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Conferences and Research

VURD-2018: Second Vidyodaya Undergraduate Research Day

"Pathways to Excellence: from student to researcher" – the second Vidyodaya Undergraduate Research Day (VURD 2018) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS), University of Sri Jayewardenepura – was held on 10th and 11th July 2018 at FHSS. The overall purpose of VURD was to provide a platform for the undergraduates to present their research findings at a conference setting.



The inauguration ceremony of VURD-2018 was held on the 10th of July 2018 at the Sumangala Mandiraya of FHSS, while the technical sessions were held from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on the 11th of July 2018, under 23 conference themes, viz., Agriculture, Land Use, and Rural Economics, Reshaping the Social and Cultural Landscape, Disaster Preparedness and Management, Buddhist Teachings and Ideological Frontiers and the rest.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker Prof. Dulini Fernando from Warwick University, UK, and Mrs. Sandya Wijebandara, the Secretary to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research. It was also dignified with the presence of Prof.



Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Senior Prof. E. Dayarathne (Director, EDECU), and by Mr. Gnanasiri Britto (Registrar, USJP). VURD 2018 was chaired by Ven. Dr. Pinnawala Sangasumana with the assistance of the Secretary Mrs. Imesha Dharmasena. Heads of Departments, academic and non-academic members and students of the faculty also actively participated in it contributing to its success.



14th Research Session of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce

The 14th Research Session of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC) was held on 31st May 2018 at the university. Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor) and Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, FMSC) graced the occasion



as the Chief Guest, and the Guest of Honour respectively. Dr. (Mrs.) Ayoma Sumanasiri and Dr. Thusitha Abeysekera co-chaired the event and Dr. (Mrs.) Chathurani Silva, Senior Lecturer, Department of Decision Sciences delivered the keynote address.

Research Sessions of FMSC are held bi-annually with the intention of providing a platform for novice and experienced researchers of the faculty to share their research findings, subsequently, to promote a vibrant research culture within the university.



Awards

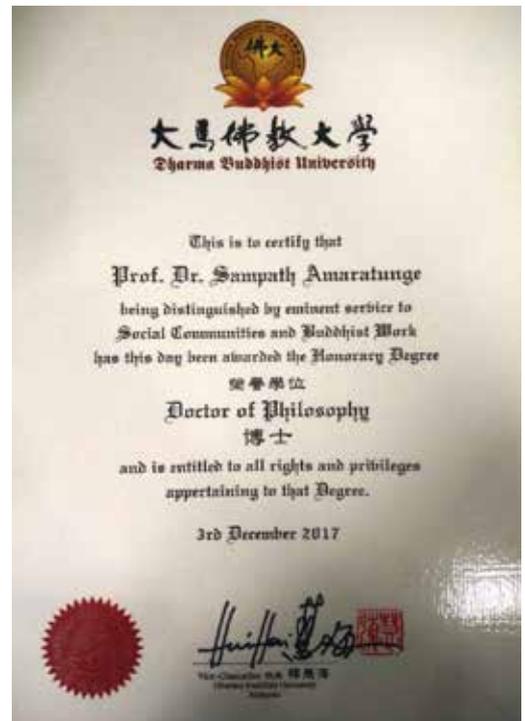
Two Honorary Degrees to Prof. Sampath Amaratunge

Two Honorary Degrees – Sammanopadhiya and Doctor of Philosophy – were bestowed on Professor Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) for his innumerable contribution to Buddhism.

The Sammanopadhiya Honorary Degree was presented, in unanimous agreement, by the Vidyadara Sabhava of the Maligakanda Vidyodaya Pirivena at the 107th commemoration ceremony of Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero. The occasion was held on the 4th of May 2018 on the Maligakanda Vidyodaya Pirivena premises. The degree embodies its holder’s service rendered to the development of the world and the Buddha Sasana.

Moreover Prof. Sampath Amaratunge was awarded a Doctorate Degree (Doctor of Philosophy) by Dharma Buddhist University of Malaysia on the 3rd of December

2017, as a symbol of recognition for his lifelong contribution towards the development and promotion of the higher education system, and for his commitment to the enhancement of Dharma Education.



Dr Nayana Wijayasundara receives the Vijita de Silva Research Award 2018 of Sri Lanka Library Association

Vijita de Silva Research Award 2018 was jointly awarded to Dr. (Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara, Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Mr. G. R. Padmasiri, Librarian, University of the Visual and Performing Arts at the 58th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Library Association, held on 29th June 2018. This was awarded to Dr. Wijayasundara for her research project titled "Library space planning framework of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura".



News

Japura becomes the 2nd in SCImago Institution Ranking (SIR) of Scopus

University of Sri Jayewardenepura has been ranked the Second Best University in Sri Lanka, according to the 2018 Scimago Institutions Rankings (SIR), which uses a three-faceted indicator that combines research performance, innovation outputs and societal impact, measured by their web visibility. University of Sri Jayewardenepura became the Second, knocking four leading universities – the University of Moratuwa, the University of Colombo, the University of Ruhuna and the University of Kelaniya.

Scimago data is used by Webometrics, one of the most popular web ranking systems in calculating their Excellence Index. The University of Sri Jayewardenepura is listed for the first time in this ranking in 2018, providing testimony to its great advancement in research, innovation and societal

impact in the recent past. In 2009, at the inception of this ranking system, only two Sri Lankan universities were on the list – University of Peradeniya and University of Colombo; only two more universities were added to the list in 2017, University of Moratuwa and University of Ruhuna.



Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Peradeniya	LKA
2	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	LKA
3	University of Moratuwa	LKA
4	University of Colombo	LKA
5	University of Ruhuna	LKA
6	University of Kelaniya	LKA

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Felicitation ceremony to Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge

Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) recently received the senior professorship and became the first Senior Professor in the field of Business Economics. A felicitation ceremony,

organised by the staff members and undergraduates of the Department of Business Economics, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC), was held on 26th July 2018 to honour Prof. Amaratunge. The event was graced with the presence of Prof. Amaratunge, Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, FMSC), Dr. (Mrs.) Dinesha Siriwardhane (Head, Department of Business Economics) and other lecturers and undergraduates of the department.



News

Opening Ceremony of the Renovated Buddhist Shrine of USJP

The opening ceremony of the renovated Buddhist Shrine of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on the 19th of June 2018. The event was graced by the Maha Sangha, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Deans of the Faculties and many academic and non-academic staff members.



The Buddhist shrine was opened amidst religious events; i.e., Chanting Pirith and Offering Flowers. Rev. Pinnawala Sangasumana thero, a Senior Lecturer of the Department of Geography, stated "this is the first step of a complex project which intends to construct a mindfulness garden for the benefit of the students, and academic and non-academic staff of the university".

In Prof. Amaratunge's address, he admitted that that the creation of the Buddhist shrine had been long overdue, as the plan could be dated back to the times of Rev. Welivitiye Sri Soratha Thero. "The journey of renovating this Buddhist shrine was not without obstacles, but the Sangha in this university guided and aided us greatly in the process. From



the very design to the materials, they were able to give us much needed advice. Therefore, as I see it, they have been able to fulfill the vision of Rev. Welivitiye Sri Soratha Thero," Prof. Amaratunge emphasised.



Two New Ambulances to USJP

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura was afforded the facility and luxury of two new ambulances with advanced accessories, under the coordination of Rev. Thiniyawala Palitha Thero and the Sabandi organisation.

The university received the first in the year 2016 and the second on 21st August 2018, with the presence of Ven. Thiniyawala Palitha Thero – the Independent Non-Executive Director in the Lanka Hospitals Corporation Ltd, and the Director of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board.



News

ELTU upgraded to DELT

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura – established in 1959 concurrently with the first ever faculty “Faculty of Arts” of the Vidoydaya University – was recently upgraded to a department, as DELT – the Department of English Language Teaching. DELT celebrated the transition, on the 16th of August 2018 at the Sumangala Mandiraya of FHSS, and the event was graced by many renowned guests, including Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha and Ms. Parvathi Nagasundaram, a former Head of the Department of English and Linguistics of the university.

Distinguished attendees also included Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Acting Dean of the Faculty of Technology), Dr. S. A. A. M Subasinghe (Dean of the

Faculty of Engineering), former Heads of DELT including Mrs. Madhubhashini Disanayaka Ratnayaka, the outgoing Head of DELT, Mr. Sarath Ananda, the incoming Head of DELT, Mr. Sampath Pushpakumara, Senior Lecturers of the Department of English and Linguistics and many other academics and non-academics of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and from other local universities.

Having realized the importance of English in higher education, the first Vice Chancellor of the University, Ven. Walivitiye Soratha Thero made English a compulsory language for undergraduates. It is remarkable that when the University is about to celebrate its 60th Anniversary in 2019, the ELTU was offered the Departmental status under the headship of Mr. Sarath Ananda. At present, DELT is in charge of improving the English language proficiency of students in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Applied Sciences, the Faculty of Technology and the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



News

2nd Bio-Cultural Anthropology Field School-2018

The inaugural ceremony of the 2nd Sri Lanka Bio-Cultural Anthropology Field School was held on 14th May 2018 at the Seminar Room 1 of the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP). The Field School continued until the 1st June 2018.



The Field School is an international academic programme collaboratively organised by the Department of Anthropology of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Mount Royal University (MRU) of Canada as an extension of the MoU signed between these two universities in 2015.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Tom Buchanan (Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the Mount Royal University, Canada, the field School

Coordinator and a former academic member of the Department of Anthropology at USJP) and Prof. Samanthi Kulathilaka (Professor in Anthropology at MRU, Canada). Academic members of the Department of Anthropology of USJP, including Prof. Yasanjalee Jayathilake (Head, Department of Anthropology), Prof. Charmalie Nahallage, Dr. Praneeth Abeyesundara, Dr. Jayantha Jayasiri, Dr. Nelum Kanthilatha and the undergraduates of MRU and USJP participated in the ceremony.

This academic forum was a great opportunity for the undergraduates of both universities to improve their practical and theoretical knowledge on various subjects related to Biological and Cultural Anthropology. They participated in a series of lectures on "Socio-cultural Aspects of Indigenous People: Vedda Community in Sri Lanka", "A Marriage Ritual of Sri Lanka: Poruwa Ceremony, the Colonial Era and Culture Change in Sri Lanka" and "Primate Studies of Sri Lanka". They engaged in field visits and observed prestigious, culturally-valued regions of Sri Lanka.



Cambridge University visits USJP to begin SHINES in September 2018

Key officials of the Cardiovascular Epidemiology Unit of the University of Cambridge visited the Department of Community Medicine of the Faculty of Medical Science of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on the 26th of July 2018, as a preparatory action of their project "Strengthening Health Systems by Improving Non-communicable Disease Epidemiology in Sri Lanka (SHINES)" to be commenced in September 2018.

The delegates included Dr Rajiv Chowdhury, Dr. Kumudu Wijewardene, Dr. Emanuele Di Angelantonio and Prof. John Danesh (joint Principal Investigators); Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Dr. Virginie Mallawarachchi, Dr. T. Kumanan, Dr. Subramniam Shivaganesh and Nimal Gamagedara (co-investigators of Clinical, Public Health and Epidemiological Sciences); Dr. Karen Heasley (project coordinator); Ms. Catherine Perry and Mr Steve Ellis (statistical sciences and data management); and Dr. Richard Houghton, Ms. Beth Collins, and Ms. Binder Kaur (administration).

The SHINES project looks into Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) – the leading causes of death and disability in Sri Lanka and elsewhere in South Asia. It has been designed as a prospective study with the resource of 10,000 community-based people from Sri Lanka. "SHINES study includes several inter-related components to study potential environmental, biochemical and hereditary risk factors of cardio-metabolic and other NCDs in Sri Lanka and serves as a population platform for the next-generation NCD prevention trials" the officials said. Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor) ensured that the University would provide its utmost support for the project.



News

Establishing Business Incubators in Collaboration with the USA

Symposium on "Active Learning and Innovation Strategy" Houston, Texas

A group of academic delegates from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP), including Prof. Sampath Amaratunga (Vice Chancellor) Prof. Ranil De Silva (Director, World Class University Grant Project), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), Prof. M. Pathmalal (Head, Department of Zoology) and Mr. Rukmal Weerasinghe (Head, Department of Entrepreneurship) participated in a symposium on "Active Learning and Innovation Strategy", held from June 26th to June 28th, 2018, at Rice University, Houston, Texas (World Rank: 99).



The symposium was organised by Prof. Reginald Des Roches (Dean, School of Engineering, Rice University, Houston, Texas) and Vidyajyoti Prof. Bandula Wijay (the Ambassador for Science Technology and Innovation of Sri Lanka). Prof. Wijey – an Engineer by profession – is one of the pioneering inventors of the present day vascular stents with more than 30 US patents. The symposium included academic visits to Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Medical Center (the largest medical complex in the world), MD

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

A meeting was organised at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (Global Rank No. 1 for cancer care) to establish research collaborations between University of Sri Jayewardenepura and MD Anderson Cancer Center with Prof. Varsha Gandhi (Professor, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer), who is an inventor for treating hematological malignancies with nucleoside analog drugs and a patent holder for cancer research.



Anderson Cancer Center, Texas, Medical Center accelerator (TMCx) for Device Innovation and Access DX Laboratory.

The foremost intention of the symposium and the visits was to establish business incubators, by linking the academia and the industry at USJP and to gain first-hand experiences in active learning and novel research and development strategies of the world's top Universities and Research Institutes.



News

Business forum at the Embassy of Sri Lanka, Washington DC, USA

A business forum was organised at the Embassy of Sri Lanka, Washington DC, USA to establish public private partnerships based on value-added natural products with

the industrialists, along with the participation of officials from National Institute of Health (NIH), Food and Drug Authority (FDA), and Johns Hopkins Medical University.



School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Binghamton University, New York

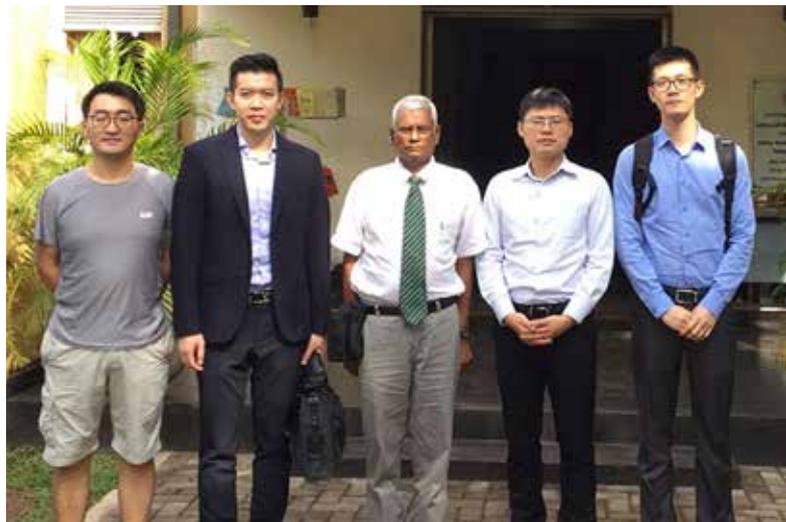
Thanks to the long lasting academic collaboration with Prof. Eric Hoffman (Associate Dean, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences) and Prof. Yetrib Hathout (Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences) of Binghamton University, New York, Prof Ranil de Silva created a training opportunity in Biomarkers and Exon Skipping Gene Therapy for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). Currently two personalised medicine clinical trials are being successfully conducted in the USA. USJP will be the pioneers in South Asia to implement Personalized Medicine for DMD.

News

Genetic Diagnostic Hub: USJP links with China

A delegation from Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI), Shenzhen, China, which comprises the largest gene bank in the world, visited University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP) on the 5th of June 2018, to work in collaboration with USJP in the field of genome sequencing.

BGI is one of the world's largest genomics organisations: it offers a wide range of sequencing services – viz., genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics – coupled with the latest next-generation technologies and quality management systems, for applications in human, plant, animal and microbial research.



the departments of USJP in a multidisciplinary manner to engage in collaborative research studies on genetic and genomic sciences.

Hence, by working in concert with BGI, the Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, and USJP, a Genetic Diagnostic Hub, which targets the South Asian Market, will be established in Sri Lanka. The link was to be established through an MoU for genome sequencing, research and product development leading to Public-Private Partnership and service-oriented commercialisation. Creating double doctorate opportunities between China and Sri Lanka, through BGI College and USJP, and joint research projects and partnerships were also discussed during the meeting.



A follow-up meeting was held on the 31st of July 2018 between the officials from the BGI and the academics of USJP about the utilization of the facilities of BGI, by linking

University of Sri Jayewardenepura to set up a Business Incubator

A meeting on "Constructing a business incubator" was held at the Vice Chancellors Office on the 8th of May 2018, with the participation of Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura), Prof. Ranil De Silva (Director, World Class University Project, University of Sri Jayewardenepura), Mr Bandula Wickramarachchi (Secretary, Ministry of Primary Industries), and Prof. Nandasiri Weerasinghe (Consultant, Ministry of Primary Industries).

It is perceived at the meeting that Sri Lankan entrepreneurs require support in developing their businesses in various aspects. Although innovative ideas proven by researches are abundant, those to be launched as commercialized products are time-consuming and demand high expertise. It is essential for the entrepreneurs to acquire knowledge and skills to maintain and improve their businesses. Therefore, a Business Incubator will be designed to cater to such needs, and to generate sustainable economic growth within the

country. Interests were expressed to commence this project in collaboration with the Ministry of Primary Industries, Sri Lanka. Once the Business Incubator is set up, students with the best business proposals will initially be selected and funded by the Ministry of Primary Industries.



News

Consultation services for Sri Lankan parliamentarians by USJP academics

Academic members of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura are now in a partnership programme with the Members of Parliaments (MP) of Sri Lanka and People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL).



This partnership programme – introduced under the Innovation, Invention and Venture Creation Council (IIVCC) of the University – aims to empower human capital through capacity building. It creates room for policy discussions, constructive debates, networking, and consolidation of international best practice, in order to promote effective policy making and good governance. Consultation is one of the most cardinal methods by which academic members at the University can make available their academic knowledge and expertise to external organisations and institutions.

Shadows of Success 3rd workshop by Mr. Dilantha Malagamuwa

The third phase of Shadows of Success workshop series was successfully held on 18th June 2018 with the participation of the world-renowned Auto Racing Champion, Mr. Dilantha Malagamuwa. The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, many academics, non-academics and about 300 students representing all faculties of the university participated in the programme.

"Shadows of Success" is an interactive workshop series founded by the Career Skills Development Society of the Career Guidance Unit of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. It features outstanding personalities



of the country, thrived as professionals in their respective fields, gaining much respect and admiration. It is regularly conducted to enhance undergraduates' socio-emotional skills and to offer some insights into career prospects.



News

Stakeholders Meeting Organised by the Faculty of Engineering

A stakeholders meeting organised by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on 17th May 2018, at the Boardroom of the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University, in order to further explore the making of the Faculty of Engineering.

Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Dr. Akila Subhasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Engineering), Mr. K. Gnanasiri Britto (Registrar of the University) and a cross-section of stakeholders participated in the meeting. The stakeholders included academic members of the University, Grama Niladaris (Village Officers), Police officers, and residents of the Kottawa area, where the new buildings for the Faculty of Engineering are to be constructed.



Stakeholders and Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

A meeting among the stakeholders of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, was held on 25th May 2018 at the Faculty Boardroom. The overall purpose of the meeting was to develop its existing curriculum in line with the needs of the world. A cardinal point in the discussion was also to identify and ascertain the soft skills sought by the government and private sector from the university graduates.

Participants included Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, FHSS), Dr. Shirantha Heenkenda (Coordinator of the stakeholder meeting), Heads of the Departments (FHSS), the representatives from the business sector, academic

members of FHSS, undergraduates, and the alumni members of FHSS to share their ideas to support the curriculum development programme of FHSS.



News

Further Excavation at Rajagala

The Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura carried out an international-level excavation at the Rajagala archaeological site from the 21st of May 2018 to the 2nd of June 2018. The excavation took place, in collaboration with Deccan College, India, at the "Maha Lena" (Great Cave located) on the Rajagala temple premises.



A delegation of nine scholars from India visited Sri Lanka, viz., Prof. Vasant Shinde (Vice-chancellor, Deccan College), Mrs. Shinde, Dr. Srikant Ganvir, Dr. Nilesh Jadhav, and Dr. Parth Randeer Chauhaan (Deccan College), Mr. Harsh Tomar (University of Delhi), Prof. Vinay Rao (University of Haryana), Prof. Ajmal Shah (University of Kashmir), and Prof. Hemant Dalvi (University of Bangalore). The delegation was ceremonially welcome by the university on the 20th of May 2018. The event was graced by the Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. D.P.S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. P. B. Mandawala (Director, AFCP Project; Director, Conservation and Maintenance, Rajagala Archaeological Project and Dean, Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura), Rev. Dambara Amila Thero (Advisor and Coordinator, Spiritual and Ethical Development Centre, Rajagala Archaeological project), Prof. Alexander Kapukotuwa (Coordinator, Consultant Director Rajagala project and Head, Department of History and Archeology), Prof. Pathmasiri Kannangara (Coordinator, Consultant Director, Rajagala Project), Prof. Karunasena Hettiarachchi (Consultant Director of Excavation, Rajagala Archeological Project), Snr. Prof. Gamini Adikari (Former Director General, Central Cultural Fund and Senior Professor of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology), and several other members of the university.

The excavation team included representatives from the Department of Archaeology, Sri Lanka, the delegates from India, and a team from University of Sri Jayewardenepura



(Senior Lecturer, Dr. Gamini Ranasinghe, Lecturer, M. D. K. Aberatne, Lecturer, Kaushalya Abenayake, Temporary Assistant Lecturer, P.K. Vidanapathirana, and students of the Department of History and Archaeology).

In his welcome address Prof. Sampath Amaratunge recalled the history of the Department of History and Archaeology, and reiterated how its origin could be dated



back to the inception of the university. "University of Sri Jayewardenepura was the first university in the world to offer a First Degree in Archaeology. The most Venerable Weliviyte Sri Soratha Thero took this step because he foresaw the potential in this field", Prof. Amaratunge stated. Prof. Vasant Shinde assured that the Rajagala temple premises would bring together both cultural and natural heritage, hence, was worthy to be recognised, through UNESCO, as one of the world heritages. Prof. Alexander Kapukotuwa added that Rajagala was the first prehistoric excavation held in the Ampara district. "We expect to fill a gap in the recorded data of prehistory. The research that has been launched is expected to expand into two years," he said.

Hitherto, many significant historical remains are found – 2823 stone fragments, 151 stone tools, 02 glass beads, 02 clay objects, 02 copper plates, 03 human teeth, 13 animal teeth, 02 bone tools, remains of flora, Monsoon seeds and Kakuna seeds of the prehistoric era, aka the Mesolithic era of Sri Lanka. The exact dates of the findings are yet to be confirmed, as Prof. Kapukotuwa revealed.



News

Book Donation to the Faculty of Engineering Library

A representative group from the Association of Sri Lankan Graduates from Socialist Countries (ASLGSC) donated a collection of books to the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 15th May 2018. The group comprised the President of ASLGSC, Dr. Anil Jasinghe and several members of their Executive Committee. On behalf of the Faculty of Engineering (FE), Dr. Akila Subasinghe (Dean) received the donation, in the presence of several Heads of Departments of FE. The event was facilitated by Prof. Ranjith Arthenayake. The donation, as revealed, is from a member of ASLGSC residing in the USA.



Environment Day Programme 2018

"Environmental Day Programme", organised by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Forestry and Environmental Sciences of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, and in parallel to the World Environmental Day, was held on 6th June 2018 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Dr. Upul Subasinghe (Head, Department of Forestry and Environmental Sciences), Prof. Pathmalal Manage (Head, Department of Zoology), Dr. R. B. Marasinghe (Head, Department of Medical Education) and academic members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Applied Sciences participated in the event for the celebration of the Environmental Day.



News

Fulbright Specialist Programme at USJP

As an outcome of the project initiated by the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, a group of students of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, along with three IT organisations, involved in a collaborative problem-solving exercise, with the help of virtual media. The project afforded an opportunity both for the industry and the students: the industry was able to witness the problem-solving capabilities of students while the students were able to receive an exposure to real-life industry problems. The project highlighted the progressive spirit shown by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura over the years. Dr. Ramya Jeerasinghe, the Deputy Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, facilitated the arrival of Prof. Premadasa from the USA for the project. The inauguration ceremony of the project took place on 5th July 2018 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

The United States Fulbright Specialist and University of Wisconsin Professor of Mathematics, Kirithi Premadasa coordinated this project with Dr. Ravindra De Silva (Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, University



of Sri Jayewardenepura). Three software organisations – IFS international, Creative Software, and Code Gen International – joint hands with the university in this unique project. Several faculty members of the Department of Computer Science of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura enthusiastically contributed to the project. Mr. Ananda Dehispitiya, Dr. T.G.I. Fernando, and Dr. Ravindra De Silva offered the first courses for the project. Of many novel experiences that the students received through the programme, the exposure to the flipped classroom model was significant. Forty-one students in the third year participated in the project.

Industry Interactive Forum-2018, organised by FGS

"Industry Interactive Forum-2018", organised by the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, was held on 8th June 2018 at the Golden Rose hotel. This forum was organised for the very first time to explore the new requirements of the industry and thereby to collaborate with them.



Prof. Sampath Amaraturge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Prof. Surangi Yasawardene (Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Mr. Pujith Jayasundara (Inspector-General of Police), Prof. Sirimali Fernando (Chairperson, National



Science Foundation), academic members of the University and a large number of representatives from the public and private sectors of the country participated in the forum to share their timely-valued ideas.



News

Exchange of expertise between EFL India and USJP

D.L.S. Ananda, Sampath Pushpakumara, Rev. D.Sumanasara, Disna Nanayakkara and Anjalie de Silva of the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) collaborated with the English and Foreign Languages University of Hyderabad in India to standardize a course manual in alignment with

UTEL band 6. The course manual is designed for a Diploma in English programme which will be offered to those who successfully complete the optional Certificate Course in English, a course that is offered by the DELT aiming at UTEL band 5. The introduction of a Diploma in English by the DELT opens a gate for those who follow English in their first year and Certificate Course in English in their second year to continue their English education in the university.



Elective programme on Midwifery Nursing for International students

The BSc. Nursing programme of the Department of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences was able to offer an elective programme on midwifery nursing, for



the first time, for two undergraduate students from Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge, UK), under the leadership of Dr. Bimalka Seneviratne (Head, Department of Allied Health Sciences). The course contents of this elective programme were designed to reflect the fundamentals of midwifery care in a developing country. The programme included exposure to community midwifery care and hospital-based clinical observations and teaching, to strengthen knowledge in the respective discipline. Clinical teaching was based at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital, and Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital. Training on maternity and child healthcare in a community setting, was conducted in the Boralesgamuwa MOH area.



News

Innovation Commercialization Enhancement grant for Center for Sustainability (CFS)

The Center for Sustainability (CFS) of the Department of Forestry and Environmental Sciences has received a 35-Million LKR grant under the World Bank-funded Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) grant scheme of the UGC, Ministry of Higher Education. Moreover, a proposal submitted by the CFS (written by Dr. Priyan Perera, Dr. Daham Jayewardene, and Dr. Varuni Jayasooriya) has also been accepted for further funding under AHEAD.

It is expected to introduce and commercialise new innovative products under this grant, and a research team led by Dr. Daham Jayewardene will undertake the Research & Development component of the project. In addition, it is expected to further expand the services offered by the CFS

under the new grant scheme, by establishing a new forest research station in Udugama, Galle and further improving the facilities at Yagirala Forest Research and Conservation Education Center.



International HR Dialogue - 2018

The Department of Human Resource Management (HRM) of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce successfully conducted the 6th International HR Dialogue-2018 at Foundation Institute Sri Lanka on 14th

July 2018, under the theme of "Digitizing, HR Analytics, and Future of HRM." The objective of the dialogue was to open the forum for HR Professionals, Academics, undergraduates and other researchers from across the globe to enrich their knowledge on new trends in HRM. About 250 individuals participated in the event.



News

Interfaculty collaboration: Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna & USJP

In view of facilitating the curriculum revision of Allied Health Sciences degree programmes of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna, a workshop was conducted by the



Department of Allied Health Sciences, FMS, USJP, on 9th August 2018. The one day workshop was well attended by a team of visiting academics led by Mrs. Deivy Thabotharan, Head, Unit of AHS, University of Jaffna. Resource persons were Dr. Bimalka Seneviratne, Dr. Thamara Amarasekara, Dr. Udaya Wijesekara, Dr. Nithushi Samaranyake, Dr. Inoka Uluwaduge and Dr Sujatha Seneviratne.

Student-staff exchange programmes under USJP- Monash collaboration

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP) and Monash University, Australia collaboratively conducted a student-staff exchange programme, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two universities signed in August 2017. The programme, which began on the 5th of February 2018 when a delegation of foreign staff and students from Monash University visited Sri Lanka, was followed by a visit to Monash Business School in Australia, by a delegation of staff and students from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

A meeting was held on the 13th of June 2018 to discuss the outcome of the visit. Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Dr. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), Dr. Wasantha Perera (Coordinator of the Monash programme) and the members of the delegation were present at the occasion. Dr. J.W. Dushan Chaminda of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce who was part of the delegation explained the life-changing experiences



gained and how the delegation was able to receive a novel exposure to research methodology. The delegation was also afforded the opportunity to publish their own research in internationally-accredited journals.

Prof. Amaratunge proudly stated that the university had come a long way since his entrance into academia. He was positive that the exposure gained would undoubtedly help the university's mission in developing research: "We have achieved many milestones in our journey towards developing research; we have now moved a step further through the Innovation, Invention and Venture Creation Council (IIVCC) and the Department of Entrepreneurship. They will provide the university with links to private companies, whereby we will be able to use our research and innovations to generate a sustainable economy for the University."



News

Invited Talk by Prof. Ranil de Silva at 15th APSN meeting

Prof. Ranil de Silva – Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Innovation in Biotechnology & Neuroscience (ICIBN) – signified the uniqueness of Sri Lankan specimens as indispensable assets for the global brain banking networks, to establish the largest Brain Bank in Sri Lanka. Prof. Silva expressed this view at the 15th meeting of Asian-Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN), held in Macau, People's Republic of China from 27th – 29th August 2018. Prof. de



Silva, the Chair of the Symposium titled, “Brain Banking in Asia- isn't it time to network?”, delivered an invited talk on “Banking the brain for biomarker identification: A Sri Lanka experience”, on the neuro-protective benefits of Sri Lankan natural products. The scientific programme included three plenary lectures, one by Nobel Laureate Professor Erwin Neher (Max Plank Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Germany): Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discoveries concerning “the function of single ion channels in cells” in 1991, and 12 symposia and scientific oral and poster presentations.



Meeting with Chinese Delegates: A Step on the Silk Road

Organised by the World Class University Project, USJP, a meeting was held on 17th May 2018 at the university with two Chinese delegates — Mr. Chen Weilin (Director, The Chinese Institute of International Education) and Mr. Liu Bo-Yang (Manager, International Relations Office, The Chinese Institute of International Education). Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor) and Prof. Ranil De Silva (Director, World Class University Project) participated in the meeting from USJP.

Following the recent negotiations in originating a jointly-operated Belt and Road Institute of Innovation and Incubation (BRIII) to enhance the relationship between USJP and Chinese universities and governmental agencies at all levels, the interests were expressed in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between USJP and the Chinese Institute of International Education (CIE). Further discussions took place with regard to the possibilities of establishing business incubators, in collaboration with Chinese investors/entrepreneurs, within the university, as a step on the Silk Road.

The event certainly is a milestone of the joint-collaboration of CIE and USJP for a brighter future together.



News

Rev. Bhante Ajahn Sujato from Australia visits USJP

A meeting with Rev. Bhante Ajahn Sujato, a teacher at the Buddhist Society of Western Australia and the founder of Santi Forest Monastery in New South Wales, was held on 25th May 2018 at the boardroom of the administrative building of the University.

Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), Mr. Gnanasiri Brito (Registrar) participated in the event. The Mahasangha including Prof. Madagoda



Abhayatissa and Ven. Prof. Magamma Paññānanda, and several academic members of the university also attended the meeting.

Rev. Bhante Ajahn Sujato, a former musician, has become a Buddhist monk in 1994. He has taken his higher ordination in Thailand and lived there in forest monasteries and remote hermitages. Then, he has spent several years at the Bodhinyana Monastery in Western Australia before founding the Santi Forest Monastery in New South Wales in 2003. Rev. Sujato – the author of several books including “A Swift Pair of Messengers” and “A History of Mindfulness” – has guided the development of SuttaCentral.net since its inception in 2004. He has also started to translate the 4 main Nikayas into English, to be made available in the public domain at bswa.org/teachers/bhante-sujato.



Business Incubator at USJP with Dr. Bandula Wijay, University of Houston

An exploratory meeting to establish a Business Incubator at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on the 15th May 2018, with Dr. Bandula Wijay of the University of Houston, USA (Ambassador, Science Technology and Innovation, Sri Lanka), and Prof. Chandra Embuldeniya (the Consultant, Higher Education, and the Founder Vice Chancellor, Uva Wellassa University). The meeting was organised by the World Class University Project, USJP and graced by Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), along with Prof. Ranil de Silva (Director, World Class University Project), Prof. Dr. S. A. A. M. Subasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Engineering), Prof. M. M. Pathmalal (Head, Department of Zoology), and Prof. P. M. Jayaweera

(Head, Department of Chemistry) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Prof. Bandula Wijay — as an Inventor, Engineer, Scientist, Educator, and Entrepreneur – shared his very insightful thoughts and experience to make the project a reality. Prof. Chandra Embuldeniya also shared his valuable suggestions.

The establishment of the Business Incubator is principally to integrate all the faculties of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura as a whole, on one platform, in order to work in line with a coordinated system, by sharing the expertise and knowledge to develop various innovative ideas into commercialised products. It is also expected to empower SMEs and penetrate the international markets. The proposed incubator is intended to be established as a private institutional body within the University of Sri Jayewardenepura to link innovators, entrepreneurs, and venture capitalists to develop businesses which generate profits to all parties involved.



News

Wiki-Club of USJP founded by FHSS

Wiki Club is a student-centered, web-based, collaborative educational programme introduced by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (FHSS), Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF), centered in the United States of America. The primary objective of the Wiki Club is to provide an online interactive experience that produces valuable educational and social benefits for students to enrich their skills, knowledge, and attitudes, moving beyond the traditional "sit, listen, and leave" forums. Hence, Wiki-Club offers students the opportunity to publish their manuscripts online with WMF, and to engage in constructive-critical discussions on the shared knowledge. It enhances students' literacy skills and knowledge, soft, social and digital skills by promoting collaboration and social interaction among students.



The inauguration of the Wiki-Club was held on 9th May 2018 at the Faculty Boardroom (FHSS) from 10 a.m. onwards with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sampath Amarathunge, the Editor and Administrator of Wikipedia, Mr. Reheman Abubaker, the Advisory Committee of the Wiki Club, Heads of Departments, Lecturers, student members of the Wiki Club. The very first Wiki Page written by the Wiki Club members about the Most Ven. Welivitiye Sri Soratha Thero in both Sinhala and English Languages was published by the Vice Chancellor at the inauguration ceremony.

The Advisory Committee of the Wiki Club include: Dr. Shirantha Heenkenda (Coordinator and Senior Advisor); Dr. Sujeewa Hettiarachchi and Mr. Sarath Ananda (Co-senior Advisors), Dr. Chitra Jayathilake and Mr. Naranja Bandara (Executive Editors), and Mr. P.B.S.L Pushpakumara (Senior Treasurer).



Inauguration Ceremony of MBA & MSc Degree Programmes in Management and Commerce

The inauguration ceremony of MBA/MSc Degree Programmes in Management and Commerce offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FMSC) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on 5th May 2018 at the Boardroom of the FMSC.



The event was graced with the participation of Prof. Sampath Amarathunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), and Dr. Badra J. H. Arachchige (Coordinator, Postgraduate Center for Business Studies). Heads of Departments, academic members and a large number of students also participated in the inauguration ceremony.



News

Inauguration of Postgraduate Diploma and M.Sc. in Applied Finance-2018

The Postgraduate Diploma and M.Sc. Degree in Applied Finance are practitioner-cum-career oriented programmes conducted by the Department of Finance under the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of the University of Sri



Jayewardeneperu. The inauguration ceremony of the two programmes was held on 26th May 2018 at the Munasinghe Hall of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce. Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), Prof. D. B. P. H. Dissa Bandara (Head, Department of Finance), Dr. Chandana Gunathilaka (Coordinator of the degree programmes), academic members of the Department and new students of the study programmes participated in the ceremony.



Inauguration of the Short Course on Data Analysis and Design of Experiments

The inauguration ceremony of the 5-Day Intensive Short Course on Quantitative/Qualitative Data Analysis and Design of Experiments conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies was held on 2nd July 2018.

Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, FGS), Dr. Prasad Jayaweera (Course Coordinator and Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science), Dr. Chitraka



Wickramarachchi (Head, Department of Statistics, Faculty of Applied Sciences) and Mr. Nalinda Dharmarathna (Deputy Registrar, FGS) participated in the inauguration ceremony.



News

IIVCC of USJP visits SLINTEC

The Innovation, Invention and Venture Creation Council (IIVCC) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura visited SLINTEC (The Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology) on 6th June 2018. The visit was an outcome of the cordial discussions held between Prof. Sampath Amaratunga (Vice Chancellor), and Mr. Harin de Silva Wijeyeratne (Chief Executive Officer of SLINTEC) earlier in the year.

Established in 2008, SLINTEC – the first public-private research institute in the country – has an array of cutting-edge research equipment and industry standard labs. Eight academic staff members from the university participated in this visit, and they were enlightened on the nature of research carried out at SLINTEC, and how SLINTEC assisted academics to move their research beyond the laboratory, up to commercialization. The visit was arranged by Dr.

Nishan Dharmaweera (Senior Lecturer and Council Member, IIVCC) and was coordinated by Dr. Rangika de Silva (Head, Technology Transfer) on behalf of SLINTEC.



Museum Exhibition by Dept. of History and Archaeology, FHSS

A museum exhibition organised by the Association of History and Archaeology of the Department of History and Archaeology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was held on 04th July 2018 at the Sumangala Reading Hall. A rare collection of artifacts related to history



and archaeology were exhibited under the mobile museum programme conducted by the Department of National Museum, Colombo.

Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. K. M. Alexander (Head, Department of History and Archaeology), Rev. Dambara Amila Thero (Senior Lecturer), Dr. Gamini Ranasinghe (Senior Lecturer), academic members and undergraduates representing various departments of the faculty participated in this educational event.



News

CV Exhibition and Clinic in parallel with JESA-2018

A CV Exhibition and Clinic was held, organised by the Career Guidance Unit, USJP, on 26th July 2018 as an initiative event under the J'PURA Employability Enhancing Month, planned to be held in August 2018. The purpose of the event was to guide undergraduates in preparing their CVs on a par with



the requirements of the industry. In addition, this exhibition helped students to understand the errors committed by undergraduates/graduates in their CVs.

Dr. Sudath M. Amarasena, the Director of the Career Guidance Unit, Mrs. Chathuranagani Thennakoon, the Career Advisor of the Career Guidance Unit and many other academic members participated in the event.

Outbound Experience of Adventure: Strangers-2018

With the prime objective of strengthening the tomorrow's leadership with graduates empowered by sound knowledge, mental wellbeing and physical health, "STRANGERS-2018", organised by the Department of Marketing Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, was held from 20th to 22nd July 2018 in Colombo, Udawalawa, Mirissa and Veligama.



The inauguration of the leadership programme was held at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura with the participation of Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), Dr. K. P. Lalith Chandralal (Head, Department of Marketing Management) and other distinguished guests. Academic members and undergraduates of the faculty also participated in the event.



News

5th Annual Inter-Medical Faculty Physiology Quiz

The Fifth Annual Inter-Medical Faculty Physiology Quiz was organised by the Physiological Society of Sri Lanka (PSSL) and was held at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 16th June 2018. About 250 medical students from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, University of Colombo, University of Kelaniya, University of Jaffna, University of Peradeniya,

University of Ruhuna, University of Rajarata and Sir John Kothalawalla Defense University took part in this Physiology quiz.

The welcome address was given by Prof. Priyadarshika Hettiarachchi, the President of the PSSL. She expressed her views regarding the importance of having a Physiology quiz. The chief guest Prof. Surangi Yasawardene (Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura), expressed her pleasure in hosting this activity at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura as this programme promotes both undergraduate learning as well as social harmony among students and staff from all parts of the country. This was an exciting event in which the Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Sri Jayewardenepura became the winners and was awarded the Prof. Carlo Fonseka Challenge Trophy this year. Faculty of Medicine Kelaniya and Faculty of Medicine Colombo were the runner-ups.

Team members of the Champion Faculty of Medical Sciences are Ms. L.H. Nisala Amanadie Ranasuriya, Ms. Niranjana Uma Rajakanthan, Ms. K.A. Movini Thisara Devmini, Ms. H.A. Nasreena Bulkees and Ms. Dewni Yasara Rathnapriya.



Scholarships for Japura Undergraduates

Twenty scholarships were awarded for the undergraduates of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The ceremony was held on 10th August 2018 at the Boardroom of the

administration building of the University, which was graced by Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce) and academic members. These scholarships were sponsored by Mass Holdings, Mr. Thilak Rodrigo, Raja Jewellers and Students Relief Fund.



News

Japura Toastmasters' Club Holds 4th Installation Ceremony

The Toastmasters Club of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura held its 4th Installation Ceremony of Club Officers for 2018/19, on 29th August 2018 at the auditorium of the Staff Development Centre of the University. The ceremony was gracefully witnessed by DTM Saliya De Silva, Director, Division A and TM Shanaka Wijesinghe, Director, Area A 1, Division A of the District 82 of the Toastmasters International.

Newly appointed Club Officers are Dr. Thilini Gunasekara (President), Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara (Vice President-Education), Mrs. Rohinie Gunarathna (Vice President-Membership), Mr. Jayanath Samarawickrama (Vice President-Public Relations), Prof. M.W. Jayasundara (Treasurer), Ms. Sandhya Gunasinghe (Secretary), and Mr. Ananda Lokuge (Sergeant at Arms).

The Japura Toastmasters Club, since its inception in 2014, has created a significant number of competent leaders and sparkling speakers. The Club, which is free for guests and open for the public, gathers in every 1st and 3rd Saturdays, and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m. at the Staff Development Centre of the University.



MoU between Zhejiang Shuren University and USJP

Professor Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor) during his recent visit to Zhejiang Shuren University (ZSU) of China signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the said university to introduce a Chinese Language Degree at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP).

Accordingly, ZSU offers Chinese Language programmes to the students of USJP. In return, USJP offers Doctoral Degree programmes to the ZSU teachers waiving a half of the tuition fee. Possibilities to open a Confucius Institute at USJP were also discussed: a non-profit public educational organization affiliated with the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

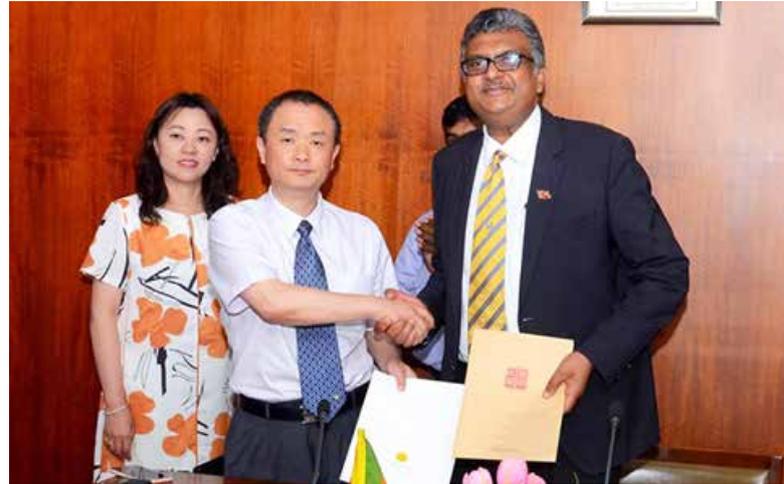
The relationship between ZSU and USJP dates back to 2015. The ability to gain this present collaboration was due to the longstanding relationship maintained by the Department of Entrepreneurship, the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, USJP.



News

MoU between USJP and Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT)

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Beijing Institute of Technology of China, on 19th June 2018 with the purpose of promoting student exchange programmes between two institutes. The vice president of BIT and Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) signed the MoU at the Boardroom of the administrative building of the university. Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Dr. Lalith Ananda (Head, Department of English and Linguistics), Mr. Hemantha P. Diunugala (Head, Department of Social Statistics), Mr. Sarath Ananda (Head, Department of English Language Teaching) and Mr. C. L. K. Navarathna, former Dean of the FHSS participated in the event.



MoU between Hettigoda Industries and USJP

Plant Materials and Herbal Products Research Center of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura signed an MoU with the Hettigoda Industries PVT LTD, Sri Lanka on 21st May 2018 at the Boardroom of the Administration Building. The main purpose of this collaboration is to conduct plant based research.

The event was graced by Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor) and Deshabandu Victor Hettigoda (Chairman of the Hettigoda Industries). Prof. Pathmalal (Co-Chair, Research Council and Head, Department of Zoology), Dr. M. G. C. Padumadasa (Director, Plant Materials and Herbal Products Research Centre), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Dean,

Faculty of Applied Sciences), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce) and many academic members representing various departments of the university participated in the event.

The University together with Hettigoda Industries will pursue collaboration on fundamental academic research related to Plant Materials, Ayurvedic and Herbal formula which are within the areas of mutual interest. The collaboration includes developing scientific activities by conducting joint research, and facilitating research publications. It was also agreed that each party would share equipment and personnel for the development of research and other projects.



News

MoU with University of Calgary, Canada

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura signed an MoU with the University of Calgary, Canada on 9th August 2018 at Canada House, Sri Lanka in order to create future collaborations on educational and research activities, and student and staff exchange programmes. The event was hosted by His Excellency High Commissioner of Canada. Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura) and Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies) graced the event.



Faculty of Graduate Studies signs an MoU with Waters Edge Hotel

The Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura signs an MoU with Waters Edge Hotel, Sri Lanka. The event took place on 11th May 2018 at the University, with the participation of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies; Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe and the Administrative Members of Waters Edge Hotel.

USJP signs an MoU with Sheffield Hallam University

The Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sheffield Hallam University Higher Education Corporation on 03rd May 2018. The MoU which is effective for a period of two years encourages the joint development of new programmes – promoting staff-student exchange programmes and developing research partnerships.

The Sheffield Hallam Higher Education Corporation is known to be one of the United Kingdom's largest and most progressive universities. The institute's beginnings

can be traced back to 1843. The university is the 11th largest university with 30,815 students (of whom 4,400 are international students), 4,494 staff and 708 courses.



MoU between MDRC of USJP and the International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Multidisciplinary Research Centre (MDRC), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the International Institute of Knowledge Management (Pvt) Ltd (TIKM) on the 22nd of May 2018 at the Vice Chancellor's Office.

The MoU was signed to support the success of the 5th International Conference on Social Sciences scheduled to be held on the 20th and 21st of September 2018.



News

MoU between Hatton National Bank (HNB) & Dept. of Accounting

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Hatton National Bank (HNB) on the 16th of August 2018 at the Vice Chancellor's Office. Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), Dr. A. Harendra N. Kariyawasam (Head, Department of Accounting), academic members of the respective Department and representatives from HNB participated in the event.



Oration on 'Enhanced Recovery after Colorectal Surgery' by Dr. B. Gamage

Sir AM De Silva Oration on 'Enhanced Recovery After Colorectal Surgery – Are We Ready to Shift the Paradigm' was presented by Dr. Bawantha Gamage, Senior Lecturer, and Senior Consultant Surgeon at the Professorial Unit of

Colombo South Teaching Hospital Kalubowila, affiliated to the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenepura. Dr Gamage presented it at the 47th Annual Academic Sessions of the College Surgeons of Sri Lanka and the joint International Conference with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the SAARC Surgical Care Society, held from 15 to 18th August 2018 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo.



News

Airtel & USJP Partnership

Airtel has opened its doors to the undergraduates of the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura under the Airtel Industry Partnership Programme — a joint academic-cum-industry work exposure programme that helps undergraduates understand the essence of business at large.

The programme will offer the undergraduates an opportunity to gain practical Industry knowledge that encompasses a series of experimental learning and team projects. "Once again we hope to create market-ready graduates, as we partner with the University of Jayewardenepura," said Jinesh Hegde, CEO of Bharti Airtel Lanka. "We will continue to deliver our promise in bridging the skills gap in students in Sales Management & Retail Marketing, with the objective of empowering the Sri Lankan youth."

"This is a remarkable step forward to elevate the teaching and learning philosophy for the betterment of the future marketers produced by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura," said Dr. Lalith Chandralal, Head, Department of Marketing Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. "I express my sincere gratitude to Bharti Airtel Lanka for coming forward and making a strong tie with us to uplift the quality of higher education further."



"According to my vision, I have always given prominence for International and Local collaboration in the areas of research and business," noted Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He added, "Within the knowledge economy of the world, the most growing business is Telecommunication. With Airtel Lanka's arrival to the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, I get the benefit to send my sons and daughters to a multinational company, not only for training but also for them to experience the live practical scenarios, faced in the market. Whilst the students get to expand their knowledge and obtain a corporate exposure, this programme would ultimately result in making good citizens for Sri Lanka."

Bharati Airtel Lanka is a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel Ltd. – a leading global telecommunications company with operations in 16 countries across Asia and Africa.

HD Duo and Pradeep Ratnayake: Music of the Commonwealth

Sitarist and composer, Prof. Pradeep Ratnayake of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was selected as the musician from Sri Lanka for the Australian saxophone and piano duo – Michael Duke and David Howie, aka HD Duo – for their novel musical composition on the commonwealth. HD Duo performed before an audience at the Science Auditorium of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 10th May 2018, while they were accompanied simultaneously by the music from Pradeep Ratnayake's sitar.

The harmonious evening was graced by Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice-Chancellor), and the Deans of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, namely, Prof. Hemanthi

Ranasinghe (Faculty of Graduate Studies), Prof. Surangi Yasawardhene (Faculty of Medical Sciences), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Faculty of Applied Sciences), Dr. S. A. A. M Subasinghe (Faculty of Engineering). Other distinguished spectators in the audience were Prof. Carlo Fonseka, Prof. J. B. Dissanayake, Prof. Maravilla, and staff members and undergraduates of the university.

Prof. Ratnayake has performed the sitar in his original compositions in distinguished venues across the world, while collaborating with internationally recognised artists, viz., pianists Masahiko Satoh, Joe Chindamo, Ben Waltzer, and Freddie Ravel; cellist Ramon Jaffe, guitarist Thibault Cauvin, violinists Miranda Cuckson and Helen Ayers, saxophonist Eric Marienthal and so on. Ratnayake is known for composing a unique Sri Lankan sound through his Sitar.



Award Ceremonies

Japura Employability Skills Awards 2018

The Japura Employability Skills Award Ceremony 2018, organised by the Career Guidance Unit of the University, was held in much grandeur on 10th August 2018 at the Golden Rose hotel, Boralesgamuwa. Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies), Prof. Surangi Yasawardene (Dean, Faculty of Medical Studies), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences), Dr. U. Anura Kumara (Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce), the Director of the Career Guidance Unit, many other academic members, of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and several guests graced the event.



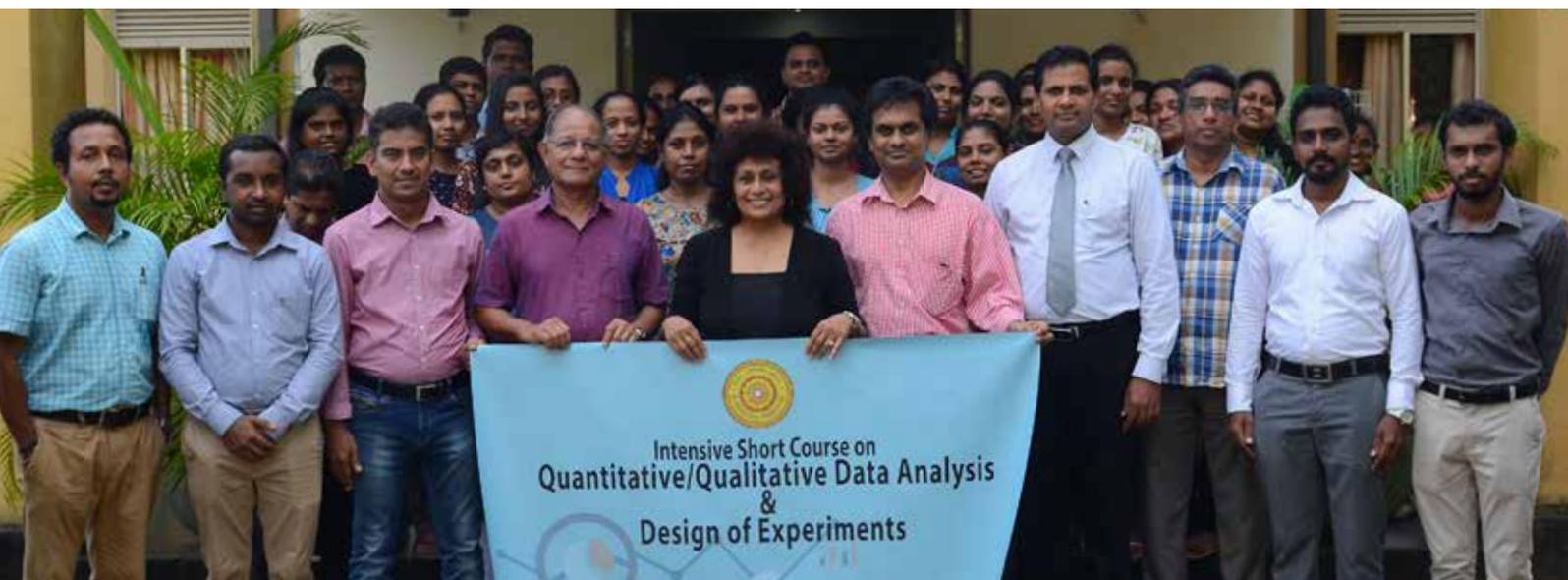
This platform, designed to award exceptional students of the university by recognising their skills and achievements throughout the years, awarded the outstanding students under seven categories, viz., Best Leader Award, Best Team Player Award, Best Creative Designer Award, Best Innovator Award, Best Communicator, Best Employability Skills Achiever Award (BESA) and Best Entrepreneur Award.



Certificate Awarding of Data Analysis and Design of Experiments Course

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the 1st of "5-Day Intensive Short Course on Quantitative/Qualitative Data Analysis and Design of Experiments" conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), was held on 6th July 2018 at the Boardroom, FGS.

Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe (Dean, FGS), Dr. Prasad Jayaweera (Course Coordinator and Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science), Dr. Chitraka Wickramarachchi (Head, Department of Statistics in the Faculty of Applied Sciences) participated in the inauguration ceremony. Approximately 50 students who had successfully completed the short course were awarded with certificates.



Community Celebrations

Vesak Devotional Songs

A musical CD on Vesak titled "Namadimi Himinduni Amritha Gee Pudasara" was released on Vesak Poya Day 2018 of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University. The CD, to which the USJP scholars have contributed in diverse ways, consists of four Vesak Songs enriched by the musical composition of Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe.

The first song of four "Namadimi Obe Pada Pankaja Himiduni" (නමදිමි ඔබෙ පද පංකජ හිමිදුනි) was written by a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura – Agga Maha Panditha the Most Venerable Balangoda Ananda Maitreya Thero in 1945. It can be considered as a great phraseology in the field of Buddhist devotional songs in Sri Lanka.

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අසරණ ගෝකිත ජනතා
ධර්මාමාන කිරි පොවා සැතැප්පු
මා පෙම්බර බුදු මාතා
මා දුක දුටු ඔබ දෙනෙතින්
වැගිරෙන කරුණා කඳුලින්
තෙමෙමි ඉන් මට සැපවේ...

සහ අප වග පලදෙන ගුණ ගන්ධ
සුගන්ධිත කප්තර ඔබමැයි
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පහස වුවද මට සැපදෙයි
ඔබෙ කරුණා මාන ධාරා
දුක් ග්‍රීෂ්මය කර බැහැරා
මුළු ලෝකය සනසාලයි.....

Lyrics: Agga Maha Panditha
Most Venerable Balangoda
Ananda Maitreya Thero
(a former Vice Chancellor, USJP)
Music: Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe
Artist: Sunil Edirisinghe

The second song is written by Dr. Praneeth Abyesundara (Senior Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences).

නපෝවන අරණේ -
ඇසෙනා තුන්සරණේ
පිපෙනා හදපියුමේ - සුවද විකසිතවේ
සසර පින් මතු වේ

මනා තුපය ජයෝ බෝධිය -
මනවිහාරය වටා පින්බිම
ඇවිද යනකල මුනිවතින් -
පහන් වැට දැල්වේ
දහම් ඇස පිබිදේ

නිවා රාගය දවා ද්වේෂය -
තවා මෝහය මමංකාරය
යනුව මග සිහි තුවණැසින් -
නිවන්තොට ළංවේ සිත සමාහිතවේ...

Lyrics: Dr. Praneeth Abyesundara
Music: Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe
Artist: Dr. Nanda Malini

The third song is written by Kularathna Ariyawansha based on 'Durangaman' (දුරන්ගමන්) – a Gatha Lyrics from Chiththawagga in Dhammapadha.

දුරගමන් යයි තනිව හැසිරෙයි
ඇසට නොපෙනෙන්නේ
එවන් සිතමයි කෙලෙස් ගිනිගන්නේ
උතුම් සදහම් ඥානයෙන් සිත නිවාගන්නේ
දුකින් ගැලවෙන්නේ...

හද ලෙනේ සැඟවී හිදින්නේ
සිතන දේ කිසිවෙකු නොදන්නේ
යනෙන තැන රහස්සය යන්නේ
නොමැත දිස්වන්නේ
නොමැත හෙළිවන්නේ...

හිතුවමේ දසනේ සරන්නේ
රසපහස සොයමින් ඇදෙන්නේ
නොදැමිවූ සිත රැක නොගන්නේ
දුක වැළඳගන්නේ
මරුට බිලිවන්නේ.....

Lyrics: Kularathna Ariyawansha
Music: Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe
Artist: Sunil Edirisinghe



The fourth is written by Samudra Weththasinghe, a graduate of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The song includes specific names used in the Buddhist Literature and in Thripitakaya to define the qualities of the Lord Buddha.

බුද්ධරාජ ධර්මරාජ ශාක්‍යසිංහයාණෝ
ගෝරමාර කළ පරාජ ධීර වීරයාණෝ
මහාපුරුෂයාණෝ පුරුෂ නිසභයාණෝ
බුද්ධ වීරයාණෝ....

බින්ද බමුණු මන නිර්භය සත්‍යවාදියාණෝ
සින්ද වහල් බැමි කේසර සිංහරාජයාණෝ
මිථ්‍යාවේ යදම් බින්ද අඟු වාදියාණෝ
බුද්ධ වීරයාණෝ....

පාරිශුද්ධ ගුණ සෝභිත ස්වර්ණහංසයාණෝ
තෘෂ්ණා බලකොටු වැනසූ හස්තිරාජයාණෝ
නිලෝඨ පරිමණ්ඩල පරම පුරුෂයාණෝ
බුද්ධ වීරයාණෝ....

Lyrics: Samudra Weththasinghe
Music: Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe
Artist: Dr. Nanda Malini

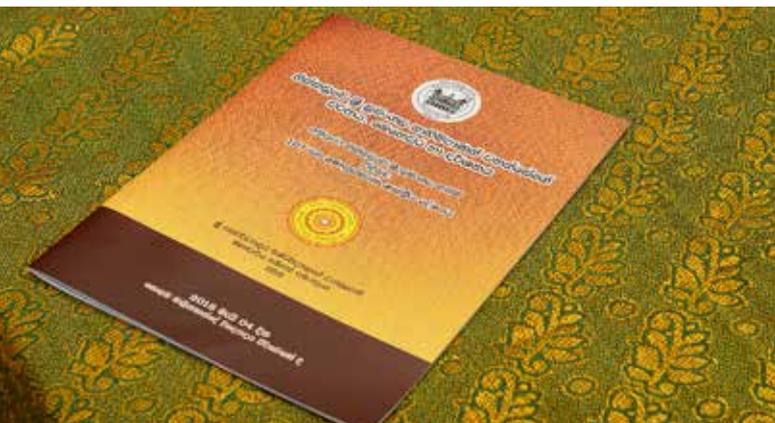
Community Celebrations

107th Commemoration of Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero at the Vidyodaya Pirivena

The 107th commemoration of the Most Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero was held on 4th May 2018 at the Maligakanda Vidyodaya Pirivena, admits the Most Venerable Maha Sangha. The Vidyodaya Pirivena was one of the prominent Pirivenas (a monastic college) in Sri Lanka which was founded in 1873, especially because of the great efforts of Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero. Hence, the Ven. Thero is considered to be one of the pioneers in the revival of Buddhism and the tradition of oriental education during the 19th century in Sri Lanka.



Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura), Deshabandu Karu Jayasuriya (Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka) and the public including school children participated in the ceremony to pay their tribute to the Ven. Thero. At the ceremony, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge delivered a special scholarly speech on "Biography, Contribution and the Philosophy of the Most Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero". It was at this ceremony that he was unanimously bestowed upon the Honorary Degree, Sammanopadhiya.



Community Celebrations

55th Commemoration of Ven. Weliwitiye Sri Soratha Maha Thero

The 55th Commemoration of Rev. Weliwitiye Sri Soratha Thero – the pioneer of the contemporary Pirivena University system and the University of Sri Jaywardenepura – was held on 17th July 2018 at the Buddhist Shrine of the university. Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Surangi Yasawardene (Dean, Faculty of Medical Science) and many other academic and nonacademic members of the University of Sri Jaywardenepura participated in the



commemoration ceremony. Dr. Praneeth Abeyesundara of the Department of Anthropology delivered the commemoration speech at the Sumangala reading hall after the religious ceremony held at the Buddhist Shrine.



Colouring Smiles 2018

The Business Economics Students' Association (BIZCON) of the Department of Business Economics successfully organised the Annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Project, "Colouring Smiles 2018" on the 20th August 2018. 'Colouring Smiles' aim, in the past years, was to provide some physical resources to the underprivileged schools in the country. By taking a step further, the project held in August 2018, focussed on the importance of education for school children. Hence, it selected two rural schools – Kosgama Vidyalaya and Baduldena Vidyalaya – located in Haldummulla and gave the students an unforgettable



experience through an educational trip to Colombo. The destinations of the trip were University of Sri Jaywardenepura, National Museum, Vihara Maha Devi Park, Nelum Pokuna Theatre and the Mount Lavinia beach.



Concerts and Cultural Events

Sandeshawali Kawinaluva (සන්දේශාවලී කවීන්වල): a theatrical performance by 150 FHSS students

"Sandeshawali Kawinaluva" – a theatrical-cum-musical performance produced by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and performed by over 150 students of the faculty – was staged at Basha (Bandaranayake Hall, USJ) consecutively on the 11th and 12th of July to a houseful audience which included the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Dean- FHSS, Prof. D.P.S. Chandrakumara, Deans of the other faculties, academics, administrative staff, non-academic staff, artists, media personnel and students.

Sandeshawali Kawinaluva is founded on and adapted from, five Sandesha Kavya – Paravi Sandeshaya, Kokila Sandeshaya, Selalihini Sandeshaya, Gira Sandeshaya and Hansa Sandeshaya – written during the Kotte period of the Sri Lankan history. The performance, specifically set against the backdrop of the reign of the king Parakramabahu VI of the kingdom of Kotte of 1412-1467, draws on the traditions of

Musical Theatre and Poetic Drama. It enacts an innovative creation of the Sandesha Kavya, and portrays on-stage a significant facet of the Sri Lankan literary history to the 21st century audience.



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The script of Sandeshawali Kawinaluva is written, and the play is directed by Ms. Hansamala Ritigahapola, a senior lecturer of the Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication. Various poems carefully chosen from the five Sandesha Kavya by the scriptwriter are set to music by Prof. Pradeep Ratnayake, Dr. Priyantha Thilakasiri, and



Mr. Nuwan Vithanage. Dance moves that transformed the script to a poetic musical drama are created by Dr. Himalika Ranaweera, Mr. P. W. T. Dian, Mr. Deepal Gunasena and Ms. H.P.A Sulochana of the Department of Languages, Cultural Studies & Performing Arts.

According to a scholarly scrutiny of calligraphy of the Kotte period, Prof. Karunasena Hettiarachchi (Department of

History and Archeology) designed the calligraphy used for Sandeshawali Kawinaluva. The stage backdrop was designed by Ms. Nelum Ratnayaka (Department of History and Archeology), while Ms Imanga Nadeeshani (Department of Political Science) and Ms. Nayana Perera (Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication) designed the costumes, made by Mr. P. W. T. Dian. In honour of Sandeshawali Kawinaluva, a special volume was also launched, edited by Dr. S. S. Pereira (Department of English and Linguistics), which includes articles pertaining to the Kotte period of the Sri Lankan history and its literature and the poetic drama. Sandeshawali Kawinaluva was organised by the Cultural Committee of FHSS, headed by Dr Praneeth Abhayasundara.



Concerts and Cultural Events

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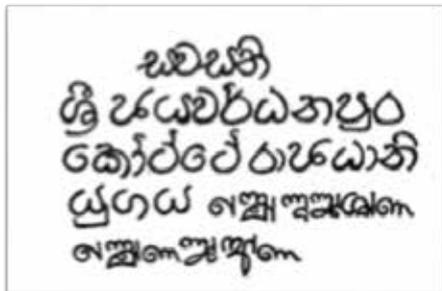
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සන්දේශාවලි කවිනළුව කෝට්ටේ සමය පදනම් කොටගෙන නිර්මාණය වූ එකක් හෙයින් අප එහි වේදිකාවේ පසුබිම් සැරසිලි, ඇඳුම් ආයින්තම්, ධජ, පතාක, නාට්‍ය ශාලාව ආදී බොහෝ අංග කෝට්ටේ සමයට අනුගතවන පරිදි සකස් කිරීමට සෑම විටම උත්සාහ වීමු. මේ සඳහා සමකාලීන ගද්‍ය පද්‍ය සාහිත්‍ය කෘති, සන්නස්, චිත්‍ර හා මුර්ති ද අධ්‍යයනය කළෙමු. මේ හැර මේ සඳහා භාවිත ඇතැම් ප්‍රචාරක දැන්වීම් හා පත්‍රිකා ආදී ලේඛන සඳහා ද හැකි සෑම විට ම කෝට්ටේ සමයේ ලේඛනය සඳහා භාවිත අක්ෂර මාලාව හා එකල භාවිත අංකන ක්‍රමය භාවිත කෙරුණි. විශේෂයෙන් දැනට අභාවයට ගොස් ඇති එම අංකන ක්‍රමය පිළිබඳව කෙටි හැඳින්වීමක් මෙම ලිපියෙන් සිදුකෙරේ.

කෝට්ටේ සමයේ සිට දහඅට වන සියවස පමණ තෙක් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ භාවිත ඉලක්කම් සම්ප්‍රදායක් ශිලා ලේඛන, පුස්තකාල පොත් හා වෙනත් ලිපිවල දැක ගත හැකිය. මේවා දේශීය වශයෙන් නිපදවා ගත්තේ ද එසේ නැතහොත් කිසියම් විදේශීය ආභාසයෙන් බිහිවූයේ ද යනු පැහැදිලි නැත. කෙසේ වෙතත් මෙම ඉලක්කම් භාවිත පැරණි ම සෙල්ලිපිය වශයෙන් අපට හඳුන්වා දිය හැක්කේ හයවන පරාක්‍රමබාහු (1412-1467) රජුට අයත් දෙවුන්දර ශිලා ලේඛනයයි. ඒ අනුව මෙම ඉලක්කම් සම්ප්‍රදායේ නිර්මාණ කරුවා හයවන පරාක්‍රමබාහු රජු වීමට ද ඉඩ ඇත. මෙම ක්‍රමය හොඳින් භාවිත කළ අවස්ථාවක් හමුවන්නේ ලන්දේසීන් විසින් සිංහල භාෂාවෙන් මුද්‍රණය කළ පළමු සිංහල ග්‍රන්ථයෙහි ය. 1738 දී ක්‍රිස්තු ධර්මය ප්‍රචාරය කිරීම වෙනුවෙන් මුද්‍රිත මෙම ග්‍රන්ථයෙහි මුද්‍රණ වර්ෂය හා පිටු අංකනය සඳහාත් ඒ ඒ ඡේද අංකනය සඳහාත් මෙම අංක ක්‍රමය භාවිතකොට ඇත. ලන්දේසීන් විසින් නිෂ්පාදිත ඇතැම් කාසිවල ද වටිනාකම් දැක්වීම සඳහා මෙම අංකන ක්‍රමය යොදා ඇත. දැනට කොළඹ කෞතුකාගාරයේ ප්‍රදර්ශනයට තබා ඇති ඉංග්‍රීසීන් විසින්

කෝට්ටේ ශ්‍රී ජයවර්ධනපුර රාජධානි සමයේ භාවිත වූ අක්ෂර හා අංකන ආශ්‍රයෙන් සන්දේශාවලි කවිනළුව සඳහා නිර්මාණය කරන ලද පාඨ

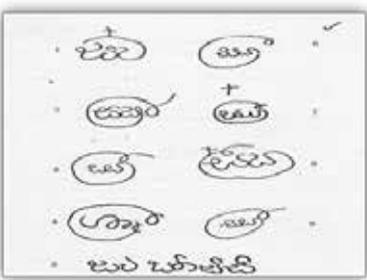


ශ්‍රී වික්‍රම රාජසිංහ රජුට පරිත්‍යාග කළා යැයි කියැවෙන රන් ඔරලෝසුවේ මුහුණතෙහි ඉලක්කම් දක්වා ඇත්තේ ද මෙම අංක ක්‍රමයෙනි. 1815 දී උඩරට ගිවිසුමෙහි එක් එක් වගන්ති අංක කර ඇත්තේ ද මෙම අංකන ක්‍රමයෙනි. මාතර කොටිකාගොඩ විහාරස්ථානයෙහි විහාර ගෘහය ඉදිකළ වර්ෂය වශයෙන් බුද්ධ වර්ෂ 1372 (ක්‍රි:ව: 1829) දින සටහන දැක්වීමේ දී (1,1000,3,100,70,2) වශයෙන් යොදා ඇත. මෙම අංකන ක්‍රමයේ විශේෂත්වයක් වන්නේ එකස්ථාන, දහස්ස්ථාන, සියස්ථාන හා දහස්ස්ථාන වර්තමානයේ භාවිත අරාබි අංකන ක්‍රමයේ දී මෙන් කෙටියෙන් නොදක්වා සෑම අංකයක ම අගය පෙන්වීමයි. එබැවින් වැඩි ඉලක්කම් ප්‍රමාණයක් යෙදීමට සිදුවේ. මෙම අංක ක්‍රමය 19වන සියවස පමණ තෙක් සුළු වශයෙන් හෝ භාවිත කළ බව පෙනී යන අතර දැනට මෙය සම්පූර්ණයෙන් ම අභාවයට ගොසිනි. එබැවින් එය නැවත සිහිගැන්වීම් වශයෙන් අප භාවිත කළ සන්දේශාවලි 2018 යන්න (2,1000,10,8) පහත අයුරින් යෙදුවෙමු. ශ්‍රී ජයවර්ධනපුර කෝට්ටේ රාජධානි යුගයේ කාල සීමාව වන ක්‍රි:ව: 1415-1465 (1,1000,4,100,10,5 -1.1000,4,100,10,5) යන්න පහත සඳහන් ලෙස යෙදුවෙමු.

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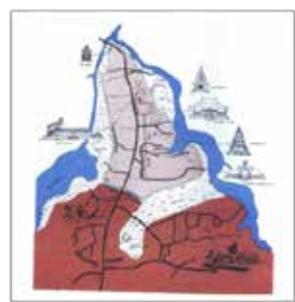
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1	෧	12	෧෨	50	෫෦
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3	෩	14	෧෪	70	෭෦
4	෪	15	෧෫	80	෮෦
5	෫	16	෧෬	90	෯෦
6	෬	17	෧෭	100	෧෦෦
7	෭	18	෧෮	500	෫෦෦
8	෮	19	෧෯	1000	෧෦෦෦
9	෯	20	෨෦	1500	෧෫෦෦
10	෧෦	30	෩෦		
11	෧෧	40	෪෦		

කෝට්ටේ රජවරුන් කිහිප දෙනෙකුගේ අත්සන්



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Concerts and Cultural Events

SAARC Exhibition of Paintings at USJP

The SAARC Exhibition of Paintings 2018 collaboratively organised by the SAARC Cultural Centre, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Arts Council of Sri Lanka was held at the Library of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura from the 10th to 13th of July 2018.

The exhibition showcased 18 artwork from the SAARC Artist Camp and Exhibition of Paintings held in Nepal last year (2017). The paintings on display have been created by the

artists of the member countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.)

Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) stated that the importance of friendship between nations had increased over the years. "At the University of Sri Jayewardenepura we encourage harmony between students. We cater to nearly 13500 students who have come from various different backgrounds, therefore it is necessary to impress upon the message that we must all work in unison to achieve goals. Events such as these which bring different countries together are fine examples for students who will be the next leaders of the world," he added.



Concerts and Cultural Events

Nishada Yamaya (නිෂාදයාමය) by Department of Anthropology

"Nishada Yamaya" – a celebration of and expression of respect for Dr. Praneeth Nishada Abeyesundara and his contribution to the field of aesthetics, literature, sociology and anthropology – organised by the Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on 18th July 2018 at the Bandaranayaka Hall of the University, amidst a large number of esteemed guests. Dr Abeyesundara is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology of the university and the Kalashuri title was bestowed on him at the National Honours Award Ceremony held in 2017.



The guests who witnessed the event were Prof. Sampath Amararatunge (Vice Chancellor), Prof. D. P. S. Chandrakumara (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Prof. Sudantha Liyanage (Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences) and Prof. Yasanjalee Jayathilake (Head Department of Anthropology), and Prof. Sunil Ariyaratna (a former Head, Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication) of the University.

The assembled spectators also included many nationally or internationally renowned musicians, journalists and artists, viz., Prof. Sanath Nandasiri (Chancellor of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts and a classical musician), Mrs. Malkanthi Nandasiri (a singer), Prof. Samantha Herath, Prof. Samanchandra Ransinghe, Mrs. Neeta Rathnapala, Mr. Buddhadasa Galappaththi, Mr. Sunil R. Gamage, Mr. Kularathna Ariyawansa, Mr. Dharmarathna Perera, Ms. Anuradha Nandasiri, Mrs. Niranjala Sarojini, Mrs. Daya De Alwis, Mr. Leelarathna Kankanamge, Mr. Chandana Liyanarachchi, Dr. Pabilis Silva and the rest.

The Department of the Anthropology also launched its magazine named Anthropology: Dr. Praneeth Abeyesundara Felicitation Volume to mark the occasion.



Concerts and Cultural Events

Back to Faculty 2018: a trip down memory lane of Faculty of Medical Sciences

The Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS), University of Sri Jayewardenepura organised an event named "Back to Faculty 2018" to celebrate its 25th anniversary. It was held on 22nd, 25th and 26th August 2018 on the university premises.

Founded in 1993, FMS has produced 21 batches of doctors who have excelled in their academic and clinical fields, serving both the Sri Lankan and the international community. It also has produced professionals in Human Biology, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Sciences and Pharmacy. Hence, the FMS alumni include a wide variety of medical specialists. The alumni from the 1st batch to the 21st batch attended the fun filled event, Back to Faculty 2018, which was a trip down memory lane to rejuvenate old bonds and to re-unite with senior and junior colleagues.

The highlights of Back to Faculty 2018 includes several memorable activities: creation of a Memory Wall; the 25th Anniversary photography; a photo gallery of the past 25 years; mock examinations; the inter-batch cricket tournament with Papare music and the Gee Padura are the most memorable events of them.



Concerts and Cultural Events

Chathurmaana-2018: Inter-university Talent Competition

Chathurmaana-2018 – the first ever interuniversity talent competition – was organised by second year students of the Accounting and Financial Management Association (AFMA) of the Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC), University of Sri Jayewardenepura. It provided a platform for the undergraduates with diverse talents to experience and showcase the magical taste of aesthetics, by moving beyond the academic framework, to which they are often confined.



The final competition of the talent show was held on 30th August 2018 at the National Youth Centre, Maharagama with the great presence of Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge (Vice Chancellor). Attendees also included Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam (Head, Department of Accounting) and other academic and non-academic staff members of the university, some alumni and undergraduates of USJP and representatives from other universities.

The winner of the competition was the University of Colombo while the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Wayamba University emerged as the first and the second runners-up respectively.

This event would turn out to be a gateway that unifies the university student body in the country, by enhancing amiable understanding, mutual respect and coexistence among undergraduates



BIZCON Annual Drama Festival 2018

The Annual Drama Festival, one of the main events on the calendar of the Business Economics Students' Association (BIZCON), was held for the eighth consecutive year successfully. The drama "Puluwannan Allaganna" directed by Mr. Akila Sapumal was staged on the 24th of July 2018 at the Bandaranayake Hall of the University.

A drama is organised annually as a fund raiser for the annual CSR project of the Students' Association. At the same time, this event creates a platform for the undergraduates of the Department of Business Economics to enhance their planning, organising, team working and leadership skills.



Student Activities

Chamika Madawala (Dept. of Chemistry) at American Chemical Society Meeting, USA

Ms. Chamika Madawala (4th year Chemistry (Special) Degree Student) of the Department of Chemistry, University of Sri Jayewardenepura received a full sponsorship to attend the 256th ACS (American Chemical Society) National Meeting and Exposition in Boston, MA, USA held from August 19-23, 2018.

Biannually, ACS hosts a national meeting with five days of symposia, tutorials, and poster sessions pertaining to Chemistry, chemical engineering, and related sciences by featuring more than 250 scientific companies. Attendees have the opportunity to share research findings, explore solutions and network with chemists, chemical engineers, allied professionals, students and educators from the world.

The ACS is an excellent platform for University of Sri Jayewardenepura to become integrated into the global chemistry landscape.



Vinu Wijemanna - South Asian Champion at Global Educational Trust Awards 2018

Vinu Wijemanna, a final year student of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, received the Regional Champion Award for the South Asian Region at the Global Education Trust Awards-2018, organised for the second consecutive year by the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI).

The CISI organises its Global Education Trust Awards to help young people find career opportunities, develop recognition, create linkages, and to enhance employability skills within the financial sector. The trust is an educational charity service established and financed by the CISI, which uses its funds solely to support educational initiatives of the public.

Vinu won the national title by competing with twenty-two extraordinary performers from eight local universities for his presentation titled "What is the difference, if it exists, between investing and gambling? Which category does derivative trading and spread betting fall into?"

Consequently, Vinu earned himself an all-expenses-paid work placement opportunity at a leading financial services institution in the world's top financial center, London. The opportunity would provide Vinu to be exposed to London's "international" culture, and to experience a flavor of living and working in one of the most socio-culturally and professionally diverse cities in the world: six other regional winners from APAC, Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Middle East and Europe would join Vinu in London.



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In this issue, we run a feature article by Dr. Chitra Jayathilake, Head, Department of English and Linguistics on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

The 145-year old seat of excellence in education commemorates its 60th University Anniversary by way of a Diamond Jubilee in 2019

(1873-1959-2019)



The University of Sri Jayewardenepura holds its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 2019. Organising a Diamond Jubilee of a University, which traces its roots to the 1870s, commenced with 7 students, and currently has 7 faculties with a capacity of over 10,000 students, is no easy task.

The leader with brainpower, willpower and manpower of this grand scale event is none other than Senior Professor, Sampath Amaratunge, the Vice Chancellor of the University. The founding stone of this remarkable feat was laid on the university premises by him at a meeting held on 2nd May 2018, reflecting his visionary plans of the year ahead. This article is a preamble to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura indeed needs no formal introduction, for, tracing its roots to the 1870s – at a time whilst the British were still in office – our own local religious leaders led efforts to establish local colleges to preserve the innate tradition of Sri Lankan culture through education.

In this respect, it is indeed a notion of pride to recollect that the seeds of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura were sown in 1873, with a fostering of local religious and cultural values. The efforts culminated in the establishment of Vidyodaya Pirivena in Maligakanda, Colombo, founded by Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero.



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Vidyodaya Pirivena, the then prominent seat of Pirivena education in the island nation gained University Status under the Vidyodaya University and Vidyalkankara University Act No 45 of 1958. This declaration was undoubtedly an act of recognition in respect for the immense services rendered by the Vidyodaya to the nation, by way of enlightening wisdom.

With the leadership of Ven. Welivitiye Sri Soratha Thero, the University was ceremonially vested the following year on the 16th of February 1959. The Vidyodaya University which was located at Maligakanda was shifted to Gangodawila, Nugegoda - the present location in 1961.



Thus, the 145-year establishment commemorates its 60th University anniversary by way of a Diamond Jubilee in 2019.



What began as a seat of learning almost 145 years ago, and commenced with almost 7 university students, has today in the 21st century transformed into a University with 7 diverse faculties, boasting over 10,000 students; the largest tertiary student body housed under one University in this island nation to date.



Bridging the North and the South of Sri Lanka, the University is home to the youth from all races and religions represented in the island, thus signifying harmony and reconciliation. The range of the University today also caters to the international arena, be it from the Humanities to the Sciences and Technology, encapsulating students of all races and religions in the multicultural society of modern Sri Lanka. Thus it is evident that the University of Sri Jayewardenepura has stood the true test of time, in revolutionizing its outlook constantly with inclusion and culture at its apex.

The latest significant milestone of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura is the establishment of a University Council for innovations, named as Innovation, Intervention and Venture Creation Council (IIVCC); thus, by being a forerunner in this regard, the university has constructed

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a valuable space for innovators – undergraduates with novel start-ups, experts from the industry, and locally and internationally renowned researchers – and has curtailed the distance between the university and the industry. It is evident that the University of Sri Jayewardenepura has also remained valued over a long period of time, with high esteem.

Celebrating six decades of university status with 145 years of experiences as a seat of prominent education is not just about looking back: we are a progressive University with clear strategic goals and a bold vision. In reflecting on the many outstanding achievements of the past 60 years, we must use this knowledge and experience to inform our future.

Hence, we will hold a series of events to celebrate our extraordinary achievements as a university in 2019. The celebration of the 60th anniversary commences with the dawn of the 1st of January 2019 and carries forward until April 2019.

In the days in between, we bolster awareness of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura to remind people of the integral role we play in society through our contribution to culture, economy, religions especially to Buddhism and to the sustainability of the communities we serve. These will range from research forums, symposia, cultural and civic events, welfare events, and cultural performances, providing unprecedented opportunities to bring together the university community and our wider community, to mark this very significant milestone with us. The staff, students and the alumni of the university will join the public – the parents, school children, the industry and the rest to achieve the mission.

The most cardinal event of the 60th anniversary celebrations, in line with the objectives of IIVCC, is the exhibition themed "Innovate Sri Lanka" scheduled to be held on 2nd and 3rd April 2019 at BMICH, Colombo.

The marquee of Innovate Sri Lanka is an instantly recognisable symbol made up of a historically and innovatively significant element: the Bisokotuwa, aka the cistern sluice. It is a unique Sri Lankan innovative irrigation artefact, believed to be of the 3rd century, and located at Urusita Weva in Ambilipitiya, Sabaragamuwa Province in Sri Lanka. It preserves water in a climate that alternates rainy seasons with dry times, hence, allowing water to flow outside the dam keeping the pressure to a minimum.



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The seven headed, stone-carved cobra, dated back to the 3rd Century of the Anuradhapura Kingdom of ancient Sri Lanka, is believed to be a legendary King Cobra which protected the environment, including water bodies of sacred devotions. The symbol "Innovate Sri Lanka", hence, represents the traditionally-cultured innovative thoughts of the ancient Sri Lanka for the 21st century global Sri Lanka. It embodies, by way of an innovative thought-provoking message, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sampath Amaraturunge's vision and vehicle for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

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