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Field visit of the US ambassador visit to Research Site in Anuradhapura on April 16th, 2023

Preface

This is the detailed report to describe implementations, performance, and evaluations of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL), Sri Lanka. The report describes the involvements and achievements of the University on each SDG.

RUSL has executed different projects through number of competitive research grants annually. Each projects support to address most of the SDGs. Furthermore the University schedules events that help to work on each goals periodically. The report contained the summary of the each projects and events in 2023. Each SDG is acknowledged in the report in a separate section by including the details of the events that were aligned to the relevant SDGs. Moreover, University news details were included. All the relevant news and events details were available at the University official website and the official website of the Sustainability. The report is available at the University repository. Finally I would like to thanks to all who supported to create the report.

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Vice-Chancellors` Message



It is a pleasure to write the message for the Second Sustainability Report in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 2023. The University abled to publish the first documented report on the sustainability last year though we involved into the sustainable development from the last decades.

Rajarata University addressed all Sustainability Development Goals with the help of the professional specialists in the fields of Agriculture, Applied Sciences, Management Studies, Medical and Allied Health Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanity, and Technology. Each fields aggregated with a faculty and relevant centers and unit. As a knowledge hub of the North Central region of the country, we involved to address the trending issues such as chronical kidney disease, with the research findings.

Our national and international outreach programs helps to uplift the quality of life of the local communities. The University opens the opportunity to reach the complete advantage of the University research findings. I will take this an opportunity to announce, most of our research outcomes are introduced to the community as a commercialized end products.

As the Vice-Chancellor of the University it is an honor to present to you all the achievements of the SDGs as a single report to take the idea that how we addressed the SDGs. Finally, I would like to thank the members of the sustainable committee of the University.

Prof. (Mrs) GAS. Ginigaddara

Vice-Chancellor

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Directors` Message

It is a pleasure to write this message. It gives me immense pleasure that I present the 2nd Annual Sustainability Report of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for 2023. This report reflects our university's steadfast commitment to cultivating an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, and economically sustainable future. At Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, sustainability is not merely a goal. A fundamental value shapes every decision we make. Over the past year, we have embarked on ambitious initiatives to empower our community to embrace sustainable practices. This report highlights our key achievements, highlights the challenges we faced, and outlines our aspirations for the future. As a university, we are dedicated to addressing global sustainability challenges through innovative research, transformative educational programs, and meaningful operational changes. By doing so, we aim to inspire and equip the next generation of leaders to build a sustainable world.

As we continue this journey, I urge every member of our community to view sustainability as a shared responsibility. Together, we have the power to transform our university into a living model of sustainability — one that embodies resilience, accountability, and hope for the future. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and passion in advancing this mission.

Let us work hand in hand toward a greener, more sustainable tomorrow.

Dr. (Mrs.) AMP. Adikari

Director
Sustainability Committee
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

SDG 01: No Poverty





The University Business Linkage Cell (UBLC) of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) successfully completed phase IV evaluation on 12th of January 2023 at University Premises. The RUSL UBLC is the sixth national University to complete the Phase 04 evaluation administered by the AHEAD Unit of University Grant Commission. UBL has presented all completed actions under the phase IV with strong evidences and the general progress of the UBL for the future sustainability. All AHEAD grant winners also presented the progress and outcomes achieved in the research

projects. For successful on time completion of the UBLC Phase 04, the RUSL UBLC will be granted an additional 02 million rupees to carry out its functions smoothly. Mr. Prasanna S. Ekanayake, Attorney-at-Law, E W Associated and Mr. Sanjeewa Gunawardena, Executive Director, E B Creasy & CO PLC, Darley Butler & Co Ltd, Laxapana Bateries PLC were joined as a evaluators of the phase 04 evaluation along with AHEAD Lead academic Professor Thusitha Abeytunga. The Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. (Mrs) G.A.S. Ginigaddara delivered the welome speech and Dr. Manoj Samarathunga, the Director University Business Linkage Cell presented the progress of the UBLC. The event was also graced by the presence of Deans, the Librarian, Head of Departments, Professors, Directors of University Centers, Directors of the North Central Province Chamber of Commerce and Commercial partners etc.

In the Scimago ranking of Sri Lankan universities in 2023, Rajarata University is placed second in the research percentile and second-best for overall research performance . For the institute to be ranked, at least 100 Scopus publications must be published within the given year. According to the research percentile, RUSL researchers published 162 research articles in 2022, helping the institution to be recognized as the second-best university in Sri Lanka. archers that are affiliated with RUSL participated.



On March 14, 2023, Dr. Selim Buyrukoglu, a lecturer at Ankara Karatekin University with a focus on artificial intelligence (computer science), paid a visit to the faculty of technology at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Cankiri Karatekin University of Turkey collaborated on the **Erasmus+ Programme's** Key Action 1: Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility Inter-Institutional Agreement 2022–2028 to make this trip possible. This is the first international mobility as per the MOU signed after establishing the University International Relations Unit. During his visit, an interactive workshop on employing hybrid machine-learning methods for numerical data analysis was held with the staff and students. In addition, he discussed the results of his artificial intelligence research and the viability of transferring those results to other areas of study. Throughout this visit, he has taken part in a number of conversations in small groups with the faculty and students. Also, discussions on potential future partnerships with regard to research and teaching at both Universities were also had. With 85 attendees, the workshop was a smashing success.





“Varsity Battles Capital Market Quiz Competition” took place at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 24th May 2023. The event was jointly organized by the Colombo Stock Exchange and Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the University Business Linkage Cell (UBLC) of the University. The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka entered into a “Memorandum of Understanding” with the Colombo Stock Exchange through the UBLC during the second quarter of 2022 to promote education and research and improve industry practices. The quiz competition is an outcome of the MOU signed and many other events are scheduled for the year. Parallel to the Varsity Battles a Mini Career Fair for undergraduate students was also

Varsity Battles & Mini Career Fair

organized by the Colombo Stock Exchange and Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka with the support of the “Career Guidance Unit” of the University. The career fair was enlightened with the presence of fifteen companies. Representing the Faculties, 13 teams competed with each other under the guidance of the Faculty UBLC coordinators. The winning group and the 1st runner up group of the Varsity Battles Capital Market Quiz Competition represented Faculty of Applied Sciences and the 2nd runner up group represented Faculty of Management Studies. The winning group was awarded a cash price of LKR. 75,000.00. All three-team got qualified to face the final Quiz competition which will be held in Colombo at the end of this year.

AIIESEC in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka wins 3 Awards at CS Eminence 2022



CS Eminence 2022, which is the annual Awards Night organized by AIIESEC in Colombo South, was held on 28th of January 2023 and AIIESEC in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was able to win following awards and nominations among 3 other universities – Kothalawala Defense University (KDU), Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) and Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC).

Dr. TB Andarawewa Theater

The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, along with all deans of faculties, heads of departments, librarian, professors, and other distinguished guests attended the name-unveiling ceremony for the Dr. TB. Andarawewa Theater of the Faculty of Management Studies, which took place on July 10, 2023, on the faculty’s premises. The ceremony was held as a sincere tribute to Dr. TB Andarawewa’s outstanding leadership and vision for ushering in a new era for the Faculty of Management Studies.



Official Meeting with University Alumni



On August 25, 2023, a gathering was organized at the institution to improve ties between RUSL and its alumni. While the President of RUSL Alumni Association, the office bearers of Faculty Alumni Associations, and the members

attended the meeting, the Vice Chancellor, Deans of Faculties, acting Librarian, and Deputy Registrar represented the university. At the meeting, meaningful agreements were made to improve the alumni's support to university development.

Brain into Business Program



On September 15, 16, and 17 of 2023, the Career Guidance Unit of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) together hosted the "Upadhidhari Vyavasayaka Udanaya" program for the University's undergraduate students. The program's

goal is to help undergraduates to become more entrepreneurial, and at its conclusion, NEDA will award selected business proposals with LKR 25000.00. Vice Chancellor Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Director/Career Guidance Dr. (Ms.) H.O. Wijewardane, Deputy Director, NEDA Mr. Wasantha Senanayake, Secretary, Mihintale Divisional Secretariat Mr. Anuruddha Nayakabandara, and officials from Rajarata University and NEDA attended during the program's inauguration.

Initiated in 2022, "MATHAKA" was brought to life by the Accountancy & Finance Students' Association of Department of Accountancy & Finance of the Faculty of Management Studies. This initiative has a noble cause at its heart to provide educational necessities to underprivileged families in the rural areas of Anuradhapura District. MATHAKA's core purpose is to

address the hurdles encountered by families who find the costs of basic school supplies beyond their means. By ensuring that children from these families receive the resources they need to excel in their academic endeavors, the initiative hopes to create a ripple of positive change in their lives and communities. Echoing the sentiment that "A child without education is like

a bird without wings, "MATHAKA" has been a beacon of support for quality education for the most underprivileged pupils in inaccessible rural areas in Sri Lanka, Particularly, Anuradhapura. In December 20th, 2023, the program has empowered over 70 students from numerous remote locations by facilitating the donation of school stationary, thereby enhancing the quality of education.

"Mataka" Book Donation Program



(Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, served as the Chief Guest at the opening of the Students Centre of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, which was completed under the AHEAD Project on 6th April 2023. The ceremony was attended by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities Prof. Thusitha

Students Centre of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Mendis, Deans of other faculties, the Director/OTS, Prof. Janaka Gunarathna, Professor E.M.S. Ekanayake, Project Coordinator, AHEAD Project of the Faculty, many academics and non-academics, and students. The centre is consisted of cafeteria, bookstore, soft skills lab, student activities room, faculty quality assurance cell, business incubator, and career guidance and counselling unit for increasing student participation and encouraging undergraduate characteristics developing them.

SDG 02: Zero Hunger



Enhancing Food Security in Kammalakkulama Village



Treevolution Program is a concerted effort to promote environmental sustainability and an initiative aimed at boosting greenery and food production. The Green Hearts Students' Association of the Faculty of Agriculture of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Rajarata University and the local community, conducted the Treevolution Program in the village of Kammalakkulama village, Mihinthale on the



23rd of October, 2023 at 9.00A.M. The event was graced by the presence of the distinguished Chief Guest, Professor (Mrs) G.A.S.

Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, and Mr. Anurudda Nayakabandara, the Divisional Secretary of Mihinthale, Dr. Chintaka

Karalliyadda, Head of the Department of Agricultural Systems and academic members of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University. The Treevolution Program in Kammalakkulama village serves as an exemplary model of how educational institutions and local communities can come together to create a positive and lasting impact.

On August 24, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed, marking the beginning of a collaboration that promises to transform the educational landscape for our students. Under this initiative, a total of 110 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students, showcasing the Foundation's unwavering commitment to supporting education. This partnership is a testament to the Foundation's dedication to nurturing young minds and empowering them to pursue their academic aspirations without financial constraints. The impact of this initiative will undoubtedly be felt not only by the recipients of these scholarships but also by the larger community as these students go on to make meaningful contributions to society. Mr. Nimal Martinus and Mrs. Nilanka Martinus of Mosvold Martinus Foundation and the Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka signed the MOU and received cash cheques.

MoU with Mosvold-Martinus Foundation



Technical Skills Enhancement Workshops

As a fresh initiative by Vice Chancellor Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, of the University launched a program to train non-academic staff members and their families to improve their technical skills for engaging in entrepreneurial operations. A number of training workshops will be held as part of this program, with an emphasis on topics that present prospects for launching small-scale enterprises. These topics include floral design and event decoration, horticulture and plant nursery management, compost creation, ornamental fish farming, mushroom cultivation, and beekeeping. The Moratuwa-Rathmalana Lions Club is collaborating with the university to offer a series of workshops at the Staff Development Center. The courses are all financially supported by the club. On October 28, 2023, the project was officially launched in the auditorium of the Staff Development Center. Dr. Raveendra Jayarathna, a resource person from the university's Faculty of Applied Sciences, led the inaugural workshop on "Event Decoration and Floral Arrangements."

SDG 03: Good Health and Well-Being



Through the kind assistance of Sri Lanka's Health Minister, Mr. Keheliya Rambukwella, Rajarata University Chancellor Most Venerable Chief Incumbent of Ruwanveliseya, Ethala Wetunawawe Gunanathilaka Thero was able to donate an ambulance to the university. The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, which has six faculties spread across three sites, had been in need of this for an extended period. On July 26, 2023, in conjunction with the university's convocation ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, the University registrar, Mr. A.M.G.B. Abeysinghe,

and the Deans of the faculties officially welcomed the ambulance to Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Ambulance Donation



Rajarata University of Sri Lanka's Faculty of Management Studies has finished its yearly medical camp. The camp, which was held on July 19 and 20, 2023, at the faculty's facilities, aimed to help university students and staff members identify and address health issues early on, thereby enhancing the community's overall wellbeing. With the National Renal Disease Prevention & Research Unit's assistance, this camp was run. Dr. Dilip H. Liyanage, its director, Grade 1 Nursing Officer Ms. M. A. C. Lanka, and Public Health

HEALTH CAMP

Inspector of Renal Disease Prevention and Research Unit, Anuradhapura, R. H. Karunaratna, were also present. The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management's Head, Mrs. KTNP Abeywickrama, and her hardworking staff expertly planned the event. Many additional staff members, including Vice Chancellor Prof. GAS Ginigaddara and Faculty Dean Prof. PMB Jayathilaka, received their health screenings during the camp.

The Official Flag of the 15th Sri Lanka University Games to be held in 2025 was proudly accepted by the Vice Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka Prof. Sanjeevanie Ginigaddara at the 14th Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG) closing Ceremony held on 08th of September 2023 at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

15th Sri Lanka University Games



This is a project conducted by the 2021 students of the department of business management on February 14th, 2023 in order to uplift the nutritional levels of the cancer patients of cancer hospital, maharagama. These students collect funds by doing various fund-raising activities by within the university premises and outside the premises. They have donated fruits and food items specially recommended for the cancer patients.

Project Hope

Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted the fifth free workshop: 'Food Safety' on August 04th, 2023 at new faculty auditorium of Faculty of Management Studies.

Food Safety Awareness Program

This is a project conducted by the 2021 batch students of the Department of Business Management from May 18th, 2023 to July 18th, July 2023 to uplift the nutritional levels of pregnant mothers in the Horowpathana area. These students collect funds by doing various fund-raising activities by within the university premises and outside the premises. They have donated nutritional food items and repaired the delivery room of the hospital.

“Maathru”



First Aid Camp



On September 13th, 2023, the Department of Environmental Management, in partnership with the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, conducted a First Aid Training Program at the main auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.

The primary aim of this training program was to equip students with basic knowledge and skills in first aid, empowering them to respond confidently to emergencies. The training program was meticulously planned to cover a wide range of essential first aid techniques, from CPR and wound care to managing fractures and burns. The interactive sessions provided students with hands-on learning experiences, enabling them to practice and refine their skills under the guidance of experienced trainers from the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society. A total of 60 students from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities actively participated in this enriching event. The training not only imparted valuable skills but also fostered a culture of preparedness and quick response to emergencies within the university community. Students left the program feeling empowered and confident in their ability to assist in emergencies, contributing to a safer and more resilient campus environment. This First Aid Training Program significantly contributes to Good Health and Well-being by promoting the well-being of individuals within the university community. By equipping students with essential first aid knowledge and skills, the program aligns with the broader aim of SDG 3 to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all.

SDG 04: Quality Education



New Building Complex for CDCE

(CDCE) with the participation of Senior Professors Sampath Amarathunge, Chairman, and Chandana P. Udawatte, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission. The RUSL administration was represented by Royal Pandith Eethalawatunuwewe Gnanathilake Thero, Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor, all of the Deans of Faculties, the Acting Registrar, Acting Bursar, Director/CDCE, and other officials. The CDCE/ RUSL offers UGC approved study programs for three external degrees, four diplomas, and three certificates to meet the needs of adult students who are pursuing further education but are not accepted to universities. Over 4500 pupils are currently served by the center. In order to



serve a larger number of knowledge seekers in the nation, the CDCE was erected and relocated to the city of Anuradhapura in 2012. It was initially established on the grounds of Mihinhale. Through this center, which serves both the requirements of the community and the needs of business, the university anticipates offering more cutting-edge programs for professional and academic growth in 2023. Through the Rajarata University website <https://www.rjt.ac.lk/> or CDCE (<http://cdce.rjt.ac.lk/cdce/>), information about the CDCE/ RUSL and offered programs can be found.



MOU with Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance

In order to build the capacity of the officers in the Ministry of Local Governance and Provincial Councils in the North Central Province, the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deliver five (05) certificate courses. The faculty of agriculture will act as the coordinating faculty for these certificate courses in addition to providing the expertise of the pertinent courses. Dr. Suratissa Dissanayaka, Chief Executive Officer/Director, joined two other SLILG officials, Prof. (Mrs) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor, Prof. GVTV. Weerasuriya, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and the course coordinators, Assoc. Prof. DMSH. Dissanayaka, Dr. S.N. Dissanayake, and Mrs. W. Dilrikshi participated in the event.



The first intake of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Management Degree program was inaugurated on March 7, 2023, at 11:00 am, in the university's Main Auditorium, marking a revolutionary stride in the development of the Faculty of Management Studies, of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, a premier educational institution in the North Central Province. The Vice Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S Ginigaddara, was the chief guest at this event, along with the Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, Prof. P.M.B. Jayathilake, the Chairman of the Faculty's Higher Education Committee, Dr. HMBP Ranaweera, the Program Coordinator, Prof. K.G.A. Udaya Kumara, and senior academics from the faculty.

The Launching Ceremony of the Digital Library Wall by the British Council was held on the 08th of March 2023 at the Main Library of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The event was graced by Mr. Orlando Edwards, Country Director, British Council of Sri Lanka, and Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the University together with all the deans of the faculties, academic, administrative, non-academic staff, and the students. The digital library wall is an illustrated wallpaper with active QR codes to a variety of content including e-books, learning apps, podcasts, reports, and IELTS related material. The QR coded content can be downloaded free of charge using Android or iOS QR scanning apps. This presents a new way of accessing the library collection under the theme of "Like it, Scan it, Download it". Digital wall empowers entire University community to access a vast array of resources available at the British Council.



The Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) program's certificate awarding event for the ninth batch of academic staff members took place on April 6, 2023, in the Staff Development Center's auditorium. Twenty Rajarata academic faculty members, nine in students from the University of Vavuniya, two from Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka earned certificates in 2022 for successfully completing the program. The event's chief guest was Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Vice chancellor of Sri Lanka's Rajarata University. Participants included the deans of the faculties and Dr. Lalith Senarathna, director of the SDC.



On April 21, 2023, in the **The award ceremony of TOP 20 Researches of the University**

auditorium of the main administrative building, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka presented awards to its top 20 researchers for the academic year 2022. The chief guest of the event was Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, along with the Deans of the faculties of Agriculture, Applied Sciences, Management Studies, and Technology, Professor GVTV. Weerasuriya, Professor Ranjith Edirisinghe, Professor Bandula Jayathilaka and Dr. TC. Bamunuarachchige respectively, Acting Librarian, Mrs. WPT. Dilrukshi, Registrar Mr. AMGB. Abeysinghe, and Acting Bursar Mr. Sampath Godakumbura.

Rajarata University toastmasters club (CB-28676100) was registered under Toastmasters international in March, 2023. Toastmasters Club provide members valuable opportunities for its members to enhance their communication abilities, develop leadership skills and gain confidence in leadership skills. It is a corporate club where Rajarata University staff and students can join.



The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and The North Central Province Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture (NCPCCIA) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to promote education, research, and training that will benefit both organizations and the industry in the region. Honoring the agreement, the Board of Directors of the NCPCCIA participated in a familiarization trip to

the University on May 18, 2023. The Director Board made it an opportunity to visit four Faculties. The Director Board also met the Deans **Visit of North Central Province Chamber of Commerce of these respective Faculties along Industry and Agriculture (NCPCCIA) Director Board** with the key research teams. After completing the familiarization visit the NCPCCIA Directors met with Prof. (Mrs) GAS. Ginigaddara Vice-Chancellor had a discussion regarding the Faculty visits and the possible future collaborations to strengthen the relationship between the two parties. University Business Linkage Cell organized the visit under the guidance of UBL Director, Dr. Manoj Samarathunga. Representing Chamber of Commerce, Director General Mr. PB. Dissanayake, Director Mrs. Shanthi Liyanage, Director Mr. Pradeep Kangara, Director Mr. Gamini Kobewatta, Director Mr. Mahindaratne Bandara, Director Mr. Salila Withanage, Director Mr. Tharaka Amarasena participated in this event.

A MoU was signed between the University and Ceylon Agro Food Technologies (Pvt.) Limited through the University Business Linkage Cell on the 13th of March 2023 at the University premises. The MoU was signed with the objectives of collaboratively work towards research and commercialization of the Trichoderma virens culture and solid based formulation of Trichoderma virens, a research output of Faculty of Agriculture .In addition to that, both parties will collaboratively work towards further product development upon mutual agreement. The Vice Chancellor of the University



Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Dr. Manoj Samarathunga, Director, University Business Linkage Cell, Mrs. TDC. Priyadarshani, Principle investigator of the research, Mr. Susantha Gunawardene, Director, Ceylon Agro Food Technologies (Pvt) Ltd, Mrs. DDN. Kularathna and Ms. BAP. Serasinghe, R & D Executives of Ceylon Agro Food Technologies (Pvt) Ltd signed the MOU on behalf of the respective organizations. The event was also graced by the presence of Deans of other faculties, the Heads of Departments, Professors and other invitee.

The Rajarata University Toastmasters Club celebrated a momentous occasion with their charter installation ceremony, held on 16th June 2023, at the Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The captivating theme of 'Unveiling the Royal Legacy' set the stage for an extraordinary event attended by

Unveiling the Royal Legacy: University Toastmasters Club's Momentous Charter Installation Ceremony distinguished guests, including esteemed toastmasters, Deans of the Faculties and students. The ceremony

welcomed Toastmaster Prof. Sanjeevani Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University, as the esteemed Chief Guest and the District Director Distinguish Toastmaster Nisal Weerakoon as the guest of honour. A truly inspiring keynote address was delivered by Distinguished Toastmaster Arunasalam Balraj, Past International President of Toastmasters International, encouraging attendees to embrace personal growth and leadership development.



Inauguration Ceremony of the XXII Intake of Master of Business Administration



The inaugural Ceremony for MBA Intake XXII was held on 09th July 2023 at the faculty premises with the presence of the esteemed chief guest, the Vice Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. (Mrs.) Sanjeevani Ginigaddara; the eminent keynote speaker Dr. TB Andarawewa; the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. PMB Jayathilake; the Director of Year I, Dr. Pramudith Kandambi; the Coordinator for Year I, Dr. PR Weerathunga; and the Coordinator of Year II, Dr. (Mrs) Yashoda Bandara and Senior Assistant Registrar of the faculty, Mr. Wijitha Dissanayake. Further, Mr. Asoka Dias, who currently serves as the Director of MTV/MBC, joined as the MBA alumnus.

External Degree Programm

The Bachelor of Business Administration General External Degree (Intake IX) was officially launched on March 26, 2023, at University's Convocation Hall. This degree program has 657 students enrolments. The ceremony's chief guest was Prof. Sanjeevani Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the University. Attending the event were Prof. WP Wijewardena, Director of the CDCE, Prof. PMB. Jayathilake, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, all Heads of the departments of Faculty of Management Studies, all academic members of the faculty, administrative staff from the faculty and CDCE, and non-academics.



On July 19, 2023, the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka hosted the book launch ceremony for “Natha Deva Wandanaye Prabhawaya Saha Wikashanaya-(The Origin and Evolution of Natha Deva Worship)”. Professor Ajith Thalwatta from the university’s Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities wrote the book. The keynote

The Book Launching

address was delivered by the Emeritus professor Daya Amarasekara, University of Peradeniya Daya .The most venerable Pallegama Siri Sumana Rathanapala Hemarathana Thero-the chief incumbent of “Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi” Anuradhapura, Venerable Dr. Valahangunawewe Dhammarathana Thero – the Chief Incumbent of Mihinthale Royal Temple, Venerable Dr. Kallanchiye Rathanasiri Thero -the Chief Incumbent of Abhayagiri Vihara, Venerable Welihene Sobitha Thero – the Chief Incumbent of Mirisawetiya Vihara, the Vice Chancellor, , Deans of all faculties , academics, Registrar and non-academics of the university attended the event.

The Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, takes great delight in putting on an outstanding display called ‘Innovate Dairy Fiesta’ 2023. On August 25, 2023, the ceremony took place on the grounds of the Faculty of Agriculture. Distinguished visitors, including Vice Chancellor Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. G.V.T.V. Weerasooriya, honored the occasion. The occasion served as a noteworthy showcase for fifteen dairy products that were the outcome of interdisciplinary work among our staff members, students, and other researchers. Attendees included members of the university community, business partners, the general public, and bankers. Attendees had a unique opportunity to examine the cutting edge of advancements in the area through this exhibition.



‘Innovate Dairy Fiesta’ 2023

Opening of the Agroecology Laboratory

The Agroecological Laboratory in the Department of Agricultural Systems, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University, was ceremonially opened on September 29, 2023, marking an important milestone in the development of sustainable agriculture in Sri Lanka. The coordinated efforts of the Erasmus+ Curriculum Development in Agroecology (CDAE) project allowed for this outstanding accomplishment. The Faculty of Agriculture now has this new laboratory. The Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. (Ms.) GAS Ginigaddara, was the Chief Guest for this event, which gave the proceedings more prominence.



Professor G V T V Weerasooriya-Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. SMCB Karalliyadda, Head of the Department of Agricultural Systems, Dr. AMKR Bandara- Manger of the project, and all academic and non-academic staff members attended the event.

National Conference on Foreign Languages and Literature by Department of Languages



The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at Rajarata University of

Sri Lanka conducted the First National Conference on Foreign Languages and Literature on September 5, 2023 in the main auditorium. Prof. Sanjeewanie Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, attended as the event’s chief guest. Head of the Department of Languages Ven. Prof. Olaganwatte Chandasiri Thero served as conference chair, while Ven. Pusselle Wineetha Thero served as conference secretary. Associate Professor Bimali Indrarathna of York University in the United Kingdom gave the keynote address on “Demonstrating Research Excellence in Languages and Cultural Learning.”

With the guidance, assistance, and direction of Prof. GAS. Ginigaddara, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the newly established Social Reconciliation Center held its inaugural engagement with Jaffna University on September 14, 2023. The program was sponsored by the university's Culture Subcommittee, the Healthy Landscape Project of the Ministry of the Environment, and other organizations. It was hosted on the grounds of the main campus. The session was attended by fifty interested Jaffna University students and ten faculty members. The Director of the Social Reconciliation Center, Dr. JMSB. Jayasundara, all of the University's deans, Representatives of Health Landscape Project and a number of visitors attended the first phase of the event: Introduction to Southern food culture. An exposure trip to Cascades in the Dry Zone was the second phase. The following exposure trip to University of Jaffna for Rajarata University of Sri Lanka students will take place in the month of October 2023.



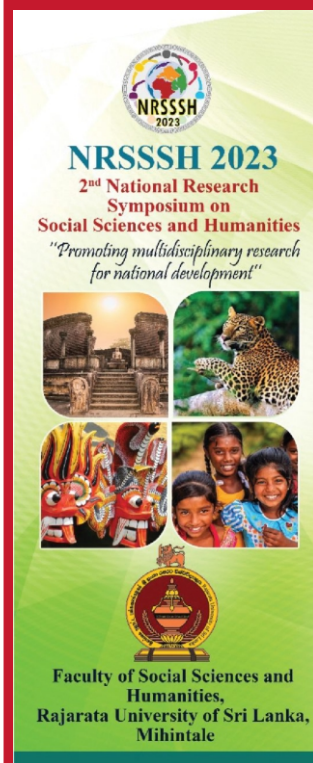
Food Festival and Environment Heritage Program

The Official Website Launching



The official website launching of the six faculties and the library of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was held ceremonially at the University's main auditorium on October 3rd, 2023. The ceremony was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. GAS. Ginigaddara, and the Deans of the six faculties. The Acting Librarian of the university also joined the event. The official faculty and library websites were launched by the relevant dean of the faculty and the acting librarian respectively. The official website helps to publish the information and the services of the faculties. The Centre of Information Technology Services organized the event.

The Second National Research Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities (NRSSSH-2023), organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities



(FSSH), was successfully held on 31st October 2023, at the faculty premises. Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, the Vice Chancellor of the University, was the chief guest and Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda, the Dean of the FSSH, University of Sri Jayewardenepura participated physically as the Key note speaker to the inauguration ceremony of the symposium. Prof. DT Mendis, the Dean, FSSH and Humanities and Prof. GVTW Weerasooriya, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Acting Librarian and the Senior Assistant Registrar of the FSSH were among the distinguished invitees. All the heads of the departments, senior and junior academic staff members, non-academic staff of the FSSH, presenters and the undergraduates were among the gathering.

Opening of the Open Art Theater



The newly constructed open art theater of the Faculty of Agriculture was opened ceremonially on October 3rd, 2023 by Professor GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Professor GVTW. Weerasooriya, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Professor NS. Abeysingha, Project Coordinator, AHEAD Faculty Development Project; and Professor AMJB. Adikari, former Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, participated in the ceremony. The theater was constructed under the AHEAD project and the ceremony was with captivating cultural performances, showcasing the students of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Workshop for Advanced Level Accounting Teachers in North Central Province

The two-day workshop organized by the Education Ministry of North Central for accounting teachers in the North Central Province took place on the 11th and 12th of October 2023. The primary aim of the workshop was to enhance the knowledge and awareness of recent changes of accounting standards and share the knowledge of newly introduced accounting standards to the Advanced Level accounting syllabus. Additionally, the workshop

aimed to share valuable insights to improve the overall quality of the accounting subject. To achieve these objectives, the Ministry of Education North Central invited distinguished lecturers from the Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka as resource persons. These experts played a crucial role in sharing their in-depth knowledge and expertise with the accounting teachers.

Falooza 2023 The Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies has organized an event “Falooza” for six weeks from November 01st, 2023 to help to uncover new technological trends, and global trends in the digital marketing industry. Different parties from the industry participated to share their knowledge with the students and the event successfully concluded with 200+ online participants.

Webinar on e-safety for undergraduates

The focus on e-safety in the workshop reflects efforts to promote innovation and build resilient infrastructure in the digital realm. By raising awareness about ICT security and privacy issues, the workshop contributes to fostering a safer and more secure online environment for individuals and organizations (Goal 09). By providing students with knowledge and skills related to ICT security and privacy, the workshop contributes to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education. It equips students with essential competencies relevant to the digital age, thereby enhancing their educational experience and preparing them for future challenges (Goal 04). Improving e-safety awareness among students helps create safer and more inclusive communities in the digital space. By educating undergraduates

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about potential online threats and best practices for staying safe online, the workshop contributes to building sustainable and resilient cities where individuals can thrive in the digital era (Goal 11). The collaboration between the department of IT, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Learn Hut demonstrates the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable development objectives. By leveraging the expertise of external resources like Mr. S. Dayananda, the workshop maximizes its impact and effectiveness in educating students about e-safety (Goal 17).

RUSL Business Idea 2023



The University Business Linkage Cell, in collaboration with the Colombo Stock Exchange, successfully hosted the “RUSL IDEA 2023” competition on November 30th, 2023. This event aimed to foster innovation, collaboration, and an entrepreneurial spirit within the university community, providing a platform for participants to showcase their creative and entrepreneurial ideas. The “RUSL IDEA 2023” was graced by Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of RUSL, and Mr. Niroshan Wijesundara, Senior Vice President of the Colombo Stock Exchange, Mrs. Priyani Nanayakkara, Chairperson of the North Central Province Chamber of Commerce and other distinguished guests.

MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ICASL)



Rajarata University of Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka), the main regulatory authority and the Professional Body in the Accounting field, marking another milestone. This ceremony was held on 12th December 2023, at the ICASL, with the participation of Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the University and Mr. Sanjaya Bandara – President, Ms. Lankmali Priyangika – Acting Chief Executive Officer and other delegates from ICASL. The Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies (FoMS) is the coordinating body of the MOU. In parallel to this event, an awareness session followed by a discussion session on this MoU were conducted at the FoMS with the participation of Prof. PMB. Jayathilake – Dean, FoMS, Dr. (Mrs.) RMNC. Swarnapali – Head, Department of Accountancy and Finance, Heads of other Departments, Lecturers, students and delegates from ICASL. The objective of this MoU will facilitate to share knowledge and skills between the two parties and granting scholarships and exemptions to become chartered accountants.

The University Business Linkage Cell, in



MoU with Fidenz Technology

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Fidenz Technology (Pvt) Ltd on 29th November 2023 at the University main auditorium. This MoU is beneficial for the undergraduates and graduates of the University in terms of sharing knowledge related to information technology, providing internship opportunities, collaboration research and on the job training from Fidenz Technology. Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor, Dr.(Ms.) HO. Wijewardane, Director, Career Guidance, Deans of the Faculties, and Career Guidance Advisors from each Faculty represented the University and Mr. Ajith Samarathunaga, Head of Academic, and Mr. Amidu Liyanaratne, Associate Software Engineer, of Fidenz Technology were present in the event.

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Chartered



SDG 05: Gender Equality





On January 20, 2023, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka hosted the Research Excellence Awards Ceremony for 2022. The University's academic staff members who are outstanding in research, creativity, and scholarly works are the focus of the awards ceremony, which aims to acknowledge, respect, encourage, and reward them. The university hopes that these awards will encourage staff members to actively participate in teaching and research activities. Additionally, these accolades will inspire and motivate junior staff members to participate in research projects that will raise the University's standing on a national and international scale. Additionally, these accolades will boost and support team-based research initiatives both inside and outside the institute. For the second time, a ceremony honoring research excellence was held in 2023 with the goal of recognizing researchers and igniting enthusiasm for new academic endeavors. Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Chairman and Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, and Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice-Chancellor of the University,

who attended as the guest of honor, were all present. Prof. Manjula Ranagalage of the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities (FSSH) received the renowned golden award once in a lifetime. The Most Outstanding Senior Researcher and Young Researcher awards went to Dr. DMSLB. Dissanayake, FSSH and Dr. Devarajan Rathish, Faculty of Medicine & Allied Sciences (FMAS), respectively. The Most Outstanding Senior Researcher and Young Researcher awards went to Dr. DMSLB. Dissanayake, FSSH and Dr. Devarajan Rathish, FMAS, respectively. Prof. Nimal Shantha Abeysingha and Prof. Anjana Silva received awards for being the Faculty of Agriculture's (FoA) and FMAS' most outstanding senior researchers, respectively. The Most Outstanding Young researcher of each faculty award went to Dr. Prasad Jayasooriya (Faculty of Technology), Dr. Janith Warnasekara, FMAS, Dr. Jayaruwani Fernando, FoA, Dr. P.R. Weerathunga (Faculty of Management Studies), and Dr. Janith Warnasekara. Among the qualified candidates from the university and faculty level, 104 awards in total were given out.



The US ambassador to Sri Lanka Mrs. Julie Chung visited the Kaludiyapokuna primate project, which is co-directed by Dr. Rajnish Vandercone of the Faculty of Applied Sciences of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (www.kpcrc.org). His research focus on identifying traits that make certain species more susceptible to anthropogenic habitats changes than others. Through his work and assistance of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, he has been able to accommodate US Fulbright grantees and other research scholars in Sri Lanka. More information about the visit is from twitter note at

<https://twitter.com/USAmbSL/status/1651129709705707520?s=20>.

SDG 06: Clean Water and Sanitation



Opening of the University Sewage and Wastewater Treatment Plant

On November 27, 2023, the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka officially opened its new sewage and wastewater treatment plant. The goal of this project is to enhance the quality of the water, guarantee that the water discharged satisfies or beyond regulatory requirements, and maintain public health. Professor (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the University, opened the plant. Several academic and non-academic authorities from the institution, including the Registrar, Bursar, and Deans of their respective faculties, attended the occasion. The

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka's sewage and wastewater treatment plant opened, marking a significant turning point in the University's history and a continuation of its dedication to sustainability and environmental responsibility, public health, and taking care of the environment.



Tube Wells for the University Community

On November 7, 2023, the University community was given access to four tube wells that Global Development International Private Limited had contributed. The goal of this project was to embrace sustainable water conservation measures and provide the University community with a sustainable source of safe and clean water. This project would help the institution's long-term problems with water scarcity and improve University sustainability. The Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, and the Proprietor of Global Development International Private Limited, Mr. Jamaldeen Assan, performed the



opening. The event was attended by the University's registrar, Dr. Manoj Fernando, dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Prof. Bandula Jayathilaka, dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, Dr. Chathuranga Bamunuarachchige, dean of the Faculty of Technology, Mr. NSK. Herath, the project coordinator, and other University officials.

SDG 07: Affordable and Clean Energy

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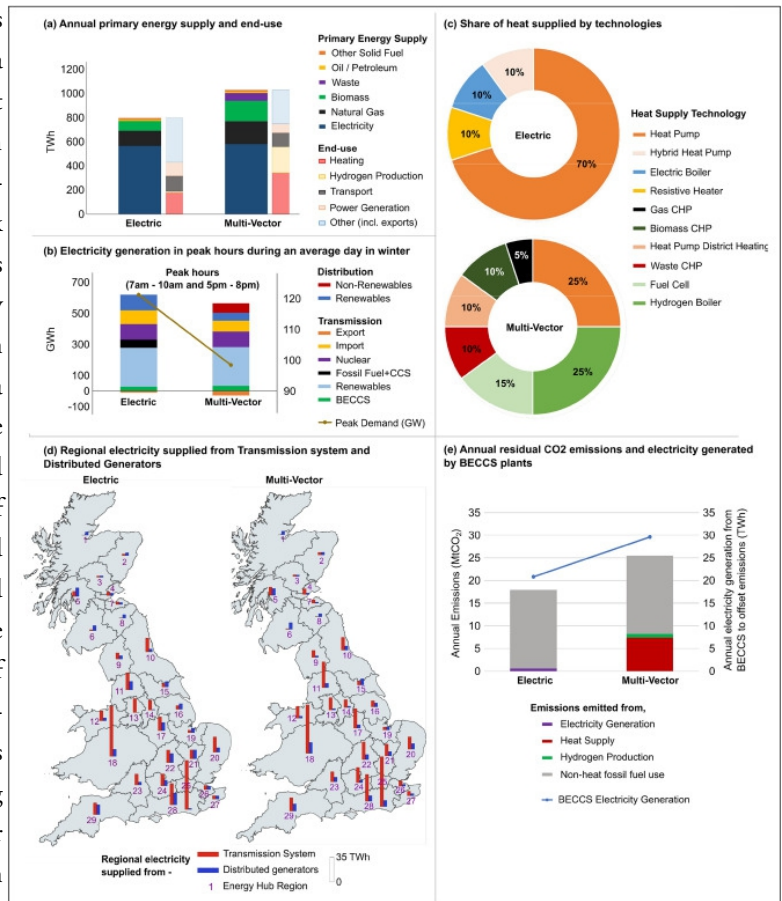
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Abstract **Journal Article: Simulating flexibility, variability and decentralisation with an integrated energy system model for Great Britain**

Energy system models allow the development and assessment of ambitious transition pathways towards a sustainable energy system. However, current models lack adequate spatial and temporal resolution to capture the implications of a shift to decentralised energy supply and storage across multiple local energy vectors to meet spatially variable energy demand. There is also a lack of representation of interactions with the transport sector as well as national and local energy system operation. Here, we bridge these gaps with a high-resolution system-of-systems modelling framework which is applied to Great Britain to simulate differences between the performance of decarbonised energy systems in 2050 through two distinct strategies, an electric strategy and a multi-vector strategy prioritising a mix of fuels, including hydrogen. Within these strategies, we simulated the impacts of decentralised operation of the energy system given the variability of wind and across flexibility options including demand side management, battery storage and vehicle to grid services. Decentralised operation was shown to improve operational flexibility and maximise utilisation of renewables, whose electricity supplies can be cost-effectively converted to hydrogen or stored in batteries to meet peak electricity demands, therefore reducing carbon-intensive generation and the requirement for investment in expanding the electricity transmission network capacity. [DOI: 10.1038/s41598-023-31257-9](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-31257-9)



SDG 08: Decent Work and Economic Growth

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH





The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka officially started the new year 2023 on 2nd January 2023, with a memorable ceremony of the participation of the Vice Chancellor, academic and non-academic staff members, and students.

Appreciation for the employees with Long Services Period

The Vice Chancellor along with the staff gave the oath, promising to serve effectively and productively throughout the year. The long service award ceremony was also held followed by the new year celebration, which aimed to recognize and appreciate the university's academic and non-academic staff members who have completed 25 years of service in the university system.

On May 9, 2023, the Rajarata University playground hosted the inaugural first University Staff Sports Day. Cricket, badminton, netball, track and field, and carrom events were among the several sports that were played.



University Staff Sports Day

Participants in various sporting events included academic and non-academic staff from all the faculties and the main administrative building. The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, came up with the idea for this occasion, which was planned by the university's physical education department and sports council. The event's goals were to increase worker connection across all faculties and provide them with a break from the pressures of the workplace. The Vice Chancellor, all of the deans of faculties, the acting director of the physical education department, the Chairman Sports Council, and the university's registrar attended the awards ceremony for this sports festival that evening at the indoor stadium of the university.



In parallel to Poson Poya Day, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka held a “Dharma Deshana” Program in front of the university administration building. This program was organized by the university’s language faculty in collaboration with non-academic unions. It took place on June 1, 2023, from 4-5 pm on Rajarata University grounds. Participants in this unique Bana program included Vice Chancellor, deans of faculties, the registrar, academic staff, and non-academic employees. A “Poson Sraddha Gee Miyasiya” program was organized in front of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on the same day beginning at 6 o’clock in the evening. The program was put together under the direction of the University Arts Council and the Department of Languages. Most Ven. Walawahengunawewe Dhammarathana Thero (Chief incumbent – Mihinthale Royal Temple), Ven. Prof. Olaganwatte Chandrasiri Thero (Head of the Department of Languages, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka), Vice Chancellor Professor (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Registrar Mr. AMGB. Abeysinghe, Prof. GVTV. Weerasuriya (Dean/Faculty of Agriculture), Prof. Thusitha Mendis (Dean/ Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities), academic staff, administrative staff, non-academic staff and students participated in the program. This is the first time this program was conducted at the university.

Dharma Deshana Program and Shradda Gee Miyasiya



Organized biennially by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors Sri Lanka (CVCD), the “CVCD Excellence Awards” recognize and honor outstanding contributions and achievements in research, innovation, and invention by scholars in the Sri Lankan University system. The awards are presented in three categories: Most Outstanding Senior Researcher, Most Outstanding Young Researcher, and Most Outstanding Inventor. Dr. WHMS. Samarathunga, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management, Faculty of Management Studies won the CVCD Excellence Award for the “Most Outstanding Young Researcher” in the field of Management Studies. This time, the CVCD Awards Ceremony was held in the BMICH on June 09th, 2023, having His Excellency the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe as the Chief Guest. The event was also graced by the presence of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the University Grant Commission, and Vice-Chancellors and Directors of Campuses, Deans of Faculties of Sri Lanka.

Aiming at commercialization of an Ayurvedic skin care soap, the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) Entered in to an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LB. Kangara Aushadhalaya (Pvt) Limited on September 25th, 2023. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, the Vice Chancellor of



RUSL has successfully commercialized numerous research outcomes through its University Business Linkage Cell, with many more discoveries poised for commercialization in the near future. “Ayurvedic skin care soap” is a product developed jointly by the Faculty of Management Studies and the Faculty of Technology, RUSL. This soap is rich in antioxidants, which plays a pivotal role in shielding skin cells

from potential harm inflicted by unstable molecules known as free radicals. The other compelling aspect of this product lies in its elevated total fatty matter (TFM) content, signifying superior quality when compared to numerous soaps already present in the market. LB. Kangara Aushadhalaya (Pvt) Limited is a rapidly expanding company in Sri Lanka, committed to offering an extensive array of Ayurvedic products that celebrate the rich heritage of Sri Lanka. Their diverse product range includes various traditional and natural items. Drawing inspiration from the timeless wisdom of Ayurveda, their dedicated efforts are aimed at enriching the health and vitality of the esteemed customers. By means of the executed agreement, LB. Kangara Aushadhalaya (Pvt) Limited has undertaken the commitment to commercialize the “Ayurvedic skin care soap”. Prof. Bandula Jayathilaka, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies, Prof. C. Bamunuarachchige, Dean of the Faculty of Technology, Prof. Ranjith Edirisinghe, Dean of Faculty of Applied Sciences, Dr. M. Samarathunga, Co-inventor and Director, University Business Linkage Cell and Dr. A. Wijegunawardhana, Co-Inventor, Faculty of Technology, also participated in the event to witness this significant collaboration.

Commercialization of the Research Outcome

Mr. SSK. Godakumbura graduated from University of Kelaniya with a Bachelor of Business Management (Accountancy) Special degree in 2000. In 2021, he graduated from Sri Lanka's Wayamba University with a Master of Business Administration. He began working for the University Grants Commission in the year 2008 as a Senior Assistant Accountant. In 2012, he began working as a Senior Assistant Bursar at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, and in 2022, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Bursar. Prior to his appointment as the university's bursar on September 1st, 2023, he held the position of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka's acting bursar.

Appointment of the Bursar



Senior Professor Sena Nanayakkara, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has been awarded "Kalabhushana" State Award Ceremony had on October 11th, 2023, a prestigious honor that recognizes the exceptional accomplishments of senior Sri Lankan artists. With great pleasure, Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the university and staff members has extended heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to him for his great achievement. Professor Nanayakkara's illustrious career as an artist and his multifaceted talents have left an indelible mark on the world of arts. His contributions as an actor in various media formats, including the stage, radio, and television, have not only entertained and enlightened audiences but have also served as a source of inspiration for aspiring artists. His numerous awards and accolades are a well-deserved testament to his exceptional talents and unwavering dedication.



A Workshop on Intellectual Property



Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO), successfully organized a one-day Intellectual Property-related workshop on November 21st, 2023. The event, hosted by the University Business Linkage Cell, took place at the Faculty Board Room of the Faculty of Management Studies. The primary objectives of the workshop were to enhance the awareness of University academics regarding different aspects of intellectual property rights and to sharpen their skills in the patenting procedure. The session covered crucial topics such as Introduction to Intellectual Property, Patenting Procedure, Drafting a Patent Application, Demonstrating Prior Art Searches, Completion of Patent Application Form, and the Importance of Commercializing Patented Research Outcomes. Distinguished professionals and experts in the field served as resource persons for the workshop. Representing the NIPO Mrs. MMGNK. Abhayaruwan, Head of the Patent & Industrial Design Division and Ms. SMDDBA. Mudalige participated as resource persons. Further, Mr. Famuyiwa, an IP and Intellectual Capital consultant from the United Kingdom, shared their valuable insights and expertise.

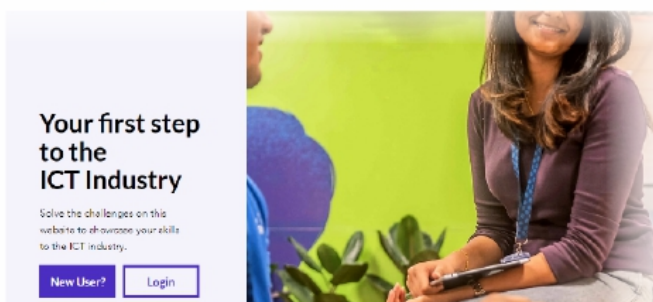


Several researchers from the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka were honoured with Presidential Awards 2020 for their research. Some researchers received more than one award for their research. The awarding ceremony was held at the BMICH on November 21st, 2023. Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of the University extended the wishes for the researchers.

Offering free IT certificate courses to students without entry qualifications helps to enhance their employability and economic prospects. By equipping students with valuable digital skills, the initiative contributes to creating a skilled workforce capable of driving economic growth and innovation in their field (Goal 08). By introducing IT certificate courses for first-year students, the initiative enhances the quality of education by providing students with practical skills and knowledge relevant to the field of Information Technology. This empowers students to succeed academically and prepares them for future career opportunities in a rapidly evolving digital landscape (Goal 04). Collaborating with SLASSCOM Future Careers Bridge and introducing IT certificate courses reflects an innovative approach to education and workforce development. By aligning the curriculum with industry needs and leveraging partnerships with industry organizations, the initiative strengthens the IT infrastructure and fosters innovation within their fields (Goal 09). Providing free access to IT certificate courses without entry qualifications ensures that all students, regardless of their background or financial means, have equal opportunities to acquire valuable digital skills. This helps to reduce inequalities in access to education and employment opportunities, thereby promoting social inclusion and economic empowerment (Goal 10).

The collaboration between the Department of Information Technology and SLASSCOM Future Careers Bridge exemplifies the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable development objectives. By pooling resources, expertise, and networks, the initiative maximizes its impact in empowering students with essential digital skills and enhancing their career prospects (Goal 17).

Collaboration of SLASSCOM Future Careers Bridge



Moodle Workshop for Academic Staffs



Empowering academic staff with skills in digital teaching methods can lead to more efficient and effective teaching practices. This can contribute to the overall productivity and quality of education within the faculty, ultimately leading to economic growth and stability (Goal 08). By equipping faculty members with skills to design engaging assessments using Moodle, the workshop contributes to improving the quality of education. Digital teaching capabilities allow for more interactive and engaging learning experiences, which can enhance students' understanding and retention of material (Goal 04). Utilizing Moodle and other digital tools for teaching represents an innovative approach to education delivery. By promoting the use of technology in teaching, the workshop supports the development of digital infrastructure within the educational sector (Goal 09). Providing training and resources to academic staff ensures that all educators have access to the tools and knowledge needed to deliver high-quality education. By reducing the gap in teaching capabilities among faculty members, the workshop helps to promote equality in educational outcomes (Goal 10). The use of digital teaching methods can help reduce the environmental impact associated with traditional teaching practices, such as paper-based assessments and commuting to physical classrooms. By promoting online learning platforms like Moodle, the workshop contributes to building more sustainable educational systems (Goal 11).



To perform better: Be away from Stress

Program on “To perform better: Be away from Stress”: This program was specifically organized for the undergraduates to teach them how to cope up with their stress on 2nd March 2023. The program was conducted by veteran actor Mr.

Use of Sources and Language Usage for Research Papers

The Society of Archaeology and Heritage Management of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has organized a series of workshops related to academic context in the year 2023 with the aim of developing students' academic knowledge and skills. The first workshop was held on 24th February 2023 in Hall No. 20 of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, with the contribution of Vipula Thero, Assistant Lecturer of the Department of Languages. The workshop was based on the "Use of Sources and Language Usage for Research Papers" and it was held successfully with the participation of students of the Society of Archaeology and Heritage Management as well as many other academics.

SDG 09: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure





The Department of Community Medicine established an activity center for preschool children in Kokpetiyawa; a very disadvantaged and socioeconomically underprivileged village in the Anuradhapura district. The opening ceremony, held on 16th February 2023, was graced by the chief guest, Prof. Sanjeevani Ginigaddara, the Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Prof. Kosala Weerakoon, on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Dr. Muditha

Amarasinghe; Additional Medical Officer of Health (MOH) in the area and several other government officials at village level have also graced the occasion. This poverty-stricken village children did not have a nearby preschool to attend, and most could not afford to reach one. As part of the two-year-long continuous provision of support for early childhood development at the family and community level, the department embarked on renovating an abandoned building in the village temple, turning it into a spacious room decorated with hand-drawn pictures and crafts as well as stickers and wall posters. The space was furnished with custom-made, colourful, child-friendly furniture. Surroundings were cleaned, new play items were installed for children, and trees were planted for each child to bring eco-friendly concepts to the project. Ironing out the visible socio-economic disparities among the attendees, stationery items, arts and crafts materials, first-aid kits, brain-stimulating toys, a uniform and shoes were all provided to



Activity Center for Preschool Children

different donors. The thero of the village temple, parents who wished to send their young children to the activity centre, other concerned villagers, and volunteering medical students worked in cooperation with the department members to make these efforts a success. Ensuring further community engagement and ownership, the activity centre is now run by an instructor and governed by a mother's group from the same village while the department provides continuous supportive supervision. Marking its success, 22 children were enrolled in the activity centre on the inauguration day.

each child attending the activity centre under the patronage of

Health Camp and Health Exhibition

A health camp and health exhibition was conducted at the Pawakkulama School on 9th July 2023. Both these activities were carried out simultaneously and they were coordinated by the Department of Community



Medicine, FMAS. Another key stakeholder of these activities was the ECLIPSE research team. In fact, Pawakkulama is one of the three primary field sites of the ECLIPSE project. This collaborative initiative brought together a diverse array of stakeholders, including community members, school authorities, Medical Officers, and enthusiastic medical undergraduates. The event provided a platform for knowledge exchange and empowerment, offering a wide range of health-related activities, workshops, and interactive exhibits tailored to the needs and interests of

the local community. This health exhibition was organized by and the demonstrations and health education sessions were delivered by the medical undergraduates who were guided by the Department of Community Medicine staff members. Medical Officers offered valuable guidance and support, providing health screenings and personalized health advice to attendees. The school, as a focal point of the event, played a pivotal role in providing logistical support and facilitating the smooth coordination of activities.



Gift of Knowledge

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On October 12th, 2023, A memorable day in Mihintale, Anuradhapura, as we shared the gift of knowledge with three rural schools. We donated books to enhance their library facilities and promote education.

Benefitted Schools :

1. Wellaragama Vidyalaya
2. Anuradhapura Kahapathvilagama Vidyalaya
3. Maradankadawala Sri Bodhi Vidyalaya

Through this “Innovista 2023”, which has held on November 23rd, 2023 for Four weeks, Department of Marketing Management interviewed some local manufacturers and shared their knowledge with rest of the society. This programme helps to motivate small-scale businesses and local manufacturers to enhance their contribution towards the society. By showcasing successful local manufacturers, the event can create role models for other businesses to follow, encouraging a ripple effect of sustainability practices throughout the local economy. The program motivates small-scale businesses and local manufacturers to enhance their contribution to society, which aligns with social sustainability goals. By empowering these businesses, the event contributes to creating jobs, improving living standards, and fostering community development. By interviewing local manufacturers and sharing their knowledge, the event promotes local businesses, which is crucial for sustainable economic growth. Supporting these businesses helps to keep money within the community, fostering economic resilience and sustainability.



Pixel Eye is an inter-university level design competition held on December 03rd, 2023. The competition is organized by the Business Information Technology Students' Association (BITSA) and it is conducted by the 3rd year students of the Department of Information Systems, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Only university students can apply for this competition. This competition aimed to Encourage contestants to unleash their creativity and demonstrate innovative design skills using Photoshop, evaluate contestants based on their proficiency in using the tools and features of Photoshop to achieve precise and high-quality designs and emphasize the importance of aligning designs with a given

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DOT event is a department-level powerpoint presentation event held on July 22nd, 2023. This event started in the 2022 by batch 2020. It is organized by the Business Information Technology Students' Association (BITSA) and it is conducted by the 1st

year students of the Department of Information Systems, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. This event aimed at educating the present generation of students who are about to adopt the technology of the country in the future.

This is a project conducted by the 2019 students of the Department of Business Management on June 26th, 2023 for two months to uplift the innovative ideas of the students. Here, students are divided into groups and they are instructed to find opportunities for innovative products.

**Insight Fest
Phase 01 & Phase 02**

On July 14th, 2023, This is a project conducted by the 2019 students of the Department of Business Management to uplift the innovative ideas of the students. Here, students are divided into groups and they are instructed to pitch their innovative ideas through a short movie.

Short Film Fest

The workshop focused on traditional mural design techniques and the use of traditional colours in mural conservation. This aligns with SDG 9 by promoting industry, innovation, and infrastructure development. By preserving and passing down traditional techniques, the workshop supports cultural innovation and the maintenance of cultural infrastructure (such as the Dr. Roland Silva Mural Conservation and Research Centre). These efforts contribute to the resilience and sustainability of cultural practices and infrastructure, ensuring their continuation and relevance in modern contexts.

Workshop on Traditional Mural Design Techniques

In an enriching initiative, the department organized field classes for students enrolled in the BA and BA (Honors) in Archaeology and Heritage Management degree programs. On the October 4th, 2023, students were taken on a

Visit to the Archaeological Sites

fascinating field visit to the archaeological sites in Mihintale. This hands-on experience allowed them to

immerse themselves in the historical treasures of Mihintale, gaining practical insights into archaeological and heritage management practices. The visit not only connected students with the rich cultural heritage of the region but also provided a valuable opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in a realworld context, enhancing their understanding of the discipline.

Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation, Ministry of Education recognized successful commercialization of University research outcomes on 2nd May 2023 at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo. The University Business Linkage Cell, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka recognized with the respective commercial partners for the Omega -3 incorporated sauce , jam and jelly with the Lakmee Exports Lanka (Pvt) Limited and the Ayurvedic Foot Care Cream with Gunawardene Ayurveda Holdings. The event graced by the presence of State Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Suren Ragawan, Prof. Sampath Amarathunga, Chairman of University Grant Commission, Mr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Ms .Chiyo Kanda, Country Manager of World Bank and Prof. Chandana Udawatte, Director of AHEAD Operation. On behalf of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. Ranjith Edirisinghe, Dean Faculty of Applied Sciences, Dr. Manoj Samarathunga, Director, University Business Linkage Cell, Manager of University Business Linkage Cell and research team members attended to for this event.

Recognition for the Successful Commercialization of University Researches



SDG 10: Reduce Inequalities



Leadership Development Program at the Mihintale Maha
3rd year students of the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management Studies successfully conducted "CSR Program" (Leadership Development Program at the Mihintale Maha Vidyalaya - National School) under the Human Resource Development course on May 26th, 2023. This program aimed at ensuring all Grade 8 & 9 students at the Mihintale Maha Vidyalaya acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through leadership for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and acceptance of cultural diversity and generation gap acceptance to sustainable development.

Crossing – Extend the hands of humanity. First stretch - Veruppankulama Primary School The Business Management Student Forum of Veruppankulama students were able to give a fresh experience today to conquer the next world under the theme of extending the hands of humanity as another phase of the Tharanaya program.

Tharanaya Phase 01

Students from several schools around Anuradhapura were invited to the University for a motivational program and Educational program titled "The importance of choosing commerce stream for their A/Ls' and the career path after A/Ls ". Mr. Jaliya Rathnayaka (Counsellor, Career Guidance Unit) and Dr. Rohana Weerasooriya (Head, Department of Business Management) participated as the resource persons of this session. The program was conducted on 28th February 2023 at the university premises. **Motivational and Educational Program**



internationalization plans. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Manoj Samarathunga, Director of the University Business Linkage Cell.

A Health Camp program was conducted by the Rotaract club of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka collaborating with the Anuradhapura Rotary club in Eppawalla on 29th January 2023.



Health Camp



"Wisdom Warfare" Inter-School Quiz Competition

The intellectual highlight, "Wisdom Warfare" Inter-School quiz competition's has been organized by the Department Students' Association, Department of Accountancy and Finance, Faculty of Management Studies on December 20th, 2023. The preliminary round for North Central Province, captivated participants and spectators alike. Victorious schools, including Swarnapali Balika National School-Anuradhapura, Niwaththakachethiya Maha Vidyalaya-Anuradhapura and Thambuttegama Central College secured spots in the final rounds.

On April 26, 2023, at the Rectors Office in the Cankiri city in North Central Turkey, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Mrs.) GAS. Ginigaddara, met with the Rector of the CANKIRI Karatekin University (CAKU), Prof. Harun Çiftçi. The conversation focused on enhancing cooperation between the two universities while also discussing their

In a heartfelt gesture of compassion, the Department of Humanities, in collaboration with the Department of Languages, made a significant donation to the cancer ward of Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital on January 5th, 2023. This initiative aimed to provide essential supplies to patients undergoing treatment. The donation event saw the active participation of the Head of the Department of Humanities, along with academic staff members from both departments. This act of charity underscores the department's dedication to social responsibility and its commitment to supporting those in need.



Philanthropic Efforts: Donation to the Cancer Ward



A/L Seminar Series

From September 18 to 22, 2023, the Department of Humanities conducted a seminar series for Advanced Level students. This series, which involved students from the Anuradhapura Education Zone, focused on art



subjects and saw active participation from all faculty lecturers. The seminars were designed to enhance students' understanding of various art disciplines and support their academic growth.

Field Study in Mahiangana-Dambana Area: On May 9th, 2023, students and faculty undertook a field study in the Mahiangana-Dambana area, providing practical experience in historical and cultural research.



Field Study on the Indigenous Community Sites

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities



Sri Lanka Army Corps of Agriculture and Livestock requested to conduct a practical training programme in the Faculty of Agriculture in order to enhance the professional capacity of officers and other ranks of the Army with the aim of increasing the contribution to agriculture production in Sri Lanka to assist the agriculture development in the country. Faculty staff members volunteered and conducted sessions on livestock management, crop science, soil science and agriculture engineering. The programmes has been conducted for two days in November 07th, & 08th, 2023.

Training Programme

Fire Safety, the first free workshop of Healthiest 2023 was successfully conducted in collaboration with the Security Office of the Rajarata University and the Anuradhapura Fire Rescue Office on 26th and 27th June 2023 at the New Faculty Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies followed by outdoor practical sessions. This workshop gave an awareness to all the stakeholders of the university in terms of safety from fire disaster.

Healthiest 2023

A Workshop on OpenStreetMap tailored for undergraduate students in the field of Archaeology and Heritage Management was presented by the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, collaborating with the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. This workshop, part of the Booster Grant Project, offered a unique opportunity for students to explore the integration of OpenStreetMap tools into archaeological practices. Led by esteemed resource persons, Dr. HM. Zahir and Mr. Suthakaran, Lecturer at EUSL, the workshop was scheduled for the October 23rd, 2023. Designed to enhance spatial analysis and mapping skills, this event provided valuable experience for undergraduate students eager to explore the intersection of technology and archaeological research.

OpenStreetMap

On May 15th, 2023, Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture conducted an awareness programme for farmers of the Bandarapuliyankulama on “Crop Clinic”. The event was funded by AHEAD DPS project of the Faculty of Agriculture. Farmers were provided with knowledge and practical experience on rice diseases, diseases of fruits and vegetables, management of pests and diseases of field crops, fruits, and vegetables, weed management, nutrient management, identification and management of postharvest diseases, and pesticide application. Also, staff members of the Department of Plant Sciences shared their research findings with the farmers.

Crop Clinic

On March 21st, 2023, a training session was organized by the Faculty AHEAD DP and FQAC at the Virtual Learning Centre of the Faculty of Agriculture. TOT trainers; Dr. DAUD. Devasinghe, Dr. AMKR. Bandara, Dr. UGAI. Sirisena, Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta, and Mrs. E.D.T. Somaratne conducted the session on “TBL for large classroom teaching” while Prof. SC. Somasiri, Dr. AJ. Fernando, Dr. K.K.P. Perera, Dr. DWMMM. Kumari and Mr. NMKC. Premaratne conducted the session on “PBL for small classroom teaching”. Forty-five academic members participated in the programme.

Staff Training Session

This cleaning project was organized by the Business Management Student Association (BMSA) on June 06th, 2023 in order to protect the surrounding environment from non-degradable items such as polythene. Especially for the poson poya, there were a large number of people who visited Mihinthale and the collection of polythene and other non-degradable things had increased. Therefore, BMSA took the initiative to clean the mihinthale premises.

Cleaning Mihinthale Temple & the Surrounding Area after the Poson Poya Day

Stone Tool Technology

The immersive Workshop on Stone Tool Technology, led by the renowned Dr. Nimal Perera, took place on the September 22nd, 2023. This hands-on workshop was meticulously designed to delve deep into the intricacies of stone tool technology, providing a unique learning experience for budding archaeologists. Dr. Nimal Perera, an esteemed expert in the field, guided participants through the historical significance and practical aspects of stone tools, enriching their understanding of prehistoric cultures. The event proved to be a significant milestone in enhancing participants' knowledge and practical skills in the fascinating realm of stone tool technology.

Commencing in May 2023 and spanning a three-month period, the Social Responsibility Program (CSR) & Shramadana Campaign has significantly impacted underserved communities through its library and computer lab donation initiative. The program's primary goals were to enhance access to educational resources and to foster digital literacy among students and educators. The initiative involved the establishment of fully equipped libraries and computer labs, which were stocked with a wide array of books, educational materials, and modern computing equipment. Complementing these physical resources, the program also included comprehensive training sessions focused on digital resources, basic computer skills, and the use of

educational software. Community events further augmented the effort by raising awareness about the critical role of education and technology in modern learning environments. The outcomes of the campaign were substantial: educational resources were markedly improved, creating enriched learning environments with enhanced access to materials and technology. The training sessions led to a notable increase in digital literacy among students and teachers, which in turn has positively influenced academic performance. Furthermore, the initiative has empowered local communities by nurturing a culture of learning and development. The campaign's alignment with most of the SDG.

Social Responsibility Program (CSR) & Shramadana Campaign: Library and Computer Lab Donation



SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production



Brand Simulation Program 2023

The Department of Marketing Management has partnered with the University Business Linkage to assist various businesses in the Anuradhapura Region. Second and third-year students actively participated in the program for six months from February 21th, 2023 to identify issues in existing businesses and provide strategic solutions. Some businesses, such as Adithya Ayurveda, attract foreign customers as well. This program aims to create new job opportunities and strengthen Sri Lanka's economic growth.

Through simulation, companies designed products that were more durable, easier to repair, and recyclable, thus extending product lifespans and reducing environmental impact. These programs analyzed the environmental impact of a product or service throughout its lifecycle, from raw material extraction to disposal. This helped companies identify areas where they could improve sustainability, such as reducing energy consumption or minimizing waste.

Short Course on Parliamentary Functions and Procedures

Commencing in February 2023, the nine-month Short Course on Parliamentary Functions and Procedures was designed to deepen participants' comprehension of legislative frameworks and enhance their engagement in governance. The course's objectives were to advance understanding of parliamentary operations and to empower individuals to contribute effectively to governance processes. The curriculum included comprehensive training sessions on legislative processes, the roles and functions of parliamentary committees, and the dynamics of parliamentary debates. Participants also engaged in practical simulations, gaining hands-on experience with parliamentary activities. Expert collaboration was a cornerstone of the course, with leading authorities providing critical insights and guidance. As a result, participants have achieved a significantly improved grasp of parliamentary systems, demonstrated increased capability for active governance participation, and enhanced their skills in fostering accountable institutions.



Research on Factors Influencing the Sustainability of Tourism in Ella Tourism Area

This research was conducted by a 2018 student of the Department of Business Management with the research supervision of Prof. PMB. Jayathilake with reference to the sustainability of tourism in the Ella area and this research was presented at the 02nd International Research Symposium on Management on November 01st, 2023.

SDG 13: Climate Action



Environmental Cleaning Project - Ruwan Weli Mahaseya

To address the environmental degradation caused by the disposal of non-biodegradable waste at Ruwan Weli Maha Seya, the Students' Association (ACFA) of the University organized a cleaning campaign on June 18th, 2023. This socially responsible project, conducted with guidance from the academic staff, aimed to improve the city's cleanliness, enhance undergraduates' environmental responsibility, and develop soft skills like organization and teamwork. The initiative also aimed to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the natural environment among the students.

Shramadhana Campaign

On October 19th, 2023, the Department of Environmental Management organized a Shramadhana Campaign dedicated to cleaning and beautifying the faculty premises. This initiative embraced the spirit of community and environmental responsibility, bringing together academic and non-academic staff, along with enthusiastic undergraduates, to work towards a common goal. The Shramadhana Campaign was a vibrant and engaging event, with participants taking on various tasks such as cleaning, gardening, and waste management. Beyond the immediate benefits of a cleaner environment, the campaign aimed to raise awareness about the

Cleaning Program: - Mihintale Rajamaha Viharaya

3rd year students of Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted "CSR Program" (Cleaning Program at the Mihintale Raja Maha Viharaya) under the Human Resource Development Subject on May 10th, 2023. This program helps to protect the land and soil from pollution and degrading nature thereby it ensures the sustainable forest management as well.



importance of maintaining a clean and green space. It served as a platform for unity and teamwork, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility among faculty members and students. This initiative promoting community unity, environmental responsibility, and the importance of maintaining clean and green spaces within the university premises. The success of the Shramadhana Campaign underscores the department's commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation.



SDG 14: Life Below Water



Exceptional Performance at the "South Asia Youth Water Challenge 2023"

We are pleased to inform you that our Department of Agricultural Systems students have performed exceptionally well in the recent "South Asia Youth Water Challenge 2023" competition, organized as part of World Water Day 2023 by Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP-SAS). Students participated in the competition in five-member teams and submitted two compelling proposals. The proposal submitted by the team "Agricultural Systems & Management" focused on building farmer resilience to climate change and water risks. The other proposal the "Agricultural Economics & Extension" group submitted addressed the water-energy-food nexus and sustainable economic and urban development. Despite stiff competition, I am excited to share that both of our proposals reached the top eight in the first round. Subsequently, in the second round, which took place virtually on the evening of 28th June, a comprehensive oral presentation was followed by a vigorous Q&A session with an expert panel.

<https://www.gwp.org/en/gwp-SAS/WE-ACT/change-and-impact/News-and-Activities/2023/2nd-round-saywc-2023/>



SDG 15: Life on Land



Google Earth Pro for Beginners

On August 22nd, 2023, the Department hosted an informative webinar titled "Google Earth Pro for Beginners," led by Ms. Yukthi Herath, a GIS Engineer. This session introduced participants to the features and functionalities of Google Earth Pro, from basic navigation to advanced tools for visualization and analysis. The webinar highlighted the relevance of Google Earth Pro in environmental management, providing valuable insights into using this powerful tool for environmental exploration and analysis. This initiative supports enhancing participants' skills and promoting a better understanding and management of terrestrial ecosystems.



Throughout the year, the Department of Environmental Management has organized a series of workshops, training programs, and webinars aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills in various aspects of environmental management. On May 31st, 2023, the Department, in collaboration with the Sarasavi Nature Club, hosted a captivating webinar titled "Nature Watching with the Third Eye." Led by Dr. Ajith Rohana Gunawardena, Deputy

Director of Research and Development at the Central Environmental Authority of Sri Lanka, the session provided valuable insights into observing and appreciating nature with heightened awareness. Dr. Gunawardena's expertise and passion for environmental studies shone through as he guided participants on a journey of exploration through nature. The webinar inspired attendees to view nature through a new lens, promoting the appreciation and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. This initiative contributes to the awareness and promoting sustainable practices.

“The Role of Tropical Rainforests in Combating Climate Change”

On September 1st, 2023, we organized an enlightening event on "The Role of Tropical Rainforests in Combating Climate Change," featuring Mr. Jayantha Wijesingha, Convener at Rainforest Protectors of Sri Lanka. This



session highlighted the crucial contribution of tropical rainforests to climate change mitigation efforts, emphasizing their role as vital carbon sinks. This event significantly contributes to raising awareness and promoting actions to protect these critical ecosystems. Through these diverse and impactful initiatives, the Department of Environmental Management at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and education. By aligning our programs with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, we continue to foster a culture of environmental stewardship and community engagement, contributing to a more sustainable future for all.

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions





Artifact Conservation and Museum Curation

In association with the book launching of Janakapura Megalithic Mortuary Complex; Excavation Report 2022', an artifact exhibition was organized in the Dr. Siran U. Deraniyagala Research Museum of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management on 04th April 2023 and it contained the artifacts retrieved from different archaeological researches conducted by the department since 2013. Significantly, the exhibition was filled with rare

material facts which belong to the time period between Pre-historic and Early-historic era. This is the first exhibition that revealed the archaeological finds reported from Janakapura megalithic burial site to the public.

Blood Donation Camp

Year 2023 marked the 17th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, RUSL. A blood donation campaign was successfully held on 16th September 2023 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the faculty premises, marking the 17th anniversary of the FMAS. The event was organized by the Medical Students Union of the FMMAS. The administration of the faculty also facilitated the conduct of this event, which successfully concluded with approximately, 200 blood donors participating in the campaign.



SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



BITSA Association's oldest event BITCODE on November 10th, 2023. It is an amazing event which aligns with a **BIT CODE** platform. It is an event that develops the coding ability of all island inter-university students and demonstrates their abilities. The

competition is organized by the Business Information Technology Students' Association (BITSA) and conducted by the 4th year students of the Department of Information Systems, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. For this, teams consisting of three are qualified and there is a competition between them.

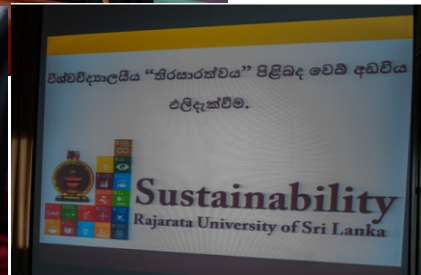
Ruiz-G is an e-gaming tournament at the island inter-university level on February 26th, 2023. This event started from the 2019 batch. The competition is organized by the Business Information Technology Students' Association (BITSA) and it is conducted by the 2nd year students of the Department of Information Systems, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. This

competition aimed to ensure enhancing interconnection and inter-university cooperation, build teamwork and confidence of students, encourage new players to venture into the gaming industry and Reduce students' stress and relax their minds.

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka Launches Official Sustainability Website and Pledge



On January 1, 2024, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka unveiled its new sustainability website and pledge, demonstrating the university's dedication to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The website as well as commitment seeks to inspire people to take actions for a greener future by educating and involving



the University community in the value of sustainability. The Sustainability website functions as an all-inclusive information center for the community at large, as

well as for educators, staff, and students. The website also lists

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka's 17 sustainable development objectives. Additionally, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka actively participates in numerous programs that work toward sustainable development goals in partnership with sixteen government and non-government organizations. The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka carried out several sustainability projects between 2019 and 2023. In an effort to encourage others to follow suit, the website will also include success stories and accomplishments of the university's sustainability initiatives. The current Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Mrs) GAS. Ginigaddara, and the steering group on sustainability came up with the idea to collaborate with the University community on its sustainability. Everyone who works in administration, including deans, attended the function. The Vice Chancellor pledged to promote sustainability, and she expected everyone else to follow similar.

A number of different artifacts retrieved from Janakapura megalithic burial site were taken to the department laboratory for post excavation work. As the first stage of conservation process, a Program organized by the

Partnerships for the SDGs department and Mrs. Menaka Rodrigo, the main artifact conservator of Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa projects – Central Cultural Fund was joined as a resource person. It was held on March 2023 and students of 3rd and 4th year

The collaboration with Mrs. Menaka Rodrigo, the main artifact conservator of Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa projects under the Central Cultural Fund, exemplifies SDG 17. By engaging a resource person with expertise in artifact conservation, the program strengthens partnerships and promotes the exchange of knowledge and skills in cultural heritage preservation. This collaboration enhances the

Appointment of the University Webmaster



Mr. Uthumansa Ahamed has been appointed as the University webmaster from the months of August 2023 onwards. He is an alumnus of the University and he pursued MPhil degree in 2011. He is an assistant librarian in the main library of the University. Behalf of the University he server as the data provider for the International University rankings. Mr. Ahamed has been appointed as the University coordinator for the sustainability of the University.

Workshop on Cultural Heritage of Sri Lanka and Japan

Prof. Fugimori along with her students and an experienced local farmer were engaged in the workshop on cultural heritage of Sri Lanka and Japan. All 3200 students of Department of Agricultural Systems actively participated in this workshop. The event successfully unfolded through a structured agenda comprising speeches, interactive sessions, and presentations, fostering a profound exploration of cultural differences. The programme was seamlessly concluded, marking an achievement in cross-cultural exchange and knowledge dissemination.

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batches were engaged in activities to fulfil the practical requirement of honours degree program in archaeology and heritage management. This Program was assisted by the temporary staff members of the department and students were trained in post excavation work done in laboratories, sampling, indoor recording, laboratory analysing, consolidating pottery and metal artifacts, organizing artifact exhibitions respectively.

capacity of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management **Artifact Conservation** to conduct effective artifact conservation and contributes to the broader goal of revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable development.

Proto-Historic Sites

According to archaeological studies, it can be identified that the most of proto-historic sites in Sri Lanka are located in Yan Oya basin. In order to fulfil the field requirement of courses based on Pre-history and Proto-history of Sri Lanka, a field visit was organized by the department and students enrolled for BA and BA (Honors) in Archaeology and Heritage Management degree program were taken to the archaeological sites in Diwulwewa, Kok-ebe, Gurugalhinna, Thammannagodella, Kiralagala, Palipbothana and Wewalketiya. It was conducted on May 02nd, 2023.

Workshop on Mural Conservation

3rd year and 4th year students of the Department of Archeology and Heritage Management, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka have participated in the mural conservation workshop organized by the Central Cultural Fund - Dambulla project in association with mural conservation course. It was held at Dr. Roland Silva Mural Conservation and Research Centre, Dambulla on 09th and 10th, March 2023. Workshop was mainly focused on traditional mural design techniques and the use of traditional colors in mural conservation. The staff members of Central Cultural Fund - Dambulla project contributed as resource persons and the students were also given permission to visit the special store of paintings. As well they were taught about the artifact management system use for the museum of paintings.

A fruitful discussion was carried out with Prof. Deyi and staff members of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL on June 09th, 2023. Prof. Zhou Deyi, of Zuazhong Agriculture University, who is a consultant to a project related to supply chain management of selected fruits in Sri Lanka, conducted under the Food and Agriculture Organization

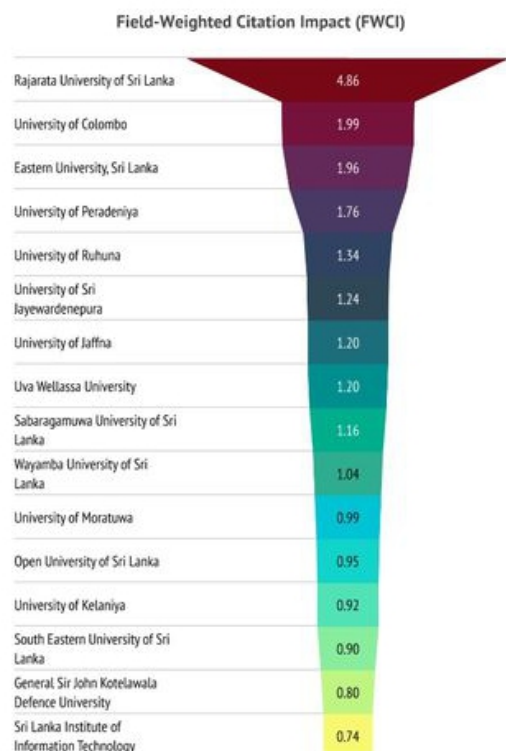
(FAO) with the National Institute of Postharvest Management, had this discussion with the academic staff of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. The discussion was on the supply chain management practices and postharvest technologies of the country.

Visit of Prof. Zhou Deyi, Zuazhong Agriculture University, China



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