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## Mihintale Katu Seya

It is believed that this stupa was built by enshrining the equipment such as tools that were used to construct the Mihintale Monastic Complex. This has been identified as "Katu Seya" which is mentioned in a slab inscription of King Mihindu IV. It mentions that the lands offered to this stupa must managed by the officers who took care of Eth Vehera. The time of construction of this stupa can not be mentioned definitely and it can be assumed that it was constructed after the ancient temple complex was built at Mihintale. The bottom part of the Katu Seya which is small in size is built with granite and the upper part has been constructed with bricks. In the year 1941 this has been declared a protected monument by the Archaeological Department.

Furthermore, in an excavation conducted in the early 19th century of area around the stupa, copper plates with inscriptions of the Mahayana Sutra verses in Sanskrit and Sinhala written between the 8th and 9th century had been discovered from the site. The evidence gleaned from the architectural features of the Sthupa centered monastic complex of the Mahayana tradition has established that it belonged to the Anuradhapura period.



## International Training Course on Molecular Biological Techniques

Mr. M.C.M Zakeel (Senior lecturer) and Mr. H.M.D.A.K Herath (Lecturer) attached to the Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture participated in the international training course on Molecular Biological Techniques for Research in Agriculture and Biomedical Sciences held from 15th February to 15th March 2016, at the Biochemistry Division of the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly (UP), India.



## Thirasara Mandapaya - Dissemination of Current Agricultural Knowledge through Rajarata Sevaya

The Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University conducted a live radio program '*Thirasara Mandaya*' from 7th March of 2017 on '*Rajarata Sevaya*' from 10.00 to 11.00 am on every Wednesday. This is a collaborative colloquium which comes under the main programme '*Haritha Mansala*' from '*Krusha FM*' radio channel of the department of Agriculture. Extensive knowledge on current agricultural aspects and newest technology is being disseminated via this programme by the experts in the Faculty of Agriculture under the following aspects;

- ✍ Animal husbandry, food technology and post harvest technology
- ✍ Agricultural economics and extension services
- ✍ Plant pathology and plant production technology
- ✍ Soil sciences and water resource management
- ✍ Current trends in agricultural machinery and technology

The main aim of this social work is to make farmers and other interested community, more innovative, functional and supportive, towards achieving sustainability in the agriculture field of the country.



## Conference on Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Mr. H.M.D.A.K Herath, Lecturer in Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture attended a conference on Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (ICAES - 2016), which took place from 05-06 May 2016 in Dubai (UAE). The main themes and tracks were Engineering and Technology, Agricultural, Chemical, Biological, Ecosystems and Environmental Sciences. This conference was organized and sponsored by International Institute of Engineers, Planetary Scientific Research Center and International Scientific Academy of Engineering and Technology assisted by University of Johannesburg and University of Quebec. The event brought together members from different countries including; India, China, Oman, Korea, Jordan, Pakistan, Turkey, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Taiwan and Sri Lanka. Mr. H.M.D.A.K Herath presented a research on “Synergistic Effect of Zinc and Cadmium for Uptake, Accumulation and Growth Responses in Rice (*Oryza sativa*) Varieties” and this paper was selected as the paper certificate in ICAES - 2016.



Ms. W.M.R.S.K Warnasooriya, Lecturer (prob), Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture participated in 2nd Kuala Lumpur International Agriculture, Forestry and Plantation Conference (KLIAFP) which was held on 20th -21st February, 2016 at Hotel Putra, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to present a paper titled “Site Quality of Khyia (*Khyia senegalensis*) Plantations in Sri Lanka as Indicated by Height-Diameter Relation and Top Height”.

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## International students enrolled for the Internship Programme in Health Promotion

Johanna Enberg and Annette Stjern, medical students of Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden enrolled for an internship programme in Health Promotion Unit of Faculty of Applied Sciences from 12<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. They involved in health promotion research in the field of Meternal Health and Child Health and completed the ground work for their research in collaboration with Health Promotion Unit and Regional Director of Health Services, Anuradhapura. Mr.Duminda Guruge was the local supervisor of two students for their research with the support of senior academic staff members.



## A Collaboration with the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMed), Singapore

A group of medical students from Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMed), Singapore visited Rajarata University of Sri Lanka to learn health promotion intervention on prevention of CKDu and enhance well-being of the community with the collaboration of Health Promotion Unit, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Provincial Director of Health Services office, Anuradhapura.

They have taken initiatives to implement community involvement project, "Project Saukya" in 2015 and this project will be going on for a period of 10 years (2015 - 2025). Health Promotion students are involved in this project for data collection and facilitation for developing health promotion interventions at Medawachchiya area in collaboration with students of LKCMed students.



## Professor Diyanath Samarasinghe was Awarded Doctor of Science(*Honoris causa*) at the 17<sup>th</sup> convocation of RUSL



Prof. Diyanath Samarasinghe, well-known scholar, researcher and educator was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science, at the 17th General Convocation of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Samarasinghe is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, Colombo. Soon after graduating he joined its staff as a Lecturer, in 1976. His postgraduate training in Psychiatry in the UK while the Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRCPsy., UK), and Diploma in Psychological Medicine (DPM, UK) the Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (LRCP, UK) and Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS, England). He was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (FRCPSy, UK) in 1999. He has also been elected a Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists.

He was the pioneer in initiating the B.Sc. degree program in Health Promotion, the first in the South East Asian region at the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 2006.

At the request of the faculty, he made a huge effort to set up the Health Promotion degree course, spearheading the drafting of the curriculum and by-laws and supporting the teaching of students until the graduation of the special degree students of the first batch. The fieldwork component of this Health Promotion degree programme, almost entirely designed by him, is unique. Its success has already attracted the attention of many foreign universities in countries including Sweden, Japan, Nigeria, Singapore, Myanmar and Australia, who send their students to the Faculty of Applied Sciences. His model of wellbeing development has been the key for developing the “community based health promotion approach” introduced by the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

## Introduction of New Course Flora of Ceylon Aiming to Improve Capacity on Conservation and Utilization of the Floral Resources of Sri Lanka



A newly designed, revised and approved course for Applied Biology students was started for the first time in Rajarata University by Dr Asanga Wijetunga [Lecturer (Probationary)] in this year; with the aim to review the knowledge on the vegetation types of Sri Lanka, their physiognomy, structure, floristic composition, intrinsic values, conservation and management issues, sustainable utilization of the resources and services of the island's forests and flora with the intention of giving a better inspiration for the high diversity of the forest biota and the increasing threats on them.

Field practical classes of this course will be conducted in Sinharaja Forest Reserve (3 days, residential), Horton Plains and Giritale-Minneria National Parks (two day outs) to study the rich flora and their association with fauna. Vegetation in and around the Rajarata University will be studied extensively to learn about Dry Zone flora of the area. Twenty five

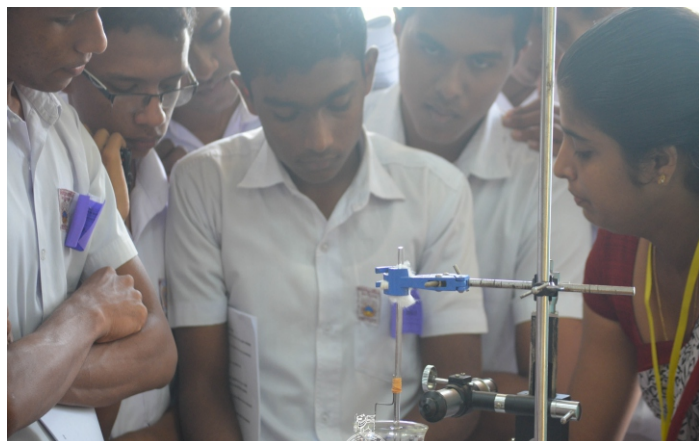
regular second year students have been registered for the course and additionally three senior biology students and one health promotion student are also following the lectures and practical sessions to gain knowledge on Sri Lankan Flora.



## Faculty of Applied Sciences Conducted Workshops on A/L Practical Skills to Improve Education North Central Province

Faculty of Applied Sciences organized a workshop for GCE Advanced Level students from schools of North Central Province with the aim of elevating standards of Advanced Level education in the area. This workshop focused on laboratory component of physics, chemistry, biology, ICT, mathematics and technology streams that students must master. Advanced Level students were given the opportunity to interactively practice on practical and laboratory equipment recommended in the A/L syllabus within laboratories under the supervision of academic staff and students. These practical skills are vital in achieving higher grades in A/L exam but majority of students from this area face difficulties due to either poorly equipped laboratories or lack of teachers. This workshop was initiated to address those issues in year 2007 and continuing since then as one of the main community events of the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

This year A/L workshop was successfully conducted during 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June under the guidance of Dean of the Faculty Dr. Ananda Karunaratna with the active participation of academic and non academic staff members and students. Prof. Ranjith Wijewardana, Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and representatives from the Educational Department participated in this event. According to the organizing committee, more than 4000 Advanced Level students from 55 schools participated in this program.



**WORKSHOP FOR GCE A/L SCIENCE STUDENTS.....**

## Zoology Museum at the Faculty of Applied Sciences

Acknowledgement: - Our special thank goes to Department of Wildlife Conservation, Sri Lanka for giving permission to bring this specimen to the Rajarata University, Mihintale.



## Certificate Course on Drug Prevention for the Government Officials of Divisional Secretariat Offices in Anuradhapura

University Grants Commission and Presidential Taskforce of Drug Prevention have requested the Health Promotion Division to conduct a certificate course on drug prevention for the government officials of Divisional Secretariat Offices in Anuradhapura district. This training will be continued for one year from January 2017 with the technical consultancy of Mr. Duminda Guruge, Senior Lecturer in Health Promotion. This group has been appointed as the district committee of the presidential task force of drug prevention in Anuradhapura. The trainers will be the resource persons for the drug prevention activities at divisional level of Anuradhapura district.



## School Awareness Program on Tourism and Hospitality Industry

As a part of a research project, Ms.DMMI Dissanayake, lecturer (Prob.) and Mr.WHMS Samarathunga, lecturer (Prob.) of Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management of Faculty of Management Studies, conducted two school awareness programs on “Educational and Career Opportunities in the Tourism Industry” with the guidance of Mr.TMPAB Tennakoon, Head of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management. Around 400 students from 20 schools representing both Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts participated in both programs along with 50 school teachers.Dr.KGA Udayakumara, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, Dr.DMC Dassanayake (Senior Lecturer) and Mrs.SNS Dahanayake (Senior Lecturer) participated in this event representing the Faculty of Management Studies.

The programs were principally approved and assisted by the Research, Publication and Higher Degrees Committee of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. North Central Provincial Council, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, Sri Lanka Convention Bureau, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and the Education Department of North Central Province also supported the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management to make this event a success.



## Blooming Future

Department of Business Management kept a step forward this year also, to strengthen the University-Industry Corporation through the program, organized by final year students of Faculty of Management Studies. This year, a workshop on “Strategic Plan for Future Success” was organized on 18th August 2017 at Faculty Theater of Faculty of Management Studies linking with John Keels Private Holding Sri Lanka. Sideline to the event a nine-member expert team of JKH shared their knowledge and valuable experiences among the undergraduates about Strategic Planning Process and its applicability in the context of the volatile environment. All final year (MGT/2012/2013) students and academic members of the Faculty joined with the events. The Event was coordinated by Dr. WMRB Weerasooriya and Mr. IMS Weerasinghe- Lecturers in Charge of Strategic Management.



## Undergraduates of Faculty of Management Studies Participated in the Youth Climate Summit

Youth Climate Summit (YCS) is a dynamic climate education process to empower youth and incubate climate action. Inspired by successful experiences of similar events in United States of America pioneered by Wild Center New York, the summit was the platform to present and exchange the best available, science-based information about climate change with young people with the collaboration of leading climate action practitioners from the academia, government, commercial sector and civil society organizations. Through inspiration, promoting climate literacy, community engagement and youth leadership development, the Youth Climate Summit initiative is aimed at developing Youth Climate Action Champions. The US Embassy in Colombo, Sri Lanka is the main Funding Partner for the Youth Climate Summit which was held at MAS Athena Thulhiriya from 20-22 January 2017. Climate Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Environment and Mahaweli Development and Wild Center New York were the technical partners in organizing the Summit.

Representing Faculty of Management Studies two young, dynamic undergraduates participated in this summit: Ms. NWKAJS Alwis (MGT/THM/2012/2013/001) and Ms. WSD Surawimala (MGT/THM/2012/2013/037). The undergraduates were made aware of climate change, environmental pollution and natural disasters and how to mitigate the negative consequences through a systematic youth involvement.



## The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management Consulted the North Central Provincial Council on Area Tour Guide Training Program

The lecturers attached to the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management of Faculty of Management Studies consulted the North Central Provincial Council on conducting the 'Area Tourist Guide Lecturer Program 2017' as one of their social services. It included syllabus development, selecting of tour guides, conducting lectures and seminars and evaluation of the Area Tourist Guides. The training program is much focused on delivering an excellent service to the tourists through sustainable practices. Out of sixty four participants only forty three tour guides obtained the license during this year. The Department is now moving forward by working together with Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs with the tourism capacity building projects of the country.



## Tourism & Hospitality Undergraduates Expand their Horizons

The second year undergraduates reading for the B.Sc. (Tourism and Hospitality Management) special degree organized and conducted a series of events as extra-curricular activities under the Event and Leisure Management subject. The first event was to raise funds to 'Little Hearts' project endorsed by Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians to build a Cardiac and Critical Care Complex at Lady Ridgeway Hospital. As the second event, the students organized a 'Cricket Tournament' with the participation of academic staff and undergraduates of the Department to strengthen rapport between the two parties. As the third event, the undergraduates organized a get together 'GLAM 2k17' with the purpose of making a reunion between the passed out graduates of the Department and the present undergraduates of the Department. The undergraduates organized a 'Q Fiesta', a Quiz Competition with the objective of updating the management students with the contemporary issues in the modern world. The programs were supervised by Ms.DMMI Dissanayake, Lecturer (Prob.) under the guidance of Mr.TMPAB Tennakoon, Head, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management.



## Collaborative Field Visit with University of Sri Jayewardenepura

The second-year students (MGT 2013/2014) of Department of Business Management, Faculty of Management Studies successfully organized a field visit to Galenbedunuwewa Divisional Secretariat area to investigate the Socio-Economic Background of the people and the quality of public service encountered by them, on 28th February 2017 under the subject of Public Sector Management. Students and the staff of the Department of Public Administration, University of Sri Jayewardenepura also participated in the event. Prior to the survey, two lectures were conducted titled Public Service Delivery in Sri Lanka: Theory and Practice by Mr. E.M.R.P.B. Ekanayaka, Divisional Secretary, Mihintale Divisional Secretariat and Prof. R. Lalitha S. Fernando, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The event was organized by lecturer Mr. IMS Weerasinghe-Department of Business Management.



## Undergraduates of Faculty of Management Studies Participated the 6th NIDA Summer Camp on “Sustainable Community Development” in Bangkok, Thailand

National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) recently organized the 6th NIDA Summer Camp on “Innovative Tourism for Sustainable Development” which was held from 12th June to 21st June 2017, at NIDA Bangkok, Thailand. The program was opened for international students studying at different Universities in the world. The 6th annual summer camp attracted 98 number of like-minded tourism undergraduates and graduate students from 31 different countries. During this camp different topics were discussed regarding innovative ways to achieve Sustainable Community Development through different lecture series, workshops and seminars conducted by both reputed international academics and professionals. In addition, the campers participated in many activities including a familiarization tour at NIDA, visiting historical tourist places including Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha Temple, Bang Sadet Ecotourism Village, Wat Chaiwatthanaram, Ayutthaya Tourist Center, The Royal Chitralada Projects, studying the best practices of sustainable community development. Different cultural programs were organized for the participants.

Representing Faculty of Management Studies two undergraduates participated in this Summer Camp; Ms.NWKAJS Alwis (MGT/THM/2012/2013/001) and Ms.DDBHM Dehipagoda (MGT/THM/2012/2013/004). The undergraduates got first-hand experience and education in novel concepts on tourism & sustainable community development. The students were sponsored by both National Institute of Development Administration and Faculty of Management Studies of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies encouraged and supported the undergraduates to make this event a success. The Faculty of Management Studies congratulates the participants and looking forward to initiating more international programs to enhance undergraduate's competencies. The coordination between the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) was done by Mr.WHMS Samarathunga, Lecturer (Prob.), Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management under the directions and support of Mr.TMPAB Tennakoon, Head of the Department, Faculty of Management Studies.



## The Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management Participated in Pacific Asia Travel Association Youth Conference - 2017

The PATA Youth Symposium held on May 18, 2017 in Colombo, welcomed 130 students, alumni and lecturers from various institutions from Sri Lanka, Australia and Macao SAR to discuss the next generation's role in the future of travel and tourism. The event, hosted generously by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM) and supported by the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau on the first day of the PATA Annual Summit, was organised under the theme 'No Barriers: Millennials and the Future of Tourism'.

PATA CEO Dr. Mario Hardy, Mr Hiran Cooray, Chairman of Jetwing Hotels, Mr Sunil Dissanayake, Chairman of SLITHM, Dr. Chris Bottrill, Chairman of the PATA Human Capital Development (HCD) Committee and Dean, Faculty of Global and Community Studies at Capilano University and finally, Mr Faez Fadhilillah, CEO of Tripfez and the PATA Face of the Future 2017 addressed the future professionals during the conference. Representing the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management Mr.WHMS Samarathuga, lecturer (Prob.), Ms.DMMI Dissanayake, lecturer (Prob.) and Mr.EW Biyiri lecturer (Temp.) and eighteen final year undergraduates participated in this event with the directions of Mr.TMPAB Thennakoon, Head of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management.



## Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management Represented at Sancharaka Udawa 2017

Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators (SLAITO) organized and conducted the 7<sup>th</sup> **Sancharaka Udawa 2017**, the largest gathering of the tourism industry stakeholders during 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. The exhibition showcased many small, medium and large enterprises and entrepreneurs of the tourism industry on a single platform, creating an opportunity to come together and make it known to those in the tourism sector.

The Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management of Faculty of Management Studies was officially invited by SLAITO to become the academic partner of this event. Whilst becoming a partner at the Sancharaka Udawa 2017, the Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management promoted the B.Sc. Tourism and Hospitality Management (special) Degree among the potential undergraduates who participated in this event. Further, the Department made it an opportunity to make resourceful contacts with the industry stakeholders. During the exhibition, three public lectures were delivered by Mr. WHMS Samarathunga, Lecturer (Prob.), on 'Educational and Career Opportunities of Tourism Industry' which was highly commended by both tourism professionals and students. The Rajarata University delegation was guided and assisted by Mr. TMPAB Tennakoon, Head of the Department and other lecturers in the Department.



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## Practical Project Implementation - 2017

The Department of Business Management is proud to be the inspiring source of skill improvement of its third year students through this program, where students complete independent mini-projects. Small groups covering education, health, information technology and development sectors under subject of Project Management have ventured lots of undiscovered areas of philanthropy in the projects. The main objectives of the program are the application of theoretical knowledge which students acquired in the class room to address practical issues of the society for the well-being of society and country at large. Funds for the projects were collected by the students through various fund raising programs and projects were completed with the collaboration of general public and different institutes in the area under the purview of Project Consultation panel.

Dr. KGA Udaya Kumara - Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Dr. PMB Jayathilaka Head, Department of Business Management and Mrs. MGS Pathmini and Mr. WMPGR Pushpakumara-Project Consultants participated in the ceremonies. The program was coordinated by Mr. IMS Weerasinghe lecturer in charge (Project Management) of the Faculty.

### 01. Achievers

**Project :** Creating a comfortable and safe environment at Children Ward at Madawachchiya District Hospital, Madawachchiya, Anuradhapura

Project Financial Cost: Rs. 97,000.00



### 02. Anonymous

**Project :** Renovating the Main Entrance of Kammalakkulama Vidyalaya  
Project Financial Cost: Rs. 45,000.00



### 03. Blooming Smile

**Project :** Renovating the children's playground & Budumedura at Riyanzy Alagiyawanna Special School, Anuradhapura to uplift the mental health and spiritual development of deaf and blind students.

Project Financial Cost: Rs. 81,000.00



### 04. Discovery

**Project :** Renovating the existing sanitary facility system at Thakshila Maha Vidyalaya  
Project Financial Cost: Rs. 54,000.00



## 05. Flyers

**Project** : Creating a suitable learning environment to uplift education level of primary students at the Gurugama Primary school, Thambuttegama

**Project Financial Cost:** Rs. 88,000.00



## 06. Gladiator

**Project** : Renovating the existing sanitary facility system to increase the students' welfare facilities at Rathmalgahawewa Maha Vidyalaya, Kahatagasdigiliya, Galenbidunuwewa.

**Project Financial Cost:** Rs. 87,000.00



## 07. Realize

**Project** : Renovating Female Ward at Mihintale Regional Hospital

**Project Financial Cost:** Rs. 105,000.00



## 08. Silver line

**Project** : Establishing a new water purification supply system to increase the students' health and sanitary facilities at Mahapothana Primary School, Rambewa.

**Project Financial Cost:** Rs. 71,000.00



## 09. Super Archives

**Project** : Establishing a Water Supply System to enhance the welfare facilities of students at Pahala Halmillewa, Primary School, Sivalakulama

**Project Financial Cost:** Rs. 84,000.00



## 10. T-Rex

**Project** : Creating a University Map and Navigation System to establish good learning environment within the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale

**Project Financial Cost:** Rs. 145,000.00



## E-Resources Training Program for Health Professionals

The Library, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences conducted a practical session on e-Resources for health professionals of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, RUSL and Nursing school, Anuradhapura on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at computer center, FMAS Saliyapura. WHO Sri Lanka and Ministry of Health sponsored the event and Mrs. D.C.Kuruppu, Focal point librarian, Mrs.C. Abeygunasekara, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Dr. Buddhika Wijerathna, Lecture Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Dr. D.Rathish, Lecturer Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted sessions as resources persons.



## Participating in International Conference on Knowledge Resource and Library Technologies at Bharathidasan University of India, Trichi

Mrs. A.S Siriwardana, Librarian, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka participated in the International Conference on Knowledge Resource and Library Technologies at Bharathidasan University, Trichi, India organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, India during 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Ms. Siriwardana has presented a paper on 'Implementation of Digital Preservation: using Open Source Software at Rajarata University Library.'



## Invited Speech by Miss J.M.S Dilinika, Assistant Librarian at the International Library and Information Professionals Summit - IISER, Mohali, India

Assistant Librarian Ms. J.M.S Dilinika, participated as an invited speaker at the 6th International Library and Information Professionals Summit - IISER, held in Mohali, in India during 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. Ms. Dilinika has delivered a speech on 'Effectiveness of Information Portals in Handling Information Explosion'

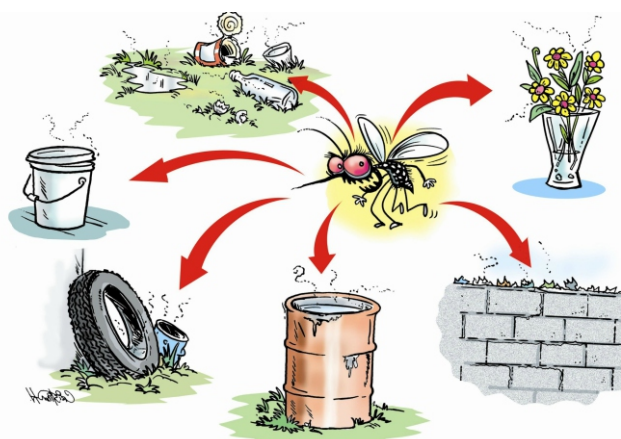


## A Step Towards Dengue Free Future

Dengue is one of the fastest spreading infectious diseases of the 21st century as well as potentially fatal mosquito-borne disease. What compounds the situation is that there are no known drugs or vaccines against the dengue infection. As patterns of dengue change, it becomes more difficult to control. It requires effort from everyone at every level. However, community awareness and involvement is limited, and inter-sectorial collaboration is weak. More resources are needed to strengthen capacity and establish effective and dedicated dengue control programmes at national and sub-national levels, to detect and protect against both the virus and the vector at grassroot level. So, as a step towards the dengue free future, The Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, RUSL, conducted a community awareness programme and a dengue awareness lecture session.

### Community Awareness Programme on Dengue

This programme was planned in view of increasing the awareness of Dengue among the general public. It was carried out in the Primary Health Clinic, Puliyankulama on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. A leaflet on various aspects of dengue was distributed among the participants, and Dr. Shoba Gunathilake, Lecturer, Department of Microbiology and Mrs. Amila Rathnayake, Entomologist of RDHS, Anuradhapura educated the public on the same.



### Dengue Awareness Lecture Session

Department of Microbiology of Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, RUSL successfully conducted a Dengue Awareness Lecture Session for University academics and Clinicians at the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, RUSL on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. This event was planned in view of providing an update on various aspects of Dengue and educate the public regarding the clinical, microbiological and public health aspects and the practical issues in prevention and control of dengue. The resource persons were Prof. Suneth Agampodi, Professor in Community Medicine and Consultant Community Physician, FMAS, RUSL, Dr. Chamara Sarathchandra, Consultant Physician and Senior Lecturer, Department of Medicine, FMAS, RUSL, Dr. Rohitha Muthugala, Consultant Virologist, Teaching Hospital Kandy, Dr. Manoji Pathirage, Consultant Physician and Senior Lecturer, Department of Medicine, University of Peradeniya and Mr. S.R. Jayanetthi. Amila Rathnayake, Regional Officer (Anti Malaria Campaign), Sri Lanka Scientific Services, Anuradhapura.



## Dissemination Workshop of Implementation Research Training Programme

Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka completed 12 month training programme to train Sri Lankan health professionals and academics on Implementation Research. **The final workshop for dissemination of results was successfully conducted** on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 in Anuradhapura.

The topics presented were Improving TB screening in Anuradhapura district, feasibility of adopting a protocol on Tuberculosis contact screening for Kurunegala district Tuberculosis Control Programme, identifying the gaps in notification of Leishmaniasis in health institutions in Nuwaragampalatha East MOH area, Identifying the barriers of Zinc supplementation programme in children with acute diarrhoea less than 5 years in Teaching Hospital Kandy and identifying the barriers to early treatment of suspected Leptospirosis patients in Nikeweratiya MOH area.

This training programme was granted through World Health Organization for “**Short-term training grants for research capacity strengthening and knowledge management (2015)**”. The training programme was completed with six groups of researchers representing North Central, North Western and Central provinces.



## Green Concept for the Rajarata University Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed by the Department of Environmental Management

The Department of Environmental Management has proposed a waste management plan for the university system with the aim of “reducing the volume of waste, and the associated carbon emissions, produced by the University, by implementing waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery initiatives” in collaboration with Central Environmental Authority.

Proposal for the waste management is included with a fully planned compost yard, storage of recyclables and also awareness programmes for academic, nonacademic, students and also for the community as well. As the first step of plan, awareness programmes for the university community were successfully implemented under two sessions. Awareness programme for the students was conducted by a resource person from Central Environmental Authority on 2017/07/12 as well as the awareness programme for the non-academic staff of the university was conducted by on 2017/07/20 the senior lecturer Mrs. M.M.S.A Marasinghe who represents the Department of Environmental Management. Construction of the compost yard for the university is being planned in collaboration with the Rajarata University and Central Environmental Authority.



## Excellent International Student Award

Dr. EM. Samantha Ekanayake Senior Lecturer in Sociology attached to the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has won the Chinese Government Scholarship to follow the PhD programme in Sociology and studied at the Department of Sociology, Central China Normal University in China. He has successfully completed his PhD and won the Excellent International Student Award at the degree conferred ceremony.



## The National Conference on Understanding and Managing Unsettled Drought-2017

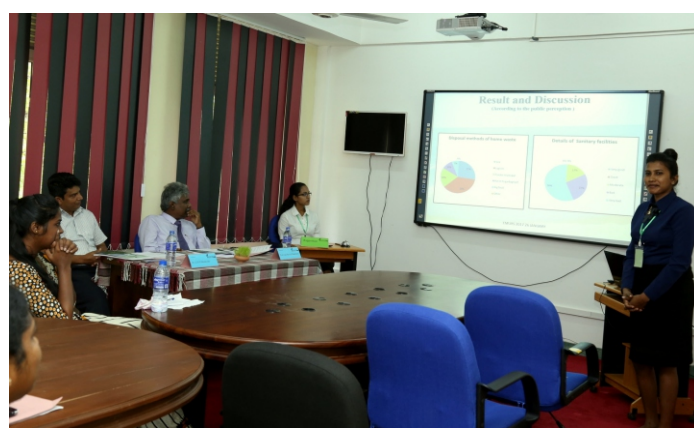
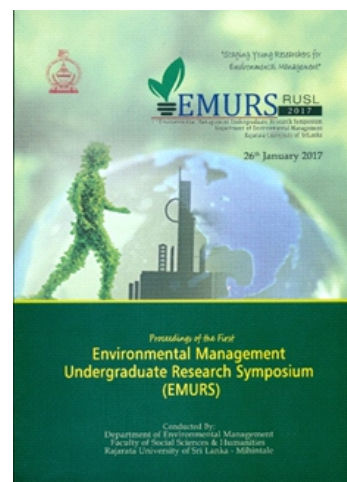
The National Conference on Understanding and Managing Unsettled Drought as the first national event was launched by the Department of Environmental Management, jointly with the Department of Social Sciences. This was one of the research steps on drought, initiated by the two departments a year ago. This event combines research findings of the said research with investigations conducted by other organizations and individuals, with ideas of experts in drought in the country as researchers, professionals, and development managers, to plan future actions on drought in the form of resolution. The event was organized by the departments in collaboration with the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka and the Department of Samurdhi Development of the Ministry of Empowerment and Welfare. The conference was held on 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities premises. The conference is an informed action to initiate a planned action to manage the increasing occurrence of drought.



## The First Environmental Management Undergraduate Research Symposium (EMURS-RUSL)-2017

The First National Environmental Management Undergraduate Research Symposium was organized by the Department of Environmental Management in collaboration with Sarasavi Nature Club, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. This was a golden opportunity for undergraduate researchers to share their knowledge, experiences, and outcomes of researches and contribute to dissemination of valuable, innovative findings to a well-read audience.

The undergraduate Research Symposium held at the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities premises on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017. consisted of verbal presentation sessions by students from all universities across the country, with the aim to enhance research culture among undergraduates in meeting the challenges of environmental sustainability under the theme of "Staging Young Researchers for Environmental Management".



## Initiating an Entrepreneurship Curcle

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka initiated an Entrepreneurship Circle on 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 04.15 pm in CGU mini auditorium with the intention of developing entrepreneurship skills and creating entrepreneurs from the undergraduates of Rajarata University. Officials for the circle were appointed among the students attended. Dr. (GAS) Ginigaddara, Director of Career Guidance/RUSL, Mrs. A. Mangalika Dissanayake and Jaliya Rathnayake, Career Guidance Counselors/RUSL attended the meeting and discussed a future action plan for the Entrepreneurship Circle with students.

## Program on “Entrepreneurship Development”

Entrepreneurship Circle of RUSL organized an Entrepreneurship Development program on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm at CGU mini auditorium. Mr. Lal Keerthi Gunawardhana, Chairman, Lucky Lanka Dairies Group of Companies conducted the session.



## Awareness Program on Upadidhari Vivasayakathwa Udanaya with NEDA

One hour entrepreneurship awareness program was conducted in each faculty throughout the evening on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and program was conducted by National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA).

Director, Career Guidance Dr. (GAS) Ginigaddara welcomed all the participants and Assistant Director, National Enterprise Development Authority explained that the role of NEDA is helping the undergraduates to be entrepreneurs.



## Leadership Development Programs

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted the following leadership development programs

1) For the freshers of faculty of Agriculture on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 8.30 am to 04.30 pm in the Faculty premises. Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake and Mrs A. Mangalika Dissanayaka, Career Guidance Counselors of the University conducted the training program.



2) For the undergraduates of faculty of Applied Sciences. The first leadership development program was conducted on 01<sup>st</sup> February 2017 from 8.30 am to 08.30 pm in the University premises and the second program was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 08.30 am to 05.00 pm in the University premises. Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake and Mrs A. Mangalika Dissanayaka, Career Guidance Counselors of the University conducted the training program.



3) Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted two leadership development programs for the undergraduates of faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The first leadership development program was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 8.30 am to 09.00 pm in the University premises and the second program was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 08.30 am to 04.30 pm in the University premises. Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake and A. Mangalika Dissanayaka, Career Guidance Counselors of the University conducted the training program.



## Hostel Programs “Skills for Life and Skills for Marriage Life”

Skills for life programs and skills for marriage life programs help to improve graduate attributes and building coping skills. Graduate attributes are the academic abilities, personal qualities and transferable skills which all university students will have the opportunity to develop as part of their Rajarata University experience. This program is conducted continuously from 06.00 pm to 09.00 pm in the hostel premises itself. Mrs. A. Mangalika Dissanayaka and Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake, Career Guidance Counselors of the Career Guidance Unit conducted the programs.



## Workshop on Photography

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted a Introductory workshop on Photography for the members of the Photographic Society of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with the aim of developing photography as a profession among the interested students. The workshop was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 2.00 pm to 05.00 pm in Amaradewa auditorium and veteran photographers, Hemantha Anurasiri and Palitha Handunge conducted the workshop.



## Photographic Exhibition

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Photographic Society of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully held a photographic exhibition on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Amaradewa auditorium premises parallelly with the creative concert organized by Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.



## The Program on “Orientation to Emotional Intelligence”

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a workshop on “Orientation to Emotional Intelligence” on 03<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017 from 01.30 pm to 4.30 pm in CGU mini auditorium. Mrs Kiranmai Yanamala, expertise trainer for emotional intelligence and working at Institute of NephroUrology, Bangalore conducted the session.



## A Parents' Program on “SENEHASA”

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted a parents' program on “SENEHASA” for the parents of freshers of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in examination hall. Mrs. A. Managalika Dissanayake, Career Guidance Counselor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted the program.



## Medical camp

Career Guidance Unit of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has successfully conducted a Medical camp and Awareness Campaign with the collaboration of Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Anuradhapura and Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences of RUSL for the students and staff of the Rajarata University on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 9.00 am to 04.00 pm at CGU premises.



## Personal Grooming and Personality Development Program

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a workshop on "Personal Grooming and Personality Development" with the collaboration of Sanjeewaka Ayurvedic Products (Pvt) Ltd for the second consecutive year for the students of the University on 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 2017 from 9.00am to 2.30pm in Amaradewa Auditorium. Mr.Philip Mullegama,CEO ,Sanjeewaka Ayurvedic Products Ltd. and Mrs. Hasini Guneseckara, Director IAB campus, Director, Gorgous Salons conducted the workshop.



## Career Guidance Handbook Launched

Career Guidance Unit of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has published a Career Guidance Hand Book to be distributed among the freshers in four faculties. **Information in the booklet will support undergraduates in identifying their self and directing their self to correct career goals. The Career Guidance Handbook launching ceremony was held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in the Amaradewa auditorium.** Prof. Ranjith Wijewardhana, Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Dr. (Mrs) GAS Ginigaddara, Director, Career Guidance/RUSL, Dr. PSK Rajapaksha, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities participated in the event.



## Program on "Personal Financial Planning and Investment"

Career Guidance Unit of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted a program on personal financial planning and investment for the undergraduates of Faculty of Agriculture on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 08.30am to 12.30pm in the CSE auditorium, Anuradhapura. The session was conducted by Mr. Tharaka Amrasena, Manager, Colombo Stock Exchange Anuradhapura Branch

## Workshop on “How to Face an Interview”

Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a workshop on “How to face an interview, CV writing with MOCK Interview for the 100 numbers of final year students of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 8.30 am to 04.30 pm in the Amaradewa auditorium. Mr. Darshana Warnasekara, CEO, Ruhunu Foods (Pvt) Ltd conducted the workshop.



## English Night of the English Language Teaching Unit - Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

The English Night of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities was successfully held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 at Mihintale premises. The Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka Professor Ranjith Wijewardena was the chief guest on the occasion and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and other academic staff members participated on the occasion. It is expected to hold this event annually as it provides a platform for the students to enhance the English speaking skills at large. Compering, Oratory, Solos, Duets, Poetry Recitation and Mini Drama were among the items presented by the students.



## A Training Program for Library Staff in School Libraries

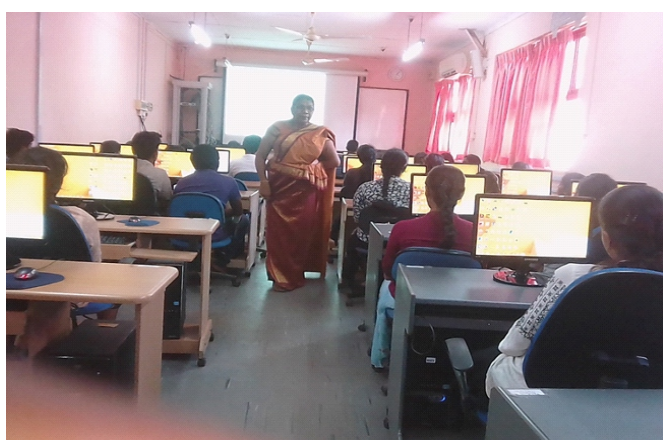
A Training Program for Library staff in School Libraries was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May at Kebithigollewa Educational Zone. This program was organized by National Library and Documentation Services Board, Ministry of Education.

Mrs. A.S Siriwardana, Librarian of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Mrs. K.R.N Harshani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Applied Sciences participated as Resource Persons.



## A Library User Awareness Programme, Faculty of Agriculture

Mrs. Asoka Siriwardana, Librarian, University of Rajarata and Mrs. Thanuja Dilrukshi, Senior Assistant Librarian of same university conducted a library user awareness programme to first year students of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Rajarata to make aware of E-Resources, useful web links for academic needs and improve their usage. The workshop was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.



## International Workshop on Open Source Library Management, India

Assistant Librarian Ms. N.S.P Kumburage participated in an International Workshop on Library Management (OSSLM-2017) held at the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Kharagpur in India held during 12<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.



## Diane K. Foster Award for the Best Achievement of Library and Information Field

Assistant Librarian Ms. J.M.S Dilinika, won the Diane K. Foster Award for the best achievement of library and information field by Special Library Association, Arizona, United States of America. Ms. Dilinika, participated in SLA 2017 Annual Conference Phoenix, Arizona, United States during 16<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017.



## Workshop on E-Resources through CONSAL Databases for Academic Staff

A workshop on Introduction to e-resources through Consortium of Sri Lankan Academic Libraries (CONSAL) was held on 04<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 at the Staff Development Center, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Dr. Pradeepa Wijethunga Coordinator of CONSAL and Librarian of University of Colombo conducted the session.



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## A Training Program at Polonnaruwa Educational Zone

A Training Program for Library staff in School Libraries was held on 06<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Polonnaruwa Educational Zone. This program was organized by National Library and Documentation Services Board, Ministry of Education.

Mrs. A.S. Siriwardana, Librarian of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Mrs. Thushara Wanasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences participated as Resource Persons.



## New Appointments



Miss. N.S.P. Kumburage has been appointed as an Assistant Librarian in the main library, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> December 2016.



Miss. J.M.S. Dilinika has been appointed as an Assistant Librarian in the main library, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

## Mora Elle Triangular Challenge Trophy

On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Rajarata University Elle teams participated "Mora Elle Triangular Trophy". At the end of tournament Mens team was the Championship and Womens team completed the tournament as 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up



## Inter University Elle Tournament

On 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June Inter University Elle Championship was organized by Colombo University. Our teams were competitive until the quarter final stage of the tournament.



## Pera Hockey 6's Tournament

In the PERA Hockey 6's Tournament held at University of Peradeniya on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017. Rajarata University Women team was 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up and Mens team 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up at the tournament



## Inter University Athletic Championship

Inter university Athletic Championship was held during 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Mahinda Rajapaksha Stadium, Diyagama. RUSL teams performed well at the tournament.



## Opening of Swimming Pool

Rajarata University Swimming Pool Complex was opened on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, under the patronage of Prof. Ranjith Wijayawardana Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



## Inter Faculty Sports Tournament

Inter faculty sports tournament was completed successfully by the Department of Physical Education during February and March 2017. It is the largest sport event conducted within the University. Faculty of Management Studies was the Champions and Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities shared 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up trophies.



## RUSL Elle Challenge Trophy 2017

With the collaboration of Department of Physical Education and the Elle teams of Rajarata University organized "RUSL Elle Challenge Trophy". After a highly competitive tournament. Rajarata University was crowned as the Champions among six other Universities.



## T-20 Triangular Cricket Tournament

Rajarata University Triangular Cricket Tournament was a memorable event which was held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February at Rajarata University ground. University of Peradeniya, University of Jaffna and Rajarata University participated in the event. After an exciting tournament Rajarata University team secured the champions trophy.



# T-20



## RUSL Hockey Sixes- 2017

RUSL Hockey Sixes 2017” was organized by the Department of Physical Education and Hockey teams of Rajarata University on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. It was a wonderful stage for Sri Lankan Universities hockey players to show their talents. In the men category Rajarata University was the proud champions



## Inter University Karate Tournament

Inter University karate tournament was held at University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. RUSL won bronze medal at the tournament.



## Sabra Elle Challenge Tournament

Elle mens team secured another championship at “SABRA CHALLENGE” Elle tournament which was organized by the Department of Physical Education, Sabaragamuwa University on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Belihuloya



## Inter University Cricket Tournament

In the month of May and June Inter University Cricket tournament was held at several universities. Rajarata university secured 4<sup>th</sup> place among 14 universities. It was a great performance.



## Vice President of SLUSA

Mr. S.U. Wijesinghe, Director of Physical Education was appointed as the Vice President of Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association for the year 2017

