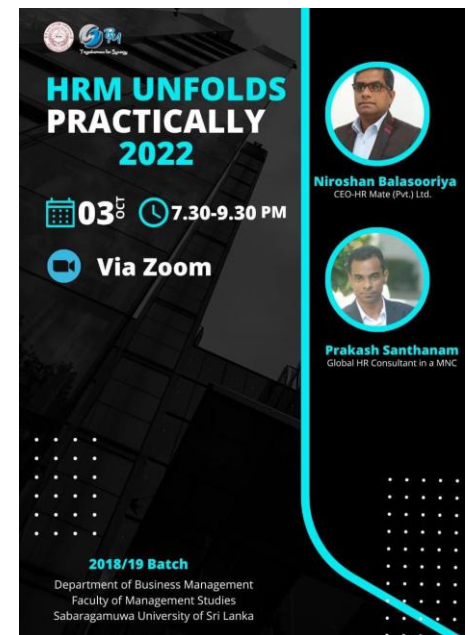


# Faculty of Management Studies

## Online English Camp

An online English camp, organized by the AHEAD project of the Department of Accountancy & Finance was held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to enhance the students' knowledge of English language skills. Mr. K. Sivayesan, a former Senior Instructor in English at Sabaragamuwa University conducted the event.

## Human Resource Management



An online webinar series namely, “HRM through the Lenses of Practitioners 4.0”, organized by the students who followed BM 2223 HRM subject with the guidance of the subject lecturer Dr. H.P.R. Priyankara was held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> September, and 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. Identifying the role of HR professionals in a business organization, identifying how the HRM unfolds in the real-world setting, knowing the new trends in HRM, and knowing the challenges faced by HRM professionals in managing HR in organizations were among the major objectives of the event. Eminent HRM practitioners from local and international contexts participated and shared their experiences in the webinar series.

## Motivating School Children



A programme aimed to motivate school children to face Advanced Level examinations successfully and to be aware of the importance of higher education was organized by the Department of Business Management on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies. The Advanced Level students of the Bandarawela Central College participated in the event.

# Faculty of Management Studies

## Chemical Management

**CONTENT**  
Introduction to Labeling  
What is GHS  
Preparation of a GHS Label  
Use of a Safety Data Sheet for a Safe Laboratory

**zoom**

**WEBINAR**  
Chemicals Management  
GHS Labelling

**17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
9.30 am - 11.30 am

**FREE**

**DR. UDAYA JAYASUNDARA**  
Senior Lecturer  
Institute of Chemistry Ceylon

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Meeting ID : 684 9118 0180  
Password : gAy7f&cS

**CONTENT**  
1. Introduction  
2. Chemical Hygiene Plan  
3. Safety Rules and Policies  
4. Chemical Management Program  
5. Laboratory Inspection Program  
6. Emergency Procedures

**08<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
09.30 - 11.30 IN THE MORNING

**FREE**

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Senior Lecturer  
Institute of Chemistry Ceylon

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Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

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EcoBusiness Management,  
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

A series of webinars on “Chemical Management and GHS Labeling” and “Environment, Health and Safety Management in Chemical Laboratories” was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October and 08<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to give an understanding to the students on Chemical Management and GHS Labeling. Dr. Udaya Jayasundara, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, conducted the event.

## Improving Attitudes

An attitude development programme for school children was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to make them aware of the career opportunities and professional paths that are available for Commerce stream students after their G.C.E. Advance Level examination.



The advanced-level students of Mo/Amunekandura Maha Vidyalaya, Amunekandura were the target groups of the event organized by the Department of Business Management. This programme also motivated the students to study well for the examinations.





# Faculty of Management Studies

## ICMR 2022

The Faculty of Management Studies of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers (ICMR) 2022 on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 via both online and offline platforms. The theme “*Ethical Academic Leadership in Economic Turbulent Times*” was the focus of this 7<sup>th</sup> ICMR 2022.



This conference addressed the most critical questions in the areas of Business Management, Accounting and Finance, Banking and Insurance, Marketing Management, Human Resource Management, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management, Tourism and Hospitality Management, International Business and Global Sustainable Practices, and more.

Further, it allowed scholars to stay connected with the experts in the field of management while encouraging multidisciplinary dialogues between researchers and industry practitioners in conjunction with different research findings and implications. Renowned scholars in the management field, including Prof. Steve H. Hanke, Prof. David A. Aaker, Prof. Suhaiza Zailani, and Prof. D.G. Dharmarathna, graced the event as keynote speakers.





# Faculty of Management Studies

## MURS 2022

Both local and international pioneers in the field of Management met more than 60 novel researchers virtually on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to share their expertise, knowledge, and insights at the 4<sup>th</sup> Management Undergraduates' Research Session organized by the Faculty of Management Studies under the theme: “Fostering Agility: Confronting the Uncertainty”. This annual conference was held for the fourth consecutive year and it allowed young scientists to present their research findings to a wider community and to enhance their education while integrating with the global community.



The event was graced with the presence of Senior Prof. Ajantha S. Dharmasiri, Prof. Athula Gnanapala, and Dr. Roshan Panditharathna along with the conference's special invitee, a renowned entrepreneur, Mr. Vasudevan Rasiah. The conference was officially inaugurated with special wishes from Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.



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## MoU with CSE



The Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) signed an MoU on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to strengthen the collaboration between the university and the industry. This mutual understanding aimed to expand and affirm a strong cooperative relationship in promoting capital market education within the university, opening up internship opportunities for undergraduates, and granting financial assistance for students' activities. This collaboration was organized by the University Business Linkage Cell with the assistance of the Department of Accountancy and Finance.



## MoU with CBL

The Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Ceylon Biscuits Limited Group signed an MoU on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Vice-Chancellor's office, SUSL. This MoU is intended to pave the way for facilitating students with internship opportunities, career mentoring, knowledge and learning resources plan, and collaborative business research. The Vice-Chancellor, Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, signed the MoU on behalf of the university, while all the directors of the SBUs of CBL signed the MoU representing the CBL group.





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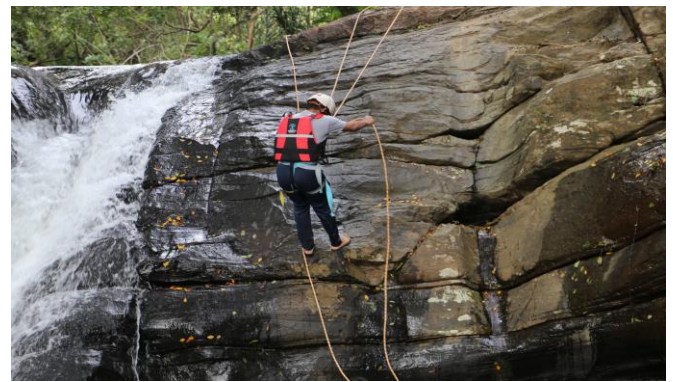
## Tip Talks

“Tip Talks” aimed to enhance students' skills to gain advantages to meet strangers working in industries while giving additional awareness of the “Sabra Tourism” programme of the university. The event was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies with the participation of the Dean of the Faculty, the Head of the Department of Tourism Management, lecturers, and the special guest of the event Prof. Harald A. Friedl.



## A Recreational Programme

An outdoor recreational programme was organized by the Department of Business Management to improve the leadership skills, teamwork, communication skills, and self-confidence of the undergraduates. This event was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 around the university premises and at the outdoor recreation center at Kumbalgama.



# Faculty of Medicine

## Prana '22



“Prana '22” the blood donation campaign was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at Sivali Central Collage. This event was organized by the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Medicine, with the Interact Club of Sivali Central College.



# Faculty of Medicine

## World Cleanup Day 2022

The Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Medicine organized a programme with Zero Plastic National Movement to become a partner of the Island-wide Cleanup Series. The event was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



## A New Home



The opening ceremony of the new administration building of the Faculty of Medicine was ceremonially held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Ratnapura. Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor, SUSL; the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine; Deans of the other faculties; the Director, Teaching Hospital Ratnapura; consultants; academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine; Registrar; Deputy Registrars; non-academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine and students of all batches participated in this event.



# Faculty of Medicine

## Undergraduate Research Symposium

The first-ever research symposium of the undergraduates of the Faculty of Medicine was organized by the Department of Community Medicine in partnership with a number of departments in the Faculty of Medicine to disseminate novel research ideas with critical points of evaluation. Senior Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, the Vice-Chancellor, SUSL participated as the Chief Guest of the symposium. Meanwhile, Kapila Kannangara, Provincial Director of Health Service, Sabaragamuwa Province and Dr. Deepika Attygala, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank, South Asia Region graced the occasion as Guests of Honor. Prof. Enoka Kudavidanage, Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences, SUSL delivered the keynote speech. This event was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

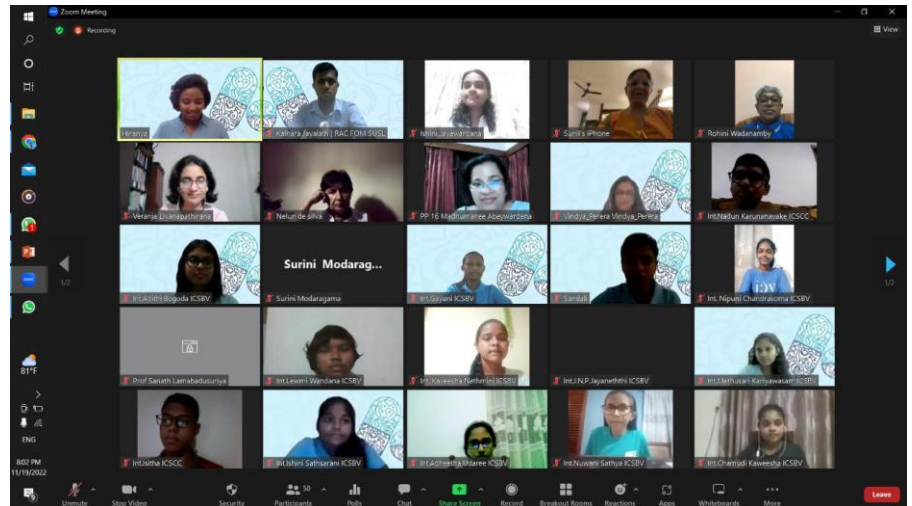




# Faculty of Medicine

## Bugs vs. Drugs

An interactive seminar regarding antibiotic use was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to increase the awareness of the emerging Antimicrobial resistance and what the general public and school children can do to prevent this. The seminar was organized by the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Medicine together with the Sri Lankan Society for Microbiology and Interact clubs of Sivali Central College and Sumana Balika Vidyalaya in line with the “World antimicrobial awareness Week 2022”.



## Feelings

The second episode of “Feelings: a review of the creative arts of Aestheticism” was held on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the auditorium of the Teaching Hospital, Ratnapura. The Aesthetic Society of the Faculty of Medicine organized the programme with a view to providing a platform for the students to exhibit and develop their creative skills as a method of obtaining mental relaxation amidst the educational hardships of the MBBS programme. Dr. Chinthaka Hathlahawatta, Consultant Cardiologist of the Teaching Hospital Ratnapura contributed as the guest speaker of the event.





# Faculty of Medicine

## Grow to Glow



Around sixty families with poor socio-economic status in Batuhena area were distributed vegetable plants with the assistance of the Rotaract Club, Faculty of Medicine. This event took place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the faculty premises.



## Christmas Carol Night

The Medical undergraduates of the faculty organized a Christmas Carol event on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 for the inward patients, in particular children of the pediatric unit of the Teaching Hospital, Ratnapura.



# Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

## Assisting A/L Students

A series of seminars on Business Statistics, Economics, and Information and Communication Technology for the Advanced Level Students of the whole Island was held on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 in order to assist in knowledge dissemination into the rural communities with the involvement of undergraduates.

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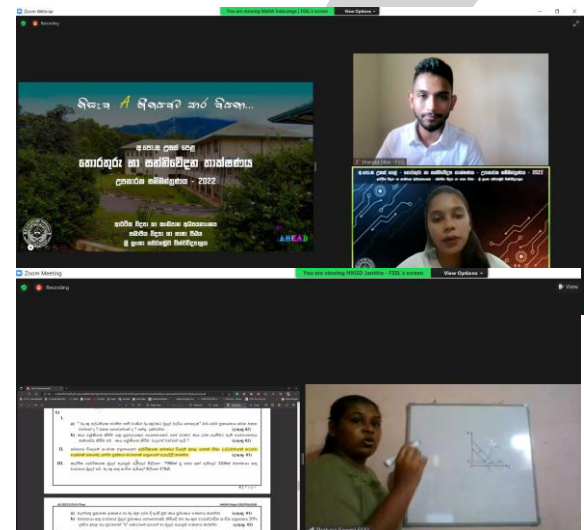
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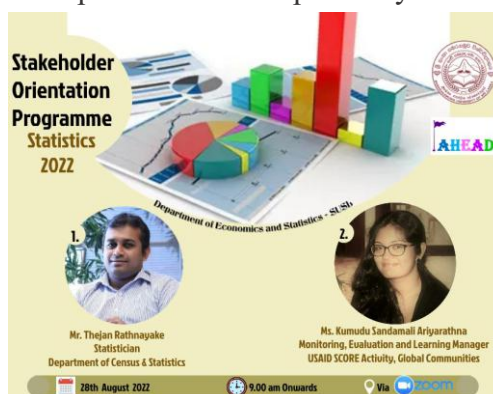




# Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

## Stakeholder Orientation

The AHEAD project of the Department of Economics and Statistics organized a series of orientation programmes to provide an understanding of the job market of the respective fields including, Economics, Statistics, and ICT. Three orientation programmes focusing on “Information and Communication Technology”, “Statistics”, and “Economics” were held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 respectively.



## English Club

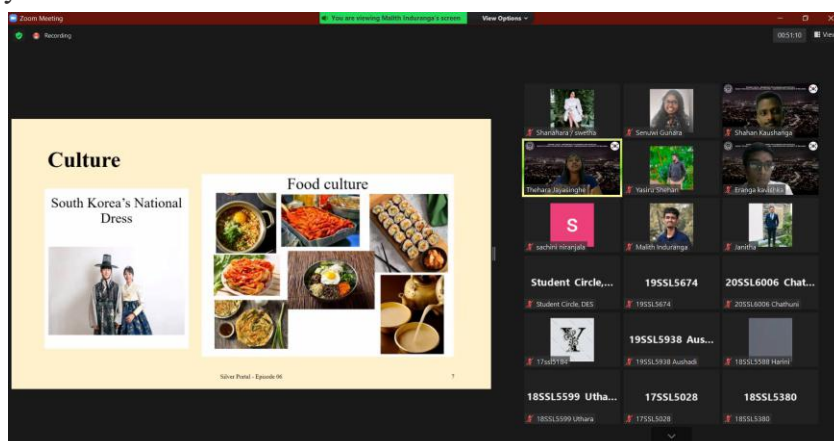
“The English Club of the Student Circle” was launched by the undergraduates of Economics, Statistics, and ICT of the Department of Economics and Statistics to train students to improve fluency in communication, presentation skills, and public speaking skills in English to enhance the quality of English medium studies in all degree programmes conducted by the department. The event took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



## Silver Portal



A programme organized by the Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics with a view of obtaining new knowledge of the South Korean economy while attaining knowledge of how their policy implications could be adapted to the Sri Lankan economic context was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. “The Driving Force behind the South Korean Economic Development” was the primary theme of the event.





# Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

## Appreciating Students



The Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics organized a Certificate Awarding Ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to appreciate the participation of students in the academic programmes conducted by the Department of Economics and Statistics.



## Our Success Stories

The eleventh story of the discussion series, namely “Our success stories - A chat with Alumni member” organized by the Alumni Association of the Department of Economics and Statistics was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This event provided an opportunity for the undergraduates to get to know the ideas and the experiences of alumni members about how they achieved their targets as undergraduates and employees in the industry.



## DELT Student Circle

The DELT Student Circle was launched on 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 and it held its first event “Xmas Eve 2022” on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. The initial event allowed the students to develop their soft skills while promoting the activities of the DELT Student Circle. The event was successful and it encouraged the students to engage with the circle in future events.





# Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

## Curriculum Development

A workshop organized to design a curriculum for a Diploma in Interpretation Studies was held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the University of Jaffna. The academics of the universities which offer BA (Hons) in Translation Studies, including the Sabaragamuwa University, University of Kelaniya, University of Jaffna, and Eastern University participated in the event. The event was organized and sponsored by National Languages Equality Advancement Project (NLEAP). Prof. N. Selvakumaaran, Head of the School of Law SLIIT; Ms. Saama Rajakaruna, Gender Equality Specialist, NLEAP; Jeff Staflund, Interpretation Consultant from the Government of Canada; Thirunavukarasu Marimuthu, Deputy Director, NLEAP contributed to the programme as resource persons.



## GitHub and Census



The Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics conducted two workshops on “Getting Started with GitHub 2022” and “Process of a Census – 2022” on 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 for the undergraduates of the department.



## CSCCF 2022

The Huanggang Normal University collaborated with Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to organize the “The Third China Sri Lanka Communication and Cooperation Forum (CSCCF 2022)” on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This event primarily intended to promote interdisciplinary academic research in addition to promoting academic exchange activities between China and Sri Lanka.





# Faculty of Technology

## Tech Colloquium



The second workshop of the "Tech Colloquium" series entitled "Best Practices in Industrial Occupational Health and Safety" was successfully conducted on 06<sup>th</sup> July 2022 virtually. This programme aimed to equip the prospective industrial trainee students with health and safety practices followed in the industry. Mr. Kirama Chandrakumara/ Safety, Health, Environment and Stakeholder Manager at INSEE Ecocycle Lanka Private Limited shared his experience as the resource person. The workshop was organized by the Faculty Industry Collaboration Unit (FICU) with FQAC and CQC of the Faculty of Technology.

## Orientation Programme

The orientation programme for newcomers to the Faculty of Technology was concluded successfully on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The programme spanned across three weeks from 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022, with more than 20 invited sessions, 30 hours of extensive English programme, and 20 hours of the fundamental engineering mathematics programme.

## Level-Up Innovate



The second workshop of the "Level Up Innovate" series with the sub-topic "Path to become a successful undergraduate researcher" was successfully conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 with the participation of Dr. Lakshitha Pahalagedara, Head of Business Development, Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (Pvt.) Ltd. as the resource person. Dr. Pahalagedara shared his decades-long experience in research and development inculcating the necessity of a research-driven mindset among the undergraduates of the Faculty of Technology. This workshop was organized by the Faculty Industry Collaboration Unit (FICU) with the assistance of FQAC and CQC of the Faculty of Technology.





# Faculty of Technology

## Japanese Language Proficiency Course

The introductory session of the Japanese language proficiency course was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the main auditorium of SUSL. The initiative of the Japanese language proficiency programme was inceptioned with the aim of equipping the undergraduates with the necessary prerequisites to perceive opportunities in employment, industrial exposure, and higher education in Japan.



Undergraduates were facilitated to achieve Japanese language proficiency level 05 with this course and within 80 hour course period. Prof. K.R. Koswattage, the Dean of the Faculty of Technology; Ms. P.D.M. Muthumali, Senior Lecturer in Japanese Language; and undergraduates of the Faculty of Technology were the participants of the event. The ceremony was organized by the Faculty Industry Collaboration Unit, Faculty Career Guidance Cell, and the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell.

## Staff Achievements

### Emerald Literati Award

Prof. Arosha Adikaram, Department of Human Resources, University of Colombo; Dr. N.P.G.S.I. Naotunna, Department of Business Management, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka; and Dr. H.P.R. Priyankara, Department of Business Management, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka won the Emerald Literati outstanding paper award in 2022 for their paper titled “Battling COVID-19 with human resource management bundling” published in the Journal of Employee Relations.



# Staff Achievements

## IFAA Incentive Award



Ms. T.C.S. Weerakoon, Lecturer (probationary) at the Department of Anatomy, presented a research at the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA 2022) held on 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022. She also received IFAA Emergent Anatomists Incentive Award to cover her registration fee for the congress.

## Doctoral Degree Completion



Dr. K.D.U.D. Fernando, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Accountancy and Finance completed his Ph.D. in International Relations at the International University of Japan, Niigata.

## Masters Degree Completion



Mrs. T.M.N. Tharanga, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Accountancy and Finance completed her Masters at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



Ms. J.H.A.W.N. Hettiarachchi, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Marketing Management completed her Masters at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



Ms. M.S.H. Rathnasiri, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Marketing Management completed her Masters at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



## Student Achievements

### AWS Community Builder

Mr. Dilshan Fernando, a final year undergraduate of the Department of Computing and Information Systems has been selected as an Amazon Web Services (AWS) Community Builder under the FEWM (front-end-web-and-mobile) category



### SL Ride Share

Mr. Ishan Randika, a second-year undergraduate of the Department of Computing and Information Systems innovated the "SL Ride Share" mobile application which is now available on the Google play store



### A National Award

Mr. Nayanajith Priyasad, a final year undergraduate was awarded in the category of "Best Innovative Product/ Project - University - Sabaragamuwa Province" for the "Cloud-based Marker-Less Augmented Reality Platform for Mobile Devices (ARMO)" at the SLASSCOM National Ingenuity Awards - 2022.



## New Appointments

Dr. L.S. Lekamge has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Computing and Information Systems.



Ms. R.D.A.M. Somarathne has been appointed as a Lecturer (probationary) of the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education.



Ms. J.W.A. Sajeewani, Department of Food Science and Technology, has been appointed as an Academic Warden.



## Promotions



Dr. M.D.N.M.U. Mahawatttha, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Marketing Management was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade I.





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SUSL will celebrate its twenty-seven years of excellence on the propitious day of 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at the university premises with the presence of the university community along with invited guests. The University Day event will be held with the sessions of awarding the outstanding staff and students under different categories.



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