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Eastern University, Sri Lanka ceremonially inaugurated activities for the New Year 2023



Eastern University, Sri Lanka commenced its activities for the New Year 2023 in a grand ceremony on January 2nd. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the Sri Lankan national flag by Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasasingam, and the flag of Eastern University, Sri Lanka was raised by Registrar Mr. A. Pahirathan. Members of the university community then took part in the reading of official oath statements, demonstrating their shared dedication to academic integrity, innovation, and societal betterment through education.



Religious dignitaries offered blessings and prayers, embracing the diversity of faith within the university community. Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasasingam delivered an inspiring New Year Address, acknowledging the university's previous achievements and outlining goals for the upcoming academic year.



The Assistant Registrar Mr. T. Sureshkaanth expressed gratitude with Vote of Thanks. The ceremony concluded with a delightful traditional milk rice and milk, fostering camaraderie and providing an opportunity for connections among participants. Overall, the ceremony marked the official commencement of university activities for the New Year, setting a positive tone for the months ahead.

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Eastern University, Sri Lanka Hosts Successful 1st International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research - 2023

Eastern University, Sri Lanka and Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, India co-organized the successful '1st International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research - 2023 (ICMR - 2023)' on January 3rd and 4th, 2023, focusing on essential sustainable management within the theme of "One World One Family."

As the Chief Guest, Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai, the Founder of Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, India, along with the Vice Chancellor and His Excellency Shri Gopal Baglay, the High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka, who participated virtually as the Guest of Honor, inaugurated the intellectually stimulating ICMR-2023 conference.



During the inaugural session, Prof. Anu Muhammad, a renowned economist from Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, delivered a captivating keynote address, while the Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingham and Editor in Chief of the Proceedings Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj ceremonially handed over the conference proceedings to the Chief Guest.



On the first day of the conference, a remarkable scientific dialogue titled "Reviving the nation: the roles of researchers and policymakers" took place, featuring esteemed panelists Prof R M Mudiyanse (University of Peradeniya), Prof L Gunaruwan (University of Colombo), and Prof A Atputharajah (University of Jaffna), moderated by Senior Prof S A Ariadurai (The Open University of Sri Lanka).

The Staff and Students of the Swami Vipulanandha Institute of Aesthetics Studies of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, captivated the audience with their outstanding cultural fusion programs, concluding the inaugural day.



The conference encompassed a wide array of specializations and themes, such as "The Universe We Live in," "Our Future," "Oneness of Humanity," "Calling Earth," "Towards a Healthy World," and "Aligning Our Businesses for Social Values." With the active participation of 65 researchers from national and international backgrounds, who presented their papers both orally and as poster presentations, the program effectively achieved its intended objectives and vision.

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Renowned keynote speakers Prof. Samantha Samaraweera from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and Dr. Lakshmi Prasad Founder and Managing Director of Sujay Bio Tech Private Limited, India, showcased recent developments in diverse research fields on the conference's second day, followed by Prof. Sundar Kali's presentation from India and research sharing sessions in various thematic areas facilitated by eminent session panels.



The Conference Co-Chairs, Dr. Angela Arulpragasam Anthony (EUSL) and Prof. Dr. Thothathri Venugopal (Collaborating University, India) along with the Conference Co-Secretaries, Dr. P. Rodney Fernando (Director/CMR, EUSL) and Mr. S. Vimalaraj (EUSL), and the assigned steering committees, played a crucial role in the conference's success.



Center for Multidisciplinary Research's 5th Young Researcher Forum on "Community Based Intervention 2023"

The Center for Multidisciplinary Research successfully organized its 5th Young Researcher Forum on "Community Based Intervention" on February 23, 2023. The forum featured thought-provoking presentations by Prof. S. Arasaretnam from the Department of Chemistry presented on "Functionalizing polymers and their role in applications." Mrs. Shiyalini Kemaprakash, from the Department of Economics, shared her insights on "Impact of public debt on Domestic and Foreign Direct Investments in Sri Lanka: Evidence from the ARDL Bounds Testing Approach." Mr. M.S.M. Nafees, representing the Department of Animal Science, presented his research on "Utilization of Dietary Carbohydrate in *Barbonymus schwanenfeldii* Fry." Lastly, Mrs. Lakshani Weerasekara, from the Department of Zoology, discussed the "Monkeys of Sri Lanka: Current approach to research studies."

The Young Researcher Forum provided a valuable platform for these scholars to share their findings and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. The Center for Multidisciplinary Research remains committed to supporting and promoting innovative research endeavors.

YOUNG RESEARCHERS FORUM



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"COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION 2023"
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Join Zoom Meeting
<https://join.zoom.us/j/2635062460>
 Meeting ID: 263 506 2460 & Passcode: 5187 gch23

Date: 23rd February 2023 Time: 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Venue: Board Room
Organized by
Center for Multidisciplinary Research



Ceremonial Opening of Faculty of Graduate Studies at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Faculty of Graduate Studies at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, was inaugurated on February 1, 2023, with an impressive ceremony attended by renowned academics, distinguished guests, and esteemed faculty members. This milestone reflects the university's commitment to advanced research and providing an exemplary educational environment for postgraduate students.



The establishment of the Faculty of Graduate Studies demonstrates the university's dedication to fostering academic excellence and contributing to the growth of the academic landscape. Under the guidance of the Coordinator for the Postgraduate Studies Dr. K Premakumar, the faculty aims to provide exceptional opportunities for advanced education and research. The inauguration symbolizes the university's commitment to nurturing scholars and leaders in various fields, as highlighted in the welcome address by Dr. K. Premakumar and the speeches by Prof. M. Selvarajah, the Chancellor and Prof. V. Kanagasingam, the Vice Chancellor. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. A. Sujendran, Senior Assistant Registrar (Actg. for the Faculty) expressing gratitude to all involved in making the event a success.



Celebrating the Splendor of KOLAM - A Fusion of Tradition and Artistryem

The Faculty of Arts & Culture hosted an awe-inspiring exhibition showcasing the captivating beauty of KOLAM, a traditional decorative art form on March 2, 2023. Under the distinguished patronage of the Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingam and the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. V. Gunapalasingam, the exhibition commenced with a ceremonial opening, adding a touch of grandeur to the event. The event attracted art enthusiasts and scholars from the region and emphasized the university's commitment to preserving Sri Lanka's cultural heritage. *Contd.....*



KOLAM, originating in Southern India, was presented through intricate and vibrant patterns created by talented staff and students. The exhibition provided a platform for artists to share their interpretations and narratives, fostering cultural exchange and appreciation. The event successfully celebrated artistic expression, promoting cross-cultural dialogue. The Faculty of Arts and Culture at Eastern University is praised for organizing this remarkable exhibition and inspiring future generations to embrace their cultural roots.



Eastern University, Sri Lanka Hosts Inaugural Ceremony of Booster Grant for Community-Based Open Mapping

The Department of Geography in collaboration with Open Mapping Hub-Asia Pacific and OSM Sri Lanka Community, successfully organized the inaugural ceremony of the Booster Grant for Community-Based Open Mapping. The event, held on February 8, 2023, brought together a diverse group of participants passionate about mapping. Mr. S. Suthakaran, lecturer in Geography who played a crucial role in coordinating the initiative, the ceremony brought together a diverse group of administrators including the Government Agent of Batticaloa Mrs. K. Pathmarajah, students, faculty members, and community members passionate about mapping.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasisingam emphasized the importance of community involvement in generating accurate maps for various sectors. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts Dr. V. Gunapalasingam highlighted the significance of open mapping in promoting transparency and inclusivity. The Booster Grant aims to support community-based mapping projects across Sri Lanka, providing resources and training. Successful projects were showcased, demonstrating the potential of open mapping in addressing societal challenges. The event concluded with networking and collaboration opportunities. The organizers expressed gratitude to participants and sponsors. The launch of the Booster Grant marks an exciting step towards a more inclusive and sustainable future for Sri Lanka.



SLERC 2022 Concludes Successfully, Addressing Contemporary Economic Controversies and Dilemmas in Sri Lanka

The 11th Sri Lanka Economic Research Conference (SLERC 2022) of the Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists (SLFUE) was gloriously held at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, on February 3, 2023, with the theme of "Contemporary Controversies and Dilemmas in the Economy of Sri Lanka." The Department of Economics, Discipline of Economics, and Department of Agricultural Economics of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, jointly organized the conference.

Professor V. Kanagasingam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, was the Chief Guest of the conference, while Professor A. Rameez, Vice Chancellor of South Eastern University, Sri Lanka, was the Guest of Honor. Economists from eleven Sri Lankan universities graced the inaugural event of SLERC 2022. Dr. S. Jeyarajah, Chairman of SLERC 2022, welcomed all the delegates to the conference. The eminent Professor Santa Devarajan from Georgetown University, United States, delivered the conference's keynote speech titled "How to make government accountable, empower the poor, and limit elite capture in Sri Lanka."

The proceedings of SLERC 2022 were launched by Professor V. Kanagasingam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, while the Sri Lanka Journal of Economics Research (SLJER) Volume 10 (2) was launched by Professor A. Rameez, Vice Chancellor of South Eastern University. Dr. Jeyaprabha Suresh, the existing SLFUE chair, officially transferred the SLFUE Chair 2023 to Professor MMA Mustafa from South Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Mrs. S. Sarojini Maheswaranathan, Secretary to SLERC 2022, delivered a vote of thanks. After the official opening, technical sessions commenced with distinguished panelists, and 38 papers were presented in various tracks.



Training Workshop Empowers Science and Technology Staff

In a significant stride towards enhancing professional development, the Faculties of Science and Technology successfully conducted a comprehensive training workshop for its staff members on February 17, 2023 in the Physics Laboratory. The event aimed to equip attendees with valuable skills and knowledge, fostering their growth in the dynamic fields of Science and Technology.

The workshop witnessed the expertise and guidance of esteemed resource persons, Prof. Kaveenga Koswattage, Mr. Priyashantha Premarathna, Mr. Duke Mickey Poul, Mr. Chsthuranga Vidanapathirana, Mr. Sudeera Wijethunga, Mr. Niroshan Gunawardana, Mr. Kaveendra Madhuwantha, Mr. Ashan Induranga who offered their insights and wisdom throughout the day-long session. The training workshop covered a wide range of topics, delving into both theoretical concepts and practical applications. Participants had the opportunity to engage in interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and group discussions, fostering a collaborative learning environment. The successful execution of this training workshop reflects the faculty's dedication to empowering its staff members and fostering excellence in the realms of Science and Technology.



Modern Laboratory of the Faculty of Technology Inaugurated with Great Fanfare

The Faculty of Technology inaugurated a state-of-the-art laboratory on January 30, 2023. The event, attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasigam, Deputy Registrar Mr. V. Navirathan, and the Deans of the Faculties, highlighted the laboratory's importance in driving scientific research and innovation. Equipped with cutting-edge technology, the laboratory offers students and faculty an ideal environment for groundbreaking experiments and technological advancements. The facility signifies the university's commitment to academic excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration, solidifying the Faculty of Technology's role as a leader in technology.



'Co-op Fresh' Daily Needs Outlet Opens at the Faculty of Technology, Initiated by the Vice Chancellor

A moment of excitement and convenience unfolded on the 13th of January, 2023, as the Faculty of Technology proudly unveiled the grand opening of 'Co-op Fresh,' a brand new daily needs outlet catering to the needs of students and staff. The inauguration ceremony, led by the Dean of the Faculty of Technology, Dr. T. Mathiventhan, marked a significant step towards enhancing the faculty experience and providing easy access to essential items.

The 'Co-op Fresh' outlet, strategically located within the Faculty of Technology premises, aims to serve as a one-stop destination for a wide range of daily necessities. During the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, accompanied by the senior university officials and faculty members, cut the ceremonial ribbon, officially marking the commencement of operations. With a warm smile, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of creating a convenient environment that supports the overall well-being of the university community.



Generous Book Donation Enriches Eastern University Library's Collection

Mr. Sivam Velupillai, a generous philanthropist from Canada, made a significant donation to the university library by handing over 27 books to the Librarian, Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, in the Vice Chancellor's office. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Kanagasingam, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. E. Karunakaran, and the academics who attended expressed gratitude for Mr. Velupillai's thoughtful gesture, recognizing the positive impact it will have on students and faculty. The books have been incorporated into the library's catalog, providing enhanced resources for academic pursuits.



Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) Elects Prof N. Rajeshwaran as Chairman

Prof. N. Rajeshwaran, Professor in Accounting & Finance of the Faculty of Commerce and Management has been elected as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka University Sports Association (SLUSA) during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Wayamba University of Sri Lanka on March 31, 2023. The AGM brought together representatives from various universities in Sri Lanka to discuss and shape the future of university sports in the country.

Prof Rajeshwaran, newly elected Chairman expressed gratitude for his appointment and emphasized his commitment to promoting excellence in sports, sportsmanship, and the holistic development of student-athletes. He aims to work closely with member universities to elevate the standards of university sports in Sri Lanka, while also prioritizing education and personal growth. SLUSA plays a crucial role in promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition among university students, and the AGM aimed to establish a unified approach to sports management to support student-athletes.



Sri Lanka Junior National Combined University Hockey Men Team Appoints Vilprat Parnanthu Kosikan as Captain

In a significant development for the Sri Lanka Junior National Combined University Hockey Men Team, Mr. Vilprat Parnanthu Kosikan, a talented player from the Faculty of Arts & Culture at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, has been appointed as the team's captain. Kosikan's appointment as captain brings immense pride and excitement to the university and the entire hockey fraternity in Sri Lanka. Hailing from the Faculty of Arts & Culture, he has demonstrated not only his prowess on the hockey field but also his ability to inspire and motivate his teammates.



Sri Lanka Inter University Games - 2022

The main events of the Sri Lanka Inter University Games 2022 were held from November 12th to January 8th, 2023, organized by the Sri Lanka University Sports Association (SLUSA). Achievements of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka at the Inter University Championship – 2022 are as follows:

Wrestling:

- 61kg: T. Thusanthan - Bronze Medal
- 65kg: A.U.U Sandakelum - Silver Medal
- 70kg: Y.Jenanan - Bronze Medal
- 79kg: K. Dilaxsan - Gold Medal
- 86kg: M. Pravin - Gold Medal

The Eastern University, Sri Lanka secured the overall 2nd place with 14 points.

Karate:

- Over 68 kg category : Ananthan Anoja - Gold Medal
- Below 75 kg : L. Sujeewanan – Bronze Medal

Sri Lanka University Colours Winners:

- K. Rinosha - Chess (Men),
- I.M.T.M Udaransi Jayawardene - Chess (Women)
- A. Tharsika - Basketball (Women)
- P. Sanuja - Basketball (Women)
- H.K. Dilshan - Cricket (Men)
- T. Nilavan - Football (Men)
- J. Tharshanan - Football (Men)
- V.P. Kosikan - Hockey (Men)
- Ananthan Anoja - Karate (Women)
- K. Dilaxan - Wrestling (Men)
- M. Pravin - Wrestling (Men)



Inter University Weightlifting Championship - 2022

The championship took place on January 7th and 8th, 2023, at the Mini Gymnasium, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Kanagasingham, participated as the Chief Guest, along with the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. E. Karunakaran. Prof. N. Rajeshwaran presided over the event, and the Acting Director, Mr. S. Thibaharan, and the Instructors in Physical Education also participated.



Eastern University Shines with Gold and Silver Medals in Sri Lanka Senior SUMO Wrestling Championship 2023

The Sri Lanka Senior National SUMO Wrestling Championship, organized by the Sri Lanka SUMO Federation, took place on February 5th, 2023. The representatives from Eastern University, Sri Lanka, showcased their exceptional skills and determination, earning the institution an impressive collection of medals.

The Eastern University team secured four medals, including one gold and three silver. Their remarkable technique, strength, and resilience throughout the championship earned them admiration from spectators. The gold medalist exemplified their individual skill and the support provided by Eastern University.



Institutional Review Awareness Sessions at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Staff Development Center organized three informative Awareness Sessions on Institutional Review for Non-Academic Staff on January 09th 10th and 11th, 2023. The academics Prof. T. Bavan, Professor in Economics, Professor. M. Sithamparesan, Professor in Chemistry, Prof. N. Rajeshwaran, Professor in Accounting & Finance, and Prof. S. Arasaretnam, Professor in Chemistry shared expertise and insights on the significance, evaluation process, and best practices of institutional review. The sessions had a remarkable turnout and active participation, emphasizing the importance of continuous improvement within the institution.



Eastern University Conducts Mycology Research Workshop for Academic Staff Members

The Staff Development Center organized another insightful workshop on mycology research opportunities and collaborations for academic staff members on January 19, 2023. Distinguished experts Professor Samantha C. Karunaratna, Professor Saowaluck Tibpromma, and Professor Nalin Wijayawardene from Qujing Normal University, China shared their knowledge on emerging trends and applications in mycology. The workshop aimed to expand understanding, promote collaboration, and explore research avenues. Interactive sessions facilitated discussions and brainstorming, fostering a collaborative environment for future initiatives in mycology.



Workshop on SWOT Analysis for Institutional Review Conducted at EUSL

A successful workshop on SWOT analysis for the Institutional Review was held on February 1, 2023. The workshop provided valuable insights and guidance to the Assigned Staff members of the SER Writing team for the Institutional Review. Divided into two sessions, the first session focused on non-academic staff, while the second session catered to the SER Writing team. Senior Prof. T. Velnampy from the University of Jaffna guided the attendees through practical exercises and case studies, enabling them to effectively identify and analyze the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats specific to EUSL, thereby gaining valuable insights for improvement and growth.



Workshop on Effective Office Management and Time Management

The Workshop on Effective Office Management and Time Management was successfully completed on February 23, 2023. Divided into two sessions by 9 O'Clock for Non-Academic and from 11 O'Clock for Academic staff, the workshop featured Professor K. Maran, the Director of Sri Sai Ram Institute of Management Studies, Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, India, as the resource person. Participants gained insights into goal setting, task prioritization, communication, workspace organization, time management, stress management, and work-life balance. The workshop fostered a collaborative learning atmosphere and received positive feedback from participants. EUSL expresses gratitude to Prof. K. Maran and emphasizes its commitment to continuous professional development.



Eastern University Career Guidance Unit Conducts Successful Workshop on CV Writing and Cover Letter Preparation

The Career Guidance Unit organized an engaging workshop on CV writing and cover letter preparation, targeting final year undergraduates of the Faculty of Arts and Culture on February 28, 2023. Conducted by Mr. Kaleel Shameel, the Assistant Manager/Human Resources of Brandix Apparel Limited, the workshop provided valuable insights and practical guidance for successful job applications. Participants gained skills in tailoring documents, presenting achievements effectively, and demonstrating professional etiquette. The event received positive feedback and highlights the university's commitment to empowering students for career success.



Workshop on Interpersonal Skills Development Empowers Eastern University's Technology Undergraduates

The Career Guidance Unit hosted another enlightening workshop on Interpersonal Skills Development for 3rd year undergraduates of the Faculty of Technology on March 10th, 2023. Led by Mr. Vinasiththamby Papakaran, Divisional Secretary of Alayadivembu, the workshop equipped students with essential communication and relationship-building skills. Through interactive sessions and activities, students gained insights into effective listening, non-verbal communication, conflict resolution, and networking. The event received positive feedback, reflecting the university's commitment to preparing students for success in their future careers.



Workshop on Modern Leadership and Time Management at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Eastern University's Center for External Degree and Extension Courses conducted a transformative workshop on "Modern Leadership and Time Management," on the 25th of February 2023. This highly anticipated event aims to equip participants with valuable insights and practical skills to excel in leadership roles and optimize their time effectively. Under the guidance of the Director of CEDEC, Dr. T. Prabakaran, the workshop was facilitated by the resource person, Prof. Dr. K. Maran, the Director of Sri Sai Ram Institute of Management Studies, Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, India.



Eastern University, Sri Lanka, collaborates with Exiga Private Limited to empower students in the evolving tech world

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, explores collaboration with Exiga Private Limited on 16th February 2023, aiming to empower students in the evolving tech world. The discussion, attended by distinguished representatives from both institutions including the Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasigam and the Country Director of Exiga Pvt. Ltd. Dr. A. U. L. A. Himy, focused on the influences of Web 3.0 and the Blockchain industry. The partnership seeks to equip students with practical experiences and industry insights, bridging the academia-industry gap and nurturing future tech leaders. This collaboration signifies a milestone in preparing students for global technological opportunities and fostering innovation for Sri Lanka's technological advancement.



Ceremonial Inauguration of Advanced Certificate in Sustaining Peace through Pluralism & Exclusive Service Delivery Programme

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the National Peace Council successfully launched an Advanced Certificate program focused on promoting peace and inclusive service delivery on January 28, 2023. The inauguration ceremony brought together the Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasisingam and the notable speaker Dr. Jehan Perera, the Executive Director of the National Peace Council who emphasized the importance of pluralism and collaboration in achieving lasting peace. The program aims to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills to address challenges faced by diverse communities and contribute to a more peaceful and inclusive Sri Lanka. Dr. T. Prabakaran, the Director of CEDEC presided the event.



Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and Brandix Apparel Limited Forge Strategic Partnership

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and Brandix Apparel Limited signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on February 24, 2023, solidifying their partnership to enhance student opportunities and foster collaboration in academic growth, internship programs, workshops, exposure visits, mentoring, career fairs, CSR projects, and research activities. Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasisingam and Director East - Brandix Apparel Solution Mr. Iswaran Senthil were the signatories, and both institutions expressed their commitment to meaningful projects for the betterment of society.



Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and Chartered Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka Sign MOU to Foster Collaboration and Enhance HR Practices

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), Sri Lanka, have signed an MOU to collaborate on advancing HR practices on March 2, 2023. The partnership involves academic and research collaboration, joint programs, workshops, and seminars, as well as professional certifications for Eastern University students. The collaboration aims to enhance HR education and create a bridge between academia and industry in Sri Lanka. This alliance will undoubtedly create a positive impact on the HR sector in Sri Lanka by fostering knowledge exchange, research, and skill development.



Eastern University, Sri Lanka Signs MOU with College of Biological and Food Engineering, Qujing Normal University, China

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the College of Biological and Food Engineering at Qujing Normal University, China, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance academic collaboration on January 8, 2023. The partnership will focus on joint research projects, faculty and student exchanges, and the development of academic programs in biotechnology, food science, and sustainable agriculture. This collaboration aims to foster knowledge sharing, innovation, and cultural understanding, benefiting both institutions and the scientific community at large. The signing ceremony, held at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka was attended by prominent dignitaries, including university officials, faculty members, and distinguished guests from both Sri Lanka and China. The occasion witnessed the exchange of signed documents, symbolizing the commitment to fostering academic cooperation and promoting mutual understanding between the two institutions.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka Prof. V. Kanagasisingam expressed his delight at the establishment of this partnership, emphasizing its potential to advance scientific research and technological advancements.



Special Discussion between Eastern University, Sri Lanka and Delegates from Yunnan Province of China Paves the Way for Collaborative Initiatives



A momentous meeting took place on the 15th of March 2023 at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, as delegates headed by the Foreign Affairs Director from Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, engaged in a special discussion with representatives from the Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The university's administration was represented by notable figures, including Prof. V. Kanagasingam, the Vice Chancellor; Prof. K. E. Karunakaran, the Deputy Vice Chancellor; Dr. C. Y. Thangarajah, the Coordinator of the International Affairs Division; and the Deans of the Faculties. The fruitful dialogue was aimed at fostering bilateral cooperation and exploring avenues for joint initiatives in various fields.

As a result of the productive meeting, it was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be drafted to formalize the collaborative efforts between Eastern University and the Yunnan Province. The MOU, expected to be signed in May 2023, will lay the foundation for a long-term partnership, facilitating meaningful exchanges of knowledge and expertise.

Indian Delegates Visit Eastern University, Sri Lanka to Strengthen Cultural and Educational Ties

A delegation of Indian officials, led by Prof. Ankuran, the Director of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo, and Mr. Vivek Gupta, the First Secretary to the Education of the High Commission of India, recently visited Eastern University, Sri Lanka to explore opportunities for collaboration and the promotion of Indian culture and languages within the university community. They were welcomed by the Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingam and discussed establishing an Indian Library Corner, exchange programs, and postgraduate opportunities. Furthermore, the Indian delegation emphasized the availability of postgraduate opportunities for Sri Lankan students in various disciplines at Indian universities. By highlighting these opportunities, they aimed to encourage students to consider pursuing higher education in India, thereby strengthening educational ties between the two countries. The delegation visited the Museum of Hindu Culture and the university library. The visit aims to enhance cultural understanding, academic collaborations, and strengthen ties between India and Sri Lanka.



Meeting on Collaborative Research Sharing Mechanism Held at the Parliament of Republic of Sri Lanka



A meeting was held at the Sri Lankan Parliament to promote collaborative research sharing for the country's development. Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian, and Prof. J. Kennedy, Professor of English, were among the distinguished participants. Former Parliamentarian Mr. Thilakar played a key role in organizing the event.

The meeting aimed to integrate research findings and patents from universities into Sri Lanka's development initiatives. Discussions focused on sharing research nationally and internationally. Dr. Jeyaraj delivered a comprehensive presentation on the initiatives and outcomes of research carried out by the Eastern University and highlighted the mechanisms by which eRepositories can be leveraged to reach international retrieval platforms, thereby amplifying the impact and visibility of research conducted within the country. The meeting facilitated fruitful discussions, promoting ideas and best practices for effective research sharing. Participants recognized the need for a collaborative research framework aligned with national development goals. By merging research with development processes, Sri Lanka can drive innovation and address societal challenges. The outcomes of the meeting will enhance research collaboration, knowledge dissemination, and contribute to sustainable development.

Swami Vipulananda's Poetries Set to Music in Spectacular CD Release

A mesmerizing musical journey unfolded at the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies as the highly anticipated CD release, titled "Vipulananda Sangeetham," took place amidst an esteemed gathering of renowned personalities on February 23, 2023. The event was presided over by the Director, Dr. Bharathy Kennedy, and graced by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Kalamathy Pathmarajah, Government Agent of Batticaloa. It showcased the profound fusion of Swami Vipulananda's eight poetries with captivating music coordinated by Mrs. Hamsathvani Prasathsarma Kurukkal. Swami Vipulananda's thought-provoking poetries have long been revered for their depth and lyrical beauty.



The event witnessed the presence of esteemed guests, including Indian Tamil Cinema Actor Mr. Naazer and the founder of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies and former Minister of Cultural Affairs, Mr. Chelliah Rajadurai. Also in attendance were Prof. S. Maunaguru, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Culture; Mr. Iyathurai Gajamuhan, Senior Journalist and Director of Shakthi FM; and the Chancellor, Mr. S. Selvarajah, and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Kanagasingham, of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka. As the melodies of "Vipulananda Sangeetham" echo through the cultural landscape, the legacy of Swami Vipulananda continues to inspire generations, reminding us of the timeless beauty of art and its ability to unite souls in harmony.

Cabinet Approves Establishment of Faculty of Siddha Medicine at Trincomalee Campus, EUSL

The Cabinet Ministry in Sri Lanka at its meeting held on February 6, 2023, approved the establishment of a Faculty of Siddha Medicine at the Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University Sri Lanka. This decision recognizes the potential benefits of Siddha medicine and will provide education, research, and healthcare integration in this traditional system. The Faculty aims to preserve and promote traditional knowledge, offer holistic healthcare, and contribute to the country's inclusive healthcare environment.

The upliftment of the Unit of Siddha Medicine to a full-fledged Faculty will enable the Trincomalee Campus, EUSL to offer comprehensive academic programs, research opportunities, and specialized training in Siddha medicine. It reflects the government's commitment to fostering the development of alternative medicine systems and creating a more inclusive healthcare environment.



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27.03.2023 அன்று இடம்பெற்ற அமைச்சரவைக் கூட்டத்தில் எட்டப்பட்ட முடிவுகள்

02. இலங்கை யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மற்றும் கிழக்குப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் திருகோணமலை வளாகத்தில் தற்போது காணப்படுகின்ற சித்த மருத்துவ பிரிவுகளை தரமுயர்த்துதல்

யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மற்றும் இலங்கை கிழக்குப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் திருகோணமலை வளாகத்தில் தற்போது காணப்படுகின்ற சித்த மருத்துவ பிரிவுகளைப் பீடங்களாகத் தரமுயர்த்துதல் பற்றி 2023.02.06 அன்று இடம்பெற்ற அமைச்சரவைக் கூட்டத்தில் கலந்துரையாடப்பட்டது. அதற்காக போதியளவு கல்வி மற்றும் ஊழியர்கள் வசதிகள் உள்ளனவா என்பதை ஆராய்ந்து பல்கலைக்கழக மானியங்கள் ஆணைக்குழுவின் அறிக்கையைப் பெற்றுக் கொள்வதற்குத் தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டது. அதற்கமைய, சித்த மருத்துவ பிரிவுகளைப் பீடங்களாக மாற்றம் செய்வதற்குப் போதுமானளவு மனிதவளம் மற்றும் பௌதிக வளங்கள் காணப்படுவதாக பல்கலைக்கழக மானியங்கள் ஆணைக்குழு உறுதிப்படுத்தியுள்ளது. கல்வி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சமர்ப்பித்த குறித்த விடயங்களைக் கருத்தில் கொண்டு குறித்த சித்த மருத்துவ பிரிவுகளை, பீடங்களாகத் தரமுயர்த்துவதற்குத் தேவையான நடவடிக்கைகளை மேற்கொள்வதற்கு அமைச்சரவை அங்கீகாரம் வழங்கியுள்ளது.

Digital Wall Launched at Trincomalee Campus Library

The Trincomalee Campus Library celebrated the official launch of the Digital Wall, erected by the British Council Sri Lanka. The ceremony began with an enchanting welcome dance performed by students from the Department of Languages & Communication Studies. Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Krishanthi Sivalingam, delivered a warm welcome address, setting the stage for the proceedings. The Guests of Honour, the Rector of the Campus, Prof. Chandravathany Devathasan, and the Country Director of the British Council Sri Lanka, Mr. Orlando Edwards, expressed their gratitude for the collaboration between the British Council Sri Lanka and Trincomalee Campus in their addresses. The Chief Guest, Prof. V. Kanagasingam, the Vice Chancellor who attended online, highlighted the transformative role of technology in education. Mrs. Shiroma Benaragama, the Manager of Library & Information Services at the British Council Sri Lanka, demonstrated the features of the Digital Wall. Concluding the ceremony, Senior Assistant Librarian Mrs. Vijeyaluxmy Suthakaran delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to all those involved in making the Digital Wall project a reality. The Digital Wall launch signifies a significant stride towards enhanced digital learning and improved accessibility to the resources provided by the British Council, fostering a dynamic and innovative academic environment for students and faculty alike.



NEW POSITIONS



DEAN
Faculty of Arts and Culture
Dr. V. Gunapalasingam
Senior Lecturer in Hindu Civilization

PROMOTIONS



PROFESSOR in GEOGRAPHY
Prof. K. Rajendram



PROFESSOR in DRAMA & THEATRE
Prof. S. Jeyasankar



PROFESSOR in ECONOMICS
Prof. K. Suresh



SENIOR LECTURER Gr. I in GEOGRAPHY
Mrs. T. Sachithanantham



SENIOR LECTURER Gr. I in ARABIC
Mr. M. I. M. Thalib



SENIOR LECTURER Gr. II in CHEMISTRY
Dr. R. Joy Ebenezer



SENIOR LECTURER Gr. II in ARABIC
Mr. S. L. M. Nashmel

NEW APPOINTMENTS



LECTURER (Prob.) in PHYSICS

Ms. H. G. D. P. Ubeysekara

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In a productive and enlightening session held on January 10, 2023, Mrs. Anuradha Jayampath, the Governor of the Eastern Province in Sri Lanka, engaged in a fruitful discussion with senior academics from the Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The purpose was to gather insights for the upcoming year's budget proposal. Key areas discussed included agriculture, fisheries, power and energy, and weather changes. The governor emphasized the importance of inclusive decision-making and assured that the academics' inputs would be seriously considered. The discussion contributes to evidence-based decision-making and inclusive governance for the Eastern Province's sustainable development.



Launching of Students' Magazine "Techno East" by Eastern University's Students' Union

The Students' Union of the Faculty of Technology has launched an annual magazine called "Techno East" to showcase the achievements and ideas of the students. T.P. Karunasena acts as the Chief Editor, and P.V.D.N.N.T. Kumarasena, L.S.N. Liyanarachchi, G.D.D. Malshani, J.S. Ivoni, S. Hamshapriyaah, and R.A. Mallikarachchi are on the Editorial Board. The magazine has been designed by Amila Abewardhana, K.B. Chalanga, and S.S. Ekanayake. It covers various topics and aims to promote innovation and academic excellence. "Techno East" can be accessed online at <https://fot.esn.ac.lk/magazines>. This initiative reflects the students' commitment to fostering technological advancements and academic growth while they are attached to the university.



Call for Papers - Sri Lanka Journal of Multidisciplinary Research

The scholarly publication of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, "The Sri Lanka Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (SLJMR)," is inviting original research papers for its inaugural issue. The journal aims to promote interdisciplinary research and knowledge exchange, providing a platform for scholars from diverse fields. Submissions in English are welcomed across various disciplines. Manuscripts must be original, adhere to the journal's guidelines, and be submitted by April 30, 2023. The journal employs a double-blind peer-review process. The SLJMR seeks to contribute to the scholarly community and invites researchers to submit their articles for publication.



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