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M-Learning in Higher Education: Whither Sri Lanka?

The rapid growth of technology has redefined how teaching and learning are conducted in the higher education sector. The use of technology is of paramount importance for improving the quality of higher education. Consequently, higher education institutions continue to integrate ubiquitous technology into their teaching and learning purposes. In the higher education sector of Sri Lanka, the adoption of technological devices for education is becoming popular than ever before, which was further triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. With the rapid spread of Covid-19, the pandemic demanded many abrupt changes in the higher education sector of the island, followed by the restriction of the physical entry to the higher educational premises. Accordingly, higher education authorities in Sri Lanka took an initiative to promote online education, resulting in a growth of smartphones and other technological devices for educational purposes.

M-learning refers to the use of sophisticated personal electronic devices for education, including smartphones, PDAs, MP3/MP4 players, e-book readers (e.g. Kindle), netbooks, tablets (e.g. iPad, Galaxy Tab), hybrid tablets/smartphone gadgets (e.g. Galaxy Note) and specialist portable technologies used in science laboratories. In Sri Lankan higher education sector, moving from 'No Smartphone Use in the Lecture Hall' to 'M-Learning' and 'BYOD' (Bring Your Own Device) within a short period was somewhat shocking, but inevitable with the situation triggered by the pandemic. Surprisingly, the majority of the higher education institution surveys had demonstrated that Sri Lanka's conversion to online tertiary education in response to the pandemic circumstance was at a satisfactory level.

Taking prompt actions to prevent the collapse of the higher education system amidst the pandemic was a timely requirement. In response to the timely need of aiding online learning during the pandemic, mobile service providers in Sri Lanka also assisted higher education institutions by providing free access to university web servers for a reasonable period, intervening provenance of online intellection.

Interestingly, they contributed to nurturing online education by introducing affordable data packages for learning platforms such as Moodle, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams.

Although the statistical evidence on online education in the Sri Lankan higher education sector during the pandemic is satisfactory, mere participation in online lectures should not be used as a sole criterion in determining the effectiveness of higher education. If we dig deep into the information, the situation would not be as fortunate as we see on the surface. For instance, some students have

insufficient resources for M-learning, which inherently deprive their ability to perform many fundamental academic activities. Despite being rural or urban, the household income reflects the striking gap causing the students' uneven access to M-learning. Notably, in Sri Lanka, there exists a wide gap between high-income and low-income students in terms of Internet accessibility. As such, having a smartphone in hand and consolatory packages would not guarantee that students are free of obstacles in accessing M-learning.

In addition to the infrastructural-oriented aspects, use of smartphones and other technological devices for learning manifests distinct pros and cons. Sophisticated technological devices can improve the efficiency of learning, while also contributing to greater student satisfaction with its portable nature, leading to getting rid of the autonomous learning culture. Moreover, advanced technological devices can spur enhanced collaboration and communication with teachers and fellow students. Learning environments facilitated through technological devices are capable of diluting the inherent adversities of conventional classrooms, enabling the students to access the archived records of previous lectures and review them more effectively. This is identified as seamless learning, which does not limit learning to the classroom itself; rather it continuously takes place regardless of the location. Notwithstanding the favourable conditions, many adverse effects are associated with M-learning. For instance, using social media and texting during lectures can impair the concentration of the students, leading to inefficiencies in learning. Moreover, the overuse of smartphones can further result in maladjustments in student lifestyles such as smartphone addiction, anti-socialization and social escape.

To harvest the most productive learning and teaching combination in the higher education sector of Sri Lanka, it requires collaborative endeavours of students, teachers, academic entities, developers, researchers, and the government. Accordingly, the use of more productive contrivances such as collaborative learning, game-based learning, flipped classrooms, and seamless learning would dissolve the inherent infirmities of M-learning. Additionally, instead of shifting more burden of adapting the learning process towards the student, teachers should also be equipped with the latest technological knowledge to capitalize on the technology to create an adaptive learning atmosphere. Moreover, conducting online assessments and examinations would require more versatile approaches to ensure the reliability of the entity. Although the teenagers born in the late 90s are known as iGeneration, in Sri Lanka, if they have adequately been provided with resources and the access to an influx of technology is still controversial. Hence, while ensuring the resilience of the education system, it requires a flexible approach to deal with some technology usage-related issues of the students.

In conclusion, although higher education is reinforced through the use of personal electronic devices to a reasonable extent during the pandemic, it should not be solely used as a long term survivor for the higher education system, but to be used in conjunction with classroom learning. Hence, M-learning needs to be utilized as an enabler of face-to-face learning, instead of viewing it as a

replacement for classroom learning. The timely implementation of proper reform of policies would be a great catalyst to continue this seamless education system, ensuring the resilience of the Sri Lankan higher education system ahead of any crisis.

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Academic Events

Faculty of Medicine Academic Sessions- 2021

Faculty of Medicine Academic Sessions (FMAS) – 2021 was successfully held on the 15th December 2021, at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna under the theme “Navigating challenges for a healthier and secure tomorrow”. The pre-conference webinar was held on the 8th of December 2021 in collaboration with the Society for Alternatives to Animal testing in Sri Lanka on “Alternatives to Animal Testing: A scientific perspective”. The Chief Guest for FMAS 2021 was Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna. Keynote Address was delivered on “Paediatric research: A kaleidoscopic personal trail” by Dr B J C Perera, Specialist Consultant Paediatrician, Section Editor-Ceylon Medical Journal, Joint Editor- Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health. FMAS oration titled “Surgery, success and happiness: A story within a story” was delivered by Professor Mohan de Silva, Emeritus Professor in Surgery, former Chairman, University

Grants Commission, Sri Lanka. Mr Mevan Induruwa and Ms Nethmi Yasara were awarded the Dean’s awards for the year 2021 as the best 2nd MBBS student and the best 3rd MBBS student respectively.

The inauguration ceremony was followed by the FMAS symposium, postgraduate research presentations, free paper oral and poster sessions in both open and undergraduate categories. FMAS symposium on “Facing the challenges & shaping the future” was held as a hybrid session and symposium subthemes were “Challenges to medico-social wellbeing of the front-line workers during



the COVID 19 pandemic” by Professor *Shehan Williams, Professor in Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya*, “Food safety - are we really addressing the problem?” by Professor *Terrence Madhujith, Professor of Food and Nutrition, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya*, “Smart medicine in healthcare: A game changer?” by Professor *Rifdy Mohideen, Professor-Internal Medicine, International Medical University, Malaysia*, and “Critical appraisal of different types of vaccines used for COVID 19” by Professor *Suranjith Seneviratne, Consultant in Clinical Immunology and Allergy Royal Free Hospital and University College London, United Kingdom*.

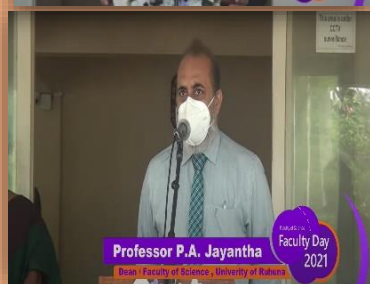
Professor Vasantha Devasiri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine awarded the certificates to the winners of best oral and poster presentations. Professor Ruwani Hewawasam and Dr Achala Liyanage were the Chairperson and the Secretary of FMAS-2021.

Science Faculty Day -2021

Faculty Day is an annual event organized by the Faculty of Science which focuses on enhancing the social lives and relationships among the staff (Academic, Non-academic and Academic Support) and the students through a wide range of activities that leads to strengthening the social harmony within the university community.

This year the event was held in a hybrid mode successfully after a long waiting period because of the covid-19 pandemic.

The Inauguration Ceremony was held on 4th of August 2021 in front of the administrative building by hoisting the National, University and the Faculty flags. Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna graced the event via zoom as the Chief Guest. Professor E.P. Saman Chandana, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor P.A. Jayantha, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Mrs. P.S. Kalugama, Registrar of the University, Mr. K.A.R.S. Jayakody, Bursar of the University, and a limited number of staff members participated in the inauguration ceremony according to the covid-19 guidelines. The theme song of the Faculty Day-2021 produced by Mr. D.D.N. Sripal, was released for



the first-time during the Inauguration Ceremony. Apart from the inauguration ceremony, all the other activities were held via zoom as an online event. Birders' Club, Botanical Society, Chemical Society, Computer Science Students' Community, Kala Hawula, Photography Society, Physics Society, Ruhuna University

Mathematics and Statistics Society, Zoological Society, Faculty Day-2021 committee and the staff members of the Faculty of Science contributed substantially in organizing the event with the assistance provided by the Vice Chancellor and the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University. Eight different competitions were organized and made available a few weeks before the event to take part while another five events were organized to participate as live events, during the day of the event. The event was designed to enrich the creativity and the soft skills of the participants while adhering into health guidelines. Further the winners were awarded with reload prizes and certificates. The "peduar" musical program was also held via zoom as an online event for the first time and it was a great platform to show off the emerging talents of the participants.

For further information and for recorded programs please visit the web site <https://alpha.ruh.ac.lk/FacultyofScience/index.php/faculty-day-2021/>

Capacity Development Programmes for Academic Staff - BRITAE

Four workshops under capacity development programs of BRITAE (Building Resilience in Tropical Agroecosystems) Project were successfully held on the 10th of September, 28th of September, 26th of October, and 1st of December 2021. All four workshops were held online adhering to COVID-19 health guidelines and coordinated by the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna.

The workshop held on the 10th of September was under work package three regarding the establishment of the Smart Agroecosystem Resilience (SAR) Centre, with the objective to make aware of administrative procedures of handling Foreign-funded projects in the Sri Lankan higher education system. Five sessions were successfully held in this workshop with the presence of Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna. The first session was on "Legal Aspects of handling Foreign Funded Research Grants" and presented collaboratively by Dr. Sampath Punchihewa, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, and by Professor Wasantha



Seneviratne, Director of Centre for the Study of Human Rights, Head of Department of Public & International Law, University of Colombo. The second session on “ERASMUS+ project administrative and financial procedures: European Union perspectives” was conducted by Senior Professor Champa M. Navaratne, Coordinator of the BRITAE project. The third session was on “Role of CINTA in facilitating foreign collaborations” conducted by Senior Professor K.L. Wasantha Kumara, Director of Centre for International Affairs (CINTA), University of Ruhuna. The fourth session was on “Administrative procedures and financial management of foreign grants in-state universities” by Mr. K.A.R.S. Jayakody, Bursar of University of Ruhuna. The fifth session was on “Implementation of Foreign Funded Projects” conducted by Mr. Russel Aponso, Director (Planning) of Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka.

The workshop held on the 28th of September consists of two sessions titled “Teaching and Learning Techniques” and “Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) – Global learning in practice”. The session “Teaching and Learning Techniques” which was facilitated by Professor Tiia Rüttnann, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia, mainly discussed Basic principles of Engineering Pedagogy for effective teaching engineering, Didactical models, Students’ individual differences, Contemporary teaching, and learning techniques. The session “Massive Open Online Course – Global learning in practice” was facilitated by Dr. Ezri Hayat, Teesside University, UK, and in this session MOOC was introduced. Further, the session discussed the common features of MOOCs, their applications as a teaching and learning platform, and the use of Moodle as a platform for MOOCs.

The workshop on 26th October 2021 consisted of two sessions titled “course/module sharing” and “Academic Misconduct – Plagiarism”. The session “course/module sharing” introduced pathways for developing joint programs, joint diplomas, joint degrees, and the process of obtaining accreditation. Further, the session highlighted key perspectives in joint program cooperation such as maintaining international scope and strategic interest, regional and national initiatives financing joint programs. This session was facilitated by Professor Arturas Kaklauskas, from Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania. Then, a session on the legal framework of EU competencies in higher education was conducted by Dr. Ieva Ubarte, from Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania.

The session “Academic Misconduct - Plagiarism” was particularly focused on plagiarism as the BRITAE program will be conducted fully online and assessment submission will happen mostly via online means, the session was focused on identifying ways and means of identifying different forms of plagiarism. At the end of the session, it was focused on identifying, handling, and management of suspected plagiarism based on the UK experience. The said session was facilitated by Professor Champika Liyanage, from the University of Central Lancashire, UK.

The workshop on the 1st of December 2021 titled “Joint Programme Development” discussed reasons for developing joint programs. Under that, institutional strategies and guidelines, the importance of institutional commitment, screening and authorizing joint programs, EMQA checklist for

creating a comprehensive course vision were discussed in detail. Further, in this session, joint curriculum development with academic and labor market relevance of the joint educational offer, learning outcomes and the European Qualifications Framework, tuning, designing an academically relevant mobility track, examples of mobility structures, academic calendar, financial planning, quality assurance in program development, recognition of the future degree and cooperation agreements were discussed interactively. The session was facilitated by Professor Arturas Kaklauskas, and Dr. Ieva Ubarte from Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania.

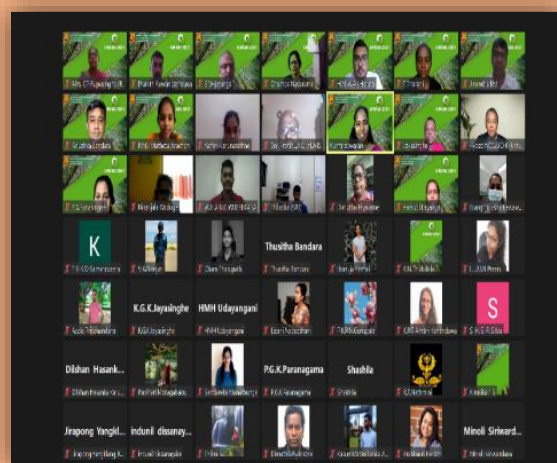
2nd Undergraduate Research Symposium on Agriculture Engineering and Environmental Technology (URSAE) 2021

The Undergraduate Research Symposium on Agriculture Engineering and Environmental Technology (URSAE) is an event organized by the Department of Agriculture Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna which provides an intellectual platform where staff and the students congregate with the professionals around the world, in view of securing the future of agriculture and the environment. This year the symposium was held under the theme “Innovative Smart Agriculture towards a Sustainable Resilient Nation”, which is a timely requirement for the enormous development in Sri Lankan Agricultural sector. In 2021, Professor S. Wijethunga, Department of Agricultural Engineering served as the symposium Coordinator while

Mr. P.P. Ruwanpathirana from the same department served as the Symposium Secretary.

Senior Professor C.M. Navarathne from Department of Agricultural Engineering was the Editor in Chief of URSAE 2021.

The URSAE 2021 was held on October 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2021 with the participation of final year undergraduate students specializing in Agricultural Engineering (BSc in Agricultural Resource Management and Technology and BSc in Green Technology). In this symposium, 29 final-year undergraduates presented and defended their final year research findings. The symposium had three main sessions which were held with the presence of all stakeholders who are extending us a yeoman service to this brand new event. Sessions were namely, “Production technology and Agricultural Engineering”, “Emerging Environmental Technologies” and “SMART Farming and Precision Agriculture”.



The keynote speakers of the sessions were Professor Noguchi Ryoza, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan; Dr. B.V.R. Punyawardane, Principal Scientist (Agro-Climatology), Natural Resources Management Centre, Department of Agriculture, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Professor Khwantri Saengprachatanarug Department of Agriculture Engineering, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

International Agricultural program 2021: Virtual Student Exchange Program – University of the Ryukyus, Japan

International Agricultural Program is an educational training program organized by the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture in collaboration with the University of the Ryukyus, Japan. The main aim of this program is to provide opportunities for students to acquire advanced knowledge and skills on tropical and subtropical agriculture from an international perspective. Due to the prevailing pandemic situation summer internship program, 2021 was held as a virtual exchange program. The program was hosted by the University of the Ryukyus, Japan., University of Ruhuna -

Sri Lanka, and Khon Kaen University (KKU) - Thailand and Bogor University (IPB) - Indonesia participated as partner universities. The program was held from 14 to 24 September 2021. This program was coordinated and organized by Mrs. C.P. Rupasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna. Five undergraduates received the opportunity to participate in the IAP - 2021 from the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. They are HMWAI Herath, MDS Samaraweera, PMI Mathotaarachchi from BSc Agricultural Resources Management and Technology and T Thirunavukkarasu, PGS Pallewatta BSc Green Technology.



Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Massive Online Open Courses (MOOC) modules are offered by the BECK project, University of Ruhuna

Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna is one of the partners out of 14 partners of BECK (Integrating education with consumer behavior relevant to energy efficiency and climate change at the universities of Russia, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh) project which is funded by European Union under Erasmus+ programs.

The BECK project offers three Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) modules without charging registration or course fees. The MOOCs were developed with the assistance of expert academic professionals from European, Russian, Bangladesh, and Sri Lankan Universities aiming to integrate and blend with European best practices into the SL education system. The University of Ruhuna is offering the following MOOCs modules under the above project.

1. Green behavior and sustainable consumption stimulation (15 weeks)
2. Spirituality and relaxation techniques for personality development (15 weeks)
3. Climate change at urban and peri-urban scale in tropics: Impacts, Mitigation, and adaptation (15 weeks)

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony for the first intake of the above three MOOCs modules was held successfully as a virtual event on 2nd December 2021. The certificates of completion were awarded to 461 students who successfully completed BECK MOOCs. From June to December 2021, four dissemination events of BECK



MOOCs were conducted by targeting local and foreign students. Currently, more than 1000 students are following BECK MOOCs offered by the University of Ruhuna.

Senior Professor S. Wanniarachchi (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture), Professor GY Jayasinghe (Head, Department of Agric Engineering), Senior Professor CM Navaratne (Coordinator: BECK Project UoR), Emeritus Professor KDN Weerasinghe (Co-Coordinator_BECK project UoR), Mr. HAC Priyankara (Researcher), Mr. Ravindu Hashan (Research assistant) were the key contributors behind the success of these events. The second intake for the above MOOCs modules will be advertised in January 2022 and all undergraduates/graduates representation from any region of the world are welcome to follow BECK MOOCs.

ADCON 2021 - Faculty of Management and Finance



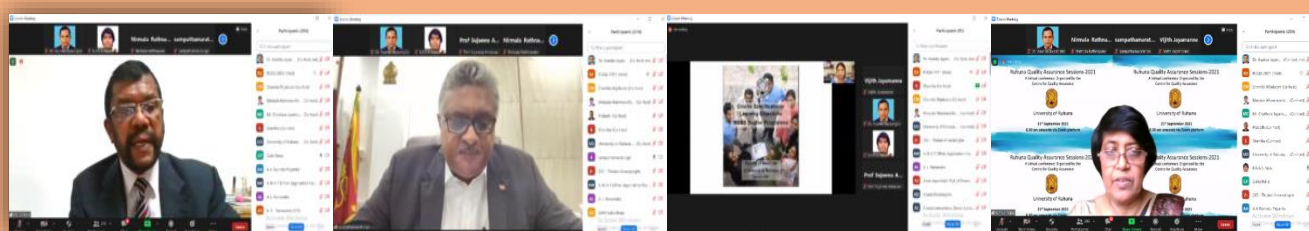
The technical workshops of ADCON 2021; an annual inter-university advertising competition organized by the Department of Marketing at the University of Ruhuna were conducted on 6th August 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. To assist and prepare candidates for the ADCON 2021 competition, Mr. Namal Fernando, Senior Brand Manager of Maliban Biscuit Manufactories (Pvt) Ltd conducted the first workshop, where he presented contestants with necessary information about the competition. The guest speaker of the second technical workshop was Mrs. Kushani Peeris, Senior Marketing Manager of Maliban Biscuits Manufactories (Pvt) Ltd. She shared her experiences as a Senior Marketing Manager in the corporate field, with also answering the participants' questions about managing marketing campaigns.

After conducting the technical workshops of ADCON 2021, the first round of evaluations was carried out by three panels on 24th September from 9.00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Professor PAPS Kumara, Dean, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Ruhuna, Dr. Ruwangi Chandrasekara, Head, Department of Marketing, University of Colombo, Mrs. Kushani Peeris, Senior Marketing Manager, Maliban Manufactories (PVT) LTD, Professor Nalin Abeysekera, Head, Department of Marketing, Open University of Sri

Lanka, Professor Amila Sirisena, Head, Department of Marketing, University of Ruhuna, Mr. Namal Fernando, Senior Brand Manager, Maliban Manufactories (PVT) LTD, Professor Ravi Dissanayake, Head, Department of Marketing, University of Kelaniya, Professor Asoka Malkanthi, Department of Marketing, University of Sri Jayewardenapura, and Mr. Kasun Thotagamuwa, Marketing Manager, Maliban Manufactories (PVT) LTD represented the evaluation panels of ADCON 2021 in its first round. Additionally, a session called 'Meet the Manager' was conducted on 19th November 2021 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide participants with an opportunity to meet and obtain valuable inputs from the experienced professionals in the sector. The session was a highly useful one as the participants were provided with a practical approach to marketing implementation.

Ruhuna Quality Assurance Sessions

The inaugural Quality Assurance Sessions of the University of Ruhuna, organized by the Center for Quality Assurance, was held on 21st September 2021 using Zoom technology with Chairman/ UGC, Senior Professor Sampath Amarathunga, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. Professor Emeritus Colin. N. Peiris delivered the Key Note Speech titled “Internalizing Good Practices in Quality Assurance”. The Vice-Chancellor, the Guest of Honour of the event and the Director, Quality Assurance Council of UGC, Senior Professor Tilak P. D. Gamage, were among the dignitaries who beautified the inaugural function. Over 20 papers were presented at the sessions and the proceeding was published.



Sessions Conducted for the Newly Recruited Management Assistants and Technical Officers

Dr.S.G.S.Samaraweera, Ms.R.A.W.D.Jayawardhana, Ms.D.S.Anupama, Ms.S.T.W.M.Pushpananda and Ms.C.A.Dahanayake attached to the Department of English Language Teaching conducted four English language sessions for the newly recruited Management Assistants and Technical Officers at the Induction Training Program for New Employees organized by the Staff Development Centre, University of Ruhuna. The sessions which were named as “Basic Communication Skills – Part I”, “Basic Communication Skills – Part II”, “Reading and Writing Skills – Part I” and “Reading and Writing Skills – Part II” were held from 11th October 2021 to 14th October 2021 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The object of the sessions was to enhance the English language skills of the participants to make them effectively function in their professional context. At the end of the respective sessions, a two-hour English Language Proficiency Test was held on 15th October 2021 to evaluate their progress.

Session Conducted for the Non-Academic Staff of All Faculties

Senior Professor Gamini Fonseka and Dr. S.G.S. Samaraweera conducted a session on “How to Use English Language Correctly in Official Documentations” for the non-academic staff of the university on 1st December 2021. The session was organized with the objective of equipping the participants with knowledge and skills to confidently produce accurate official documents in English.

7th Ruhuna University International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences

Seventh Ruhuna University International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (RUICHSS – 2021) was held successfully on 17th November 2021, under the theme “Embracing the New Normal: Socio-cultural challenges and Opportunities”. The

vice chancellor of the University of Ruhuna, Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena graced the occasion. Professor Pramod K. Nayar of Department of English, Hyderabad University, India delivered the keynote address titled “The Covid Normal”. Deputy vice chancellor, professor Saman Chandana Ediriweera, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Upali Pannilage, were among the distinguished guests.



Stay Safe Stay Curious: If You Are Curious, You Can Learn English

Mr. Ruwan Gunawardane attached to the Department of English Language Teaching conducted motivational workshops for the first year students of the Faculties of H&SS and Science virtually and the purpose was to intrinsically motivate them to learn English. These online workshops were named as “Stay Safe Stay Curious: If You Are Curious, You Can Learn English.” It was through these workshops that he introduced the programme called ‘Online Reading Café’ to the students. After the motivational workshops, the students were supposed to read the articles uploaded on the LMS for one and a half months. The concept behind this programme is that undergraduates can harness curiosity to enhance their intrinsic motivation to learn English. These programmes conducted with the help of Mr. Gunawardane’s colleagues from the DELT and the Faculty of Science turned out to be a great success, given students’ comments.

10th International Conference on Management and Economics – ICME

The 10th International Conference on Management and Economics – ICME 2021, organized by the Faculty of Management and Finance in partnership with the Faculty of Management, University of Presov, Slovakia, was held on 02nd September, 2021 under the theme of “embracing change and recalibrating business & economy in a post-pandemic context”. Considering the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the island, the organizers opted to host the ICME 2021 as a virtual conference, preserving as much of the synchronous online experience as possible. Although this was a bit disappointing news for



some participants, the organizing committee had to scramble, ensuring that the health of conference participants was not at stake. The organizing committee was initially thinking of possibility of a hybrid approach; allowing for some local, in-person presenters and attendees while also accommodating those who wish to participate remotely. However, the organizing committee finally decided to expand the virtual program to take about more than three-fourths of the conference online. Accordingly, ICME 2021 only accommodated virtual presenters and participants due to COVID-19 having reached a state where there was no room for hosting an offline/hybrid conference. Professor P.A.P. Samantha Kumara, the Dean, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Ruhuna served as the conference chair in ICME 2021, while Dr. Hemamali Ganewatta and Mr. Thanuka Mahesha de Silva were the conference

coordinator and secretary, respectively. Professor Rowena Barrett, Pro Vice-Chancellor (entrepreneurship), Queensland University of Technology, Australia and Dr. Chandra Embuldeniya, the founder Vice-Chancellor of Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka virtually delivered insightful keynote speeches at the conference. Moreover, this prestigious event was graced at the highest level of university administration, with the participation of Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ruhuna and Professor E. P. S. Chandana, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Ruhuna. Overall, the ICME 2021 was able to provide academics, researchers, and practitioners with a premier platform to debate and share their knowledge on a central theme in the broad areas of management and economics.

INQUEST 1.0: Research Professionalism

The Circle of Accounting organized a series of online lectures namely, 'INQUEST 1.0: Research Professionalism' to provide undergraduates with knowledge on how to do their final year research project.

INQUEST 1.1
INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH AND OVERALL RESEARCH PROCESS
Mrs. H.A.C. Jeewanthi
MSc (Agder, Norway),
MSc (SJP, SL),
BBA (Ruh, SL)
Senior Lecturer
25th Saturday September
04.00-6.00pm
Via ZOOM
Organized by:
Circle of Accounting
Faculty of Management and Finance - University of Ruhuna

INQUEST 1.2
TOPIC SELECTION
Mrs. D. Samarawickrama
Reading for PhD (Otago, New Zealand),
MBA (Col. SL),
BBA (Ruh, SL),
Lecturer
02nd Saturday October
10.00 AM-12.00 PM
Via ZOOM
Organized by:
Circle of Accounting
Faculty of Management and Finance - University of Ruhuna

INQUEST 1.3
BUILDUP THE RESEARCH
Mr. K.G.P. Vijitha Gunarathna
Reading for PhD (Sjp, SL),
MSc (Agder, Norway),
BBA (Ruh, SL)
Senior Lecturer
09th Saturday October
04.00 PM-06.00 PM
Via ZOOM
Organized by:
Circle of Accounting
Faculty of Management and Finance - University of Ruhuna

INQUEST 1.4
DATA COLLECTING TECHNIQUES
Miss. K.D. Thanya N. Weerasinghe
BSc (Sjp, SL),
Reading for MSc (Sjp, SL)
Lecturer (Probationary)
18th Saturday October
09.00 AM-11.00 AM
Via ZOOM
Organized by:
Circle of Accounting
Faculty of Management and Finance - University of Ruhuna

INQUEST 1.5
DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES AND REPORT FINDINGS
Dr. Manjula K. Wanniarachchige
PhD (APL, Japan),
MBA (APL, Japan),
BBA (Ruh, SL)
Senior Lecturer
25th Monday October
06.00 PM-08.00 PM
Via ZOOM
Organized by:
Circle of Accounting
Faculty of Management and Finance - University of Ruhuna

INQUEST 1.6
ETHICAL ASPECTS AND REFERENCE MANAGEMENT
Dr. M.W. Indrani
PhD (Victoria, Australia),
MSc (SJP, SL),
BCom (Ruh, SL),
Senior Lecturer
12th Friday November
08.00AM-10.00AM
Via ZOOM
Organized by:
Circle of Accounting
Faculty of Management and Finance - University of Ruhuna

A well-experienced panel of Lecturers in the Department of Accounting and Finance delivered the program in six sessions during 25th September to 12th November 2021 to provide a step-by-step guide for the undergraduates. In its first session, Mrs. H.A.C Jeewanthi provided the undergraduates with an understanding of the overall research process. In the second session, Mrs. D. Samarawikrama discussed the process of topic selection. Then in the third session, Mr. K.G.P Vijitha Gunarathna clarified how to build up a research paper. Ms. K.D. Thanya N. Weerasinghe has addressed the issues related to the data collection techniques in the fourth session. In the fifth session, Dr. Manjula K. Wanniarachchige discussed with students about the data collection techniques and writing up of the research findings. The final session

was conducted by Dr. (Mrs.) M.W. Indrani on the ethical aspects and the references management. All six sessions were successfully conducted via Zoom and had a good level of participation. All the participants were able to gather knowledge to do their research as professionals from the department's well-experienced panel of Lecturers.

Diploma Awarding Ceremony of Diploma in Psychological Counselling

Certificate Awarding Ceremony for Diploma Holders of 11th batch of Psychological Counseling

Program conducted by Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Distance and Continuing Education was held on 11/12/2021 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



with the presence of the Vice Chancellor. Dr. Subhangi M.K. Herath, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo made the invited speech as the chief guest.

Meet the Marketers

Meet the Marketers' is an online webinar series organized by the Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Ruhuna with the intention of providing an opportunity for marketing undergraduates to take part in experience and knowledge sharing sessions conducted by renowned personalities in the field of marketing. As a part of the series, an online session on do you aspire to become a high profile event manager was conducted via Zoom by Mr Azmath Jahn, the Managing Director of Vibes



Production Pvt. Ltd. On 15th June 2021 from 8.00 to 10 a.m. The following session of the “Meet the Marketers” was conducted on 29th June 2021 via Zoom 8 to 11 a.m. by a convincing speaker, an instructor and a famous sales trainer, Mr. D.D. Samanthilake, National Sales Manager of Oriflame Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

The session was instrumental in enlightening the undergraduates on the versatility of digital marketing and how this versatile discipline could be exploited in implementing event marketing and how this versatile discipline could be exploited in implementing event marketing and how this versatile discipline could be exploited in implementing event marketing On 13th July 2021, another session of the series was hosted by Dr. Sajith Edirisuriya, General Manager of Chip Mong Insee Cement Company, Cambodia via Zoom. This informative session was conducted with the intention of providing participants with a practical perspective to corporate ethics and its impact on firm performance. Mrs. Gayani Punchihewa, General Manager, Integrated Media Solutions Wijeya Newspapers Ltd. conducted the next session of the series on 10th August 2021 via zoom from 3.30 p.m. onwards on the topic of ‘Marketing Ethics’. All the sessions were concluded successfully with the interactive participation of the marketing undergraduates at the faculty.



Sage Business Cloud Accounting Training Program: Certificate Awarding Ceremony

The Department of Finance of the Faculty of Management and Finance organized a training program in collaboration with PW Holdings on Sage Business Cloud Accounting. With the advancement of information and communication technology, most of the workplaces at present use cloud-based accounting systems. In this context, this training program contributes immensely to adjusting university undergraduates into such an environment while enhancing their competitiveness and employability in the job market.

Mr. Channa Wanigaisinghe, Systems Consultant at PW Holdings conducted the training program as the resource person using the Zoom platform.

Importantly, PW Holdings agreed to offer this program free of charge this time on request of Dr. Manjula Wanniarachchige, the Head of the Department of Finance. Two groups of students underwent the training which encompassed 30 hours of lectures scheduled into 10 sessions and self-study for each group.

The certificate awarding ceremony was held on 22nd December 2021 to award certificates for 81 students who have completed the training program. Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered a speech highlighting the necessity of such training programs to enhance the employability of the graduates. Mr. Channa Wanigasinghe, the Systems Consultant at PW Holdings also highlighted the importance of such training during his speech. Moreover, Ms. Gayashi Lakshika (a final-year student) delivered a speech representing the students. Professor Samantha Kumara, the Dean of the Faculty of Management and Finance delivered the welcome speech while Dr. Manjula Wanniarachchige delivered the vote of thanks. Academic staff members namely, Mrs. MS Nanayakkara, Mrs. GAN Darshi, Mrs. D Saamrawickrama, Ms. Dinukee de Silva, Ms. Madavi Ariyasena, and Ms. Sadeesha Wijeweera also attended the event.



නැණිතිවර්ෂ... 02nd Anniversary celebration



To celebrate the 02nd anniversary of the Department of Human Resource Management, a virtual ceremony called "නැණවිඳීම" was organized by the Circle of Human Resource Development on 01st November 2021 at 6.00 p.m. via Zoom. At this ceremonial event, the department also launched the official website of the Department of Human Resource Management. Moreover, to mark the 02nd anniversary, the study circle organized a mini-CSR project to assist rural schools with insufficient facilities to carry out their educational activities smoothly. Under this program, undergraduates donated the required funds to the students at Ratnapura Embilipitiya Sudarshana Vidyalaya and Matara Sumana Junior School. Professor P.A.P. Samantha Kumara, the Dean of the Faculty of Management and Finance participated in this event as the chief guest. The event was also graced by the Head of the Department, Lecturers and students of the Department of Human Resource Management.

Industry Forum 2021

Industry Forum 2021 was held on 03rd December 2021 under the theme *Soft Skills to Enhance Graduate Employability through Industry Partnerships* with the objective of the event is to create and strengthen the relationship with industry partners. Inauguration was graced by Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna. For this industry forum, Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Deans of the faculties, Council Members, Registrar, Director of the Career Guidance Unit, Faculty Academic Career Advisors, and Career Counsellors of CGU participated as internal participants to the discussion, and seventy participants participated as external members representing private sector, government sector and semi government organizations. In this forum, industry participants mainly highlighted to organize attitude changing program for the students and industry partners appreciated the attempt to build the relationship between the University and the Industry.



Field Archaeology Training Programme

Twenty students from the Department of History and Archeology are involved in Trincomalee's field archeological excavation program, which is conducted under the Trincomalee Archaeological Project of Central Cultural Fund. This program will be held from 12/12/2021 to 26/12/2021. The Field Archeology

Training Program is one of the core course units of the archeology (Special) Degree Program to train students in field excavation methods and techniques. All expenses for the programme were borne by the University of Ruhuna.

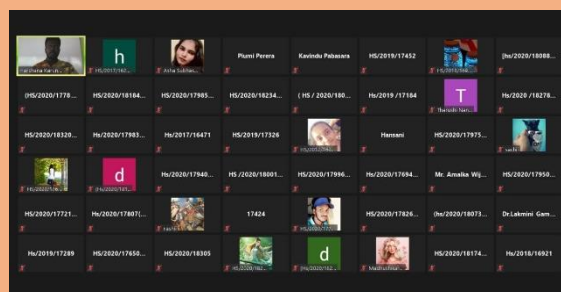


Internship Programme for Final year students

Final year students of the Department of History and Archaeology successfully conducted lecture series on History subject for GCE A/L students. Programme was organized by the Department of History and Archaeology University of Ruhuna with collaboration of Haupe Nawalakanda Maha Vidyalaya, Kahawatte, Rathnapura. Twenty-five lecture sessions were conducted via online platform during one-month period in July 2021. More than hundred students, officers of the Niwigitigala Zonal education office, school principals and teachers were joined with the programme.

A series of online lectures on history and archaeological knowledge for public

As the pioneer department of teaching history and archaeology at one of the national universities in this country, we strive to establish a proper knowledge tradition not limited to the university. As a humanistic and sociological discipline, it is important to impart historical, historical and archaeological knowledge to the general public. Nevertheless, to socialized accurate knowledge is an integral part of the university education



system. Based on that objective, the Department of History and Archaeology organized a series of online lectures to socialize knowledge of history and archaeology from December 2020 onwards. Conducts this series of lectures with the help of prominent scholars relating both disciplines of History and Archaeology. Professor Rev. Miriswatte Vimalagnana, Head, Department of Buddhist Culture, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya delivered the 8th lecture in a

series of lectures. Participated for every lecture, over 200 people, including members of the University Community.

Ruhuna Arts Students' Annual Session - 2021

Sixth Ruhuna Arts Students Annual Sessions – 2021, one of the signature events of the Faculty of Humanities of Social Sciences, organized annually for young researchers, was held successfully on 19th November 2021. The theme selected for the conference- “Spirit of Sprouting Researchers of Tomorrow”- was pave the way for selecting high standard research contributions by young researchers of the universities in Sri Lanka. More than sixty papers were presented at the conference, and the abstract book was compiled with an eclectic collection of research contributions.

The Keynote address conducted by Professor Chan Ngai Weng from University Saints Malaysia has enlightened the participants to think anew on innovative urban planning with sustainability principles. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty and some other distinguished scholars from around the country and world.



Staff Development Centre, University of Ruhuna



Staff Development Centre had organized a Certificate Award Ceremony for the Academic members who have completed the Certificate Course in Professional Development in Higher Education (CCPDHE) for the first time in the history of the University of Ruhuna. This was held on 23rd December 2021 at the FMST Auditorium. 83 academic staff members were awarded the certificates. Vice-Chancellor Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest while Professor Emeritus W.G.D. Dharmarathna gave the keynote speech. Professor Nilantha De Silva, the Director of the SDC, and all the coordinators of the CCPDHE were the organizers of this event.

University in Progress

Intensive care facility in the Paediatric Professorial unit for children with severe COVID



The university paediatric unit, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, renovated a separate room for children with COVID-19 who need intensive care. The room was opened on 1st July 2021 as a non-ceremonial event. Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice-

chancellor of the University of Ruhuna and Dr Shelton Perera, the director, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya and Professor Vasantha Devasiri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, inaugurated the room and the paediatricians in THK gathered to grace the occasion. Dr Aruna De Silva, Senior Lecturer, Department of Paediatrics, coordinated the project and organized the opening event. The sponsors for the project were Mr Athil Goonasekara, Mr Aruna Hewawasam, Mr Kalana Manawadu, Dr Hemamali Seneviratne and Harischandra mills.

Before this, the critically ill children with covid-19 were admitted to a joint intensive care unit shared with adult patients or had to transfer to Lady Ridgeway Hospital. The newly renovated room helped to fill this vacuum.

There is a capacity to provide ventilator care for one patient, and the facilities are there for the bystanders of sick children. In addition, there is a portable paediatric ventilator worth 2.0 million placed inside the premises, and it will be shared by the paediatric intensive care unit and paediatric accident and emergency department.

Since intensive care facilities are scarce in the country, the university paediatric unit's long-term plan is to utilise this room to provide care to all critically ill children with covid-19 from Southern Sri Lanka until they find a proper ICU bed.

In addition to this a separate area of the professorial paediatric ward was identified and developed as a four-bed facility with a dining area and a washroom to be used as an isolation area for the Covid-19 patients. This project was funded (approximately 2.5 million rupees) by the Federation of Galle Muslim Associations (FOGMA) and they were supportive of partly refurbishing other areas of the ward.

Infrastructure facilities for the care of paediatric patients at THK were upgraded by the refurbishments amounting to approximately 7.5 million rupees during the Covid-19 pandemic. Once the pandemic is over, these facilities will uplift the care of critically ill children at THK.



Opening of Southern Technology Incubation Centre at Department of Physics

The third Incubation Centre in Sri Lanka, the Southern Technology Incubation Centre (STIC), was declared open by Hon (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, by the invitation of Vice-Chancellor, Ruhuna University on 15th November 2021, established at the Department of Physics, University of Ruhuna. The Commissioner, Sri Lanka Inventors Commission, Secretaries to the ministries, Deans of the faculties, and other university staff members attended the ceremony.



Flagship events in the science faculty career guidance activities

This year bestows two-milestone career guidance activities captured by the Career Guidance Committee of the Faculty of Science; Mock Interview sessions and the RuEdCa Career Fair. The mock interview sessions and the Career Fair went hand in hand, providing a pre-qualification for future recruitment opportunities and for the undergraduates to identify their potential, select their career path, enhance their skills, and finally meet and find more about job openings at potential employers.

Mock interviews were conducted after a series of workshops and seminars. This facilitated undergraduates a unique experience of facing a job interview, identifying their weaknesses, and consolidate their strengths before facing interviews at the career fair, where they would be introduced to potential employers and provided with professional exposure.

The Career Fair RuEdCa'21 organized by a group of students of the Career Circle under the guidance of the science faculty career cell was held on Tuesday, 30th of November in Science Faculty premises. The event was conducted to provide the chances for all graduates and undergraduates to step into the corporate world. It was a successful day in the university calendar this year.

The young crowd that occupied the site showed immense enthusiasm and excitement throughout the day. With the participation of more than 30 companies, so much energy was seen in the personnel who were eager to meet the talented youth. Every individual who participated was offered facilities and opportunities to explore career opportunities in the corporate world.

Therefore we can proudly say that we have marched forward very successfully in achieving our mission of guiding our undergraduates into becoming leaders in their respective fields, enhancing professionalism through choosing meaningful career paths to excel in a diverse, global society.

Example

A company sent seven of its employees to attend a course in building self-confidence and calculated their self-confidence before and after attending their course. The following table gives the scores of their before and after they attend the course. Test 1% significance level whether attend this course increase the mean score of employees.

Before (x_i)	After (y_i)	$d_i = y_i - x_i$
8	10	2
5	8	3
4	5	1
9	11	2
6	6	0
9	7	2
5	9	4

$\bar{d} = 1.428$
 $S_d = 1.989$
 $n = 7 < 30$
 $\alpha = 0.01$
 $df = 7 - 1 = 6$

Hypothesis
 $H_0: \mu_d \geq 0$
 $H_1: \mu_d < 0$

Test statistics for $\bar{d} = \frac{\bar{d} - \mu_d}{S_d/\sqrt{n}} = t_{n-1}$
 $= \frac{1.428 - 0}{1.989/\sqrt{7}}$
 $= -1.9$

Critical value = -3.143

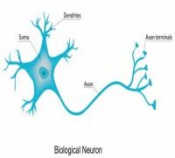
Test statistic lies on the accepted region. We cannot reject H_0 . That is attending course not increase the mean score of employees.

What is Artificial Neuron?

A digital construct that seeks to simulate the behavior of a biological neuron in the brain.

Help computers to "think more like humans" and produce more advanced logical results.

Artificial neurons connect together and make an artificial neural network.




Biological Neuron	Artificial Neuron
Soma	Node
Dendrites	Input
Synapse	Weights or Interconnections
Axon	Output


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
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Unpaired Samples



Paired Samples



International Colaberation

The university has years of experience encouraging local inventors, university undergraduates, and school children in the southern province by providing a stage to exhibit their inventions/ideas and the necessary support to improve the quality of their products. The University of Ruhuna has worked with Sri Lanka Inventors Commission (SLIC) in giving them the technical support required. With that background, the university was geared to establish the Southern Technology Incubations Centre at Ruhuna with an investment of about Rs. 25 million through SLIC and the Ministry of Technology. The STIC provides its services to stakeholders in the southern province in improving the products, developing prototypes, and supporting to the establishment of startups/small businesses. The STIC consists of four units: Mechanical Workshop, Prototyping Laboratory, Co-creation Lab and the Incubation Secretariat (located in the Department of Physics), and the Food Technology Unit (located in Faculty of Agriculture).

Seven Language Courses were being introduced.

The vision of the Center for Modern Languages and Civilizations (CMLC) is "Enable students to use different languages successfully and appropriately". To fulfil this vision seven language courses for undergraduate of the Ruhuna University were being introduced by the CMLC. They include Advanced Certificate Course in Japanese, German, Chinese, Tamil, Korean, French, and Hindi Languages. These courses will be continued annually with the purpose of giving opportunities for studying international Languages and Civilizations.

A 132 kV Single Phase Demonstration Bay at Department of Electrical and Information Engineering

On the request made by the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) donated a 132 kV single-phase demonstration bay. It is now located at the outside, next to the High Voltage Engineering Laboratory of the department. A sincere thanks must go to Eng. G.W.V. Priyantha, Chief Engineer,



Transmission Asset Management & Condition Monitoring Branch in CEB for releasing these obsolete items from the CEB Yard of Mallawapitiya Grid Substation and members in Alumni Association of Ruhuna Electrical and Information Engineering (AAREIE) for assisting the installation works. This display adds an aesthetic view to the department and it will be used as a demonstration/teaching aid for subjects related to Power System Engineering.

International Research Grant: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)

Dr. Pabasara Kalansuriya (Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine) was awarded an international research grant for the research project titled “Desforrioxamine-based nanochelators: Synthesis, method optimization and characterization”. The project was selected by UNESCO, The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) with the financial contribution from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). The total grant amount is US\$ 17,300.00. TWAS Research Grants are highly competitive and are awarded based purely on scientific merit.

Field session on “Bamboo Fiber Crop” in collaboration with foreign experts from Sweden

The Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna organized a series of field sessions for undergraduate students on the establishment and management of Bamboo crops in collaboration with the “Planboo” Bamboo Planting Company, Sweden. The expert group comprised of professionals from the United Kingdom and Sweden visited the faculty on 17th December 2021. The expert team had initial discussions with Professor S.D. Wanniarachchi/Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Wasantha Kumara/Director – CINTA – University of Ruhuna and Professor S. Subasinghe, Head/Department of Crop Science to develop future research collaboration with the faculty and possibility of developing an MOU (memorandum of understanding) between two institutes. The expert team delivered a lecture on the “Prospectus of bamboo as a fiber crop in Sri Lanka” for third-year undergraduate students and conducted a practical/discussion session at the bamboo field trial plot within the faculty premises. This program was organized and coordinated by Dr. I.R.Palihakkara, Senior Lecturer, Department of Crop Science.

Special Session on Strengthening University Enterprise Collaborations (UEC) for Resilient Community “SECRA”. – The Kandy Conference (ICSECM

The 12th International Conference on Structural Engineering and Construction Management - 2021 was held with technical co-sponsorship of the University of Peradeniya, University of Moratuwa, University of Ruhuna, Open University of Sri Lanka, and University of Sri Jayawardhanapura. In this conference, a special session on Strengthening University Enterprise Collaborations (UEC) for Resilient Community “SECRA” was organized online on 18th of December 2021 from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm. The Special session aimed to share knowledge on the project work and resulting initiatives, make the research fraternity aware of the opportunities, and discuss the ongoing research related to the fields.

The session was initiated by Dr. Sarita Jane Robinson, University of Central Lancashire, UK and Dr. Robinson discussed market analysis on University-Enterprise Collaboration in Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the Philippines. Then, Professor Sarintip Tantane, Nauresuan University, Thailand presented the performance of University-Enterprise Collaboration in the Asian Region as SECRA project findings.

In the panel discussion, five guest speakers served as resource persons to discuss different perspectives of University-Enterprise Collaboration and its impact on climate change action and disaster resilience. The panel members and the discussion topics were as follows.

- Professor Ranjith Dissanayake; Senior Professor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka – **Role of academics on UEC on climate change action and disaster resilience.**
- Professor K.D.N. Weerasinghe; Professor Emeritus, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka – **Industry-University Collaboration for resilient communities.**




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The 12th International Conference on Structural Engineering and Construction Management -2021

SPECIAL SESSION ON STRENGTHENING UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISE COLLABORATIONS (UEC) FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITY “SECRA”

Session 01 - Introduction	Session 02 – Panel discussion
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 <p>Prof. Sarintip Tantane, Naresuan University, Thailand Performance of UEC in Asian Region</p>	 <p>Prof. Nandasiri Weerasinghe; Senior Professor, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka</p>
	 <p>Dr. Asiri Karunawardhana; Director General, National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Sri Lanka</p>
	 <p>Mr. Rohan Cooray; Climate Risk Information Management Specialist, United Nations Development (UNDP), Sri Lanka & Solomon Islands</p>
 <p>Moderator Prof. Champa Navaratne, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna</p>	 <p>Mr. Asith De Silva, Senior Manager – Social Innovation, Group Sustainability, Dialog Axiata PLC</p>

- Dr. Asiri Karunawardena; Director-General, National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Sri Lanka - Contribution **of government organizations in the disaster management process and challenges.**

- Mr.Rohan Cooray; Climate Risk Information Management Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Sri Lanka and the Solomon Islands – **International perspective on climate change action.**

- Mr.Asith De silva, Senior Manager – Social innovation, Group Sustainability, Dialog Axiata PLC – **Private Sector contribution for University Enterprise Collaboration.**

The moderator of this special session was Professor Champa M. Navaratne from the University of Ruhuna who also serves as the coordinator of the SECRA project.

Signing of a MoU between Vellore Institute of Technology, India and University of Ruhuna

The Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena signed the MoU between Vellore Institute of Technology, India and University of Ruhuna for establishing a formal collaboration between two Universities with the presence of Mrs Senani Kalugama, the Registrar, University of Ruhuna and the coordinator of the program, Professor (Mrs) Disna Ratnasekara on 15.07.2021.



Visit of His Excellency I Gusti Ngurah Ardiyasa, the Ambassdor of Republic of Indonesia to Sri Lanka to the University of Ruhuna

His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Sri Lanka Mr I Gusti Ngurah Ardiyasa paid a courtesy call to the University of Ruhuna on 14th July 2021 to explore possibilities on future colorations with Indonesian Universities and the University of Ruhuna.



The Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena expressed his honour and appreciation to the Ambassador and shared his thoughts on improving new relations for the benefit of Institutes in both



countries through student/staff exchange programs , and conducting joint research and educational activities.

Visit of the IncEdu Project partners to the University of Ruhuna

A team from EU (Czech Republic) associated with the ERASMUS+ project on “Developing inclusive education for students with disabilities in Sri Lankan Universities (IncEdu)” had a courtesy call with the Vice Chancellor and discussed the progress of the project.

Visit of His Excellency Mr. Michael Appleton, the New Zealand High Commissioner to the University of Ruhuna

The newly appointed High Commissioner for New Zealand His Excellency Mr. Michael Appleton, had a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna on 28th October 2021 at the University of Ruhuna during his first visit to the Southern Province.

The delegation from the New Zealand High Commission was led by H.E. Mr. Michael Appleton,



High Commissioner of New Zealand, Mr. Andrew Traveller, Deputy High Commissioner of New Zealand, and Mr. Senaka Silva, Honorary Consul for New Zealand in Colombo.

The Sri Lankan delegation was led by Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, and Professor K L Wasantha Kumara, Director of the Centre for International Affairs (CINTA) was also attended the meeting.

Both sides explored the possibilities of developing educational and research initiatives that would link the University of Ruhuna with Universities/Institutions in the New Zealand.

Students in Action

Virtual Aesthetic Programs – Arts Society, Faculty of Agriculture

The Art Society of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna organized a series of aesthetic events for staff and students in collaboration with Cultural Centre, University of Ruhuna. Despite the university closure due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the students stepped forward to organize these events utilizing virtual

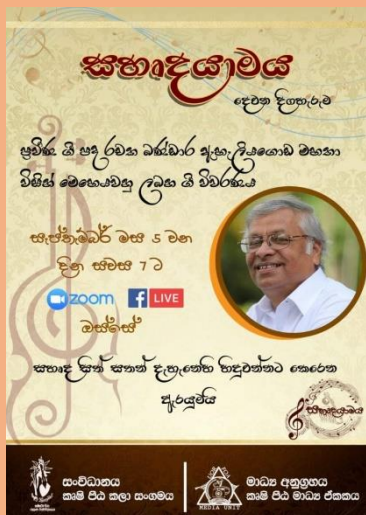


aesthetic experience for the faculty community. The Faculty Art Society initiated this work by organizing “Haritha Bathi Gee Saraniya 2021” which was held 30th June 2021 through the online stream to celebrate



the “Poson” festival. This event was graced by faculty academic staff members and ended up successfully with the cooperation of everyone in the Faculty. A “Folk Music Program” was successfully held on 26th August 2021 through the online stream that organized by the Art Society of Faculty of Agriculture in collaboration with the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna. Dr. Shriya Kariyawasam from the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Sri Lanka served as the resource person of this program.

The second edition of “Sahurdayamaya” was held on 05th September 2021 as a virtual event and veteran songwriter Mr. Bandara Ahaliyagoda served as the resource person of this event. The session included performances by faculty students and Mr. Ahaliyagoda elaborated the deep meaning of some of the very familiar Sinhala classic songs selected by students. Then, the Art Society organized a special program called “Suyamaya” in November 2021 which provided an opportunity for all students to showcase their creative writing skills. The majority of the students participated in this event and all the articles were posted on the Art society Facebook page.



Finally, a Special Christmas program was organized by the Art Society in collaboration with the Faculty Student Union and Buddhist Society on 21st December 2021 to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ. There was a special preach by Rev. Fr. Michael Collins, Parish priest of Our Lady of Matara which was coordinated by the Chaplain of Catholic Students’ Society, University of Ruhuna. The students participated in performing melodious Christmas carols. This was the last event organized by the Arts Society in this year. All these events were organized with the support of the Faculty of Agriculture Media Unit and all the events were live-streamed on the official page of the FOA Media Unit.



RuEdCa'21 – Ruhuna Education and Career Fair 2021

Ruhuna Education and Career Fair 2021 was held on 30th November 2021 at the Science Faculty premises, University of Ruhuna. The RuEdCa'21 was organized by the Career Circle of Science faculty students and Career Guidance Unit, University of Ruhuna. Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor as the Chief Guest, Professor E.P.S. Chandana, Deputy Vice Chancellor as the Guest of Honor graced the inauguration ceremony. Around fifty private sector organizations, and over 300 students participated for



the RuEdCa'21. Career Circle of the Science faculty organized this event under two phases. At the first phase, Career circle organized workshop series to prepare the students for the Career Fair and the second phase was the Career Fair'21.

'Corporate Entrepreneurship'

The Department of Management and Entrepreneurship conducted an online session called 'corporate entrepreneurship' via Zoom on 30th August 2021 from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. to provide undergraduates in the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship with an understanding of how corporate entrepreneurship-related theoretical aspects are applied in the real world. Dr. Fauzul Mafasiya, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship coordinated the session while Mr.

Prasanna Liyanage, Chief Executive Officer of Reflexions Holdings (Pvt) Ltd served as the chief guest. He was able to share his valuable industrial experience and knowledge with our students, leading to an erudite discussion about corporate entrepreneurship.



Christmas Carol 2021 - Melody of Noel



The Melody of Noel, an evening full of melodic carols organized by the 43rd batch of students of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, was held on the 28th of December 2021 at Professor T. W. Wickramanayake auditorium entrance premises. Carol performances from several batches and the academic staff were complemented by the rich decorations, which truly brought the Christmas spirit to life.



The chief guest for the event was Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna. Professor Vasantha Devasiri, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, also graced the occasion with his presence.

Coffee Evening

Coffee Evening is a group discussion series organized by the Circle of Human Resource Development, Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management and Finance to create a platform for HRM specialized undergraduates to share the experiences and learn from the passed out students of the department. The first session was conducted on 11th July 2021 from 7.30 to 10.30 pm via Zoom, in which Mr. Suranga Indunil, Mrs. Hiranthi Kalpani,

COFFEE EVENING
For Fruitful Group Discussions.

 Mr. Suranga Indunil	 Ms. Hiranthi Kalpani Pothupitiya	 Ms. Pramuditha Nimashi Kumanyake	 Mr. Amila Ambegoda
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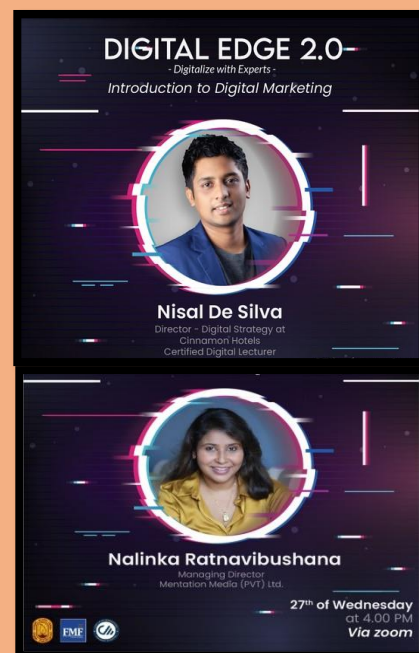
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Mrs. Pramuditha Nimashi, Mr. Amila Ambegoda, Ms. Nimesha Kumudumali, Mr. Eranga De Silva, Ms. Rashmi Wickramashinge, and Ms. Bimalka Nanayakkara joined as resource persons. The session provided participants with an opportunity to learn and clarify their issues specially about the industry and the internship program. Dr. B. L. Galhena, Head, Department of Human Resource Management, other Lecturers and the undergraduates of the department participated in this session.

Digital Edge 2.0

The Circle of Marketing, Faculty of Management and Finance has been conducting a series of guest lectures, namely 'Digital Edge 2.0' under the theme of 'Digitalize with Experts', to provide students with a practical perspective to digitalization and its implications on marketing. The 1st guest lecture of the Digital Edge 2.0 was conducted on 25th October 2021 from 5.00 pm onwards via Zoom, with the participation of marketing major undergraduates at the faculty. The session was centred on 'Introduction to Digital Marketing' and continued for one hour, with the active involvement of the participants. The guest speaker, Mr. Nisal De Silva, Director of Digital Strategy at Cinnamon Hotels, a certified digital lecturer in Sri Lanka, shared his expertise and experiences on the latest cutting-edge technologies in the context of digital marketing, making the session fruitful.



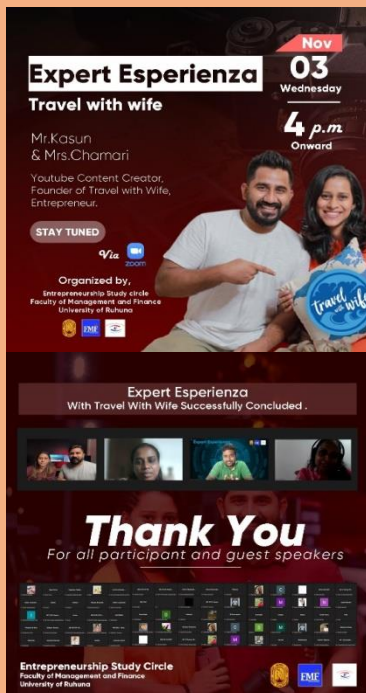
The 2nd guest lecture of 'Digital Edge 2.0: Digitalize with Experts' was conducted on 27th October 2021 from 4.00 – 5.30 p.m. via Zoom, with the participation of nearly 100 marketing undergraduates at the faculty. The session focused on practical applications to achieve and decipher results on Facebook and Instagram for clients. Ms. Nalinka Ratnavibushana, the Managing Director of Mentation Media (Pvt) Ltd, a reputed figure with an enormous experience in the field served as the guest speaker of the session. She provided some interesting insights into Facebook/Instagram campaign planning and effective content designing, assisting students to learn something of importance.

Expert Esperienza

The Entrepreneurship Study Circle at the faculty is in the process of conducting a series of webinars via Zoom by inviting different experts from diverse industries. The 1st session of this series was conducted successfully on 03rd November 2021 at 4.00 pm, with the participation of a young couple; Mr. Kasun and

Mrs. Chamari Deegoda Gamage as chief guests, who were able to create a difference in social media utilization in an attractive manner with a YouTube channel called 'Travel with Wife'. While the ultimate objective of this program is to guide our undergraduates to be successful entrepreneurs for making a positive change in the society, the program mainly focuses on 2000 and 3000 level semester 2 students specialized in Entrepreneurship.

Internship Awareness Programme



'The Internship Awareness Program' conducted by the Circle of Accounting, University of Ruhuna was organized in two main sessions. The first session was conducted by Ms. Thanya Weerasinghe on 07th September 2021 at 10.00 a.m. onwards via Zoom. The main aim of this session was to create awareness of the availability of internship opportunities and to provide the students with a better understanding of building a career path from the ground level.

The second session was conducted on 14th September 2021 at 10.00 a.m. onwards via Zoom, where the focus was centered on 'effective CV writing focused on internship'. The guest speaker, Ms. Onandi Wijayaratne from the Department of Marketing shared her knowledge with undergraduates to show how they can reflect their personality through a professional

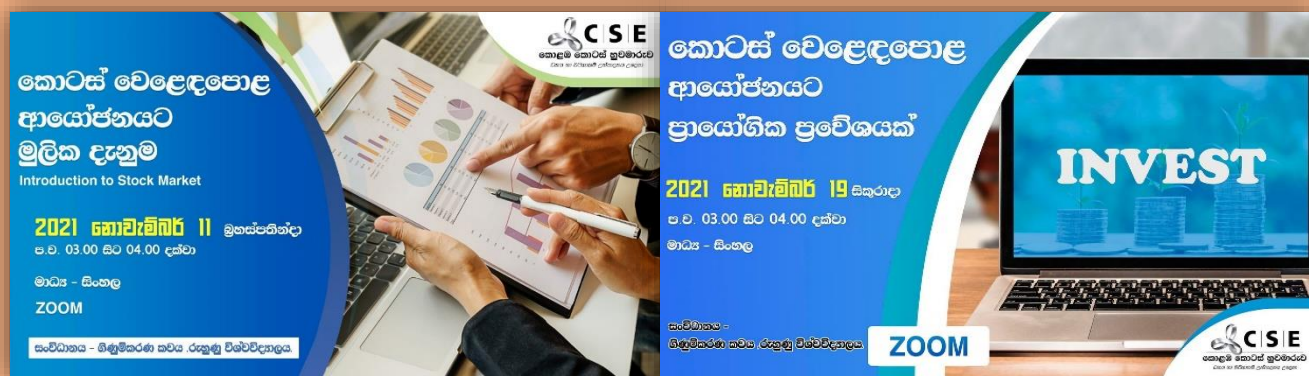
resume. Overall, both the sessions had a good level of participation of BBA final year undergraduates of the faculty who were seeking to grab internship opportunities. These sessions were of great value for them to grab an internship opportunity at a reputed company by preparing in advance.

Investing in the Stock Market

The Circle of Accounting initiated a webinar series on 'investing in the Stock Market' with the support of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE). This virtual seminar series was organized to provide the basic knowledge required by an individual to invest and manage investments in the stock market.

The very first guest lecture was conducted on 11th November 2021 from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. via Zoom. The session was centered on 'introduction to stock market' and continued for one hour, with the active involvement of the participants. The guest speaker, Mr. Bimal Rathnayake, Executive, Colombo Stock Exchange - Matara Branch shared his expertise and knowledge about the stock market.

The 2nd guest lecture was conducted on 19th November 2021 from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. via Zoom, with the participation of BBA undergraduates of the faculty. The session was themed as ‘a practical approach to invest in the share market’ and continued for one hour. The guest speaker, Priyantha Heenpella, Executive, Colombo Stock Exchange shared the updates and experiences of Investing in the stock market.



‘Be a Job Creator. Not a Seeker’

The Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, Faculty of Management and Finance always attempts to change the mindset of our undergraduates through changing their traditional and common job seeking behaviour into job creating behaviour. In future, we believe that our undergraduates should be able to provide many other employment opportunities for the unemployed people in the society at large, rather than seeking to work for someone else. To motivate them on behalf of this matter, we warmly invited

Mr. Mohan Palliyaguru, a renowned corporate trainer and a motivational speaker to conduct a session to our undergraduates. Amidst the pandemic, we were able to hold this program successfully via Zoom, with the participation of more than 300 students on 8th October 2021 at 9.00 a.m. We believe that it will create a positive impact on their future as they actively participated in the session.



On and Above HRIS-Virtual Lab powered by MintHRM



The Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management and Finance and MintHRM, Infoseek (Pvt) Limited collaboratively organized an all-inclusive 10 weeks course on Human Resource Information System (HRIS), namely 'On and Above HRIS-Virtual Lab Powered by Mint HRM' to 3000 and 4000 level Human Resource Management

specialized undergraduates to shape up their technical skills and getting them exposed to the industry. The 10 sessions were conducted during 11th August 2021 to 10th November 2021 via Zoom, where Chief Executive Officer/ Founder of MintHRM, Mr. Namal Gunawardana, and Co-Founder MintHRM, Mrs. Thanuja Masakorala served as the resource persons. Lecturers of the Department of Human Resource Management and above 125 pre-registered HRM-specialized students actively participated in the series of sessions. The series mainly covered some of the key topics including HR systems & processes, the role of IT in HR, how an HRIS can add value to an organization, key elements in HRIS, big data in HR & cloud computing, and data privacy standards in the world.

Students of Department of Public Policy at CYEP

Students at the Department of Public Policy engaged with number of activities not only organized by the University but also the other organizations as well. Under the project "Creative Youth Engagement for Pluralism", the National Peace Council of Sri Lanka organized a



National Research Conference named "National Conference on Plural Sri Lanka: Exploring Paths to Reconciliation"-2021 in collaboration with the Eastern University, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, the University of Jaffna, and the Department of Public Policy, University of Ruhuna. The conference inaugurated on November 14, 2021, at Waters Edge, Baththramulla, by strictly adhering to all health guidelines and ensuring a safe environment in the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The conference was inaugurated with the participation of Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna, Dr. Jehan Perera, Executive Director of the National Peace Council of Sri Lanka, Mr. I.R. Priyantha, Head of the Department-Department of Public Policy, members of the conference editorial board, and participating researchers. In the Vice-Chancellor's address, he appreciated the efforts of the National Peace Council in organizing a very useful and much needed conference.



Donating an electronic bicycle to a differently abled student

Mr. K.H. Nuwan Buddhika, a final year student of the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences was awarded an electrical bicycle to facilitate his day to day activities to prevent impediments caused by a leg-related disability. This philanthropically important task was organized by the Department of Sociology, together with the sociological association. Donors from the United Kingdom and Norway together with some academic staff members have supported to award this electronic bicycle to facilitate education



activities and to overcome barriers encounter by Mr. Nuwan Buddhika. Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, the vice chancellor and Professor Saman Chandana have supported this activity organized by the Sociological association from the beginning. With the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancelloe, and Dr. Suranjith Gunasekara- Head of the Sociology

Department and some other staff members and students, the Electronic Bicycle (uniquely produced for differently abled students) was awarded to K.H. Nuwan Buddhika on 5th August 2021.

'Renaissance', the Literature Society of Faculty of Medicine, A forum for literature enthusiasts to share their interests

'Renaissance', the Literature Society, is one of the fascinating subcommittees affiliated to the Cultural Centre, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. It was established with the mission of "Benefiting the world with compassionate humans with enhanced aesthetic imagination for awakened tomorrow". The Literature Society has achieved its milestones within a short period of four or five months since its inauguration mainly due to the passion of the committee members who have joined their hands in a very tough and embarrassing period of a pandemic without letting the distance making the club to fall apart. The Chair of the subcommittee Dr. Gayani Punchihewa and the Teacher Advisor, Dr. Champa Wijesinghe, gave their fullest support in every aspect to make works fantastic. Moreover, the convener Mr. Thisura de Silva, the president Mr. Supun Madhawa, the co-secretaries Ms. Amanda Madhurangi, Ms. Vindya Athukorala, Ms. Kalidas Yogapriya, the editor Mr. Kasun de Mel, and the junior treasurer Mr. Nimsara de Silva, along with all the batch coordinators worked as one in making each and every session of the club a success.

The inaugural session themed 'කෙටි කතාව - ළමුදී ගමන් සගයෙක්' was conducted by Professor Vasantha Devasiri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. That session had laid a well-fortified foundation for the club. This program was followed by 'An Hour With a Book', sessions basically about reviewing and analysing a book. At the beginning of each month, the club announces 'The Book of the Month' via social media platforms. After that, the club starts accepting critiques, reviews and any related creative work regarding the book via the club's official e-mail address. The winner will be selected and awarded an e-certificate at the zoom session at the end of the month. The zoom session consists of several slots like videos and polls and the presentation of entries. At the end of the session, a discussion will be conducted about the fascinating dimensions of the book with the participation of both students and teachers. The club has conducted four sessions of 'An Hour With a Book' with the books Amba Yaluwo, Harry Potter, Malgudi Days and Guru Geethaya. Moreover, a special event was organised in collaboration with subcommittees Arts, Ethics, Cinema and Poetry to commemorate the World Mental Health Day, themed "Mental Health in an Unequal World". "Quest for Creativity" competition was held prior to the event under short film, painting, short story, poster, short essay and poetry categories. The winners of each category were felicitated in a virtual awarding ceremony held during the zoom session. The guest speech was conducted by Professor Saroj Jayasinghe, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Founder Head, Department of Medical Humanities, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

At the Faculty of Medicine Annual Academic Sessions 2021, the club marked its committee works' climax for the year 2021 by launching the annual magazine 'Renaissance' in the presence of Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Professor Vasantha Devasiri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna and all the other distinguished guests. It was launched as an e-magazine following the Go Green policy.

After putting up the full stop for 2021 in a glorious accent, now the club is ready to give 2022 a fresh start with the January chapter of 'An Hour with a Book' seeking new literary dimensions of Baker Street with the world renowned book series "Sherlock Holmes". Further, the short story competition, planned to be held in 2022, is expected to carve a milestone in Renaissance history.

Staff Achievements

Appointed as a member of the Steering Committee, NSF and President, Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (SLAFAR)

Professor KHM Ashoka Deepananda, Department Fisheries and Aquaculture was appointed as a member of the Steering Committee on Research & Development of Fisheries & Aquaculture of the Arm, National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka (NSF) by the Chairman of the NSF on 28th 2021.



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Professor KHM Ashoka Deepananda was elected as the Presidents of Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (SLAFAR) which is a non-profit oriented voluntary organization formed by scientists, academics, technologists, developers, and entrepreneurs to address issues related to the utilization, management, and governance of fisheries and aquatic resources and associated ecosystems in Sri Lanka. The appointment was made at its 27th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 10th December 2021 for the year 2021/2022.

'සඳට පෙම් බැඳි සිත්' by Dr. Kanthi Jayasinghe

Dr. Kanthi Jayasinghe, a Senior Lecturer, Department of History and Archeology, has published a book of poems entitled 'සඳට පෙම් බැඳි සිත්'. It is a publication of the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna.



Professor N.D.W. Lionel Memorial Oration, Dr. Pabasara Kalansuriya

Dr. Pabasara Kalansuriya (Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine) was awarded the Professor N.D.W. Lionel Memorial Oration by the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) at the 134th Anniversary International Medical Congress 2021.

The title of the oration was “Revitalizing the drug pipeline; Microbial Secondary Metabolites as an Untapped Molecular Resource of New Therapeutic Agents”. The oration was delivered on the 24th September 2021.



Interaction Design for International Development Award, Mrs. Theja Kuruppu

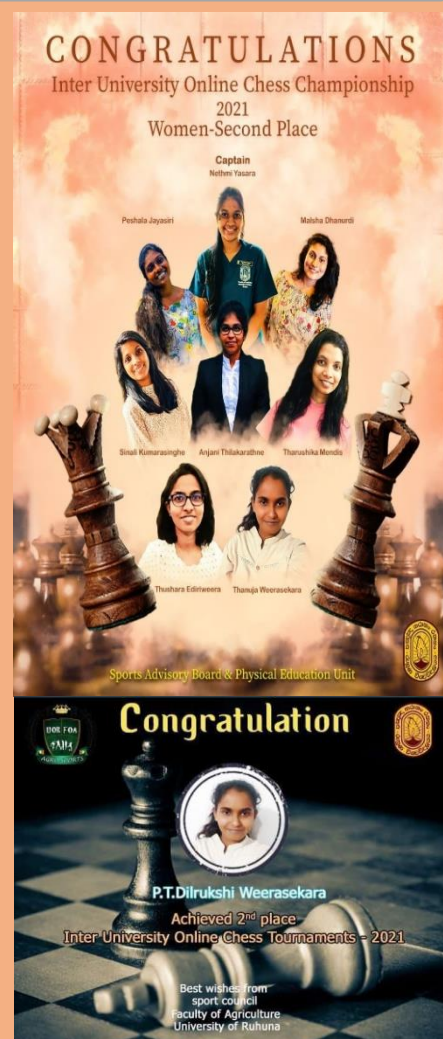


Mrs. Theja Kuruppu Arachchi, a Senior Assistant Librarian at the Main Library has been awarded the Interaction Design for International Development Award at the INTERACT2021, IFIP TC13 Conference on Human Computer Interaction on 1 September 2021 in Bari, Italy, in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to the application of interactive systems for social and economic development of people in developing countries submitted and delivered in the refereed paper titled “LIFT: an eLearning Introduction to Web Search for Young Adults with Intellectual Disability in Sri Lanka” at the conference. The paper was published as part of Theja’s Ph.D. research project, which was carried out at the Queensland University of Technology, jointly with the University of Colombo.

Students' Achievements

Inter University Online Chess Tournament - 2021

The University Chess Team was awarded as "1st Runners Up" in the highly competitive inter-university online test championship held on 7th November 2021. Ms. P.T. Dilrukshi Weerasekara, an undergraduate student from the Faculty of Agriculture represented the university team for the above competition was able to secure second place in all her matches. Prior to this inter-university chess tournament, there was an inter-faculty online chess tournament organized by the Sports Advisory Board, University of Ruhuna, and Ms. Weerasekara was selected as a member of the University Chess Team based on the performance that she showed at the competition. Ms. Weerasekara is a first-year student following BSc. Agriculture Resource Management and Technology and she excels both in academic and extra-curricular activities. Ms. Weerasekara's achievement was also commended by the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture at the Faculty Board and highlighted that students' hard work and commitment have paved the way for faculty to advance in sports.



"E- Capture" – Photography Competition

The 'E-Capture' photography competition was organized by The Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS) in collaboration with the Indian National Young Academy of Science, National Young Academy of Bangladesh, and National Young Academy of Nepal to select the most influential photographs from among the undergraduate and postgraduate students in Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, and Nepal Higher Education Institutes.

The competition was conducted under the theme of "Shades of Green: Impact of Environmental Pollution and Environmental Measures." This was one of the flagship events



organized by SLAYS for the year, 2021

The best photographs have been selected by well-deserved judge panelists, Prof. Hiran Amarasekara, Dr. Asanka Pallewatta, and Mr. Upul Jayantha Ranepura. The award winners were awarded during the SLAYS



Open Forum- 2021 which was held virtually on the 15th of December 2021. Ms. W.D.Gihani Navodya Bandara from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna was able to secure first place as the best photo of “E-Capture – 2021” for the photograph titled “She is begging for her life.” Ms. Bandara is a third-year student following BSc. Green Technology at the Faculty of Agriculture.

Awards for AIESEC in University of Ruhuna at NLDS Gala Night organized by AIESEC. Sri Lanka Section

At the National Leadership Development Summit (NLDS) Gala Night Gala, the Annual Awarding Ceremony of AIESEC Sri Lanka, the AIESEC in University of Ruhuna was nominated for five awards; Most Progressive Expansion Award, External Relevance in Entity Initiatives and Innovation Award, Enjoying Participation in Talent Management Award, Living Diversity in Outgoing Global Teacher (oGTe) Award and Living Diversity in Outgoing Global Talent for National Education Cycle (OGTa) Award for the year 2021. Finally, they were able to secure two awards; the award for most progressive expansion entity and the award for external relevance in entity initiatives and innovation, competing with three and eight other universities in the country respectively.

Inter-University Debate Competition 2021

Inaugural Inter-University Debate Competition 2021 organized by the Young Members Section of the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL YMS) was held among the six state Engineering Faculties. The inauguration ceremony was held on 20th July 2021. After winning the second match of the 1st round which was against the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on 27th June 2021, the University of Ruhuna team was qualified for the semi-finals. University of Ruhuna team won the semi-finals, held on 29th August 2021 against the University of Jaffna team, and was successfully selected for the final. The final battle was scheduled to be held on the 10th of October 2021 between the team University of Ruhuna & the team University of Peradeniya. After an exciting final match, the University of Ruhuna

team was awarded the "Runner-Up" with LKR 30,000 cash prize. The University of Ruhuna team comprised of Wijekoon W.M.K.G.V.B.

(EG/2018/3507), Mazar

S.M.M (EG/2018/3393),

Perera P.R.S.

(EG/2019/3697),

Subaharan A.

(EG/2019/3753), Ajward A.

(EG/2020/3809),

Pirnavasothy V. (EG/2020/4114).



17th National Olympic Academy 2021

National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) with the collaboration of the Olympic Solidarity and Olympic council of Asia, was conducted 17th

edition of the National Olympic Academy (NOA) session from 6th to 9th December 2021. Mr. Mewan Iduruwa from faculty of Medicine and Miss.R.M.K.S.Gimhani from faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology participated for the National Olympic Academy representing University of Ruhuna.



Asian University Chess Championship 2021

Miss.S.D.Kumarasinghe from the Faculty of Medicine represented Sri Lanka Universities' chess team for Asian University Chess Championship 2021. The 2021 Asian University Chess Championship started on 2nd September 2021 with participation of China, Indonesia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Oman, Palestine, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and United Arab Emirates. The event, which was held via online platform, was hosted by the Indonesia University Sports

Federation (IUSF) and organized by Universitas Gunadarma under the auspices of the Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) in cooperation with the Asian Chess Federation (ACF).

Inter University Chess Championship

Inter University Chess Championship 2021 was held from 6th to 07th November 2021. University of Ruhuna women chess team won runners up in the completion. The following members are included for the women chess team of University of Ruhuna.

Miss.Nethmi Yasara – Faculty of Medicine (Captain)

Miss.Sinali Kumarasinghe – Faculty of Medicine

Miss.Malsha Dhanurdi – Faculty of Medicine

Miss.Thushara Ediriweera – Faculty of Medicine

Miss.Peshala Jayasiri – Faculty of Technology

Miss.Anjani Thilakarathne – Faculty of Science

Miss.Tharushika Mendis – Faculty of Science

Miss.Thanuja Weerasekara – Faculty of Agriculture



1st virtual National Kata Championship - 2021

1st virtual National Kata Championship in 2021 was held from 15th to 25th October 2021. K.D.Prabhath Madhusankha from Faculty of Engineering had won a bronze medal in Senior male kata level 3 event of 1st virtual National Kata Championship in 2021.



Inter University Karate Championship - 2021



The First Virtual Inter University Karate Championship - 2021 was held from 11th to 19th November 2021. Nineteen students of university of Ruhuna Karate team participated for this championship and secured two medals in this tournament.

K.C.N. Jayasekara from Faculty of Medicine had won a bronze medal in Senior female kata – level 4, M.L.P. Upekshika from Faculty of Science had won a bronze medal in Senior female kata - level 3 event.

Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship 2021

Korean Ambassador's cup Taekwondo championship was held from 9th to 12th September 2021 and Following achievements were obtained by the University of Ruhuna Taekwondo team participating for Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship 2021 organized by Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation.

1. Miss. A.D.D.D.Muthuminithilake of the Faculty of Management & Finance won gold medal in individual poomsae open under age 36 yellow belt category and university yellow belt category bronze medal.
2. Miss H.P.P. Erandi of the Faculty of Science won bronze medal in individual poomsae yellow belt university category.
3. Mr. K.H.K.L.Dilshan of the Faculty of Management & Finance won 2 bronze medals in individual Poomsae university blue belt category and open under age 36 blue belt category.
4. Mr. K.A.D.M.K.M. Kathriarachchi of the Faculty of Science won silver medal in individual Poomsae in open under age 36 green belt category.
5. Mr.P.H.B.S.Sandaruwan of the Faculty of Science won bronze medal in individual Poomsae in open under age 36 green belt category.
6. Mr.G.H.S.Lakshan of the Faculty of Engineering won bronze medal in university black belt category bronze medal.

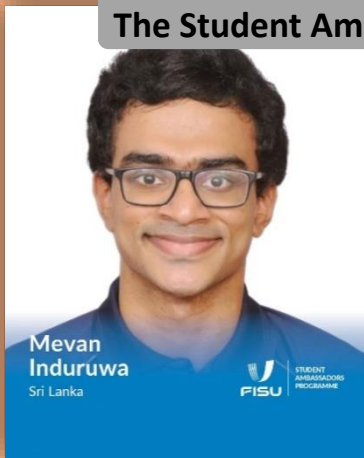


1st Virtual Inter university Taekwondo Championship 2021

1st Virtual Inter University Taekwondo Championship 2021 was held from 11th to 13th November 2021. Mr.P.H.B.S.Sandaruwan from Faculty of Science won a bronze medal in green belt male category.



The Student Ambassadors of FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy



Mr. Mewan Iduruwa of University of Ruhuna faculty of Medicine selected to represent Sri Lanka at the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy 2021. FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy (FVLA), an annual event organized by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) with 100 university students from more than 100 countries, is an educational event promoting sports value with dynamics and emerging leaders. FVLA plays a key role in international sports and the sports volunteering movement.

“සාහිත්‍ය භාවිතී” Inter Faculty Literature competition organised by Aesthetic society , Faculty of Management and Finance , University of Ruhuna

Mr PBASMP Kumara from the 40th batch won first place in the poetry section at “සාහිත්‍ය භාවිතී” Interfaculty literature competition organised by Aesthetic society, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Ruhuna. He is the president of the Literature subcommittee and actively participates in activities organised by the cultural centre, Faculty of Medicine. His academic achievements are also commendable. The faculty of Medicine congratulates Mr Kumara on his achievement and wishes him all the best.



International Day of University Sports (IDUS) 2021 Article Challenge

The first-ever International Day of University Sports (IDUS) 2021 Article Challenge, organized by the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) was held in August 2021. For over three weeks, university students from all over the country took on the challenge and wrote some amazing articles on trending sports-related topics. Ms. Ruwini Karangoda, a second year student of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology (FMST), university of Ruhuna won the second place in Sinhala medium category for her article on “The sportsman who I admire the most”.

All Island Health Innovation Awards - 2021

Ms. KG Piyumi Wasana, PhD student of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna won the “Gold medal” in all-island “Health Innovation Award – 2021”- University Category, organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA). This has been awarded for the innovation titled “A novel antidiabetic agent for type 2 diabetes mellitus”, based on the completed double-blind placebo



controlled clinical trial of herbal capsule of *Coccinia grandis* (L.) Voigt in newly diagnosed patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. The project was supervised by Dr. Anoja Attanayake, Prof. Thilak Weerarathna, and Prof. Kamani Jayatilaka, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna.

Inventions and Innovations

IR UWB Radio Sensing Platform for Non-Contact Vital Sign Monitoring

Vital signs, heart rate and respiratory rate, are considered as the key parameters when assessing the medical conditions of a person. The continuous monitoring of these parameters of critically ill patients, elderly and infants in intensive care units or at homes is very important to identify anomalies. Electrocardiogram (ECG), Photoplethysmogram (PPG) and Phonocardiogram (PCG) are the conventional technologies that have been using for this purpose in the medical field. The requirements such as permanent wiring and skin contact of these technologies limit the mobility, comfort and independency of patients. Furthermore, this can also cause other serious problems such as spreading infections and false fatigue. Therefore, there is a high demand for non-contact vital sign monitoring technologies that can provide medically acceptable accuracy levels.

With the advances in electrical engineering discipline, a novel engineering solution is proposed by a team from the University of Ruhuna for non-contact vital sign monitoring. In this solution, Impulse-Radio Ultra-Wideband (IR-UWB) radar technology is considered with the advanced signal processing techniques. In particular, an advanced signal processing algorithm has been developed to extract information from IR-UWB radar signals to estimate heart rate and respiration rate variability with desired accuracy level. IR-UWB radar sensor platform from Novelda has been used to capture IR-UWB radar signals as it shows a very good signal penetration power. This innovative product can accurately monitor real time heart rate and respiration rate variability of a person in non-contact manner. The best results have been obtained up to 3m distance between the person and the device.

This work has been conducted as a final year 2020/2021 undergraduate project in the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna. It is a collaborative project conducted by undergraduate students of Faculty of Engineering Mr. Pasidu Kahawewidana, Mr. Nuwan Bandulasena, Ms. Ashika Hansini under supervision of Dr. Chatura Seneviratne (Faculty of Engineering), Dr. Amaranath Karunanayake (Faculty of Medicine, UoR) and Dr. Jagath Gamage (Novelda, Norway). This innovation was awarded the all island 3rd place under the University category of “Health Innovation Awards 2021”. This award ceremony was organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association. The same innovation won the best innovative product – University Category - Southern Province in the SLASSCOM National Ingenuity awards 2021 organized by Sri Lanka Association for Software Services Companies.

Retirements

Prof. (Mrs.) N. Jeevanthi De Silva Amarasinghe

(Mrs.) N. Jeevanthi De Silva Amarasinghe started her academic career at University of Ruhuna by joining then the Ruhuna University College as a Probationary Assistant Lecturer in Zoology on 20th March 1980. By 1985, she was able to achieve the highest academic qualification the Doctor of Science in Zoology from Faculties Universitaires Notre Dame De La Paix, Namur, Belgium, and got confirmed in her service as a Lecturer in November 1985. Her career record continued as a Senior Lecturer (from January 1988 to November 2007) and as Professor in Zoology since 5th November 2007 to 4th November 2015, and Senior Professor in Zoology since 5th November, 2015 to the day she retired from University on September 30, 2021. By the time she retires, she has been the longest serving academic member throughout the university's history with uninterrupted service record of 41 years, seven months and 10 days. She was the most senior member of the Department of Zoology. As a senior academic, Dr. Amarasinghe had been an ardent advisor to the department and the faculty during her career in all academic as well as administrative matters.



She was the Head of the Department of Zoology for several terms (from 15th February 1994 to 15th April 1996, from 26th September 1997 to December 1998, from 15th October 2009 to 30th November 2009, from 1st January 2002 to April 2002, and from 10th November 2017 to 15th August 2019). Her contributions to the department and the faculty were numerous. Prof. Jeevanthi Amarasinghe was the first female Dean of the Faculty of Science from 08th December 1998 to 18th June 2001. She served the Council of the University of Ruhuna longer than any other academic member i.e. from December 1998 to June 2001 as the Dean of the Faculty of Science, and for 3 consecutive terms as the Senate Representative to the Council from 9th August 2011 to 8th August 2020. Her representation at the Senate spans over more than 27 years.

Prof. Amarasinghe's contributions to academic, research and administrative functions of the faculty of Science and University of Ruhuna were extensive, including the service as Director of the Center for the International Affairs (CINTA) from 15th May 2007 to 30th June 2010, Acting Director of the Center for Modern Languages and Civilizations (from 01.08.2007 to 25.09.2008), Programme Coordinator – MA Degree in Conflict, Peace and Development Studies (CPDS) jointly conducted by

the Tribuvan University in Nepal and University of Ruhuna in Sri Lanka (1st September 2008 to 30th June 2010), Member of the Staff Development Centre (SDC) of University of Ruhuna, and Coordinator of Higher Education for the Twenty-first Century (HETC), project University Development Grant (UDG) Sub Activity II – English Language (25th February 2010 to 31st May 2011). She served as the Chairman of the Progress review sessions of TURIS grants over many years and helped the university to achieve the targets of internationalization through those research grants.

In addition to the service to the University of Ruhuna, Prof. Amarasinghe also contributed to the undergraduate and postgraduate academic programs and involved in numerous evaluations in almost all state universities, esp. OUSL, University of Colombo and Rajarata University. The Department of Zoology was nourished through her unparalleled dedication and lifelong commitments. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement life.

Senior Professor E.A.G. Fonseka

Having dedicated nearly two decades of yeoman service, Senior Professor E.A.G. Fonseka retired from the University of Ruhuna on September 30th, 2021, bidding adieu to the Departments of English and Linguistics and English Language Teaching. While heading the Department of English Language Teaching that used to be known in its initial stage as English Language Teaching Unit, first as a Senior Lecturer, then as a



professor, and finally as a Senior Professor, Senior Professor Fonseka became instrumental in establishing the Department of English and Linguistics at the University of Ruhuna that fulfilled the much-needed aspect of teaching and learning advanced courses in English Literature and Linguistics at the only state university in the South of Sri Lanka. Apart from thus strengthening the tertiary-level studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Senior Professor E.A.G. Fonseka possesses the distinction of serving as the founder Head of the Department of English and Linguistics.

Having studied at the Universities of Kelaniya, Edinburgh, and Vaasa, Senior Professor Fonseka unstintingly incorporated global trends of English Language and Literature education, providing the students with a holistic tertiary-level experience of advanced learning, immensely contributing to uplifting the standards of English education of the nation. Senior Professor Fonseka, whose accolades are far too many to name at this instance, continues to unstintingly support the Department of English and Linguistics and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Ruhuna.

We sincerely wish Senior Professor E.A.G. Fonseka all the very best on his retirement and success for the future with a deep appreciation of the immense services rendered to the academic community of the University of Ruhuna and the nation at large.

Senior Professor Pivadasa Hewage

Senior Professor Piyadasa Hewage, a renowned scholar who emerged over the past few decades, retired on September 30, 2021, after a long and distinguished career in several fields of teaching, research, and university administration. After graduating from the University of Colombo, he was associated with the Department of Geography, the University of Ruhuna from 1981 as a teacher and a researcher and made a valuable contribution to its progress. In his career, he served as a head of the Department in 1993 and from 2005 to 2008, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts in different periods (in 2006, 2007, and 2018), and the Director (part-time) of the career guidance unit in 2002 and 2005.



He obtained his MSc degree in 1984 in Medical Demography from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, his MA degree in 1986 from the University of Colombo, and his PhD from the Ruhunu University, Sri Lanka. In 2005 he was promoted to Professor and in 2013 to Senior Professor.

His major contribution as a scholar was undoubtedly in the fields of Medical Geography and Transportation Geography. While most of his research publications have been in those fields, he also devoted his attention to Transport Geography and Cartography. Over a period of 39 years, he disseminated his extensive and in-depth knowledge of the subject not only through many publications but also through lectures in the Department of Geography and elsewhere.

Professor P. Hewage had worked at several other universities and institutions. He worked as a visiting lecturer at the University of Kelaniya in 2007 and 2009. He has been a member of the selection committee, reviewer, doctoral degree examiner, and resource person for various conferences and workshops. He served as a member of the Research Advisory Committee of the Central Environmental Authority of Sri Lanka. Under the HETC project, he participated as a member of the Review Panel in Geography at two universities: University of Peradeniya and Eastern University. He was also a member of Departmental Review panels of the Department of Geography and the Department of Population conducted by the University of Colombo.

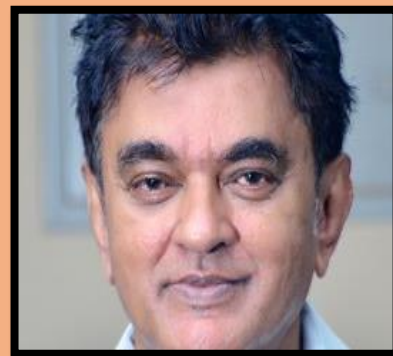
Professor P. Hewage shared his geographical knowledge with the international community by attending several conferences and training programs, such as the Population Conference in Mexico (1989), a seminar in Malaysia (2019), Reproductive Health Training Programs at the University of London (1988), a training program on quantitative research methods at Mahidol University, Thailand, Youth Reproductive Issues Conference in India (2000), and academic exchange program Durham University, UK under the LTS-IRQUE project (2006).

Senior Professor P. Hewage contributed to national development in many ways. For instance, he contributed to preparing the Southern Development Five Year Program in 2007 and to the curriculum of the National Institute of Education. He was friendly with the international community and was instrumental in contributing to national development through international cooperation. In 1991 WHO granted for the research project on psychological and demographic determinants and health consequences induced abortion in Sri Lanka, and in 1996 UNFPA funded the project strengthening population studies and research in selected universities.

Professor Hewage has been honored by the University of Ruhuna as an Emeritus Professor in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of Geography for 39 years and to national development.

Dr. Nishaba Jayasundere

One of the senior academics in the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Nisabha Dharmasiri Jayasundere retired from 30th September, 2021 after being serving for a period of fourteen (14) years. Dr. Jayasundere joined the department as a Senior Lecturer in 2007 when the department was struggling to maintain the requisite academic cadre ratios. He was graduated from the City University, London in 1979



and obtained an MSc in Microwaves and Modern Optics. He has also received an MPhil in Electronic and Electrical Engineering from the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department, University College London. He completed his PhD studies in Electronic and Electrical Engineering from the School of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, University of Birmingham in 1997. He has extensive research experience in the areas of Electromagnetic antennas and wave propagation, Acoustic composite and anisotropic materials, Acoustic scattering, Acoustic near field visualization, etc. During his tenure, he was a teacher of almost all modules offered under Electronic Engineering sub-discipline. Indeed, we must be really thankful him for kicking-off S.D. Jayasundere Memorial Gold Medal which is awarded to the best student of the best final year undergraduate project group. Dear Sir, enjoy the retirement and thanks for everything done for the department.

Dr.R.M Ratnavaka

Dr R.M. Ratnayaka started his career at the University of Ruhuna as an Assistant Lecturer (Probationary) in Commerce attached to the Department of Economics, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences on 5th March 1990. After being promoted to Senior Lecturer (Grade II) in 1997, he was

appointed as the Head of the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2003. On 29th April 2009, he was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I). He was instrumental in the establishment of the Faculty of Management and Finance in 2003 and later he served as the Head of the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship in the same faculty. While serving as the Head of the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, he was further appointed as the Acting Dean of the faculty in 2004. During his tenure as the Head of the Department, he played a major administrative role in designing, developing and launching a Bachelor of Business Administration honours degree specialized in Entrepreneurship. This programme was the pioneer Entrepreneurship programme in the Sri Lankan university education system.



Dr Ratnayaka obtained a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Peradeniya in 1981 and a Masters degree in Commerce from the University of Ruhuna in 1997. In 2021, he was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Ruhuna. During his tenure of 31 years, he served the University of Ruhuna in almost all capacities in the Faculty of Management and Finance.

He extended his yeoman service not only to the undergraduates' programmes but also to the postgraduate and distance educational programmes, including Master of Business Administration, Master of Business Management, and Diploma in Human Resource Management. He rendered his service as a Visiting Lecturer in the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences of the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, and the Open University of Sri Lanka. He has further given his service as a resource person for the Staff Development Programme of the University of Ruhuna. Moreover, he has actively contributed to the curriculum development of the interdisciplinary syllabus in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. He is an intellectual expert in General Management, Human Resource Management and Career Management. His main research interests lied in the areas of Human Capital Development, Career Management, Organizational Citizenship Behaviour, and Human Resource Management. His research has been published in national and international conferences as well as in journals.

He had been serving as a Chief Examiner in the General Certificate of Advanced Level Examination for several years and rendered his services as the coordinator of the selecting committee of the best entrepreneur award in the Southern Province, Sri Lanka.

Inarguably, his achievements made him one of the most accomplished academics in the country. He reached the summit, and many others were benefited along the way. During his career, he served the university as one of the senior consultative academics. More than 10,000 students succeeded in their lives under his untiring guidance and mentoring. His professional life was not always smooth, the

path was rocky at times, and he confronted with many challenges along the way; however, his integrity and honesty won the day. We are indeed fortunate to pen these words about him and his legendary career. He retired on 30th September 2021 when his service was needed the most.

Dr.A.J.M. Chandradasa

Dr.A.J.M. Chandradasa served as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna. He retired on 30th September 2021 after serving the University of Ruhuna for 30 years. He obtained Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics from the University of Peradeniya in 1981. After obtaining his BA degree he served as a school teacher for several years. He was recruited to the University of Ruhuna in 1991 as a temporary lecturer attach to the Department of Economics. He received a Master of Arts (MA) in Economics from the University of Ruhuna in 1999. In 2009, He was awarded the PhD in the field of Microfinance from the South Asia Studies Centre, University of Rajasthan, India.



He served as the Academic Coordinator for the Master of Arts in Economics Program at the Department of Economics from 2015-2017. He also served as the Director for the Career Guidance Unit of the University from 2013-2015. In addition, he served as the editor in chief of the Sri Lanka Journal of Economic Research (SLJER).

Mr. Wimal Wijesinghe

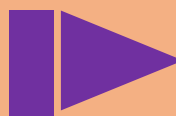
Senior Lecturer Mr. Wimal Wijesinghe retired on the 30th of September 2021, after rendering twenty two years of service as an academic staff member at the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna. Having obtained his BA in English and Diploma in English Language Teaching (Tertiary Level) from the University of Colombo, MA and MPhil in Linguistics from the University of Kelaniya, and Certificate in English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies) from the Open University of Sri Lanka, Mr. Wijesinghe dedicated his career to serving the academia since 1994, in different capacities such as teaching, coordinating, and engaging in research. He had prepared language courses for both undergraduates and professionals; and published several research papers related to his discipline. During his period of service, Mr. Wijesinghe contributed to the progress of the department, the faculty, the university, as well as the community at his fullest capacity.



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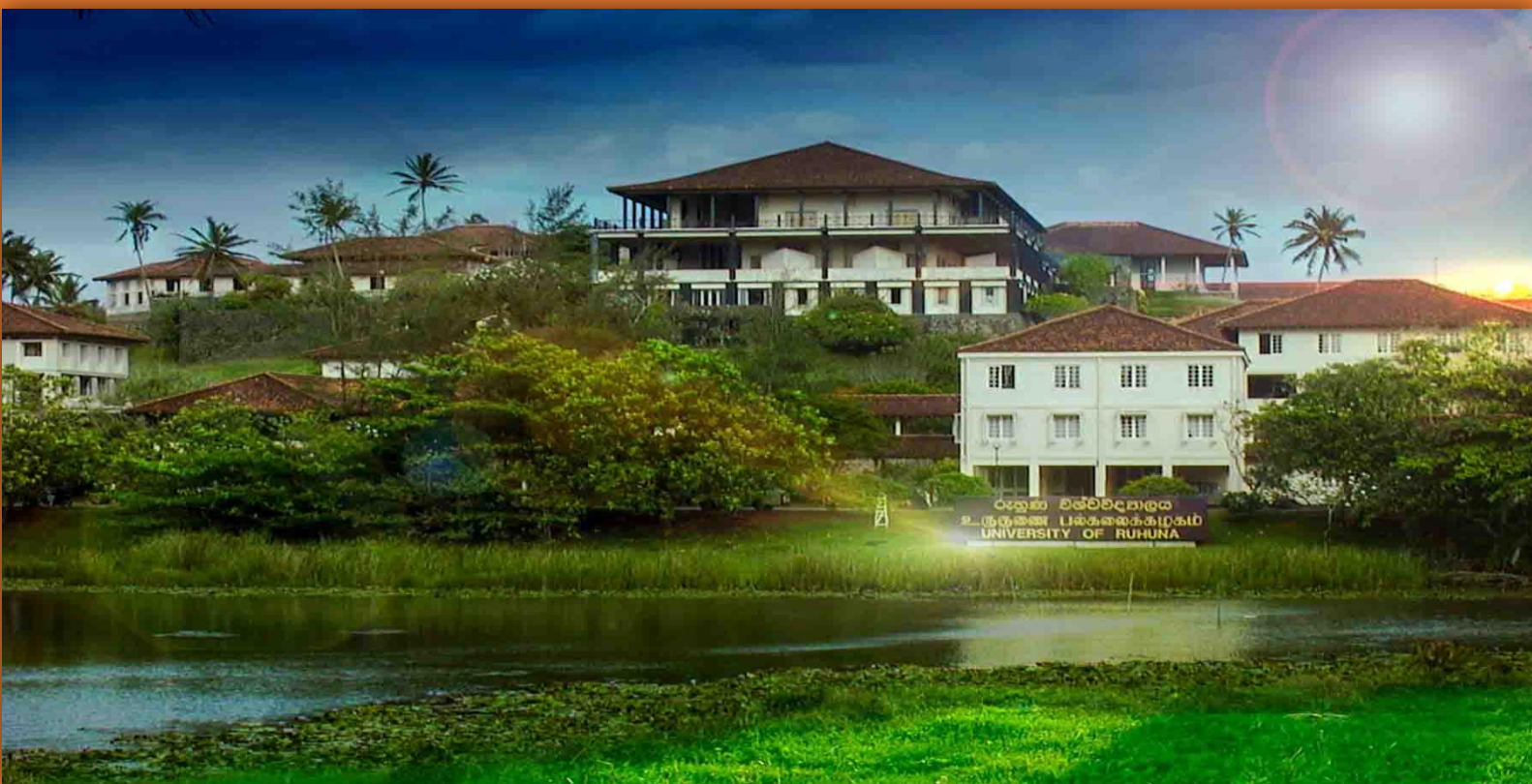
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