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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

It is with great pleasure that I send this message to the inaugural issue of the newsletter of the faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.

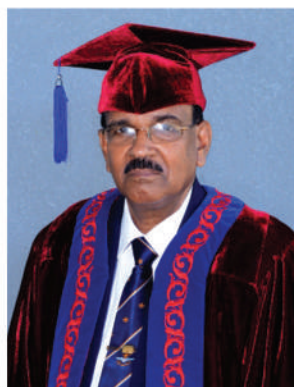
With rapid qualitative expansion of the academia and student body, providing a platform for young academics as well as the students of the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities to convey news and showcase their talents has become a need of the hour. I wish the faculty all the best and ensure that the best support will be extended to all endeavors they choose to undertake for the benefit of the faculty, its students and staff.

Maj Gen Milinda Peiris
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Vice Chancellor, KDU



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I, as the Dean of the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities (FMSH), am glad to pen this message to the Faculty Newsletter as it provides an opportunity for all stakeholders to refresh their feelings towards others.



Being one of the oldest faculties of KDA/KDU, the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities has contributed to the tri-services, Sri Lanka Police and the general public at large. It has fulfilled University's missions. Currently, the faculty offers BSc. Management and Technical Sciences, BSc. Logistics Management and BSc in Social Sciences degrees and contributes to postgraduate degree programmes from Diploma to MPhil/PhD level run by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of KDU. The faculty also serves all other academic faculties by facilitating language requirements of the student community as well as the staff in various ways. Apart from that, the faculty also contributes to the programmes run by the Southern Campus and other KDU Accredited Military Academies as well as the affiliated programmes of the Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Air Force. The attraction of Fee-Levying Students to KDU degree programmes pioneered by the incumbent Vice Chancellor has expanded the scope and spectrum of activities of the faculty and KDU which has resulted in higher recognition locally as well as internationally. Finally, I would like to invite the staff and the students, both military and civil, to pen their ideas about KDU life and futuristic views and send them to the Editors of this newsletter.

I wish the Faculty as well as KDU all the very best!

Dr. MM Jayawardena,
Dean,
Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities,

FLASHBACK YEAR 2015

LOGISTICS EVE - 2015

The inaugural Logistics Eve of General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University, organized by the Department of Management and Finance of Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities, was held on 07 May 2015 at the university premises. The theme of the Logistics Eve for this year was “Multimodal Transportation and Its Way Forward”.



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FLASHBACK YEAR 2015

The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor of the university, Maj. Gen. Milinda Peiris as the chief guest along with other distinguished guests, Wasantha Sooriyarachchi (Chief Executive Officer - Retailers Alliance Ltd., A Member of Ceylon Biscuits Limited Sri Lanka) and Kumara Galhenage (Recruitment Manager, Nestle Lanka PLC).

BODU BATHI GEE - 2015



Non-Academic members of FMSH, delivered their fullest contribution towards the event “Bodu Bathi Gee-2015”, to make it a success. This annual event organized by the Welfare Society of KDU provides a platform for non-academic staff members in KDU to showcase their aesthetic talents. Mr. Champika Gunesekara, President of the Welfare Society as well as the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty was one of the major contributors of the event.



8TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

International Research Conference (IRC) organized by KDU was held on 27th and 28th of August 2015 at the university premises. The conference was organized for the 8th consecutive year and the theme of the conference for this year was “Inculcating Professionalism for National Development”.



The faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities also organized parallel plenary, oral and poster presentation sessions in line with other faculties in the university. The plenary session of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities streams was themed as “Professionalism for National Development in the Domains of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities” and it was chaired by Dr. Lalithasiri Gunaruwan, the Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Transport. Main speakers of the plenary session were Chairman of Sri Lanka Shippers Council, Mr. Sean Van Dort, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission Professor PSM Gunaratne, former Vice Chancellor of University of Kelaniya, Professor Sarath Amunugama, Professor of Sociology at University of Peradeniya, Prof. KT Silva.



Achievements: At the end of the Management, Social Sciences and Humanities sessions of the conference, Dr. MM Jaywardena for his paper titled ‘Development Discourses of Minor Tank Villages in Sri Lanka: A Case Study of Three Minor Tank Villages in Anuradhapura District’ and DS Dedduwakumara and RAB Abeygunawardana for their paper on ‘Job Satisfaction of Sewing Machine Operations in Sri Lanka: A Case Study’ were awarded as the best papers in two parallel oral presentation sessions.



ACCREDITATION FOR EXCELLENCE

COUNSELING WORKSHOP

The annual counseling workshop of the Department of Social Sciences was successfully held on 10th and 11th of March 2015 at the Staff Development Centre of KDU with the initiative of the Head of the Department of Social Sciences, Dr. Lakshika Liyanage and her staff. The theme of the workshop being 'Fostering Resilience and Working with Stress', it was held with the aim of increasing awareness among professionals on occupational stress and stress handling mechanisms in order to increase their motivation and productivity. The participants included academia from different universities, executives from banks and private sector organizations, student counselors and senior administrative officers from KDU. The workshop comprised of eight main sessions with a group activity, group presentation and an awarding ceremony.



8TH IRC 2015

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ENGLISH INTENSIVE COURSE FOR LOCAL AND FOREIGN MEDICAL STUDENTS



The English Intensive Course conducted by the Department of Languages, for Medical Cadets and Non-native Day Scholars who have been eligible to study medicine in the intake 33, commenced on 05.08.2015. The course goes on for two months and it is an annual activity included in the Department's calendar. The main objective of this course is to assist students in developing their soft skills to better perform in studies as well as in their career. The syllabus, carefully formulated by the Department of Languages itself, is specifically personalized for the field of medicine and to develop students' familiarity with the medical register. The course further focuses on enhancing their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in an immersive classroom environment boosted with multi-media equipment enabling them to learn in an interactive and relaxed ambiance.

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CIMA passed finalist , Currently following ACCA

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- MS. Bhagya Baddegama - Management Assistant (Grade III)
- Mr. Janaka Perera - Labourer(Grade III)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

KDU FORTIFIES ITS PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS WITH CIMA



Having identified the importance of professional qualifications and the need to groom undergraduates to effectively cater to the corporate world, the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities held a round of discussions with Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the world's largest and leading professional body of management



The meeting was held at the faculty premises on 3rd August 2015, with the participation of Dr. M. M. Jayawardena, Dean Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities, Dr. R. M. N. T. Sirisoma, Head of the department of Management and Finance, Dr. K. K. Tilakasiri, Ms. D. D. Lokuge, Ms. K. Ambepitiya, Mr. L. C. Gunathilake and Ms. D. De Mel. Representing CIMA Sri Lanka, Mr. Radley Stephen, Country Head of

CIMA Sri Lanka, Peumika Karunaratne, Regional Manager Student Support and Development, Sivasubramaniam Vithushan and Tharindu Wijewardana marked their presence in the meeting.

Accordingly, it was agreed on exemptions accreditation for undergraduates reading for BSc. in Logistics Management and BSc. in Management and Technical Sciences based on their specialization areas. This would enable students to obtain exemptions for certain subjects in CIMA and encourage students to be professionally qualified.

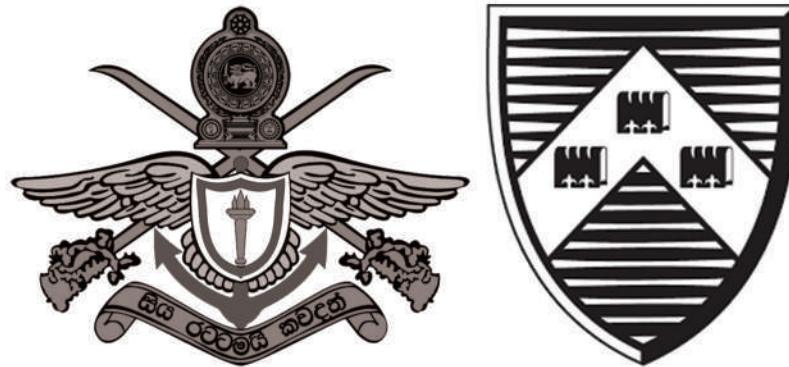
Furthermore, CIMA Sri Lanka also agreed to provide benefits for students on reduced exemption fees and subscription fees.



INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF YORK - MSc PROGRAMME

A Memorandum of Understanding was prepared with the concurrence of Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit of University of York, UK, to establish a South Asian Programme in Post-disaster Reconstruction and Development. University of York is ranked in the top 115 of the Times Higher/Thomson Reuters ranking and affiliations with a prestigious university as such will be beneficial for KDU in expanding its academic and research frontiers.



The proposed programme intends to collaborate between various universities and higher education institutes in South Asia facilitating knowledge generation, pedagogical innovation and a South Asian Network of scholars and practitioners on post-disaster reconstruction and development. It further aims to promote joint research for the mutual benefit of both academic staff and students. The MoU is already signed and is due to mark its inception in 2016 with the initiative of Dr. Lakshika Liyanage (KDU) and Dr. Janaka Jayawickrema (University of York).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM OMAN NAVY - DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES



As per an agreement made between the Royal Navy of the government of the Sultanate of Oman and the commander of the Navy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University of Sri Lanka, nineteen Technicians from the Royal Navy of Oman commenced their English orientation programme of Advance Diploma in Ship System Maintenance (ADSSM). The English Orientation programme, offered by the Department of Languages, functioned with the focus of enhancing their soft skills and improving their subject knowledge while facilitating them to be familiar with Sri Lankan English linguistic repertoire and pronunciation. The Head of the Department, Mr. WAAK Amaratunge and the academic staff of the Department of English could successfully complete the said course much to the delight of students.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

ENGLISH PREPARATORY COURSE FOR CHINESE OFFICERS



The Department of Languages recruited the third batch for the English Preparatory Course for Chinese officers designated to follow the psc course at Defence Services Command and Staff College, Batalanda. Within a period of ten months (Jan.- Oct.), the course aims to enhance basic language skills of students while introducing them to the genre of academic English. The curriculum, formulated by the Department, comprises of a layout of lectures, assignments and self-study hours, fully incorporating the facilities provided by the Department's Language Laboratory. The course is sponsored by KDU and can be noted as yet another attempt to boost international relations between Sri Lanka and China.

ENGLISH INTENSIVE COURSE FOR OFFICERS IN DEFENCE SERVICES COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE



Since 2010, the Department of Languages has played a considerable role in the orientation programme of officers following the psc course at Defence Services Command and Staff College, Batalanda. Upon a request of the Staff College, this year, the Department of Languages has agreed to conduct a fulltime English Intensive Course for three months, starting from this October. The curriculum, particularly designed taking into consideration stakeholder requirements, is in line with the English for Specific Purposes curriculum.

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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAMME IN SAMUDRASANNA VIHARAYA AND KANDAWALA MAHA VIDYALAYA



Among numerous Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects conducted by the KDU, the Department of Languages deserves specific attention for its contribution in two CSR projects. Since February 2012 the Department has volunteered to teach English for 20 novice monks studying in English medium at "Buddhist Way International Buddhist Bhikku Training Centre in Samudrasanna Viharaya. The young monks have become enthusiastic students, so much so that, on a Monday morning, one may notice them impatiently waiting to welcome their teachers.

Another CSR project the Department of Languages has volunteered to serve in is the English teaching programme conducted for G.C.E. Ordinary Level students in Kandawala Maha Vidyalaya. Among other subjects taught by the university, the Department of Languages takes the initiative of conducting weekly supplementary classes assisting students to perform well in English language. Revitalized by the positive feedback from students and teachers in school, the programme is in function since 2012 to date.

ACADEMIC AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

DR. UPALI OBTAINED HIS PhD IN MANAGEMENT

Mr. U G Rajapaksha obtained his PhD from the Department of Economics, University of Kelaniya under the supervision of Dr. W.M.Semasinghe and Dr. Suranga De Silva. His research interest being on "Poverty", the thesis is written on the topic of "Impact of Human Capital on Rural Poverty in Sri Lanka". We, on behalf of the faculty, congratulate him on the completion of his PhD.



MR JM WASANTHA PREMARATHNE OBTAINED HIS M.PHIL

Mr JM Wasantha Premarathne obtained his M.Phil. in Economics from the Department of Economics, University of Kelaniya for the research titled "Analysis of factors affecting the adoption of internet banking in Sri Lanka". Mr Premarathne carried out the research under the supervision of Dr. MM Gunatilake. The faculty extends its good wishes to Mr. Premarathne on his achievement.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Awards for the winners at the inter university article competition organized by CINEC, Malabe for CINEC Logistics Day 2014



1st Place - B.A.T.W Perera (B.Sc Logistics Management - Supply Chain Intake 30)
2nd Place - A.B.M.L Wijebandara (B.Sc Logistics Management - Supply Chain Intake 30)
3rd Place - Bianca Ranasekara (B.Sc Logistics Management - Supply Chain Intake 30)
Participant - L.K Madushani (B.Sc Logistics Management - Intake 31)

FMSH GRADUATES ENSURE AN EXCELLENT RATE OF GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY IN HIGH PROFILE CORPORATE SECTORS.

TMSU Kurukula
HD Jayathilaka
KLH Janaka
KD Sumanasekara
HH Kandamby
YEG De Silva
RY Weerasinghe

Demand Planner
Management Trainee
Executive
Executive
Executive
Management Trainee
Management Trainee

GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK)
David Pieris Logistics Ltd
Fantasia Elastics Pvt Ltd
Abans PLC
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