

Order of Ceremony

The University of Durham presents
an International Congregation
Friday 16 February 2007

University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka, 11:00am

- Academic Procession of the University of Ruhuna
 - Academic Procession of Durham University
 - Pronouncement of opening of Congregation
 - Sarasvathie pooja
- Presentation of Dr Ariyaratne and conferment of degree
- Presentation of Professor Senaratne and conferment of degree
- Address by Sir Kenneth Calman, Durham University Vice-Chancellor and Warden
 - Response by Dr Ariyaratne
 - Response by Professor Senaratne
 - Sri Lankan Cultural Event
- Sir Kenneth Calman announces conclusion of proceedings
 - National Anthem of Sri Lanka
 - Durham procession files out
 - Ruhuna procession files out

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Foreword

Shaped by the past, creating the future. This is the motto of Durham University printed on all University publications. This phrase captures the kind of institution that Durham is. We are committed to creating a positive future for all people.

In fulfilling its purpose, Durham holds the following values:

- We are committed to remaining a research-led institution, valuing knowledge and learning for their own sake as well as for the cultural, social and economic benefits they offer;
- We are committed to the communication of knowledge and learning, through an environment in which leading academic staff teach and engage in dissemination of knowledge to a broader community;
- We believe in creating an environment in which academic excellence can be combined with opportunities for personal development, so enabling individuals to create their own futures.

We recognise and value this tradition of excellence – but the future and the changing world requires that we build on our tradition of excellence.

We are proud to be one of the top universities in the UK and one of oldest in England. This allows us to build with confidence for the future. Educational excellence is possible because of the outstanding quality of our staff at Durham. We are building on this heritage to create knowledge. The long term prosperity of all depends on education. However, developing people who can use this knowledge wisely for the benefit of all goes beyond mere education, information and knowledge. It requires people of character.

We find people of character where there are good role models and outstanding leaders. Today this ceremony recognises such leaders.

Profile: Sir Kenneth Calman



Professor Sir Kenneth Calman has been Durham University's Vice-Chancellor and Warden since October 1998. As Vice-Chancellor he is a member of the Universities for the UK Board, and is also President of the Institute of Medical Ethics and the Association for the Study of Medical Education.

Before taking up his appointment at the University, Sir Kenneth was the UK government's Chief Medical Officer in London (1991-98). Sir Kenneth also served for many years as a prominent clinical professor and he is an author on the treatment and care of cancer patients, and other health issues. His most recent book is *A Study of Story Telling, Humour and Learning in Medicine*.

He was born Christmas Day 1941. He began his medical training at the University of Glasgow in 1959, and took a BSc in Biochemistry before graduating in medicine in 1967. After completing his hospital training he spent two years as the Medical Research Council Clinical Research Fellow in London.

He returned to the University of Glasgow in 1974 as Professor of Oncology and held a series of senior posts, including Dean of Postgraduate Medicine and Professor of Postgraduate Medical Education.

Sir Kenneth has served as Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation and the European Environment and Health Committee. He is a Fellow of several academic and professional bodies including the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. In 1996 he became a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

He is married with a son and two daughters and his recreations include gardening, golf and Scottish literature.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth Calman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Professor Sir Kenneth Calman
Vice Chancellor and Warden*

A History of Durham University

In 1832 British Parliament passed an act to establish a University in the historic city of Durham after much campaigning by William van Mildert, the last Prince Bishop of Durham. The University was founded around Durham's Norman cathedral and Castle at Palace Green, an area now recognised as a World Heritage Site. It admitted its first students in 1833 and on 8 June 1837 the first Durham degrees were conferred.

Durham is a collegiate university although initially there was only one college, now University College situated in Durham Castle. Today Durham boasts 16 colleges offering a range of distinctive accommodation. The colleges are not teaching bodies, nor are they purely residential - typically they provide a centre for students' sporting, social and residential activities.

In 1852 the University began to award medical qualifications and its expertise in the sciences began to grow. The original constitution of the University was modified in 1908 to create a federal institution which provided an organisation based in neighbouring cities - Durham and Newcastle.



“Our project in Sri Lanka is becoming internationally recognised as an innovative, transferable model for the internationalisation of universities – a model which is grounded in humanitarian objectives and the needs of international communities. It is with pleasure that we confer these degrees to further strengthen these special relationships.”

Joy Palmer Cooper - Project Director, Project Sri Lanka

Applied science and engineering programmes were introduced in the 1960s and large-scale development in the Social Sciences and Arts departments followed. The present academic departments at Durham are organised into four Schools contained within the three Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Science and Social Sciences.

In 1963 the University of Newcastle upon Tyne became a recognised University in its own right and in October 1992 the University of Durham established its second campus at Stockton-on-Tees. In recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee in 2002 and the tenth anniversary of the Stockton campus, Her Majesty gave permission for its title to change from University of Durham, Stockton Campus to Queen's Campus.

Today Durham is one of Europe's premier research-led universities and receives up to 20 applications per place for its most popular degree programmes. It boasts over 3,500 members of staff and 15,000 students from over 130 countries. It was voted Sunday Times University of the year 2005/06 and is represented by its Chancellor, internationally-renowned author Bill Bryson.



Durham Cathedral, home to the University's bi-annual Congregation Ceremonies.

Honorary Graduates



Dr Vinya Shanthidas Ariyaratne

Dr Vinya Ariyaratne, Executive Director of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement in Sri Lanka, has played a leading part in some of Sri Lanka's most profound examples of peace-making at both local village and national levels. Sarvodaya is the largest non-governmental voluntary people's organisation on the island of Sri Lanka, founded in 1958 by Dr Vinya's highly acclaimed father, Dr A.T.Ariyaratne. It has won highly prestigious awards including the National Icon Award for the best humanitarian organisation.

Vinya Ariyaratne, the second generation leader, became immersed in peace-building from the moment he was born. He spent his childhood and adolescence in the embrace of the Sarvodaya family; he walked and worked by his father's side, learning the power of shramadana - the sharing of labour – where the powerless and powerful alike work for the common good.

Today, as Executive Director of the organisation, Dr Ariyaratne is responsible for the implementation of the island-wide integrated development programme of Sarvodaya, through a network of over 50 district centres and training institutions with a full time staff of over 600. He has been at the forefront of civil sector peace initiatives and has provided the operational leadership to landmark peace events.

By profession, Vinya Ariyaratne is a medical doctor. He holds the degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, and Doctor of Medicine in Community Medicine. His fields of expertise include primary health care, community development, nutrition, refugee health care, disaster management, environmental health, reproductive health, HIV and AIDS. He has researched and published in a range of national and international public health and development journals, and serves on numerous national and international Boards including the Boards of the National Child Protection Authority and the Panos Institute in London and Panos South Asia. He has served as consultant to the Asia Development Bank, the World Health Organisation and UNICEF.

Dr Vinya Ariyaratne is a man of undoubted international acclaim and distinction in the medical, development and peace fields. His very many achievements demonstrate a most impressive combination of the highest standards of scholarship and professionalism with unfailing dedication to humanity and a quest for peace in our world.



Professor Ranjith Senaratne

Ranjith Senaratne, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna, was brought up in the village of Dickwella, in the Matara District of the Southern Province of Sri Lanka.

He gained his B.Sc and M.Phil degrees in Agriculture from the University of Sri Lanka, Peradeniya and the degree of PhD from the University of Agriculture, Vienna, Austria in the subjects of agronomy, plant breeding, genetics and microbiology.

In his early career, Ranjith Senaratne was judged to be the most outstanding young biological scientist in Sri Lanka by the Third World Academy of Science in Rome. He has been the recipient of several internationally competitive and highly prestigious awards including the André Mayer Fellowship of the FAO of the United Nations. He has published extensively in scientific journals and delivered addresses in some 70 locations spanning 23 countries of the world. In the year 2000, Ranjith Senaratne won the 'Ruhunu Puthra Award' in appreciation of his services for regional and national development in Sri Lanka.

Before being selected by the President of Sri Lanka to become the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna in 2001, Professor Senaratne held the post of Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture.

He was a highly energetic and successful Dean, developing both the research profile and the infrastructure of his Faculty through his hard work, success in attracting international research income, and by serving as a source of inspiration to younger colleagues.

Ranjith Senaratne has proved himself to be an outstanding and highly respected Vice-Chancellor, a fact reflected in his election to the position of Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors in Sri Lanka in 2005. His mission as Vice-Chancellor of his institution has been visionary and innovative. He has aimed to make Ruhuna a borderless, multi-disciplinary University with close community links – a 'communiversity' with successful entrepreneurial and outreach dimensions. He has personally embraced Ruhuna's role in developing a strategy for internationalisation.

Professor Ranjith Senaratne has established himself as a distinguished scholar in the field of agricultural and crop sciences; he has engaged in the effective management and visionary development of his own institution in the post-tsunami context; and in the on-going process of working with Durham University on the development of an internationally recognised humanitarian model for the internationalisation of universities.