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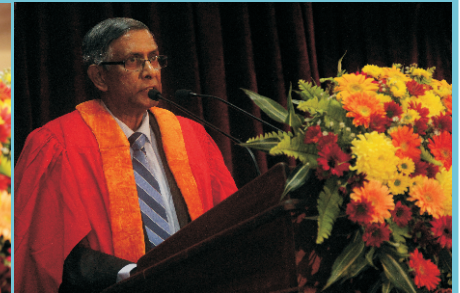
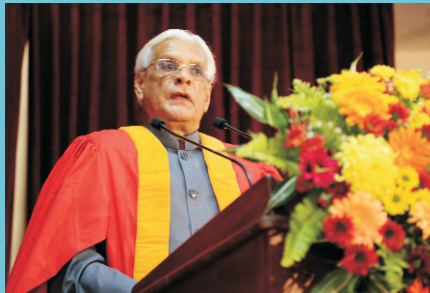
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General Convocation 2016



The 16th General Convocation of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was held on 27th May 2016 at the University premises Mihintale. A large number of distinguished invitees including the Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka Dr. Leel Gunasekara and Vice chancellor Prof. K.H Ranjith Wijayawardhana participated in the event. The Convocation speeches were med by the Guest of Honour Prof. Laxman R. Watawala and Prof. J.B. Dissanayaka respectively in the morning & evening sessions. At this Convocation, degrees were conferred on 922 graduates. Among them, 25 were graduates in Master of Business Administration and 5 were graduated in Post Graduate of Diploma in Management .

Number of Graduates in this Convocation Faculty wise is as follows

Faculty of Agriculture	83
Faculty of Applied Sciences	143
Faculty of Management Studies	231
Faculty of Medicine & Allied Sciences	174
Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities	291



15th Anniversary Programme

The Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) has completed its 15th year in higher education. As an Agriculture faculty of a national university, the faculty has produced graduates well equipped with the knowledge to attend the issues in the agriculture sector of the country, thus contributing immensely to the development of the country.



In keeping with the traditions, a two-day program was held to celebrate the 15th Anniversary on June 02 and 03, 2016 at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The program included an exhibition that covers numerous disciplines of agriculture including on-farm demonstrations. The exhibition stalls from the four Departments (Agric. Engineering and Soil Science, Agric. Systems, Animal and Food Science, Plant Sciences) demonstrated their different disciplines. Students of the schools, universities, and other higher educational institutes; farmers and people from the industry made use of the exhibition. A debate competition was also held in parallel to this program. The program was followed by a cultural show in the faculty farm premises in the evening, June 03, 2016.



New Intake



Intake of new students to the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL took place on 06.01.2016. The inaugural ceremony was held at the Faculty of Agriculture with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ranjith Wijayawardana.



"Current trends of Pesticide use in Sri Lanka"



A guest lecture on 'Current trends of Pesticide use in Sri Lanka' was conducted by Dr. Lionel Nugaliyadda, retired Professor in Agric. Biology from the University of Ruhuna, on 13.06.2016 (1.30 pm- 3.30 pm) at Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL, for students following PS 3206 Pesticide Management.

Seminar Series

The Faculty of Agriculture conducts a seminar series with a view to promoting a scientific forum. It is generally held on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm at the Faculty Board Room. The following speakers have made their speeches in 2016.

Speaker	Date	Title
Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena	February 24, 2016	The ecology and diversity of mealy bugs (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae) in different agroecological regions of Sri Lanka
Dr. D.M.D. Dissanayake	April 06, 2016	Integrated nutrient management for lowland rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) in the Anuradhapura district of Sri Lanka
Dr. Dilshan Benaragama	May 25, 2016	Cropping systems research: the rationale, design and analysis

Dr. Manoj Fernando from Health Promotion Division

Global Health's Social Innovation Think Tank Round Table

From 2nd to 4th June 2016, Dr Manoj Fernando attended the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health's Social Innovation Think Tank Round Table organized by York University, Toronto, Canada. The objective of the meeting was to develop a strategic plan for the Social Innovation Think Tank and identifying areas of collaboration in global health research and leadership development with global health partners.



WHO SEARO work shop on Health Promotion

From 22nd to 24th June 2016, Dr. Manoj Participated as a temporary advisor to the WHO regional director for the WHO SEARO work shop held in Bangkok, Thailand to strengthen health promotion in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Manoj Fernando is the only Scientific Advisory Group member from South Asia for WHO on Health Promotion. He made one of the keynote addresses during the workshop.

Contribution to Improve A/L Education



Faculty of Applied Sciences organized a workshop for GCE Advanced Level students from schools of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts with the aim of elevating the standards of advanced Level education in the North Central Province. This workshop specifically focused on laboratory component of physics, chemistry, biology, ICT and newly introduced technology streams that students must master. The laboratories of the Faculty of Applied Sciences were opened for these students on 28th, 29th and 30th of June to learn and to get familiarize with the practical experiments and laboratory equipment recommended in the A/L syllabus under the supervision of university lecturers and students. These practical skills are vital in achieving higher grades in A/L exam but majority of students from this area face difficulties in acquiring these skills due to either poorly equipped laboratories or lack of teachers. The Faculty of Applied Sciences of Rajarata University has identified these difficulties

faced by school teachers and students and initiated this workshop in 2007 and continuing since then as one of the main community events of the faculty and university.

This year A/L workshop was conducted from 28th to 30th June. According to the organizing committee, more than 3000 school students entered university laboratories and gained firsthand experience on practical experiments in A/L syllabus and laboratory equipment as well as biological specimens. The interactive environment within the laboratories was useful in acquiring essential knowledge and skills of the practical component. This lead taken by the Faculty of Applied Sciences, to improve skills and capacities of school children, emphasizes the vital role the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka can play in the community development particularly in the North Central Province.



Collaborative Academic Agreement with York University of Canada



The inaugural ceremony held with the participation of a team from the York University, Canada, Invitees from Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and government administrators, University staff, community members and students

The key resource person of the event was Prof. Diyanath Samarasinghe who is also the advisor for the Health Promotion program. Dr. Manoj Fernando and Mr. Duminda Guruge were the other resource persons from Rajarata University. The team from the York University, Canada included Professor Harvey A. Skinner, Dean of the Faculty of Health, Professor Arun Chockalingam, Professor & Special Advisor on Global Health to the Dean of Faculty of Health, Professor Mary E. Wiktorowicz, Associate Dean for Community and Global Health of Faculty of Health and Professor F. Beryl Pilkington, Program Director, Global Health of Faculty of Health

The symposium included presentations of community members who are from the areas where health promotion programs are currently being conducted, presentations of students, academic staff of Health promotion division and delegates from York University. The program of the last day of symposium included visits to communities where all academics could witness the improvements of community members following community based health promotion programs.

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka signed a collaborative academic agreement with York University of Canada on the 10th of March 2016. The signed agreement will facilitate staff and student exchange programs, collaborative research programs and development of new training programs on global health and community based health promotion approach. This will enable Rajarata University to strengthen global health component in the health promotion programs and York University to train both undergraduates and postgraduates on community based health promotion approaches.

The signing of this agreement was done as part of a Health Promotion Symposium which allowed both Rajarata and York academics to share experiences. This symposium mainly focused on community based health promotion approach and conducted from 10th to 12th March, 2016 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Health Promotion Colloquium 2016

The Health Promotion Division of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with the collaboration of Plan International Sri Lanka organized a Health Promotion Colloquium for a team of staff members from Plan International China and Plan International Sri Lanka. The Asia Regional Health Promotion Colloquium conducted in 2014 and the success of child health programs conducted by the Plan International Sri Lanka with the Health Promotion Division have been the key for Plan International to recognize 'Health Promotion' as a key concept for community development. Hence, Dr Helen Louise Taylor, Maternal Newborn Child Adolescent Health and Nutrition Advisor of the Plan-International Asia Region requested for health promotion training for a team from the Plan International China.

Prof. Diyanath Samarasinghe facilitated the training as the Consultant where Mr. Duminda Guruge and Dr. Manoj Fernando of the Health Promotion Division were the main facilitators. The colloquium basically focused on applying community based health

promotion for child wellbeing and both Sri Lankan and the Chinese groups were supported to formulate their own action plans for their settings on improving child wellbeing and development. The training was conducted from 24th to 28th May, 2016 at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. In addition to the class room sessions, community presentations and field visits were incorporated in the training. As an international training centre on health promotion, this is the twelfth event conducted by the Health Promotion Division to share its unique health promotion model to the international community.



Workshop on “Promoting Industrial Training”

A workshop on Promoting Industrial Training was held on 3rd March 2016 at the faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. About 100 students of the faculty actively participated in this oneday workshop in which the importance of industrial training to bridge the gap between the academia and the industry was emphasized. This was funded by the Quality and Innovation Grant (QIG) of the Department of Physical Sciences of the faculty of Applied Sciences.

Two senior executives from Lanka Walltiles PLC and Lanka tiles PLC participated as resource persons in the workshop, shared their wealth of knowledge and expertise with the students and the staff. This workshop gave a green light on the prospective industrial training opportunities for students of the faculty in their world renowned company. This will be a great opportunity; in particular, for students who wish to get an industrial training in the fields of Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.



Department of Biological Sciences Takes Lead in Conserving Nature Reserve



Biodiversity (flora and fauna) survey of the C o c k - Abbey forest reserve in Horowupothana was initiated by a team led by Dr Sriyani Wickramasinghe of the Biological Department of the Faculty of Applied Sciences. Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forestry support this project. The aim of the survey is to conserve this invaluable reserve for future generations by securing the biodiversity. This conversation project from the Department of Biological Sciences also provides an opportunity for students of the Faculty of Applied Sciences to conduct field activities to support components of their academic programs in the reserve that serves as a rich outdoor laboratory.

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“Wasa Wisu Nati Ratak”

In parallel to the 'Wasa Wisu Nati Ratak' national program (A country free from poisonous substances), to ensure the chemical-free farming and food in the country within the next three years, a national exhibition was organized in the BMICH by the Strategic Enterprise Management Agency (SEMA) from 6th to 8th March, 2016. On the invitation of SEMA, the Health Promotion Division of the Faculty of Applied Sciences successfully conducted an exhibition stall in this national exhibition. The exhibition stall educated general public and provided information and guidance on general well being while paying special attention in to nutrition, commercial and media influence on dietary practices, attitudes related to food purchasing, chemical free farming in aspects of *sustainable, self-sufficient communities* and prevention of tobacco smoking while emphasizing the negative impacts of tobacco farming.



A large crowd including politicians, media, religious leaders, school children and civil society members visited the exhibition stall where health promotion

undergraduates received supportive and encouraging comments from both general public and influential persons. The health promotion exhibition stall could generate a public dialogue at this forum where the presidents' office appreciated the stall despite of the different influences of some multinational companies and industries. This exhibition has been an opportunity for the health promotion undergraduate students to receive attention of different organizations in which they have been offered a funding support for future awareness activities focusing school students on national scale.

Ideamart Outreach



Ideamart outreach in Rajarata University was held at the Faculty of Applied Sciences auditorium on 5th March 2016. Seven young Ideamart members visited the faculty to share their knowledge and conduct a session to introduce Ideamart platform and also demonstrate how to develop simple applications using the platform. Ideamart is a platform presented by Dialog Axiata PLC for developers and content providers to use the Dialog network based features via shared APIs and monetize their efforts. The platform allows developers to use features based on Idea Pro,

where the scripts to APIs are shared for them to create applications. Ideamart platform is also a place where individuals or organizations with requirements to create applications could meet skilled Developers. In addition, the Dialog Ideamart team is always there to help any party who requires clarifications with regard to the ideamart platform and its offerings.

Google Developer Group Sri Lanka



Association of Rajarata ICT organized a technical session on “Building modern web applications with AngularJS and Google Go language” on 30th January 2016 for all ICT/CS students of Rajarata University. It was the first ever event conducted by Google Developer Group Sri Lanka, at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The technologies discussed during this session are the most trending and interesting that are used by leading developers today.

These are powerful enough to build modern web applications are not hard to learn. Therefore, these technologies can be effectively taught in a short set of sessions. About 100 of students participated in the event. A quiz session was conducted to conclude and winners were awarded with prizes. This session was helpful for capacity building among ICT and Computer Science students.

Sancharaka Udawa

Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators (SLAITO) organized the 6th Sancharaka Udawa -2016, the largest gathering of the local tourism suppliers in Sri Lanka during 27th, 28th & 29th of May 2016. The exhibition invited many small, medium and large scale enterprises and entrepreneurs of the tourism industry to a single platform, creating an opportunity to come together and make it known to those in the tourism sector. The event planner for this exhibition was Connaissance de Ceylan (CDC) Events (Pvt.) Limited, a pioneer events management company in Sri Lanka.

The Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management of Faculty of Management studies has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CDC Events (Pvt.) Limited under the provisions of QIG

Project. As a result, the CDC Events (Pvt.) Limited requested the Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management to assist with man power to organize and manage this exhibition successfully. Subsequently, 14 undergraduates volunteered in this event. The undergraduates got the first-hand experience in events organizing, events management, events marketing, guest registration and escorting by volunteering at this event. Also, the industry stakeholders were made aware of the degree programs offered by the Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management. The coordination between the University and the CDC Events was done by Mr. WHMSSamarathunga- Lecturer with the support of MS. DMMI Dissanayake-Lecturer under the directions of the Mr. TMPABTennakoon, Head of the Department, Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management.



“ THUNMANHANDIYA ”



“Thunmanhandiya - II” Musical Show held at the Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 28th June 2016, with the honorable participation of Vice Chancellor, deans, academic, administrative, non-academic, and students of the university, facilitating to achieve the three objectives

- Enrich the cohesiveness of university members (Academic, Non-Academic, Students)
- Appreciate the service rendered by famous singer, Mr. Karunarathna Divulgane to the musical context in Sri Lanka (Abiwandana Sarasavi Sammana)
- Financial Contribution to an identified family for their development

Singer List with song

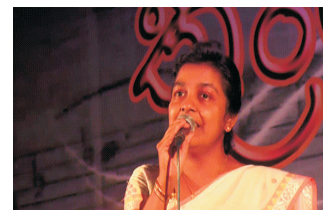
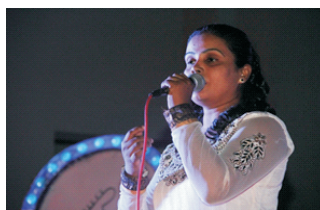
Faculty	Academic	Students	Non-Academic
Agriculture	Ms. Dilrukshi (Assistant Librarian)	No Participated	Mr. Chandana
Applied Sciences	Mr. Ravi Jayawardene	No Participated	Ms. Ranjani
Humanities & Social Sciences	Ms. Madumali Niwanthika	A group Song	Ms. Sriyani
Management Studies	Mr. WAN Sujeewa	Mr. Nuwwan, Nalin, Madhusa.	No Participated
Medicine & Allied Sciences	Dr. Wasana Mendis	Mr. Malith Ranasinghe	No Participated



Event of the “Abiwandana Sammana” to Mr. Karunarathna Divulgane



Social Contribution by Mr. Lushantha Indrajith, Ajantha Dissanayake Kalum Senanayake, And Amith Sanjeeva to Ms R.D. Sunethara Rajapaksha, from Pahala Thalaw - for their medical expenses'.



Symposium

The Third International Research Symposium (IRsyRUSL- 2015), organized by the Faculty of Management Studies of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was held on 26th-27th January 2016, demarcating a significant land mark of its history offering a valuable insight into both theoretical and practical aspects of the field of various disciplines in the Higher Education in Sri Lanka. The International Symposium themed on “Innovation for Sustainability” created a platform for hundreds of academics, scientists, professionals, industry representatives, practitioners, policy makers and research students for the dissemination of knowledge and to enable mutual critical discussions of research outcomes in various disciplines.



An extensive contribution has been given by various personnel and organizations in making this remarkable event a success. As the organizing committee, our sincere gratitude is extended to all those who graciously accepted our invitation to submit the papers to the IRsyRUSL- 2015. In this juncture, we gratefully and earnestly appreciate Professor Suresh Cuganesan, Business School, University of Sydney and Deputy CEO at the John Grill Centre for Project Leadership at the University of Sydney, who amiably accepted our invitation to deliver the key note Address. We also, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the chief guest Prof. KHR Wijewardhena, Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale . Without his guidance and kind support, this endeavor would not have been possible. We would like to extend our earnest and sincere thanks to our Guest of Honour Dr. LeelGunasekara, Chancellor of the University. The organizing committee of the Symposium further extends its sincere thanks to Dr. T.B Anderawewa, who participated as a special invitee of the 3rd International Symposium of the University.

We would like to sincerely acknowledge the service and contribution given by the Academic staff of the University, other Sri Lankan Universities and International Universities. Executive staff and Academic Supportive staff of the University gave a tremendous support to make this endeavor a success. Further, the organizing committee extends its gratitude to the sponsors of the Symposium for their contribution given in many ways to make this event a reality.



Excellent performance in Physiology Quiz for Prof. Carlo Fonseka Challenge Trophy



The 4th Inter Medical Faculty Physiology Quiz 2016 was held in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo on the 25th of June 2016. We are delighted to inform that the team representing Rajarata University of Sri Lanka became the second runners up in this National level competition. Ms NGR Nawarathne, Ms MJF Jazla, Mr AAKT Adhikari, Ms BMPS Bandara and Ms GUWUK Kumari of the 2013/2014 batch represented Rajarata.

Merit Award



Dr.C.S. Paththinige, Lecturer, Department of Anatomy, FMAS, RUSL has received an Merit award for E-poster presentation for the abstract titled " Use of Facebook in Anatomy Education: A Pilot Study" in 13th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC) held on 15th and 16th January 2016 in Singapore.

Leo-Wick Research grant for young researchers

Leo wick is a public health research grant scheme which supports students from north central province of Sri Lanka to find innovative solutions and undertake interventions for public health issues within the community and helps students to advance the knowledge and skills on research work.

2016 Leo-Wick research grant received for two young groups of researchers of department of community medicine, faculty of medicine and allied sciences for their outstanding research projects. Each year grants totaling of 200 000 LKR will be issued. It also provides mentoring and technical support for the grant recipients from international public health specialist to conduct the research and publish in high impact journals.

“Prevalence and Associated Factors of Anaemia among Patients Attending Out Patient Department in District General Hospital Kilinochchi”Hettiarachchi DAU, Thilakarathna OGNCK, Sirisena KDPS, Gamage SN, Kalainesan K”Restless Leg Syndrome among Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease in Padaviya, Sri Lanka”Prasanka MSK, Rathnayake RMAN, Lelwala TA, Sameera TGP

13th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC)



Professor SB Agampodi, Dr. T.C. Agampodi ,Dr. BTB Wijerathne , Dr. Udeshika Pinnagoda and Dr. Prabuddhi Thenuwara participated in 13th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference(APMEC) from 13th - 17th January 2016, Singapore representing Department of Community Medicine , FMAS, RUSL. They have presented 6 abstracts.

Student Welfare Society

A “Student Welfare Society” has been initiated with the aim of helping students with economic hardships by awarding scholarships and Free text books. So far, the society has provided one scholarship of Rs.15, 000 and has been able to donate 20 Text books worth Rs.60, 000/=. Currently, it functions with the donations of current students of FMAS, RUSL. It intends to seek help of passed out batches to further strengthen this society.

Art Therapy; A new approach of minimizing the impact of psychological trauma to children.



Children are greatly vulnerable to psychological trauma following disasters. Sadly it is underestimated and not prioritized during disaster management. Scientific evidence suggests that neglecting the psychological impact can lead to aggregation of stress and can even progress to mental disorders such as depression.

Thabbowa, a rural area in Puttlam District was affected by floods during the heavy rain fall last month. Families were displaced, property was lost and people had to be evacuated by boats or helicopters as the flood level suddenly had risen at night. This was a terrifying experience for children in the affected families. Moreover, even children who were not directly affected by the floods had experienced stress either by hearing experiences of their friends and relatives or due to exposure through media.

An art therapy programme focusing on these children was conducted by Dr. Gayani Amarasinghe, a lecturer of department of community medicine and medical students. The Programme was set in a medical camp for flood affected people, organized by a community organization; Manussakama.

Children coming for the medical camp were invited to a common area where they were provided with crayons and papers for arts creation. Members of the intervention team interacted with each child at the beginning and while drawing and drawing was channeled in a way to give children space to explore the traumatic experiences they had. This also provided relaxation and a sense of resuming routines activities, which are proven to be beneficial for recovery. Parents were also involved, helping them to support their children through the disaster.

New Appointments



Department of Community Medicine is pleased to announce that Dr. T. C Agampodi has been appointed as the new Head of the department. She has been serving as a Lecturer and Senior lecturer in department of community medicine over the last 7 years, student counselor, and an innovative researcher. She has excellent credential to serve as an administrative body. Under her executive leadership Department of community medicine is embarking upon a very exciting phase of journey of success.



It is a great pleasure to announce the arrival of the new Lecturer of department of community medicine, Dr. Budhdhika Thilanga Bandara Wijerathna. He has been with Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences for more than 5 years as a lecturer in Forensic medicine. His outstanding performance as an innovative young researcher has published over 15 articles and claimed for several academic grants. Currently he is engaged in post graduate studies, MPhil, Degree of public health leading to master in public health. His arrival brings the experience, expertise to meet the future academic challenges in the department of community medicine.



Ms. Ranga Siriwardana has been appointed as the new Head of the department of Bio Chemistry. She has been serving as a Lecturer and Senior lecturer in department of Bio Chemistry since year 2007. She is one of the first few Lecturers who joined at the initial period of the faculty. Her dedication and service towards the faculty is highly appreciated.

Health camp for flood refugees at Thabbowa

Sri Lanka faced an unexpected flood disaster from the heavy rain which fell over many districts during the last months of May and June. It converted many people into refugees by a few seconds or hours. So as a step of humanity the Department of Community Medicine of Faculty of medicine of Rajarata University launched a health campaign at the Thabbowa refugee camp with the main aim of preventing and minimizing adverse post disaster consequences with regard to health. The campaign was guided by Professor Suneth Agampodi, the head of the Department of Community Medicine, and strengthened by the rest of the department staff and medical students.

On that day free medical consultation was provided with medications and counseling done on sanitation which would be a huge step in the prevention of communicable diseases in the post disaster period.



“Jeewaka Yathra”

“Jeewakayathra” annual health camp has been conducted by Medical Students Union of Faculty of medicine and Allied Sciences in front of the Ruwanwelisaya premises for the 6th consecutive time, targeting pilgrims visiting the sacred city on 18th and 19th June 2016. We were able to treat around 3500 patients with our medical & eye clinics, emergency treatment unit, surgical unit, specialist consultation and pharmacy

World Health Assembly



The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of WHO. It is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States and focuses on a specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board. The main functions of the World Health Assembly are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget. The Health Assembly is held annually in Geneva, Switzerland. Around 3500 delegates from WHO's 194 Member States – including a large proportion of the world's health ministers attended the WHA, from 23rd to 28th May 2016. This year's theme of WHA was “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and began a discussion on WHO reform.

Prof. Suneth Agampodi participated in WHA 2016 as a delegate from World Federation of Public Health Associations. This was a part of 5th year reunion of Inter Academy Medical Panel Young Physician Leaders (YPL) programme. In 2012 he was nominated as the YPL from Sri Lanka.

Implementation Researches

Implementation Research (IR), still an emerging and unknown field for many researches. IR is kind of research which was developed to solve implementation problems. It acts in real field setting and addresses practical implementation obstacles. The first IR training programme in Sri Lanka was launched in 2016 by Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Rajarata University. It was initiated through WHO Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) small grant scheme. The department offered full time scholarships for the participants and the programme was based on WHO IR training manual.

35 health care workers from different categories were present at the initial workshop and they included health administrators at provincial and district level, consultants representing policy making bodies or district level implementers, other health care providers and seven other different categories of healthcare professionals. Participants were rearranged into six groups. Prof. Suneth Agampodi, Prof. Sisira Siribaddana, Dr. Thilini Agsmpodi, Dr. Nuwan Wickramasinghe, Dr. Buddhika Wijerathne were present as resource personnel. This one day workshop was held on 26th January 2016.

The introductory workshop mainly focused on conceptualization of IR. Almost all of them were not aware what IR is. After giving a detailed account on IR research, ethics was also discussed. These were interactive sessions. Participants were provided with WHO TDR implementation research toolkit for reference purposes. At the end of the sessions participant groups were given the task to select a research topic to work on during the training period. They were encouraged to select a topic that can identify implementation bottlenecks especially in their own settings.

The second step of the IRTP was on proposal development held as a five days residential workshop from 8th to 12th February 2016. Each group developed their own research proposal step by step and resource personals guided them along the way. Sessions included lectures, discussions and interactive activities. A special workshop on Mendeley was also conducted. Participants were encouraged to work as groups, counteract with other groups with the help of Trello online platform. At the end of the five days workshop, proposals were finalized including relevant forms of the studies such as questionnaires, consent forms, participation information leaflets.

Ethical training one day workshop was held on 19th of February 2016 at Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Saliyapura, Anuradhapura. As the final step of preparing the project proposal participants completed ethical review committee (ERC) application forms for their proposed implementation studies. ERC applications were formatted as guided by the ERC committee, Faculty of Medicine, Rajarata University. They were educated on the format of the ERC application form and other documents such as questionnaires, participation information leaflets, consent forms and the ethical part of them.

Qualitative methods one day workshop of IRTP was held on 30th of March 2016 at Rajarata Hotel, Anuradhapura. This workshop was conducted as requested by most of the participants. Most of the groups have a qualitative component in their researches and this workshop guided them to perform a comprehensive qualitative study. Workshop composed of lectures and interactive sessions. In the latter part of the workshop groups were made to prepare tentative qualitative interviewer guides and they presented their own interviews.

Currently all groups are collecting data and even before analyzing they have been able to identify important bottlenecks in implementation. There will be data analyzing workshop after teams have completed the data collection and then dissemination sessions will be held with the participation of relevant stakeholders. The ultimate aim of the programme is to disseminate the knowledge and bring out improvement in healthcare delivery.



Dermatoglyphics



Dr BTB Wijerathne a lecturer from Department of Community Medicine participated in 25th Anniversary International Scientific Conference 6th - 8th April 2016, at Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He presented the abstract titled "The uses of dermatoglyphics in kidney Diseases: a systematic review".

Dr BTB Wijerathne a lecturer from Department of Community Medicine participated in 36th Annual Meeting of the Korean Society of Nephrology, which was held on 2nd June to 5th June, 2016 at Grand Hilton Hotel Seoul, South Korea. He presented the abstract titled "Family clustering of chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology in Sri Lanka: a preliminary study".

Dr. T.C. Agampodi received best e-poster award



Dr. T.C. Agampodi won a best e-poster award for her presentation on **Heavy Workload of Third Year Clinical Rotation affects Effective Learning of Para-Clinical Subjects** at 13th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC) from 13th - 17th January 2016, Singapore

Basic Infertility Course



Dr. Ajith Kumara, Consultant VOG and Lecturer in Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics has successfully completed the Basic infertility course conducted by International Institute of training and Research in Reproductive Health from 28th March to 31st March in Bangalore, India.

A Programme to promote human body donation by Department of Anatomy,



Department of Anatomy, FMAS, RUSL has started a new promotional campaign to encourage human body donation to the medical faculty. This programme was launched with the aim of providing sufficient number of cadavers to the department, which will be used for dissections by medical undergraduates, development of anatomical museum and for basic science researches. This programme includes a series of promotional sessions in hospitals and other government institutions. Initial session was successfully held on 2nd June in Senapura Rural Hospital. Second session was held on 29th June in Shanthi Sevana Elder's Home, Saliyapura. Applications for body donation are available in faculty Web Site.

"SRADDHA" Wesak Festival

Annual "Sharddha" Vesak festival" has been conducted for the 8th consecutive time on 25th May 2016 at Ruwanwelisaya.. Around 10 000 devotees participated in this festival. This whole event was organized by Buddhist committee of Medical faculty students' union with the contribution of "Mahamewunawa" for the purpose of worshipping sacred relics of Lord Buddha.



Faculty Day



Faculty Day of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was held on 12th January 2016 at the Faculty premises. All the Academic and Non Academic members of the faculty including Dr. CR Withanachchi - Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mr. AMGB Abeysinghe – Registrar of the University and most of the students participated in the event. Series of events such as an Almsgiving to the Elders home at Saliyapuya, a tree planting program, Sport Activities including Cricket & Netball and an evening cultural show, were conducted throughout the day.

Guest Lecture series for the Industrial training students

With the intention of developing the skills of the undergraduates, a Guest Lecture series for the Industrial training students were organised by the Industrial training unit of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on 20th January 2016.

Mr.HBAW Hettiarachchi, Director of the industrial training unit of the Faculty of the Social Sciences & Humanities ,Dr AM Perera, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Sciences,Dr.TB Andarawewa,Mr.BMB Balasooriya,Assistant Director Foreign Resource ,Ministry of Finance, Mr.HAAM Namaluwa, HR Manager ,Airport Garden Hotel Participated and Contributed for the event.



“Ksithija Maimen Ehaa”

'KsithijaMaimenEhaa' an event showcasing the talents of the undergraduates of the Department of Social Sciences was organized with view of developing the skills of the students while collecting books for a CSR programme. The event was held on the 21st of January 2016 at the Amaradewa Auditorium of the University as an Assessment for the 3rd year students as part of the Strategic management subject, guided by subject Lecturer Mr. PB Rathnayake in the Department of Social Sciences. The event was presided over by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dr. CR Withanachchi and it was attended by the academic staff including Heads of the Departments as well as students.



CSR Programme



In taking another step towards Social Responsibility, a CSR program was organized by the Department of Social Sciences as an Assessment for the 3rd year students as part of the Strategic management subject on 22nd of January 2016. Kalawewa, Walasmulla Primary School was selected as the location and books, student materials, file cabinets, white boards, cleaning equipment, classroom name boards and a water filter were donated to the school. Undergraduate students contributed and shared their skills and knowledge with the school students at the event.



Japanese Language and Culture Workshop – 2016

The Japanese Club of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the University of Rajarata organized a Japanese Language and Cultural Workshop on the 29th and 30th of January 2016 in the university premises. The objectives of the Japanese Language and Culture Workshop was to make the students of the University of Rajarata and the school students aware about Japanese Language; to develop the language knowledge and to make a chance for the students to experience the culture of Japan; and to have cooperation of the higher officials in the development of Japanese Language in the University of Rajarata. Mr. Takaoka Masaki, First Secretary, Japan Embassy of Sri Lanka was the special guest of the Japanese Language and Cultural Workshop - 2016 and Ms. Nayomi Wijesekara, Culture and Information Specialist was also invited, as well as the experts of Japanese Language in Sri Lanka; Ms. Manike Thittagala, Senior Lecturer, Japanese Language Education Association, Mr. Omura Haruko, JICA Volunteer Coordinator and JICA volunteers. Moreover, the Japanese Learning students of A/Central College, Anuradhapura were invited. All the higher officials of the Rajarata University including the Vice Chancellor, the lecturers and all the students of the Rajarata University were invited. The programme of 29th of January 2016 was held in two sessions as the Inauguration Ceremony from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in the Amaradewa Hall of Sri Lanka Rajarata University, and the Japanese Cultural Exhibition from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the Culture Hall of the University of Rajarata. The Inauguration Ceremony was brimmed with guest speeches, Japanese traditional and modern dances, Japanese songs, a presentation on JENESYS 2015 and a statue give away. The Japanese Cultural Exhibition was coloured with the stalls of Japanese writing system, Japanese national clothes, Origami, Bonsai, Japanese foods, realia of Japan, and Japanese photographs and painting galleries. The programme of 30th January, 2016 was a lecture on the Japanese Culture emphasized through Japanese animations by Mr. Takaoka Masaki, First Secretary, Japan Embassy of Sri Lanka.



JENESYS 2015-Japan-SAARC Network Programme of People-to-People Exchange

The JENESYS 2015 SAARC Countries 1st Batch: Energy programme organized by the Japan International Cooperation was held in Japan from 17th of January 2016 to 27th of January 2016. 112 participants from seven SAARC countries including 15 students and a supervisor from Sri Lanka participated in the programme. Further to the interviews held at the Embassy, two students: K.M.S.P. Wijerathne and T.S. Abeynayake of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka were selected. The selection panel included Mr. Takaoka Masaki, First Secretary, Japan Embassy of Sri Lanka; Ms. Nayomi Wijesekara, Culture and Information Specialist and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry University Education. The two students were nominated by the Japanese Language lecturers Ms. W.P.P.V. Wepola and Ms. Yuka Watanabe through Dr. D.M.W.K. Dissanayake, Head, Department of Languages, Dr. Chandana Withanarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Prof. Ranjith Wijewardena, Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The scheduled programme consisted of lectures to understand Japan; workshops; visits to observe cutting-edge technologies, and to local industries; visits in Tokyo; university exchange and home stay programmes; observation of nature and environmental protection efforts; traditional culture experience and opinion exchange. JENESYS 2015 was a great opportunity for the students to understand that Japan has struck a fine balance between the traditional and the modern-incorporating customs from other countries while preserving its own core values. At the same time, they had achieved the opportunity to make friends not only from Japan, but also from other countries of the SAARC region



Prof.JB Dissanayake Invited Guest Lecturer

A Guest lecture on “Current trends in Sinhala language” Organized by the Department of languages of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities was held on 22nd January 2016 at the Faculty Auditorium. The guest lecture was delivered by Prof. JB Dissanayake while targeting year 2, 3 and 4 undergraduate students who follow Special degree in Sinhala language. Dr. CR Withanachchi, Dean of the faculty, Dr. WMK Dissanayake, Head of the Department Languages, H. Millagathenna, N. dayananda, T. Karunarathna and all the academic staff of the Department of languages and undergraduate students participated in this event.

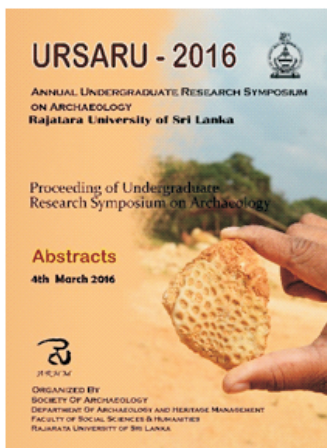


Field visit to the Mahailuppallama Field crops Research and Development

The 3rd year students who specialize in Environmental Management and Tourism Management visited Mahailuppallama Field crops research and development institute on 18th February 2016. The purpose of this visit was to assess the Rainwater Harvesting and soil conservation methods. 82 students accompanied with two academic staff members Mr. LMAP Gunawardena and Mr. PB Rathnayake participated in this event. Dr. MS Nijamudeen, Research officer FCRDI - Mahailuppallama coordinated the event.



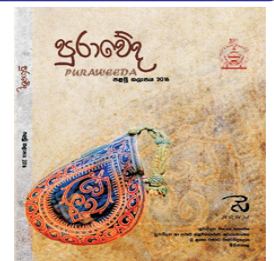
Undergraduate Research



The first Undergraduate Research Symposium on Archaeology and Heritage Management of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka held at the Faculty of Social Sciences, and Humanities in Mihintale was an outstanding success. Participants from many major national universities including the University of Peradeniya, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, and Open University of Sri Lanka presented their original research outcomes on a variety of subject matter. In total 79 papers were presented. Overall, it appeared that the people who attended delighted in being in Mihintale and thoroughly enjoyed the symposium, and the venue which overlooked the sacred site. One of the highlights was the keynote speech done by Professor Anura Manatunga, which added higher value to the event. It was the endeavours of Student Association of Archaeology and Heritage Management together with the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management that made the symposium such a success.

"Puraweda"

In March 2016, Student Association of Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management launched the Journal of the Association titled '**Puraweda**' which aims to provide a medium for communication of results, and exchange of ideas produced by the undergraduates of the Department as well as developing the academic skills of undergraduates. WMC Sandaruwan and DMN Harshajith had taken the role of editors.



Annual Sport Meet



The annual Sports meet of the postgraduate students of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) was held in April 2016 at the University playground. The chief guest at the event was Prof. Ranjith Wijewardena, Vice Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. All the Academic and Non-academic staff of the faculty of social sciences and Humanities and more than 250 postgraduate students of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education participated in the event.

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

PGDE programme commenced from 2015 in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. 282 students were enrolled for the first intake including teachers, principals, Educational directors and lecturers of Colleges of education. This program is compulsory for graduate teachers in the education system, therefore this program has a high demand and is very popular among North central province teachers. Some extracurricular activities such as PGDE sports meet and educational field trip were organized in the third semester in order to develop teacher's Knowledge, attitude and skills. The course duration is 18 months and 2nd Intake of students will be in august 2016.



Archaeological research project at Kokebe proto-historic burial site

The Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management began archaeological excavations in Kokebe Burial site near Horowpothana In May 2016. The objective of the excavation was to reveal the proto-historic settlements and its people's way of life. In conjunction with the excavation, ethnological and environmental surveys in the surrounding of the archaeological site was organized. The research is ongoing in collaboration with the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Prof.SenaNanayakkara has been appointed as a member of State Radio Advisory Board



The government has taken steps to convert the Sri Lankan radio as a media system of public service. It is processed as a long term project, under the collaboration of the Ministries of Cultural Affairs and Media. More than fifty radio channels belonging to private and government sector are

functioning in Sri Lanka currently. Accordingly, the authority has selected a State Advisory Committee, which consists of a group of erudite people, who are active in the country. The Committee expects to hold an Annual State Award Ceremony for encouraging the people who are involved in this particular activity and make a base for developing the field of radio in Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, the preliminary activities related to the above ceremony have already commenced and

the members of the Advisory Committee have been appointed. It is a great pleasure to inform our community that Prof. Sena Nanayakkara of the Department of Humanities of our university is also among them. The picture shows, Mr. S.B. Navinna, Hon. Minister of Cultural Affairs, handing over the membership to our colleague, Prof.SenaNanayakkara.



World Radio Day Commemoration 2016

The UN has proclaimed 13th February as World Radio Day with the objectives of improving access to information by developing international co-operation of broadcasters, encourage main networks and community radio services to aware the right to freedom of expression, improve gender equality through waves. The Department of Cultural Affairs took steps to commemorate World Radio Day for the first time. As such the commemoration ceremony was held 13th February 2016 at 3.00pm at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute with the collaboration of all radio networks and under the patronage of Hon. SB Nawinna, Minister of Internal Affairs, North-Western Development and Cultural Affairs, Hon. Gayantha Karunathilaka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass media participated in the occasion. Key note address was delivered by a veteran radio and television artiste Prof. Sena Nanayakkara, Professor in Mass Communication, Department of Humanities at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and launched an academic publication consisting of articles on radio on this day.



Rupavahini State Award Ceremony



The 12th Rupavahini State Award Ceremony organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs on the direction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, North-Western Development and Cultural Affairs was held recently at Nelum Pokuna, Colombo 7. Under the patronage of HE the President Maithripala Sirisena with the participation of the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass media, Hon. Gayantha Karunathilaka and the Minister of Internal Affairs, North-Western Development and Cultural Affairs, Hon. SB Nawinna. The objective of the ceremony was to confer state honours on Tele artists and qualitative advertisement of the field of television creations. Awards presented to Sinhala and Tamil Tele artists under 35 categories including the best

Tele drama (single episode and series), best Tele actor and actress, director, news reader, news reporter, musical programme, magazine programme and so on. Golden, Silver and Bronze medals were awarded to television short films. The 9th volume of 'Rupavahini Sameeksha' was also launched at this occasion. Television programmes telecast in the year concern by all TV channels in Sri Lanka considered for evaluation by a proficient panel of Judges chaired by Prof. Sena Nanayakkara, Professor in Mass Communication at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with several other professionals and academics



CDCE News

New Appointment



Dr. J.L. Ratnasekera was appointed to the CDCE as the Director with effect from 1st April 2016. He is a Senior Academic of the Faculty of Applied Sciences in the University.

New Intake

Applications are now calling for the Bachelor of Business Administration (General) External Degree Programme, which is conducted by the Faculty of Management Studies. This is the 4th Intake. The closing date of applications is on 20th July 2016.

New Courses

Advanced Certificate Course in English (Extension) was started on 13th February 2016. This is the 18th Intake and 332 Students were registered for the course. This Course is conducted by the English Language Teaching Unit of the University.

Diploma in English (Extension) was started on 3rd May 2016. This is the 16th Intake and 413 Students were registered for the course. This Course is conducted by the English Language Teaching Unit of the University.

Certificate Course in Tamil Language was started on 8th May 2016. This is the 5th Intake and 101 Students were registered for the course. This Course is conducted by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities in collaboration with the Cultural Centre of the University.

OBT for RUSL in AOA

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka organized a two days outbound training program for the undergraduates of the university. The training focused on enriching individuals in team building, and leadership development. The training was conducted by Academy of Adventures (AOA) in Belihuloya on 18th and 19th February 2016. 60 students participated in the training representing Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Management Studies, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. Dr(Mrs) G.A.S. Ginigaddara (Director Career Guidance) and Mr Jaliya Rathnayake (Career Guidance counselor) attended the event with students.



Leadership Development program for the Faculty of Management Studies

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a leadership training program for the undergraduates of Faculty of Management Studies on 13th - 14th February 2016 from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm & 11th - 12th May 2016 from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm in the University premises. The training was conducted by Mr. Jaliya Rathanayake, Career Guidance Counselor of the Career Guidance Unit.



Leadership training for Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities' freshers

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a one day leadership training program for the undergraduates of Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities 2014/2015 batch on 6th June 2016 from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm in the University premises. The training was conducted Mr. Jaliya Rathanayake and Mrs. A. Mangalika Dissanayaka, Career Guidance Counselors of the Career Guidance Unit.



Workshop on Personal Grooming and Personality Development



Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) and Sanjeevaka Ayurvedic Products (Pvt) Ltd successfully conducted a workshop on personal grooming and personality development on 2nd, February 2016 at the RUSL premises for the university undergraduates.

Mrs. Hasini Guneseckara, Director, International Academy of Beauticians and Life Member of Asia Pacific Hairdressers and Cosmetologist Association conducted the workshop. Nearly 550 students participated in the workshop and valid certificates were given to all participants. Dr. (Mrs) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Director, Career Guidance, RUSL, Mr. Supun Rajasooriya, Director, Marketing, Sanjeevaka Ayurvedic Products (Pvt) Ltd, and Mr. Hemal Sumanadasa, Sales Manager, Sanjeevaka Ayurvedic Products (Pvt) Ltd participated to the event.



Communication skills development programme



Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) has started to conduct a continuous program on communication skills development for undergraduates of the university for the year of 2016. These workshops are conducted after lecture hours on every weekday from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the CGU auditorium. The primary objective of the program is to improve effective English speaking ability with the focus of improving public speaking skills whilst the same time reflecting on undergraduates' own personality

Leadership training for Faculty of Agriculture

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a two day leadership training program for the undergraduates of Faculty of Agriculture 2014/2015 batch on 3rd and 5th February 2016 from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm in the Faculty sport ground. The training was conducted by Mr. Jaliya Rathanayake and Mrs. A. Mangalika Dissanayayaka, Career Guidance Counselors of the Career Guidance Unit.



Entrepreneurship Development Programme



Career guidance unit of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully held an Entrepreneurship development workshop series with the collaboration of District Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture in Anuradhapura for the interested undergraduates of the university on 10th March 2016 from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm at Amaradewa auditorium. Mr.P .B. Dissanayake, Director general, District Chamber of Commerce Industry & Agriculture, Anuradhapura Mrs. Theja Deepika Dilrukshi Perera, Director, Saloon Thejani hair & beauty academy conducted the programme.

CSR program from CGU-RUSL - School career guidance and leadership development programme



Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted a career guidance and leadership development program for school students in Anuradhapura district.

UN Communication Group Visit

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted a workshop under the theme of “Planet Observance Day : International Environmental Day” in collaboration with United Nations Communication Group on 23rd June, 2016 at 8.30am to 12.30 pm at the Cultural Center of the university.

Paralleled to the above program, United Nations Communication Group is conducting a traveling exhibition in the University premises for the period of a month and UN country team planted some plants in the University premises. There was a panel discussion related to environment responsibilities of each agent under United Nations for the students. There was a debate conducted between two groups of students on environment issues.



“Oba Asirimath” Programme



Career guidance unit of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully held “Oba Asirimath” workshop with the collaboration of District Secretariat Office, Anuradhapura for the undergraduates of the university on 20th, 21st, 22nd June 2016 from 8.30 am to 04.30 pm at Career Guidance Unit.

Mr.VRAMP Ranasinghe Bandara and Mr.WJG Wijesinghe, District Career Guidance Officers, District Secretariat Office, Polonnaruwa, Mrs. DMJ Vijitha Pathmawathi District Career Guidance Officers, District Secretariat Office, Anuradhapura conducted the program.

Library Orientation Programme for new students 2016



Library orientation programme for new students was conducted the faculty libraries.

Faculty	Date
Agriculture	20-01-2016
Applied Sciences	13-01-2016
Management studies	09-05-2016
Social Sciences and Humanities	03-06-2016

Demonstration on OXFORD University Press

Demonstration on OXFORD University Press programme was held on 30th of June 2016, at main computer center, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The resource person was Ms.SumithaSen from Oxford University press. All participants received hands-on experience on the above e-journal data base. It was successfully completed with the collaboration of academic staff and library staff in the RajarataUniversity of Sri Lanka.

Library Visit

Students of the Rajanganaya yaya 13, Mahasen Vidyalaya visited the main library on the 05th of June 2016. This visit specially focused on library section, information sources and services for their information. Further Mrs.A.S.Siriwardana Librarian of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka delivered a speech on reading habits.

Mrs.K.R.N.Harshani Senior Assistant Librarian of the faculty of Applied Sciences delivered a lecture on “*vibagasudanama*” (*getting ready for examination*) parallel to the advanced level workshop which was held from 28th to 30th June 2016 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences. After the session, a leaflet was distributed among students on the above theme for further consolidation of the facts discussed at the lecture.



International Workshop

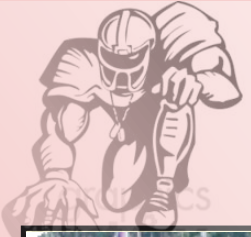
Mrs.A.S.Siriwardana Librarian of the Rajarata University participated in an International workshop on Designing enhanced Research Articles and theses on 2nd February 2016 at Sri VidyaMandir Arts and science College, India

Publications

Siriwardana A.S. (2016) “Design and development of an institutional repository at Rajarata University Library at Rajarata University Library: a case study” (ICRLRS 2016) organized by Annamalai university on 5th and 6th February at AnnamalaiUniversityTemilnadu, India.

Harshani, K.R.N, Siriwardana, A.S (2016) Increasing awareness programmes and use of the library's resources in Rajarata university library system in Sri Lanka” (ICULA 2016) organized by University Librarians’ Association on 9th and 10th March 2016 at University of Jaffna.

Harshani, K.R.N,Siriwardana, A.S(2016) “Importance of library marketing and promotion of academic library service: with special reference to Rajarata University Library System” in the 3rdInternational Research Symposium (IRSyRUSL-2015) Organized by the Faculty of Management Studies on 26th January 2016 at, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.



The Department of Physical Education organized Invitation T-20 Triangular Cricket Tournament with University of Peradeniya and Wayamba University from 22nd to 24th in the month of January. Our Cricket team won 1st Runner - Up in the tournament



National Netball Tournament -2016

Our team Selected for the Quarter Final



As a major sports tournament of the university the inter faculty sports tournament was conducted from 20th February to 3rd March and including following games. Faculty of Management Studies won the Championship of the Inter faculty tournament - 2016

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| > Cricket | > Road Race | > Wrestling |
| > Volley Ball | > Net Ball | > Athletic |
| > Table Tennis | > Carrom | > Chess |
| > Badminton | > Weight Lifting | > Elle |
| > Foot Ball | > Rugby | > Hockey |



in the months of April, May and June the Department of Physical Education organized Carrom, Badminton and Table Tennis Open Championship and over 250 students participated in the events



Battlefield 16-Open Doubles Badminton Tournament -2016

Organized by University of Peradeniya on 8th April Our Players Mr. S.C. Hapuarachchi and S.A.C.I. Senadheera won 3rd Place in the University Open Doubles Category

The University teams participated in several Friendly and Invitation matches with other University teams and some recognized club teams in May and June.

Friendly Cricket Match

With South Eastern University



Friendly Hockey Match

With Kandy District Army Team



Friendly Hockey Match

With Thomas College, Matale



Mr. S.C. Hapuarachchi (MED/2014/2015/177) was selected for the World University Badminton Championship - 2016 in Russia as a member of Sri Lanka University Badminton team from selection trials held in May and June at the University of Moratuwa

