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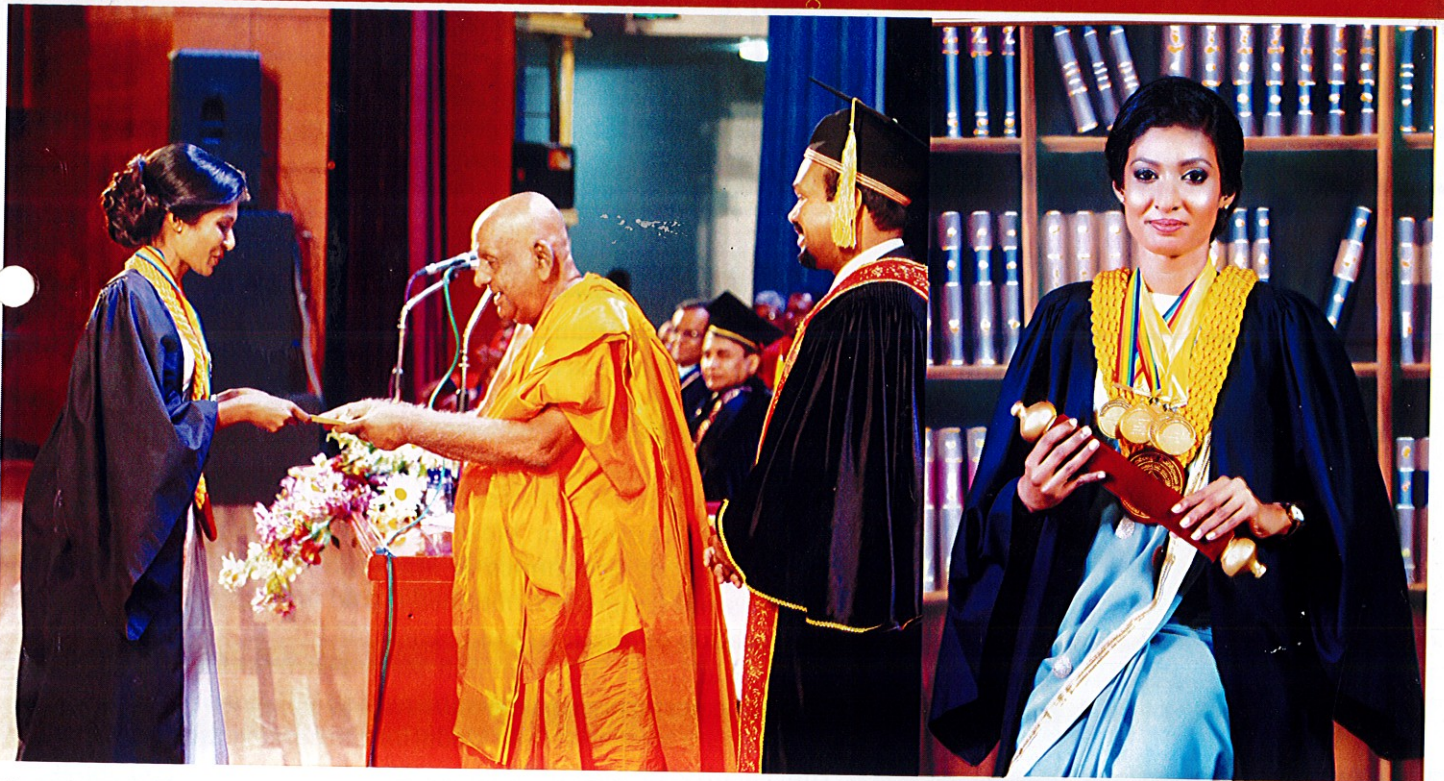
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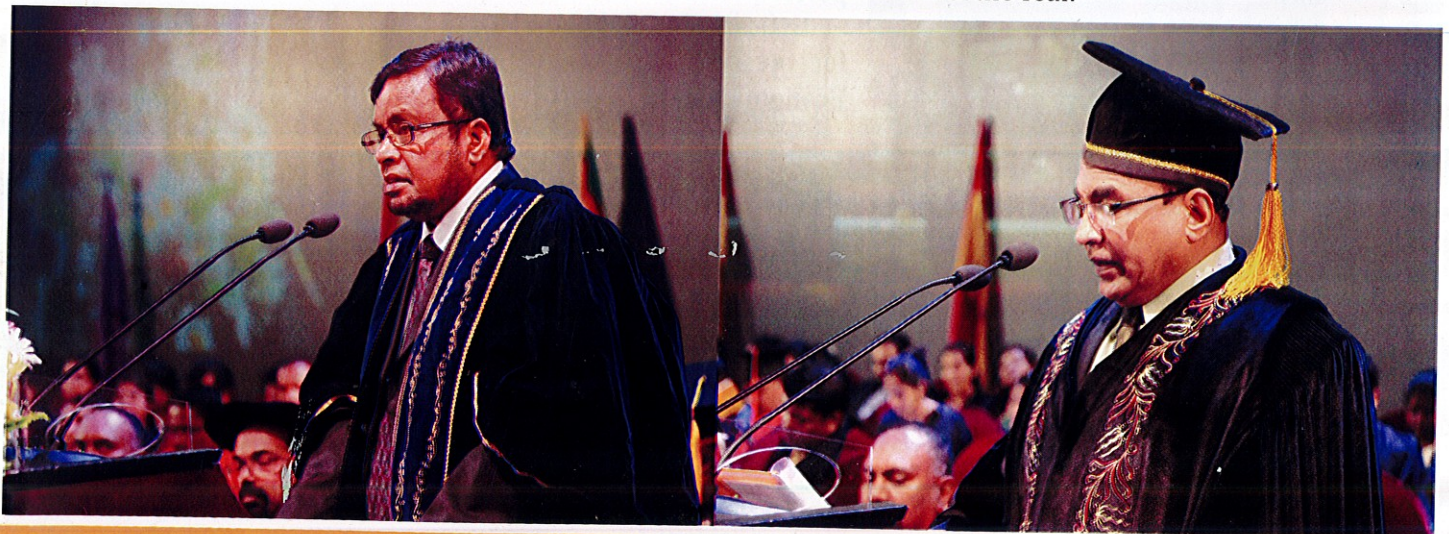
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20TH GENERAL CONVOCATION OF SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA 2017



The General Convocation 2017 of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 10th January, 2019 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. The Chancellor Prof. Ven. Kumburugamuwe Vajira Nayaka Thero commanded the proceedings of the ceremony. Ms. Sureni Danushka Weerathunga, Department of Economics & Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages was crowned the Student of the Year.



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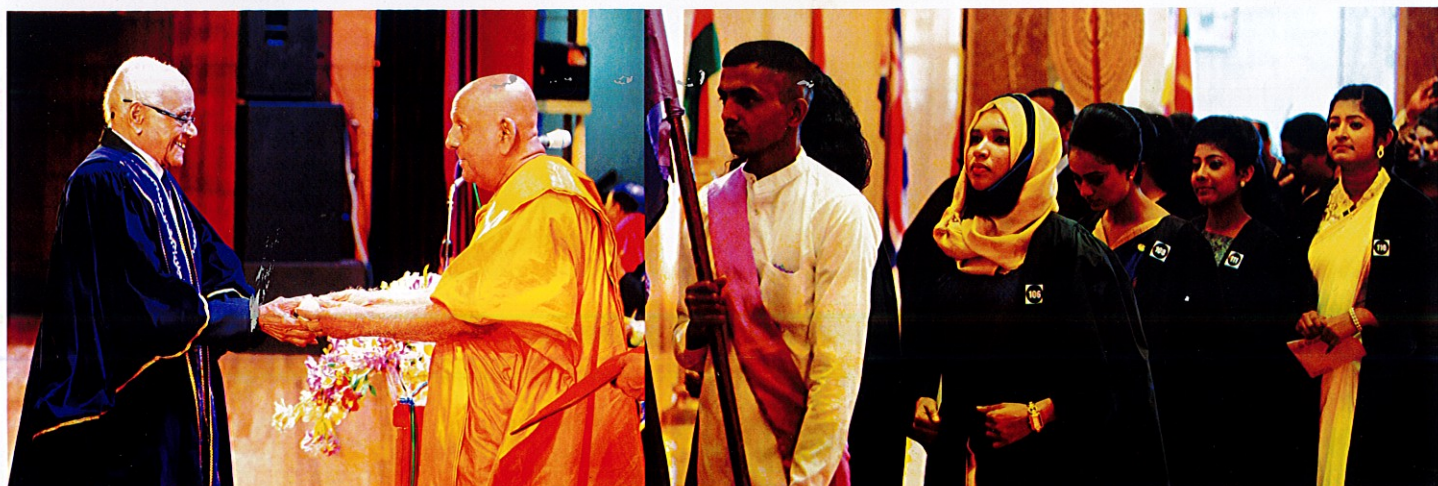
Cover Feature - General Convocation - 2017



The Vice - Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, distinguished invitees, Deans, Heads of the Departments, members of the Academic and Administrative staff and graduates and their parents participated in the 20th General Convocation. The morning session of the convocation ceremony saw Prof. L. L. Ratnayake, Emeritus Professor of University of Moratuwa and the evening session witnessed Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake, the Vice - Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya as the chief guests.



Ms. Sureni Danushka Weerathunga, who graduated from the Department of Economics & Statistics of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, obtained 6 gold medals at the 19th General Convocation of SUSL; (i) Gold Medal for the student of the year, (ii) Honorable Lalith Athulamudali Memorial Gold Medal for the best academic performance of the university, (iii) Honorable Dr. C. W. W. Kannangara Memorial Gold Medal for the best overall performance in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, (iv) Most Ven Balangoda Ananda Maitreya Memorial Gold Medal for the best performance in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, (v) Prof. A. D. V. De. S. Indrarathna Foundation Gold Medal for the best performance in Economics in the Department of Economics & Statistics and (vi) Mr. and Mrs. S. J. M. H. B. Samarakoon Gold Medal for the best performance in Monetary Economics and Applied Economics in the Department of Economics & Statistics.



University Events

SUSL Welcomes New Entrants

The orientation program for the new intake of students of 2019 to SUSL was conducted between 23rd January and 1st February, 2019. The entrants to the all faculties were welcomed at the inauguration ceremony of the orientation programme with the participation of the Vice-Chancellor, and Academic and Administrative staff of the university.



Parents' Meeting

Parents' meeting of the new entrants to SUSL was held on 22nd January, 2019 with the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and Academic and Administrative staff at Prof. J. W. Dayananda Somasundara Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages.



University Events

Inaugural Opening of Faculty of Medicine



University Events

Inaugural Opening of Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) was ceremonially opened on 17th January, 2019 as the tenth faculty of medicine in Sri Lanka's university system by Prime Minister Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, the chief guest of the ceremony, with the blessings of the Chancellor of SUSL, Ven Prof. Kumburugamuwe Vajira Thero. This was an implementation of the government's policy of strengthening medical education in the country.



It was a historical day for SUSL as it was the eighth addition to the family of faculties of the university. The faculty comprises 15 departments conducting preclinical, paraclinical and clinical programmes throughout the five years of the medical degree programme having 75 students as the first intake. The first three semesters will be conducted at the faculty premises in Batuhena, Ratnapura while the new faculty building complex is being constructed on a land adjacent to the Teaching Hospital of Ratnapura and professorial units, inside the hospital premises itself.



The ceremony was graced by Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education, Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Hon. Dr. Rajitha Senarathne, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms, Hon. Thalatha Athukorala and many other parliamentarians. Secretary to the Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply & Higher Education Priyantha Mayadunne, Chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC) Prof. Mohan de Silva, Vice Chairman of UGC Prof. P.S.M. Gunaratne, Council members of SUSL, senior government officials, Vice-Chancellor of other universities, Director General of Health Services Dr. Anil Jasinghe, senior academics of SUSL and other universities, Director of the Teaching Hospital Ratnapura Dr. S.P.A.L. Ranaweera and its consultants and newly enrolled students and their parents were also in attendance.

In line with the opening of the Faculty of Medicine, the Provincial General Hospital of Ratnapura was upgraded to a teaching hospital which would serve the Faculty of Medicine providing all clinical training facilities for its students.



University Events

University Day - 2019

The 23rd University Day of SUSL was celebrated with pride on 5th February, 2019 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies with the participation of the Vice-Chancellor, distinguished guests, Deans of faculties, Heads of departments, members of the Academic, Administrative and Non-academic staff and students. The Sabaragamuwa University paid its tribute to the renowned singer and musician Mr. Edward Jayakody, who hailed from Kegalle (Sabaragamuwa Province), for the contributions he had made to the country in the field of music. Mrs. Charita Priyadarshani Peries (Singer), Mr. Jayakody's spouse and their son Mr. Chandeepra Jayakody also graced the occasion.



Students Awards



Mr. D. M. S. D. Karunaratne and Ms. O.P. Kuruppu of the Faculty of Applied Sciences received awards for the best sportsman and sportswoman of 2018.

University Events

Service Awards

The university recognized the contributions made by members of the Academic, Administrative and Non-academic staff for the upliftment of the university standards and sustainability of the university. The Bursar of the SUSL Mr. Rohith Jayakodi, then Deputy Registrar (Examinations) Mr. Lalith Warnasuriya, Director of the Center for Open and Distance Learning Mr. D. Jasinghe and Mr N. V. Bresil, Senior Lecturer and Mr. L. R. D. M. R. K. Bandara, Office Machine Operator (Special Grade), both at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, received awards under this category.

Prof. A.Y.Y. Amarasinghe. Dr. (Mrs) S.T.C. Amarasinghe, Mrs. T.N. Neighsoorei, the Librarian, Mr. H.G. Piyasiri, Mr. J.S. Senadeera, Mr. K.T. Preethilal Electrician (Special Grade), Mr. G.K.M. Wimalasiri, Office Machine Operator (Special Grade) and Mr. S.M.G. Karunarathne, Mr. N.M.S. Wijayabandara and Mr. J.A. Gunasekara, Drivers (Special Grade) received awards for the 20 years of services they rendered at SUSL.



Dean's List

The following students who excelled in their academic activities and qualified for the Dean's List were also awarded with certificates.

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Ms. W. H. Y. S. Fernando, Ms. A. S. Hettige
Ms. A. M. S. M. R. S. G. Bandara, Mr. G. C. P. Fernando

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Ms. R. V. C. Mohideen, Ms. W. A. Ireshika
Ms. J. N. Srimali, Ms. M. M. Wijesooriya

Faculty of Geomatics

Mr. U. H. G. Rodrigo, Ms. I. A. B. Saubhagya
Ms. R. M. N. P. Kulathunga, Mr. V. Gobinath

Faculty of Management Studies

Ms. B. K. F. Shamra, Ms. S. N. P. M. Samarasinghe
Ms. W. A. L. M. Bandara, Ms. R. W. V. C. D. Rajapaksha

Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages

Ms. J. G. A. H. N. Gamage, Ms. S. D. Weerakoon
Ms. N. K. Jayasundara, Ms. G. H. L. H. Wijesuriya

Retirement Awards

1. Dr. M.D. Ranaweera (Senior Lecturer, Department of Sport Sciences and Physical Education)
2. Mr. U. A. Jayasundara (Store Keeper) (Late)
3. Mr. H. M. Abeysinghe (Driver)
4. Mr. J. A. Gunasekara (Driver)

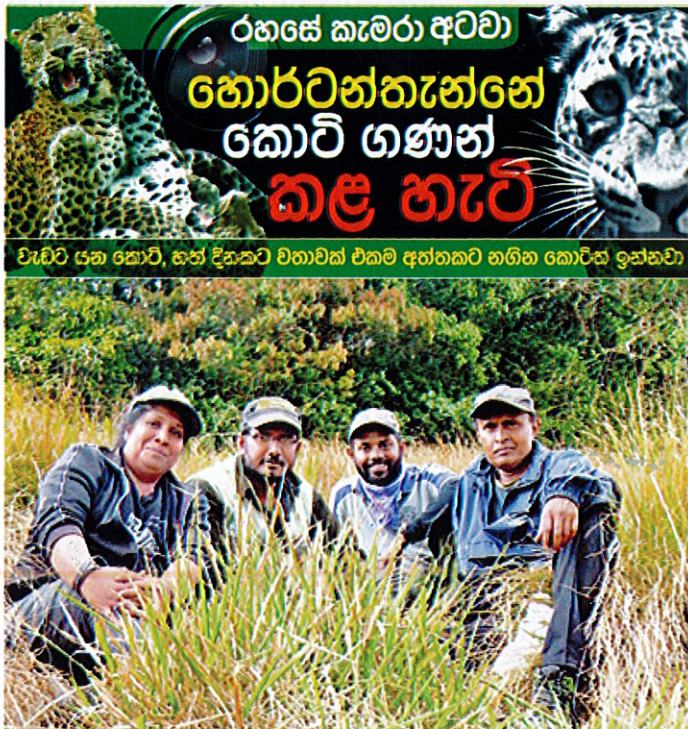
Best Researcher of 2018



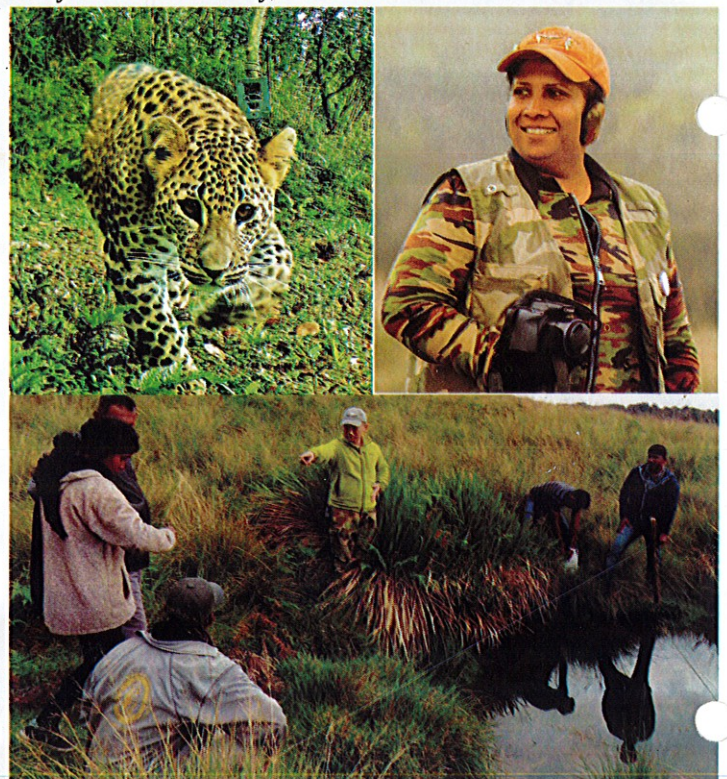
Mr. H. R. N. S. Bandara of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was awarded as the Best Researcher 2018 recognizing his outstanding research conducted throughout the last few years.

University Events

National Media Highlights SUSL Researcher



A research study of Dr. Enoka Kudavidanage, renowned field biologist at the Department of Natural Resources of SUSL and co-founder of the Tropical Ecosystem Research Network (TERN) gained public attention as it was featured in national print media. The Sunday Times ran an article titled "On the trail of the elusive 'hunters' of the sambar plains" on 13th January, 2019 which discussed a major study on the leopards of Horton Plains carried out by Dr. Kudavidanage with support from the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC). The weekend "Aruna" Sinhala newspaper also published an article on the same story on 17th February, 2019.



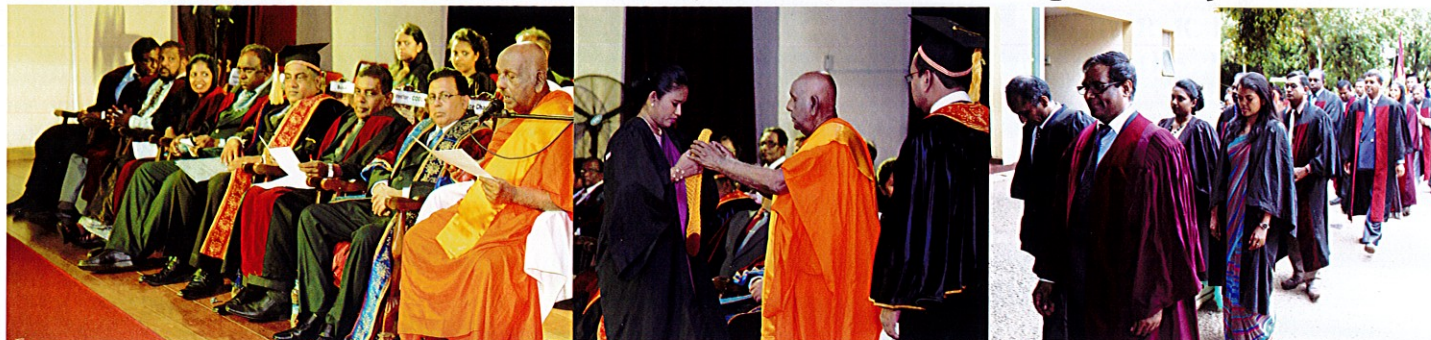
The team uses latest technology such as drones and camera traps to monitor and study different species of animals, effectively isolating the ecological systems being studied from human presence. So far they have identified 23 individual leopards during the four-year study in Horton Plains using a technique known as Spatially Explicit Capture Recapture (SECR).

The research collaboration includes Mr. Ravindra Amarasinghe, co-founder of TERN, and personnel from the TERN and DWC with Prof. Edward L. Webb of the National University of Singapore and Dr. Kudavidanage herself leading the group as the principal investigators.



University Events

The Convocation and Awarding Ceremony 2018 (External Programmes)



The Convocation and Awarding Ceremony 2018 (External Programmes) of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 09th December, 2019 at Prof. J. W. Dayananda Somasundara Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The Chancellor Prof. Ven. Kumburugamuwe Vajira Nayaka Thero, Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, distinguished invitees, Deans, Heads of the departments, members of the Academic and Administrative staff and recipients and their parents participated at the event where 1489 awards were presented.

Faculty of Agriculture Sciences

Book Donation by Agri Alumni



A book donation program was conducted by the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences on 15th February, 2019 at the faculty library. President of the Alumni Association, Mr. Naleen Dhammika, and Mr. Doloswala actively participated in the program. A number of important books were donated to the library. Librarian, Dr. Lalith Wikramanayake, Dean of the faculty, Dr. Sumith P. Magamage, Head of the Department of Agribusiness Management, Prof. Achini De Silva and members of the Academic and Library staff participated at the programme, coordinated by Dr. S. H. P. Malkanthi.

Mock Review Workshop on SER Writing

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the faculty, organized a one-day mock review workshop on Self-Evaluation Report (SER) writing on 26th November, 2018 at the Staff Development Center. Its primary objective was to evaluate the progress of the eight groups, based on individual criteria of programme review, by external experts and conducting a mock review for SER. Prof. Athula Gnanapala, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Dr. Sampath Wahala, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Management Studies participated in the workshop as the resource persons. More than 40 Academic and Non-Academic staff members from the faculty took part in the event coordinated by Dr. D.D. Wickramanayake, a Lecturer at the Department of Livestock Production.



Faculty of Applied Sciences

Second Addition to Applied Sciences Complexes Begins



The foundation stone for the stage II of the building complex of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was laid by the Vice-Chancellor on 10th December, 2018 in the presence of the Dean, members of the staff and students of the faculty.



Curriculum Development

A workshop on curriculum development for the members of the Academic staff of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was held on 3rd and 4th December, 2018 at the Bandarawela Holiday Resort. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the faculty organized this event in line with the curriculum revision of the faculty scheduled for 2019.

Study in Germany

A team from the German Embassy in Sri Lanka conducted a workshop on 19th November, 2018 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences on higher education opportunities in Germany. The event was initiated by Dr. Sasimali Soysa and was fully funded by the German Embassy.

“Applied Sciences”: Top Winner of AHEAD

The Faculty of Applied Sciences of SUSL has won the first place in the round one of the ELTA-ELSE Faculty DPs of the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project, Results area 2. It had submitted its proposal under tier two, 'Science' window, under which eight national universities had competed, and has secured a grant worth of 100 million for a project duration of 3 years. AHEAD is a World Bank funded project which is implemented through the Ministry of Higher Education and the University Grants Commission. The site evaluation on the faculty proposal was held on 5th November, 2018. The team headed by Dr. L.V. Ranaweera had secured a final score of 84.3 for its proposal.

PST Seals the Grand Slam

Following the footsteps of its faculty, the Department of Physical Sciences and Technology also won the competitive grant under AHEAD for the proposal it submitted for an ELTA-ELSE Department/Unit-level Development Project, which secured 72.37 points, taking home Rs. 15 million.

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Empowering Next Generation



A special workshop on professional development, "B 10 talks", organized by the 10th batch of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was held on 2nd November, 2018. The event was themed on "Empower Next Generation" where a group of faculty alumni shared their experiences with the undergraduates. It was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Enoka P. Udavidanage.

Faculty of Geomatics

Activities on Hydrographic Surveying

A three-day training workshop on Hydrographic Surveying was held at the Faculty of Geomatics for the BSc (Surveying Sciences) and BSc (Hydrographic Surveying) students in collaboration with the National Hydrographic Office, NARA from 25th to 27th October, 2018. This was a great exposure for the students in hydrographic data acquisition and processing using the Hypack software. Meanwhile a field visit was conducted on 20th December, 2018 onboard NARA Research Vessel Samuddrika to provide the students a real world experience in conducting an offshore hydrographic survey for the preparation of a navigation chart.



Field Practical Program at Colombo Port

A hydrographic practical programme was conducted in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority as part of a practical module offered by the faculty, from 3rd to 17th November, 2018 at the Colombo Port. The objective of the programme was to provide real-world experience in conducting a complete hydrographic survey.



Faculty of Management Studies

Ayurvedic Spa at the Management



The fourth year students of the Tourism and Hospitality Management programme at the Department of Tourism Management successfully conducted a one-day operation of an Ayurvedic spa named "SWASTHA" as part of the course unit "Spa Management" on 30th October, 2018 at the Faculty of Management premises.

SWASTHA spa recreated an authentic Ayurvedic atmosphere and offered different types of rejuvenating and relaxing spa therapies such as head

massages, face massages, foot massages and full-body massages which helped to improve the participant's health and reach a complete harmony between body and spirit.

Tourism Management Scores A

The Department of Tourism Management succeeded in scorings 92 marks (A Grade) under the UGC review of its undergraduate programmes, BSc. (Hons) Tourism Management and BSc. (Hons) Hospitality Management, held from 29th October to 1st November, 2018 for their continuous quality improvement in all spheres of higher education.

Being the Best !

The Department of Accountancy and Finance of SUSL was awarded "A" Grade for its degree programmes, BSc. (Hons) Finance Management and BSc. (Hons) Banking and Insurance, during the Program Review of Cluster I, conducted for the Departments of Accountancy and Finance in October, 2018. It also won the competitive fund of Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) offered by the World bank through the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways for the proposal submitted by the department.

Workshop on Curriculum Revision

A workshop on "Best Practices of Curriculum Revision and Development", organized by the Curriculum Revision and Development Committee of the Faculty of Management Studies was held on 5th February, 2019 in the faculty premises. Prof. Ranjith Pallegama of the Faculty of Dental Sciences of University of Peradeniya conducted the workshop.



Conference in Malaysia



Prof. Athula Gnanapala, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, represented SUSL at the conference organized by the International Association of Universities (IAU) in cooperation with the University of Malaya which

was held from 13th to 15th November, 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference that drew around 300 participants from more than 100 countries, including 63 speakers, had scholars, researchers and experts coming together to discuss higher education partnerships for societal impact.

Faculty of Management Studies

The Way Forward of "SER"



Being at its proudest moment after receiving 'A' Grade for all its degree programs, Faculty of Management Studies strives towards continuous improvement of the existing best practices to achieve future goals of the faculty. Therefore, as the first step, Faculty Quality Assurance Cell of the Faculty of Management Studies conducted a two-day residential workshop for its academic staff on formulation of a roadmap to improve the quality management system of the faculty to obtain the ISO 9001:2015 International Quality Management System, under the theme of "Way forward of SER".

The workshop was held on 8th and 9th January, 2019 at the National Holiday Resort Banadarawela. Main objective of this workshop was to review the existing best practices and the areas to be improved in line with the comments received from the three review teams of the program review.

Prof. Athula Gnanapala, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Dr. Sampath Wahala, Coordinator of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell conducted the workshop that comprised five working sessions including discussions and outcome presentations.



Workshop on Table Etiquettes and Cutlery Handling



The Department of Tourism Management successfully organized a comprehensive workshop on "Table Etiquettes and Cutlery Handling" for its third year first semester students on 14th October, 2018 at the Melheim Resort, Haputale. Table etiquettes and cutlery handling plays an important part in creating a favorable impression and is essential for professional success in tourism and hospitality industry. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Jerome Fernando, Manager of the Melheim Resort with its supporting staff who provided helpful tips on appropriate behavior in a dining setting.

8th ARS SUSL - Sri Lanka's First Zero Carbon Research Conference



The 8th Annual Research Session, organized by the Center for Research and Knowledge Dissemination was held on 19th December, 2018 at the Faculty of Management Studies with the theme of "Creating a unified foundation for the environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic sustainability through research and innovation".

Prof. Rohan Samarajiva, Chairman of the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka, was the keynote speaker of the event while Prof. S.P. Lamabadusuriya, Emeritus Professor and consultant pediatrician, delivered the dinner talk. A large gathering, including the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Prof. M. Nirmali Wickramaratne (Director CRK), Deans, Academic and Administrative staff and students, was present at this prestigious event.



Annual Research Sessions of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka is an annual event where all academics celebrate their research findings and achievements as a professional community. Dr. Sampath Wahala and Mr. R. L. Dangalla served as the Chairman and Secretary of the 8th ARS SUSL respectively. Seventy-five research papers were presented at the conference which was the Sri Lanka's first ever zero carbon research conference. The conference was in compliance with the certification and guidelines developed by the Sustainable Future Group (SFG) following the PAS 2060 global standards, produced and published by the British Standards Institution for carbon neutrality.



Faculty of Management Studies

Investors' Day 2019

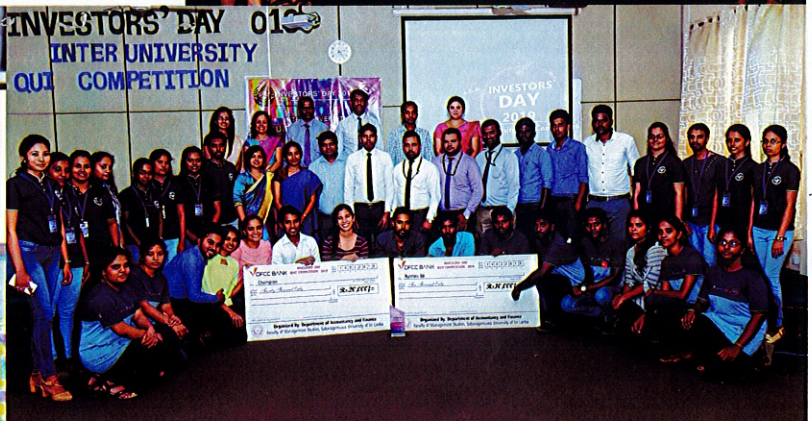
"The Investors' Day 2019" was held on 13th and 14th February, 2019 which was organized by the Department of Accountancy and Finance to brighten up the theme of "Wealth Creation through Informed Investment Decisions". The program consisted of a series of activities filled with knowledge and entertainment to enhance and enrich investment instinct of the neighboring community of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL).

The inauguration ceremony of the Investors' Day Programme was held on 13th February, 2019. The Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, Prof. Athula Gnanapala, Head of the Department of Accountancy and Finance, Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne were presided over the ceremony. The keynote speech was given by Mr. Lasitha Wimalaratne, General Manager of the Softlogic Life.



The educational exhibition was also one of the events held during the Investors' Day Programme. It was organized by the staff and students of the Department of Accountancy and Finance. Many professional bodies, stock broker companies, banks, financial institutions and students participated as exhibitors to educate on various investment and educational opportunities available in the market.

There was also an inter-university quiz competition organized in collaboration with the DFCC Bank PLC held on 13th & 14th February, 2019 in the faculty premises. Fourteen teams from seven national universities participated at the quiz competition won by the team from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, which was awarded with the DFCC Bank PLC trophy and a cash prize of twenty thousand LKR. The team from the University of Jaffna emerged as the runners up of the quiz competition.



Faculty of Management Studies

Seminar Series



A seminar series in economics was conducted by Prof. Danny Atapattu for the Advanced Level commerce stream students from schools in the Ratnapura and Badulla districts. Around 1800 school students participated in the seminar which was far beyond the expected number of participants. It was held during the second day of the Investors Day Program, 14th February, 2019 at Prof. J.W. Dayananda Somasundara Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages. The students were directed to the educational exhibition after the seminar series.



Corporate Night

The Investors' Day programme was concluded with a Corporate Night held at the faculty with the presence of invitees, academics and students. The corporate night featured a combination of a keynote speech, key figure video, western and cultural dances, instrument play, karaoke etc.. The keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Indika Dissanayake, The Manager - Operations at Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka.

Video Conference in Indigenous Management Practices

Department of Business Management successfully conducted a video conference session on 1st November, 2018, at the video conference hall of the Department of Business Management. The objective of the video conference session was to enrich practical knowledge related to entrepreneurs by taking a real life example under the subject of Indigenous Management Practices (BM 3152). The audience of the session was the third year (Semester I) students of BSc. (Hons) Business Management Degree Programme. The session was conducted by Mr. Dhanika Perera, CEO



of Bhasha and PayHere. Bhasha is an award-winning Sri Lankan Digital Technology Company that produces Localized Digital Products for different market segments with a vision to empower the Masses. The resource person was a graduate from University of Moratuwa who had started his journey as an entrepreneur soon after his graduation by developing a Sinhala keyboard app called "Helakuru" for Android applications. Ms. I. M. Katuwandeniya, Lecturer (Prob.) organized the event to share the success story of one of the Sri Lankan entrepreneurs.

Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Medicine Welcomes 1st Intake



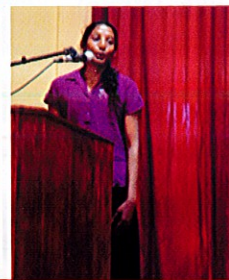
Welcome ceremony for the 1st batch of students to the newly established Faculty of Medicine of SUSL was held on 21st January, 2019 at the faculty auditorium in Batuhena, Rathnapura. The occasion was graced by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha as the Chief Guest and Prof. Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya, the Consultant to the faculty, as the keynote speaker with Prof. Deepthi Samarage and Dr. W.A Sirisena in attendance as distinguished guests. Acting Dean of the faculty Prof. M. Nirmali Wickramaratne, Senior Officials of SUSL including the Registrar, Bursar, Librarian, Deans of faculties, members of the Academic and Administrative staff, Director and consultants of the Teaching Hospital Ratnapura, new students and their parents were present at the ceremony.



Faculty of Technology

Faculty of Technology Welcomes Its First Batch

The Faculty of Technology welcomed its first batch of students on 24th January, 2019. The orientation programme for the students was conducted by the Dean and senior members of the Academic staff of the faculty. It allowed discussions and a dialogue between the students and the academics. The afternoon session of the programme included interesting games and group activities in order to develop the communication and creative skills of the students.



Staff Achievements

The President's Awards for Scientific Publication



Mrs. T. S. H. Perera Head of the Department of Sport Sciences and Physical Education, Faculty of Applied Sciences received the President's Award for Scientific Publications for the year 2016 for the article

she authored titled "Luminescence Enhanced $\text{Eu}^{3+}/\text{Gd}^{3+}$ Co-Doped Hydroxyapatite Nanocrystals as Imaging Agents In Vitro and In Vivo" on ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces volume 8.



Dr. R. K. Koswattage Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Technology received of President's Award for Scientific Publication in 2016 for the article titled "Overlapping of Frontier Orbitals in Well-

Defined DNTT and Picene Monolayers", published on The Journal of Physical Chemistry C.



Prof. D. M. Anil Gunarathne of the Department of Livestock Production received the President's Award for Scientific Publications for the year 2016 for the paper he authored titled "Indentation as a potential mechanical test for textural noodle quality" published in the journal of Food Engineering Volume 177 (2016).



Dr. N. P. Liyanawaduge of the Department of Engineering Technology received President's Awards for Scientific Publications for the year 2014 for the papers he authored titled "High field magneto-transport and magnetization study of

$\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ ($x:0.00-0.25$)" on J. Alloys and Comp.2012, 543, 135 and "Magnetization and Magneto - resistance in $(\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x)_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ ($x:0.00-0.50$) Superconductors" on Supercond. Sci. Technol.2012.

National Research Council Award

Prof. M. Nirmali Wickramaratne of the Department of Physical Science and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences received the "NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publication-2016" in January, 2018 for the paper she authored titled "In-vitro alpha amylase inhibitory activity of the leaf extracts of *Adenanthera pavonina*" published in the journal of BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine 2016, volume 16.

Achievement over Environmental Conservation



Prof. Wasantha Rathnayake, a professor of environmental economics at the Department of Tourism Management won the "Environment Awards -2018 (Individual Category)" at the 74th Annual Scientific Session Advancement of Science (SLASS) on 2nd December, 2018 for the

project titled "Identification of Economic Incentives for Turtle Conservation at Rekawa Sanctuary in Sri Lanka".

SUSL Scientist Embraced by Scientific Community



Dr. R. K. Koswattage Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Technology, delivered a talk titled "UVSOR synchrotron-beam line on surface and interface analysis and characterization of some organic and inorganic materials and biomaterials using synchrotron spectroscopies in VUV and soft x-ray region" as

speaker at the International Research Symposium on Pure and Applied Sciences - 2018, organized by the University of Kalaniya, on 26th October, 2018.

Staff Achievements

Ph.D Completion

Dr. H.P. Rasika Priyankara, Senior Lecturer Gr. II, completed his Ph.D in Enterprise Management at the Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, PR China.

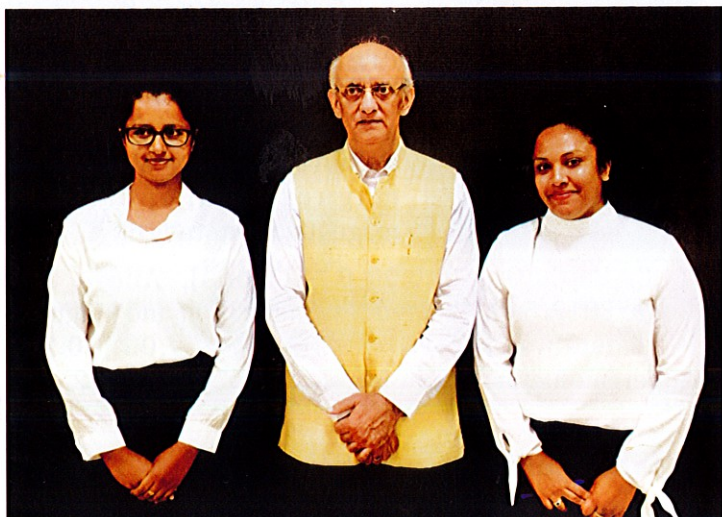


Dr. N.P.G.S.I. Naotunna, Senior Lecturer Gr. II, completed her Ph.D in Business Administration at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, PR China.



Student Activities

SUSL Undergrads Shine Abroad



Two undergraduates from the Department of Food Science and Technology, Shammi Hettiarachchi and Narmada Weerakkody qualified for the semi-finals of the SKA Asia Quiz Competition on Food Safety - 2018 at an intermediate round held in India on 6th October, 2018. They were selected to the top 25 teams out of 165 universities representing 10 countries. The semi-finals were held in November, 2018 where they obtained the highest marks in the history of the quiz program and made progress to the final round which was held in December, 2018.

Best Presenter

P. M. Shamika, a final year undergraduate at the Department of Accountancy and Finance, was awarded as the best presenter of the session on Management and Law of the 3rd National Undergraduate Research Symposium organized by the Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna which was held on 9th December, 2018, at the University of Ruhuna, Matara. She presented her abstract titled "Relationship between Foreign Portfolio Investment and Sectorial Performance of Colombo Stock Exchange".



JENESYS - 2018

Veerasekaran Jasminan, a third year undergraduate at the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education took part in the JENESYS - 2018, that was held from 21st to 29th of January, 2019. It was an inbound programme carried out by the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE).



Student Activities

Sports Achievements

Students of SUSL emerged Champions in both men and women categories at the Inter University Track and Field Event Championships, held on 27th and 28th October, 2018 at the Sugathadasa Stadium, Colombo with the participation of athletes from all state universities. The event saw SUSL athletes earning many victories including new game records.



Sri Lankan University Sport Association (SLUSA) Colors Awarding Ceremony 2016-2017 was held on 26th November, 2018 at the Wayamba University, Kuliapitiya. The ceremony is organized every years to appreciate and award the champions of sports at university level. Forty-one students from the SUSL represented SUSL in this event.



New Appointments

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Prof. M. Nirmali Wickramaratne was appointed as the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Head of the Department of Biochemistry.



Dean, Faculty of Technology

Dr. Asanga D. Ampitiyawatta was appointed as the first Dean of the Faculty of Technology and Head of the Department of Biosystem Technology.



New Head of the Department Appointment

Dr. Anura Weerasinghe was appointed as the Head of Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine.



New Senior Lecturer Appointment

Dr. D. N. S. Wanniarachchi was appointed as a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences.



Mrs. T.C.S. Weerakoon was appointed as the Acting Head of the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine.



Dr. S.S.R.M.D.H.R. Wijesekara was appointed as a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences.



Senior Student Counselor

Mr. D. Jasingha was appointed as a Senior Student Counselor of the university.



Director of the University Business Linkage Cell

Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne of the Department of Accountancy & Finance was appointed as the Director of the University Business Linkage Cell of SUSL.



Director of Center for Computer Studies

Dr. S. Vasanthapriyan, Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at the Department of Computing and Information Systems, Faculty of Applied Science was appointed as the Director of the Center for Computer Studies of SUSL.



Promotions

Mr. R.L. Dangalla was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Computing and Information Systems, Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Dr. U.A.P. Ishanka was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Computing and Information Systems, Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Mrs. Bimali Weththasinha was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Physical Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Mrs. L. R. N. D. Weeraratna was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Sport Sciences and Physical Education, Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Dr. E.M.U.W.J.B. Ekanayake was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I) at the Department of Physical Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Mrs. J.W.A. Sajiwanie was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Mr. K.D.U.D. Fernando, Lecturer, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I) at the Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies.

Mr. A.A.M.D. Amarasinghe, Lecturer, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies.

Community Services

Kindergartners Visit SUSL

The main library of SUSL conducted a story telling session for the "Sarasavi" pre-school students to celebrate the National Reading Month on 12th November, 2018 in the university premises.



Community Services

Community Service by SSPE

The Department of Sport Sciences and Physical Education engaged in a series of community service projects at several local schools, the Pambahinna hospital and the Senasuma Elders Home in Bandarawela. The projects received financial support through CRKD grants and fund raising programmes.



Yoga

Third year Banking & Insurance undergraduates organized a workshop on "Yoga for life". It was conducted by Mr. S. Jointion, Lecturer at the Faculty of Applied Sciences, on 2nd October, 2018.



"Stress Management"

Third year Banking & Insurance undergraduates organized a workshop on "Stress Management" conducted by Dr. WMJ Welgama, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages, on 9th October, 2018.



Workshops and Conferences

International Conference on Management Studies



The 3rd Interdisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers (ICMR), conducted by the Faculty of Management Studies, SUSL in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics and Management, Universiti Putra Malaysia, was held on 23rd and 24th October, 2018 at Pegasus Reef Hotel, Wāththala, Sri Lanka. The conference was organized under the theme "Unlocking the Business Potentials Towards Circular Economy". Prof. Ajith de Alwis of the University of Moratuwa, Prof. D.B.P.H. Dissa Bandara of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Assoc Prof. Yuhanis Ab Aziz of Universiti Putra Malaysia and Prof. (Dr.) Wasantha Rathnayake of SUSL delivered the keynote speeches at the event where a total 106 papers were presented. The two-day conference included parallel and networking sessions followed by a conference dinner.

Workshop on Transitional Justice

Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages organized a two day workshop on "Transitional Justice" with the support of National Peace Council of Sri Lanka which was held on 28th October, 2018.



Guest Lecture

A guest lecture on "Lending and Credit Management Practices" was conducted by Mr. Indraka Liyanage, Veteran Banker and Head of Credit Management of ICICI Bank Lanka Ltd, for the second year Banking & Insurance undergraduates on 16th October, 2018 as part of a professional workshop series.



Workshops and Conferences

First Meeting of UBLC



The first meeting of the Advisory Board of the University Business Linkage Cell (UBLC) was held on 24th January, 2019 at the Board Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Office. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha chaired the meeting attended by Mr. Ariyaseela Wickramanayaka, Chairman of the Pelawatte Dairy Industries Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Chamly Gunaseela, Director and past president of Chamber of Commerce, Sabaragamuwa Province, Deans of faculties, Director of the OTS, appointed council members and internal members. The Director of UBLC, Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne presented on the main functions of the UBLC and its future plans.

Workshops at the Geomatics

A one-day workshop on new generation of GIS with SuperMap GIS software was conducted for members of the staff and final year students of the Faculty of Geomatics on 9th November, 2018. Meanwhile a workshop for Provincial Departments of Inland Revenue was held on 12th and 13th of October, 2018.



Workshop Series for SSPE

A workshop series on professional development was conducted for the final year students of the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education as part of their coursework. The topics included leadership and community development, self-management and professionalism, career exploration and development, dining etiquette and professional grooming and preparation of portfolio.

Upcoming Events

The Brand Eminence 2019

The Brand Eminence 2019, organized by the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies, is scheduled to be held on 20th September, 2019 at SUSL.

ICSUSL - 2019

The 7th International Conference of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (ICSUSL-2019), organized by the Center for Research & Knowledge Dissemination is scheduled to be held in November, 2019 at SUSL.

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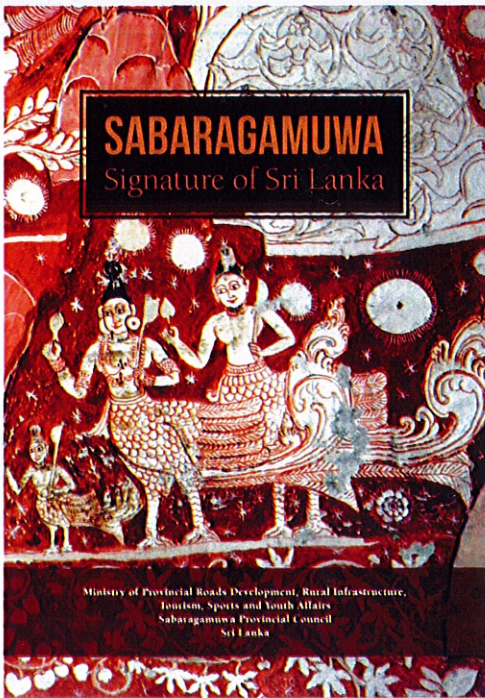
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"Sabaragamuwa: Signature of Sri Lanka"

A book titled 'SABARAGAMUWA: Signature of Sri Lanka', published by the Ministry of Tourism of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, was ceremonially presented to His Excellency the President Maithreepala Sirisena by Hon. Niluka Ekanayake, Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Province, on 26th July, 2018 at the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council. It was a translation from the source text 'Sundara Sabaragamuwa', compiled and represented by Ms. Dilini Thiranga Perera, a former student at the Department of Languages, supervised by Mr. Mahesh Hapugoda of the Department of Languages and Dr. Iraj Ratnayake, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies of SUSL.

It was based on a collection of important places and events in the Sabaragamuwa Province that can help both local and international visitors who are eager to experience the region. It furnished information of historical, aesthetical, religious, natural, cultural and anthropological significance to a wider readership including school children, university students, visitors and many others.

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