



# Newsletter

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## Induction Programme for Academic Staff 2022

The Induction Programme for Academic Staff 2022 was started on 15th August 2022 at SDC Hall, EUSL. The resource persons for the first-day session were Prof Suki Ekarathne, Former Director, Staff Development Centre, University of Colombo, Prof. A. Anton Arulrajah, Professor in Management, Department of Management, Faculty of Commerce & Management, EUSL and Dr K. E. Karunakaran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, EUSL.



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*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*

## Workshop on Event Management for Administrative Staff Members of EUSL

Workshop on Event Management for Administrative Staff of the EUSL including Trincomalee Campus and SVIAS to enhance their skills and capacity to perform their duties more efficiently and professionally for the betterment of the university was conducted 08th & 09th April 2022 at Sober Island Hotel, Trincomalee. The resource persons for this workshop were LC Dr D.G.K.G.T. Kumara and his team.



## English Skills Development Course for Management Assistants (MAs)/EUSL

To enhance the English Language Communication ability of MAs, the DELT conducts sessions for them. The entire session is activity based where the participants bring in genuine language problems at work to discuss in the face-to-face sessions under the guidance of Staff/DELT. Further, the participants are requested to reflect on each session and to submit an end course Portfolio for assessment purposes. The program was suggested by the Registrar/EUSL and recommended by the Vice-chancellor under the guidance of Dean/FAC/EUSL. Mr.S.Sasitharan, Instructor in English, DELT is seen in discussion with the participants at one of the sessions.





### Exposure Visits to CCB & NADA

Exposure visits to Coconut Cultivation Board, Mylambavelli, and National Aquaculture Development Authority, Puthukudirippu, Batticaloa on 17th August 2022 of the Third Year Students (2017/2018 batch) under ELTA-ELSE Faculty grant, AHEAD project, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.



### English Skills Development Program for School Students of Bt. Savukkadi Barathy

With the concept of community outreach programs by the EUSL, under the project of Smart Model Village Development Program Savukkadi organized by the Centre for Industry Community Linkage, the DELT is facilitating to the students of Savukkadi Barathy Vidiyalayam to develop their English language communication skills.

Ms.S.Ravichandran, Instructress in English/DELT took over the responsibilities of conducting classes to the school students.





## Distribution of Vegetable Seedlings to the Community

Vegetable seedlings (Brinjal and Chilli) were distributed to the people in Urani and Mananthoduwa, Batticaloa on 26th July 2022 for promoting Home Gardening. This programme was conducted in collaboration with University Farm, Faculty of Agriculture, Eastern University and Department of Agriculture (Extension). The above seedlings were raised in polybags by staff in the University Farm for this purpose.

The Director of CENSARM thanked the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, the Assistant Director of Department of Agriculture (Extension) and the Farm Manager of University Farm, Professor and other Staff for their participation to issue the seedlings for planting in the community garden.



## Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the Diploma in Human Resource Management (DHRM)

The first Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the Diploma in Human Resource Management (DHRM) organized by External Studies Unit, Faculty of Communication and Business Studies, Trincomalee Campus was held on Monday, 26th September 2022 from 1.30pm onwards at the Trincomalee Campus, Conference Hall.

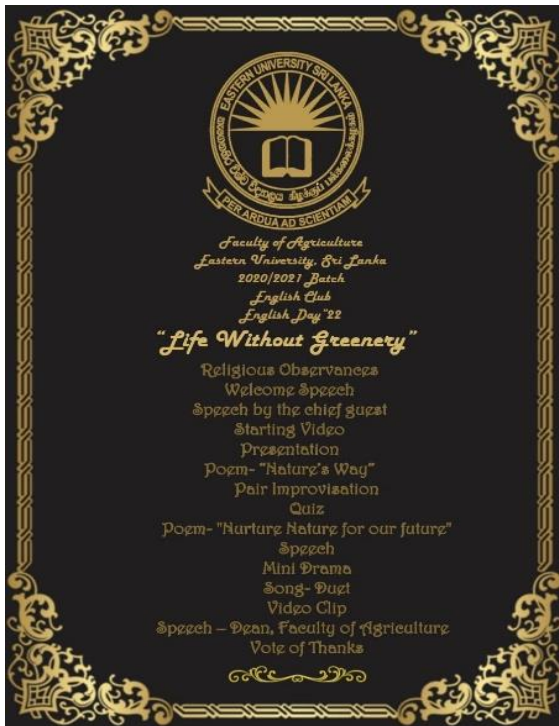
The Awarding Ceremony was graced by the Chief guest Prof. V.Kanagasisingam, Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Guest of honour Dr.T.Prabaharan, Director, Centre for External Degrees and Extension Courses (CEDEC), Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Prof. (Mrs).Chandravathany G Devadason, Rector of Trincomalee Campus and Deans of all the Faculties of Trincomalee Campus, Heads of the Departments and Academics of Trincomalee Campus, Register as well as External Studies Unit/FCBS Programme Coordinators and the other distinguished guests participated the event. There were 35 Diploma holders who received their Certificates and the event was concluded with great success.





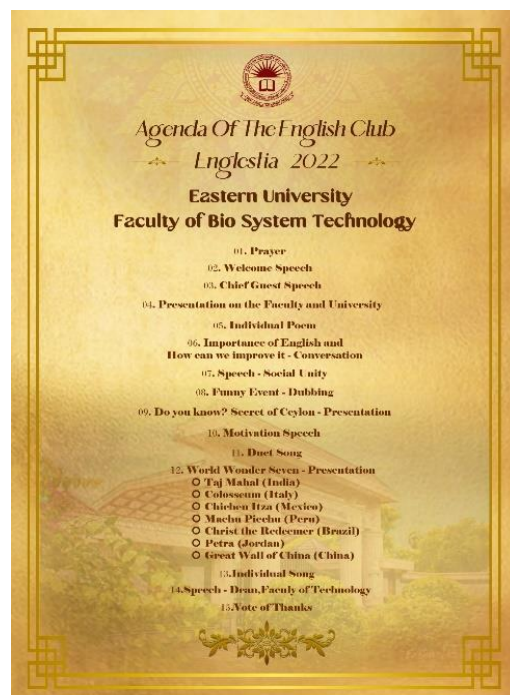
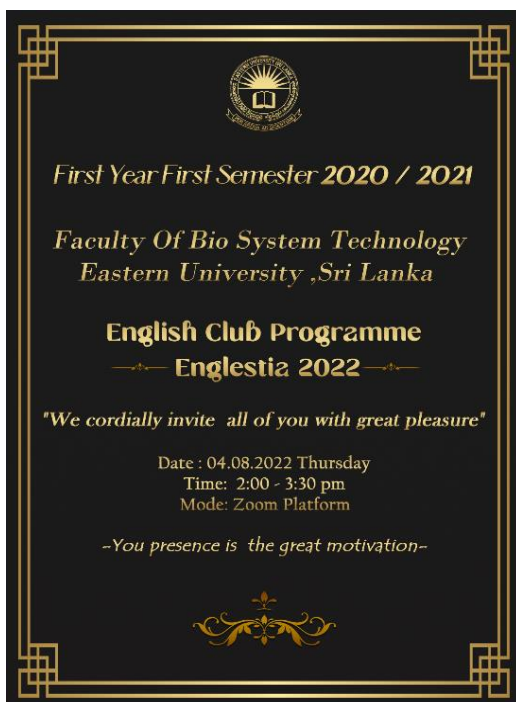
## Life without Greenery - English Club activities by the Faculty of Agriculture

The First Year First Semester students of Faculty of Agriculture showcased their English language proficiency via virtual platform under the theme of “Life without Greenery”. Mr.P.S.Jeyasingam, Senior Instructor in English, DELT guided the students towards the successful performance.



## English Club activities by the Faculty of Bio System Technology

“Englestia” was the theme of the First Year First Semester students of Faculty of Bio System Technology for their performance under the English Club activities. Mr.P.S.Jeyasingam, Senior Instructor in English, DELT encouraged the students in their English Club activities.



## Invitational University Kabaddi Championship 2022

The Invitational University Kabaddi Championship 2022 was held on the 17th of September 2022 at the University of Colombo.

1. Eastern University men won their first match of the tournament against the University of Kelaniya by a margin of 31-13 to get off to a winning start.

2. Eastern University cruises into a win against University of Colombo 'B' team at the men's invitational Kabaddi Championship with a score of 35 - 03.

3. The men's team of University of Sri Jayawardenapura walks away with a win against Eastern University with a score of 23 - 17 at the men's invitational Kabaddi Championship.

### 4. Semifinal

A thrilling 1st semi-final of the men's tournament saw Eastern University beat University of Colombo 'A' team by a single point to advance into the finals of the men's invitational Kabaddi Championship. The scores read 25 - 24

5. The final match – Eastern VS Sabragamuwa University ended with a score of 15 - 21. Eastern University, emerge as RUNNERS UP of the men's tournament of the Invitational National University Kabaddi Championship 2022.



The Physical Education Unit, EUSL proudly announces that A.U.U. Sandakelum of Faculty of Science was given the best Raider player award of the tournament by the tournament committee. Mr. S. Thibaharan (Game in charge/Kabbady ) IPE was appointed as the Manager for the teams. Mr. Demiyan Roziro (Ground man) was appointed as the coach for the both teams.

## International Day of University Sports (IDUS) 2022

International Day of University Sports (IDUS) was held on 20/09/2022 at the University of Colombo with the participation of 16 universities with Senior Prof. Chandana P. Uduwatta as the Chief Guest, Vice Chairman, UGC and Senior Prof. H. D. Karunaratne University of Colombo Vice-Chancellor was also the guest of honor.

The Sri Lanka University Sports Association (SLUSA) was chaired by Dr N Rajeswaran. IDUS, Sri Lanka's celebrations for the International University Sports Day outdoor activities concluded on the same day evening at the Colombo University Grounds with the participation of all the universities.





## Centre for External Degrees and Extension Courses

The Centre for External Degrees and Extension courses commenced Diploma in Agriculture Programme with the collaboration of Faculty of Agriculture.

The inauguration ceremony of the programme was held on 10.09.2022 at 10.00 am at Nallaiah Auditorium, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. V. Kanagasigam, Vice chancellor, EUSL as the Chief Guest. Dr. N. Pagthinathan, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture was the Guest of Honor and Dr. T. Prabakaran, Director CEDEC presided the ceremony.

Dr. T. Prabakaran, Director, CEDEC delivered a speech welcoming all the dignitaries and the students present. Dr. M. Pagthinathan, Dean, FAG elaborated on the value of the Diploma programme offered by the Faculty of Agriculture.

The Vice Chancellor addressed the gathering and provided some valuable insights of this programme particularly the relevancy and importance of the regional development to the students. A splendid introduction to the programme was given by Dr. Niranjana Rodney Fernando, Head, Dept. of Agric. Biology enlightening the students.

Mr. A. Pahirathan, Registrar, Heads of Dept. of the Faculty, Academic Staff members of the Faculty, Mrs. A. Vasitharan, Assistant Registrar/ CEDEC and non-academic staff members of CEDEC and the selected candidates of the Diploma in Agriculture programme had participated in this inauguration ceremony.

Finally, Mrs. Amuthinie Suhirtharan, Programme Coordinator presented the vote of thanks concluding the ceremony successfully.



## The office of the Centre for Industry and Community Linkages (CICL) was declared open

The office of the Centre for Industry and Community Linkages (CICL) was officially declared open on 07.07.2022.

In the grand opening ceremony Prof. V. Kanagaingam, Vice chancellor, EUSL graced the occasion as the Chief guest. Dr E. Srinaath, MOH, Chenkalady attended as a special guest and Dr K. Arulanandem, Director CICL organized the ceremony.

Director SVIAS, Deans of Faculties, Senate members, Registrar, Bursar, Management Committee Members of CICL, Directors and Coordinators of Centres, Administrative Officers, Presidents of trade unions of EUSL and non-academic staff members participated.

To make this event remarkable, seedlings of chilli and brinjal were donated to the staff in order to encourage home gardening.



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## Opening Ceremony of Hindu Art Gallery and Museum

Hindu Art Gallery and Museum, established by Department of Hindu Civilization, Faculty of Arts and Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, has been officially opened on 10.08.2022 at 02.00 p.m., under the presidency of the ceremony Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Kanagasingam and the Vice presidency of the ceremony, Dr. V. Gunapalasingam, Head, Department of Hindu Civilization, in the presence of Chancellor of Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Retired Prof. M. Selvarajah and the chancellor of University of Jaffna, Prof. S. Pathmanathan.



In this ceremony, the District secretary of Batticaloa, Mr. K. Karunakaran had been invited as a Special guest and Acting Dean, Prof. S. Santhirasegaram had been invited as a Distinguished guest. The Divisional secretary of Porativu pattu, Ms. R. Ragulanayagi was the guest of honor and former Deans of the faculty of arts and culture, Dr. C.Y.Thangarajah, Retired Snr. Prof. (Dr.)Ammankili Murugathas, Dr. (Ms.) S. Ponnaiyah, Dr. K. Rajendram were the visting guests.

The Deputy Vice chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Director, SVIAS, Registrar and Bursar, Deans of other faculties, Heads of the departments, academics, administrative officers and employees of the universities took part in the opening ceremony.

When the Chancellor of University of Jaffna Prof. S. Pathmanathan addressed “ I witness this Museum as a wonderful establishment in Universities of Sri Lanka.” Prof. M. Selvarajah, Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in his address mentioned “This is an amazing initiative of this University and the Faculty too.” The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. V. Kanagasingam in his address noted. “ A long term need for the University has now been satisfied with the establishment of this Art Gallery and Museum.” The Acting Dean, Prof. S. Santhirasegaram mentioned that this Museum and Art Gallery is the important resource for the faculty.





## Memorandum of Understanding signed between Eastern University and National Peace Council

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Eastern University of Sri Lanka and the National Peace Council to conduct a short course for Government staff on 'Inclusive service delivery' at the Eastern University. It is expected that this will be a good opportunity for the community to receive quality service of the government.



## Visitation of the Governor of Eastern Province

The Eastern University, Sri Lanka thrives to move with all communities and reconcile in all avenues and established a Centre to implement the able things to maintain such reconciliation.

The above centre was ceremonially opened by the Governor of the Eastern Province, Hon. Anuradha Yahampath on the 30th of August, 2022. The Governor was presented with a token of appreciation by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Kanasingam.





## Scholarship Scheme for Undergraduates of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka by the Government of China



The function was presided over by Prof. Vallipuram Kanagasingam with the participation of the Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Qi Zhenhong and Ms. Ambassador Qi Zhenhong, at the Faculty of Health Care Sciences, Eastern University Sri Lanka on the 06th of September, 2022

In the wake of many community-oriented development projects to be embarked in the Eastern Province by the Republic of China, as the first step, to start with the educational related projects, the Ambassador of Republic of China Scholarship was initiated by the Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka today (06.09.2022).

Dr.Y.Thangarajah, the Coordinator of the International Affairs Division delivered the introductory address. On this occasion, to start with, the Ambassador officially handed over Rupees 4.3 million for covering 07 months with the amount of Rs.4000/= monthly for 150 selected students from all the Faculties to Prof.V.Kanagasingam, the Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the scholarship was also awarded to the selected students by the Chinese ambassador to Sri Lanka and other officials.



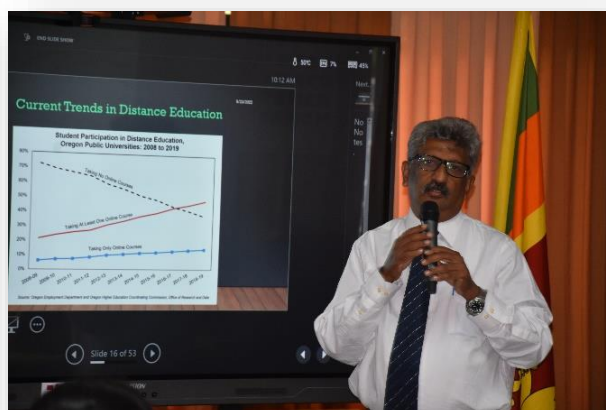
Also, dignitaries of the Embassy of China, Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. K.Karunakaran, Director/SVIAS Dr. Mrs. Kennedy, Deans of the Faculties Prof. M. Pagthinathan, Prof. J. Kennedy, Dr.T.Sathananthan, Dr. S.Jeyarajah, Librarian Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, Registrar, Mr.A.Pahitharan, Heads of the Departments of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Directors of Zonal Education, School Principals and Undergraduates of the Eastern University participated in this function.





## Workshop on Introduction to Open and Distance Learning

An awareness workshop on 'Open and Distance learning' presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Kanagasingam was held for the Academic Staff Members. Senior Prof. S.A.Ariadurai, the Consultant on Sabbatical, was the Resource Professional for the above workshop.



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