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27th July 2023

Examination Hall

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The University Processions

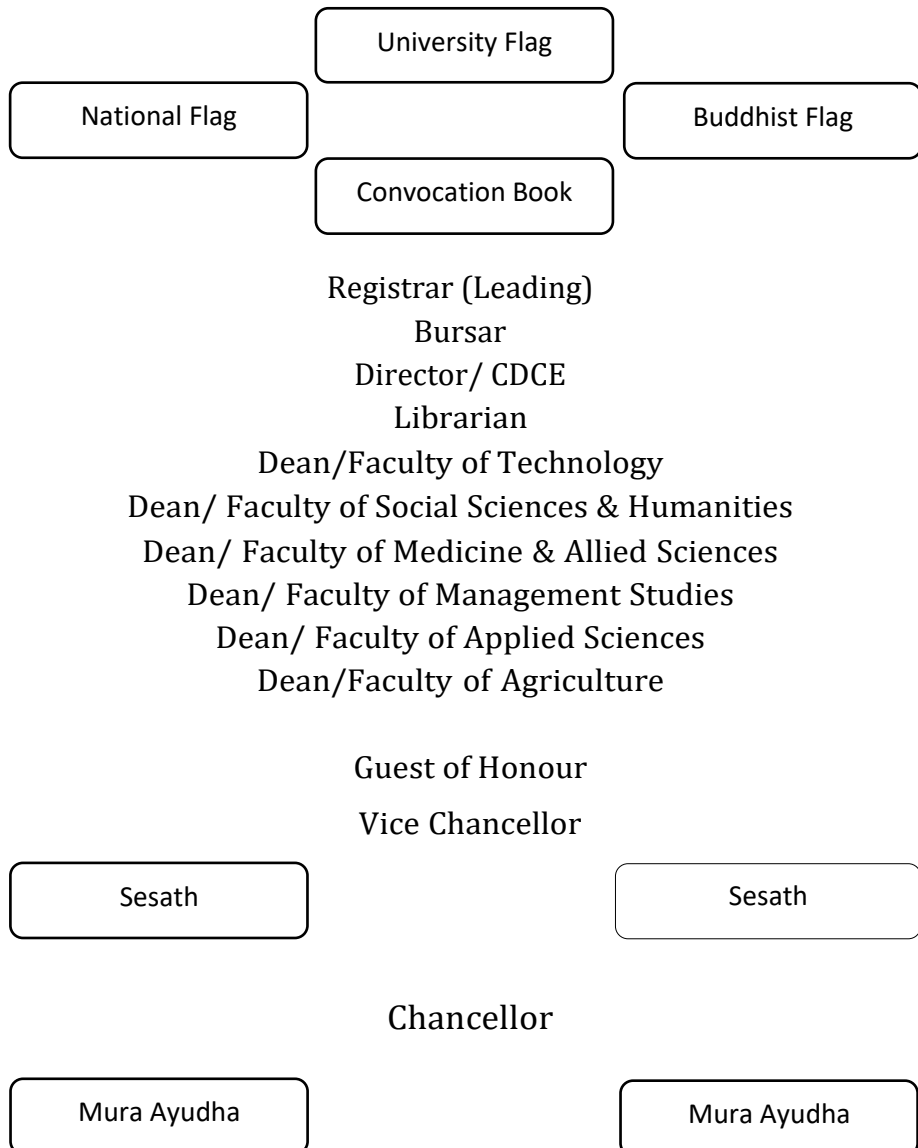
The Staff Procession (In Pairs)

The Staff Members according to the Seniority

The Senate Procession (In Pairs)

The Senate Members according to the Seniority

The Chancellor Procession



External Degrees Convocation

27th July 2023

Order of Proceedings

- 1.30 p.m. Graduands to assemble according to the Order of Proceedings in front of the Amaradewa Auditorium
- 1.50 p.m. Graduands to move in processions to the Main Hall
- 2.00 p.m. Senate & Staff Processions to assemble in front of the Main Administrative Building
- 2.10 p.m. Chancellor's procession to assemble in front of the Main Administrative Building
- 2.20 p.m. Staff procession to move to the stage of the Main Hall
- 2.30 p.m. Senate procession to move to the stage of the Main Hall followed by the Chancellor's procession with Registrar leading
- 2.40 p.m. Ceremonial Opening of the Convocation - Traditional Lighting of the Oil Lamp, followed by Jayamangala Gata
- 2.45 p.m. National Anthem followed by the University Anthem
- 2.50 p.m. A moment's Silence to commemorate the heroes who sacrificed their lives in safeguarding our country
- 2.52 p.m. The Chancellor to declare the Convocation open
- 2.55 p.m. Conferment of Degrees
Postgraduate Diploma in Education
Bachelor's External Degrees of Business Administration
- Award of Medals and Prizes
- 4.15 p.m. Convocation Speech by the Guest of Honour Dr. Nuwan Wimalana
- 4.30 p.m. The Chancellor to sign the Graduates' Register
- 4.35 p.m. The Chancellor to declare the Convocation close
- 4.40 p.m. Dewoo Wassathu Kalena
- 4.45 p.m. Closure of the Proceedings

**Conferment
Of
Postgraduate's Degrees**

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Postgraduate Diploma in Education

- 001 Karakgahawewa Medhankara Thero
- 002 Mahindapura Indasiri Thero
- 003 Mihinthale Seelarathana Thero
- 004 Hewane Bodhiseeha Thero
- 006 Anthony Christoper Dicam
- 007 Peellalage Anoma Dilrukshi
- 008 Delgaha Kotuwe Gedara Lakmali Kumari
- 009 Alahakoon Mudiyansele Mahamaya Samantha Devi Karunarathna
- 010 Erandi Harindika Lokunarangodage
- 011 Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Punsara Madhavee Dissanayake
- 012 Rukunayakage Chamila Kumari Dayananda
- 013 Nishshankage Anuruddhika Dilhani Nishshanka
- 014 Polwaththage Kumudumali Kanchana Premasiri
- 015 Kumarasinghe Mudiyansele Iresha Maduwanthi Warnasooriya
- 016 Dissanayake Mudiyansele Ishani Thakshila Dissanayake
- 017 Herath Mudiyansele Sumudu Kumari Herath
- 018 Gallath Rallage Shalika Dilhani Senarathne
- 019 Banneheka Mudiyansele Gamaralalage Pushpa Kanthi Banneheka
- 020 Nimashi Navodya Weerakonda Arachchi
- 021 Weragoda Gamage Himali Kusum Kumari
- 022 Dedigama Arachchige Dhanushsika Yumali Kanchana De Silva
- 023 Ilangasinghe Mudiyansele Menaka Udayangani Jinadasa
- 024 Rajapaksha Mudiyansele Udayangani Sandamali Rajapaksha
- 025 Upeksha Dilani Senevirathna
- 026 Abekoon Mudiyansele Chathurani Sandamali Pathmasiri
- 027 Rajaguru Wasala Bandaranayaka Mudiyansele Hashini Niransha
Dissanayake
- 028 Herath Mudiyansele Shashikala Madhubhashini Herath
- 029 Ramanayakage Kalani Anupamali Jayathissa
- 030 Udaha Henak Gedara Kanchana Sewwandi Rathnayaka
- 031 Bandaranayaka Mudiyansele Madugeethika Kumarihami
- 032 Bandulage Rumeshika Chamali
- 033 Rathnayake Mudiyansele Kalana Rumesh Rathnayake
- 034 Imihami Mudiyansele Isurika Madushini Thilakarathna
- 035 Bohingamu Mudiyansele Gayani Sandamali Dissanayake
- 036 Sugath Rajapakshalage Sangeetha Madumali Rajapaksha

- 037 Gagani Savindika Dissanayaka
038 Kumarasinghe Arachchige Dananjani Pradeepa
039 Herath Mudiyanseleage Darshani Madhushika Abesekara
040 Nishansala Sandamali Sugathadasa
041 Dissanayake Mudiyanseleage Iresha Chathurangani Dissanayake
042 Hatan Arachchilage Ruwani Chamari
043 Bahuwagoda Pathiranage Madhusani Priyangika Pathirana
044 Dombawala Pathirennelage Maneka Priyadarshani Wijesinghe
045 Rishan Madhushanka Ellawala
046 Kankanam Pathiranage Pubudu Maheshya
047 Dulanjali Dilhara Liyanage
048 Rathnayake Mudiyanseleage Meegaha Gedara Renuka Saman Kumari
Rathnayake
049 Maladeniyage Umesha Indeewari
050 Ganehi Arachchige Uditha Deepal Maduranga
051 Kariyapperuma Mudiyanseleage Thakshila Nandani Kariyapperuma
052 Golu Korappuge Ishani Deepika Botheju
053 Rathnayaka Mudiyanseleage Janaka Chathuranga Rathnayaka
054 Anura Padmasiri Ranasingha Kumaragege Anuruddhika Maheshi
Kumarage
055 Rathnayaka Mudiyanseleage Manori Hemamala Rathnayaka
056 Hawangolla Mada Gedara Sachinthya Dushani Wijesinghe
057 Udagammadde Gedara Inoka Priyangani Dharmasena
058 Kulappu Thantrige Lakmali Nimmi Nirusha
059 Dissanayake Mudiyanseleage Manjula Nishadi Dissanayake
060 Balasuriya Mudiyanseleage Sameera Sampath Samarasingha
061 Bandaranayaka Mudiyanseleage Chandima Bandaranayaka
062 Herath Mudiyanseleage Aruni Piumali Herath
063 Edirisinghe Arachchilage Anushka Chathurangani Wijesinghe
064 Kasthuri Rideemaliyaddage Kisal Gayashan Rideemaliyadda
065 Sinhala Pathiranage Nilmini Surangika Palihakkara
066 Peramune Ralalage Rasika Harshana Abeyrathna
067 Pillawe Gedara Lakmini Dilrukshi Kumari
068 Ukku Bandage Thakshila Nadeeshani
069 Wasala Mudiyanseleage Chathuranga Sampath Wasala
070 Herath Mudiyanseleage Madhushika Buddhini Ransinghe
071 Jayaneththi Koralalage Medini Prasada Jayaneththi
072 Kapukotuwe Gedara Sangeetha Lakmali Senavirathna
073 Andarage Shalika Himali De Silva
074 Dilini Kaushalya Chandrasekara

- 075 Vindhya Bhashini Kumari Saluwadana
076 Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Manjula Nilmini Dissanayaka
077 Senevirathnage Ishan Lakmal Senevirathna
078 Herath Mudiyansele Sandhya Kumari Herath
079 Munasinghe Pathirannehelage Kalani Nisansala Balasooriya
080 Pathirannallage Priyangika Madushani
081 Mudalpath Arachchilage Uditha Prasad Premachandra
082 Weerakoon Mudiyansele Sumali Kanchana Weerakoon
083 Nilan Kanchana Rathnayaka Swarnakethu
084 Jayapathma Mudiyansele Dhanushka Bandara
085 Diyagu Badathuruge Madhushini Prasadika Punchihewa
086 Jayakodi Arachchilage Nirosha Priyadarshani Jayakodi
087 Herath Pathiranalage Sunethra Udayasiri
088 Jampathpura Dewayalage Dinusha Lakmali
089 Herath Mudiyansele Piyumi Chathurika Herath Bamunugedara
090 Wanninayaka Mudiyansele Dhananjani Thennakoon
091 Pahala Gamage Priyangika Kumari
092 Rajakaruna Herath Mudiyansele Pradeep Prasanna Rajakaruna
093 Subasinghe Mudiyansele Champika Erani Subasinghe
094 Kulathunga Mudiyansele Ayesha Anupama
095 Bandara Herathlage Pradeepika Nishanthi Kumari
096 Rajasingha Mudiyansele Anuruddhika Kumari Rajasingha
097 Sugathapalage Pavithra Sewwandi Sugathapala
098 Siyambalagaha Mulle Gedara Shyamali Kumari Sumanasena
099 Lorensuhewage Lakshika Rangani Lorensuhewa
100 Gamini Liyanage Nisansala Madhushani Liyanage
101 Rajapaksha Mudiyansele Yowuni Madhumali Rajapaksha
102 Rajapaksha Mudiyansele Piyuma Hasini Rajapaksha
103 Senavirathna Mudiyansele Thilini Vimukthi Thennakoon
104 Weerapola Arachchige Menaka Deepthini Piyathilaka
105 Wijethunga Wasala Mudiyansele Krishani Mahendika Wijethunga
106 Imeshika Madhushani Thennakoon
107 Rathnayaka Mudiyansele Tharaka Miyurani Rathnayaka
108 Jawarange Amali Neranjana Wimalasooriya
109 Thilini Shashikala Rathnasooriya
110 Piyasenage Asanka Chathurangani Liyanage
111 Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Shalika Nimeshani Adikary
112 Batugedara Appuhamilage Udaya Harshan Batugedara
113 Ranbanduwe Gedara Nishadi Buddhika Gunawardhana
114 Pallegama Mudiyansele Niwanthika Madhumali Bandara

- 115 Thennakoon Mudiyansele Nuwan Thennakoon
116 Wasala Mudiyansele Shanika Kumari Wasala
117 Handunkiri Kumarasinghe Mudiyansele Madushani Jayathilaka
118 Thilakarathne Hiruni Nayanjani Thennakoon
119 Shalika Hansini Wijewardhana
120 Aradhana Rasanji Vindya Rathnayaka
121 Kachchakaduge Sudarika Dulanjani Fernando
122 Madduma Kankanamge Nilanga Sampath Premathilaka
123 Dikwella Vidanege Erandi Ruwanmali
124 Maheka Madhubhashani Premarathna
125 Kumarasinghe Upul Nishantha Dissanayaka
126 Wanasingha Pedige Rasika Jeewan Wanasinghe
127 Mudali Arachchige Dinesh Ruwan Gunathilaka
128 Jayamuni Dinesha Priyadarshani De Silva
129 Dasanayaka Mudiyansele Pahala Gedara Chamali Kumari
Dasanayaka
130 Sanoja Thiromi Jayasena
131 Ganegoda Kankanamalage Indika Bandara
132 Urala Liyanage Rasika Priyadarshani
133 Abesinghe Mudiyansele Udeni Maheshika Karunathilaka
134 Rajakarunage Imesha Dilshani Rajakaruna
135 Herath Mudiyansele Himali Chathurangani Herath
136 Ekanayaka Jayasundara Mudiyansele Indrani Swarnalatha Kumari
Ekanayaka
137 Basnayaka Mudiyansele Manusha Hansamali Hemachandra
138 Kekiriwela Gedara Anusha Sandamali
139 Yapa Mudiyansele Ayanthima Sandamali Kumari Wijewardhana
140 Anguwawala Gedara Devika Priyadarshani
141 Sumith Priyawanshage Dinuka Shiranthi Kurunarathna
142 Wickramaarachchilage Nirosha Madhuwanthi Wickramaarachchi
143 Sachini Dulakshi Wijayabandara
144 Thewaraperuma Arachchilage Kaushalya Madhumadhavi
145 Rajapaksha Weerasekara Isurulatha Weerasekara
146 Jayasinghe Arachchilage Madhuri Subhashini Kanchana Jayasinghe
147 Rathnamalala Bandara Wanniamige Pathmasiri Wanninayake
148 Suriya Hetti Mudiyansele Puspa Subhashini Lakmali Herath
149 Indunil Thilakarathna
150 Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Kaushalya Madumali Senarathna
151 Dissanayake Mudiyansele Imalshi Kaushika Dissanayake

- 152 Rajakaruna Chandrasekara Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Theja
Madhavi Nugawela
- 153 Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Shyamani Sriya Kumari Rathnayaka
- 154 Herath Mudiyanseelage Uma Samurdhi Karunarathne
- 155 Wanninayake Mudiyanseelage Ridmini Thanuja Wanninayake
- 156 Dissanayaka Mudiyanseelage Chathurika Pushpakumari Dissanayaka
- 157 Herath Mudiyanseelage Udani Madusha Ranasinghe
- 158 Rathnayake Mudiyanseelage Chathurani Ajantha Senanayake
- 159 Patabendi Gedara Dilani Priyadarshani Menike
- 160 Himihamy Mudiyanseelage Buddika Mihirani Kumari.
- 161 Chandrasekara Athapaththu Herath Mudiyanseelage Shanika
Sandamali Chandrasekara
- 162 Saranapalage Dilushika Sanjeevani Rathnayake
- 163 Sinhala Pedige Thanusha Gayani
- 164 Kalu Dewayalage Niroshika Padmini Jayasinghe
- 165 Kulatunga Mudiyanseelage Nuwan Kumara Navarathne
- 166 Senavirathna Dissanayakage Lakshika Chathurangani Dissanayaka
- 167 Wijesingha Mudiyanseelage Dushani Salika
- 168 Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Duminda Priyadarshana Rathnayaka
- 169 Edirisooriya Podiappuhamilage Waruni Nisansala Edirisooriya
- 170 Damayanthi Nandadasa
- 171 Yasanayakage Dileep Dissanayake
- 172 Ekanayake Mudiyanseelage Geethamali Dammika Ekanayake
- 173 Yapa Appuhamilage Nilani
- 174 Kulatunga Mudiyanseelage Ashinshani Kumari Navarathna
- 175 Sri Narayana Brahmana Dissanayaka Rajakaruna Wadinamuna
Mudiyanse Ralahamile Shashiruwan Narmada Rajakaruna
- 176 Weerasekara Bamunu Mudiyanseelage Malinda Lakshitha Weerasekara
- 177 Aluth Waththe Gedara Manori Priyangani
- 178 Asurappulige Wathsala Kumari Amarasooriya
- 179 Weerappola Muhandiram Widanelage Aruna Piyal Munasinghe
- 180 Ranhoti Pelige Upeksha Semini Randeniya
- 181 Karunasenage Kalhari Sudarshana Karunasena
- 182 Asanka Subhashini Samarasingha
- 183 Jayapathma Herath Mudiyanseelage Nirasha Lakmali Jayapathma
- 184 Madurappullige Niroshan Madushanka
- 185 Weerathnage Nilanthi Madushani
- 186 Rajapaksha Mudalige Niluka Jeewanthi Rajapaksha
- 187 Imihami Mudiyanseelage Hemamali Dilhani Dissanayake
- 188 Wickramasinghe Weerakkodi Mudalige Thilina Lasanthi

- Wickramasinghe
- 189 Udaha Haddokara Gedara Janaki Malkanthi
190 Kakenadura Heva Geeganage Janika Ninadani Geeganage
191 Thanakotuwe Gedara Jeewanthi Mala Kumari
192 Chandrasekara Mudiyanseleage Sujeewani Sampath
193 Nuwanthika Udayangani Illangasingha
194 Abeykoon Mudiyanseleage Amali Deepika
195 Athapaththu Mudiyanseleage Asanka Kumara Athapaththu

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- 196 Thennakoon Mudiyanseleage Virangika Sanjeewani Bandara
197 Nailiye Indananda Thero
198 Rana Wirudulage Lohitha Madusanka
199 Katipe Arachchillage Pushpa Kumara Dasanayaka
200 Punchi Bandage Nalika Lakmini Senevirathna
201 Kodikara Achchillage Sulochana Hansini Kodikara
202 Madurika Mihirani Athapattu

**Conferment
Of
Bachelors' Degrees**

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
(GENERAL) EXTERNAL DEGREE

Presented By the Dean/ Faculty of Management Studies

FIRST CLASS

Nil

SECOND CLASS (UPPER DIVISION)

- 001 Ilangasinghe Mudiyansele Nuwanthika Madhuwanthi Ilangasinghe
- 002 Kalu Arachchilage Udeshika Sanduni Jeewanthi
- 003 Kanangamuwe Gedara Priyangani Sandamali Abeyrathna
- 004 Ekanayaka Mudiyansele Shyamali Dinusha Thilakarathna
- 005 Karunarathna Herath Mudiyansele Thanuja Dilrukshi Karunarathna
- 006 Adhikari Mudiyansele Thushanjali Dinuththara Adhikari
- 007 Sri Brahmana Adhikari Mudiyansele Ruwan Pradeep Kumara
- 008 Wijekoon Mudiyansele Lakshmi Mala Madhushani Wijekoon
- 009 Lakshika Navodani Manawaduge

SECOND CLASS (LOWER DIVISION)

- 010 Halamba Edwardge Hansi Nimasha
- 011 Munasinghe Arachchilage Madhushika Dilrukshi
- 012 Munasingha Mudiyansele Nirmadha Poornima Munasingha
- 013 Ayoma Miyurandi Dissanayaka
- 014 Muthu Bandage Sanduni Nisansala Dasanayake
- 015 Shashini Maheshika Wimalasiri
- 016 Jayawardhana Mudiyansele Lakshan Viduranga Jayawardhana
- 017 Konara Mudiyansele Koshala Madhuwanthi Thilakarathna
- 018 Don Nilanthika Dilhani Withanachchi
- 019 Gonapinuwala Vithanage Dilasha Madhubhashini
- 020 Rajakaruna Aberathna Herath Mudiyansele Madhusha Dilrukshi
Rajakaruna
- 021 Adikari Arachchilage Manjusha Lakmini Adikari
- 022 Herath Mudiyansele Sandunee Shashikala Herath
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068 Matinge Rashika Sudarshani
069 Dorapola Gamage Chathura Dinesh Kumara Ashelarathna
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074 Balasooriya Mudiyanse Hashan Rathnayake
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076 Ranasinghe Arachchilage Sureka Lasanthi Ranasinghe
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078 Punchi Bandage Gihan Chathuranga Jayaweera
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103 Jayakodi Arachchilage Nayani Koshila Sewwandi Thilakarathna
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106 Wettasingha Appuhamilage Suranga Wettasingha
107 Batepolage Thusitha Manoj Karunarathna
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111 Nihal Premasirige Mahesha Premasiri
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113 Wimalasiri Karunathilakage Harsha Krishan Anuradha
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- 153 Wadigadehetti Mudiyanseleage Sandaleka Shyamali Rathnayaka
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- 157 Miyulasi Hasaranga Senevirathna
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- 175 Hathurusingha Dewalage Ayesha Madhuchani
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185 Barigama Gedara Gayan Madhawa Srinath Balasooriya
186 Korale Gedara Bhagya Sewwandi Bandara
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190 Palliyaguruge Umesha Shehani Palliyaguru
191 Jayasekarage Dilunuwan Jayasekara
192 Chandrasekara Rajakaruna Shiromi Nisansala
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194 Manjari Greshani Sapna Jayaweera
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221 Lalith Gunasinghe Lalithya Kaushalya Kumarasekara
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228 Handun Pathirannehelage Rumesi Randula Handun Pathirana
229 Tikiragodaya Gedara Hiroshima Madumali Dayananda
230 Kakiriwela Gedara Malindi Sasandunika
231 Iththapana Payagalage Ishara Nawodanee
232 Karuna Pedige Darshana Nalin Thilakarathna
233 Herath Mudiyansele Shiranthi Sinama Herath
234 Dewrunnehelage Thiruni Ransi Mithila Chandrasena
235 Madugama Janaka Nuwan Chandrasena
236 Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Dinusha Jayamali
237 Jayalath Pathiranage Isuru Prasad Jayalath
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240 Thisumi Nileesha Weerasekare
241 Kande Gamayalagedara Madushani Dilrukshi Jayavilal
242 Horathal Pedilage Supun Prabodha Nelson
243 Adhikari Mudiyansele Chathushka Geetha Rekahna
244 Kapukotuwe Dissanayake Mudiyansele Kavindya Parami
245 Semasingha Nawarathna Situbandaralage Manji Saubhagya Situbandara
246 Pannala Lekamlage Hashini Erandi Kaushalya
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- 271 Senarath Appuhamilage Maheshi Bhagya Senarath
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- 273 Idame Herath Mudiyansele Asitha Madhubashani Herath
- 274 Kattadige Nadeesha Subhashani
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- 277 Nawarathne Mudiyansele Kanchana Madubhashani Nawarathne
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- 354 Arachchi Gedara Malsha Madhuwandhi Pushpa Kumari
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Distinguished guests and all the graduates.

First of all, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the Vice Chancellor, and the Chairman of the organizing committee for inviting me for this important occasion. Thank you and truly appreciate.

My dear recipients of degrees, I know today is a very memorable and special day for you who receive degrees on this stage. As I too have spent so many sleepless nights and faced too much of stress to meet the deadlines on assignments in the past, I can imagine your happiness and sense of achievement. Undoubtedly, it is a great feeling.

Based on what I have heard, some of you may be already employed while others are looking for building up a career. Therefore let me try my best to satisfy these both groups by using this little time effectively with some advices and important messages based on my over 40 years experiences in the corporate sector.

If this was one of my career guidance sessions with the students of a local or foreign university, I would have asked what you would do after the graduation. Let me enlighten you with my genuine experience on the responses I usually receive. The percentage of each category I am explaining now will change marginally based on whether it is a local or a foreign university but the final result will be more or less the same.

Some will say they would like to join the government sector like armed forces, police, customs, immigration services, revenue officers etc. and that is a very good idea as we need well educated energetic human resources in all those areas.

Few would say they like to continue their studies joining immediately into a Master's degree programs and then end up with a doctorate. They are the few who want to pursue a career in the field of academic. That is excellent as we need many academics for building up a knowledge enhanced society.

A very few will voice their ambition of becoming entrepreneurs. Some want to take over their family businesses and take them to a higher level while others want to launch their own Startups. I am very happy to see them as I believe it is something we lack in our education system which is encouraging students to become entrepreneurs. I strongly believe it is an important pillar for the development of a robust economy in any country. Although this number is small, it is encouraging to see that it is gradually increasing.

However, a large majority would say they want to join the private sector, a multinational or a well-known business entity and build up a career to go up to the senior management C Level position or as a CEO.

I assume it is the same with these young educated people and that is where I can add value as that has been my pathway from the bottom to the top. I know very well that I am not alone in that journey as many corporate leaders who have managed and who are managing large companies at present have come through the same way.

Does that mean everyone who embarked on this journey had the luxury of coming to the pinnacle? My answer is no, the majority didn't. If so, what was the difference between us who are the minority and them? Did we do something right or did they do something wrong and as a result, we were just lucky to be at the right place at the right time?

Well, like many, I too believe in luck. Because, I have met so many people during my career that were very lucky as well as extremely unlucky. But it does not mean that I depend on luck. Because, the luck doesn't guarantee that it will be with you forever.

Before I go further exploring the corporate career building, I believe all of you have used some important advantage you possess today that we didn't have when we were at your age. That is the ability to focus on a career path that you would love to excel. When we were young, it was only a dream to believe in a particular career. Because the path was very narrow. Therefore we were ready to accept any opportunity came on our way. Today if you want to build up your career in any discipline you like, whether it is marketing, finance, Human Resource, supply chain, medical science, engineering or whatever, it

is very much possible for you to follow a related diploma, graduate or post graduate program and enter a path to realize your dream. That was a luxury we did not have.

Let me tell you a small true story. The first person who seriously asked about our future professional aspirations was my English teacher when I was about 11 years old at Rahula College, Matara. One day he came and said we have to tell the class what we want to do when grown up. That was something none of us were ready to say immediately. He gave us 10 minutes to get ready and when he started asking from the front row, we heard only two answers. It was either Doctor or engineer. I didn't know what to say but luckily before me was the No. 1 in the class, Ranjitha. I decided to say whatever he said. He said engineer and I said the same. Close to me was Nandalal and he also said Engineer. Only Priyal said he wanted to become a Pilot. Everyone else said doctor and engineer. At the end, our teacher Nanayakkara Sir, gave a very good lecture and said very clearly that we all were just saying whatever came to our mind. He said it was totally unrealistic for the entire 40 of us to become doctors and engineers. He was absolutely correct. Nandalal and I came to Ananda College through scholarship and Ranjitha came to Royal and Priyal who also got through the scholarship exam stayed back. Later, none of us achieved what we said. Priyal Wijeweera who wanted to become a Pilot is today a Presidents Councilor and out of 3 of us, who wanted to become engineers, Ranjitha Upasena is a big name in the Insurance Industry and Nandalal Weerasinghe is today the governor of the central bank and you know what happened to me. Did everyone in our class ended up with illustated careers? No, unfortunately not. Does this mean that even today you can just get into a profession and make a great career? I say it is impossible. Because, those days, we competed with the same people like us. Those who came into professions without a proper career plan. But today as you know, many are well focused on the career path they want to pursue and very well prepared. You cannot compete with them if you are not equally focused.

Couple of months ago, I met the 11 years old Son of my cousin who lives in London. While talking, he said his ambition was to become an Investment Banker. When I asked questions, he knew exactly what were the subjects he had to follow in the school, what were the most respected universities in the UK for investment banking and how to enter them. Also he mentioned the student support programs available for the students in those universities and how to obtain full or partial scholarships. He told me how to join as a

graduate trainee at an investment bank or stockbroker once he passed out with the qualifications. He knew how to become a senior investment banker after about 5 years with 120,000 pounds annual salary after commencing a career as an Investment Analyst. Not only that, he knew the other countries where he could practice his profession with the same qualifications in case he decided to move out from England. I was surprised and so confident that this boy would one day realize his dream. Do you have that focus? If not, why don't you?

I am not the best to explain how to succeed in investment banking or legal fields but let me share what I know on the general corporate sector and how multinationals and big conglomerates operate. Those who are looking for a career in the private sector first must understand that you have now become eligible to look for a position at the executive grade at a well-established company with your educational credentials. However, please remember it is only a ticket to ask for an opportunity for facing an interview. If you don't have the required educational qualifications, you will not be given an opportunity to face that interview. In the contemporary corporate world, we need you to possess the qualifications and those hard skills are a must to enter but our focus is more on your soft skills. Have you researched the most important soft skills expected by the corporate sector according to the recent findings?

In a recently published LinkedIn article, it says 85% of jobs that will exist in 2030 are still not invented. Therefore, in a world where technology is changing fast affecting everything we do, the most important skill to develop is technology savvy skills. Staying current with the latest technology is expected from any potential employee. We have already experienced how Chat GPT became a game changer in the world of artificial intelligence technology. But always remember that there are other set of skills that has become more and more important with passing time based on the research conducted regularly. Let me explain top 5.

Critical thinking is something all corporate leaders are expecting from their employees. Because it delves deeper into how we differentiate human from artificial intelligence using our emotional intelligence and creativity. In the corporate world where you need to take fast decisions, knowing the right answer is not enough. You need to know the best way to influence others to agree with you.

If you don't have the correct people skills, you can never be successful at work. You will never go up on the corporate ladder if you fail at managing people as the number of people you manage increases with every step you take upwards.

Adaptability is the other skill you need to possess as the environment is changing at a high pace without your control. Therefore if you don't have the desire to adopt to changes, you are going to be left behind. Remember what Charles Darwin said. It was not the strongest or most intelligent species who survived. It was those who could adapt to the changes in their environment.

Communication is an extremely important skill because you may be highly skilled in your respective area of expertise. But if you cannot communicate effectively with your stakeholders, including your superiors, colleagues and subordinates, you don't produce results. Then you are considered unproductive.

Networking is the last skill I want to explain to you. For the success of your corporate career, you need to network effectively with industry professionals of your respective fields. You need to build and nurture those relationships as it brings invaluable knowledge into the organization through you.

So in the pursuit of recruiting management trainees to well established companies, how do we assess your soft skills such as critical thinking, people skills, adaptability, communication and networking? For this we conduct psychometric tests. There are so many tools we use. Are you familiar with them? It is true that until someone joins the organization, we will not know the real soft skills of that person. But these tests reveal the results to a certain extent and therefore it is important that you do the possible available analysis yourself first to have an understanding of what to develop.

I commenced my presentation saying that I would attempt to advise both groups who are employed as well as looking for employment. What I explained so far probably may not be valuable to those who are already employed. Unless you still thinking of joining a better organization. Now, the important part is how to develop your career within or outside the organization.

There is something I strongly believed not knowing it was a famous quote by a great person by the name of Dr. Abdul Kalam, the former president of India. He has said love your job but don't love your company. Because, you don't know when your company stops loving you.

He is absolutely right. But I must say that I loved my company. I hated my competitors. I fought for my company. Both Nestle and Coca Cola were not the companies that had a smooth sailing in Sri Lanka as well as in the countries where I worked for them. I thank them for investing in me for my personal and professional development. Still I love them. You will never see me buying Anchor milk or drinking Pepsi. Still my favorite toilet soap is Kohomba Clear. I do still not only love them but 100% loyal to them.

However, I loved my profession more than any of the companies I worked for. Therefore, the market identified me as a professional in the respective fields mainly in sales and marketing. After working with Nestle for 21 years, I worked for 3 other companies until my retirement. I didn't apply for any of those 3 companies. The offers came to me through their recruiters. When I got the call from Coca Cola for the first time as well as the second time, I politely refused. But when the 3rd time they called me and asked just to have a chat with their Regional Director at Hotel Hilton, I agreed. After that discussion, the final question he asked me was Nuwan, when can you join?

What does that teach you who are dreaming of an illustrated career in the private sector? I will try to explain all that is 3 points which I call PDL Theory. Once you are given the opportunity, always ensure you deliver above average results. It is the point no 1. That will establish you as one of the best who should be considered for the next promotion. Do you think the best performance on the current position will guarantee you the promotion to the next level? My answer is No. Why? The next level will demand you different set of hard and soft skills. That is what we learn in the Peter Principle. Without developing those required skills, if you promote your best finance executive as the finance Manager, you will lose your best executive and end up with the worst manager. That will harm both organization and the person.

Then what should you do? First identify your skill gaps and start working on them. There are 3 options available. First you can wait until the organization identifies you as a high potential candidate and invest in your skills development. Not all but many companies are doing that. Because in the corporate world, we strongly believe that the right people are the most valuable asset of the company.

Second option is starting your own development without waiting for the company to invest in you. Today I find many young career minded employees are doing this allocating a certain amount of their salary for their own skills development. It is common to see many young employees come

and announce their professional educational achievements. As many companies are unable to allocate budgets for Human Resources Development under difficult business environment, this is a great way to improve on your skills without any moral obligation to leave the organization when you find a better opportunity.

The third option is to use the both above avenues simultaneously to develop you. Organization will invest in you either to develop your skills for the current job or for the future job they have identified you as a potential candidate. But there is nobody who knows yourself better than you. Other than directly job related skills what else you are lacking? Are you happy with your language skills? Can you handle current IT related challenges well? Are you an excellent presenter? How are you with your negotiation skills? If you are well aware of your areas for development, while the organization is investing in you, it is important that you too allocate your own resources for this purpose.

That is what I did throughout my career. Especially Nestle and Coca Cola made a huge investment on my development. That was a part of their culture. But this was not the same in the other two local companies I worked next. There were some training and development programs. But for all my Executive Education programs, at NUS, Singapore, Cambridge, UK, IIM Bangalore and Griffith Australia, it was my money that I spent. There were some partial costs borne by the companies like airfare and accommodation but I paid for the courses.

All above explanations are marked by me as the point no 2 in stressing the importance of developing your skills. First point is delivering exceptional results. Second point is identifying the skills gaps in you for the next level and developing them.

Suppose now you have performed exceptionally and have developed the skills needed for the next level. But for you to go up there must be an opportunity within the organization. But you don't see an opportunity for the next 4 to 5 years. Then what should you do? Also, there is an opportunity but it is given to someone else due to some political reasons? Then what should you do?

That is where my point no. 3 comes in.

Leave the organization. Find something better as now you are ready to take up challenges at a higher level and leave the organization. At that time even if the company asks you to stay, don't stay.

That is possible only if you love your profession. You are already respected in the industry as a professional. You already have a market outside with your personal branding. This is my true experience and that is what helped me to achieve my ambition of becoming a CEO before the age of 45. When I took over as the CEO of Swadeshi it was only 10 days before my goal.

I hope these little insights would have shed some light on the career paths you want to pursue especially in the private sector. I believe you understood by PDL principal. Perform. Develop. Leave. You are lucky if you could achieve your goal only with PD. But let me conclude with few lines I used to close my interview I had with the CEO Magazine a few months back.

Performance of anybody is as good as his or her results today. Nobody will survive based on your past achievements. Therefore you need to deliver positive, disciplined results consistently.

Thanks and wish you all the best

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