



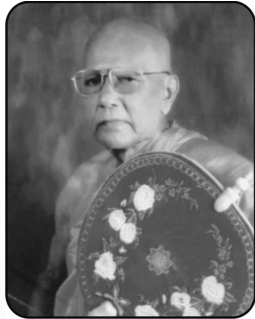
18th General Convocation - 2010 University of Ruhuna

students with 460 academic staff and 795 non-academic staff. The University of Ruhuna will be making a very significant contribution to the massive development programme now in progress in the south, particularly the Hambantota International Hub Development Project that will make a lasting and long-term contribution to Sri Lanka's progress towards a developed economy

The University of Ruhuna was established as the Ruhuna University College in 1978 and upgraded as the University of Ruhuna in 1984. During the past 32 years, the university has made phenomenal progress to be one of the leading universities in Sri Lanka. With 7 established faculties, it has taken its due place as a star in the Sri Lankan university firmament. Today it has on its role 6730

Message from the Chancellor

I am extremely pleased to send a congratulatory message for the 18th Convocation of the University of Ruhuna to be held on the 17th of December 2010. This occasion is an unforgettable event, for the graduands who have spent three to four years at the university with various difficulties to gather knowledge and expertise as well as for their parents, siblings, relatives, and friends.



It is worthwhile to consider the amount of money the Government spends out of what is collected from the tax payers on an undergraduate from the moment he or she enters university having succeeded at the GCE (A' Level) Examination to the culmination of his or her studies. The Government's duty is to facilitate the teaching process according to the alumnus's inheritance skills. It is his or her right.

The outstanding intellectual and the founder Vice Chancellor of the Vidyodaya University, Right Venerable Weliwitiye Soratha Maha Thera declared, "University alumnus needs to be a revolutionary. He should invariably oppose to injustice, perverseness, and unfairness. He should be truthful." The dignity as well as the properties of the university should be protected. It is not possible to approve the killing of

their own brothers and sisters or putting them into lifelong disability in the guise of ragging which has become a canker to the whole university system.

The objective education which prevailed in the past have now changed. The great teacher Disapamok's education has totally changed today. Those days only very few of the society were educated. But today, the government's ambition is to provide education to all. The objective of ancient education is as follows

**Vidhyaa dhadhaathi vinōyang – vinōyaashyaathi paathróthaam
Paathradhvaadh dhhanō maapeethanthi – Dhhanaadh dharmang thathah sukhham.**

Knowledge brings discipline. Discipline means continence. Discipline means the control over body, mind, and speech. Discipline gives aptitude. Aptitude gives wealth. Wealth gives comfort. This means wealth is needed to lead a meaningful and comfortable life.

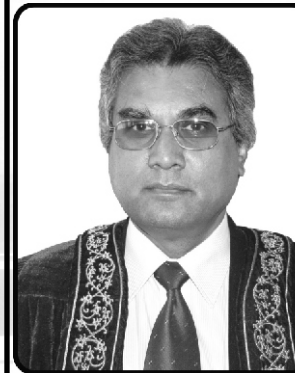
I whole-heartedly wish you all who graduate today from the University of Ruhuna a bright future.

**Ven. Dr. Rajakiya Pandith Attudawe Siri Rahula Maha Nayaka Thero
The Chair Priest of Shri Rohana Chapter of Great Siyamopali Sect of Sri Lanka
Chancellor
University of Ruhuna
Matara.
17.12.2010**

17th December 2010

at the University of Ruhuna, Matara

Message from the Vice Chancellor



It is with great pleasure that I send this message today to the graduands of the University of Ruhuna at its General Convocation 2010. The Convocation is the most important event in the calendar of a university. Its ceremonial grandeur signifies the great consequence of the award of a university

degree. It signifies that the graduands have reached a critical juncture in their lives.

The Convocation 2010 of the University of Ruhuna is being held at a time when the national developmental horizons are being extended in a manner not seen in the modern history of Sri Lanka. It is a time when new pathways in development are opening up.

Those of you, who are being certified as having achieved certain competencies in your chosen fields of study, need to fully appreciate the significance of this moment in our history and realize the important tasks, duties and responsibilities you will take on, not only as graduates of the University of Ruhuna, but conscientious citizens of this country. The knowledge you have gained cannot be circumscribed by curricula or course units. It will be knowledge gained from the very essence of life and living; the learning that comes from life's real experiences.

I wish to believe that you have learnt well. Learnt in the common rooms and canteens; learnt important lessons in the playing fields.

You should have by now, acquired not only knowledge and skills, but attitudes as well. Often, the university environment gives some students the feeling that it is external to normal society and governed by different rules. This gives a false sense of complacency leading to a state of mind that makes some unprepared for the 'real' life outside – i.e., your community and the society at large. In the final analysis, it is attitudes that will determine how successful you will be in life. The moral and ethical principles that you have instilled into yourself will give you the strength and courage to meet any adversity with a clear vision - untainted by temporary and fleeting advantages or petty gain.

You will face adversity and many challenges in your life in the years ahead. You will have to meet them with courage and fortitude and overcome them to be a success in life.

You will have times of success, joy and happiness. You have to learn to accept the good times and good fortune with humility and circumspection.

I wish you every success and wish you a fruitful, fulfilling and rewarding life as you embark on new beginnings.

**Professor Susirith Mendis
Vice Chancellor
17th December 2010**

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa)



Prof. Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya

Degrees To Be Awarded

Bachelor of Art	354
Honorary Degrees	01
Bachelor of Science	283
Post Graduate Degrees	26
Bachelor of Business Administration	308
Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture	96
Bachelor of the Science of Engineering	165
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	150

The convocation will be webcast live from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on 17th December 2010

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