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The Newsletter
is published quarterly.

Its aim is to disseminate news
about events and
developments taking place
in the faculties, Campus,
Institute and Centers of the
Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

All academics and other staff,
as well as students
are invited to submit
news items for publication
in the Newsletter.

Professor Vallipuram Kanagasingam becomes the 10th Vice Chancellor



Professor Vallipuram Kanagasingam was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka by His Excellency the President and assumed duties as the Vice-Chancellor on the 22nd of January, 2022.

Prof. Kanagasingam obtained his PhD from the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka, and Master of Science in Management from the same University. With his appointment as the 10th Vice-Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Prof. Kanagasingam becomes alumnus Vice-Chancellor appointed from the Faculty of Commerce & Management, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Prof. Kanagasingam being an Alumnus of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka graduating in 1995, has worked tirelessly for the enhancement of the standards of the University.

Prof. Kanagasingam, has a number of research papers and articles to his name published in high-ranking national and international journals. He has authored several, books monographs and essays.

Prior to his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Prof. Kanagasingam was the Rector of the Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, Head of the Department of Management, Coordinator for the External Degree Programmes and holding many other key roles in the University, Society and the Nation. During his time as the Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, and the Rector of the Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, he was instrumental in expediting the construction of the Faculty complex and many other new buildings in the Trincomalee Campus Premises as well.

Professor Kanagasingam with his appointment as the Vice Chancellor has many projects in the pipeline to be implemented such as the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering and many other innovative centers. Professor Kanagasingam will no doubt lead the university towards a new era of development and help the university to step into another milestone. ☆

DAWN OF NEW YEAR INSPIRES EVERYONE



Eastern University, Sri Lanka ceremonially commenced duties in the New Year on 3rd of January 2022, with a special function at the Senate Building premises. The ceremony was attended by the former Vice Chancellor, Professor F. C. Ragel, Former Rector, Directors, Deans, Academics, Administrative officers and Non Academics of the university. The function commenced with the hoisting of the National and University flags by the Vice Chancellor and Registrar, followed by the National Anthem. This was followed by the oath taking of the university staff members read out by the Registrar. ☆



NEW VICE CHANCELLOR ASSUMES HIS OFFICE

Prof. Valipuram Kanagasingam assumed his office as the New Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka with religious observances on the 22nd of January, 2022 and subsequently he was ceremonially welcomed by the university community in a grand manner on the 24th of January, 2022.



GENERAL CONVOCATION 2020

Embrace the Achievements of Graduands

Eastern University, Sri Lanka celebrated its 2020 General Convocation in a Grandeur way

For the first time in two years, the Eastern University, Sri Lanka celebrated its General Convocation in person.

The previous convocations were held in a virtual reality mode for the last two years in view of the COVID 19 pandemic and the academic achievers were excited to see an in-person event once again on the 12th & 13th of March, 2022.

The Chief guests for the two day Convocation ceremony were the Senior Professor Chandana P Udawatte, the Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Prof. K. Kapila C. K. Perera, the

GENERAL CONVOCATION 2020 (Contd...)



Secretary to the Ministry of Education respectively on each day. Also in attendance were other dignitaries from the academic arena, industries and the government apart from the University Officials.

The Convocation began with a majestic and grand academic procession led by the University Cultural Troop and the Naathaswaram followed by the Lighting of Traditional Oil lamp by the Chief Guests and the Key Officials of the University. The formal proceedings began with presenting of Honourary Degrees, the Doctor of Science (Posthumous) to Late Prof. Subramaniam Raveenranath and the Master of Letters (Honoris Causa) to Mr. Seenithambi Gopalasingam. Then the Chancellor Dr. Velmurugu Vivekanantharajah delivered his Chancellor's address during which he motivated the students not to forget their value systems, work ethics and humanity.

This year a total of 1958 students and scholars graduated in various fields of studies, 135 Masters Degree, 1823 Bachelors Degrees of Fine Arts, Medicine, Nursing, Siddha Medicine, Science, Business Administration, Commerce, Management, Agriculture, Arts, Education, and Computer Science. The graduates and the audience were then enthralled by the rousing speech of the Chief Guests, Senior Professor Chandana P Udawatte and Prof. K. Kapila C.K.Perera to "Stand up and Start Up Sri Lanka", they invited the booming graduates to make use of the resources for enabling them for start-ups. They emphasized that contributing back to the community is being essential. In their brief and captivating addresses, they inspired the graduates and faculty of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

The Convocation ended with the National Anthem and the graduates bloomed in absolute glee. ☆

Faculty of Commerce and Management

New Year Celebration

The Department of Management organized a New Year celebration on 01.01.2022, with the participation of all staff members from the Faculty of Commerce and Management. ☆



Tree Planting Ceremony

Faculty members initiated tree plantation at the Faculty of Commerce and Management on 01.01.2022 in the faculty premises. ☆



Faculty of Commerce and Management

Representations of the Women's Day Programme



Women's Day Celebration 2022. GEE Cell celebrated Women's Day for 2022 at the board room, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, on 08.03.2022. Mrs. D. Thavakumar, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Management was among the event's organizers. The function was attended by three staff members, including two temporary staff. ☆

Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce

Three members of the Department of Management have participated in a special meeting with the Executive members of the Chamber of Commerce on 28.03.2022 at the Board Room, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management. ☆

Faculty of Health Care Sciences

Community Outreach Service

The Department of Human Biology of the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences has initiated the body donation program, by receiving an embalmed body on the 31st of January, 2022. Human cadavers are embalmed according to the proper preservation protocols for the study of Human Anatomy by the health professionals. The complete anatomy education of health professionals depends on the study of the structure of the human body through a full body dissection. A group of 15 -20 medical students are provided with one body for dissection. We are expecting for more body donations from the region in future. ☆





Since its inception the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences, it has been committed to producing healthcare leaders of the highest quality and caliber. It has always been understood that the development of a student into a holistic professional requires to obtain a varied mix of skills and qualities.

In Sri Lanka the sole criteria for entry into the university system is academic excellence, this results in the unfortunate situation where quite often students although intelligent and talented lack the practical skills to manage real life problems. This has contributed to the downfall of the quality of graduates produced by state universities.

The Faculty of Health Care Sciences (FHCS) has always believed that although curriculum-based knowledge and skills are essential, extracurricular activities are also equally crucial for professional development. With this vision in mind the faculty has consistently promoted and supported all forms of extracurricular activities undertaken by the faculty students.

The latest in this line of extracurricular activities is the “**AVIYAAS**” talent festival currently being conducted by our students. This festival is being organized by the faculty Students Union with the support of the University administrative, academic and non-academic staff, the faculty Alumini and Public institutions.

The program is organized as an annual inter-batch competition covering four areas namely: Sports, Arts, Academia, and Social events. Many events under the categories of Sports, Arts, Academia, and Social have been planned:

Sports: Cricket, Football, Table Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, Carrom, Chess, Netball, Swimming, Marathon, Track Events (100M, 200M, 400M)

Arts: Drawing, Photography, Singing, Solo & Group Dance, Song Composition, Drama, Short film, Meme creation

Academia: Debate, Wordsmith (Short story, Poem, Creative Writing), Best Speaker, Best Tutor, Quiz Competition, Spell Master

Social: Blood Donation campaign, Medical Camp, Beach cleaning & Ocean protection club promotion, School Development Project.

Points are being allocated for each event, which will culminate in an overall point for each category. The batch which obtains the highest combined points will be awarded the Champions trophy and their batch name will be inscribed on an Honors board placed within the faculty premises.



Under the leadership of Mr Malith Akalanka Kulathunga, the present students' union president of the Faculty of Health Care Sciences (FHCS), all the students following the MBBS and BSc Hons Nursing programs are actively involved in these competitions. One of the keys to the success of this event is the fact that an opportunity has been provided for individuals with varied talents to get involved in areas of their own personal interest.

The competitions commenced on the 28th of February 2022 and will continue until the 1st of May 2022. All the events are arranged during evenings and nights and on public holidays in order to avoid any interruption with academic activities. We were especially proud to note that the students were rushing to the hospital to attend their clinical night shifts after playing exhausting matches. This portrays their dedication to education and extracurricular events and is a sign that they will become true leaders of the future.

The week commencing on the 25th of April 2022 will be considered as the "Talent week" and all of the final events will culminate during this period. A closing ceremony with the distribution of the awards will take place on the 1st of May 2022. ☆

Fifth National Symposium on Agriculture (5th NSA 2022)

The 5th National Symposium on Agriculture 2022 was held on 30th March 2022 as a virtual symposium. The theme of the symposium was “Ensuring Food Security through Smart Agriculture”. The Faculty of Agriculture organized and designed the symposium to deliver the physical symposium experience via virtual mode by maximizing the opportunities to discuss achieving food security through multiple smart agriculture applications.



The keynote speaker for the 5th NSA was Professor Ranjith Senaratne, Emeritus Professor, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka and Chairman/National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. He delivered the keynote talk on the title “Confluence of technologies needed for the agriculture of the future”. The symposium was presided by Dr. M. Pagthinathan, Dean/Agriculture, and the Chief Guest was Professor V. Kanagasingam, Vice-Chancellor, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Further, the symposium was chaired by Dr (Mrs) Thivahary Geretharan, and Mr. G. Hariharan served as the symposium secretary. A total of 53 research papers were presented at the symposium. ☆

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.

Albert Einstein

Enhancing Academic Administration & Auditing through MIS

For the first time in the history of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, the web-based Management Information System (MIS) through which progress of academic sessions and examinations can be managed and instantaneously monitored by the Vice Chancellor, Deans and Heads of the Departments, has been developed.

The former Vice-Chancellor Prof. F. C. Ragel initiated the above project and directly involved in MIS developing processes. The Systems Analysts Mr. A. Ananthkumar and Mr. Puvikanth were assigned to oversee the tasks and they were felicitated for their work done.



MIS serves as the backbone of the EUSL operations. An MIS gathers data from multiple online systems, analyses the information and reports data to aid in management decision making. ☆

Physical Education

Brotherhood Trophy Tournaments 2022

Student Union and Physical Education Unit have organized a six a side, six overs league softball tournament on the 4th of February 2022, to encourage students to participate in cricketing activities. Unlike other cricket tournaments, this tournament included staff participation also.

Faculty of Commerce & Management	Champion
Faculty of Arts & Culture	2 nd Place
Faculty of Bio System Technology.	3 rd Place

Awards Winners

Mr.R.Nishanthakumar Faculty of Arts & Culture
A.Thisaru Sandeepa Faculty of Com & Mgt

Man of the Series Award
Final Man of the Match

Physical Education



This Cricket Tournament helps to reduce stress among the students and to increase the physical fitness. Also, it is an event which will be helpful to build better communication with every student. So, as a moral, in upcoming years it has been decided to hold matches like these in favour of building interpersonal skills.

National Level Tournaments

Senior National Basketball Championship.

Sri Lanka Combine Universities Women's teams participated in the Level II category of the Senior National Basketball Championship 2021 and the Women's team won the Level II championship. The following Students of the Eastern University represented in this competition and Mr. M Paranithasan IPE was appointed as the coach for the women's team.

1. Miss P Shanujah
2. Miss. A Tharsika

Faculty of Arts & Culture
Faculty of Arts & Culture

Sports do not build character. They reveal it.
Heywood Brown



Judo Novices championship – 2022

National Novices JUDO championship – 2022 which was held in Trincomalee from 18th to 20th March 2022. Eastern University men's team participated in the above championship.



All students pass the first grading exam in Judo and all are qualified for the white belt. A. U. Sandalaum was selected for the Quarterfinal.

The following Students of the Eastern University represented in this competition

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| 1. S.Sayinthan | Faculty of Arts & Culture |
| 2. AU U Sandakelum | Faculty of Science |
| 3. L.R. Bastyn Jebanesan | Faculty of Arts & Culture |
| 4. T. Puviraj | Faculty of Arts & Culture |

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International Women's Day 2022

The International Women's Day which was organized by the Gender Equity and Equality Cell of the Eastern University Sri Lanka, was celebrated on the 08th of March, 2022 in a grand manner. **'#BreakTheBias'** was the main theme of the above celebration and many attended.

The Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka Prof. Vallipuram Kanagasingam and the Additional Government Agent of Batticaloa, Mrs. Sutharshini Srikanth graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively. ☆



APPOINTMENTS



RECTOR, TRINCOMALEE CAMPUS

Prof. (Mrs). Chandravathany G. Devadasan, Associate Professor in Zoology was appointed as the Rector of Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

DEANS OF THE FACULTIES



Faculty of Science

**Senior Prof. P.
Vinobaba**,
Senior Professor
in Zoology



Faculty of Technology

**Dr. T.
Mathiventhan**,
Senior Lecturer
in Botany

APPOINTMENTS

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



Department of Zoology

**Dr. (Mrs.). M.
Vinobaba,**
Senior Lecturer



Department of Mathematics

**Mrs. T. Pio Jude
Navinthan,**
Senior Lecturer.



Department of Education & Child Care

**Mrs. Thakshayini
Rajendran,**
Senior Lecturer



Department of Geography

**Mrs. Thavaprabha
Sachithanantham,**
Senior Lecturer



Department of Medical Education & Research

**Dr. T.
Sathaananthan,**
Senior Lecturer



Department of Primary Health Care

**Dr. K.
Arulanandem**
Senior Lecturer



Department of Clinical Science

Dr. J. Jeyaruban
Senior Lecturer



Department of Multi Disciplinary Studies

**Mr. M.
Sugirtharan,**
Senior Lecturer

PROMOTIONS

PROFESSOR



Department of Languages

Prof. J. Kennedy
Senior Lecturer was
promoted as the
Professor in English.



Department of Clinical Science

**Prof. M.
Thirukumar,**
Senior Lecturer was
promoted as the
Professor in
Obstetrics &
Gynaecology

SENIOR LECTURER Gr. 1

Department of Mathematics



**Mrs. T. Pio Jude
Navinthan**

Department of Economics



Dr. Suresh Kanesh

Department of Agricultural Economics



**Dr. (Mrs.) Thivahari
Geretharan**

Department of Crop Science



**Mrs. Brintha
Karunarathna**

SENIOR LECTURER Gr.II

Department of Zoology



Dr. A. J. M. Harris

Department of Mathematics



**Mrs. Sajeetha
Thavareesan**

Department of Clinical Science



**Dr. Roshini
Murugupillai**

NEW ACADEMIC RECRUITMENTS

FACULTY OF COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT

Department of Commerce

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Mrs. Y. Sujenthini – Lecturer (Probationary) | 2. Ms. S. Suranutha - Lecturer (Probationary) |
| 3. Ms. T. Keerthiga - Lecturer (Probationary) | 4. Ms. S. Babyjalini - Lecturer (Probationary) |

FACULTY OF COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT

Department of Economics

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|---|---|
| 1. Dr. E. A. C. Priyankara – Senior Lecturer Gr. II | 2. Ms. S. Shiyalini - Lecturer (Probationary) |
| 3. Ms. V. Vasantha - Lecturer (Probationary) | 4. Ms. T. Jeyashanthini - Lecturer (Prob.) |

Department of Management

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| 1. Ms. T. Seller –Lecturer (Probationary) | 2. Ms. S. Neruja - Lecturer (Probationary) |
| 3. Mr. S. Harishanthan - Lecturer (Probationary) | |

FACULTY OF ARTS & CULTURE

Department of Social Sciences

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| 1. Dr. N. Pushparajah – Senior Lecturer Gr. II | 2. Ms. F. Simeon - Lecturer (Probationary) |
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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Department of Physics

1. Ms. H. G. D. P. Ubeysekara –Temporary Lecturer (UGC Circular 935)

FACULTY OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

Department of Medical Education & Research

1. Ms. M. A. F. Sihnas – Lecturer (Probationary)

Department of Primary Health Care

1. Dr. (Mrs.) Nithurshaobana – Lecturer (Probationary)

Department of Human Biology

1. Mrs. K. M. T. D. Weerasekara – Temporary Lecturer

FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

Department of Biosystems Technology

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| 1. Ms. S. Dasinaa – Lecturer (Probationary) | 2. Ms. T. Suthajini - Lecturer (Probationary) |
| 3. Mr. T. N. A. Tennakoon - Lecturer (Probationary) | 4. Mr. N. Nithushan - Lecturer (Prob.) |
| 5. Mrs. R. Mohamed Rasheed - Lecturer (Probationary) | 6. Ms. R. Vasanthini - Lecturer (Prob.) |
| 7. Mrs. W. H. D. U. Pushpakumari - Lecturer (Probationary) | |

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

Department of Agricultural Engineering

1. Mr. G. Niroash – Lecturer (Probationary)



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