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The newsletter of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Savidu will be brought out as a quarterly newsletter carrying
the vibrant academic, cultural and communal life of the
University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
As this is the first issue, we have included the main events that
took place in the university in 2014.

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01 | JAPURA COMMUNITY

Professor Sampath Amaratunge assumes duties as the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



Prof. Sampath Amaratunge assumed duties as the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 17th November amidst the invoking of blessings by the Maha Sangha at the university. The New Vice Chancellor was warmly welcomed by the academic staff, students and non-academic staff members of the university.

Professor Sampath Amaratunge, obtained his B.A. (Hons.) in Economics from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and his M.A. in Economics from the University of Colombo. With a M.Sc. in Economics of Rural Development from the Saga National University and a Ph.D. from Kogoshima National University in Japan, Prof. Amaratunge counts over 25 years of service as an academic at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Prof. Amaratunge was also a recipient of the prestigious Research Excellence Award in 2002, awarded by the Kyushu Society of Rural Economics, Japan, which is in addition to several other local and international awards.

As the former Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC), during his tenure from 2009 to 2014, he strategically spearheaded the FMSC towards great developments in academic quality. From 2012 to 2014, Prof. Amaratunge rendered his service as a member of the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka and several other commissions and takes pride in being the youngest professor ever appointed to the UGC. He was the Chairman of the Federation of University Teachers Associations (FUTA) of Sri Lanka from 2006 to 2010 and it was his leadership and the strength of the team that led for the establishment of several sister unions of FUTA and the introducing of the research allowance for academics and grade one school entrance concept for their children.

Prof. Amaratunge commands respect not only from the academia but also from the corporate world as currently he serves on the Director Boards of certain prominent companies in Sri Lanka in the capacity of an Independent Director. Prof. Amaratunge is a renowned personality, whose service extends far beyond the University community to the society.

Appointment of New Dean – Faculty of Medical Sciences



Prof. Surangi Yasawardene assumed duties as the new Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 17th November, 2014. Prof. Yasawardene joined the Faculty of Medical Sciences as a probationary lecturer in Anatomy in 1993. She was promoted to Professor in Anatomy on merit in 2007 and Chair Professor of Anatomy in 2010. She has performed administrative functions as Head, Department of Anatomy from 2001 until she assumed duties as Dean.

The appointment of the new Student Council of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Faculty Unions, 2015

The Faculty Student Unions for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Medical Sciences were established for 2015. Together, on the 2nd of January 2015 they elected the new Student Council of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for 2015. Thus opportunity has been given for student representatives of each faculty to voice their concerns about any academic and welfare issues they might have with the faculty authorities and university administration so that solutions can be arrived at successfully.

Construction of the Phase IV Building, Faculty of Medical Sciences



The progress of the 'state-of-the-art' phase IV building of the Faculty of Medical Sciences in January 2015

Celebr

New Year Celebrations for 2015

New Year celebrations for Year 2015 were held on 1st January 2015 at 8.30 am at the University Temple (Vihara Mandiraya) and later at the Cultural Center of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The Vice Chancellor, Prof Sampath Amaratunge, and the academic and non academic staff of the university participated in the event.



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Thaipongal Festival Tamil Harvest Ceremony

The Thaipongal Festival organized by the Thiruvalluvar Students' Association along with the Cultural Centre was held on 15th January 2015 at the university premises. The Thaipongal festival is one of the prominent festivals of Tamils, celebrated to pay gratitude to the Sun for its nurturing powers and giving energy for agricultural activities.

The special Pongal Rice was prepared by the students to symbolize prosperity on this special day. The premises were decorated in vivid colours with traditional Tamil decos like "Kozam" (drawing with rice flour and colours), "Maavizai Thoranam" (mango leaves decoration) and "Kumbam" (metal pot with certain items to symbolize prosperity).



Prof. Ajit M. Abeysekera and Prof. Dammika A. Tantrigoda retire

Two of the most respected and distinguished faculty members of the Faculty of Applied Sciences retired in January 2015 after years of dedicated service. The 328th Faculty Board of the Faculty of Applied Sciences held on 6th January 2015 dedicated a fair amount of time to felicitate and reminisce the services of Senior Prof Ajit Abeysekera who retired after 35 years of service and of Senior Prof Dammika Tantrigoda who retired after 40 years of service.

Senior Prof. Abeysekera, former Head of the Department of Chemistry served in the highest capacity of the faculty, that of Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences from 2004 to 2010 and served as President, Section E2 of SLAAS. He is a strong researcher in the field of natural products chemistry.

Senior Prof. Tantrigoda has held many distinguished academic positions, including tenure as the Head of the Department of Physics and the General President of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science in 2011. He has also served as the Chairman of NASTEC (National Science and Technology Commission).

Both Prof Tantrigoda and Prof Abeysekera are eminent personalities whom the entire community regard as "gentlemen to the core". They are both multitalented personalities; Prof. Abeysekera plays the clarinet and conducts the Symphony Orchestra while Prof Tantrigoda composes songs.



Prof Ajith Abeysekera



Prof Dammika Tantrigoda

02 | Awards

CVCD Excellence Awards – 2014



Dr. Anil Goonatilleke
Most Outstanding Inventor
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and
Directors (CVCD) Excellence Awards 2014

Dr. Anil Goonatilleke, Senior Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura received a CVCD Excellence Award – 2014 as The Most Outstanding Inventor of the Year. His invention was an inhaler device for asthma, which is exclusively manufactured in Sri Lanka. The device was designed in collaboration with the University of Moratuwa. The device has a special cyclonic movement of air which improves the efficacy of drug delivery. The capsule (which is used with the device) also has a special patented release mechanism which gives superior therapeutic efficacy.

President's Awards for Scientific Publications

Faculty of Medical Sciences

Eight academics from the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura received President's Awards for Scientific Publications in the year 2010, 2011 and 2012, at a ceremony held on 31st October 2014. The awards ceremony was jointly organized by the National Research Council, the Ministry of Technology and Research, and the Presidential Secretariat.

List of Awardees



Prof. Neluka Fernando



Prof. Sagarika Ekanayake



Prof. Kamani Wanigasuriya



Prof. U.G. Chandrika



Prof. Ranil de Silva



Dr. R.B. Marasinghe



Dr. Neelika Malavige



Mr. S.S.P. Warnakulasuriya

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Four academics from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura received National Research Council (NRC) Presidential awards for Scientific Publication at a ceremony held on the 31st October 2014 while three academics received NRC Merit Awards for Research.

National Research Council Presidential Awards



Dr. (Miss)
D. C. T. Dissanayake



Prof. N. Salim



Mr. P. Dias



Dr R. S. Lokupitiya

National Research Council Merit award for Research



Prof.
Laleen Karunanayake



Dr (Mrs) U. A. D. P.
Gunawardene



Dr. (Miss)
D. C. T. Dissanayake

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Merit Award for Scientific Publication National Research Council



Dr. Charmalie Nahallage

Australian Awards Fellowship

Dr. D.P.S. Chandrakumara of the Department of Economics won the Australian Awards Fellowship for Academic Writing and Publishing in Monash University, Australia from September 2014 to November 2014.

International Research Conference for Humanities and Social Sciences Awards

The Faculty Awards Ceremony was held in the evening of 16th October 2014, at the conclusion of the International Research Conference for Humanities and Social Sciences. The awards and the awards winners were:

1. Award for the Outstanding Academic Achievement

This was awarded to the most outstanding Faculty member who had received national or/and international recognition for his/her professional achievements, innovative research or creative works. This award was won by Mr. Pradeep Ratnayake of the Department of Languages and Cultural Studies. Further, a special merit certificate on recommendation by the evaluation panel was awarded to Ven Dr. Medagampitiye Wijithadhamma of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies in appreciation of his distinguished academic achievements.

2. Award for the Most Outstanding Publication

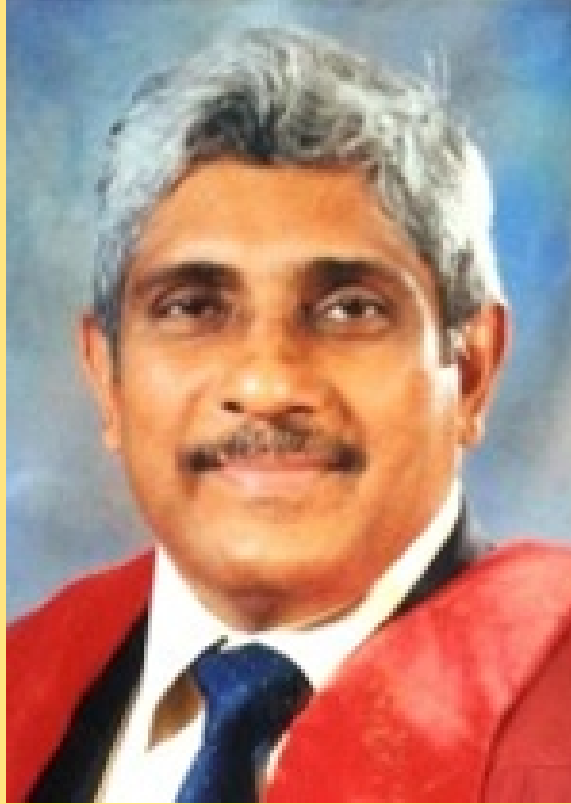
This was awarded to the most outstanding Faculty member who had demonstrated an exceptional publication record in the last three years. Publications included published textbooks, scholarly texts and creative writing. This award was won by Ms. Madhubashini Ratnayake of the ELTU of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

3. Award for the Best Performing Department

This award was presented to a Department in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences whose members had demonstrated an excellent research and publication record. In addition, it also considered the department's contribution to the Faculty, university and national development; the various academic programs offered by the department such as postgraduate programs, external degree programs and; other areas such as the maintenance of the departmental website, journals, student association work and the corporate social responsibility projects (CSR) conducted by the department. This award was won by the Department of Geography.



03 | CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Praneeth becomes the new Chairman of All Ceylon Buddhist Congress

Dr. Praneeth Abeyesundara, Senior Lecturer at Department of Sociology & Anthropology of University of Sri Jayewardenepura has been appointed as the new Chairperson of All Ceylon Buddhist Congress (Samstha Lanka Bauddha Maha Sammelanaya). Dr. Praneeth, the former Head of the Sociology & Anthropology Department, got this appointment at the 95th Anniversary and the Annual General meeting of the congress which was held on the 17th January 2015. After assuming the duties of the new post Dr. Praneeth said that he wishes concentrate more on welfare & education of monks and children in poor communities.

Research Activities of the Centre for Dengue Research for the Year 2014

The researchers at the Centre for Dengue Research (CDR) have identified a potential mediator that causes vascular leakage and are currently in the process of conducting a clinical trial to determine the efficacy of a drug in the treatment of Dengue. In addition, they are currently conducting a large scale research project involving over 1500 individuals in the community, the main aim of which is to find out the protective immune responses to Dengue. This information will be vital for the development of a Dengue vaccine.

In addition, the researchers have also developed a mobile application for real time tracking of Dengue epidemics. The Mobile Technology Application developed by the CDR-Global Information System (GIS) Team is soon to be launched. The Google Asia Conference of Web Application Developers, held in Sri Lanka in September 2014, identified the work of CDR as the most innovative and selected the proposal on Mobile Application Development for Dengue Control.



The CDR was established in September 2012 by a cabinet directive in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

RAJAGALA Archeological project



The affiliated "RAJAGALA" Archeological project is being conducted by the Department of History and Archaeology and the Department of Archaeology. The 3rd edition of the exploration project from 15.02.2015 to 01.03.2015 will be supervised by the following academic staff of the department of History and Archaeology.

Professor P.B. Mandawala
Professor Karunasena Hettiarachchi
Professor Pathmasiri Kannangara
Dr K.M. Alexander

The World Class University Project (WCUP) – An Overview

Objective of WCUP: To increase the current world rank of the University

Ranking criteria: (A) 60% on Research and Citation (B) 2.5% on International Outlook (C) 7.5% on Industry Outcome (D) 30% on Teaching.

Funds distributed: 46,953,560 LKR for PhD research and 79,078,539.84 LKR for laboratory equipments.

International Reach – Three MOUs for Double Doctoral PhD degrees with Foreign Funding:

1. The University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS)
2. European Graduate School of Neuroscience (EURON), The Netherlands

Creating Opportunities through Innovation and Industry



Furthering Intellectual Property Interest of Academics- MOU with National Intellectual Property (NIP) Office, Sri Lanka



Brandix Group of companies: Agreed to provide seed money for the successful innovative/ inventive projects of USJP



Conference: China Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce with the former Chinese Ambassador

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International Research Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS)

The third International Research Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS), organized by the Faculty of the Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) was held on 15th and 16th of October 2014 at the FHSS premises. The conference theme was **"Innovate, Integrate and Impart: Development without Borders"**

The Chief Guest of the event was His Excellency Mr. Nobuhito Hobo, Ambassador of Japan to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The Guest of Honour was Professor Krishan

Deheragoda, while the Keynote Speaker was Dr. Siran Deraniyagala, former Director General, Department of Archaeology, Sri Lanka, and the plenary chair was Dr. Jonathan Sweet from Deakin University, Australia. In addition, the Vice Chancellor of the university, Dr. N.L.A. Karunaratne, the Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mr. Lasantha Nawarathne, and a number of other university representatives and distinguished guests graced the occasion.



10th National Conference on Buddhist Studies

The 10th National Conference on Buddhist Studies, organized by the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Humanities and

Social Sciences was successfully held in the university premises on 3rd and 4th January, 2015.



19th International Forestry and Environment Symposium 2014

The 19th International Forestry and Environmental Symposium was held on the 24th & 25th October 2014 at Aliya Resort and Spa, Sigiriya, with Hon. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy participating as the Chief Guest. The event was organized by the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Sri Jayewardenepura in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy. The main partners of this symposium were Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, National Gem and Jewellery Authority, State Timber Corporation, Sadaharitha Plantations Limited, Control Union Inspection (pvt) Ltd, Forest Department and the Central Environmental Authority.

The Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Sri Jayewardenepura has been organizing this event annually since 1995.

Distinguished as the oldest and most renowned Forestry and Environment Symposium in South Asia, the International Forestry and Environment Symposium is the premier event where researchers, academia, professionals, policy makers, and the industry meet to network, discuss and learn about the latest developments in forestry and environment sectors. Taking a significant stride in its efforts to disseminate the scholarly knowledge to wider sectors of the society, this year, the Symposium was organized under the umbrella theme of "Challenges and Solutions in Forest and Environmental Management". The keynote address on "Learning to live in a Finite world: Ethics and Spirituality for the Environmental Crisis" was delivered by Professor Peter Timmerman, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada.

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EMAN Global Conference 2015

The Department of Accounting hosted the Global Conference of Environmental and Sustainability Management Accounting Network (EMAN) 2015 in Colombo on the 29th January and 30th January, at Hotel Galadari. The theme of the Conference was "Advancing Sustainability Management Accounting in the Asia Pacific Region". This was the first time an EMAN Conference was held in the South Asian Region.

The Chief Guest of the event was Prof. Sampath Amaraturunge, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Prof. Stefan Schaltegger, Current Chairman of EMAN Global, delivered the keynote speech. Venerable Dr. M. Wijithadhamma, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Prof. Sarath Kotagama, Professor of Environmental Science, Department of Zoology, University of Colombo delivered the plenary speeches of the Conference.

A book titled "Environmental Management Accounting in Sri Lankan Enterprises", co-

authored by Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne, lecturer and Mr. Sanka Peiris, Ms. Kalani Edirisooriya and Ms. Ruwanthi Jayasinghe, graduates of the Department of Accounting was also launched at the 2015 EMAN Global Conference in Colombo.

The Department of Accounting along with the Staff Development Programme of the Faculty and the Staff Development Centre of the University organized a session on "Research Opportunities in the Field of Sustainability; aiming for International Publications" to the academic staff members of the Universities and PhD students in Management of the FMSC. This session was conducted by Prof. Stefan Schaltegger and Prof. (Dr.) Ki-Hoon Lee.

A Business Forum on Sustainability Management Accounting on the theme "Sustainability in the Turbulent Business Environments" was organized in concurrence with the EMAN Global Conference 2015. This was held at the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM).



11th International Conference on Business Management (ICBM) 'Driving Productivity through Innovation: From Thought to Practice'

The 11th International Conference on Business Management, under the theme of 'Driving Productivity through Innovation: From Thought to Practice' took place on the 12th December at Hotel Galadari. This conference which is a platform for local and foreign academics to share the insights of their research findings, is the main annual academic event organized by the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Along with the 11th ICBM, the much awaited Business Forum was also held on the 11th December 2014 at the Hotel Galadari, organized

with the intention to facilitate business performance by combining theoretical knowledge and practical implications of business management discipline, with a special focus on innovations and productivity.

The 11th ICBM was graced by the Professor Mark Dodgson, Director, Technology and Management Center, University of Queensland. He was accompanied by the Chief Guest, Ms. Beth Watson, Microsoft Corporation, Asia Pacific Regional Education Director for the Public Sector and other academic delegates including Professor Sampath Amaratunge, Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



Sri Lanka Forum of University Economics

The 11th Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists organized by the Department of Business Economics, Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce was held at the 17th October 2014 at the Prof. K.A. Munasinghe Hall with the participation of economists of the state universities in Sri Lanka. Dr. Wijewardene, the former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka delivered the key-note speech. This was followed by the quarterly meeting of the Sri Lanka University Economists.

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The International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches, Faculty of Graduate Studies

The International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, was held on the 13th May 2014 at the Golden Rose, Boralesgamuwa. Attended by local and foreign academics, this was held for the first time with much success.



Guest lecture organized by the Library

The Library organized a guest lecture on "Enhancing Research in Universities: A sharing of experiences from the University of Malaya" by Dr. Diljit Singh, former Professor at the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University of Malaya, Malaysia.

This was held on the 25th November 2014, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. at the Board Room, Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce with the Vice Chancellor as the Chief Guest.

Academic Exchange Programmes



- A. An Academic Exchange Programme was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Geography, Parvatibai Chowgule Collage of Arts and Sciences, Margoa, Goa, India on 4th December 2014. Three Associate Professors and 12 students participated from the above University.

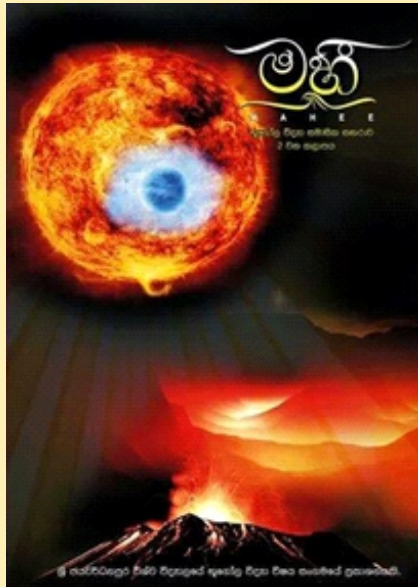


B. The academic exchange program between Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University, JAPAN and Department of Public Administration, USJP, SRI LANKA: Pre-MoU workshop

A pre-MoU workshop was conducted by the Department of Public Administration, University of Sri Jayewardenepura in collaboration with the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University in Japan on the 19th and 21st of January, 2015. The Department of Public Administration headed by Dr. M H A Sisira Kumara organized this event for which the Vice Chancellor of the University, the Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and

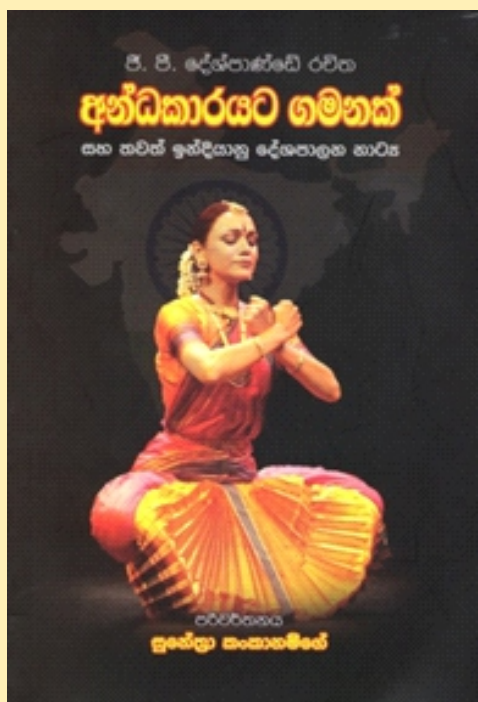
Commerce (FMSC), all heads of department and professors of the FMSC, students enrolled in B.Sc. Public Management (Special) Degree program, and postgraduate students participated. A seven-member Japanese delegation including academics from Tohoku University and Executives from EY-Shin Nihon participated in the event. The Japanese delegation was led by Professor Toshifumi Takada from Tohoku University.

05 | PUBLICATIONS



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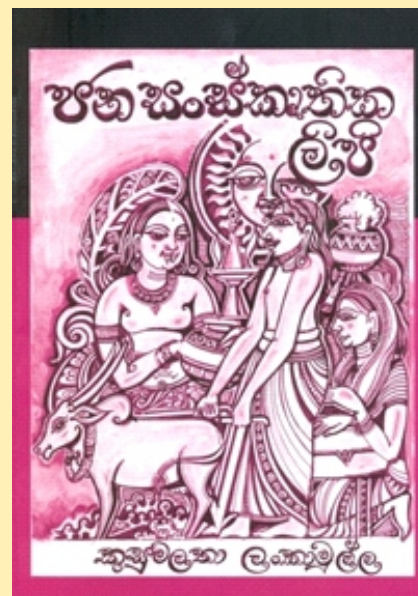
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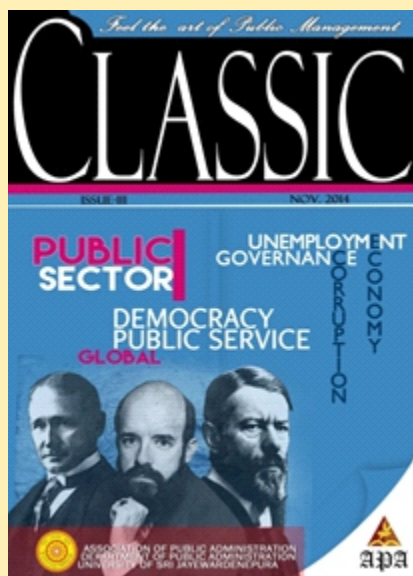
Journal of Tropical Forestry and Environment

The newest issue (Volume 4, Issue 2, October 2014) of the Journal of Tropical Forestry and Environment has been published by the Department of Forestry and Environment. You can access this issue via <http://www.sci.sjp.ac.lk/ojs/index.php/JTFE>.



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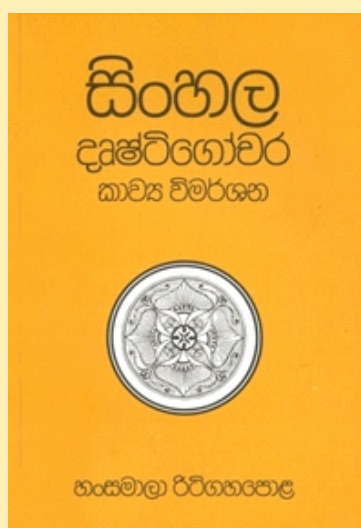
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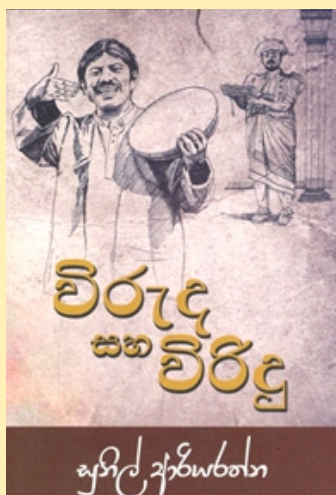
2014 Magazine Launch

The Students' Association of Public Administration (APA) launched the "CLASSIC" Magazine on Thursday' 27th November, 2014. This exclusive occasion was coloured with a vibrant performance by APA students.



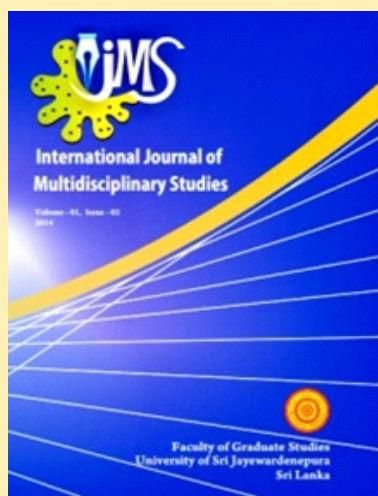
Sinhala Drushtigochara Kavya Vimarshana

Hansamala Ritigahapola (May 2014)



Viruda and Virudu

Sunil Ariyaratne (September 2014)



International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies

Vol. 1 Issue 2

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayawardenepura published the second issue of Volume 1 of the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (IJMS) in December 2014. The first issue of this Journal was launched at the inauguration of the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka.

06 | ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. IIUPST 2015

The 2nd Biennial International Symposium on Polymer Science and Technology 2015, organized by the Department of Chemistry, University of Sri Jayewardenepura in collaboration with industries, institutions and universities will be held on 3-5 April 2015 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo and the university premises. Many experts in the field of polymer science and technology from around the world will serve as resource persons.

2nd Biennial International Symposium on Polymer Science and Technology  3-5 April 2015 Colombo, Sri Lanka.	For more information Please visit us at http://www.sjp.ac.lk/iiupst OR contact <table border="0"> <tr> <td> Dr. Nilwala Kottegoda Event Coordinator Senior Lecturer Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: nilwala@sjp.ac.lk Phone: 0094773633113 </td> <td> Dr. Thilini Gunasekara Secretary/organizing committee Senior Lecturer Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: thilini@sjp.ac.lk Phone: 0094773633113 </td> </tr> <tr> <td> Dr. Dilru Ratnaweera Treasurer - organizing committee Senior Lecturer Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: dilru@sjp.ac.lk Phone: 0094773633113 </td> <td> Prof. Laleen Karunanayake Editor in Chief Professor Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: laleen@gmail.com Phone: 0094773633113 </td> </tr> </table>	Dr. Nilwala Kottegoda Event Coordinator Senior Lecturer Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: nilwala@sjp.ac.lk Phone: 0094773633113	Dr. Thilini Gunasekara Secretary/organizing committee Senior Lecturer Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: thilini@sjp.ac.lk Phone: 0094773633113	Dr. Dilru Ratnaweera Treasurer - organizing committee Senior Lecturer Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: dilru@sjp.ac.lk Phone: 0094773633113	Prof. Laleen Karunanayake Editor in Chief Professor Department of Chemistry University of Sri Jayewardenepura Email: laleen@gmail.com Phone: 0094773633113
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Guest Speakers

Prof. Sumio Iijima

Meijo University, Japan-The inventor of carbon nanotubes

Prof. Peter Edwards

Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Prof. Roshan Mayadunne

Ian Wark Laboratory, Australia

Prof. Suranga Nanayakkara

Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore

Prof. Dagmar Měřínská

Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic

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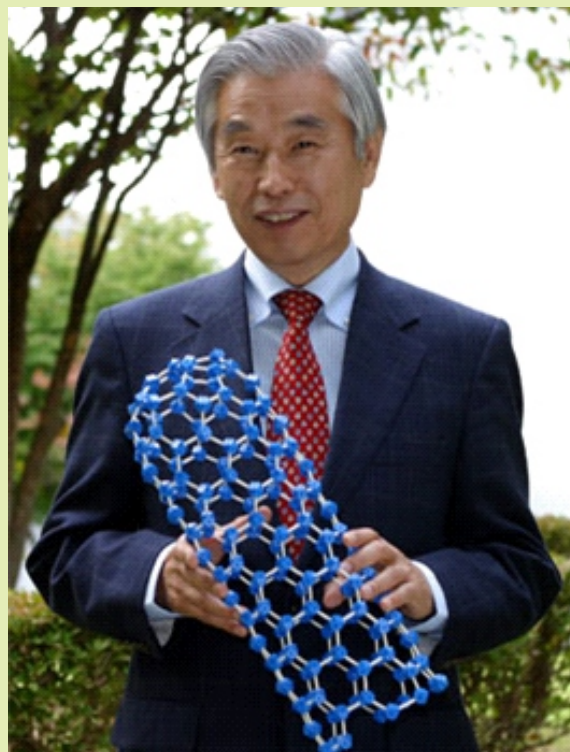
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The Keynote Speaker: Inventor of carbon nanotubes Prof. Sumio Iijima

Prof. Sumio Iijima is a Japanese physicist, often cited as the inventor of carbon nanotubes. For his great discovery and his related work in the field of nanotechnology he was awarded the inaugural Kavli Prize (on par in nanotech to the Nobel prize) for nanoscience in 2008.

He was awarded the Benjamin Franklin Medal in Physics in 2002, "for the discovery and elucidation of the atomic structure and helical character of multi-wall and single-wall carbon nanotubes, which have had an enormous impact on the rapidly growing condensed matter and materials science field of nanoscale science and electronics."

2. Scientific Sessions 2015



The Annual Scientific Sessions
Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
will be held on 1st and 2nd April 2015
at the Golden Rose Recreation Complex, Boralesgamuwa, Sri Lanka.
The inauguration ceremony will be held on
1st April 2015 followed by the scientific sessions on 2nd April 2015.

3. International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (IJMS)

Call for submissions

The International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (IJMS) accepts scholarly articles and research communications of internationally competitive standards with significant theoretical as well as practically applicable research contributions across a broad spectrum of areas of global interest. All manuscripts submitted to the IJMS are peer reviewed by experts in the relevant areas.
Submission of Manuscripts

Manuscripts should be prepared according to the "author's guidelines" given on <http://www.fgs.sjp.ac.lk/ijms>. This journal is published biannually. Three copies of the

completed manuscript should be sent to the following address:

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07 | CONVOCATIONS



Geography, FHSS

The Mass Communication and Rural Development Diploma awarding ceremony was held at the BMICH on 30th December 2014. Twenty two students were awarded Diploma certificates.



The Oath Taking Ceremony B.Sc. Nursing -2014

The oath taking ceremony of the 8th Batch (2011/2012) of the B.Sc. Nursing students was held at the Anatomy Auditorium, Faculty of Medical Sciences on 18th December 2014. The uniqueness of nursing as a humanitarian service was highlighted by the special guest, Dr. Kerstin Samarasinghe, Senior Lecturer in Nursing, School of Health & Society, Kristianstad University, Sweden, in her address to the students. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge was the Chief Guest.



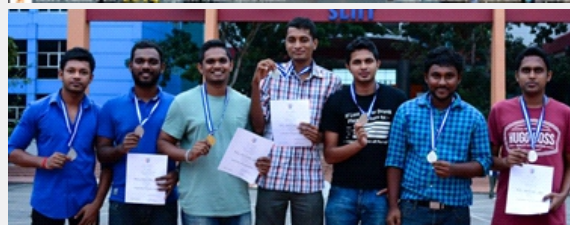
08 | SPORTS



World University Weightlifting Championship 2014

Kasun Ramanayaka of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences participated in the World University Weightlifting Championship held from 5th to 8th December, 2014 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He represented the Sri Lanka National University Weightlifting Team for this grand event. This final year student competed in the Mens over 105kg category.

Altogether 4 student weightlifters participated in this World Tournament representing other state universities.



SLIIT-CASTLE FEST, 2014 Inter University Rapid Chess Tournament

The USJP Women's team won the Championship and the Men's team won the Runner-up in the Inter University Rapid Chess Tournament organized by The Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT). This Tournament was held on the 20th December 2014 at SLIIT Malabe Campus.

Staff Cricket team News

The University Staff Cricket Team went to Malaysia in May 2014 for an International Cricket Tournament where they became the Champions after playing with Pakistan, Bangladesh and Malaysia. They went to Thailand in November 2014 for Inter-Club tournament with Thai universities. They became the Runners Up in this series. For the first time in history, the Staff Cricket Team staged a concert "Cricket Rhythm" in November 2014 to collect funds for their touring.



J'pura Premier League (JPL) 2014

The annual six a side cricket tournament "JPL 2014" organized by the Association of Business Administration was held on the 15th and 16th of October 2014 at the university grounds. Students from all the faculties of the university participated in the tournament. Mr. Arjuna Ranathunga, former captain of the Sri Lankan cricket team, popular cricketers Sachithra Senanayake and Jeewan Mendis participated as honourable guests for the closing ceremony of the tournament.



09 | STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Best Entrepreneur Award Inter-faculty competition

M.W. Muditha Darshana of the Dept of Economics won the Best Entrepreneur Award at the Inter-faculty competition to select the Best Entrepreneur held in December 2014 at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. His award winning product was named Ceylon Cinnamon Powder.



Donation of a new library by the Geography Department

A new library with five computers and 1000 books was donated to the Rathmalkandura Viyalaya, Dehiaththakandiya, in the Ampara District by the Geographical Society and staff members on the 11th of November 2014.



Speech Master Contest

The final round of Speech Master was successfully held on the 18th of December 2014 at the university premises. Nine speakers contested at this event which was organized by the Gavel Club of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and were judged by renowned Toastmasters of the country.



Renovation of Library at Gamini Vidyalaya - Department of Social Statistics

The library hall of R/Embilipitiya Thalagahawaththa Gamini Vidyalaya was renovated and Rs.50 000 worth of library books were donated by the Social Statistics Association under the Vidumaga Arunalu annual programme. This event took place on the 1st of October 2014.



Imminent marketer 2014 Competition

The Imminent Marketer 2014, the Inter-university competition organized by the Department of Marketing Management of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, was held on the 15th of November 2014 at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura premises. The event was organized for the 3rd successive occasion with the participation of 10 universities including the Universities of Sabaragamuwa, Wayamba, Jaffna, Eastern, Ruhuna, Peradeniya, Rajarata, the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology, the

South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine & the National School of Business Management.

The University of Ruhuna was awarded the championship while the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology & the University of Sabaragamuwa won the runners up positions. The Unilever Sri Lanka – Marmite Brand was the main sponsor for the Imminent Marketer 2014 competition.

10 | CONCERTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS



Ritualistic festival of the “daha ata sanniya”

The ritualistic festival of the “daha ata sanniya” was successfully held on the 10th December 2014 in front of the Sumangala building of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura by the acclaimed artist, Professor Layanal Benthara and his crew. This event was organized by an alliance of lecturers and students of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies and the Department of Languages, Cultural Studies and Performing Arts of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, with the financial assistance of the University Fund.



“Gee Magala” featuring Professor Sunil Ariyaratne's songs

The “Gee Magala” Musical show which features songs written by Senior Professor Sunil Ariyaratne was held on the 18th December 2014 in front of the Sumangala Mandiraya. Famous musicians such as Amaradewa, Nanda Malini, Sanath Nandasiri, Victor Ratnayake and many others participated in this show. “Gee Magala” was organized by the Arts Circle & the Cultural Center of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Faculty Concerts



01. Ran Rasu Talent Show

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a concert with the participation of all departments and the ELTU of the faculty with renowned dancer Vajira Chitrasena as Chief Guest on the 23rd of January 2014 at the Bandaranayaka Hall. Students, academics staff and non academic staff of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences took part in it – a celebratory event that drew in everyone from the faculty, as was conceptualized by the Dean.



02. Sisi Arundathee 2014 - FAS

Sisi Arundathee 2014, "scientists on stage", was organized by the Students' Union of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and was held on the 16th of September 2014 at the BMICH. Funds raised by this concert was used to provide a fully equipped Computer Laboratory to a rural school.



03. Talents 2014 - FMS

Talents -2014 was organized by the Arts Circle of Faculty of Medical Sciences. The event was held at the Youth Center, Maharagama, on the 22nd of September, 2014.

Departmental Concerts



01. Dwani 2014

The Department of Languages, Cultural Studies and Performing Arts, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences put on a spectacular concert on 16 January 2014 which brought together both students and staff members to showcase their performance talents. Pandit Amaradeva graced the occasion as Chief Guest and honoured the audience with a performance of his songs. Internationally acclaimed sitarist, Pradeep Ratnayajke, Head of the Department, also performed.

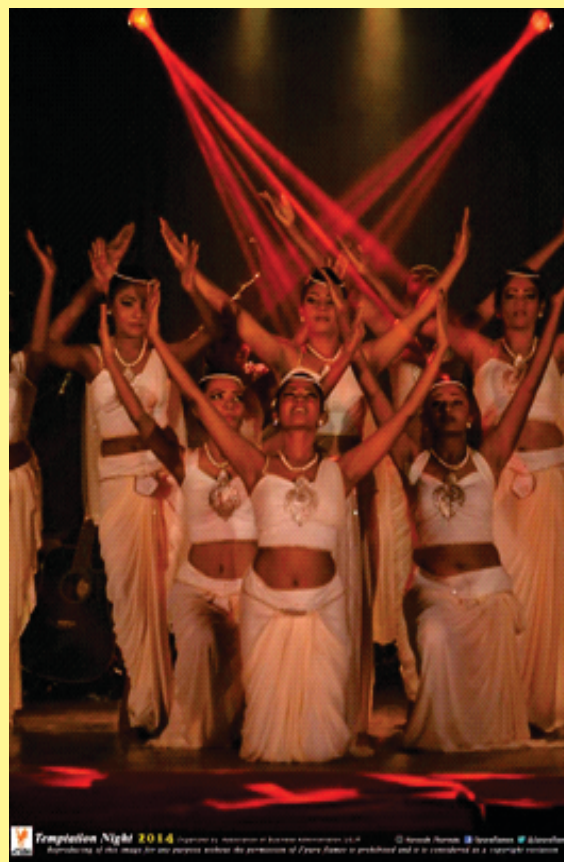
10 | CONCERTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS



02. Vibes of Marketing 2014

An audience of around 3000 on the day, was the evidence for the success of the “Vibes of Marketing 2014”, organized by the Marketing Management Association of University of Sri Jayewardenepura on the 26th of November at the university premises.

“Vibes of Marketing” is the annual talent show organized by the Department of Marketing Management which was staged for the 5th consecutive year. This is an iconic event of the Department and the University as it is the first ever talent show organized by a single Department in the Sri Lankan university system. Since its inception, it has gained an immense reputation as it consists of an astonishing harmony of singing, dancing, acting, drawing and compeering.



03. Temptation Night 2014

“Temptation Night 2014”, the annual talent show of the students of the Department of Business Administration was held on 10th December 2014 at the Bandaranayake Hall of the University. The event was organized by the Association of Business Administration (ABA) with the guidance of the academic staff of the Department. This provided a platform for the students of the Department to demonstrate their aesthetic talents in front of an audience which comprised of distinguished invitees from the business community, university academics, students, non-academic staff and the general public.



04. Ridma Nadee

This concert was organized by Accountancy & Financial Management Association of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce and was held on the 15th of December at the Bandaranayke Hall (BASHA), University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



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