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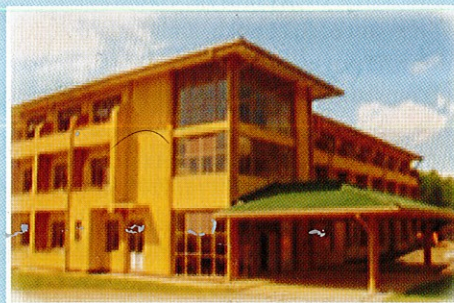
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The 15th General Convocation of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 6th September 2013. The Chief Guest of the event was Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. G. L. Peiris. More than 900 graduates from five faculties were awarded degrees.

Honorary degrees were conferred on the Sabaragamuwa University's first Vice Chancellor Prof. J.W.D Somasundara, Prof. S.A. Kulasooriya and Prof. Mohan Munasinghe in appreciation of their services in the field of education.

OPENING CEREMONY OF NEW BUILDINGS AND LAYING DOWN OF FOUNDATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTIONS

Hon. Basil Rajapaksha the Minister of Economic and Development ceremoniously laid the foundation stone for new constructions of the building complex which include hostel facilities for university students. It is expected to declare the new constructions open in 2014. Hon. S.B. Dissanayake the Minister of Higher Education; Hon. Pavitha Wanniarachchi the Minister of Power and Energy; Prof. S.S.M.K. Kshanika Hirimburegama Chairperson, University Grants Commission; and several other distinguished guests also witnessed the occasion on 17th July 2013.



The opening of the Geomatics new building

AWARDING CEREMONY OF THE EXTERNAL DEGREES PROGRAMMES AND EXTENSION SERVICES UNIT

Awarding Ceremony of the External Degree Programmes and Extension Services Unit of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 12th October 2013. The External Degree Programmes and Extension Services Unit of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was established to administer and coordinate all External Degree Programmes, Diplomas, Certificate Courses and Extension Programmes conducted by Faculties, Departments, Centres, and Units of the University.



Awarding ceremony

ANNUAL RESEARCH SESSION - 2013

The 3rd Annual Research Session of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 19th December 2013 at the Council Chamber. This session mainly focused on introducing the specialties of academic staff who recently completed their Postgraduate Degrees (PhD/MPhil/MSc). Also, this session provided participants with copious ideas and solutions that will enhance the multidisciplinary research in the University. The keynote speaker of the conference was Prof. Raj Somadeva, Prof. in Archaeology, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya.



Prof. Raj Somadeva delivering the keynote speech

INFOTEL 2013

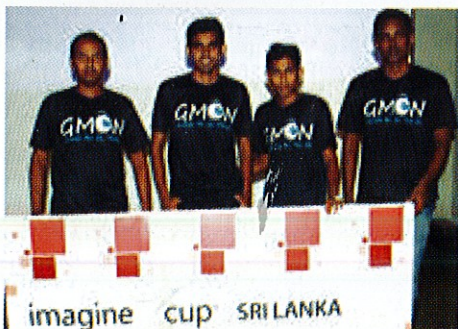
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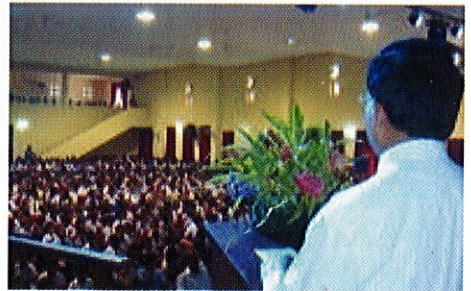
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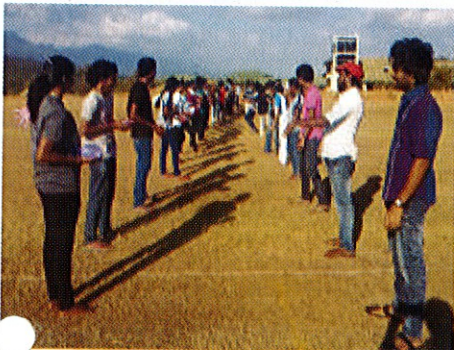


Dr. A. Aruna Shantha

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ACTIVITY BASED RESIDENTIAL ENGLISH CAMP

The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) with the support of the academic staff members and students of the Faculty of Management Studies (FMS) successfully organized a three day residential English camp on 23rd, 24th and 25th August 2013. Sixty (60) 2nd year students of FMS participated in the English camp.



An event of the English camp

WORKSHOPS ON REALITY OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND ENTERING THE CORPORATE ARENA



The inauguration ceremony of the workshop

The carrier guidance unit of the SUSL and the Department of Business Management of the SUSL has organised several workshops on the theme "Reality of

Industrial Relations and Entering the Corporate Arena". Some of the workshops held were Silverline of business horizons on 29th August 2013; Golden bridge for reality on 27th September 2013; Sparkling Sapphires on 26th September 2013; The way of wisdom on 23rd September 2013 and Foresee the business world with 3rd eye; AURORA on 27th August 2013.

WORKSHOP ON ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN AND EXHIBITION ON SOCIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

The 3rd year students of the Department of Marketing Management conducted a workshop on Anti-smoking Campaign and exhibition on Social Marketing Campaign for grade 12 & grade 13 students of Buddhajayanthi Vidyalaya, Balangoda on 31st October 2013. The resource person of the workshop was Dr. Hasitha Attanayake.



A demonstration at the workshop

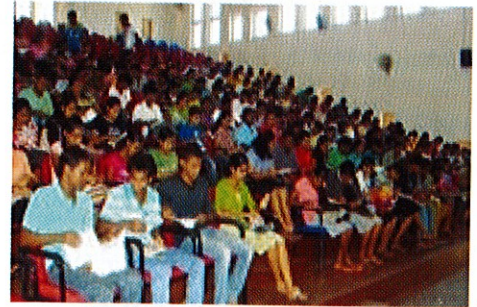
MIND MAPS

The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka organized a workshop titled "Mind Maps" on 23rd October 2013 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies. The workshop was based on memory, memory development, and exam success of the undergraduates. Mr. Chandana Gunawardane who is a renowned Human Skill Development Trainer in Sri Lanka conducted the workshop.



Mr. Chandana Gunawardane delivering a lecture

WORKSHOP ON CORE/ INTERPERSONAL/EMPLOY-ABILITY/TRANSFERABLE SKILLS



Participants of the workshop

A workshop on Core/ Interpersonal/ Employ-ability/ Transferable Skills, for all 2nd year and 3rd year students of all faculties was held during the period 26th to 30th August 2013. The resource person of the workshop was Mr. Sanath Gamage and the event was funded by the HETC/ UDC/ Soft Skills component.

WORKSHOP ON "SELF MANAGEMENT & ETIQUETTES"



Participants of the workshop

Workshop on "Self-Management & Etiquette" was held on 10th July 2013 at Mount field Hotel. It was organized by the HETC/ UDG/ Soft Skills project of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Mr. Dhammike Gunathilake Senior Lecturer, SLITHM contributed as the resource person.

WORKSHOP ON 5S FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

Workshop on 5S for University Staff was conducted by Mr. Lal Fonseka, organized by the Staff Development Centre on 8th August 2013.



The Participants of the workshop

THE CONCEPT OF THE GLOBAL NEED FOR THE FOREST RESTORATION

A guest lecture on “The concept of the global need for the Forest Restoration” was conducted by Dr. David Neidal, organized by the Society of Natural Resources Studies (SNRS) on 13th August 2013.

WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS FROM ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE (SLAAS)

A Workshop for all students of the faculty of Applied Sciences was conducted by Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), with the collaboration of the Department of Natural Resources on 10th October 2013

SEMINAR ON “CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY”

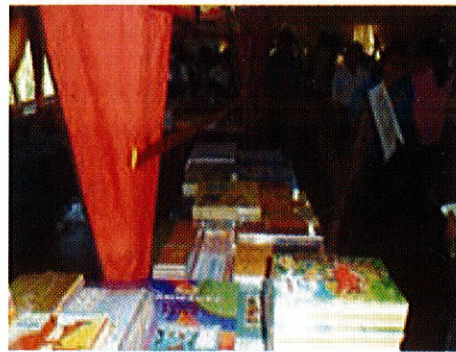
A Seminar Series on the topic of “Conservation of Biodiversity” with a plantation program of herbal plants was held at the Balangoda Ananda Maithreya National School with the participation of the school children. It was conducted by Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) with the collaboration of the Department of Natural Resources on 11th October 2013.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY-2013

The second year students of B.Sc. Business Management, B.Sc. Marketing Management, B.Sc. Tourism Management and B.Sc. Eco Business Management of the Faculty of Management Studies organized the 2nd “Entrepreneurs Day” on 25th September 2013. This program was organized by the second year students of three departments under the supervision of the subject lecturer, K.L.B.G Dharmaratne.



A stall at the exhibition



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The aim of the program was to expose the students to the practical aspects of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management.

ANNUAL MARKETING DAY - 2013

“Innovation of the Agricultural Marketing” was conducted by the students of the Department of Agribusiness Management Faculty of Agricultural Sciences on 25th September 2013, at the Faculty Auditorium.



Participants of the workshop

OUTWARD BOUND TRAINING (OBT) PROGRAMS



An event of the training programme

Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka organized twelve (12) softskills development Outward Bound Training (OBT) programs for final year and 3rd year students of the university. The objective of the program is to improve team and leadership skills of participants while developing their self confidence and self-motivation to face challenges. This highly interactive OBT program was based on Learning by Doing principle which facilitates effective learning. Academy of Adventure (AOA) and professionals in OBT, conducted programs. This series of OBT was funded by the Higher Education for Twenty First Century (HETC) project

LAUNCHING OF A MUSIC CD



Presenting the CD to the Vice Chancellor

A Music CD on “Sithaka Sithuwam” was launched by Chathuranga Jayaneththi, Jagath Keerthi, Buddhika Dinesh and Nadeesha Prabodhini of the Faculty of Management Studies on 22nd August 2013.

CAREER FAIR AND IT EXHIBITION

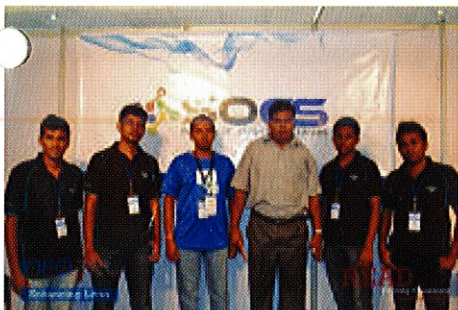
Department of CIS of SUSL conducted inaugural Career fair and IT Exhibition on 7th November 2013. There were seven leading IT companies participated in the IT exhibition and did sessions in different topics. Several interviews were also conducted by the companies and several young talented undergraduates were recruited for their internships.



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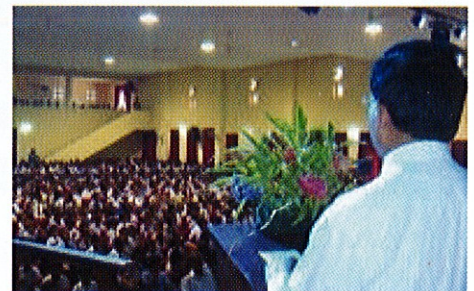
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class teachers Mrs. Sandhya Samarasinghe and Mrs. K.K. Indrani of Karagasthalawa Maha Vidyalaya were felicitated at SUSL on 22nd of August 2013. The Principal of the school was also present.

TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

A tree planting campaign was organized by the Faculty of Management Studies under the patronage of Dr. Sampath Wahala to commemorate the National Tree Planting Day. Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, Dr. Wasantha Rathnayake also attended in this event. This is an annual event celebrated by Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.



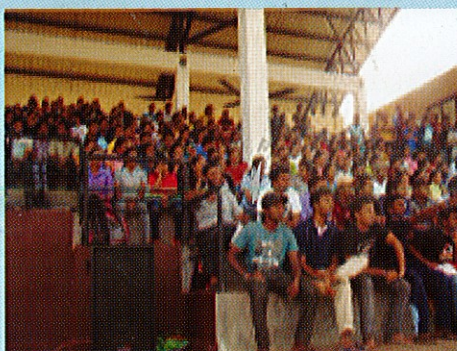
Prof. Mahinda S. Rupasinghe, the Vice Chancellor planting a tree

SPORTS ACTIVITY

RUGBY MATCH



The rugby match



Audience of the rugby match

“The Ground Warming Rugby Match” after the opening of newly built play ground of SUSL was held between SUSL Rugby Team and Sri Lanka Military Academy Rugby Team, Diyathalawa.

CRICKET PITCH OPENING

The cricket pitch was opened by the Vice-Chancellor on 8th October 2013. The pitch was established as a result of enthusiasm and the great effort of the members of the SUSL Cricket Team.



The new cricket pitch

SABRA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

A group of final year undergraduates of the Department of Sport Sciences and Management and Physical Education, organized a “SABRA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2013” at the university premises for school children from 11 schools selected from the Rathnapura District.



An event of the competition

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AT BALANGODA EDUCATION ZONE

Talent identification program for primary school children at Balangoda Educational Zone was conducted by the 3rd year students of the Department of Sport Sciences and Management and Physical Education. Nearly 274 students from the Muththetuwegama Vidyalaya, Karagasthalawa Maha Vidyalaya, Sariputhra Maha Vidyalaya, Rathmalavinna Maha Vidyalaya, Galagama Maha Vidyalaya were invited for the program.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

A Hockey tournament was organized by the 4th year students of the Faculty of Applied Science as their final year project. Two teams were formed by selecting school children from Imbulpe Sariputhra Maha Vidyalaya and they were given a special training on Hockey. An Exhibition match was held with the participation of the two teams at the university ground on 04th December 2013.



Participants of the Hockey training



HANDS ON LEADERSHIP AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMME

A group of final year undergraduates of the Department of Sport Sciences and Management and Physical Education, conducted a Leadership and Outdoor Recreation Program “Hands On” at the University premises. Nearly 80 school children from ten (10) schools in Balangoda Educational Zone were invited to participate for the event.

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