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Main Story

Sri Lanka University Games 2019

Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG) – 2019 was held from 26th of August to 07th of September at University of Ruhuna. SLUG has been organized by the hosting University in every three years. University of Ruhuna has organized its first ever SLUG in 1998 by laying very high standard. So far the Universities hosted SLUG include Colombo, Kelaniya, Sri Jayewardenepura, Moratuwa, Peradeniya and Wayamba. University of Ruhuna has proudly hosted XIII Sri Lanka University Games in 2019. In this time 14 Universities clashed for 36 sports events under 22 Sports. Approximately 5500 students from 14 member Universities of Sri Lanka University Sports Association (SLUSA) participated for 13th Edition of Sri Lanka University Games.

His excellency the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Maithreepala Sirisena graced the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest and several other Distinguish guests including the Governor of the Sothern Province Mr. Hemal Gunasekara, Vice Chancellor of University of Ruhuna Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, President Prof. Tilak P.D. Gamage, Secretary General of SLUSA Mr. Plalitha Weerasighe and Vice Chancellors of all member universities, participated for the event. By witnessing the opening ceremony of SLUG the Olympic lamp was lit by Piyumi Ahinsa Jayamini and Kalana Wickramarachchi of University of Ruhuna who participated to the World University Games 2017 and 2019. The oath of the athletes was read by an award winning player of University of Ruhuna, Mr. Kushan Dias who also participated in the World University Games.

The Closing ceremony of “13th Sri Lanka Universities Games” was held on 07th of September 2019 at the University of Ruhuna with the presence of the Chief Guest Mr. Kumar Sangakkara. After thrilling 12 days of competitions University of Sri Jayewardenepura won overall championship with 358 points, while University of Colombo secure overall Runners up with 321.5 points and University of Moratuwa secure overall second Runners up with 300.5 points.

Men’s Championship won by University of Sri Jayewardenepura with 207 points & Women’s Championship won by University of Colombo with 153 points.



University of Ruhuna athletes were able to get some notable achievements as follows.

Swimming (Men)	Champions	Taekwondo (Women)	3 rd Place
Carrom (Men)	Runners Up	Hockey (Men)	4 th Place
Elle (Women)	Runners Up	Road Race	4 th Place
Weightlifting (Men)	3 rd Place	Taekwondo (Men)	4 th Place
Chess (Women)	3 rd Place	Volleyball (Women)	4 th Place



Academic Events

The 26th convocation of University of Ruhuna

The 26th convocation of University of Ruhuna was held on 28th - 30th November 2019 at the Rabindranath Tagore memorial Auditorium of the University. Total of 3536 graduates were conferred with degrees of nine faculties in eight sessions over three days.

Convocation speech were done by Rev. Koongasthenne Ananda Thero, Senior Professor Manori Senanayake, Senior Professor H. H. D. N. P. Opatha, Dr. Harsha Subasinghe, Senior Professor Upali Amarasinghe, Senior Professor D. B. P. H. Dissabandara, Senior Professor Udith Krishantha Jayasinghe and Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith in respective sessions.

Ven. Purawidya Chakkrawartha Ellawala Medhananda Thero was received the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) and Senior Prof. Upali Sarath Amarasinghe was received the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa).

Every year the most outstanding graduates are selected from faculties for the Vice Chancellors Gold Medal based on academic performances and achievements in extra-curricular activities. The recipient of the Vice Chancellors Gold Medal in 2019 were W. P. J. Sathyadith (Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science and Technology), K. D. Halanayake (Faculty of Science), B. G. R. R. Bandara (Faculty of Agriculture), F. L. A. I. Perera (Faculty of Engineering), T. D. K. Silva (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), W. G. M. S. Dulsari (Faculty of Management and Finance) and H. K. P. M. Bandara (Faculty of Management and Finance).

The list of Gold Medal recipients based on their academic performance are in the table.

Gold Medal Name	Recipient	Faculty
Mallika De Mel Memorial Gold Medal	P. M. M. A. Sandamini	Science
	K. G. Ketippearachchi	Agriculture
	W. B. Sugandi	Humanities and Social Sciences
	R. D. G. F. Harshani	Engineering
	E. C. D. Ekanayaka	Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty of Fisheries And Marine Sciences & Technology Gold Medal	K. D. I. Weerasinghe	Fisheries and Marine Science and Technology
South China Sea Institute of Oceanology of Chinese Academy of Sciences Gold Medal	K. D. I. Weerasinghe	Fisheries and Marine Science and Technology
Professor Isabelle Attali Memorial Gold Medal	T. H. R. Lakmali	Science
Wasantha Mohotti Memorial Gold Medal	T. H. R. Lakmali	Science
L. C. De Silva Memorial Gold Medal	P. M. M. A. Sandamini	Science
Professor R. H. Wijayanayake Gold Medal	K. D. Halanayake	Science
Professor Alawattagoda Pemadasa Memorial Gold Medal	T. D. M. Gimhani	Science
Dr. (Mrs.) Chandra Jayawardhana Memorial Gold Medal	R. M. M. Sandaruwan	Science
Tissaweera Siriwardene Jinasena Memorial Gold Medal	V. Colambage	Science
IFS Gold Medal	V. Colambage	Science
Dr. Jude Peiris Memorial Gold Medal	S. R. Binduhewa	Science
L. W. A. Weerasekara Memorial Gold Medal	R. P. G. Liyanage	Humanities and Social Sciences
L. W. A. Weerasekara Memorial Gold Medal	E. C. D. Ekanayaka	Humanities and Social Sciences

Professor R. M. Ranaweera Banda Memorial Gold Medal	S. L. N. De Silva	Humanities and Social Sciences
Professor R. M. Ranaweera Banda Memorial Gold Medal	J. P. A. Sandamali	Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. S. K. Charles Memorial Gold Medal	K. G. Ketippearachchi	Agriculture
Upali Wijewardhana Memorial Gold Medal For Agriculture	K. G. Ketippearachchi	Agriculture
Professor Y. D. A. Senanayake Gold Medal	K. G. Ketippearachchi	Agriculture
Dr. P. S. J. W. Seresinhe Memorial Gold Medal	K. G. Ketippearachchi	Agriculture
D. H. E. Mohotti Memorial Gold Medal	J. A. T. U. Jayasinghe	Agriculture
Professor Mahinda Wijeratne And Professor Vinitha Wijeratne Gold Medal	W. A. A. M. Bandara	Agriculture
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Rajapaksha Memorial Gold Medal	S. A. U. R. Muthukumara	Agriculture
Dr. A. D. V. Premaratne Memorial Gold Medal	T. B. Edirisooriya	Engineering
S. D. Jayasundere Memorial Gold Medal	K. R. S. M. Rathnasinghe	Engineering
Colombapatabandige Jinasena Memorial Gold Medal	Jayasankar Haresankar	Engineering
Lambert Weerasekera Memorial Gold Medal	R. D. G. F. Harshani	Engineering
Harischandra Gold Medal	P. S. D. Punchihewa	Management & Finance
Harischandra Gold Medal	K. M. A. Sangeetha	Management & Finance
Lucky Lanka Gold Medal	P. S. D. Punchihewa	Management & Finance
Lucky Lanka Gold Medal	G. S. J. Godakumara	Management & Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Gold Medal	P. H. S. P. T. De Silva	Management & Finance
Deshamanya Dr. Nihal Jinasena Memorial Gold Medal	M. N. Maduwanthi	Management & Finance
Deshamanya Dr. Nihal Jinasena Memorial Gold Medal	L. Y. A. G. Sanjeevani	Management & Finance
Sanasa Gold Medal	K. M. A. Sangeetha	Management & Finance
Prof. Neil Fonseka Memorial Gold Medal	G. N. Minuwanpitiya	Medicine
Dr. D. V.J. Harischandra Memorial Gold Medal	G. N. Minuwanpitiya	Medicine
Mr. & Mrs. C. R. De Silva Memorial Gold Medal	G. N. Minuwanpitiya	Medicine
Caroline Mohotti Memorial Gold Medal	G. N. Minuwanpitiya	Medicine
Ms. Sadha Perera Memorial Gold Medal	G. N. Minuwanpitiya	Medicine
Neliya Mendis Memorial Gold Medal	R. G. C. Sanjeeva	Medicine
Cristie Dias Perera Memorial Gold Medal	R. G. C. Sanjeeva	Medicine
Wijayawardhana Gold Medal	R. G. C. Sanjeeva	Medicine
Dr. P. R. Anthonis Gold Medal	I. Y. Weerasinghe	Medicine



Academic Sessions and 15th Vice Chancellor's Award Ceremony - 2019

University of Ruhuna successfully concluded “16th Academic Sessions and 15th Vice Chancellor's Award Ceremony – 2019” at the Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna on 6th March, 2019.

16th Academic Sessions and 15th Vice Chancellor's Award Ceremony of University of Ruhuna was successfully conducted under the theme of “Frontiers of Research, Innovation & Entrepreneurships”. Professor Vajira P. Bulugahapitiya, Department of Chemistry shouldered the main responsibilities as the Chairperson of the event. This year, the Academic Session is a landmark event as University of Ruhuna completed its 40 years of service to the nation.

Academic sessions has been a platform for researchers of the University of Ruhuna to communicate their research findings, to open up dialogue, to receive constructive inputs and to share new knowledge in a vast array of research fields annually. It promotes the multi-disciplinary research culture to drive the university towards excellence as well as to serve the nation by disseminating the well-founded knowledge to the society at large.

The Chief Guest of the event was Senior Professor Gaminie Senanayake, Vice chancellor of the University. Professor Veranja Karunaratna, Senior Professor in Chemistry of University of Peradeniya and Vice Chancellor of SLINTEC Academy delivered the keynote speech on “Building a Research Culture in Sri Lanka”. Senior Professor WGD Dharmaratna, Dean of the Faculty of Technology delivered the invited oration on “Fundamental Building Blocks of the Universe”

16th Academic session encompassed sixty-two research abstracts in diverse fields; Agriculture, Sciences, Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Medicine, Allied Health Sciences, Social Sciences

and Management under nine technical sessions with five oral sessions and four poster sessions.



The most outstanding Academics of the University were recognized and rewarded at the 15th Vice Chancellor's Awards Ceremony. Dr. KHM Ashoka Depananda of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology (FMST) was awarded as the most outstanding scholar for 2018 and Dr. P.N Ranasinghe from the same Faculty (FMST) won the award for the highest recipients of the research grants in 2018.

Four former Senior Professors were awarded the status of “Professor Emeritus”; Prof. Susirith Mendis (Faculty of Medicine), Prof. IMR Goonewardena (Faculty of Medicine), Prof. WMMP Wijerathna (Faculty of Agriculture), Prof. (Mrs.) RT Serasinhe

(Faculty of Agriculture). The main organizing committee and the editorial board of 16th Academic Sessions and 15th Vice Chancellor's Award Ceremony, Prof. Vajira P. Bulugahapitiya (Chairperson), Dr. Chinthaka Sanath (Secretary), Dr. N. Kalutharage (Treasurer), Senior Prof. LP Jayatissa (Editor in Chief), Dr. HADSD Perera (Faculty of Science), Dr. A Manakkara (Faculty of Agriculture), Dr. KG Imendra (Faculty of Allied Health sciences), Dr. CKW Senevirathna (Faculty of Engineering), Dr.

DPPG Liyanage (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Dr. WMDGS Wijyaratna (Faculty of Medicine), Dr. EKC Pradeep (Faculty of Technology), Dr. SS Herath (Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology), Ms. MS Nanayakkara (Faculty of Management), Ms. PK Jayasekera (Library), Ms. KGCA Bandaratilake (Administration) and Mr. C. Kapugama, (Web Editor, Department of Computer Science) made great contribution to organize the event successfully.



2nd Research Symposium of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (RuFARS-2019)

2nd Research Symposium of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (RuFARS-2019) was successfully held on 05th December 2019, at the Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, Galle. More than 40 abstracts related to Biomedical and Allied Health Sciences were presented at the symposium.

Oath Giving Ceremony of the B.Sc. Nursing Undergraduates of the 10th Batch

Oath Giving Ceremony of the B.Sc. Nursing undergraduates of the 10th Batch was held on 08th February 2018 in T.W Wickramanayake auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna.



Annual Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

25th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (SLAFAR) was jointly organized with the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, University of Ruhuna, Matara, and was held on 19th August 2019 at the Faculty auditorium. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna was the Chief Guest of the inauguration session. As the joint organizer, Dr HB Asanthi, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology addressed the gathering. As the President of SLAFAR, Dr. Asanka Jayasinghe delivered the presidential address. Prof. US Amarasinghe of the University of Kelaniya was the keynote speaker, while Prof. Anilkumar Gopinathan of VIT University, Tamil Nadu, India was the Guest speaker at the inauguration ceremony. More than 40 research findings in the aquatic sciences were presented at this forum in which majority of those were presented by researchers of the faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences and Technology.



Accounting and Finance Industry Forum (AFinFO-2019)

The Accounting and Finance Industry Forum (AFinFO-2019), organized by the Department of Accounting and Finance in collaboration with National Economic Council (NEC) of Sri Lanka, was held on 25th of July 2019 at the University of Ruhuna. The Vice Chancellor, Snr. Prof. Sujeewa Amarasena, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Lalith P. Samarakoon (Secretary General-NEC), Prof. Hareendra Dissabandara (Deputy Secretary General-NEC), Mr. C. J. P. Siriwardana (Deputy Secretary General-NEC), Dr. Ravi Liyanage (Chariman/CEO, Raigam Group), and Mr. Raja Senanayake (Director, Serendib Finance PLC) delivered speeches at the event. A total of 127 participants representing academics from many Sri Lankan Universities, professionals, and students attended the event. The event was organized by Dr. Manjula Wanniarachchige with the support of academics in the department. AFinFO-2019 immensely contributed to strengthen the link between academia and the industry through bringing the leading policymakers, renowned businesspersons and academics representing many state universities in Sri Lanka together to create a fruitful dialog.



An Employability Session; I Am a Spark

The Faculty of Management and Finance together with Career Guidance Unit of University of Ruhuna and Unilever Sri Lanka Limited conducted an employability session, namely, “I am a Spark”, which was centered upon the

internship program, on 12th of June, 2019 at the faculty premises. The event aimed at providing undergraduates with a preparation session for the future job market. The session kicked off at 01.30 p.m. and continued till 05.00 p.m., approximately for four hours, with the active participation of the undergraduates. The students were provided with an understanding on what was happening out there in the job market, and how to be an effective potential candidate in the job market, which would certainly help them in securing successful job offers and internship opportunities in future. The students were interactive and keen in bringing their inputs into the discussion throughout the session, making the event more engaging and successful.



Digital Disruption 2019

The “Digital Disruption 2019”, organized by the Faculty of Management and Finance was held on 16th of August 2019 at Weligama Bay Marriott Resort & Spa. The event aimed at creating a premium platform to exploring the opportunities available in the modern digital economy, so that providing participants with something interesting to takeaway. Basically, the forum focused on some critical aspects of digitalization with the views of the experts in the area, arousing curiosity and interest among the participants in the audience. Prof. Rotem Shneor, Mr. Thilak Piyadigama, Mr. Dulith Herath, Mr. Parakum A. Pathirana, Mr. Nalaka Gunawardene, and Mr. Chaminda Dilhanake Hettiarachchi participated in the event as the panelists, who have been keeping an eye on the dynamics in the field for ages.



6th Ruhuna International Science and Technology Conference 2019 (RISTCON 2019)

The 6th Ruhuna International Science and Technology Conference 2019 was successfully held on January 30th 2019 at the Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna. The conference aimed to bring together the interested academics, scientists, researchers and research students from Sri Lankan as well as foreign universities and institutes, and to provide them an international platforms to share research findings on broad range of themes in Science and Technology. The event was enlightened by 200 participants. The program was lined up with Inauguration, Technical Sessions, Poster Session and Award of Certificates for poster presenters. The inaugural session was graced by the attendance of Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, Guest Speaker, Deans of Faculties, Academics, Scientists and students. Prof. Rolph Antoine Payet was the



Keynote speaker. Prof. Rolph is the present Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and an Associate Professor at the University of Linnaeus, Sweden. Prof. K.P.S. Chandana Jayarathna delivered the Guest Speech. The theme of the conference was “Science and Technology Research toward Knowledge Transfer and Social Development”. The theme had been decided to be broad in order to accommodate as many Science and Technology areas as possible, and to be able share research findings in multidisciplinary areas of research. In total, 107 abstracts including 6 from international scientists were received. All abstracts were reviewed by three reviewers and edited by a board of editors. The reviewing panel consisted of 155 reviewers covering all areas of Science and Technology. Sixty six abstracts of diverse disciplines from basic sciences to applied sciences and technology were presented in the conference

International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE) 2019

International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE), one of the major annual events organized by the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna was held on 28th February 2019 at The Blue Water Hotel, Wadduwa facilitating the staff and the students congregate with the professionals around the world, in view of securing the future of agriculture and the environment. The theme of ISAE 2019 was “Networking for smart agriculture and sustainability of bioresources” which highlighted the need for the integration of ICT solutions to agriculture for enhanced productivity and to ensure sensible use of bioresources to achieve sustainable lifestyles. ISAE 2019 provided a constructive platform for the stakeholders in the agriculture sector of the country to gather and discuss the avenues of working together to establish the roadmap for the development of ICT and networking in the agriculture sector. Further, two other timely important topics, the problems and the prospects of the oil palm

industry and the climate change impacts on fisheries and coastal resources, were also discussed through two dedicated sessions with the participation of the stakeholders including scientists, policymakers, concerned groups, and industries, etc. More than a hundred researchers around the world shared their



valuable research findings in this scientific forum and generated valuable discussions stretching across the fields of technology, socioeconomic interventions, and food and nutrition.

Faculty of Medicine Academic Sessions 2019

Faculty of Medicine Academic Sessions (FMAS) - 2019 was held on 8th and 9th August 2019, at T.W. Wickramanayake Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. The Chief Guest was Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasekera, the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna. Keynote Address was delivered on ‘Achieving Life style modification - How practical is it?’ by Dr. Renuka Jayatissa, Head of the Department of Nutrition, Medical Research Institute, Visiting Consultant Medical Nutritionist, National Hospital of Sri Lanka. FMAS oration titled “Impact of salt iodization in Sri Lanka on iodine status during pregnancy and neonatal thyroid functions: A rational approach for policy makers” was delivered by Dr. Eric De Zoysa, Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. Dean’s award ceremony was also held in line with the inauguration ceremony and three medical students were offered the Dean’s award for overall good performance in 2019 by the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasekera and Prof. Vasantha Devasiri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. Inauguration ceremony was glamorized by the cultural event performed by a group of medical students.

Morning sessions of the second day was enriched with a session based on completed postgraduate degrees and the Symposium on the theme of ‘*Addressing the contemporary nutritional challenges in Sri Lanka*’ by an expert panel under the subthemes of ‘Current trends in childhood nutritional disorders in Sri Lanka’, ‘Plate model concept’, ‘Feasibility and outcomes of bariatric and metabolic surgery in Sri Lanka: Experience of a single center over 10 years’, ‘Healthy eating: is it happening?’ by Senior Professor Pujitha Wickramasinghe, Dr. Ranil Jayawardena, Dr. Thejana Wijerathne and Dr. Bhanuja Wijayathilaka respectively.

The free paper session included both oral presentations (both open and undergraduate categories) and poster presentations. Three places for oral and poster presentations were selected separately for open category and the undergraduate category.

Prof. Vasantha Devasiri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine awarded the certificates to the winners. Dr. Chandima Madhu Wickramatilake and Dr. Nayani Prasangika Weerasinghe were the Chairperson and Secretary of FMAS-2019.



Ruhuna University International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (RUICHSS-2019)

The 5th Ruhuna University International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (RUICHSS-2019) which was organized with the intention of providing a platform to engage in a critical, comprehensive and insightful discourse pertaining to diverse disciplines in the realm of Humanities and Social Sciences was successfully held on 26th September, 2019 at the Pearls Cliff Hotel, Matara with the participation of many local and international delegates, academics, specialists, researchers and enthusiasts. The conference was fashioned by the theme, “Democratic Governance at a Crossroads, Challenges and Prospects.” Snr. Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, the Vice



Chancellor of University of Ruhuna graced the occasion as the Chief Guest whereas Dr W.A.Wijewardena, the Former Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Professor Stig Jarle Hansen, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway and Professor Bahadar Nawab Khattak, COMSATS University, Pakistan enlightened the distinguished gathering with their thought-provoking keynote addresses at the inaugural ceremony. The Departments of Public Policy and Sociology shouldered the responsibility for organizing the event in partnership with NORHED (The Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development). More than fifty presenters participated in the technical sessions in disseminating new branches of knowledge related to their respective disciplines under 13 thematic tracks.

Ruhuna Arts Students' Annual Sessions (RASAS)-2019

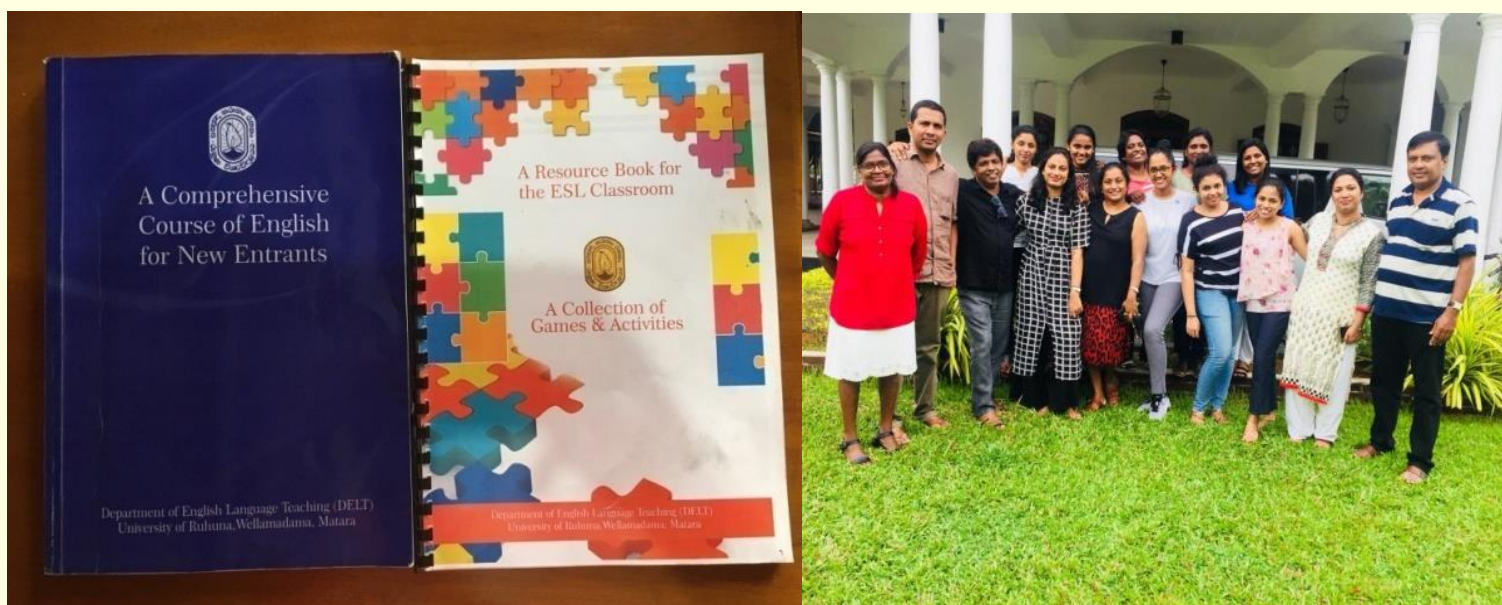
The undergraduate research symposium Ruhuna Arts Students' Annual Sessions (RASAS)-2019 was successfully held on the 27th of September 2019, for the fourth consecutive year. It was organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences under the theme “the spirit of sprouting researchers of tomorrow.” The research symposium, (RASAS)-2019 was graced by the keynote speaker, Senior Professor Arjuna Parakrama, from the Department of English, University of Peradeniya who initiated an intellectual debate on the controversial issue "Why Sri Lankan universities are devaluing Humanities and Social Sciences?" Nonetheless, RASAS -2019 marked its significant



identity instigating a trilingual platform for the young undergraduates island-wide to disseminate their novel research findings and receive constructive feedback across disciplinary boundaries. Eventually, it should thus be noted that Prof. Upali Pannilage, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Conference Chair, Ms. Lokeshwari Karunarathna, the Co-Secretaries Ms. Anushika Kariyawasam and Mr. Neel Withanage, and the Treasurer, Ven. Makola Mangala in collaboration with all the respective members of the organizing committee made the aforementioned academic endeavour a remarkable success adding glamour to the university history.

The DELT Launched Two Books for The Intensive English Programme

The staff of the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences had launched two books namely “A Comprehensive Course of English for New Entrants” and “A Resource Book for the ESL Classroom” after a series of successful workshops conducted in the pursuit of planning and designing of the books. “A Comprehensive Course of English for New Entrants” which deals with a theme-based approach, provides learners with an excellent grounding in the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. The wide array of activities which is graded from the simple to the advanced gives an auxiliary for students to learn language progressively, in unlocking their confidence to manipulate the target language so as to function effectively in the university system and in the place of work later where English is a dire necessity. “A Resource Book for the ESL Classroom” which is a compilation of diverse games and activities can be utilized by teachers to make their lessons more appealing to students, and make the process of language learning fun, interesting and enjoyable in the ESL Classroom.



30th Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists-SLFUE Meeting

The 30th meeting of the Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists was successfully held at the University of Ruhuna on 21st June 2019. Senior Prof. Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Among the participants, academics representing the member Universities, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, University of Colombo, University of Moratuwa, University of Ruhuna, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Uwa Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and South Eastern University of Sri Lanka were present at the meeting. The keynote speech of the forum was delivered by the eminent Prof. Nihal Perera on ‘Role of Government in Steering National Development within the Global Economic Mainstream: Policy Choices for Sri Lanka.’ The Sri Lanka Journal of Economic Research Volume 6 (2) was launched during the 30th meeting of SLFUE by Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Celebration of International Human Rights Day

The Department of Public Policy, University of Ruhuna organized a panel discussion to celebrate International Human Rights Day - 2019. It was held in Auditorium of the Department of geography, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences on 19th December 2019. Adhering to the international theme of the



year, the event aimed at sharing the views of expertise with special regard to promoting Human Rights through education. Ms. Ishara Dhanasekara, Co-editor, Vikalpa at Center for Policy Alternatives and Mr. Dulan Dasanayaka, Attorney-at-law participated in the panel discussion enlightening the audience. The undergraduates of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences received the opportunity to engage in an insightful discourse and clarify their issues related to ensuring human rights in the local context.

University in Progress

Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena assumed duty as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna



Initiating an impressive tenure of leadership Snr. Professor Sujeewa Amarasena assumed duty as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna with effect from 19th March 2019 Snr. Professor Sujeewa Amarasena graduated with MBBS with Second Class Honors (Upper division) and a Distinction in Paediatrics winning the C. R. De Silva Gold Medal for Paediatrics in 1985. He completed his MD in Paediatrics in 1990 and joined the Academic staff of the Alma mater. Over the next few years he underwent further training in his chosen field of

Paediatrics in Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and later in Sydney, NSW. He subspecialized in Neonatology and returned to Sri Lanka with vast experience in Neonatal intensive care including new born transport at the time. With this experience he was able to pioneer the establishment of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya which functions smoothly even today.

He was appointed as Head of the Department of Paediatrics in 1999 which post he held until 2009 for a continuous period of 10 years. He also functioned as a member of numerous committees of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna and contributed immensely to development of the Faculty of Medicine.

He had further training in medical education in University of Dundee and also participated in many training programmes for teacher training. He is a certified instructor in Advanced Paediatric Life Support, Neonatal Life Support, and Advanced Trauma Life Support. The instructor status is internationally accredited.

He functioned as the Founder Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University established in 2009 and the entire development was overseen by him. This included planning of the Infrastructure, monitoring the development of infrastructure, development of curricula, planning clinical training, liaison with different agencies such Ministry of Health, UGC, Attorney Generals Department, Different hospitals and the directors and teaching staff, writing up project proposals to the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health, and funding agencies, overseeing recruitment of staff. All these were achieved within a very short period.

He is loved as a lecturer for his excellent presentation skills, and clinical teaching skills. He is also highly reputed as a Paediatrician in the country and was the President of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in 2015.

He also functions as an advisory committee member of the many technical committees of the Ministry of Health such as Technical committee on newborn and Family health, Technical committee on maternal and child health, Breast milk code monitoring committee. These committees contribute immensely to policy development of the Ministry of Health.

The Opening Ceremony of the Department of Human Resource Management

The Department of Human Resources Management was ceremonially declared open by Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasekera, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna on 1st of November 2019 at 8.30 a.m. at the premises of Faculty of Management and Finance.

Members of the academic staff, invitees and students in Human Resource Specialization area eagerly participated for this opening ceremony. An online teaching platform was also introduced during the ceremony, which would allow students to engage in learning activities at a distance in a more convenient manner. The opening ceremony continued for two hours, featuring speeches from the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor and the Dean of the Faculty. Moreover, musical performance items by the students at the end, added more glamour to the opening ceremony.



WI-FI Network Launching Ceremony

The Faculty of Management and Finance launched a Wi-Fi network thereby providing users including students with an opportunity to experience the wireless broadband connectivity for their academic purposes. The project was funded by Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education. The official ceremony in this regard was held on 25th of November 2019 at the faculty premises in the presence of Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Professor E.P.S. Chandana, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, and Dr. Thusitha Gunawardana, Dean, Faculty of Management and Finance. The glamour of the event was further enhanced by a live musical performance of the students.

Faculty of Technology – Foundation Laying Ceremony of New Lecture Hall Building

The foundation laying ceremony of the new lecture hall building at Faculty of Technology was held on 19th of July 2019. The contract was awarded on 21st of June 20 to construct the Lecturer Hall building including an auditorium, lecture theatres, laboratory for Engineering Drawings and student projects, research laboratories, conference room, computer pool for students and staff

rooms. The project is to be completed by the end of 2021; however, lecture hall arm is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The total estimated cost is Rs. 412 million. With the completion of lecture halls, the student intake will be increased up to 245 increasing the total student population up to 980 students.



Faculty of Technology – Completion of Laboratory Building

The construction of the Laboratory Building was completed in 2019 with two lecture rooms, two workshops, laboratories for Engineering Technology, ICT and Biosystems Technology courses and office space for the staff. The total cost for this building was Rs 585m. The building was timely completed to admit the third batch of 186 students including 50 students for the new degree programme, Bachelor of Biosystems Technology degree.



The Departments of Public Policy and Geography Won the ELTA-ELSE DP Grants under The AHEAD Project

The Departments of Public Policy and Geography of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences received the 18 million grants to improve the quality of undergraduate education through the Enriching Learning, Teaching, Assessment and English Language Skills Enhancement Development Projects (ELTA-ELSE DPs) under the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD). The operational activities of the project which commenced in December 2019 would be continuing for a three-year period.

International Collaborations

A MOU between Asia Development Center Association (ADCA) and Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna

A MOU was signed between Asia Development Center Association (ADCA) International Internship Consultancy Services, Osaka, Japan and the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna to initiate an Internship Programme for B.Sc. Nursing undergraduates. This will provide the opportunity for the Nursing students of the University of Ruhuna to get trained for 6 months in Japan as elective students.

Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Research Program

Prof Braja Gopal Bag from Vidyasagar University, Kolkata, India Visited University of Ruhuna on 22nd of August 2019 under Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Research Program offered by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research, Sri Lanka and Department of Science and Technology (DST), India. Dr. Mayuri Napagoda from Department of Biochemistry and Ms Kanchana Wijesekera,



Establishment of the Marine Research Center

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology signed a MOU with National Sun Yat Sen University, Taiwan to establish Taiwan Sri Lanka Marine Research Center at the Marine Research facility of the faculty on 18th of November 2109

Vice Chancellor Snr. Prof. Sujeewa Amarasena, Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. E.P.S. Chandana, Dean of the Faculty Dr. H.B. Asanthi, Heads of the Departments, academic staff and non-academic staff of the faculty participated in the event while Prof. Chin Chang Hung, Prof. Chih Chuang Liaw and Prof. Wei-Jen Huang represented the National Sun Yat Sen University.

Integrating Talent Development into Innovation Ecosystems in Higher Education (INNOTAL)

INNOTAL is a 3 year project (2018-2020) funded by Erasmus+ programme of the European union, aiming to build capacities for promoting employability of graduates by focusing on entrepreneurship and innovation skills through teaching. Further, it focuses on re-designing learning experience of students through extra-curricular activities in which students are allowed to contribute into research and innovation projects, exposing to business realities and to the challenges of the outside world.

The overall objective of the project is to build the capacity to embed graduates' employability in their core activities and to facilitate the development of student talent through co-curricular and extra-curricular innovation activities involving key stakeholders.

Five institutions; European Center for Quality (ECQ), University of National and World Economy (UNWE) from Bulgaria, University of Ulster (UUL), UK, University of Thessaly

(UTH), Greece and Vaasa University of Applied Sciences (VAMK), Finland are EU collaborators. Including University of Ruhuna there are ten partner universities from Sri Lanka, India, Nepal and Philippines.

The third collaboration workshop of the project was hosted by University of Ruhuna from 2nd to 4th April 2019 with the presence of nearly 30 members from the partner universities and 13 EU staff members from EU universities.

Establishment of Talent co-creation lab, Student Community Service & Volunteering Center and Developing Online innovation management platform (Open research e-lab) are the three major outcomes of the project. It is expected that with this nature of concepts employability of undergraduates will increase and network of external stakeholders will contribute much on that.



Nor Lanka Blue Partnership Project

New NORPART partnership project NOR-LANKA BLUE 'Innovative research and education network in fisheries, aquaculture and aquatic sciences' was inaugurated on March 17-18, 2019 in Negombo. It was established by a team of researchers from Tromsø, Norway and Sri Lanka, and will operate through 2019-2023. The Arctic University of Norway (University of Tromsø, UiT) is the recipient of the grant funded by the Norwegian ministries of Education & Research and Foreign Affairs, and administered by Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (DIKU).

The University of Ruhuna is the leading partner and the focal point in Sri Lanka, while University of Jaffna, and NARA are other partners. Prof. K.B. Suneetha Gunawickrama (Dept of Zoology, Faculty of Science) is the national coordinator of the project while Prof. Jorge Santos (UiT) is the project Coordinator. A delegation from UiT led by Prof. Jorge Santos met with the Vice Chancellor of University of Ruhuna on March 19, 2019 to brief about the project.

NL BLUE will foster research and educational exchange, as well as industry linkages, through both direct project involvement and policy mechanisms. Semester-abroad student exchange program (>30 registered students over 4 years) is a key outcome where 6-8 Master or PhD students from three partner institutes will spend Autumn semester at the Faculty of Fisheries, Biosciences and Economics (FBE) of UiT annually.



Three UiT students will come to Sri Lanka and can earn upto 15 ECTS credits by completing a course module at either University of Ruhuna or University of Jaffna and by completing annual workshops organized by the NOR LANKA BLUE Annual workshops are themed, intensive and residential and resource persons from all three partners in Sri Lanka and UiT will teach and guide the students. The first residential workshop on ‘Perspectives in blue fisheries and technology’ was held in University of Jaffna under the leadership of the Principal Investigator Prof. Sivashantini Kuganathan (March 23 – April 2, 2019). As a part of the staff mobility, Prof. Suneetha Gunawickrama and Professor Wasantha Kumara (Director Center for International Affairs visited UiT during October 9-18, 2019).

Multi-Stakeholder Partnership For Curriculum Development

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna hosted a series of workshops for Developing Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (MSPs) for Agriculture Development in collaboration with Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation (WCDI), Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands. The first workshop was conducted for academic staff members from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna on the utilization of MSPs for agriculture development and then, a focused



residential workshop was conducted targeting academic staff members to make them aware of using MSPs effectively for curriculum development and promote student-centered learning. Mr. Herman Brouwer (Team Leader), Ms. Riti Herman Mostert, Ms. Judith Jacobs from WCDI and Prof. Indika Karunathilaka, University of Colombo extended their support as resource persons in these Tailor-made Training. In successful completion of these two workshops, the Faculty of Agriculture was able to organize two more workshops with key stakeholders from industry and alumni to obtain their valuable feedback and suggestions regarding the current curriculum offered for BSc Agriculture Resource Management and Technology, BSc Agri-Business Management and BSc Green Technology. This series of workshops was an effective platform to evaluate problems and prospects in the current curriculum, identify current trends in the job market and expected competencies from graduates and develop strategies for future curriculum revisions. All these workshops were organized and coordinated by Prof. Ganganee Samaraweera, Head – Department of Agricultural Economics and funds were secured through the Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation (Nuffic).

Erasmus⁺ Project

Climate change is a result of modern human lifestyles and activities: heating in buildings, power consumption, cars and aircraft, industrial companies and other activities in the built environment contribute greatly to climate change. One of the possible solutions to these problems is improvement of education on consumer behaviour related to energy efficiency and climate change. The main challenge is to consolidate a variety of diverse activities in education quality improvement such as the delivery of extensive educational programmes and capacity building, the continued knowledge sharing, etc. In order to progress on these efforts, it is necessary to build the capacity and an associated network of experts and institutions. Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna is a partner of a Erasmus⁺ project called “Integrating education with consumer behavior relevant to energy efficiency and climate change at the universities of Russia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh–BECK” (Project Number 598746-EPP-1-2018-LT-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) funded by The European Union Erasmus+ program. The project is coordinated and is lead by Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Vilnius, Lithuania. The project aims to upgrade the curricula with the 16 new harmonized study MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) modules on consumer behaviour related to energy efficiency and climate change at the universities of Russia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in order to increase their capacity to continually modernise and enhance the quality and relevance of education of students to the global labour market needs and to ensure international cooperation. The project will be beneficial for capacity building in higher education institutes in 14 universities in 7 countries namely United Kingdom, Lithuania, Italy, Estonia, Russia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Further, BECK will be empowering individuals and organizations with the skills, competencies and credentials needed to continue to pursue research and to lead research at institutions.



MOU Between Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) And University of Ruhuna (UOR)

University of Ruhuna renewed its existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universiti Sains Malaysia on 30th October 2019 at USM, Penang, Malaysia. The Councils of both universities had agreed to the renewal of the MoU based on the progress of its initial three-year period. Senior Professor P. Hewage, Head, Department of Geography, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Dr G.P.T.S. Hemakumara, Coordinator of the MoU participated in the signing ceremony. This MoU was initiated in July 2016, facilitating joint investigations effort into organizing or hosting conferences, joint participation in the research projects and implementation of mutually identified possible programs or ex-change visits for the staff and students.

The MoU ceremony was arranged with the participation of Professor Dato' Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and International, Professor Dr. Narimah Samat, Dean, School of Humanities, USM, the staff of International Affairs Branch, USM and several academic staff members of USM and UOR.



The International Collaboration with the University of Szczecin of Poland for The Exchange of Students and Staff Under the Erasmus + Programme

The Department of Public Policy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in partnership with the University of Szczecin of Poland managed to collaborate – Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility under ERASMUS⁺ Programme. The department will gain the opportunity to exchange students with Szczecin university to study Public Administration and Management related course modules for a period of one semester. This collaboration will facilitate to exchange staff for short term teaching in the partner university.

Students in Action

Navarathri Pooja

The art society comes out with Navarathri Pooja every year, a Tamil religious event which is holding at faculty auditorium. Before the final ceremony, a kolam competition is held at the Faculty of Engineering where students compete for their ability in symmetrical drawings and beauty in arts. The competition is followed by the final ceremony where Hindu priest held the Pooja, the religious activity. The event follows refreshments where the participants get the Tamil tastes.



Padura



Art society of the Faculty of Engineering brings out the most enthusiastic musical experience of the year Padura, an evening outdoor music with a continental theme refreshing each year. This year theme was a rural bazaar which was created under the banyan tree, a student center of the faculty. There one could experience the sensational voices of university students waving with the melodies of the orchestra of students of Faculty of Engineering in whichever the language Sinhala, Tamil or Hindi. Padura holds with dancing events, a beautiful fair well event for their aesthetic events in the university by final years.

Ramadan Karen

In addition to all the aesthetic events, the art society of the Faculty of Engineering proudly presents all the religious event by self-irrespective of the religion.

Prior to Ramadan Faculty of Engineering Ramadan Karen, the fast-breaking occasion done by Muslims, a collaboration of all students. They experience, their regulations, activities and then the seasonal food serving.



Annual Taipongal Festival

Annual Thaipongal event of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences and Technology was held on 14th January 2019 at the FMST premises. The Former Vice Chancellor, Snr Prof. Gamini Senanayake was the chief guest of the event.



Best Undergraduate Research Competition 2018 of Geological Society of Sri Lanka

Ms. Sachini Ranasinghe (FS/2013/331) of the Department of Oceanography and Marine Geology Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology (FMST) received the Best Undergraduate Research Award 2018 which was awarded by the Geological Society of Sri Lanka. She conducted her undergraduate research on *“upwelling variability in the southern ocean of Sri Lanka during the Late Cenozoic period”*, and this research was supervised by Dr. P.N. Ranasinghe, of the Department of Oceanography and Marine Geology, Faculty of FMST.



Video Documentary on Gawarawila Plain



To deliver a social message and to create an environmental friendly society, students of the Limnological Society of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology successfully completed a Video documentary on the Gawarawila plain which is an ecologically important ecosystem complex. This documentary video is online available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYR0Jufm5Oc&t=2s>

Staff Achievements

Dr. Murugesar Sinnetamby Oration - 2019 of the Sri Lanka Medical Association

Dr. Murugesar Sinnetamby Oration - 2019 of the Sri Lanka Medical Association Dr. H.H. Peiris, Head, Department of Medical Laboratory Science delivered the above oration on “Survival analysis of breast cancer in Sri Lanka; a dire necessity revisited” on 04th October 2019.



Dr. Murugesar Sinnetamby Oration - 2019 of the Sri Lanka Medical Association



Professor Ajith Nagahawatte, Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine received an award of a Research Grant worth Rs. 6 million from the National Research Council, Sri Lanka for the year 2019 for the research titled “One health approach: the epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from humans, animals and animal products in southern Sri Lanka” where Ms. Ruvini Kurukulasooriya involved as a PhD student of this study.

The Galle Medical Association Oration 2019-Dr. Gayani Alwis



Dr. Gayani Alwis, Senior Lecturer, Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna won the competitive Oration of the Galle Medical Association and delivered the Oration at the inaugural session of its 78th Annual Academic Sessions on 4th October, 2019. The Oration was entitled “Bone Strength beyond Bone mass”. The speech was based on the importance of bone structure, in preserving bone strength.

President’s Awards for Scientific Research – 2017

Two young academics of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Dr. Menaka Fernando from Department of Crop Science and Ms. D.N. Koralagama from Department of Agricultural Economics received President’s Awards for their outstanding scientific research published in prestigious international journals in the year 2017. The award ceremony was held on 26th August 2019 at Taj Samudra, Colombo presided by H.E. Maithripala Sirisena, President of Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka.



Endeavour Research Fellowship – Dr. Indunil Pathirana, Department of Animal Science



Dr. Indunil Pathirana was awarded the prestigious Endeavour Research Fellowship from the Australian Government to join the Dairy Science Group (DSG), University of Sydney, Australia. He worked at the University of Sydney for 6 months (October 2018-March 2019) under the supervision of Prof. Sergio Garcia, Director of the Dairy Research Foundation. Dr. Pathirana focused his research to develop an enzyme immunoassay to measure heat shock protein (HSP) in cow milk, with a view to assess the heat stress in individual dairy cows, using an easy-to-collect sample. Heat stress induces HSP levels in body fluids of different domestic animal species, including dairy cows and HSP is a potential biomarker to monitor heat stress. During his tenure at the University of Sydney, they could successfully optimize an assay to quantify the inducible form of HSP in cow milk. The quantification of HSP in cow milk would indeed contribute to develop a protocol to assess heat stress in individual cows.

SUSRED (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) Award by National Science Foundation (NSF), Sri Lanka Given to Supervisors of Postgraduate Research

Dr. Sudarshanee Geekiyanage and Senior Prof. Gamini Senanayake from the Department of Agricultural Biology, Faculty of Agriculture were awarded the prestigious SUSRED award (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) offered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the supervision of Ph.D. degree of Dr. E.U.U. Rathnathunga titled “Investigation of the genetic basis for variation in flowering time among Sri Lankan traditional rice varieties”. Dr. E.U.U. Rathnathunga was a doctoral student attached to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna and she conducted her research at the Department of Agricultural Biology, Faculty of Agriculture under the supervision of Dr. Sudarshanee



Geekiyanage (principal supervisor) and Senior Prof. Gamini Senanayake (co-supervisor). National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka offers this award to research scientists in order to motivate them to supervise postgraduate research degrees and encourage universities and research institutions to promote and facilitate postgraduate research training. Further, NSF aims to encourage supervisors to complete the postgraduate research degrees within the stipulated time period without compromising the quality.

KN Seneviratne Research Award for 2019



Dr. Amaranath Karunanayake, Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna had been awarded the KN Seneviratne research award for 2019. The presentation of the award was held at the KN Seneviratne Memorial Oration of the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Physiological Society of Sri Lanka, on 23rd November 2019 at the New Building Lecture Theater of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

The Physiological Society of Sri Lanka presents KN Seneviratne research award, an annual award for original investigational work done in physiology. The award arises from an endowment made by Mrs. Alison Seneviratne in memory of her late husband Prof. K. N. Seneviratne, a former Professor of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Appointment as the Editor of the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka (JRASSL)

Dr. Wijerathne Bohingamuwa, Department of History and Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was appointed as the Editor of the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka (JRASSL) on 30th March, 2019 for a period of two years. The Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka (RASSL) and the JRASSL were established in 1845. The JRASSL has an uninterrupted publication history since its inception. It is a peer-reviewed and internationally reputed journal published biannually. Dr. Bohingamuwa is also a member of the RASSL Council. He involves in editing a number of volumes to be published as part of the 175th anniversary celebrations of the Society.



Presenting as A Featured Speaker at The 35th SPELT International Conference



Ms. Hemanthi Hidellaarachchi from the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna was invited to present as a featured speaker at the 35th SPELT International Conference by the Society of Pakistan English language Teachers (SPELT). The theme of the conference was “Innovations in ELT: Future Directions”. It was held in Karachi on 26th - 27th October 2019 and in Lahore on 2nd - 3rd November 2019. Hemanthi presented her research paper on “Effectiveness of Using Code-switching in the ESL Classroom” at both conference cites. Teachers, teacher educators, researchers, academics and material developers from many parts of the world

participated in this event and it was a great opportunity to represent University of Ruhuna at the conference.

Students' Achievements

Interfaculty Dancing and Literature Competition 2019

Interfaculty Dancing and Literature Competition (IFDLC) 2019 was ceremoniously held at the T.W. Wikramanayake auditorium of Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna on 05th February 2020. The Chief Guest was Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor of University of Ruhuna and the guest of honour was Shri Prem Kumar Nair, Consul General of India Hambantota. All nine faculties of the university took part in it performing traditional and free style dancing items. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences emerged victorious in both traditional and freestyle categories.

Traditional Dancing

First place	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Second place	Faculty of Agriculture
Third place	Faculty of Science

Freestyle Dancing

First place	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Second place	Faculty of Management & Finance
Third place	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences and Technology

In addition, nearly 200 literature work submitted by students underwent evaluation by an experienced panel of evaluators and the winners were awarded certificates at the ceremony.

Short stories

Sinhala

First place	WAPPP Jayaweera	Faculty of Medicine
Second place	KG Poornima Muthumali	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Third place	PBASMP Kumara	Faculty of Medicine

Tamil

First place	Thambipilai Thishan	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Second place	T Vinith Steeban	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Third place	Thambipilai Thishan	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology

English

First place	RSC Arambawatta	Faculty of Technology
Second place	HTN Perera /MAJ Induruwa	Faculty of Agriculture/Faculty of Medicine
Third place	PD Panchalie	Faculty of Management and Finance

Novels

Sinhala

Commended	RMPO Wasundara Vinodhani	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
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Poetry

Sinhala

First place	AWASN Kumari	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Second place	MSS Ranbanda	Faculty of Management & Finance
Third place	ABGK Liyanage	Faculty of Agriculture

Tamil

First place	Javundirarasa Pirunitha	Faculty of Agriculture
Second place	Luxshiya Sritharan	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences
Third place	Tharani Thirunavukkarasu	Faculty of Agriculture
English		
First place	WMNKK Kulasinghe	Faculty of Agriculture
Second place	PD Panchalie	Faculty of Management and Finance
Third place	PD Panchalie	Faculty of Management and Finance
Free verses		
Sinhala		
First place	DMMH Dassanayake	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Second place	Ruwini Lakmali Karangoda	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Third place	AWASN Kumari	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Tamil		
First place	Tharani Thirunavukkarasu	Faculty of Agriculture
Second place	Thambipillai Tishan	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Third place	Apiraamie Ganeshan	Faculty of Agriculture
English		
First place	WMNKK Kulasinghe	Faculty of Agriculture
Second place	Varshani Brabakaran	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Third place	Hansani Liyanage	Faculty of Management and Finance
Lyrics		
Sinhala		
First place	HKMRN Thilakarathna	Faculty of Agriculture
Second place	HKMRN Thilakarathna	Faculty of Agriculture
Third place	SAD Sandaruwan	Faculty of Technology
Tamil		
First place	Stensilla Sivalingum	Faculty of Agriculture
Commended	Javundirarasa Prunitha	Faculty of Agriculture
Commended	Tharani Thirunavukkarasu	Faculty of Agriculture
Short films		
First place	MWSN Thilakarathne	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology

This year there was a special category of creative writing “Mahatma in 100 words” to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Creative writing “Mahatmain 100 words”

Sinhala		
First place	WPM Sasinga	Faculty of Medicine
Second place	WAAVR Dayanadee	Faculty of Medicine
Third place	MAGP Perera	Faculty of Engineering
Tamil		
First place	Duwaraga Selvaraj	Faculty of Engineering
Second place	P Kamalarasah	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Third place	Shojitha Jeyanathan	Faculty of Agriculture
English		
First place	Ambalika Kulakalakaran	Faculty of Agriculture
Second place	WKNS Dias	Faculty of Agriculture
Third place	TADCY Senanayake	Faculty of Medicine

We would like to extend our deep sense of appreciation to Consulate General of India Hambantota for co-sponsoring this event.



Grand Finale - The Orator of the Year 2019



The Grand Finale was held on 12th December, 2019 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology. Senior professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Professor E. P. S. Chandana, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Professor Upali Pannilage, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor I. V. A. Jayantha, Dean, Faculty of Science, Dr H. B. Asanthi, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, Dr Thusitha Gunawardhane, Dean, Faculty of Management and Finance, and two members of the University Council were among the distinguished guests who were present at the occasion.

The winners of the Grand Finale were as follows:

Sinhala medium

Champion	D. M. Maleesha H. Dassanayake	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
First Runner-up	D. S. H. Gamage	Faculty of Medicine
Second Runner-up	J. B. C. L. Jothirathne	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

Tamil medium

Champion	Tharani Manivannan	Faculty of Agriculture
First Runner-up	A. N. N. Farshana	Faculty of Management and Finance
Second Runner-up	Thambipillai Tishan	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology

English medium

Champion	SH Nasarathul Husna	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
First Runner-up	Ransarani Chandrika Attanayake	Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology
Second Runner-up	P. M. K. N. Wijethunga	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

World University Games– 2019, Napoli–Italy



World University Games – 2019 was held on 03rd of July 2019 to 14th July 2019 in Napoli, Italy. The World University Games (Universiade) is organized by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) as an international multi-sports event for university athletes. The World University Games (Universiade) is the largest multi-sport event in the world apart from the Olympic Games, which are held once every two odd years in different cities.

Mr. J.P. Anusha De Silva, Instructor in Physical Education represented Sri Lanka as a Delegation Official. Mr. H.M.P.B. Piyathilaka & Ms. H.P.A. Jayamini of Faculty of Engineering and Mr. A.V.K.D. Dias of Faculty of Management and Finance represented Sri Lanka as members of Athletic Team. Mr. W.K.S. Wickramaarachchi of Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology and Mr. M.A.J. Induwara & Mr. W.A.M. Fernando of Faculty of Medicine represented Sri Lanka as members of Swimming Team.

South Asian Games – 2019, Pokhara, Nepal

Ms. Shalini Upekha Sithumini Bandara Wijewickrama Of Faculty Of Agriculture Won Silver Medal On Women's Team Poomsae 23 Years Above At South Asian Games–2019.

7th Worldmen's Classic Powerlifting Championship–2019 Helsingborg, Sweden

Mr. Vikum Perera of Faculty of Management and Finance represented Sri Lanka at 7th World Men's Classic Power lifting Championship and won 14th place at under 105kg category.

TECHNO 2019

Techno 2019, National Engineering and Technology Exhibition, the flagship event organized by the Institute of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) was held at BMICH, Colombo in October 2019. In this exhibition, Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna showcased innovative and attractive engineering undergraduate projects and won the Silver award for the “Stall with Best Display of Engineering Projects”. In parallel with the exhibition, five major undergraduate level competitions; Hakathon, XO-Bots (Tic Tac Toe), Spaghetti Bridge, CAD Eager and Sky

of Icarus (Drone competition), were organized by the IESL Young Member's Section. Faculty of Engineering students showcased their talents and dominated these competitions by winning places in all five competitions. The awards gala was held on 8th November 2019 at Marino Beach Hotel, Colombo.

Dr B.A.D.S. Wimalasena, Senior Lecturer (DCEE) coordinated the faculty participation in the event along with the department coordinators; Mr. Chanaka Kodithuwakku (DMME), Mr. Ruchira Lakshan Perera (DEIE), and Mr. M.N.M. Shayan (DCEE).

Competition Winners

CAD EAGER 2019 (3rd Place): Suhanjala C.B.G.S. De Zoysa A.U.L.

Sky of Icarus 2019 (3rd Place): Wijesekara, W.A.M.S. Induruwa I.V.T.P., Bandara W.M.H.S., Herath H.M.I.K., Marasingha M.A.L.T.

Spaghetti Bridge Competition (3rd Place): Jayasundara J.L, Jayathilake M.G.C.S.K, Premadasa H.M.D.T, Ranasinghe Y.K.K.N., Rajapaksha S.D., Nandasena K.K.P.

XO Bots 2019 (1st Place): Manchanayaka M.G.S.S.B., Bandara L.L.G.M.P., Arachchi O.A.S.P.O., Sandamini H.A.D.S.

XO Bots 2019 (3rd Place): Kavinda J.K.A.J., Dharmasena R.A.T.U., Rohana D.M.G., Awantha B.G.W.M.A., Maduranga W.C.

Hackathon 2019 (Most Popular Team): Kavinda J.K.A.J., Dharmasena R.A.T.U., Kumarasinghe W.K.H.



Inventions and Innovations

International Intellectual Property Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition - 2019 (IPITEX- 2019) Held in Bangkok, Thailand

Mr. K.T. Methdasun Sandamal from Faculty of Technology had been awarded a gold medal, a special award from World Women Entrepreneurs Association and a special award from Indian Innovators Association at IPITEx 2019 (International Intellectual Property Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition) held in Bangkok, Thailand on 6th February 2019 for his invention called “Safe, Easy and Advanced Handel System for Two and Three Wheelers”.



Sahasak Nimawum - 2019

Mr. K.T. Methdasun Sandamal from Faculty of Technology had been awarded a gold medal with “Dasis Award”, which is a life time award for an inventor under university category at “Sahasak Nimawum -2019“ held on 22nd September 2019 for his invention called “Safety Handle for Bicycle, Bike and Three Wheel”. In addition, Mr. Supun Hendurugoda received a Bronze medal for the invention “Robot Leg” at the same event.



Retirements

Senior Professor P.R.T. Cumararatunga

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology



Senior Professor Palawinnege Ruchira Tharangini Cumararatunga who served for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, retired after 40 years of fruitful and dedicated service.

Prof. Cumararatunga obtained her Bachelor of Science special degree from University of Sri Lanka-Vidyalankara Campus in 1977 in Zoology with second class honors. Young Miss Cumararatunga started her academic career as a temporary assistant lecturer in Zoology at the Vidyalankara Campus soon after her graduation. Then, she joined the Department of Zoology, University of Ruhuna as an Assistant Lecturer and pioneering staff member on 15th September 1978. She is the first Probationary lecturer from

University of Ruhuna who received the Commonwealth academic staff scholarship to pursue the postgraduate studies. She read for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Aston in Birmingham in fish reproductive histology & physiology. This work led to a chapter in the book “Recent Advances in Aquaculture” published by Croom Helm, London in 1988. She returned to resume duties at the University of Ruhuna in April 1986, and was promoted to the grade of Lecturer (which is now equivalent to Senior Lecturer Grade II).

Prof. Cumararatunga has been a keen researcher and led an active research career. Since becoming a senior academic, she won a number of competitive national and international research grants over 100 million Sri Lankan rupees, some of which are IDRC (from Canada in 1986), SAREC (from Sweden in 1990), NARESA (Sri Lanka, 1994) and SAREC coastal Ecology programme (from Sweden in 1995, 1998 & 2002).

Prof. Cumararatunga assisted for the establishment of a sub-Department in Fisheries Biology, under the Department of Zoology in 1987, which was later upgraded as the Department of Fisheries Biology in 1988 as the 6th Department of the Faculty of Science. Prof. Cumararatunga was appointed as the Head of the Department of Fisheries Biology in 1990. She was appointed to the post of Professor of Fisheries Biology (Chair) in the Department of Fisheries Biology in May 1999. She is the first Professor of Fisheries Biology within the higher education system in Sri Lanka. She was the Department coordinator for the ADB Personnel Development Project, and she contributed obtaining more than 300,000 USD during 1998-2002 for building infrastructure and human capacity to teach fisheries biology. She continued to lead the Department as the Head until 2005, and took the leadership in developing the Department of Fisheries Biology to gain international recognition and attracted grants through international collaborations under the SIDA/SAREC (Sweden) Marine Science Programme and NUFU (Norway). As a result of her unfailing and untiring efforts, she managed to establish the 7th Faculty of the University of Ruhuna in 2005, the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences and Technology (FMST). She was

appointed as the founder Dean of the Faculty and founder acting Head of the Department of Oceanography & Marine Geology on 27th October 2005. She was promoted to the Senior Professor in May 2007.

She received the Vice Chancellor's Award for the highest grant-recipient in 2004 and 2007; has won the presidential award for indexed scientific publications. She won the Commonwealth academic exchange fellowship in 1991, Fulbright Senior Research Scholarship tenable in the University of Hawaii in 1996, and ZONTA Award for Women of Achievement for Education in 2006 (Colombo). She has long served in several national associations, including Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries & Aquatic Resources by which she was felicitated for her life time service. She is an academic member representing University of Ruhuna at the prestigious Academy of Science, Sri Lanka where she was elected as a fellow since August 2013. For Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLASS), she was the chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the SLASS in 2016, 2017 & 2019 and of the Ethics Committee. She was elected as the General President in 2013 and chairperson of several scholarly committees at SLASS. She is also a member of Asian Fisheries Society, and Fisheries Society of the British Isles. Prof. Cumaranatunga had served in number of prestigious positions at NARESA (presently NSF), NARA, National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering, International Union for Conservation of Nature-Sri Lanka, Center for Agricultural Research Policy, and NASTEC. She has also served in number of national committees appointed by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Higher Education, and the University Grant Commission. She participated and represented the Department/ Faculty/ the University at more than 33 overseas events all related to her field of expertise, including England, USA, Scotland, Spain, Japan, Singapore, India, Israel, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, China, Sweden, Norway and Belgium. She was able to form educational and research partnerships and to bring networking to a high level. She rendered an invaluable service to the Faculties of Science and Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology for more than 4 decades until her retirement on the 14th February 2019.

Dr. S.S. Thenabadu (Senior Lecturer Grade I)

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



Dr. Sunil Shantha Thenabadu who was attached to the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was selected to the University of Ruhuna in 1984 upon the successful completion of his studies at Rajapaksha Central College, Weeraketiya and he completed his Bachelor's Honors Degree in Sociology with second class (upper division). He obtained his M.Phil. in Sociology in 2001 and received his PhD in 2012 from the University of Ruhuna. In 1992, he embarked on his academic carrier as a temporary assistant lecturer in Sociology at the University of Ruhuna and became a Senior Lecturer (Grade I) in 2007.

Owing to his outstanding academic career, he was awarded Richmond fellowship from Bangalore, India in 2009. It is noteworthy that Dr. S.S. Thenabadu provided an invaluable contribution to the faculty and university as an

academic and administrator. He was the Head of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences from 2013 to 2015. He served as the coordinator of Diploma in Psychological Counselling at the same university for three years and provided his service as an examiner and supervisor for post graduate students of the University of Ruhuna. Further to that, Dr. S.S. Thenabadu rendered his invaluable service as a student counsellor for more than five years and held significant voluntary positions such as senior treasurer of Sociological Association, research officer appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, member of the organizing committees in several International Conferences and member of the syllabus revision committees in the Department of Sociology, in expanding his service to varied realms. Moreover, he had too served as a visiting lecturer and a resource person in several government, non-government and private institutions. Dr. S.S. Thenabadu's scholarly work encompasses researches, several books, journal articles and presentations. His major areas of specialization are Sociological Theory, Social Stratification and Psychological Counseling. Dr. S.S. Thenabadu was a senior academic who contributed immensely to the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna with his diverse capacities.

Mr. PA Sunil (Scientific Assistant Grade I)
Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture



Mr. P.A. Sunil obtained his BSc (Agriculture) degree from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna and pursued his Master of Philosophy in Crop Science from the University of Peradeniya. Mr. P.A. Sunil joined the Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture in the year 1999 and actively facilitated as the Scientific Assistant (Grade I) for the academic programs conducted by the department.

Mr. P.A. Sunil engaged in a range of research projects conducted by the Department of Crop Science and his primary research interests were in hydroponics technology and protected agriculture. Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna organized a felicitation ceremony to honor his valuable contribution for the betterment of the university. In this ceremony, several speakers highlighted the immense contributions made by Mr. P.A. Sunil, not only to the University of Ruhuna, but also to the advancement of science through collaborative research, training programs for farmers, school children, and teachers from Southern Province especially with reference to hydroponics and protected agriculture. All the staff members and students of the Faculty of Agriculture extended their great appreciation and gratitude to Mr. P.A. Sunil who made a significant contribution to uplift the faculty to its current status.

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