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Opening ceremony of the new Faculty building of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the new Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW FACULTY BUILDING COMPLEX OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND THE NEW AUDITORIUM OF THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & LANGUAGES, 31st MARCH 2012

The new faculty complex of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages built at a cost of Rs. 665 million were declared open by His Excellency President Mahinda Rajapaksha on the invitation of Honorable Minister S.B.Dissanayaka with the presence of Honorable Deputy Minister andimithraEkanayake.

OPENING OF THE STAGE SCREEN OF THE AUDITORIUM – FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LANGUAGES



Opening of the stage screen

HOUSE-WARMING CEREMONY OF THE NEW FACULTY BUILDING COMPLEX OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



House Warming Ceremony

House-Warming Ceremony of the new faculty building complex of the Faculty of Applied Sciences took place at the auspicious time of 6.35am on 15th March 2012. The occasion was graced by the Vice Chancellor of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. A number of academic and non-academic staff and the students of Applied Sciences participated in this event.

A Cultural Show was held to mark the opening of the stage screen of the Auditorium of the Faculty of the Social Sciences and Languages on 24th April 2012 with Prof. Jayasena Kottegoda, The Vice Chancellor of the University of Aesthetic Studies as the Chief Guest of this special ceremony.

Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, the staff and students took part in the program performing traditional dances and rituals, which illuminated the stage.

AN MOU WITH GUILIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, CHINA

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mahinda S Rupasinghe, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, visited the Guilin University of Technology, China, from 9th to 17th April 2012 to sign documents related to the MOU.



Signing the MOU between Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Guilin University of Technology, China.

GENERAL CONVOCATION 2012

The 14th General Convocation of the university was held on 27th April 2012 at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya.



14th General Convocation 2012

Dr. P.B. Jayasundara, Prof. Athula Perera and Prof. Arthur Bamunuarachchi were offered with Honorary Degrees at the Convocation. The student of the year was Ms R.K.N.D. Darshani. Gold medals were also awarded to the outstanding students under different disciplines of the faculties.

UNIVERSITY DAY 2012



Handing over a token of appreciation to Ms. Irangani Serasinghe

The "University Day" was celebrated on 2nd February 2012 with the participation of the Vice Chancellor and University staff. The Expolanka book outlet was opened by the Vice Chancellor marking it the first special event of the day.

The Vice Chancellor delivered a speech on the progress of the university; and special projects started to give service to the community. Time was allocated to appreciate the staff members on university service for a longer period of time. A token of appreciation was handed over to Prof. M.U. Jayasekara for his valuable contribution to the Sabaragamuwa University. Ms. Irangani Serasinghe was also awarded a token in appreciation of her valuable contribution to as an artiste.

THE 13th ANNUAL RESEARCH SESSION FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



Annual Research Session 2012

The 13th Annual Research Session of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was conducted from 8th to 9th February 2012 at the Faculty of Applied Science. Fifty five research findings from the final year research projects were presented by the final year students of the Departments of Food Science and Technology, Natural Resources and Physical Sciences and Technology.

WEB BASED SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG DISCOVERY PROCESS AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with the collaboration of the University of Texas Arlington conducted a one-day Symposium on Drug Discovery with the

theme of "Drug Discovery Process and Research Opportunities for Sri Lankan Scientists". The symposium addressed the Research and Development process of new therapeutics in the pharmaceutical industry, new discoveries and trends in Sri Lanka for Drug discovery and challenges it faces today.

Part of the Symposium was addressed by several scientists in the US and in Sri Lanka involved in the drug discovery process. The novelty of this event was that a part of the symposium was conducted through Adobe Connect and scientists in the US presented their valuable talks. Live and interactive discussion sessions were also conducted successfully.



Participants of the Symposium of Drug Discovery

Asst. Prof. Roshan Perera, University of Texas Arlington, and Dr. Nirmali Wickramaratne, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka organized the event.

INAUGURAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF KITHUL INDUSTRY



Dr. Lal Vidhanarachchi Address the gathering

Inaugural Workshop on Development of Kithul Industry in the areas covered within Imbulpe and Haldummulla regions was organized by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences from 27th to 28th February 2012.

ENGLISH WEEK - 2012

An English Week was held from the 16th to the 22nd January 2012 with the active participation of Mr. Michael Brown and Mrs. Alison Brown from the UK. Several internal students and external students took part in the interactive activities. The variety show presented by the external students who follow the Diploma Course and the



English week 2012

Certificate Course in English was among the brilliant events that took place during the Week. An interactive session was also conducted for the non-academic staff of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. There were two workshops for the school students and one for the Teachers of English in Balangoda Educational Zone. They were conducted in Balangoda Cental College, Dharmaloka Vidyalaya, and Balangoda Teacher Center. So, interesting interactive activities also took place in Sri Lanka Military Academy, Diyathalawa.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAMP



Resources person participated in th English Language Camp

Mr. Stephen Campbell Fletcher, Visiting Fellow from Durham University, United Kingdom in collaboration with the Department of English Language Teaching, conducted *English Language Camps* in selected schools in the Balangoda Educational Zone for primary teachers of English and students from 22nd to 24th May 2012 with the vision of enhancing the language and communicative competencies in Teaching and Learning English as a Second Language. He also donated English Language Texts worth Rs. 25000 to some selected schools.

FACULTY OF GEOMATICS AT THE DEYATA KIRULA EXHIBITION-2012



Demonstration of Surveying instrument at Deyata Kirula -2012

Several important events were organized by the faculty of Geomatics at the "Deyata Kirula" National Development Exhibition 2012 held at Oyamaduwa, Anuradhapura from 04th to 12th February 2012. Exhibits were aligned in the streams of "Geomatics for Sustainable Development of Sri Lanka" and models for conveying the knowledge of "GPS Technology – How it works" to easy understanding of general public.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGISTS, NAVAL & MARITIME ACADEMY, TRINCOMALEE



Field practical session

A group of Information Technologists, including IT sailors and instructors of the Naval & Maritime Academy of Trincomalee visited the Faculty of Geomatics on 16th March 2012. It has become an annual event and this was the second time they visited the Faculty of Geomatics. The Faculty of Geomatics successfully organized a series of lectures including the use of IT for Geo-informatics followed by field and laboratory practical sessions.

an WEEK WITH IT

A workshop named "WEEK WITH IT" was conducted from 9th to 13th January 2012 at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka by Prof. Gihan Dias and his team under the topics of Web Content Development, FossSabCon 2012, C#, .NET, ADO.NET, Windows phone 7 application. this was organized by the staff and the students of the Dept. of Computing and Information System.

MICROSOFT IMAGINE CUP



Sabaragamuwa University team members

Microsoft Imagine Cup is a premier student technology competition which was held on 27th April 2012. A Sabaragamuwa university team of students: Kalinga Gunawardhana, Nilanga Nathanielsz, Rohana K Amarakoon, and Madushanka Dharmarathna, came to the final stage of Imagine Cup - 2012 with the team INVICTUS project "Guide me on the go".

TEACHER TRAINING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH EDUCATION IN THE SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE

Two four-day workshops were conducted under the decentralized capital budget programme 2011, of Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha, a Member of Parliament, by the Department of English Language Teaching, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Department of Education of the Sabaragamuwa Province to promote educational prospects of children in the Sabaragamuwa province through better English teaching and to develop material and human resources to teach English to primary children in the region.



Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha addressing the Participants of the workshop

The first workshop was held from 31st January 2012 to 03rd February 2012 at the Regional English Support Center - Kahawaththa and the second workshop was from 02nd April 2012 to 05th April 2012 at the Regional English Support Center - Warakapola.

LEARNING FOR LIFE - MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES

The Center for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRKD) has initiated a knowledge sharing public lecture series with a view of enhancing the knowledge of the university community in multiple disciplines that is indispensable for a better life. The subsequent monthly lectures conducted are as follows.

5th Lecture: Economic Development in Sri Lanka by Prof. H.M.S.Priyanath, on 08th February 2012.



Invited speakers of the monthly lecture series

6th lecture: Rice and Health Issues by Dr. D.M. Anil Gunarathne, on 28th February 2012.

7th lecture: Biotechnology and Life by Prof. A.A.Y. Amarasinghe, on 9th May 2012

8th Lecture: Water and Life by Dr. A.L.T. Hewawasam, on 30th May 2012

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS OF SUSL

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Ph.D. RESEARCH COMPLETIONS

Dr. Baduraliya has completed his Ph.D. research in the area of Stochastic Modeling in Finance in the university of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

Dr. Jayalath Ekanayake has completed his Ph.D. research in the area of Machine Learning Algorithm and Data Mining in institute of Informatics, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr. E.P.N Kudawidhanage has completed her Ph.D. research in the area of Conservation of Biology in Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

SOCIAL EVENTS



"Kavitha Talent" is a programme created by the Ministry of Higher Education to provide the nation with an educated generation having creative artistic talents. It gives an opportunity to develop the artistic talents of the clever youth attached to the universities and advanced technological institutes.

The first round competitions of 'Kavitha Talent' were held at Sabaragamuwa university on 28th of March with a charm inauguration ceremony with the participation of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Mahinda Rupasinghe, Deputy Minister of Higher Education Hon. Mr. Nandimithra Ekanayaka, Director General of student affairs Mr. Keerthi Mawellage, Director General of Sports Mr. Sunil Gunawardhana, Kavitha panel of judges, Kavitha project manager Mr. R.M.P. Rathnayaka, Kavitha university coordinator Ms. Vilasini De Silva and co-coordinators of the five faculties, the Deans, academic and non academic staff members and the students.

The competitions were held in 3 divisions: dancing, media and music where an expertise panel of judges comprised of pioneers in relevant fields including musicians like Rohana Weerasinghe, Lakshman Wijesekara and

Prof. Ariyaratna Kaluarachchi, evaluated the talents of Sabaragamuwa university students. A large number of competitors from Sabaragamuwa University were selected for the second round competitions. The competitions of other divisions: cinema, literature, photography, stage drama and painting are scheduled to be held and a high participation rate is expected from the creative student community of Sabaragamuwa University.

NIHONGO FEST (JAPANESE FESTIVAL)



Participants of the Japanese festival

Japanese Cultural Festival was conducted by the staff and students of Japanese at the Department of Languages from 28th to 29th May 2012 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. Mr. Keita Iwase the second secretary on Cultural Information of the Japanese Embassy in Colombo was the Chief Guest of this event. Demonstrations of Japanese Embroidery, Cookery and Dance were special items conducted by Japanese natives in this cultural event. In addition, Speech Contest, Kanji Contest, Films and Lectures on pop culture in Japan enhanced the Japanese cultural awareness among students.

VARNA

A concert *Varna* was conducted by Nonimi Dayaratne, a student majoring in English at the Department of Languages, on 10th May 2012 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. This concert resembles pocket concert genre, where less instruments and a solo singer is represented on stage. This experimental concert was conducted by Nonimi to make the fellow students aware of the possibility of being creative amidst less instrumental surroundings and to encourage them for the same.

VESAK HERBAL DRINKS AND FLOWER DANSELA



Students of the Faculty of Geomatics at Dansela

A herbal drink (Beli-Mal) dansela and a flower dansela were organized by the students of the faculty of Geomatics on 5th May 2012 on account of the sacred Vesak commemoration in front of the Galagama Sri Shaila Gangarama Temple. All the students of the faculty participated irrespective of their religion and ethnicity.

"SAHURDAYO" AND "WIKASITHA PEMA" BY STUDENTS

These two dramas were staged on 16th May 2012 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Social Science and Languages. They have won the award for the best supporting actor, best script and merit awards in the inter university drama competition (award ceremony of "Sarasavi Nirmana")



"SAHURDAYO" drama

SPORTS

"BROTHERHOOD CHALLENGE SHIELD"



Students of the Faculty of Geomatics

Geomatics Premier League (GPL), one of the main events of the "Brotherhood Challenge Shield" sports competition which is organized annually by the students of the faculty was held on 01st May 2012. The event was successfully streamed throughout the day with the participation of more than 15 teams including a team from the faculty staff.

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