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01 CONFERENCES AND RESEARCH

01. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES - 2015

The Second International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches (iCMA 2015) held by the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 11th and 12th September at the Golden Rose Hotel, Boralesgamuwa, concluded successfully with over 400 national & international participants. The theme of this year's iCMA was "Redefining Diversity for a New Direction."

The addresses delivered by Emeritus Professor J. B. Dissanayake, Chief Guest & Emeritus Professor D. A. Tantrigoda, Guest of Honour, the two keynote speakers Emeritus Professor Fritz Schiemer, University of Vienna, Austria and Professor Athula Ginige, University of Western Sydney, Australia were well received by the participants. The plenary session lectures on diverse topics based on the theme "Glory of Nature & Beauty of Science" were delivered by well known artists and scientists.

Closer to 200 oral and poster presentations were made at the sessions of the six tracks: Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Management & Finances, Humanities, Social Sciences and Modern Technology & Applications.



02. UNIVERSITY INVESTMENT DAY 2015



The Department of Finance organized the "University Investment Day 2015" on 2nd October 2015 which was held at the Fayol Hall of Soratha Building from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm. The main intention of the programme was to create awareness regarding the capital markets of Sri Lanka and to formulate an investment community not restricted to the university boundaries.

The Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Dr. U. Anura Kumara, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest with the Head of the Department of Finance, Professor Hareendra Dissabandara, Senior Professor Abeyratne Bandara,



lecturers of the Department of Finance and various resource persons of the industry.

There were many guest lecturers from experts from the industry and an interactive Q & A session, where the panel of experts from the industry answered the questions from the audience. CDS accounting opening session by the Stock Brokers of the Colombo Stock Exchange and accounts opening of the Unit trust marked the conclusion of the "University Investment Day - 2015", which undoubtedly marked the beginning of a series of events that will link the university with the capital markets of Sri Lanka.

03. MINI DENGUE SYMPOSIUM

A Mini Dengue Symposium was organized by Prof. Neelika Malavige, Director, Centre for Dengue Research, which was held at Centre for Dengue Research (CDR), Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 3rd July 2015. Professors from the Center of Infectious Disease and Signalling Research, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan and National University of Singapore participated in this event.



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CONTRIBUTION TO THE
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

01. PRADEEP RATNAYAKE'S MUSIC PRODUCED INTERNATIONALLY

In a very rare instance of a Sri Lankan musician's compositions and performances being released by an international recording company, BAJ Records, Japan, brought out the work of Pradeep Ratnayake, Head of the Department of Languages, Cultural Studies and Performing Arts, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, together with the work of legendary Jazz pianist Professor Masahiko Satoh. The CD "Serendip" was launched in Tokyo, Japan, on 25 July 2015 at the famous jazz location, the Pit Inn, with a live performance of the two artists.

The event was further celebrated with music workshops at Sano Syoin, Hitotsubashi University, Kunitachi City, Tokyo, which culminated in an evening concert.



セレンディップ
Serendip —即興が繋ぐピアノとシタール
ジャズと南アジア伝統音楽—
《奏者》
フリージャズ巨匠 世界的シタール奏者
佐藤 允彦 プラディープ・ラトゥナヤケ
2015 7/27 (月) 18:30開演 (18:10開場)



The tour concluded with a performance at Koen Dori Classics, Tokyo, Shibuya



02. WONCA GLOBAL FAMILY DOCTOR



Emeritus Professor Antoinette Perera, President of the College of General Practitioners of Sri Lanka featured as the WONCA Global Family Doctor. She is the Emeritus Professor of Family Medicine at Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

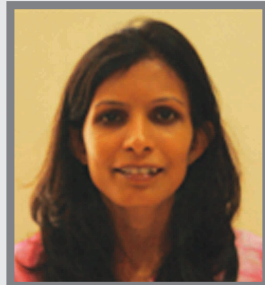
03 AWARDS

01. COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES 2015 – FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

The following academics were awarded Commonwealth Scholarships to pursue their postgraduate education.



Dr. Nilanka Perera
(Lecturer), Department
of Medicine, Faculty of
Medical Sciences, to
commence PhD at
University of Oxford,
United Kingdom



Ms. Ruvini Dabare
(Lecturer), B. Pharm
Degree Program,
Faculty of Medical
Sciences, to commence
MSc in Pharmaceutical
Technology in King's
College London

02. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OVERSEAS TRAINING FELLOWSHIP



Dr. Nilwala Kotteogda, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Chemistry, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was the recipient of the National Science Foundation Overseas Training Fellowship. During this time, she served as Visiting Academic at the Department of Chemistry, Loughborough University, UK.

03. THE BEST POSTER PRESENTER AWARD IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES



The best poster presenter award in the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches (ICMA 2015) was won by W.A. Fathima Muneera, Lecturer (Temporary), Department of Economics.

04 NEWS

01. REV. DR. BELLANWILA WIMALARATHANA THERO WAS REAPPOINTED AS CHANCELLOR



Rev. Dr. Bellanwila Wimalaratana Thero was reappointed as Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura by President Maithripala Sirisena for another 5 years.

The President handed over the letter of extension to Ven. Wimalaratana Thero at the Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya on August 4th, 2015.

02. 377TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF VICE-CHANCELLORS AND DIRECTORS

The 377th Meeting of the "Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors" (CVCD) was held on the 5th of September 2015. University of Sri Jayewardenepura hosted this event and Vice-Chancellors and Directors of Member Universities, attended this meeting.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) was established in 1979 and it currently consists of 19 Vice-Chancellors of State Universities and 3 Rectors of University campuses in Sri Lanka. The primary role of the CVCD is to serve as an inter-university forum which advises the University Grants Commission (UGC) on policy, academic and administrative

matters of common interest to the Universities. It also represents the Universities of Sri Lanka in international organizations of Universities such as the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). CVCD meets monthly in rotation at each University to discuss many aspects related to university development and administration including expansion of higher education, quality improvement of courses, making universities world class, UGC new circulars, issues in the universities, policy development, employability of graduates, strategic management planning, sharing best practices and discussion on significant developments in each university.



03. Discussion with President Maithripala Sirisena on the proposed Engineering and Technology Faculties

A special meeting was held at the Presidential Secretariat to provide awareness to President Maithripala Sirisena on the proposed Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Technology of the Sri Jayewardenepura University on 10 August 2015. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Chairman of the Setting up Advisory Board Emeritus Professor D. A. Tantrigoda, Lead Consultant Prof. N.R. Arthanayake, Co-lead Consultants Prof. Kapila Perera and Dr. Ranjan Perera, Coordinator Prof. P.B. Mandawala, Chairman UGC Prof. Mohan De Silva, Secretary to the President Mr. P.B. Abeykoon and officials from University Grants Commission participated at this meeting.

President Sirisena commended the project by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura which fulfill the responsibility of a Government by identifying the highest demand in the world job market and uplifting education facilities according to the needs of the country.



The Engineering and Technology faculties are being established with the goal of introducing professional degrees to meet demands in the job market.



04. USJP accepted into CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst Institute) Institute University Recognition Program

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP) has become the latest university to be accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program. The CFA Institute acknowledges the USJP's Bachelor of Science special degree program in Finance as incorporating at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) and placing emphasis on the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

This program positions students to obtain the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, which has become the world's most respected and recognised investment credential. Participation in this program enables the USJP's Department of Finance to receive a limited number of student scholarships for the CFA Program each year.



Mr. William Boivin, the Society Relations Manager of the CFA Institute (Asia Pacific region) paid a visit to the Department of Finance on the 28th of July, 2015. He was accompanied by Mr. Sanjay Kulatunga

(President, CFA Society Sri Lanka) and Mr. Aruna Perera (Vice-President, Training and Knowledge Management, Copal Amba). They were met by the academic staff of the department the potential benefits of future collaborations between the department and the CFA Institute were discussed at this meeting.



William Boivin

Joel Pannikot, who is responsible for managing the education vertical for Bloomberg L.P., the world's largest decision support platform for governments and corporations, paid a visit to the Department of Finance on the 12th of August 2015 in relation to the CFA Research Challenge 2015.

As a result, the B.Sc Finance (special) degree has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program.

05. ACADEMIC VISIT TO JAPAN BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS - FHSS

A team of scholars from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) visited the Ritsumeikan University, Japan from 20th to 25th July 2015, in order to share the Japanese experience on the Internationalization of Higher Education and Student Centered Teaching/Learning: Sharing the Japanese Experience on the Global 30 Project - the Super Global Universities Program.

The team comprised the Dean, FHSS, Heads of Departments and two other senior lecturers who coordinated the event. The visit included the Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Ritsumeikan Osaka Ibaraki Campus, and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Beppu. The objectives of this academic visit were:

1. To share the experience of Japanese universities with respect to internationalizing Japanese universities: the Global 30 Project Experience, students' research and assessment techniques, student-centered learning strategies, the curriculum development process, internships and employment

opportunities, the Japanese government's internationalization policies: the significant impact on its higher education institutions

2. To enhance the potential and contribution of the participants from FHSS to the development of the university through experience and exposure in Japan to the above areas.
3. To make a substantial contribution to human resource development of FHSS and thereby improving the quality of university education.

The team from FHSS also made a significant contribution to exchange of knowledge and experience in the form of presentations, discussions, and workshops. Thus, one presentation was done was done by Dr. Lalith Ananda, Head, Department of English and Mr. Sarath Ananda, Head, English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) on Teaching English at the undergraduate level: overcoming challenges through innovation. The venue was Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto.



06. MOU BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NAGOYA UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences signed a memorandum of understanding with the Graduate School of International Development (GSID), Nagoya University, Japan on 17th July 2015. This agreement was on collaborative activities based on teaching, research and student exchange and staff exchange programs.

The Dean (FHSS), Head (Economics), Dr. Shirantha Heenkenda (Senior Lecturer) and Dr. D.P.S. Chandrakumara (Senior Lecturer) participated in this visit.

Two public seminars were delivered by the faculty members at GSID after signing the MOU in order to mark the occasion on 'Sustainability of Micro-enterprises in Sri Lanka' by Dr. D.P.S. Chandrakumara, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and on 'Financial inclusion in Emerging Economies' by Dr. Shirantha Heenkenda, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics



07. SIGNING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

The signing of the agreement between the Central Environmental Authority and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on the 6th of July 2015 at the CEA board room to carry out a research on "Reframing of the Implementation of National Post Consumer Plastic Management Project in Sri Lanka".



Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Prof. Lal Mervin Darmasiri, Chairman of the Central Environmental Authority (CEA),

Mr. C. L. K. Nawarathna, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Sunethra Thennakoon, Head of the Geography Department and several other Professors and Senior Lectures representing the research team of the Department of Geography, the Directors from various departments of the CEA participated in that occasion.

08. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE J'PURA UNIVERSITY TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The 'Charter Presentation and Installation Ceremony' of J'pura University Toastmasters Club, organized by the Staff Development Centre was held on 22nd of July 2015.

The main objective of establishing the J'pura University Toastmasters Club is to provide opportunities for its staff to develop their communication and leadership skills through experiential learning. The subsidiary objective is to help develop the University Gavel club.

The J'pura University Toastmasters Club is a community club and hence the membership is open for individuals both from the university and outside.

Meetings will be held on 02nd and 04th Wednesdays from 4.30 pm – 6.40 pm at the Staff Development Centre of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. For further information, please contact Ms. Rohini Gunarathna (Programme Manager – SDC) on 0112758470



09. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM ON TERRESTRIAL / AQUATIC WILDLIFE & PRIMATOLOGY - 2015

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura conducted an International Training Program on Terrestrial /Aquatic Wildlife & Primatology from 2nd – 15th August, 2015. Inauguration Ceremony of this program was held on 2nd of August at Golden Rose Hotel, Boralesgamuwa.

Faculty of Graduate Studies is proud to announce that such a program was organized for the first time in Sri Lanka and seven postgraduate students and two professors from the Kyoto University, Japan, successfully completed this program.



This training program consisted of field activities to observe and get the hands on experience in Terrestrial/Aquatic Wildlife & Primatology. The field program was organized to cover most of the different types of ecosystems in Sri Lanka. The field program started from Sinharaja, proceeded through Madu Ganga, Kosgoduwa, Hikkaduwa, Rumassala, Bundala, Kataragama, Yala, Handapanagala, Horton Plains and ended in Trincomalee.



10. OPENING OF NEW PREMISES – EXTERNAL EXAMS UNIT

The new premises of the External Examinations Unit was declared open by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, on 11th July 2015. Customary religious activities were also observed to bless this occasion. Deans of the faculties and staff members were also present at the occasion.



11. WORKSHOP ON MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Center for Sustainability of the Department of Forestry & Environmental Sciences organized a four day certificate workshop on municipal solid waste management. It was held from the 2nd to 5th September at the department premises.

A considerable number of topics such as, cleaner production technologies, municipal solid waste scenario in Sri Lanka, integrated solid waste management, waste reduction, waste recycling, an overview of engineered landfills for municipal solid waste, design and construction of landfills for municipal solid waste, Sri Lankan experience of landfills, conversion of open dumps to controlled landfills, converting waste to energy,

technologies in bio gas generation, composting of municipal solid waste, legal aspects of solid waste management in Sri Lanka were discussed at the workshop.

Among the speakers of the event were Ajith Weerasundara, Director (Waste management), Central Environmental Authority, Chathura Malwana, Deputy Director, Central Environmental Authority, Mr. Jayavilal Fernando, Deputy Director, Central Environmental Authority, Prof. Ajith de Alwis, Project Director, Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation, Sena Peiris, Director, National Cleaner Production center, and Nalin Mannapperuma, Director, Waste Management Authority, Western Province.



Two field visits were also done to enhance the program.

12. THE NEW THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA



Dr. Nithushi Samaranayake, Senior Lecturer, B. Pharm Degree Program, Department of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was appointed as the General Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka for the year 2015/2016 at the Annual General Meeting of the society held on 2nd August 2015.

13. JAPANESE SRI LANKAN FOOD CULTURE: EXHIBITION, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A value added fish processing program, "Fish and Nutrition" was successfully held on 2 July at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University, in collaboration with the Ehime Prefecture Food Research Institute, Japan, the program hosted a number of engaging events, both cultural and educational, centered on fish based food and related health aspects.

The primary event of the program was an exhibition dealing with the Sri Lankan food culture and famous Japanese food products related to the fishing industry. It was opened by Japanese delegates and the featured speakers were the Chief Guest Vice Chancellor Professor Sampath Amaratunge, the Dean of the Faculty, Mr. C.L.K. Nawarathna and the Director of the Ehime Food Research Institute, Dr. Hiroaka.

Apart from the exhibition, the event included a seminar based on fish and nutrition and was aimed at enhancing the entrepreneurship skills among the University students. This seminar was conducted by Professor of Economics of the University of Colombo, Mr. H.D. Karunarthana, together with the

Japanese Graduates' Alumni Association of Sri Lanka. Moreover, a workshop was held with regard to value added fish processing methods directed by Japanese delegates of the Ehime Prefectural International Association.



14. "SITHUVILI SAYUREN DIYA DOTHAK" (A DROP FROM THE OCEAN OF THOUGHTS) LITERARY PROGRAMME

The Cultural Center of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura has conducted a literary programme to develop the literary appreciation of students from September. Named "Sithuvili sayuren diya dothak" (A drop from the ocean of thoughts) it makes great works of literature available to students and also gives a chance for their literary skills to be appreciated. Weekly programmes will be run with prize winners chosen for each event. The current programme lineup includes, recognizing an award winning writer and a good Sinhala song from given clues, writing a poem or lyric based on a photograph and recognizing a classic through reading a paragraph.

15. POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS WITH MINDANAO STATE

The Department of Botany has initiated postgraduate research collaborations with Mindanao State University of Philippines this year. Three postgraduate students from MSU-IIT joined the Department of Botany to continue their postgraduate research for a period of three months.



The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between University of Sri Jayewardenepura and MSU-IIT facilitate the student exchange, exchange of academic staff, research collaborations etc. The students are fully funded by the Government of Philippines and the living and research expenses are covered by the scholarship.



16. COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAL LEARNING (CBML) PROGRAMME

The Community Based Medical Learning (CBML) programme of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, held a one week residential programme in Kalutara district from 19th to 26th July. The CBML programme focuses on student training in a rural setting to empower the medical graduates to work in these under

privileged areas with minimal resources and to provide quality health care to the rural communities. It is also aimed at developing a favourable attitude among students on patient care, social justice, ethics, cultural, and social harmony and gender equity.



17. SRI LANKA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ROMP – STRANGERS 2015

Sri Lanka International University ROMP “Strangers” 2015 organized by the Department of Marketing Management of University of Sri Jayewardenepura in collaboration with Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau was held in June, 2015 in Colombo and Kithulgala



05 ANNOUNCEMENTS

01. THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA WILL HOST THE 71ST ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura will host the 71st Annual Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) from 2nd – 4th December. The inauguration ceremony is on 30th November 2015 at the BMICH and will be attended by his Excellency the President of Sri Lanka.

The SLAAS Annual Sessions is a celebration of science where many events are organized to bring together professionals from all disciplines of science together. This year's theme seminar will focus on *"Wealth Creation through Science"* and eminent speakers at the forefront of their fields will share their experiences with the participants.

All are welcome to attend the scientific presentations, popular lectures, panel discussions, astronomy night camp, young inventors' exhibition and the trade exhibition. Please see flyer below for more details.

Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science
Annual Sessions 2015
30th November - 4th December 2015

Ceremonial Inauguration: 30th November at BMICH (Members & Invitees only)
Theme Seminar on "Wealth Creation through Science": 1st December at the NFC Board Room of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Scientific Sessions: 2nd - 4th December at the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (All are welcome)

- > Presentations and Popular Lectures
- > Young Inventors' Exhibition
- > Astronomy Night Camp
- > Trade Exhibition

Annual Dinner: 2nd December 2015, Hotel Taj Samudra (Invitees only)

Tickets for Theme Seminar & Annual Dinner are available at SLAAS Office
Contact: 2688740/2691681 Email: hqslaas@gmail.com

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02. ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS 2016 – FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
In collaboration with
Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital

Excellence in Medicine through Innovative Research

Scientific Sessions 2016
Inauguration: 7th April
Sessions: 8th April

The Annual Scientific Sessions - 2016 of the Faculty of Medical Sciences will be held on 7th and 8th April 2016. The inauguration ceremony will be held on 7th April 2016 followed by sessions on 8th April 2016. This time the sessions will be organized in collaboration with the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital. The research committee of the Faculty of Medical Sciences are now calling for orations and abstracts for which the deadlines will be 15th December and 1st February 2016 respectively.

03. FGS ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN...

Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura has called applications for the following postgraduate courses. For more information please log on to the faculty web site, www.fgs.sjp.ac.lk or contact us on 0112881550.

- > M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry 2016 / 2017
- > MBA / MPM / M.Sc. in Management 2016 / 2018
- > M. A. in Anthropology
- > M. A. in Archaeology
- > M. A. in Buddhist Civilization
- > M. A. in Buddhist Philosophy
- > M. A. in Criminology
- > M. A. in Cultural Studies
- > M. A. in Economics
- > M. A. in Geography
- > M. A. in History
- > M. A. in Pali
- > M. A. in Philosophy
- > M. A. in Sanskrit
- > M. A. in Sinhala
- > M. A. in Sociology
- > M. A. in Drama & Theatre
- > M. A. in Mass Communication

04. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IJMS) CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are now called for the 2nd issue of Volume 2 of the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (IJMS)

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.

For more details & to get the author guidelines log on to the faculty website www.fgs.sjp.ac.lk or contact us on 0112881571. Interested researchers can submit their articles to ijms@sjp.ac.lk.

4. Applications called for Dept of Accounting courses

Applications have now been called for the 8th intake of Diploma in Computer Based Accounting <http://mgt.sjp.ac.lk/acc/other-courses/computer-based-accounting/>

Applications have now been called for the First intake of Master of Professional Accounting (MPAcc) Degree Programme (website?)

05. CALLING PAPERS FOR THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SLFUE - SRI LANKA ECONOMICS RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2015

The Sri Lanka Forum of University Economist (SLFUE) secretariat 2015 is pleased to announce the 4th International Conference of SLFUE, The Sri Lanka Economics Research Conference 2015. It is scheduled to be held on **27th November 2015**, with the theme **'Inclusive Growth towards Economic Transformation'**.

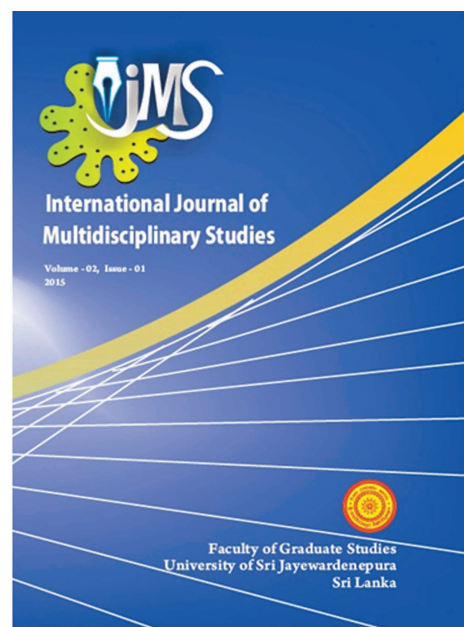
We wish to enrich this research symposium with the participation of many local and foreign academics, professionals and practitioners. We believe that the papers presented will generate

productive new knowledge and fruitful discussion. The paper presentations will be made in twelve technical sessions, namely: Economic Thoughts and Philosophy, Industrial Economics, Building Economics, Transportation Economics, Fisheries Economics, Agricultural Economics, Knowledge Economy, Macroeconomics, Economic Policy Analysis, Environmental Management, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management and Postgraduate Students' Studies. In addition a poster session will be conducted on the same date of which the guidelines could be downloaded from <http://www.slfue.org/>.

06 PUBLICATIONS

01. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IJMS)

The first issue of the second volume of IJMS was released in August. Twelve international research papers were selected from different disciplines. The International Journal on Multidisciplinary Studies is a peer reviewed journal that is published biannually. IJMS provides a supportive environment for multidisciplinary researchers to publish their contribution to the academy of knowledge and wisdom. Focus of the journal is on multidisciplinary research.



03. FIRST ISSUE OF VIDYODAYA JOURNAL OF MANAGEMENT PUBLISHED

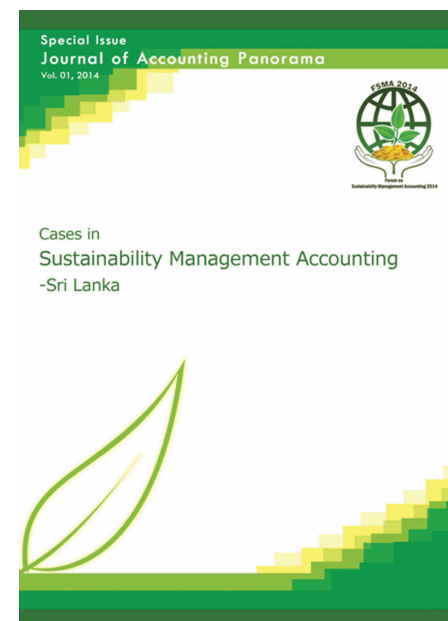
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Waiting Times and Delisting Customer Satisfaction
The Employment Status of the Elderly in Sri Lanka
Managing performance and innovation

Vol 1, No 1 (2015) of the new Journal of Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Vidyodaya Journal of Management has been published in University Journal Management system. VJM aims at disseminating innovative and high-quality research articles that enhance conceptual and empirical knowledge in the broad areas of Management and Organization Studies.

02. JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING PANORAMA

The journal published by the Department of Accounting, "Journal of Accounting Panorama", has now been added to the University Open Journal System and hence now available online [web link of the online journal <http://journals.sjp.ac.lk/index.php/joap>].



04. A COLLECTION OF WRITINGS BY JOURNALIST P. MALALGODA

A collection of writings by late eminent poet and journalist P. Malalgoda compiled by Senior Lecturer Hansamala Ritigahapola was launched at BMICH on 12th September.



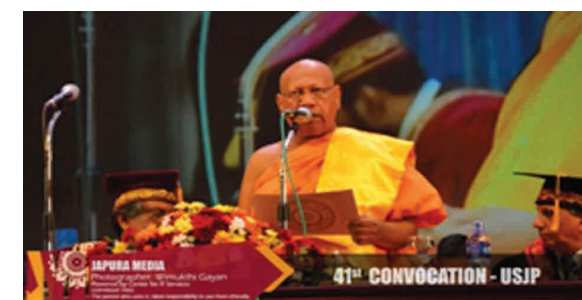
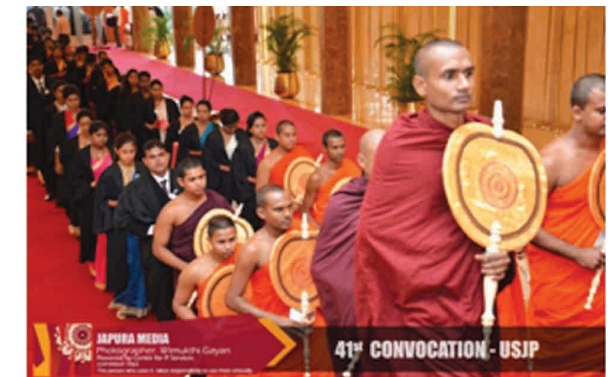
07 AWARD CEREMONIES AND CONVOCATIONS

01. 41ST CONVOCATION – UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

The 41st Convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on 28th and 29th July 2015 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo. The Most Venerable Prof. Bellanwila Wimalarathana Thero, the Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura conferred the Degrees. Two thousand five hundred and fifty Degrees were conferred in six sessions in this two day Convocation.

This is the prime event in the University calendar in which Special Degrees, General Degrees and Post graduate Degrees of the faculties of Humanities and Social Science, Medical Sciences, Applied Sciences, Management Studies and Commerce and Graduate Studies are conferred upon students each year.

The Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Ven. Bellanwila Wimalarathana Thero, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Deans of the faculties and dignitaries of each faculty were present for this occasion.



02. 11TH EXTERNAL DEGREE CONVOCATION – UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

The 11th convocation of the External Examination Unit, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held at the BMICH, on 13 – 15 July. The Vice Chancellor of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge conferred degrees to over 3500 external students graduating this year.

**03. DIPLOMA AWARDING CEREMONY - COMPUTER BASED ACCOUNTING PROGRAM**

Diploma awarding ceremony of the 5th Batch of Diploma in Computer Based Accounting Program and 1st Batch of Advanced Diploma in Computer Based Accounting program was held on 7th August 2015 at Prof. K A Munasinghe Hall, with participation of Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Heads of the Department and Academic Members of the Department. 48 Diplomas and 33 Advanced Diplomas were awarded to the students who have completed respective programs successfully. Keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Sanjaya Bandara, Partner, B.R De Silva & Company.

**08 SPORTS****01. CHAMPIONS AT THE INTER-UNIVERSITY GAMES**

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura emerged the champions at the Inter - University games amidst much rejoicing. Commenting on the occasion, the sports unit declares that the win has been a collective effort of the administration, staff (both academic and non - academic) and students.

BASEBALL CHAMPIONS**SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP****VOLLEYBALL WOMEN CHAMPIONS**

NETBALL CHAMPIONS



TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS



02. USJP TEAM FOR WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2015

The USJP sports team participated in the World University Games 2015 which was held in South Korea from 2 – 17 July.

Ms. Thamara Kumari Jayasekara, team manager for swimming, Mrs. Ramani Kulathilake, swimming coach and Mr. Asoka Amarasinghe, in charge of taekondo accompanied the team.



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JAPURA COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

01. THE 52ND COMMOMORATION OF THE MOST REVEREND WALIVITIYE SRI SORATHA

The 52nd Commomoration of the Most Reverend Walivitiye Sri Soratha, the founder of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on 17 July 2015 near the Buddha statue of the University, attended by the Vice Chancellor, academic and non academic staff and students. The Commomerative Lecture was delivered by the Secretary of the Mahawamsa Editorial Board, Department of Cultural Affairs and former Head of the Department of History and Archeology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Emeritus Professor Malini Andagama.



02. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT ORGANIZED BY THE FACULTY OF MEDICAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Faculty of Medical Teachers' Association made a donation of books to the Paediatric ward of the Cancer Institute, Maharagama in July 2015. Books will be freely available at the library of the ward for patients and mothers accompanying the sick children.



CONCERTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

02. TALENTS 2015 – FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES



The students of the Faculty of Medical Sciences successfully held their annual talent show, 'Talents 2015' on 5th September 2015 at the Maharagama Youth Center.

Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Vice Chancellor of the USJP graced the occasion as the chief guest. Veteran musician Mr. Navarathna Gamage was the Guest of Honour. Each year this show gives a great opportunity for students of the Faculty of Medical Sciences to unleash their hidden aesthetic talents on stage.

01. GUNGURU POOJHA DANCE COMPETITION

"Gunguru Poojha 2015" was held on 25th of June at Sumangala reading hall. This Dance competition was organized by Department of Languages and Cultural Studies, Faculty of HSS, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

01. FINANCIAL LITERACY SURVEY



The students of the Department of Finance conducted a survey to assess the level of financial literacy in the Belihuloya area on 24th September 2015. Students went from house to house and conducted semi-structured interviews with nearly 400 breadwinners of the households under the supervision of the head of the Department of Finance, Prof. Hareendra Dissabandara, Mr. S.D.L. Kongahawatte, and Ms. U.G. Kaushalya. The villagers exhibited a noticeable interest in the study and willingly responded to the conductors of the survey.



02. BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN BY APPLIED SCIENCE STUDENTS

The first step of the "Donate Blood, Save Lives Campaign 2015" organized by the Vidudaya Vidya Sahodara-rathwaya of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held on 7 September 2015 at the main hall of the Faculty of Management and Commerce. The donation campaign was mainly arranged to address the current blood deficiency of the Ragama teaching hospital. A large number of students and staff turned out to donate blood.



03. Personality and Skills Development Programme of the Department of Marketing Management

The annual "Personality and Skills Development Programme" organized by the Department of Marketing Management was held from 21st to 28th August 2015 in Collaboration with Commando Regiment Training School, Uva Kudaoya, with the participation of 3rd year undergraduates of the department.

The course consisted of a series of challenging opportunities designed to provide a platform for participants to demonstrate their capabilities and create a developmental environment for the participants to build new skills and new knowledge specially in the areas of team building and leadership.



04. SAHURDAYATHRA 2015

The Sahurda Yathra library project was organized by first year students of the Faculty of Applied Sciences together with the Vidudaya Vidya Sahodarathwaya where a library of books was donated to Kakirawa Vidhyartha Maha Vidyalaya.

**05. “DONATE HAPPINESS” CANCER HOSPITAL PROJECT 29TH JUNE 2015**

The ‘Donate Happiness’ project was held by the Career Skills Development Society of the Career Guidance Unit on 29th June 2015 to help the children who are suffering from cancer in the Cancer Hospital, Maharagama. This program is conducted annually at this hospital, providing every child with a valuable gift including a piece of soap, a milk packet, eue de cologne, etc. Meanwhile this project is expected to develop the responsibility skills among the members of the Career Skills Development Society.

**12 NEWS FEATURE****SERENDIP: PRADEEPANJALEE**

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura presented the Sri Lankan launch of an internationally produced music compact disk of a staff member



In an almost historic move, a university supported a public performance of a senior faculty member when the University of Sri Jayewardenepura presented “Serendip: Pradeepanjalee” by Pradeep Ratnayake, Head, Department of Languages, Cultural Studies and Performing Arts, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at the Lionel Wendt Theater on 10 September 2015, opening it out to the public free of charge so that anyone could walk in and experience world class music performed by two internationally acclaimed artists.

On the day of the concert, Pradeep Ratnayake proved his absolute brilliance as sitarist and composer once again to a packed audience, creating with maestro pianist Masahiko Satoh from Japan, fusion music quite unheard before. The concert was graced by His Excellency Mr.Kenichi Suganuma, the Ambassador for Japan in Sri Lanka; Professor Mohan Pieris, Chairman of the University Grants Commission; Mr.Tissa Jayatilaka, the Executive Director, United States Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission; Prof. Ananda Jayawardene, Vice Chancellor

The reason that the University of Sri Jayewardenepura took it upon itself to provide a stepping stone to promote this music in Sri Lanka is that it believes that universities, having been traditionally the font of intellectual and artistic revivals, have to be the forerunners of social change and exemplary behavior. In this context, it believes that the music of Pradeep Ratnayake which has now reached international audiences and is making a positive impact there – if given prominence and the ability to permeate into Sri Lankan society - can herald a welcome change in the psyche and condition of the youth.





of University of Moratuwa and other distinguished diplomats and academics, including the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Professor Sampath Amaratunge and Mr. Lasantha Navaratne, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. There were also a number of prominent musicians and artists in the gathering. The musicians featured together with the two main artists at the concert were Ravibandu Vidyapathi (getabera), Karunaratne Bandara (tammattama, ghatam, udakki), Peshala Manoj (tabla), Sureka Amarasinghe (flute), Suraj Gunawardana (bass guitar), and Isuru Perera (kagoon).

The Sri Lankan launch of the music CD "Serendip" by Pradeep Ratnayake and Masahiko Satoh – possibly the first in the world to feature the sitar and the piano together – which was launched by Baj

Records, Japan on the 25th of July 2015 in Tokyo, took place at this concert, as did the launch of the revamped website of Pradeep Ratnayake www.pradeepratnayake.com.

Pradeep Ratnayake joined the University of Sri Jayawardenepura in 1998 and in his appearances abroad, often facilitated by Sri Lankan Embassies and High Commissions, he has carried the name of Sri Jayawardenepura to many distinguished venues across the world, like the Weil Auditorium at Carnegie Hall and Asia Society, New York; The Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Universal Kennedy Center Millenium Stage, Washington DC; The European Parliament and BOZAR, Brussels; United Nations Office in Geneva to mention a few.



He also brought in the first award given to Sri Lanka for the Best Music Director in an International Film Festival when Sri Siddhartha Gauthama won it at the United Nations International Buddhist Film Festival held in Vietnam in 2014. He was the recipient of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Scholarship from 2008 – 2010 and did his research at the Music Department and the Computer Music Department at Columbia University, New York. He received the State Music Award in 2001 and the Bunka Award in 2007. Apart from many compact disks of original compositions to his name, he has written two symphonic work: Indrakeelaya commissioned by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was performed at the ceremonial opening of its new Headquarters Building in 1999 when the old building was destroyed by a bomb blast; and the Kuveni Concerto commissioned by the Neubrandenburg Philharmonic Orchestra premiered in Germany in 2010 to much acclaim.

His latest concert 'Serendip:Pradeepanjalee' gained much publicity in the press, both before and after the concert. Lal Madawattegedara, Gratiaen Prize winning writer, in the Sunday Times (Sept. 20, 2015) said, "Two performers, famed for their ability to transcend the traditions of their respective disciplines, broke free using sound, sense and synthesis. . . . If there was anticipation about the nature of sound that would result from the intimacy between the sitar and the piano, possibly it would

have been a question mark ???'. Those question marks could have been displaced after the first half of the concert, where the piano and sitar engaged in solo as well as combined flights of explorations and excursions. . . . The totality of sound, or the final outcome of the diverse musical voices of this concert, carried inexorable power of poetry: wholesome outpouring of tranquility complemented by controlled agitation – and in that final totality (and tonality) there was neither East, nor West."

The university, eager in its task in reviving intellectual and artistic taste in society, is proud to have been able to bring Pradeep Ratnayake's internationally acclaimed talent to local ears: especially to give youth the experience of such taste in music, in order to encourage them to explore the music arena further. The university presented tokens of appreciation to Pradeep Ratnayake and Masahiko Satoh for their excellence in this joint effort.



Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, provided keen support and guidance to the team behind the project, making it the success it proved to be.

(The article is adapted from the university website. Photographs courtesy of the University Website and Kithsiri de Mel, Wijeya Newspapers Ltd.)



