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ICSSL 2024



The 02nd International Conference on Social Sciences and Languages, organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, was held on 18th and 19th December 2024 at the Auditorium, Faculty of Technology, on a hybrid platform. The conference, themed “Enabling Future through Resilience, Social Stability, and Ecological Sustenance,” featured a wide range of multidisciplinary research presentations, guest speeches, and keynote addresses by leading national and international experts. The event was graced by HE Eric Walsh, High Commissioner for Canada in Sri

Sri Lanka and Maldives, as the Chief Guest. Ms. Samadanie Kiriwandeniya, Director of Sanasa International Pvt. Ltd, delivered the Keynote Address, while Dr. Lakshika Liyanage, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities, Kothalawala Defense University, delivered a Special Speech. The conference was preceded by workshops of academic significance, further enriching the knowledge-sharing experience.



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Sabra Spirit



The 19th Annual District Award Ceremony of Leo District 306 C2 was held on 07th July 2024 at the Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo. The Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (Sabra Leos) was recognized for its outstanding contributions during the 2023/24 Leoistic year. At the ceremony, the Sabra Leos received a total of 20 awards, including 11 club achievement awards and 9 individual achievement awards, honoring their exceptional dedication, commitment, and excellence in service. These accolades highlight the remarkable efforts of the club and its members in making a meaningful impact within the Leo community.



LEO CLUB OF SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

SDC Awarding

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony organized by the Staff Development Centre (SDC) was held on 03rd September 2024, celebrating the achievements of participants who successfully completed professional development programmes. The event highlighted their dedication to skill enhancement, commitment to continuous learning, and contributions to advancing institutional excellence.



University Events

India Gallery



The India Gallery Opening Ceremony was held on 09th September 2024 at the Main Library, marking a significant step in promoting cultural and educational exchange. The gallery showcases a collection of materials related to Indian history, culture, and literature, providing students and researchers with valuable resources for academic exploration and cross-cultural understanding.



Quality Forward

The CQA Workshop was held on 02nd October 2024 with the objective of enhancing awareness and understanding of quality assurance practices within the academic context. The session focused on strengthening institutional standards, improving documentation processes, and fostering a culture of continuous quality improvement among participants.



University Events

Stories that Speak

The Human Library Project – 7 was held on 23rd October 2024, continuing its mission of creating a safe and engaging space for dialogue and shared experiences. The initiative encouraged participants to “borrow” human stories, fostering empathy, open-mindedness, and meaningful conversations across diverse backgrounds.



Celebrating Success

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) was held on 26th October 2024, celebrating the achievements of students who successfully completed their programs. The event recognized their dedication, hard work, and commitment to lifelong learning, while inspiring continued professional and academic growth.



ARS Goes Online



The Web Launching Ceremony of Annual Research Sessions (ARS) was held on 29th October 2024, marking the official unveiling of the new digital platform. The event highlighted the importance of technological innovation, accessibility, and knowledge sharing, providing a modern interface to connect users and enhance engagement with ARS initiatives.

University Events

A Day of Blessings



The *Kathina Robe* Offering Ceremony was held on 08th November 2024. This religious event was organized in accordance with Buddhist traditions, offering *Kathina Robes* to members of *Maha Sangha* as a meritorious act. The ceremony aimed to seek religious blessings, promote moral values, and strengthen spiritual and social harmony within the community.

SDC Workshop



The SDC Workshop for staff of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) was held on 04th December 2024. The workshop was organized with the objective of enhancing staff competencies, fostering professional development, and strengthening institutional capacity through structured training and collaborative learning activities.

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

A New Journey

The official inauguration ceremony of the 2022/2023 batch of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was held on 05th August 2024, formally welcoming the new intake to the academic community. The event marked the beginning of their journey in agricultural studies, introducing students to the faculty, academic expectations, and the opportunities available for professional growth and research in the field of agriculture.



AgInsight 2024

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, proudly organized the 05th International Conference of Agricultural Sciences (AgInsight 2024), under the theme of “Agricultural Research to Address Future Challenges of Climate Change and Food Security” on 11th and 12th September 2024. AgInsight aimed to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration among researchers, academics, industry leaders, and students in the fields of Agriculture and Agri- Environment, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics, Livestock, Aquaculture and Food Science. It also provided an interdisciplinary platform for discussing innovative ideas, presenting cutting-edge research, and sharing the latest developments in the industry. This year event was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Sunil Shantha and the Dean Snr. Prof. Asha Karunarathne. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Harold Corke, a Professor in Biotechnology and Food Engineering Programme, Guangdong Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The conference featured three plenary sessions led by renowned scientists from various agricultural and allied disciplines, facilitating research presentations and discussions. The conference held both face-to-face in physical mode and virtual mode.



Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

New Dean of the Faculty



The Duty Assumption Ceremony of Prof. M. L. M. C. Dissanayake as the new Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was held on 07th October 2024. The occasion marked the official commencement of her tenure, signifying a renewed commitment to strengthening academic excellence, advancing research initiatives, and fostering sustainable development within the faculty.

Futures Training

From 10th to 13th December 2024, Dr. Juha Kaskinen, Director of the Finland Futures Research Centre (FFRC), and Junior Expert on Futures Studies, Kalpani Pavithra, conducted a Futures Studies training programme at SUSL. The programme engaged approximately 30 participants, equipping them with essential skills to address Climate-Resilient Development (CRD) through Futures approaches. The training introduced fundamental Futures concepts, commonly used research methods, and their real-world applications. Theoretical discussions were complemented by evening Futures Workshop sessions, providing participants with hands-on experience. Key approaches included Scenario Planning for envisioning preferred Futures, Mental Time Travel exercises to stimulate creative thinking, and the Futures Table as a structured tool for analyzing and organizing drivers of change. The workshops incorporated both paper-based and digital methods to enhance engagement and interactivity.



A Bilateral Collaboration



SUSL signed a bilateral agreement to foster joint research, projects, and teaching collaborations, as well as student and staff mobility between Sri Lanka and Finland. These agreements aimed to enhance the internationalization of both universities and sustain joint efforts during and beyond the EU-funded Erasmus+ SUCCESSFUL project. The collaboration agreements were signed by Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Vice-Chancellor of SUSL, and Dr. Juha Kaskinen, Director of the Finland Futures Research Centre (FFRC) at the University of Turku, ensuring continued cooperation from December 2024 onward. The event took place on 12th December 2024.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Friendly Matches



The Department of Sports Science and Physical Education organized an *Elle* match between Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and the University of Moratuwa on 04th July 2024, as well as a friendly Karate match for young players at SUSL on 15th July 2024.

A Joint Conference



The Third Applied Science Undergraduate Research Symposium (APSURS) and the Undergraduate Research Symposium of Technology (URSTECH) were jointly organized by the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Technology on 11th July 2024. The theme of the joint conference was 'Empowering Innovation: Bridging Theory and Practice in Applied Science and Technology.' A significant number of undergraduates from both faculties presented their outstanding research at the event. The conference was chaired by Dr. H.N.M. Sarangika from the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Orientation Programme



The New Student Orientation for the year 2024 (2022/2023 academic year) of the Faculty commenced on 30th July 2024 with an online ceremony. The event was graced by Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, and featured a keynote address by Prof. Wimal Ubhayasekera, Associate Principal Scientist at Sprint Bioscience AB, Sweden.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

A Training Session

The Department of Food Science and Technology, in collaboration with the Regional Agriculture Research and Training Institute, Kahagolla, Bandarawela, organized a training session on Tissue Culture, Soilless Culture, and Weather Parameters for A/L students from R/Ananda Maithreya National School and R/Damahana M.V. on 30th July 2024.



Building a Research Career

The Department of Food Science and Technology organized a guest talk on 'Crafting Your Research Brand: Navigating Careers and Postgraduate Opportunities in Food Science and Technology' on 15th August 2024. Students had the privilege of hearing from Prof. Nandika Bandara, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair at the University of Manitoba, who served as the guest speaker.



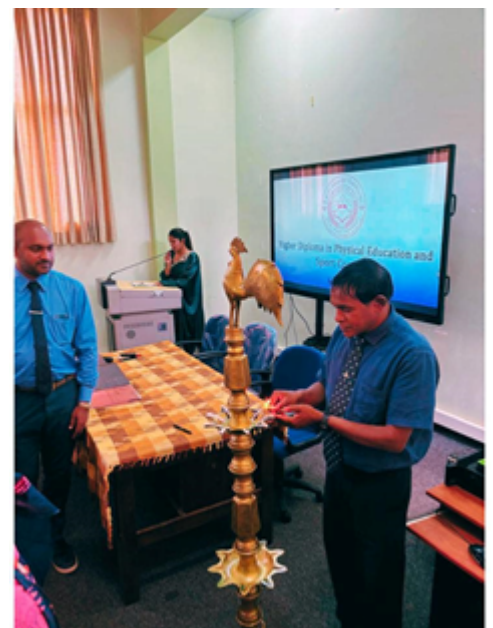
ProFood ProPack

The Department of Food Science and Technology participated in ProFood ProPack Agbiz 2024, held from 23rd to 25th August 2024.



Higher Diploma in Sports

The Higher Diploma in Physical Education and Sport Coaching was inaugurated by the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education on 07th September 2024.



Faculty of Applied Sciences

Science and Technology Exhibition



The Department of Physical Science and Technology organized a Knowledge Dissemination in Science and Technology exhibition at R/Marapana Maha Vidyalaya, Marapana, on 26th September 2024.



ERASMUS+ FOUNTAIN Consortium Meeting



Faculty members, Dr. L. D. Lekamge, Prof. E. P. N. Udayakumara, and Snr. Prof. R. M. U. S. K. Rathnayaka represented the ERASMUS+ FOUNTAIN team at the Consortium Meeting held in Tallinn, Estonia, from 30th September to 06th October 2024. The meeting aimed to strengthen university–industry collaboration, with a focus on promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.

A Workshop for National Coaches



The Department of Physical Science and Technology organized a workshop for national coaches in Sri Lanka at the High Altitude Training Centre, Nuwara Eliya, on 11th October 2024.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Sri Lankan Lapidary

The Department of Natural Resources and the Society for Natural Resource Studies organized a seminar on “The Rich History of Sri Lankan Lapidary” delivered by Mr. Saman Amarasekera on 19th October 2024.



Showcasing Food Science Innovations



The Department of Food Science and Technology participated in the *Ruhunu Rasa Saraniya* Exhibition held on 25th and 26th October 2024.

Diploma in Gemmology



Certificates were awarded to the first batch of students who completed the Diploma in Gemmology at the Certificate Awarding Ceremony held on 26th October 2024. Meanwhile, the 2024 academic batch of the Diploma in Gemmology commenced on 29th November 2024.

Biomechanical Analysis

The Department of Physical Science and Technology organized a workshop on Biomechanical Analysis for the Sri Lanka Army Rugby Team on 26th and 27th October 2024.

Faculty of Applied Sciences



Nenapahasa

On 28th October 2024, the Society of Physical Science and Technology successfully conducted the educational programme *Nenapahasa*, designed to inspire and educate school students.



World Food Day

The Department of Food Science and Technology, in collaboration with the Sabaragamuwa University Food Science and Technology Association (SUFSTA), organized several events to celebrate World Food Day on 29th October 2024, including a stall reshaw of Pro Food Pro Pack and a friendly cricket match.



A Workshop



The Department of Food Science and Technology continued its community outreach efforts by conducting a workshop for SMEs in the Sabaragamuwa Province and a Fish Awareness Programme for Public Health Inspectors on 29th and 30th October 2024.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Environmental Problems

A two-day workshop for school students, aimed at finding solutions to environmental problems, was conducted by Prof. Enoka Kudavidanage as part of the ENVFORCE programme organized by the Federation of Environmental Organizations on 30th and 31st October 2024.



Herbal Products



On 01st November 2024, the AHEAD/RIC/Grant 18 Research Team of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, in co-llaboration with the UBLC of SUSL, launched a herbal instant soup mix in partnership with Suravi Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd. Developed using locally sourced herbal ingredients, this nutritious and convenient product promotes healthier dietary choices while supporting sustainable food production. The research team comprises Snr. Prof. Udaya Rathnayake, Prof. Nirmali Wickramaratne, Prof. Kapila Rathnayake, Dr. Namal Perera, Dr. Thilini Kananke, and Dr. Rasangi Sabaragamuwa.

A Workshop on Entrepreneurship



From 05th to 07th November 2024, the Department of Food Science and Technology organized a workshop on Entrepreneurship and Business Planning, aimed at enhancing participants' business skills and knowledge.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Conservation Workshop

The Department of Natural Resources welcomed two scientists from the Memphis Zoo, USA, on 12th November 2024 to conduct a workshop on Animal Welfare and Herpetology Research. This workshop was held as a side event to the inauguration of the CARE Base Camp, a collaborative initiative between the Tropical Ecosystem Research Network (TERN) and the Memphis Zoo, founded by Prof. Enoke Kudavidanage, aimed at promoting research and conservation in tropical ecosystems.



Strengthening Global Collaboration

In November 2024, the Department of Physical Science and Technology became an official member of the International Alliance for Uncertainty Analysis during the 2024 International Congress on Uncertainty Analysis. Prof. Kapila Rathnayaka delivered a keynote address at the Congress and was elected as an Executive Council Member of the Alliance, highlighting the department's growing international presence in the field of uncertainty analysis.



Vietnam Conference



Members of the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, Mr. Pramesh Thotawatte, Ms. Sashini Wickramarachchi, and Mr. Pathum Weerakkody along with Prof. E. P. N. Udayakumara, Dean of the Faculty, participated in the International Conference on Applied Sports 2025, which included hosting discussions and an international seminar on 24th and 25th November 2024 at the University of Management Technology (UMT), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

United by the Game



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education and the Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka on 17th December 2024.

Empowering Academic Practice



The Faculty Quality Assurance Cell of the Faculty of Applied Sciences conducted a series of workshops for the faculty community, focusing on new pedagogies for teaching, learning, and assessment in the applied science curriculum; innovation management; commercialization of research and intellectual property rights (IPR); training on laboratory equipment use and high-tech instrument laboratory maintenance; effective student counselling and career guidance; and workplace ethics.

Speaking Forward

The English Language Association continued its Student Talk Series throughout the year, aimed at enhancing students' communication and language skills, and the series has steadily gained popularity among the student community.

Beyond the Classroom



The Department of Sports Science and Physical Education conducted several outdoor recreation and leadership programmes in the Belihuloya area during December 2024, which included activities such as jet jumping, abseiling, and night camping.



Faculty of Computing

Gateway to ICARC 2025



The official website of the International Conference on Advanced Research in Computing (ICARC) 2025 was launched on 15th August 2024. The event was graced by Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Vice Chancellor of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, along with members of the Technical Programme Committee and the Organizing Committee of ICARC 2025.

Setting the Stage Online

Pages of the Future



The official website of the Computing Undergraduate Research Symposium (ComURS) 2025 was launched on 29th October 2024 at the Boardroom of the Faculty of Computing.

Volume 04, Issue 01 of *ComSpective*, the bi-annual technical magazine published by the Faculty of Computing, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, was released on 01st October 2024. This edition presents a rich collection of innovative research, cutting-edge technologies, and thought-provoking insights that reflect the latest trends in computing and information technology. Featuring contributions from both local and international experts, Volume 04, Issue 01 covers a wide range of topics, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, software engineering, cybersecurity, and human-computer interaction.

The event was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Computing, members of the Technical Programme Committee, and members of the Organizing Committee of ComURS 2025. The website launch aimed to provide comprehensive information about ComURS 2025, including important dates, submission guidelines, keynote speakers, and the event schedule.

Designing the Invisible

A webinar titled “Insights into Software Architecture Development”, organized by the Professional Development Committee of the Faculty of Computing, was held via Zoom on 18th December 2024 for third-year undergraduates preparing for internships, as well as other interested undergraduates. The session was conducted by Mr. Randika Hapugoda, Chief Technology Officer of OBM Digital Factory, who contributed valuable industry insights to the event.



Building the Web

A workshop aimed at introducing participants to key concepts in web development was held on 22nd December 2024 via the Zoom platform. The session was conducted by Mr. Sathira Umesh Bandarnayaka, Software Engineer at SWAT Mobility, Singapore. The workshop provided valuable insights into both fundamental and advanced aspects of web development, covering essential skills, tools, and industry best practices.



Faculty of Geomatics

Shaping Quality Together

The Quality Assurance (QA) Cell of the Faculty of Geomatics hosted two workshops for students and staff on 27th November 2024. The students' workshop aimed to raise awareness about the faculty's QA activities and encourage active participation, thereby accelerating QA initiatives that rely on student involvement. The staff workshop focused on teaching, learning, and assessment strategies, emphasizing the alignment of assessments, learning outcomes, and instructional approaches to enhance the effectiveness of teaching and learning. This initiative also supports ongoing curriculum development within the faculty. Prof. Chalinda Beneragama, Professor in the Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, served as the resource person for both workshops.



A Week in GIS Exploration

In celebration of GIS Day, the Department of Remote Sensing & GIS successfully hosted a free 5-day online webinar series, GEO Roots, from 02nd to 06th December 2024. Sessions were held each evening bringing together a vibrant community of students, professionals, and GIS enthusiasts. The series provided an exceptional platform for participants to enhance their knowledge and skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related technologies. Discussions covered cutting-edge GIS applications, remote sensing techniques, mapping innovations for sustainable development, and collaborative geospatial projects. Through expert-led presentations and interactive Q&A sessions, GEO Roots fostered learning, networking, and collaboration across diverse fields.

GEOROOTS
"Discovering the basics of GIS, QGIS & OSM"
Free 5 Day Online Webinar Series
Starting On 2nd December at 6.00 p.m.
Via ZOOM

In parallel with **GIS DAY 2024** Organized by: Department of Remote Sensing & GIS, Faculty of Geomatics, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

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GIS Day



The “GIS Day 2024” program, organized by the Department of Remote Sensing and GIS, Faculty of Geomatics, was successfully held on 13th December 2024 at Diyasaru Park, Thalawathugoda. The event offered a day of innovation, discovery, and collaboration, highlighting how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are shaping the future of our planet. Attendees explored cutting-edge advancements in GIS and engaged in discussions on its transformative impact on addressing global challenges.

Innovation on the Map



The Faculty of Geomatics at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka is a key partner in the Erasmus+ funded LBS2ITS project, which focuses on integrating Location-Based Services (LBS) with Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) to address transportation challenges in Sri Lanka. This initiative aims to enhance higher education curricula across four partner universities in Sri Lanka, equipping future professionals with the skills required to improve urban and regional transportation systems. The key objectives of the project include establishing regional cooperation in LBS education, modernizing and developing new course modules, training academic staff, upgrading digital learning resources including smart classroom facilities, implementing Problem-Based Learning (PBL) methodologies, and strengthening collaboration between academia and industry. In addition, the project has provided valuable GNSS surveying instruments and advanced digital learning tools to the Faculty of Geomatics, significantly enriching its academic and research capacity. This support has empowered students with access to cutting-edge resources, enabling them to integrate LBS, ITS, and surveying techniques—core focus areas of the faculty—into their learning and research activities.

Faculty of Management Studies

Global Perspectives

An international seminar on community-based tourism practices in Heel Oya, Sri Lanka, was conducted in collaboration between Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Nara Prefectural University, Japan. The seminar brought together Sri Lankan and Japanese students, who shared their experiences and insights on the initiative, fostering cross-cultural learning and collaboration. The event was enriched by the contributions of Dr. Nirmala Ranasinghe, Associate Professor, Faculty of Regional Creation, Nara Prefectural University, Japan, and Mr. Hiran Dinusha and Ms. Tharaka Ranathunga from the Department of Tourism Management, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, who provided expert guidance and practical perspectives on community-based tourism development. This event was held on 06th July 2024.



Finance Mirror



The Finance Mirror Magazine, published by the Department of Accountancy and Finance, was officially launched on 05th September 2024. Organized by the Department of Accountancy and Finance of the Faculty of Management Studies, the magazine aims to enhance knowledge of finance-related aspects while showcasing the creativity and intellectual potential of both students and academics of the department.

Ideas Bound in Print



On 05th September 2024, the Department of Accountancy & Finance launched the edited book Contemporary Issues in Finance – Volume V at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies. This publication was introduced with the aim of strengthening the research culture among students and academics of the department, encouraging scholarly engagement and academic contribution in the field of finance.

Faculty of Management Studies

A New Voice in Finance



The launching of the Asian Journal of Finance (AJF) of the Department of Accountancy & Finance was held on 05th September 2024 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies. The journal aims to provide a platform for high-quality scholarly research, commentary, and debate that contribute to building a more just and humane society in the Asia-Pacific region. AJF seeks to address critical issues in banking, insurance, and finance, supporting the full potential of these sectors while challenging systemic exploitation, oppression, and conflicts that characterize the contemporary socio-political order.

Nature's Path



Toward Zero Plastic



The Zero Plastic Community of Sabaragamuwa University organized a clean-up event at the Sri Sumana Saman Devalaya on 07th September 2024, promoting environmental responsibility and community engagement.



The undergraduates and staff of the faculty organized Serene 2024 – Tourism Day on 27th September 2024. The event aimed to provide participants with knowledge on becoming a professional naturalist, creating engaging and creative content, and raising awareness about snakes.

Faculty of Management Studies

Entrepreneurial Spirit



Mr. Senaka Gurusingha, Founder and Chairman of the Senaka Group, and Mrs. Nilushika Rathnayake, Managing Director of Wint Skill Academy and owner of Nilu's Beauty Salon, contributed to Trailblazer'24, held on 08th October 2024. The event aimed to provide practical knowledge, mentorship, and networking opportunities for aspiring female business leaders, while also nurturing the creative and innovative skills of undergraduates of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Additionally, the programme sought to inspire positive attitudes among management undergraduates towards entrepreneurial careers and encourage them to explore diverse pathways in business leadership and innovation.

Sales in Practice

A workshop on Sales Management was held on 10th October 2024 to enhance the practical sales knowledge of undergraduates. The session was conducted by Mr. Kumudu De Silva, former Head of Sales at Radiant Marketing (Pvt) Ltd, who shared valuable insights and real-world strategies with the participants.

Sustainable Paths

With the objective of creating low-impact, sustainable travel experiences for eco-conscious travellers, an event was held at the Faculty on 24th October 2024 under the theme "Thema Talks and TiP Talks Unite for a Thought-Provoking Discussion on Sustainable Travel."

The session featured distinguished industry leaders,

Founder & CEO of Eco Team; Tony Maheswaran, Director of Strategic Planning, H.O.T. Tourism; Nalaka Amaratunga, Chief Executive Officer of the Destination Management Sector at John Keells Group; and Maxime Wickramasinghe, Director of Marketing & Business Development, Connaissance de Ceylan. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Sarath Munasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Department of Tourism Management, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The event provided a platform for insightful dialogue on sustainable travel practices and strategies.



General Convocation

The day one and day two of the 25th General Convocation were held on 12th and 13th September 2024, respectively celebrating the academic achievements of graduates who successfully completed their degree programs. The ceremony brought together university officials, academic staff, graduates, and their families to commemorate this important milestone.

During the event, graduates were formally conferred with their degrees in recognition of their dedication, perseverance, and academic accomplishments. The convocation served not only as a celebration of students' success but also as a reflection of the university's commitment to academic excellence and the development of skilled professionals who contribute to society. The occasion was marked by a proud and festive atmosphere as graduates embarked on the next chapter of their personal and professional journeys.



Faculty of Management Studies

Melodies and Memories

An entertainment and networking programme, “A Nostalgic Evening at Chiminiya: Music, Dance, and Timeless Flavors,” was held on 24th October 2024 at the Faculty premises, offering participants a delightful blend of music, dance, and culinary experiences in a relaxed and engaging environment.



Doors to Tourism Excellence

The Grand Opening of the Industrial Training Unit by Walkers Tours was held on 24th October 2024. The event highlighted Walkers Tours’ commitment to advancing tourism education in Sri Lanka and its dedication to nurturing the next generation of industry professionals. Mr. Nalaka Amaratunga, CEO of the Destination Management Sector at John Keells Group PLC, participated in the event, contributing his expertise and insights.



Unveiling Belihuloya

Visit Belihuloya: Explore Belihuloya, an initiative aimed at promoting eco-tourism in one of Sri Lanka’s most breathtaking yet lesser-known regions, was launched on 25th October 2024. The event was enriched by the participation of Mr. Ajith Perera, the master potter, who added cultural value and local craftsmanship to the occasion.



Faculty of Management Studies

Accounting Standards

A webinar titled “SLFRS 8: Operating Segments” was held on 29th October 2024 to enhance undergraduates’ knowledge of accounting standards. The session was organized by the Students’ Association of Finance of the Department of Accountancy and Finance and was conducted for undergraduates of the department. The resource person for the webinar was Mr. Niluka Abeygunarathne, CFA Charterholder, Fellow Chartered Accountant, Certified Forensic Accountant, and Financial Modelling and Valuation Analyst, who shared valuable professional insights and practical perspectives on the application of SLFRS 8.



Where Connections Spark

SERATA 2024, an evening aimed at bringing together students, lecturers, and distinguished guests for meaningful connections, entertainment, and appreciation, was held on 29th October 2024 from 5.00 p.m. onwards at LT 307 Hall of the Faculty of Management Studies.



The event was organized by the Students’ Association of Finance of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

Partnerships that Empower



SUSL and Union Assurance PLC (UAL) signed an MoU to strengthen university–industry collaboration on 25th November 2024 at the Vice Chancellor’s Office of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The MoU aims to expand and formalize cooperation in education, professional development, and research, while also creating internship opportunities for undergraduates and providing financial assistance for student activities. The event was attended by Prof. Athula Gnanapala, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, SUSL; Ms. Nisansala Paranayapa, Chief People Officer of UAL; Prof. D. A. I. Dayarathna, Director of the University Business Linkage Cell (UBLIC); Dr. K. D. U. D. Fernando, Programme Coordinator of the B.Sc. (Hons) Banking & Insurance Degree Programme; Mr. Dahami Pathirana, Head of Talent & Organization Development of UAL; and Ms. Deshani Rodrigo, Assistant Manager – Employee Engagement of UAL.

Honouring Research Excellence

The 03rd Annual FMS Research Awards Ceremony was held on 27th November 2024 at the Faculty Auditorium. The ceremony aimed to recognize research excellence, encourage innovation and creativity, promote scholarly development, enhance collaboration, support research impact, foster a strong research culture within the

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faculty, and highlight the importance of research in management. The event was graced by Prof. Athula C. Gnanapala, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies. Several academics from the faculty received awards across different themes, celebrating their contributions to research and academic excellence.



09th ICMR

The 09th Interdisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers was held on 27th and 28th November 2024 at the Faculty premises. The conference aimed to provide a platform for knowledge exchange, facilitating the sharing of ideas, collaborations, and cooperation among researchers, academicians, practitioners, industrialists, and policymakers in the fields of management and social sciences. Another key objective was to foster interdisciplinary collaboration by encouraging the cross-pollination of ideas among scholars from diverse disciplines to address complex global challenges. The event featured keynote addresses by Prof. Ujjwal K. Chowdhury, Vice President (Global Marketing & International Relations) at Washington University of Science & Technology, Virginia, USA, and Prof. T.C. Gamage, Professor of Marketing, Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.



The 9th INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT RESEARCHERS (ICMR 2024) Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka



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The 9th INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT RESEARCHERS (ICMR 2024) - Panel Discussion Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Faculty of Management Studies

MURS 2024

The 06th Management Undergraduate Research Session was held on 29th November 2024 at the Faculty of Management Studies, providing an important platform for undergraduate students to present their research findings to a wider academic and professional audience. The session aimed to cultivate research skills, encourage critical thinking, and promote scholarly engagement among young researchers, enabling them to gain feedback, refine their ideas, and build confidence in academic presentation. The event featured keynote addresses by Prof. Richi Nayak, Professor at Queensland University of Technology, Australia, and Mr. Sampath Jayasundara, CEO of hSenid Business Solutions. Their insights bridged the gap between academic research and real-world applications, inspiring participants to explore innovative approaches and connect their studies with industry practices. The session not only showcased the talent of the undergraduate researchers but also encouraged dialogue, collaboration, and networking within the faculty and beyond.



Minds and Markets

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IMPORTANT DATES
Deadline for Registration
31st October 2024
Deadline of Video Submission
on or before 15th November 2024
(Late submissions will not be accepted)

Award Ceremony
Selected best 03 groups should participate in the "Razzmatazz 2024" event physically with all group members

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS
Length
30 sec - 2 minutes
Content
Original
Non-offensive and high-definition
(MP4 format)
Medium
Sinhala
Submission
Includes video and a brief description
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Razzmatazz Season II, held in November 2024, aimed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry practice by providing a dynamic platform for students to showcase their creativity, strategic thinking, and practical advertising skills. The event allowed participants to engage in real-world advertising challenges, present innovative ideas to industry professionals, and gain valuable insights into current advertising trends and tools.

Faculty of Medicine

A New Chapter

The Opening Ceremony of the Paraclinical Building Premises at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 19th September 2024, marking a significant milestone in the university's academic and infrastructural development. The event was graced by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, the Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, along with Deans, Directors, and members of the academic and non-academic staff of the faculty. Their presence highlighted the importance of the new facility in strengthening teaching, learning, and research activities in paraclinical sciences. The newly opened premises are expected to enhance academic excellence by providing improved infrastructure and learning spaces for students and staff, supporting the university's continued growth and commitment to quality education.



Faculty of Medicine

Internal Medicine Quiz Competition



With a view to disseminating knowledge in the field of internal medicine, medical students from government universities across Sri Lanka participated in the Inter-University Internal Medicine Quiz Competition, held on 24th September 2024. Demonstrating strong academic competence and teamwork, the SUSL team secured third place in the competition.

Spirit in Motion



"VIGOR CHALLENGES 24'" – The Annual Interbatch Sportsmeet of the Faculty of Medicine, Ratnapura, was held from 25th September to 05th October 2024. The event aimed to encourage active student participation in sports while fostering unity, teamwork, and sportsmanship among batches. The Certificate Awarding Ceremony was conducted on 06th October 2024, recognizing and appreciating the outstanding talents and performances of the students.



Faculty of Medicine

Mind over Markets

Varsity Battles 2024' – Capital Market Quiz Competition, organized by the University Business Linkage Cell (UBLC), was held on 29th October 2024 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 07. The competition brought together talented university teams to test their knowledge and analytical skills in capital market concepts. Teams from the Faculty of Medicine demonstrated exceptional expertise and outstanding performance, securing first, second, and third places in the competition, marking a remarkable achievement and highlighting their strong understanding of the capital market domain.



Bat, Ball, and Brotherhood



The Third “Thrimawithana” Memorial Trophy Cricket Tournament – 2024 was held on 02nd November 2024 at the Wayamba University grounds, Kuliyaipitiya. The tournament was organized with the aim of encouraging active student participation in sports and strengthening unity and camaraderie among students. Cricket teams from the Faculty of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, and the Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka participated in the event, contributing to a spirited and sportsmanlike atmosphere.

Faculty of Medicine

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The Pedura Musical Programme 2024 was held on 21st November 2024 at the Faculty of Medicine, Ratnapura, with the aim of strengthening bonds and fostering meaningful associations between medical students of the faculty and consultants of the Teaching Hospital, Ratnapura. The event created a vibrant and relaxed atmosphere where music became a bridge for connection, appreciation, and shared enjoyment beyond the

academic environment. It also provided an opportunity for students and consultants to interact informally, enhancing camaraderie and mutual understanding. The programme was successfully organized by the Aesthetic Society of the Faculty of Medicine, highlighting

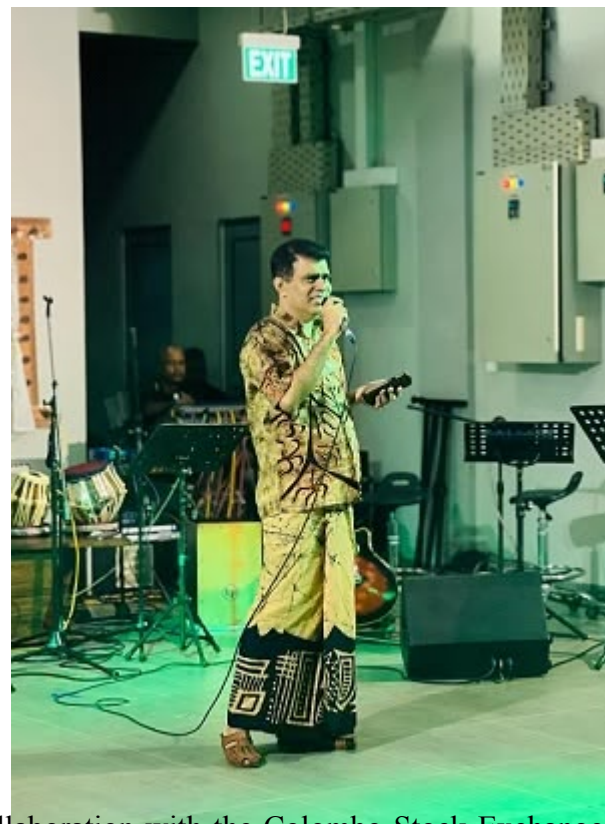
Quizlines of Excellence

"Varsity Battle – 2024" Inter-Faculty Quiz Competition was held on 10th December 2024 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, bringing together undergraduate teams from universities across Sri Lanka. The competition assessed participants' knowledge in global markets, the Sri Lankan economy and business, general knowledge, current affairs, sports, and local as well as international entertainment,



providing a comprehensive test of academic awareness and analytical thinking. This event was organized by the Securities and Exchange

Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) in collaboration with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and attracted 38 teams representing universities nationwide. Amidst intense competition, the SUSL team secured the Second Runner-Up position, reflecting strong interdisciplinary knowledge and competitive excellence.



Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

First Study Tour

Outstanding students selected by the Confucius Classroom participated in the first Study Tour to China, held from 19th June to 03rd July 2024 in Huanggang, China. The two-week programme featured a wide range of enriching academic and cultural activities. It not only strengthened friendships between Sri Lankan and Chinese students but also promoted cultural exchange and mutual learning between the two nations. The study tour was led by Prof. Zhu Song, Chinese Director of the Confucius Classroom, whose guidance and coordination ensured a meaningful and memorable international experience for the participants.



SSLSAS 2024



The 10th Sabaragamuwa Social Sciences and Languages Students' Annual Symposium was held online on 11th July 2024, providing a vibrant platform for students to showcase their research and engage in meaningful academic discussions. The event featured Prof. Thusitha Abeythunga, Senior Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Colombo, as the Keynote Speaker, and Dr. Chandra Embuldeniya, Founder and Former Vice Chancellor of Uva Wellasa University, as the Guest of Honour, enriching the symposium with their insights and expertise.

Global Youth Connect



The World Youth Meeting 2024 was held on 07th August 2024 via Zoom, providing students with an international platform to engage in discussions, exchange ideas, and collaborate on global issues. The event aimed to enhance participants' English speaking, presentation, and intercultural communication skills while fostering global understanding and networking opportunities. The programme was hosted by Ritsumeikan University collaborated with the Osaka Ibaraki Campus.

Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

National Day Reception



On 25th September 2024, representatives of the Confucius Classroom attended the National Day Reception at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Sri Lanka, marking the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. The event provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate this significant milestone while further strengthening the longstanding friendship and mutual understanding between the peoples of Sri Lanka and China.

Pathways to A/L Excellence

On 27th September 2024, the Association of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, organized a Political Science Seminar at R. Ananda Maithreya Central College, Balangoda. The seminar was conducted with the objective of supporting Advanced Level students by discussing key subject areas, addressing commonly asked examination questions, and revising core concepts. The session provided a valuable opportunity for students to clarify doubts and strengthen their preparation for the A/L examination.



E-Magazine



“The View”, e-magazine – volume 4, issue 1 was officially launched on 01st October 2024. The event was organized by the Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages.

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The Journey of Japanese



Rev. Ayagama Wijitha, founder of the Japanese Language program at the Department of Languages, conducted a special guest lecture on 07th October 2024 at the Japanese Laboratory, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The lecture offered participants a deeper understanding of the history and development of the Japanese Language program in the department, highlighting Rev. Ayagama Wijitha's pioneering contributions. Students were inspired by the journey of the programme and gained valuable insights into the growth and impact of Japanese language education at the department.

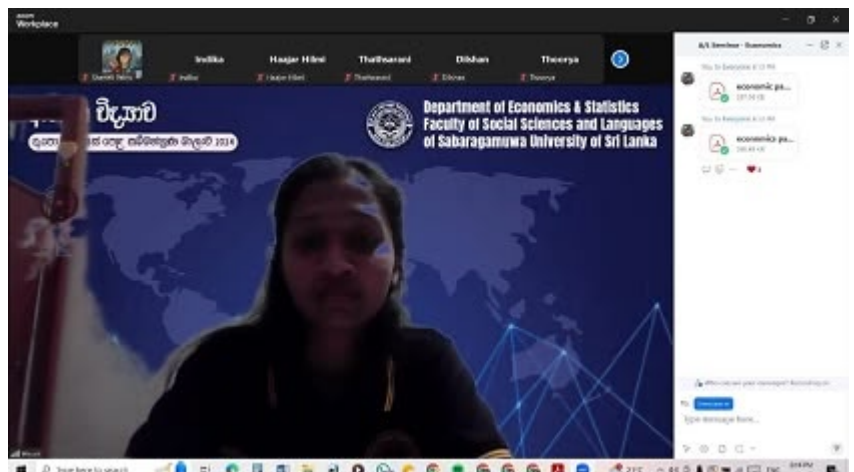
Design in Motion



Academic Illuminations: Fundamentals of Flyer Designing, Session 05 was organized by the Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics on 28th November 2024. The session was conducted with the objective of enhancing students' knowledge and practical skills in flyer designing. Mr. V. P. G. Priyankara, Lecturer (Probationary), Department of Economics and Statistics, served as the resource person for the event, guiding participants through essential design principles and practical applications.

Exam Ready

The Department of Economics and Statistics organized an online workshop on 11th October 2024 for students preparing for the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination in Economics. The session focused on discussing model question papers and addressing concerns related to the 2024 A/L examination. The workshop provided valuable guidance to help candidates strengthen their subject knowledge and examination preparedness.



Japanese Communication

Prof. Dilrukshi Rathnayake from the University of Kelaniya and Ms. Munakata Minami, Japanese Language Expert from the Japan Foundation and Volunteer Lecturer at the University of Kelaniya, collaboratively conducted a Guest Lecture on Japanese Communication on 16th October 2024 at the Japanese Laboratory, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The session provided students with a deeper understanding of Japanese communication and its nuances, enhancing their ability to interpret and use the language effectively in cross-cultural contexts. It also fostered greater appreciation of Japanese culture and highlighted the cultural influences on communication practices.



Economics in Dialogue

The Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, organized the 51st Meeting of the Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists (SLFUE) on 18th October 2024 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Technology, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The event was graced by Senior Prof. H. N. Prabhath Jayasinghe of the Department of Business Economics, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo. The meeting fostered insightful discussions, knowledge sharing, and academic collaboration among economists and scholars representing state universities across Sri Lanka.



Translation Insights

A Workshop on “Professional Translation Practices and Ethics” was held on 24th October 2024 at the Prof. Dayananda Somasundara Auditorium, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The workshop aimed to equip participants with practical skills and industry best practices in professional translation while also providing insights into ethical considerations essential for responsible and accurate translation work.

Bridging Generations



POLINEXUS Get-Together 2024 was held on 26th October 2024, bringing together alumni, current students, and lecturers of the department in a meaningful reunion. This event provided a vibrant platform for graduates to reconnect, strengthen professional networks, and build lasting connections with fellow alumni, students, and faculty members. It also created valuable opportunities for mentorship, offering career guidance, research direction, and insights into internships and career pathways within the field of Political Science. Alumni generously shared their experiences, professional journeys, and lessons learned, inspiring students with practical advice and real-world perspectives.

Alumni Chronicles



The 15th session of the discussion series titled “Our Success Stories – A Chat with an Alumni Member”, organized by the Alumni Association of the Department of Economics and Statistics, was held on 26th October 2024 via Zoom. The session aimed to strengthen relationships among the department’s graduates while creating valuable opportunities for undergraduates aspiring to advance in their careers. It provided students with insights, fresh ideas, and practical guidance from alumni on achieving academic and professional success. The event was conducted by Ms. A. H. L. Tharanga Sandaruwani, Statistician at the Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka.

Entrepreneurial Mind



The Association of Political Science, Department of Social Sciences organized an entrepreneurship workshop for students on 05th November 2024. The workshop aimed to provide students with foundational knowledge in

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entrepreneurship, including business planning, marketing, financial management, and operations. It also focused on helping students understand how to identify opportunities and transform innovative ideas into viable business ventures. The session was conducted by Mr. Sampath Wijayadamma, Entrepreneur Development Officer of the Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat Division. Through interactive discussions and practical guidance, students were equipped with essential entrepreneurial skills such as pitching ideas, conducting market research, budgeting, and networking — empowering them to confidently initiate and manage their own business ventures.

Pathways to Japan



To provide adequate knowledge on working visas and the Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) pathway, a special awareness session was conducted on 06th November 2024 at the Japanese Laboratory, SUSL. The session was delivered by Prof. Ashu Marasinghe, Ms. Dakshika Nonis, and Mr. Sakamoto, who shared valuable guidance on visa procedures, eligibility requirements, and career opportunities in Japan. The programme helped undergraduates gain clarity on international employment prospects and the necessary steps to pursue professional pathways abroad.

Halloween 2024



All students of the Faculty were invited to participate in the DELT Student Circle Halloween Party, held on 07th November 2024. The event was organized by the DELT Student Circle under the guidance of Mrs. Ashani Maxworth. The programme aimed to provide an enjoyable and engaging platform for students while enhancing their English language proficiency, creativity, and soft skills through interactive activities and performances.

Silver Portal

With a view to celebrating knowledge in Social Network Analysis, “Silver Portal” – Episode 07: Let’s Meet a Foreign Expert was held on 08th November 2024 via the Zoom platform. Dr. Patience Pokuaagambrah served as the resource person for the session, sharing valuable insights and expertise with the participants. A previous episode of the event on “Digital Currencies” was held on 11th October 2024 with the support of the Economics and Statistics undergraduates of the Department. The primary objective of the session was to enhance participants’ knowledge of the evolving world of digital currencies and to explore how these innovations are

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creating waves of change across the globe. The event provided valuable insights into the digital currency movement, helping participants develop a deeper understanding of the transformation taking place in modern finance.

Discovering China



the Confucius Classroom. The workshop aimed to provide students with an opportunity to learn the Chinese language and experience elements of traditional Chinese culture through engaging performances and interactive activities. The event fostered cultural appreciation while encouraging enthusiasm for Chinese language learning.

A Partnership in Learning

On 08th November 2024, the Confucius Classroom signed an MoU with Ferguson High School. The partnership aims to provide students with opportunities to learn the Chinese language and experience traditional Chinese culture through interactive workshops and cultural performances, fostering cross-cultural understanding and language development.

From Campus to Classroom

Dr. Lakmini Bassnayake, Senior Lecturer in the Department of English Language Teaching, conducted a Teaching Practice Programme on 19th November 2024 at Karagasthalawa Vidyalaya. The programme targeted primary grade students of the school and was carried out as a compulsory component of the TESL 311 course. Through this initiative, undergraduates gained valuable experience in teaching within a real classroom environment. They also participated as resource persons in the school's English language camp, contributing to interactive learning activities and language development sessions.



A Workshop on “Chinese Language and Culture” was held on 08th November 2024 at Bandarawela Central School. The programme was organized by

Experiencing the East

A Workshop on “Chinese Culture and Language” was held on 22nd November 2024 at the Confucius Classroom, SUSL. Chinese language teachers and students from three schools in the Ratnapura District—Ferguson High School, Convent of Child Jesus National School, and Sivali College—participated in the programme. The workshop was organized to respond to the growing interest and demand for Chinese language and culture among students in the district. Participants were provided with an opportunity to experience elements of traditional Chinese culture through engaging performances and interactive workshop activities, fostering cultural appreciation and language enthusiasm.



Green Game On



A Workshop on Environment and Sport was held on 25th November 2024, combining environmental awareness with sports engagement. The workshop aimed to educate participants on environmental conservation, with a special focus on waste segregation and sustainable practices. It also engaged students in Baseball 5 gaming sessions to encourage physical activity and foster greater interest in sports. Through interactive activities that blended environmental education with teamwork-based sports, the event promoted collaboration, responsibility, and active participation. The session was conducted with the support of JICA Volunteers: Ms. Yuka Minami, Ms. Toko Kurata, Mr. Kazuya Endo, and Mr. Rintarou Tsukamoto, who served as resource persons.

ENESYS SAARC 2024

A fourth-year student participated in the JENESYS SAARC 2024 – Japan Exchange Program (Batch 1: Energy), organized by JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center). The programme was held in Japan from 09th December to 17th December 2024 and brought together youth representatives from SAARC countries. The initiative aimed to enhance participants’ understanding of Japan by providing insights into the country’s energy policies, technological advancements, culture, and societal framework. The programme also fostered international exposure, cross-cultural dialogue, and regional collaboration among young leaders.

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Chinese New Year Gala

The Confucius Classroom organized a special event on 11th December 2024 in joyful anticipation of the upcoming 2025 New Year. The celebration was themed “Celebrating New Year’s Day, Welcoming the Spring Festival.” The event aimed to celebrate Chinese traditions and culture within the Sabaragamuwa University community, offering students and staff the opportunity to experience and engage with Chinese customs, language, and festive practices. Through cultural activities and interactive sessions, participants gained a deeper appreciation of Chinese heritage and the significance of the Spring Festival.



Career and Life

A workshop organized by the Department of Economics and Statistics was held on 12th December 2024 at the Board Room of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The session was conducted by Mr. Hareesha Boaygodage, President of H&B Premier Tax and Accounting LLC. The workshop aimed to ensure that graduates possess not only strong theoretical foundations but also practical skills and research capabilities, thereby preparing them effectively to meet the demands of the professional world.



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Linguistics in Focus



Prof. Yoko Nishina of Hiroshima University, Japan, conducted a Guest Lecture on 17th December 2024 with the objective of enhancing students' knowledge in Linguistics. The session provided valuable academic insights into linguistic theories and analytical approaches, enriching students' understanding of language structure, usage, and research perspectives in the field of linguistics.

ICSSL 2024 Workshop



The third pre-conference workshop for the 02nd International Conference on Social Sciences and Languages, titled “Interactive English Language Teaching and Assessments”, was held on 17th December 2024 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. Organized by the Department of Languages in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy, Colombo, the workshop aimed to enhance English language competencies in interactive teaching and assessment methods among lecturers and undergraduates. The session was enriched by the expertise of Ms. Judith C. Cockrell and Mr. Kevin Anderson, distinguished language fellows from the U.S. Embassy, who served as resource persons for the event.

JICA Meeting

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, the Head of the Department of Languages, the Coordinator of Japanese, and other Japanese language staff members participated in an official meeting with JICA officers and a JICA volunteer on 30th December 2024 at the Board Room of the Faculty. The meeting provided an opportunity to strengthen institutional collaboration, discuss ongoing academic initiatives, and explore future partnerships related to Japanese language education and cultural exchange programmes.



Faculty of Technology

URSTech 2024

The Undergraduate Research Symposium of Technology and the 03rd Applied Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium (APSURS) 2024 were held on 11th July 2024, providing a dynamic platform for undergraduate students to present their research findings in the fields of technology and applied sciences. The symposium fostered a culture of academic excellence by encouraging innovative discussions, the exchange of cutting-edge ideas, and constructive feedback from distinguished scholars and industry professionals. It aimed to strengthen research culture, bridge the gap between academia and industry, and prepare students for future research and professional endeavors.



Orientation Programme



The Orientation Programme for the 2022/2023 undergraduate intake of the Faculty of Technology was held online on 11th August 2024, officially welcoming students to academic life at the university. The programme introduced students to curriculum structures, faculty resources, career guidance services, student welfare facilities, and extracurricular opportunities. Faculty members and senior students shared their experiences and insights, providing practical guidance on adapting to university life and achieving academic success, thereby helping the new intake begin their journey with confidence and clarity.

From Concept to Creation



The “Innovation and Product Development Workshop” was held on 15th August 2024 under the Startup Ecosystem Development through STHRD Project, with the aim of providing students with an in-depth understanding of innovation and product development processes. The session was led by Mr. Yasith Prabuddhaka, who facilitated interactive activities, case studies, and practical exercises designed to enhance creative thinking, problem-solving abilities, and market-driven innovation. The workshop inspired aspiring entrepreneurs by equipping them with strategic insights and practical tools required to develop required to develop and commercialize innovative products. Special appreciation was extended to Dr. Leon Fernando for his guidance and Mr. Vimukthi Vithanage for coordinating the project.

Faculty of Technology

New Faculty Complex



The Grand Opening Ceremony of the new state-of-the-art Faculty of Technology Building Complex was held on 29th August 2024, marking a historic milestone in the faculty's journey toward academic and technological excellence. The project was funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project (STHRDP), symbolizing a strong commitment to advancing technological education and innovation. The event was graced by Ms. Thilaka Jayasundara, Secretary to the Ministry of Education, and Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), whose presence underscored the national significance of this development.



Startup Spark

A Workshop on “Startup Idea Generation, Validation Techniques, and AI-Driven Industry Applications” was held on 11th October 2024. The session was led by Mr. Ravindu Bandara, who guided aspiring entrepreneurs on identifying viable business opportunities, analyzing market needs, and leveraging artificial intelligence to enhance product development. With the guidance of Prof. K. R. Koswattage and Dr. Leon Fernando, participants engaged in interactive discussions and hands-on activities, gaining practical knowledge and strategic insights necessary to build, test, and validate successful startup ventures.



Empowering Women in STEM

“EmpowerHer: Mentoring and Career Guidance Workshop” was held on 26th November 2024, organized by the Faculty in collaboration with The Makers Global. The workshop was designed to empower women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) by fostering confidence, leadership, and career readiness. Participants engaged in mentoring sessions, career guidance activities, and leadership development programmes, gaining valuable insights into career pathways, professional networking, and the importance of gender equality in STEM fields.



First Steps Forward

The Welcome Ceremony for the new undergraduate intake was held on 17th December 2024 at the Faculty of Technology Auditorium. The event officially introduced students to the faculty members, academic programmes, and campus life, marking the beginning of their academic journey. Prof. K. R. Koswattage, Dean of the Faculty of Technology, delivered an inspiring address highlighting the importance of academic excellence, career development opportunities, and active student engagement in university life.



Staff Achievements

Recognizing Impact

Prof. Kapila Rathnayaka received the 'Highest Impact Paper Award' at the 11th International Conference on Behavioural and Social Computing, held in Harbin, China, from 16th to 18th August 2024.

The Dean of the Faculty of Computing, Prof. S. Vasanthapriyan, has been awarded the prestigious title of “ICT Leader of the Year 2023” by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL). This distinguished recognition celebrates his outstanding contributions to the ICT field and his visionary leadership in advancing Sri Lanka’s digital transformation. The award was presented on 24th November 2024 by the Deputy Minister of Digital Economy and stands as a testament to Prof. Vasanthapriyan’s dedication to excellence, innovation, and leadership. His continued work serves as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders, innovators, and ICT professionals.

Doctoral Degree Completion



Dr. J.K.S.C. Perera, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Business Management completed her Ph.D. in Business Administration at the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



Dr. T.C.S Weerakoon, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Anatomy completed her Ph.D. in Anatomy at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Masters Degree Completion



Mr. Kavinda Ariyaratne, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Business Management completed his Masters at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Student Achievements

W.M. Sagarika Gihani Sewwandi won the Silver Medal in the Senior Female Kumite (below 68 kg weight class) at the South Asian Karate Championship held in Bhutan on 19th July 2024.

New Appointments



Prof. T.C. Gamage, Department of Marketing Management, has been appointed as the Director of the Staff Development Center (SDC).

Promotions



Dr. Indika Pussella, Department of Remote Sensing and GIS, was promoted to the post of Professor.



Dr. S. Joniton, Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I).

Promotions



Mrs. T.M.N. Tharanga, Department of Accountancy & Finance, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Mrs. P.M. Shamika, Department of Accountancy & Finance, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Dr. Choshani Dalukdeniya, Department of Food Science and Technology, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).

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ICARC 2025



The Faculty of Computing at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka will proudly host the 05th International Conference on Advanced Research in Computing (ICARC 2025), scheduled to take place on February 19th and 20th, 2025. Organized under the timely theme, “Converging Horizons: Uniting Disciplines in Computing Research Through AI Innovation,” the conference will serve as a dynamic platform for intellectual engagement and collaboration.

The event is expected to bring together a vibrant and diverse community of researchers, academics, students, industry professionals, and policymakers. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, share innovative research findings, and explore emerging trends in computing. Through keynote speeches, technical sessions, and networking opportunities, the conference will foster a stimulating environment for the exchange of cutting-edge ideas and interdisciplinary knowledge, contributing to the advancement of computing research both locally and globally.



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