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9th October 2023

The Vice Chancellors of

University of Colombo/Peradeniya/Sri Jayewardenepura/ Kelaniya/ Moratuwa/ Jaffna/ Ruhuna/ Eastern/ Rajarata/ Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/ Uva Wellessa/ South Eastern/Visual and performing Arts/Gampaha Wickramarachchi/ Vavuniya

Admission of Students with Foreign Qualifications to Undergraduate Courses of the Universities in Sri Lanka - Academic Year 2022/2023

As you are aware, the candidates with results at a foreign examination held outside Sri Lanka, deemed equivalent to the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination of Sri Lanka or who have obtained qualifications required for admission to a university in their own country to follow an undergraduate course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree are eligible to apply under this special provision which is further elaborated in terms of the paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of the Section 02 of Part 01 of the Foreign Admissions Handbook valid for the respective academic year

Further, in order to be eligible under this provision, the Sri Lankan candidates should have studied abroad for a period of not less than three academic years immediately prior to sitting the qualifying examination and their parents should also have worked in the same country in which the candidates had studied, during the same period. Candidates should also ensure that all the required passes were obtained in one and the same sitting under a recognized Board of Examinations subject to the rules set out by the Educational Authority of the country concerned. Similarly, the children of Sri Lankan diplomatic personnel attached to Sri Lankan diplomatic missions abroad or on foreign assignments sponsored by the Government of Sri Lanka, should have studied abroad at least for a period of three academic years in the six year period immediately prior to sitting the qualifying examination, along with their parents who are Sri Lankan diplomats.

Up to 0.5 % of the places of the proposed intake and up to 4.5 % of the places over and above the proposed intake of each course of study have to be reserved for students who come under this special provision.

Selection of candidates under this provision is made based on the following order of priority;

- a) Children of Sri Lankan diplomatic personnel who are/have been stationed in other countries.
- b) Children of foreign diplomatic personnel working in Sri Lanka.
- c) Applicants from SAARC countries who seek admission.
- d) Sri Lankan applicants not covered under (a) above.
- e) Other foreign applicants not covered under (b) or (c) above.

All the selected candidates under this provision will be admitted on fee levying basis except for the candidates under category (a) above.

Accordingly, the application calling for university admission under the above special provision for the academic year 2022/2023 commenced from 22nd September 2023. The deadline for the application calling is 27th October 2023.

However, considering the suggestions and queries made by you/the Deans of the faculties of your university in promoting this provision among foreign students, the Commission at its 1110th meeting held on 22.09.2023 approved allowing the university to publish the application calling web link of UGC official website https://www.ugc.ac.lk/attachments/2407 Foreign%20Admissions%20Handbook%20202 2-2023.pdf) where the Foreign Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2022/2023 is published, in your university official website in order to promote the courses of study offered by the university/Campus/Institute for the information of the prospective candidates.

Further, it was decided to inform that the university/Campus/Institute is not allowed to call applications separately under this provision for the academic year 2022/2023, in which the applicant should forward a single application to the UGC as instructed in the Foreign Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2022/2023 while marking their order of preference for the selection procedures.

Furthermore, any query made with regard to the document submission/selection and etc. should be directed to the <u>foreignadmissions@ugc.ac.lk</u>, in which the UGC will attend.

Your earliest attention in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

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