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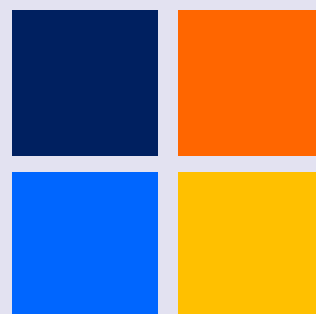


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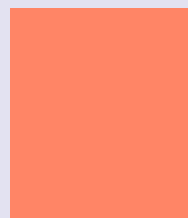
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## FMSH Career Fair 2018

The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities organized a Career Fair for Intake 33 day-scholars of the faculty. An event of this nature was organized by KDU for the first time, with the aim of extending support to final year undergraduates in pursuing internship placements; and for graduates of previous batches to secure permanent employment opportunities in leading organizations. The event was graced by Major General IP Ranasinghe, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration), as the Chief Guest.

The Career Fair consisted of two main sessions. At the inaugural session, students were addressed on career guidance. The main speakers of the event were Mr. Sadun Fernando and Mr. Nihal Senarath of 3W Consulting Pvt. Ltd. The second session was dedicated to student interviews with companies. The main companies that participated in the Career Fair were Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (Dimo), MAS Kreedha, Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK), Expolanka (Pvt.) Ltd, MAS Silueta, Aitken Spence Logistics, Expo Freight (EFL), MAS Legato, Brandix Essentials, Fonterra Brands Lanka, MAS Intimates, Unilever Sri Lanka Ltd, Hayleys Advantis Ltd, MAS Stretchline, Morison PLC and 3W Education Consultants. The event paved the way for many students to successfully find internship opportunities.





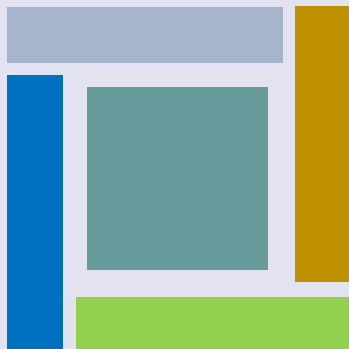
## Counselling Skills Development Programme

The fourth Counselling Workshop organized by the Department of Social Sciences was successfully concluded on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October at the university premises. This workshop was conducted on eight Mondays from the 6<sup>th</sup> of August to the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, from 0830 to 1630 hours. The aim of the workshop was to impart substantial knowledge and skills on counselling to internal staff members who are ready to take the initiative and responsibility to deal with students' affairs at the university as student counsellors.



Therefore, the participants of this workshop were academic and military staff members nominated by each department of all faculties of KDU. The sessions comprised of basic psychological counselling, theoretical foundation of counselling, counselling skills, ethics in counselling, case management skills, group dynamics, use of counselling skills in work settings and practical activities. The closing ceremony of the workshop was graced by Major General IP Ranasinghe, Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration). Twenty-three participants completed this

workshop and were awarded certificates at the closing ceremony. This workshop was coordinated by Dr (Mrs.) Lakshika Liyanage, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Sciences.





## Stepping Stone to the Corporate Sector

A workshop on Career Guidance was organized by the Department of Social Sciences for the Intake 34 day-scholars of the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities. The prime objective of the workshop was to prepare the undergraduates for the upcoming internship programme. This workshop was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at the Main Auditorium of the University. Dr. Namali Sirisoma, the Dean of the Faculty graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

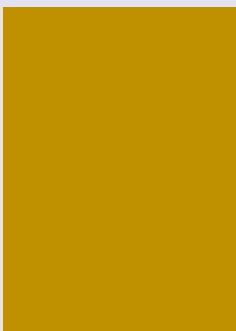
The workshop was enriched by the participation of several resource persons from Nestle Lanka PLC. Ms. Rovina Vandersay, Senior Executive – People Development, addressed the undergraduates on CV writing and interview skills. She further elaborated on ‘Facing Interviews’ with a demonstration carried out by Ms. Amanda Peiris, Ms. Anchana Ramalingam and Mr. Janitha Amarasinghe. The students were also given the opportunity to participate in a ‘Kahoot Quiz’ competition. During the second session of the workshop, Ms. Amanda Peiris, Senior Executive – Supply Chain and Ms. Anchana Ramalingam, Senior Brand Executive delivered an interactive presentation on the topic, ‘Entering the Corporate World’. Subsequently, Mr. Dhanushke Ramanayake, Manager - Procurement, Supply Chain, delivered his presentation on the topic, ‘Listen to One of Your Own’. The final discussion was on ‘Personal Grooming’ by Ms. Navvya Wannakuwatte, Executive - Management Accounting.





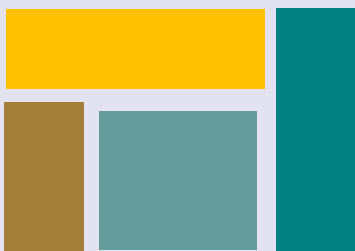
## Guest Lecture- Passion

The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities organized a guest lecture on the theme, “Passion”, which was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at the main auditorium. The event was organized with the aim of inspiring undergraduates through the wisdom of a successful entrepreneur, a business leader. Mr. Fouzul Hameed, the Managing Director of Hameedia Group was the resource person for this guest lecture. Major General I.P. Ranasinghe, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Fouzul Hameed provided important insights into entrepreneurship and managing risks when conducting businesses. He shared his own experiences in his long journey as a successful entrepreneur of the country who owns leading brands well known locally as well as internationally.



## FMSH Pre-Conference Workshop

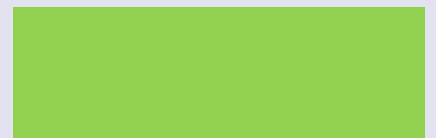
The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities organized a pre-conference workshop parallel to KDU 11<sup>th</sup> International Research Conference 2018. The workshop was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September at the Computer Laboratory of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance research understanding of the faculty members and students, in areas of quantitative and econometric research. The workshop was conducted in such a manner to provide hands-on experience to the participants to engage in econometric analysis. The resource person of the workshop was Prof. NS Cooray, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of International Relations, International University of Japan. He was also one of the plenary speakers of the FMSH plenary session at the KDU IRC – 2018.





## KDU Logistics Day-2018

KDU Logistics Day 2018, organized by the undergraduates of Intake 33 of the Department of Management and Finance was successfully held on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of April under the theme, 'Humanitarian Logistics: The Societal Responsibility'. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. HMC Nimalsiri, Director General of Civil Aviation Authority, Sri Lanka and Chief Executive Officer of Civil Aviation Authority, Sri Lanka. The Guest of Honor of the event was Mr. Upul Jinadasa, General Manager-Operations, South Asia Gateway Terminal Limited. Speeches of the guest speakers added value to the event. Certificates were awarded to the winners of the Essay Competition, Quiz Competition and Photographic Competition organized for the Logistics Day. The participants were delighted with the students' attractive performances. Professionals from various industries, undergraduates and military officers participated in the event proved itself to be a phenomenal success due to the outstanding commitment of the organizing committee.



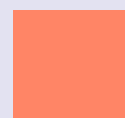


## Launching of Logistics Times, Third Issue

On par with the Logistics Day 2018, the third issue of the Logistics Times magazine was launched on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. The magazine comprised of articles exploring the theme, “Humanitarian Logistics: The Societal Responsibility”, to advance thought and practice on improving coordination, in the context of humanitarian logistics.



This was a fruitful result of the dedication and commitment of the undergraduates of Intake 33 reading for BSc in Logistics Management. The magazine was enriched with interviews conducted by the undergraduates with prominent professionals in the industry and the military. The magazine also includes articles of the academia and undergraduates. The editorial committee of the Logistics Times third issue comprised of Mr. Wasantha Premaratne, Mr. AHS Sharic and Ms. Dilani Rathnajeewa representing the academic staff. The chief editor of the Logistics Times – 2018 was Farah Jayman of Intake 33, reading for BSc in Logistics Management.





## Case Study Tour of Social Sciences

The annual case study tour of the Department of Social Sciences was conducted from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. The aim of the case study tour was to ascertain issues and opportunities emerging from the construction of the Central Expressway (E04) Phase 2; particularly the increasing trend of soil cutting and selling for highway construction by private land owners of the 'Peella Kanda' mountain area of the Narammala Divisional Secretariat (DS), Kurunegala District. On the first day of the tour, Mrs. SM Peththawadu, the Divisional Secretariat of Narammala, explained the above mentioned issue. Thereafter, Mr. PMJK Warnasundara, Land-Use Planning Officer of Narammala DS, gave an overview of the topography and the land-use pattern of the area, which was followed by a lengthy discussion on the land-use changes, availability and the use of natural water resources and the threats to the existing natural water springs of the area.

The second day was allocated for field data collection covering the two villages, Damplessa and Kiulegedara. For collection of data, the students were divided into 10 groups along with two assistants for each group provided by the Narammala DS office. At the end of data collection, the evening was spent discussing the major findings of this



study. This discussion was followed with a colorful session conducted by the students to entertain the group at the campfire of the Vijayabahu Infantry Regimental Centre (VIR), Boyagane.





## Field Visit to MAS Fabric Park

The Department of Management and Finance organized a field visit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, for the Intake 34 undergraduates reading for BSc in Management and Technical Sciences. It was a visit to MAS Fabric Park, Thulhiriya, which is well known for apparel and fabric manufacturing, and also recognized as a factory in which green initiatives are embedded. The undergraduates were given this precious opportunity to visit the factory premises, and to be aware of how the organization encourages an environmentally friendly culture.





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## Economics and Management Field Visit

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The Department of Social Sciences organized its annual Economics & Management field visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August to the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and MAS Intimates – Unichela Panadura. Students of Intake 35 Social Sciences and Intake 34 Logistics Management (Finance) participated in this field visit. A two-hour session on strategic expansion of CSE was conducted by Ms. Imesha Fernando, Senior Executive- Investor Education of CSE. The lecture was prepared with the intention to provide basic knowledge for beginners who are interested in share market investment. In addition, the students were explained how the main board of the CSE operates with the ever-changing trading results of the 298 registered companies. Furthermore, Ms. Fernando emphasized the upcoming structural changes of the CSE and recent educational opportunities which will be offered by them.



The visit to MAS Holdings - Unichela Panadura provided an opportunity for the students to learn the management practices of a leading private sector institution in Sri Lanka. This visit was well-organized by an extremely friendly team of MAS headed by Ms. Gangani Liyanage, Deputy General Manager - Human Resources and Mr. Manjula Gunawardana, Assistant Manager - Human Resources. They generously shared their experience of being in the garment industry for the past 25 years, and also about their journey to success.





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## 11<sup>th</sup> KDU International Research Conference

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KDU International Research Conference 2018 (IRC-2018) was held for the eleventh consecutive year on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of September, at the university premises, under the theme "Securing Professional Excellence through Collaboration". It was a world class forum that brought professionals and researchers of various disciplines, both local and international, to a common platform to disseminate their valuable research findings. The Chief Guest of IRC-2018 was the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Kapila Waidyaratne. The internationally eminent scientists, Professor Mohan Munasinghe and Doctor Sarath Gunapala were the distinguished guest speakers.



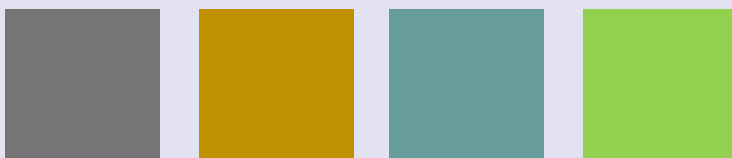
For the fifth time, the Chairperson of KDU International Research Conference was elected from the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities (FMSH). Hence the Conference Chair of IRC-2018 was Dr. Upali Rajapaksha, Senior Lecturer, Department of Management & Finance, Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities. He was backed by a team of Co-secretaries: Ms. Bhagya Senaratne (Faculty of Defence & Strategic Studies [FDS]), Dr. (Ms.) Danushi Gunasekara (Faculty of Medicine), Mrs. Nirupa Ranasinghe (FMSH) and Captain Madhura Rathnayake (FDS).

## 11<sup>th</sup> KDU International Research Conference

The wheels started rolling months before the conference, and it required planning and bird's eye for detail. A team of motivated and dedicated personnel in academic and non-academic staff completed the tasks beyond their comfort zones. Lecturers, Ms. Dhinesha Perera and Ms. Lakshani Willarachchi were the Faculty Coordinators of FMSH. The Plenary Session of FMSH which followed the inauguration ceremony was chaired by Emeritus Professor Sarath Amunugama, former Vice Chancellor of University of Kelaniya. Professor N.S. Cooray, Professor H.D. Karunaratne, Professor Ajantha S. Dharmasiri and Mr. Udaya Indrarathne were the other distinguished plenary speakers of the day.



IRC-2018 offered great opportunities to presenters, such as, to deliver their presentations via Skype; internal and external undergraduates to share their research findings as poster or oral presentations, etc. The poster presented by Mrs. Thamara Kothalawala, Lecturer, Department of Languages, FMSH on “Using Visual-Spatial Intelligence Based Activities to Develop Writing Skills” was adjudged the best poster, and she received her award from the Dean-FMSH, Dr. Namali Sirisoma. The Plenary and Technical Sessions of FMSH were inspirational and fruitful. Hats off to those who contributed towards the success of KDU IRC-2018!





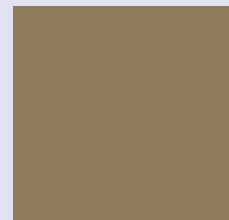
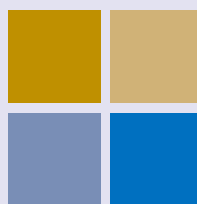
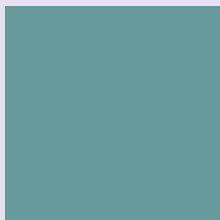
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## KDU Young Entrepreneurs

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The Department of Management and Finance held KDU Young Entrepreneurs 2018, for the fifth consecutive year. This event is annually held as a partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Entrepreneurship Development lecture module to demonstrate entrepreneurial ideas of undergraduates. The event was organized by undergraduates of the Intake 34 Logistics Management and Management & Technical Sciences degree programmes under the guidance of Dr. Chaminda Wijethilake.

The theme of the exhibition was Social Entrepreneurship; hence undergraduates were required to develop business ideas to address societal issues. The Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) of KDU graced the occasion as the chief guest. The exhibition presented different innovative business plans including a cooler, mosquito repellents, car sharing app, green bags made out of waste polythene, dustbins and baskets made out of recyclable papers, etc. The winning group came up with the business proposal of "Hire ME" mobile application, which facilitates people to find out various job opportunities by connecting the client and the employee.



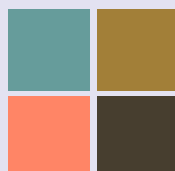
## KDU Open Day

For the Open Day 2018 held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September at the university premises, numerous educational and entertainment activities were organized by FMSH.

The Department of Languages had many language-oriented activities. Scrabble, heads up, Affixation and Passive Scrabble, Karaoke, Videos and Movies were some of them. Both students and visitors enjoyed taking part in these items. The main target of these activities was to enhance language competency of participants and to entertain them. At the end of the day winners were awarded prizes. Moreover, a comprehensive account of the Department of Languages as well as the courses it offers were shared with the interested participants.



In parallel to the said events, undergraduates of Logistics Management introduced a model of “Multimode Transport”. In addition, two models of Waste Management and Energy Conservation were demonstrated by undergraduates of Management & Technical Sciences.





The prime motive of the well-decorated Information Stall organized by the Department of Social Sciences was to educate visitors and prospective students regarding the Social Sciences degree programme. Moreover, the food stall managed by Intake 35 and 34 offered a variety of food items to the visitors.

Among these events, “The Gaming Zone” organized by the Department of Languages was a common attraction to all participants. Dr (Mrs) Nishani Rathnayake, Mrs Upeksha Walisundara and Mr Lahiru Gunathilaka were the coordinators of this eventful day.

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## FMSH Students Receiving Most Prestigious Awards at General Convocation 2018

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Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities is proud to announce the conferment of prestigious awards to five students of its streams, Logistics Management and Management & Technical Sciences, at the KDU General Convocation, 2018 held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The following FMSH cadet officers of the tri-services were the recipients of those awards.

- ✚ Best Officer Cadet Army – JVNL Jayasekara
- ✚ Best Officer Cadet Navy – CS Serasinghe
- ✚ Best Officer Cadet Air Force – WASU De Costa
- ✚ Best Sportsman – SMAM Dilshan
- ✚ Best Syndicate Project with the leadership of PAST Perera



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## CILT Accreditation Workshop

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The initial workshop on CILT (Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport) Accreditation, organized by the Department of Management and Finance was conducted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. The Coordinator of CILT International Professional Development, Mr. Jon Harris was accompanied by Mr. Ajith Samaratunga, Secretary General, CILT. The event was graced by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) of KDU. The objective of the workshop was to recognize the feasibility of accrediting BSc in Logistics Management Degree programme and MBA in Logistics programme offered by KDU. The accreditation team was taken round the University to observe the lecture halls, main library, computer laboratories and other facilities available for the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the said programmes.



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## Launching of Faculty Website

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The new faculty website was launched on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, at the end of the FMSH plenary session of KDU IRC 2018. The Dean of the Faculty, Dr. (Mrs.) Namali Sirisoma along with the Heads of the Departments launched the FMSH website. The website was re-designed with a better outlook to make it more user-friendly and to communicate all the information and faculty news more effectively. The overall coordination of the faculty website was undertaken by Mr. Nuwan Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences.



## Corporate Social Responsibility of the Department of Social Sciences

Voluntary involvement in a community service is another event organized by the Department of Social Sciences. This event has been a great success for the past four years, and the main motive is to delight a group of school children who are clever and committed, yet need financial support and social compassion for their growth and sustenance. Therefore, with the guidance of Mrs. Sujani Peththawadu, Divisional Secretary and Mrs. WMS Wanninayake, Children's Rights Development Officer, of the Divisional Secretariat, Narammala; the Department of Social Sciences found a primary school, which suited their expectations. Ranawatta Vidyalaya, situated in the Giriulla Educational Zone, Kurunegala District, North Western Province, is an under-developed primary school with a total of 80 students. This is the only school that belongs to the 'Senanayake Janapadaya', and it is headed by the Principal, Mrs. RPR Ruwan Pathirana.

The undergraduates and staff visited the school on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October around 0900hrs am and there was a charming welcoming ceremony attended by the principal, teachers, students and their parents. Mrs. Pathirana's support was immense to identify five high-performing students from each grade who were also comparatively less privileged. The undergraduates presented twenty-five gift packs to them to the value of Rs 3,500/= each, and stationary items for common use.

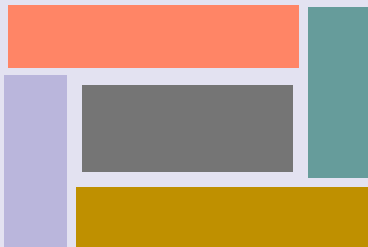
The undergraduates and the staff enjoyed this event immensely and are thankful to the Divisional Secretary for giving such an unforgettable opportunity to help the deserving students of Ranawatta Vidyalaya.



## Pre-sessional English Course for MBA in Logistics Management

The Department of Languages successfully conducted the Pre-Sessional English Course for MBA in Logistics Management for the officers selected to follow the Logistics Staff Course No. 05 of Sri Lanka Army Logistics School, Trincomalee.

The course commenced on 15.05.2018 and continued till 15.08.2018. Earlier the same course had been conducted twice as an “Advanced Certificate Course in English for Logistics Staff Course”, focusing on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and English for Specific Purposes (ESP) and preparing participants to read for the MBA in Logistics Management Degree. However, by analyzing various theoretical perspectives in relation to EAP and ESP as well as pre-sessional English courses, the course was renamed as “Pre-sessional English Course for MBA in Logistics Management”, and accordingly certain amendments based on the course content, course delivery and its assessments were introduced.

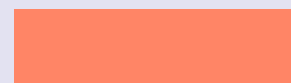




## Pre-sessional English Language Course for MSc in DSCSC

Department of Languages successfully conducted the Pre-sessional English Language Course No: 13 of Defence Services Command and Staff College, Sapugaskanda, affiliated to KDU. It was a crash course of 42 days, catering to the student officers' needs to ensure their English language competence for academic purposes, with the specific aim of making them confident in completing their Masters' studies at the Staff College.

This year's course brought novel learning experiences to the student officers. The course was custom-tailored for specific academic purposes, particularly to make it a pre-sessional course to improve academic writing in English while enhancing the learners' language skills necessary to conduct a research study and for successful research documentation. The language enhancing sessions were mostly task-based, student-centered and comprehensive. All the lecturers in the Department of Languages along with four visiting staff members served throughout the course by teaching, supervising, mentoring and facilitating the student officers.



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## Diploma in English for Chinese Officers

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Two Chinese Officers, Deng Yong and Jin Yong Xin successfully completed the Diploma in English for Chinese Officers. The certificate award ceremony was held at the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Admin) on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.



This 10-month diploma is offered by the Department of Languages for Chinese Officers who are eligible to follow the psc course at the Defence Services Command and Staff College in Sapugaskanda. The course is designed to uplift the English language proficiency level of Chinese officers. The first half of the course is designed to improve their existing language competencies, and the second half is based on academic and research writing. Learners are gradually exposed from basic language skills to academic writing skills. Changes are made to the curriculum annually, after testing the initial English language competency level of the learners.

Hence, Deng Yong and Jin Yong Xin were facilitated to read for MSc/psc course at the Defence Services Command and Staff College by upgrading their language competency. They expressed their gratitude to the Department of Languages by acknowledging the remarkable improvement in their English language proficiency level.



## Promotions and Academic Achievements of the Faculty Members



Dr. NWMUCB Wijetilake was the successor of Senior Lecturer, Mr. JMW Premarathne to the post of the Head of the Department, Department of Management and Finance. Dr Wijetilake is a senior lecturer with a PhD in Accounting & Corporate Governance from the Macquarie University in Australia, MBA (Excellent Pass) in Strategic Management from National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan and B.Com (First Class Honours) in Management from the University of Peradeniya. Dr Wijetilake also co-authored with Tek Lama, and published a research on “Sustainability core values and sustainability and stakeholder pressure for sustainability” in the high index journal, Business Strategy and the Environment Vol. 28.



Major A.U. Kuruppu was promoted to the post of Lieutenant Colonel. Having served in the military since 1988 holding many privileged positions, Lt. Col. Kuruppu has been lecturing at the Department of Languages with effect from August 2010, and she earned an MSc in Management from KDU. Amidst academic involvements, in 2018, Lt. Col. Kuruppu served as a member of the Editorial Board of the Annual Silhouette Magazine – KDU. She also trained the compeering team of the annual sports meet held in March.



Senior Lecturer (Grade II), Mrs. I.D. Watthuhewa of the Department of Management and Finance was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade 1).



Senior Lecturer (Grade II), Dr. (Mrs) K.K.N.P. Rathnayaka of the Department of Social Sciences successfully completed her PhD in Management Specializing in Administrative Management at the Huazhong University of Science & Technology in China.



Lecturer, Mrs. C.J. Kothalawala of the Department of Languages was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Lecturer, Mrs. V.U. Jayasinghe of the Department of Languages was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Lecturer, Ms. D.R. Perera of the Department of Management and Finance was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Lecturer (Probationary), Ms. K. Ambepitiya of the Department of Management and Finance was promoted to the post of Lecturer.





Lecturer (Probationary), Ms. B.D.K. Anandawansa of the Department of Languages was promoted to the post of Lecturer.



Lecturer (Probationary), Mrs. N.D. Ranasinghe of the Department of Languages was promoted to the post of Lecturer.

The undermentioned academic staff successfully completed Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) at KDU:



Dr. WMAGHA  
Premarathna



Ms. DDL Willarachchi

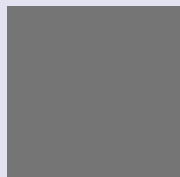


Mr. MMLC Gunathilake



Lt. Col. A Kuruppu

**HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



## Logistics Students on Stage for the Drama- “Kekille”

Intake 35 undergraduates of the Department of Management and Finance successfully staged the Drama, "Kekille" on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September at the KDU Main Auditorium. "Kekille" is a masterpiece of the award-winning Play Writer and Theatre Director, Professor Mangala Senanayake, who was also the Chief Guest of this occasion.



The drama was staged for the second time, the same evening, especially for Day Scholars and Officer Cadets. The Lecturer in charge, Mr. Lahiru Gunathilake along with the undergraduates of the Management Faculty came up with the idea of staging this masterpiece drama to raise funds for the Open Day. Being a comedy, King Kekille and his Raja Sabawa headed by Purohitha were successful in entertaining the audience.

The lecture panel headed by the Dean FMSH, Dr. (Mrs.) Namali Sirisoma rendered their support to the students to make this event a success. Also, special thanks should go to Mr. Champika Gunasekara, Senior Assistant Registrar of FMSH for his assistance.



## Vesak Bakthi Gee- “Amageelakara”

Celebrating the Vesak Festival, Intake 34, Management & Technical Sciences (MTS), Social Sciences (SS) and Logistics Management (LM) undergraduates organized a Bahthi Gee programme on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at the Main Auditorium. An event of this nature was held for the first time at KDU, with the participation of officer cadets and day scholars of all three streams; MTS, SS and LM, under the guidance of the Dean, Dr. (Mrs.) Namali Sirisoma. This occasion was graced by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Admin), Major General Indunil Ranasinghe, as the chief guest. Mr. Champika Gunasekara, Senior Assistant Registrar of FMSH extended immense support in coordinating the event. Deans of faculties, academic and non-academic staff, officer cadets and day scholars were present at this serene musical evening.





## Students Achievements



Vishmi Wanigasooriya of Intake 34 reading for BSc in Logistics Management participated in Derana Dream Star Season 8 and was among the 24 finalists.



Vishmi also emerged as the winner of the Best Performance in Solo Singing category at the talent show, “El Talento”, organized by the Faculty of Engineering, held in KDU.



Theekshana Thilakasiri, of the Intake 34 Logistics Management stream, represented KDU at Sri Lanka’s biggest inter-university talent show, TANTALIZE 2018, organized by Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT), held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre. She emerged as the second runner-up at the same show under the solo dancing category.



Theekshana also emerged as the best performer in dancing at the El Talento competition held at KDU organized by the Faculty of Engineering. The dancing troupe comprised of Theekshana, Nilasha, Umesha and Sachini of the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities; and Pumudi, Vindu, Amali and Nuwanthi of the Faculty of Engineering.



KDU Leaders' Trophy Tennis Tournament 2018 was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September, and KDU emerged as the winner. T.P. Ekanayake of the Management & Technical Sciences stream of FMSH was a member of the winning team.



KDU Leaders' Trophy Netball Tournament 2018 was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September, and the KDU netball team emerged as the winner. D.S.U. Daluwatta of the Management & Technical Sciences stream of FMSH was a member of the winning team; and was awarded for being the Best Shooter of the tournament.

She also became the Best Shooter at the NSBM USPORTS Netball championship organized by the National School of Business Management (NSBM), held on the 09<sup>th</sup> of September.



Kasun D Amarasena of Intake 35 of FMSH was the Champion of the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and a member of the Champion Team in the Leaders' Trophy Badminton Championship held at the KDU badminton courts from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of September.





Kasun was also a member of the Champion Team at the SLIIT Inter University Badminton Championship held at the SLIIT Malabe Campus from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

He was a player of the Sri Lanka National Badminton Squad, and a member of the SSC Badminton Championship who were the runners up in the Mix Double event. These are his National level achievements for the year 2018.



K. Madhuka Dulanjana of Intake 35 of FMSH was a member of the Champion Team at the Leaders' Trophy Badminton Championship 2018 held at the KDU badminton courts on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September. He was also the Champion of Men's Doubles and the 2nd runner up of the Mix Doubles.



As for Madhuka's National level badminton achievements for the year 2018, he was No: 2 in the Sri Lanka Singles National Ranking; No: 1 in the Sri Lanka Doubles National Ranking; NWPBA All Island National Ranking Level No: 1 badminton tournament - Open Men's Singles National Champion; and Summer Season Open National Ranking Level No: 1 Badminton Championship - Open Men's Doubles Champion and Open Mixed Doubles Champion.



H. Sanduni P. Gunawardane of the Intake 35, Logistics Management Stream of FMSH was a member of the Champion Team at the Leaders' Trophy Squash Championship held at the KDU squash courts on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October.



Sanduni also emerged second runner up at the Mixed Doubles event in the Leaders' Trophy Badminton Championship held at the KDU badminton courts on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September.

She was the 5<sup>th</sup> in rank under the Squash Women's Open category, member of the Senior National Pool and runner up in the under 19 events at the 28<sup>th</sup> Junior National Squash Championship. These are her National level achievements for the year 2018.



J.M. Harini R. Jayathilake of the Intake 35, Logistics Management Stream of FMSH was a member of the Champion Team of the Leaders' Trophy Basketball Championship Tournament held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October at the KDU basketball court.



Club Officer Installation of the KDU Toastmasters Club was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August at the Staff Development Centre of KDU. Many FMSH undergraduates were active members of the club and were elected as office bearers. The event saw the presence of Dr. (Mrs) Namali Sirisoma - Dean FMSH, members of KDU staff, members representing invited clubs, past and present club members, parents, distinguished guests and toastmasters. Colonel WTWG Ihalage, Dean FDSS graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Division Director, DTM Nisal Weerakoon was the Guest of Honour.



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