

All Island Gold Medal to Ruhuna Chemistry Graduate

Mr. AADDK Amarasinghe, who obtained a first class honours degree in the recently concluded Chemistry Special degree program, won the all island Gold Medal of the Inter University Chemistry Competition 2012/2013 which was held on 09 March 2013. This competition was conducted by the Royal Society of Chemistry, Sri Lanka Section, and over thirty of the best performed Chemistry graduates from the six main Universities have competed.

This is the second time in three years that one of the Chemistry graduates has obtained this honour for the University of Ruhuna. Miss Wathsala L. Waduge was the Gold Medalist in 2010/2011. University of Ruhuna has been the only university to win this completion twice since its inception in 2001.

In addition to Mr. Amarasinghe's achievement, two merit awards were presented to Mr. KKDPD Godakumbura, and Ms. RD Rajapaksha. The Awards Ceremony was held on 26 July 2013 at the SLAAS Auditorium, Vidya Manderaya, Colombo 7 and Mr. Amarasinghe gave a presentation based on his final year research project titled "*isolation of natural pigments with potential photosensitizing property*" which he conducted under the supervision of Dr. AS Dissanayake.



Mr. Amarasinghe, Mr. Godakumbura (in absentia), and Ms. Rajapaksha are congratulated by the Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Gamini Senanayake. Also present are the Dean of Science, Senior Professor WGD Dharmaratne and the Head of Department of Chemistry, Dr (Ms.) Madurani Edussuriya.

