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### **Opening of New Staff Quarters**





Six new staff quarters were ceremonially opened on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 by Prof. P. S. M. Gunaratne, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, the chief guest of the event. Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, the Vice-Chancellor, and members of the Academic, Administrative and Non-academic staff were present at this event.



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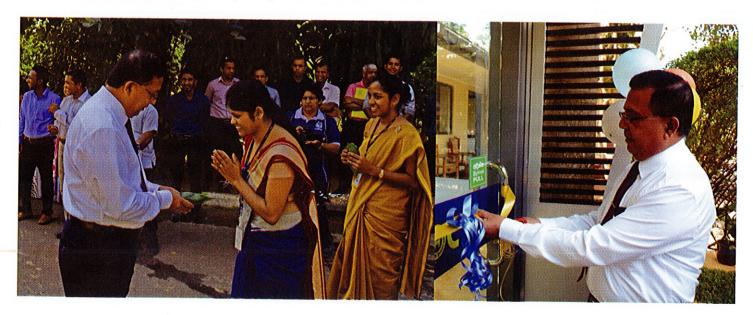
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# **University Events**

### **BoC ATM on Campus**

A BoC smart ATM was declared open by Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha on  $14^{\rm th}$  Febrauary, 2019 with the participation of the university community.



### **Meeting with AIT**

A meeting to find the possibilities of collaborations between the SUSL and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thiland was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the Vice Chancellor's office. A team led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, participated on behalf of the SUSL while Prof. Rajendra P. Shrestha, Dean of the School of Environment, Resources and Development, represented the AIT. The meeting was organized by Dr. E. P. N. Udayakumara, Head of the Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences.





### **University Events**

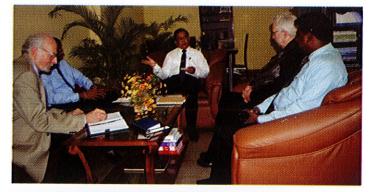
### Tripitaka as World Heritage

"Thripitakabhiwandana", a special sermon by Rev. Karagoda Uyangoda Maithri Moorthi Maha Nayaka Thero on the publication of the Tripitaka as a World Heritage was held on on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019.



#### **Canadian Academics Visit SUSL**

A foreign delegation comprising Mr. Donel E Brownell, Director of NLEAP, Canada, Prof. Hilaire Lemoine, Consultant at Language Policy & International Relations, University of Otawa visited SUSL on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to discuss the progress of the BA (Hons) degree programme in Translation Studies and the future plans of the Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages. Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, the Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. W. Manoj Ariyaratna, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages took part in the discussion on behalf of the SUSL.



#### Bakmaha Diwuruma

The 'Bakmaha Diwuruma', a ceremony to take the pledge to eradicate the drug menace in the country, took place on 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019. Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, the Vice-Chancellor, and all members of the Academic, Administrative and Non-academic staff participated at this event.



## **Faculty of Graduate Studies**

Master's Programme Kicks Off



Faculty of Graduate Studies conducted the orientation programme for the MSc. programme in Ayurveda Hospital Management on 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2019. Mr. M. D. J. Abeya Gunawardena, Provincial Commissioner for the Central Province. Deans of Faculties, members of the Academic and Administrative staff, Coordinators and students were present at the event.



### **Faculty of Graduate Studies**

**Inauguration of MBA 2019** 



Inauguration of the 2019 intake of Master's programme on Business Administration (MBA) was held on  $02^{nd}$  March, 2019. Deans of faculties, members of the Academic and Administrative staff, Coordinators and students attended this occasion.

### **Faculty of Agricultural Sciences**

#### The Ceylon Cinnamon Value Chain Development Project

The Ceylon Cinnamon Value Chain Development project, hosted by SUSL, organized a meeting with the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 to network with them in their field and to listen to different points of view on cinnamon processing and learn new ideas and trends in the cinnamon field to upgrade the existing Ceylon cinnamon industry.

This programme was conducted to bring together diverse cultures and new ideas, leading to innovative approaches on technology that is used in the cinnamon industry. It provided an opportunity to share information on new techniques, new types of equipment needed for cinnamon processing. The event was coordinated by Prof D.A.M. De Silva of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the members of the Ceylon cinnamon value chain development project.



### **Programme Review Gathers Stakeholders**



An awareness programme for industry experts on Programme Review (PR) and Self Evaluation Report (SER) writing process of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the faculty. A total of six industry stakeholders representing the New Aquaculture Development Centre, Udawalawa, Chello Dairy Products (Pvt) Ltd., Godakawela, Sabaragamuwa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Ratnapura, Amazon Trading (Pvt) Ltd., Colombo, Inservice Training Institute, Balangoda and Department of Agriculture of Sabaragamuwa Province took part in this programme. Such another awareness programme was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, for the benefit of the Administrative staff, Non-academic staff and students. Members of the Academic staff, headed by the Dean, Administrative and Non-academic staff and students took part in these programmes throughout. Feedback from the industry experts and stakeholders on the degree programme and graduates of the faculty was also brought into discussion during this session.



### **Entrepreneurship Management in Food Business**

A workshop on "Entrepreneurship Management in Food Business", organized by Dr. R.K.C. Jeewanthi of the Department of Agribusiness Management, for second year students of the BSc. degree programme in Food Business Management, was held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at the faculty premises. A well-known entrepreneur, Mr. Lal- Keerthi Gunawardhana, Chairman of Lucky Lanka (PVT) Ltd., participated at this workshop as the resource person.

#### **Fulbright Opportunities for Academics**

A programme to promote Fulbright opportunities and American education among the young academics of the faculty, organized by Prof. D.A.M. De Silva, was conducted by Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission flagged by US embassy in Sri Lanka on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019. Mrs. Sandarshi Gunawardhana, Executive Director of Sri Lanka US Fulbright Commission and Ms. Mellissa Paulmen, cultural attaché at the US Embassy were among the participants.



#### Fashionista - 2019





The Fashonista Food Fashion Show, organized by the Department of Agribusiness Management to enhance the creativity and innovative thinking and develop soft skills of its first year students, was held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, with Senior Prof. Rohana P. Mahaliyanaarachchi as the chief guest. Ms. P. Suhansi was awarded as the best model of the show.



#### **Workshop on Dissertation Writing**

A workshop for providing better insight for students on how to execute a well-planned research and write a successful dissertation for students of the Department of Agribusiness Management was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the faculty premises. Prof. O. Amarasinghe of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, who was the resource person at the event, conducted sessions on creating a strong research topic with strong research questions and research objectives, mind mapping, selection of appropriate experimental design and analytical method and writing strong discussion and conclusion to finally fabricate a better dissertation with an excellent abstract.



### Livestock Day - 2019

The 3<sup>rd</sup>Livestock Day, organized by the Department of Livestock Production, was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2019 on the theme "Present Challenges on Livestock Production in Sri Lanka" with Mr. Ariyasheela Wikramanayake, Chairman of Pelwatte Dairy Industries Ltd., attending the event as the chief guest.





### **Young Food Marketing Forum 2019**



The Department of Agribusiness Management organized a mini research forum on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the faculty premises for its second year students of the Food Business Management programme. The event, which consisted of poster and oral presentation sessions, saw Senior Prof. R.P. Mahaliyanaarachchi as the chief guest. Ms. K.C.J. Premarathna was recongnized as the best presenter of the forum.

# **Faculty of Applied Sciences**

### **Hands on Big Data**

A workshop on "Data Science and Big Data Analytics", organized by the Industrial Training Unit of the Department of Physical Sciences & Technology, in collaboration with Virtusa Pvt. Ltd., coordinated by Dr. R.M.K.T. Rathnayake, was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the faculty auditorium. Mr. Darshan Gunawardena, Mr. Devin Nanayakkara and Mr. Hasitha Arumawadu participated at the workshop as the resource persons.



### **Faculty of Applied Sciences**

### **More AHEAD Grants for Applied Sciences**

A team from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, comprising Prof. R.M.U.S.K Rathnayaka, Prof. M.Nirmali. Wickramaratne, Prof. H.M.S. Priyanath, Dr. M.G.A.N. Perera, Dr. R.M.K.T. Rathnayaka, Dr. T.C. Kanake and Ms. D.A.C.K. Dalukdeniya, won an AHEAD: RIC STEM - HEMS grant worth Rs. 50 million for their research proposal titled "Formation and Commercialization of Readily Accessible Food Product for the Control and Prevention of Diabetes Mellitus".

Meanwhile a research group, led by Prof. S.K. Gunatilake of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, also won an AHEAD grant of Rs. 40 million for its project titled "Investigation of Geo-Chemical Factors Contributing to CKDu in Uva Province and Identification of Microbes for Residual Pesticides Detoxification in Water and Soil Environment". Both projects would run for a period of three years.

The project, titled as 'Assessment of aquifer quality in relation to chronic kidney disease with unknown aetiology in dry zone of Sri Lanka through an integrated approach using isotopes and water chemistry', in collaboration with the University of Peradeniya, won the 30 Million rupee AHEAD grant for a period of 3.5 years by a research group comprising Prof. J.M.C.K. Jayawardena, Dr. L.V. Ranaweera, Dr. E.P.N. Udayakumara, Dr. S. Malavipathirana, Dr. H.S.M. Soyza, Dr. P.K.G.S.S. Bandara, lead by Prof. S.K. Gunatilake.

### **Faculty of Geomatics**

#### Chinese Scholars' Visit



A team of scholars from the Beijing University of Civil Engineering & Architecture, China paid a visit to the faculty on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 to discuss future collaborations between the faculty and the Chinese institute where they agreed to share knowledge and expertise in academic and research activities.



### **Faculty of Geomatics**

### **Hydrography Seminar**



A seminar on hydrography, organized by the Hydrographic Surveying students of the Department of Surveying & Geodesy, in parallel with the World Hydrography Day Celebration, to promote hydrography among the university community, was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the faculty. Dr. M.D.E.K. Gunathilaka, Mr. A.N.D. Perera and Dr. H.M.I. Prasanna delivered talks in the theme of "Hydrographic Information Driving Marine Knowledge". There was also an exhibition organized and a research group, "Hydro Explorers", formed on that day.



### **Industrial Training**

The industrial training session for the final year students of the faculty started on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and would last until 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. A total of 46 students were successfully placed at various local and foreign institutions for a period of 4 months, based on their respective streams of specialization; Surveying & Geodesy, Land Management, Hydrography, Remote Sensing and GIS. This training has being jointly handled by the Industrial Training Coordination Unit (ITCU) of the faculty and National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) since 2015. In relation to this, the training placement seminar was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 at the faculty with the assistance of three officers from NAITA to brief the various procedures and formalities that the students had to adhere to during the training period.

### **Faculty of Geomatics**

### **Workshops on Industrial Training**

Two workshops on undergraduate Industrial Training were conducted by the ITCU of the faculty in March, 2019 for the final-year students. The first workshop was held under the title "How to Benefit from your Industrial Training" which was conducted by Dr. M.D.E.K. Gunathilaka, the coordinator of ITCU. The second workshop on 'Personal Branding' was conducted by Mr. Rex Pitiyage, an experienced skill development trainer, motivational speaker, author and a TV presenter attached to Dialog Axiata Group, where students were trained on marketing themselves and their careers as brands. The training session was offered by Dialog Axiata Company and Mr. Pitiyage for free free of charge.

# Faculty of Management Studies

#### **Entrepreneurship Day 2019**



The Entrepreneurship Day 2019 of the Faculty of Management Studies, themed "Empowering Extraordinary through Digitalization", was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the faculty premises. The event comprised a competition where students exhibited 30 innovative products, followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Mr. Suresh Madushan, founder/CEO of Ideal Six (Pvt) LTD and Social Innovation Ambassador of UNDP, Mr. Vipula Dharmapala, CEO of Insureme.lk and Mr. Kalinga Gunawadhane, founder of Google Startup Hub and Lecturer at SUSL. The Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Heads of Departments, officials of the Small Enterprises Development Division, Rathnapura and members of the Academic and Non-academic staff and students of the faculty were in attendance.



### **Faculty of Management Studies**

**Talk Series for Management Students** 





The talk series "Edu Lane", initiated by the Department of Business Management to bridge the gap between undergraduates and the industry, was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at the faculty premises, having its first session conducted by Mr. Asantha Basnagoda, the Senior Executive- Compliance, Hayleys Fabric PLC, an alumnus of the department, who highlighted the current nature of employability in Sri Lanka, industry expectations from a fresh graduate and challenges encountered by undergraduates along with solutions where he emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship and encouraging of students to move with their own businesses.

The department had the first session of another talk series "Learning for Life" on 25th of February 2019, with Prof. Anura Weerasinghe, Consultant Physician, Allergy & Immunology Specialist and Head of the Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine delivering a talk on "How to get the maximum use of the brain".

### **Music Interpretation Programme**

The Department of Marketing Management organized a music interpretation programme, conducted by Mr. Darshana Warnasekara, Former COO of Ruhunu Foods (Pvt) Ltd., on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the faculty auditorium to enrich its second year undergraduates' practical knowledge and attitudes related to music. Meantime another workshop was conducted to improve their skills and experience relating to social dancing with Ms. Shashikala Harshani, Brand Executive at Maliban Sri Lanka, who was the winner of Derana City of Dance 2014, participating in the programme as the resource person.



### **Faculty of Management Studies**

### **Workshops on Management**



A workshop on "Talent Management & Corporate Expectations", conducted by Mr. Kanishka Ranaweera, Chief People Officer of Bharati Airtel Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the faculty auditorium. Meanwhile another workshop on "Managing Employee Performance and Corporate Expectations" was conducted by Mr. Amitha Kumara Lokuwithanage, Head of Cluster Human Resources at Samson Rubber Industries (Pvt) Ltd., on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Both events were organized by the second year students of the Department of Business Management.



#### **Students Visit Top Spots**

Second year Financial Management students of the Department of Accountancy and Finance made field visits to the Security Exchange Commission, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Lanka Milk Foods (Pvt) Ltd., Coca-Cola Beverages (Pvt) Ltd., Rainco (Pvt) Ltd. and Milco (Pvt) Ltd. where industry exposure, knowledge on systems and process and career guidance services were provided. The students were accompanied by Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne, Head of the Department, and Ms. P.A.D. Dilini Randika, Lecturer (Prob.).

### **Faculty of Medicine**

### Pirith Ceremony at Faculty of Medicine



An all-night Pirith Chanting Ceremony was held at the Faculty of Medicine on  $27^{th}$  February, 2019 to invoke blessings on the newly enrolled  $1^{st}$  batch of medical students, members of the staff and the institution, followed by a morning-alms giving ceremony for Buddhist monks the next day. Cadaver donators who had donated their corpses to the Department of Anatomy were also remembered during the ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Dean, members of the Academic and Administrative staff, Director of the Teaching Hospital Ratnapura and new students and their parents were present at these events.

#### **Felicitation of Senior Academic**



A felicitation ceremony for Prof. Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya, recognising his devoted service to the Faculty of Medicine and 50 years of service as an academic in medicine, was held on 6th June, 2019 at the faculty premises. The ceremony was held with the participation of consultants of the Teaching Hospital Rathnapura, members of the Academic and Non Academic staff and undergraduates of the faculty. While the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha sent his greetings to Prof. Lamabadusuriya, the speech on the illustrious career of the great academic was delivered by Prof. Deepthi Samarage, Professor of Paediatrics and Consultant Pediatrician at the Faculty of Medicine. Prof. Lamabadusuriya himself delivered a speech on making the best use of opportunities come on someone's way. Prof. M. Nirmali Wickramaratne, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Anura Weerasinghe and the undergraduates offered tokens of appreciation to Prof. Lamabadusuriya.



### **Faculty of Medicine**

#### **Meds Visit MRI**



The 1<sup>st</sup> year medical students joined an educational tour at Medical Research Institute (MRI) on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. A team of staff members at the MRI, headed by Dr.B.V.S.H. Beneragama, its Deputy Director General (Laboratory Services), demonstrated basic pharmacology and nutrition measurements and delivered a lecture on vaccines.



#### **Meds Start Academics**



Academic programmie of the Faculty of Medicine commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, after the successful completion of the orientation programme. Students would be studying three subjects; Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology during the first 2 years of the MBBS Programme. The historic first lecture of the faculty was delivered by Prof. M. Nirmali Wickramaratne, Dean of the faculty.

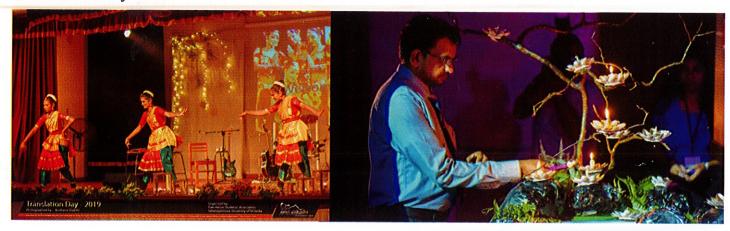
### **Faculty of Medicine**

#### **Disaster Management for Meds**

One-day workshops on disaster management and strategies were held for members of the staff and students of the faculty on 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at the faculty premises. Mr. S.H. Mudith Manjula, Deputy Director of Disaster Management, Rathnapura, Major. Dharshana Abekoon, Gamunu Watch Camp at Kuruvita, Mr. Lalith Rupasinghe of Police Traing School, Kaluthara and the emergency medical doctors and supportive staff of the Teaching Hospital, Rathnapura helped to improve the participants' knowledge of security measures and gave them practical knowledge and skills on basic life support. Dr. Nilantha Gamalathge, Head of the Department of Anatomy organized the events.

### Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

#### **Translation Day**



"Translation Day", proudly organized by the Translation Students' Association (TSA) of the Department of Languages, was ceremoniously held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. Five distinguished guests in the fields of literature and translation stunned the audience with their deep yet passionate speeches. The event was made colourful by the entertainment activities performed by the members of TSA. The prime objective of the event was to promote the subject within and outside the university motivating undergraduates to accept diversity to maintain the national harmony which had been a core reason for the implementation of the degree programme. The event made history as the first ever Translation Day celebrated by a university in Sri Lanka. Prof. Athula Gnanapala, then Acting Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Manoj Ariyarathna, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages accompanied by the members of the academic staff of the faculty attended the occasion.



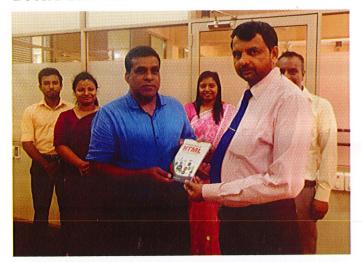
### **Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages**

### **Workshop on Teaching Practices**



Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) organized a workshop on "ESL Curriculum Development and Innovative Teaching Practices" for the staff members of the DELT in order to enhance their knowledge of the process and matters related to curriculum development and teaching. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Lalith Ananda of the Department of English, University of Sri Jayawardenepura on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

#### **Book Published**



A book, "The Guidelines: Results Finalizing System", authored by Mr. R.M.N.B. Rathnayake, Senior Lecturer at the SUSL Centre for Computer Studies and Mr. R. Weerakoon, Lecturer (Prob.) at the Department of Economics and Statistics, published by SUSL, was launched on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at the faculty.

Meanwhile they conducted a workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 to train members of the academic staff of the faculty on the "Electronic Results Finalizing System" and "Online Semester Result Releasing System" based on software developed themselves.



### **Faculty of Technology**

#### **Computer Center Opens**

The newly established Computer Center of the Faculty of Technology was declared open by Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, the Vice-Chancellor, on invitation by Dr. A. D. Ampitiyawata, Dean of Faculty of Technology, on  $2^{nd}$  April, 2019 at the faculty premises in the presence of all Deans of faculties, members of the staff and the first batch of students of the faculty.





### "Subhasara"



The talent show "Subhasara", organized by the first batch of students of the Faculty of Technology was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the Prof. J. W. Dayananda Somasundara auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences where students were able to showcase their talents in dancing, singing, acting and compering.

### **Staff Achievements**

#### **CVCD Excellence Award at SUSL**



Prof. Wasantha Rathnayake of the Department of Tourism Management won the CVCD Excellence Award 2018 for the Most Outstanding Researcher under the management/law

category, on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at the President's House in the presence of H.E. President Maithripala Sirisena.

### Senior Academic Expert of AHEAD



Dr. S.J.M.N.G. Samarakoon, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, has been appointed for the post of Senior Academic Expert- Management, Monitoring and Human Resource Development of the AHEAD Operation at the Ministry of City Planning, Water

Supply and Higher Education with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

#### **Book Launch by SUSL Scholar**

The book "Open Government Partnership" was launched by Mr. Ravindra Chandrasiri Palliyaguruge of the Department of Social-Science on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at Vishva Samadhi Conference Hall, Sarvodaya Headquarters, Moratuwa. The book was first presented to Dr. A.T. Ariyarathna.



### **Student Activities**

### **La-Minestral Soup Evening**





3<sup>rd</sup> year students of the Department of Tourism Management organized the event on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 for the faculty community to raise funds for and promote the Tourism Day 2019 and to enhance the table etiquettes of the students.

### 8<sup>th</sup> World Kungfu Championships –2019



Mr. W. M. Viraj Denuka Chathuranga bagged two silver medals under the age category of above 18 years at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Kungfu Championships held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the Sichuan international Tourism and Trading Expo Center – Indoor Stadium in the Chinese city of Emeishan.

### World University Games - 2019

World University Games - 2019 is scheduled to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 in Naples, Italy. It is an international multi sports event for university athletes, conducted by the International University Sports Federation, which is held biennially.

The Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA), being a member of FISU, has selected two members of the staff and 14 students from SUSL to take part in this global event.

### **New Appointments**

### **New Head of the Department Appointments**

Dr. G. N. Pushpakumara was appointed as the Head of the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine.



Dr. H. R. S. Bandara was appointed as the Head of the Department of Surveying and Geodesy, Faculty of Geomatics.



Dr. T. S. P. Jayaweera was appointed as the Head of the Department of Livestock Production, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



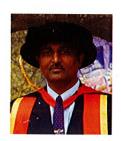
Mr. Saman K. Handaragama was appointed as the Head of the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages.



Dr. K. R. Koswattage was appointed as the Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Technology.



Dr. M. A. C. S. Sampath Fernando was appointed as the Head of the Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages.



Prof. D. A. I. Dayarathne was appointed as the Head of the Department of Accountancy & Finance, Faculty of Management Studies.



Dr. W.G.M. Sandun Perera was appointed as the Head of the Department of Biosystems Technology, Faculty of Technology.



### **Promotions**

Mr. R. C. Palliyaguruge was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Gr II) at the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages.

### **Workshops and Conferences**

### **SUSL Delegation at QA Conference**



The 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) was held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at BMICH, Colombo. It was hosted by the University Grants Commission under the theme "Quality assurance, qualifications, and recognition; Fostering trust in a globalized world". INQAAHE, of which prime objective is to establish and build on trust in tertiary education is an initiative entrusted in establishing a global enhancement platform for the quality assurance expertise and sharing their achievements, novel findings, and approaches with their international peers.

A delegation comprising Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.M.A.S. Karunaratne, Director of IQAC, Mr. V.D. Kithsiri, Registrar, Mr. K.A.R.S Jayakody, Bursar, Deans of Faculties and Coordinators of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cells represented SUSL at this international event with delegates from more than 45 countries. The conference consisted of four pre-conference workshops, four plenary sessions and paper and poster presentations.

### SDC Workshop

Workshops on administrative matters at universities, organized by the Staff Development Centre (SDC) and conducted by Mr. A. L. Joufer Sadique, Former Registrar at the University of Moratuwa, was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 at the SDC Auditorium with the participation of members of Academic, Administrative and Non-academic staff.

### **Awareness Meetings of UBLC**



Awareness meetings of the University Business Linkage Cell (UBLC) were held during the past few months at each faculty to enhance the awareness about UBLC among members of the academic community. The Director of UBLC, Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratne, made presentations about UBLC, highlighting the main functions, aims, governing body, current progress, focal areas for business linkages and future plans of UBLC.

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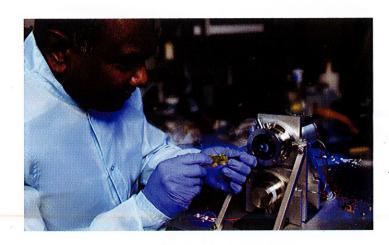
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The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (ICSUSL), organized by the Center for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRKD) will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The ICSUSL 2019 is a multidisciplinary conference with the theme of "Frontier Technologies for a Sustainable Future", aiming to provide a platform for researchers in different disciplines, students and industrialists to share knowledge, exchange ideas and promote future collaborations. The keynote speech is given by a decorated Sri Lankan, Dr. Sarath Gunapala, Senior Research Scientist and Fellow of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, on "Exploration of Our Solar System and Beyond".





Thirteen scholars from seven countries are delivering plenary speeches on diverse fields of research including organic light emitting diodes, solar cells, social robotics, synchrotron radiation, nanotechnology and sustainable agriculture.

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