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## **Precision Surveying Drone** – Ready for Commercialization



University of Moratuwa has developed a precision surveying quadrotor drone, called “Mora-X”, for commercial applications. The drone has a REACH M+ Real-time kinematic (RTK) GPS sensor interfaced to the flight controller to register the

aerial photos with precise geo-location by comparing and correcting temporal anomalies in GPS signals with REACH RS+ reference station on the ground (PPK- Post Processed Kinematic). Shutter signal of the 20MPix camera is used for GPS tagging,

thus, reducing position error caused by time difference (about 100ms) between trigger command and camera shutter.

Camera is tilted down by 7 degrees, the same pitch-down angle of the drone while cruising in surveying missions so that the aerial photos are all perfectly registered. With all these features, Mora-X has been able to achieve a georeferencing accuracy of 3-4cm in aerial surveying. Commercialization of the drone will take place through the “Enterprise – University Business Linkage Cell”. Mora-X was designed by Prof. Rohan Munasinghe and developed by the unmanned aerial vehicle research team.

## **DICB 2019** of Department of Earth Resources Engineering



The thirteenth Department Industry Consultative Board [DICB] of the Department of Earth Resources Engineering was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo. The panel included industrial representatives,

academic staff of the Department and representatives from Industrial Training Division of the University of Moratuwa. The panel discussed key topics such as collaborating with industry to develop timely research work,

improving employability and professional development of the students, and implementing future research projects more focused on industrial practical problems to generate research outcomes with national value.

## Guest **Lectures / Talks**

### **The Legendary Guru** | Vidya Jyothi Professor Emeritus Archt. Kudathelgae Rupert Shelton

Peiris [From front page]



Sri Lanka Institute of architects held its first memorial oration series on Architectural Education with guru

extraordinaire, Prof. KRS Peiris, former Head of Department of Architecture and Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, and a key pioneer of Architectural Education in Sri Lanka on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

Architect Shiranee Balasuriya, Senior Consultant Department of Architecture presented the citation of Professor. KRS Peiris titled ‘The DNA of a Legendary Guru’, followed by Prof. KRS Peiris Memorial Oration Lecture on ‘Architecture

for the Spirit’ delivered by the eminent Architect Channa Daswatte. Prof. KRS Peiris was the recipient of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Gold medal for his significant contribution to the profession of Architecture, Building Economics for which he was honored with title VidyaJyothi (‘Luminary of Science’) in 1992.

Prof. Peiris is legendary at UoM, as he was the Architect of the Sumanadasa Building, which remain the most iconic building of the University, after many decades.

## BEMRU Research Colloquium

Building Economics and Management Research Unit (BEMRU) conducted a research colloquium on “Thematic Analysis” on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Department of Building Economics Auditorium. The session included a presentation by Dr. Kanchana Ginige, Northumbria University, United Kingdom, which was followed by a lively round table discussion on the topic and other research methodological related matters.

## Guest Lectures

A series of guest lectures were organized by the Department of Building Economics, University of Moratuwa, to improve student awareness on important aspects in the field and to build non-academic skills needed for professional growth.

Mr. Rashitha Nilan Delapola, Consultant (Operations & Projects), Orient Academy Limited conducted a session on “Career Discipline and Personality” 04<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Mr. Dasun De Silva, Manager - Waterproofing Solutions, Finex Engineering (Pvt) Ltd. conducted a lecture on “**Building Materials Workshop - Waterproofing Solutions**” on 09<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Mrs. Subashini Dasanayake, Director, VForm Consultants (Pvt) Ltd did a guest lecture on “**Cost X – Lecture Series**” from 06<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019.

## Industry Insights - a Guest Lecture Series



Mr. Sahan Siriwardana, Senior Logistics Manager, Abans PLC conducted a special guest lecture on Modern Developments in

Supply Chain through real-world examples on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the Department of TLM.

Mr. Dananjaya Wijesinge, Senior Executive –Facilities Management, AIA Insurance Lanka PLC did a session on “FM Integration in Corporate Sector” on 04<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Mr. Lalith Rathnayake, Director, VForm Consultants (Pvt) Ltd and Mr. Jayantha Jayakody [MBA (PM), B.SC (QS), Dip. Arb, AIQSSL] conducted a session on “**Claims and Dispute Management**” 04<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Ch.QS (Mrs.) Deepa Samaraweera, Assistant Project Director, Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development held a session on “**Price Fluctuation**” on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Ch QS. C.P. Jasingha, Director, 3G Consultants (Pvt) Ltd did a guest lecture on “Diversification of QS Practice” on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

## Academic Programs

### Accreditation Visit – Department of Mechanical Engineering



The Department of Mechanical Engineering has taken measures to renew accreditation of the undergraduate programme in line with the Washington Accord (WA) accreditation. The Washington Accord is an international agreement between bodies responsible for accrediting engineering degree programmes. A panel appointed by the Institution of Engineers (IESL) Sri Lanka visited the Department

from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to observe the undergraduate Degree programme.

The panel inspected the Department’s approach in delivering the programme against the WA guidelines. Commendations were given for many aspects including final year projects, workshop maintenance, and module documentation.

### Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Re- Accreditation for BSc. (Hons) in Transport and Logistics Management



Undergraduate program, BSc. (Hons) in Transport and Logistics Management has been granted accreditation for three years.

## Robot Competition 2019



The Department of Electrical Engineering organized a competition on July 26, 2019 for students following the module EN2532:

Robot Design and Competition. Their task involved creating and designing of robots who would be taking a route based on the

colour of a coin picked up by the robot, depositing the coin at the right place, emptying the water in one glass to another, climbing up and down a hill, and traversing an unknown maze. The activity required students to use their electronic, embedded systems, and engineering design skills, and both staff and students enjoyed taking part in the event.

## Conferences & Symposium

### ENTC Graduates Invent DeepCaps, A Method to Deepen Capsule Neural Networks



The deep neural network technology that encodes relationships between entities (e.g., spatial relationship between eyes, nose to the face in face detection) called CapsNets, although conceptually strong, is shallow. A recent work by the research

group of ENTC undergraduates shows how to make these networks deep and by improving detection. As a result, neural networks can now accurately classify more complex images with less computational requirements.

Jathushan Rajasegaran, the first author, presented this work at the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2019) in June this year held at Long Beach, California. Vinoj Jayasundara, Hirunima Jayasekara, Sandaru Jayasekara, Suranga Seneviratne and Ranga Rodrigo were the other authors of the paper, "DeepCaps: Going Deeper with Capsule Networks". CVPR is the highest ranked conference in Google scholar metrics, and the 20<sup>th</sup> in all forms of publications.

### Best Paper Award at SLAIHEE Conference



Mrs. MP Dhanushika, senior lecturer in the Department of Computational Mathematics won Dr. Shrinika Weerakoon Memorial Award for the Best Paper in Changing Higher Education Student Skills at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sri Lanka Association for Improving Higher Education Effectiveness (SLAIHEE) Conference which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Department of

Transport & Logistics Management, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa. The award-winning paper was titled "Development of a Teaching Philosophy to meet and improve Teaching Practices suited for effecting positive change" and it was presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SLAIHEE Conference in 2018.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sri Lanka Association for Improving Higher Education Effectiveness conference (SLAIHEE)



15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sri Lanka Association for Improving Higher Education Effectiveness conference (SLAIHEE) on Higher Education in Sri Lanka jointly organized by the Staff Development Centre, University of Moratuwa and SLAIHEE was held at the Department of Transport and Logistics Management on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

## ICCEA 2019



The first International Conference on Civil Engineering and Applications (ICCEA) was successfully hosted by Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019.



ICCEA 2019 was hosted with the aim of providing opportunity for many leading researchers in the world to share their latest research findings with the research community in Sri Lankan civil engineering field. This event brought together around 240 local and international authors, keynote speakers and presenters



## Fashion Forum “Fashioning The Future”

2019 - Presented By  
Department Of Textile &  
Clothing Technology



Fashion Forum “Fashioning the Future” series 2 titled “Entrepreneurial thinking and

## Hosting Rights - 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Road and Airfield Pavement Technology



Transportation Engineering Group of the Department of Civil Engineering was awarded the hosting rights for 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Road and Airfield Pavement Technology at the 11<sup>th</sup> ICPT held in Kuala Lumpur. Prof. Saman Bandara, Prof. Wasantha Mamppearachchi and Dr. HR Pasindu have been invited for the initiatives, and the Conference is to be held in 2021.



## ISERME 2019



“ISERME 2019”, the third consecutive international symposium organized by the Department of Earth Resources Engineering was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at the Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo. The symposium focused on a broad range of disciplines related to Mining and Earth Resources Engineering: Mining Engineering & Rock Blasting, Engineering Geology & Geotechnical Engineering, Environmental Engineering & Hydrodynamics, Mineral Processing &

Value Addition, and Disaster & Resources Management.

The event helped the Department to further strengthen its network with local and international industrialists, academics and researchers. Furthermore, the industrial visit to Bogala Graphite Lanka Limited, following the symposium, was organized to promote interaction between academia and industrialists.



innovative business models” was held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at The Kingsbury, under

the guidance of the Head of the Department, Prof. (Mrs.) Samudrika Wijayapala. Involving a holistic approach that embraces the entire fashion eco system, the forum aimed to provide practical insights and innovative ideas for businesses. The Key note Speech was delivered by Mr. Kishu Gomes- Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

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The fifth Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference (MERCon 2019) organized by the Engineering Research Unit (ERU), was successfully held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Civil Engineering Complex, University of Moratuwa. The program included 137 papers selected from 252 submissions. Single-blind review process was followed in the review process by the technical program

committee (TPC) led by program Chair and Track Chairs, and the additional reviewers. All accepted and presented papers were submitted to IEEE Xplore database.

MERCon 2019 was jointly organized by the Engineering Research Unit, University of Moratuwa and IEEE student branch of University of Moratuwa. It was

co-sponsored by the IEEE, IEEE Sri Lanka Section, Sri Lanka Section Chapter of IEEE Power and Energy Society, and Sri Lanka Section Chapter of IEEE Robotics and Automation Society. It was financially sponsored by the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Moratuwa and National Science Foundation.

## Academic & Industry Collaboration

### Industrial Recruitment Programme for QS Graduates



The Department of Building Economics, University of Moratuwa organized an industrial recruitment programme for

graduates of the 2014/15 Quantity Surveying Batch on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. This was organized with the collaboration of Larson

& Tourbo: L & T India (one of the leading top 30 contractors globally). Sixteen graduates participated at interviews and five were recruited by Larson & Tourbo: L & T India for their projects across the Middle-East.

The recruitment programme offered all students with a novel experience, where a few got the opportunity of joining a prestigious global organization while others got the experience of facing an interactive interview that would be beneficial for them in future.

## Foreign Visits

### Prof. Sisil Kumarawadu Delivers a Keynote Address at IPEICS-19, A.P, India

Prof. Sisil Kumarawadu delivered the Keynote Speech titled “Automatic Control Strategies in Smart Green Buildings”, at the International Conference on Innovations in Power, Energy, and Intelligent Control Systems (IPEICS-19), from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018 in Guntur. IPEICS, organized by the Vignan’s Foundation for Science, Technology and Research also featured keynote speeches by

academics and researchers from University of West Florida-USA, University of Malaya-Malaysia, National University of Science & Technology-Oman, NIT-Calicut, NIT-Hyderabad, and NIT-Goa. Prof. Kumarawadu also served as a panelist of the discussion on AI Applications in Electric Power Engineering.

### Attending the MLRS 2019

Sachi Natasha Edirisinghe, a research scholar at Intelligent Service Robotics Group of the Department of Electrical

Engineering attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Machine Learning Research School (MLRS) 2019. The event was held from 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August at Digital Economy Promotion Agency (DEPA), Bangkok, Thailand. The aim of this event was to provide a basic understanding of machine learning to participants. The program included tutorials, practical sessions, poster presentations and social events. The tutorials were conducted by world-renowned machine learning experts. The MLRS was organized by DEPA and Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology, Thailand.



Chapa Sirithunge, a doctoral student from the Intelligent Service Robotics group- Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Moratuwa attended The

Advanced Course on AI (ACAI) 2019 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer School on Cognitive Robotics. ACAI was organized by the Technical University of Crete and funded

by the European Association for Artificial Intelligence EurAI. The summer school was held in the Technical University of Crete, Chania, Greece from 1-5 July 2019. The school covered state-of-the-art technologies and trending research areas in the field of Artificial Intelligence. Researchers from leading AI companies and universities including Microsoft, Google DeepMind, Delft University of Technology, and California State University & UC Berkeley shared their experience by tutoring at the event.

## Student Achievements

### Intelligent Service Robotics group Present at IROS 2019

Research by the Intelligent Service Robotics group- Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Moratuwa has been accepted at the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2019. IROS is a premier international conference in the field of Robotics and is in first 20 sources of Special category for Robotics in Google Scholar Metrics with h5 index of 58. This year the conference will be held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November in Venetian Macao, Macau, China.

The research was titled "Situation-awareness for Proactive Robots in HRI" and was authored by Chapa Sirithunge (PhD student), Ravindu Tharaka Bandara (Masters student), Dr. Buddhika Jayasekara and Dr. Chandima Pathirana. It discussed the decision-making criteria developed for social robots to perceive the behavior of humans before initiating an interaction with them.

### MPhil Student Shines in iCAN2019

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Mr. Warnakulasuriya Sampath Ruwan Thamel, a MPhil student of the Dept of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering, has won three gold medals, one silver medal, and three special prizes at the International Invention Innovation Competition (iCAN 2019) in Canada. His inventions included a guiding device for blind people, a headlight dimming device

### FIT Student won the STEMUp MMV Award



Mr. Hansa Tharuka, a Level 4 student in the Faculty of Information Technology won STEMUp Most Valuable Volunteer (MMV) Award for the year 2019-2020 on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at SLT Head Office, Colombo. STEMUp Educational Foundation recognizes individuals who have contributed their valuable time and skills for the benefit of student community and inspired others to volunteer.

for vehicles, an automated rail gate control system and a sewing machine monitoring system.

Sampath, encouraged by his own walking impairment, is developing a novel stair climbing wheelchair for his MPhil Degree under the supervision of Prof. Rohan Munasinghe, and co-supervision of Dr. Thilina Lalitharathna.

### Speak-out-for- Engineering (SOFE)



Ashan Tharidu Wanasinghe, a final year undergraduate of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, emerged victorious at the Speak-out-for-Engineering (SOFE) national competition held on 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at Hotel Janaki for his presentation on 'Soft Robotics'. The competition is organized by Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMEchE) annually to enhance and showcase the public speaking skills of young engineers. Among the five Sri Lankan IMechE Student Chapters, the IMechE University of Moratuwa Student Chapter became the national winner for two consecutive years. Ashan will be participating in the Southern Asian regional finals that will take place in the near future.

# Staff Achievements

## Dr. Thesara Jayawardane wins The Best Paper Award



The 19<sup>th</sup> Kuala Lumpur International Business, Economics and Law Conference 2019 organized by The Infrastructure

University Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Malaysia was held on August 24-25 at Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia.

The Best Paper Award was presented to Dr. Thesara VP Jayawardane at the Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Business for her paper titled “Sri Lankan Female Entrepreneurs: the Legal Challenges Faced”. Her research paper will be published in The International Journal of Business, Economics and Law, Volume 19.

## Sri Lanka Education Leadership Awards

Prof. Sisil Kumarawadu has been awarded the Sri Lanka Education Leadership Award 2019 by the World Education Congress and CMO Asia with CMO Council as its strategic partner. The Award is presented to individuals and institutions who have become role models with their exemplary leadership. The Award is based on a researched process where a shortlist produced by a research cell is reviewed by a jury comprising eight senior professionals around the world.

# Exhibitions, Field Trips & Workshops

## Reach for Tomorrow: Joint UoM- FIU Workshop



Engaging in in-depth research discussions and sharing experience with foreign research groups with similar interests are important to stay current and make novel contributions to the field. With this aim researchers at the Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering (ENTC) and Florida International University (FIU) founded the forum

“Reach for Tomorrow”. The first workshop was held on July 18, 2019 at University of Moratuwa. This attracted researchers from universities, the industry, and Sri Lanka Air Force. Topics included were deep learning for vision, computational platforms for high-speed transaction processing, analog-digital hybrid computer for solving systems, two-dimensional sparse filters for

transmit beamforming, occlusion removal in images, sparse filters for light-field processing, and low complexity multi-beam arrays. The forum was organized by Prof. Arjuna Madanayake, Dr. Chamira Edussooriya and Dr. Ranga Rodrigo. Prof. Arjuna Madanayake is an alumnus of the ENTC now working with FIU.

## Advanced Robotics Workshop



Sri Lankan Robotics Challenge (SLRC) organized annually by the Electronic Club (aka E-Club) of Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering is one of the biggest events of the E- Club calendar, as well as the biggest annual

national robotics competition in the country. SLRC 2019 has been scheduled from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in both school and university categories. Parallel to that, a series of workshops will be organized for island-wide school students. The aim of the workshop is to raise awareness and interest of school students about the latest robotics technologies and provide a scientific knowledge in designing and building robotic devices. The maiden workshop of the series was successfully held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the Department with the participation of over 150 tech-enthusiastic school students from all over the country.

## iDAL SCAPES ‘19

The Honours Degree Bachelor of Landscape Architecture graduates showcased their skills at an exhibition and publication together with a series of public lectures that were successfully held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Independence Arcade. This event was based on the final level design theses which address complex issues of urbanity, heritage, ecology, agriculture, health, community, society, climate change, philosophy etc.

The Chief Guest for the event was the Secretary to the Honorary Minister of Megapolis and Western development



Mr. Nihal Rupersinghe with the patronage of Vice Chancellor University of Moratuwa Prof. Kapila Perera, Chairman UDA, Dr. Jagath Munasinghe as Guest of Honour, Dean Faculty of Architecture Prof. Lalith De Silva, Senior Professor of Architecture Prof. Samitha Manawadu, Head, Department of Architecture Dr. Upendra Rajapakshe and staff of the Department of Architecture.

## Seminar on Fostering Research



Seminar on fostering Research was conducted by Prof. Vathsala Wickramasinghe, Director, Research, University of Moratuwa on 11th July 2019 for academic staff and postgraduate students of the Department of Transport and Logistics Management to enhance research culture.

## Field visit for gaining MEP works knowledge

The Department of Building Economics organized field visits to help students gain a practical experience in various aspects of Quantity Surveying and Facilities Management. The first was to Colombo – Altair project, Havelock city Project and



## INSEE Concrete Mix Design Competition



Sri Lanka, IESL. In collaboration with Civil Engineering Society of University of Moratuwa, INSEE organized the intra-university challenge for Civil Engineering students which was successfully held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 with the participation of 24 groups. Winners were selected following a specific selection criteria where points were allocated for low cost, optimum material usage and test results of the tests underwent. The best three groups were selected and they will be representing the University of Moratuwa at INSEE Inter University Challenge – 2019.

INSEE Cement, a leading Cement manufacturer in Sri Lanka organized INSEE-IESL Concrete Challenge for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year partnering with the apex body for professional engineers in

Kelaniya on 01<sup>st</sup> July and 08<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for Level IV Quantity Surveying students.

Next, the Level I Facilities Management students field visited Colombo Port City Project on 26<sup>th</sup> August. This visit gave

useful exposure to students to understand different types of civil engineering construction. Finally, the level 1 students of Facilities Management organized a field visit to Colombo Fire Service Department on 05<sup>th</sup> August.

## Workshop on private sector's role in overcoming energy poverty in SAARC member states



The SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation) Energy Centre (SEC) in Islamabad, Pakistan was established in 2006 in order to achieve its vision of establishing an Energy Ring in South Asia. As another progressive event by the SEC, a three day workshop was

held in Heritance, Dambulla on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. The delegates from SAARC member states participated in the event along with resource persons from, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA), State Education Department of Sri Lanka, Strategic Cities Development

Project (Mega polis development), Sri Lanka Energy Managers Association, Mahaveli Development Authority, Sri Lanka Forest Authority, Ceylon Electricity Board, Lanka Electric Company, University of Jaffna, University of Peradeniya and University of Moratuwa.

## Exposure to Product Design and Innovation



Level Three students and academic members from the Product Design Unit of the Department of Integrated Design, Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa, participated at the three-day

Workshop series of the "Expo PDi" program organized by IDC School of Design, IIT Bombay, India, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. The program focused on exploring innovation in Product Design discipline

while considering the needs and systems in the modern world. The event was organized by the the Product Design field coordinator Ms. Dilshani Ranasinghe.

## Survey Camp to Faculty of Geomatics, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka



Department of Building Economics has arranged a Survey Camp to Faculty of Geomatics, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 for Level I Quantity Surveying students.

## Cultural Events

### Sarasavi Gee Sisila



The annual musical extravaganza organized by students of the Department of Building Economics was held for the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive time on 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. The event was graced by participation of

veteran musicians in Sri Lankan music industry such as Visharadh Amarasiri Peiris, Visharadh Bandara Athauda, Visharadh Jagath Wickramasinghe, Sunil Edirisinghe, TM Jayarathne, Kasun

Kalhara and Nirosha Virajini. The creativity and commitment of the students in the Department towards organizing this event was reflected in the glamour and success of the event.

## Clubs & Societies

### Most Outstanding Leo Club of Sri Lanka for the second consecutive year



UoM Leos marked the end of another successful and victorious Leostic year last month. Proving their eminence in serving humanity, they became the Most Outstanding Leo Club of Sri Lanka for the second consecutive year, which is the highest recognition that a Leo Club in Sri Lanka can receive.

UoM Leos, as a pioneering Leo Club in Sri Lanka, organizes a large number of community service projects per year. Among them “NenaDiyawara”, which is a seminar series held in six phases relevant to Ordinary Level Examination, has been able to lighten up the lives of hundreds of students in rural schools. This project

was praised with a couple of awards at Leo Multiple Awards Ceremony. “The Symphony of Cure” was also an award-winning project done by UoM Leos to heal the hearts of tiny tots at Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama.

# Appointments & Promotions

## New Appointments

### **Mr. WMSNF**

**Rajakarunanayake** has been appointed to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Industrial Management with effect from 01.07.2019.

**Dr. HN Perera** has been appointed to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Transport & Logistics Management with effect from 08.07.2019.

**Dr. MG Pathiraja** has been appointed to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Architecture with effect from 02.07.2019.

**Ms. SS Ramanayake** has been appointed to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Industrial Management with effect from 01.08.2019.

**Ms. NRHNC Nagoda** has been appointed to the post of Programmer Cum Systems Analyst Grade II in the Division of Examinations & Registrations with effect from 01.07.2019.

**Mr. HMDJ Nawarathne** has been appointed to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Integrated Design with effect from 01.08.2019.

**Mr. WH Eranga** has been appointed to the post of Programmer Cum Systems Analyst Grade II in the Department of Electrical Engineering with effect from 01.08.2019.

**Mr. KBU Rodrigo** has been appointed to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Integrated Design with effect from 01.08.2019.

## Promotions



**Dr. (Ms.) DGK Dissanayake**, Senior Lecturer Grade II has been promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer

Grade I in the Department of Textile & Clothing Technology with effect from 12.02.2018.



**Dr. (Ms.) CP Vithanage**, Senior Lecturer Grade II has been promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer

Grade I in the Department of Textile & Clothing Technology with effect from 08.10.2018.



**Mr. WMPYB Rathnayake**, Lecturer (Probationary) [Confirmed] has been promoted to

the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Languages with effect from 01.11.2017.



**Dr. IGP Rajapaksha**, Senior Lecturer Grade I has been promoted to the post of Professor in

Architecture in the Department of Architecture (on merit) with effect from 15.02.2018.



**Mr. KAS Gunasekara**, Systems Engineer Grade II has been promoted to the post of

Systems Engineer Grade I in the Dean's office, Faculty of Information Technology with effect from 04.01.2019.



**Dr. M Narayana**, Senior Lecturer Grade II has been promoted to the post of Professor in

Mechanical Engineering in the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering (on merit) with effect from 13.03.2017.



**Dr. GR Ratnayake**, Senior Lecturer Grade I has been promoted to the post of Professor in

Town & Country Planning in the Department of Town & Country Planning (on merit) with effect from 01.02.2018.



**Dr. YG Sandanayake**, Senior Lecturer Grade I has been promoted to the post of Professor

in Building Economics in the Department of Building Economics (on merit) with effect from 09.01.2018.



**Mr. WSCH De Alwis**, Engineer (Computer Maintenance) Grade III has been promoted

to the Post of Engineer (Computer Maintenance) Grade II in the Dean's office, Faculty of Information Technology with effect from 03.04.2019.



**Dr. (Ms.) ITS Piyathilake**, has been confirmed in the post of Lecturer (Probationary)

with effect from 02.11.2015 and placed to the post of Lecturer (Transitional) in the Department of Computational Mathematics with effect from 02.11.2018.

## Directors



**Prof. (Ms.) VM Wickramasinghe**, has been appointed to the post of Director/Research for a period of one (01) year with effect from 02.09.2019



**Dr. DP Chandrasekara**, has been appointed to the post of Director/Staff Development

Centre for a period of three (03) months with effect from 15.10.2019.

# Foundation Stone **Laying**

## **New Building** – Department of Building Economics



The Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the New Building for the Department of Building Economics was held on 27.08.2019 at the auspicious time of 8.30 a.m. Honorable Reverends from neighborhood temples in Katubedda, Moratuwa area, Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice

Chancellor, Registrar, Bursar, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Professors, Academic and Non-academic staff members of the University, President QS Alumni Association Ch QS Ajith Priyanka, Invitees of the Department of Buildings and Ransavi Construction (Pvt) Ltd and students were present for this ceremony.

## Community **Outreach**

### **Sneha** 2019



The annual CSR project “Sneha 2019” organized by the Society of Transport and Logistics(STL), made a start on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for the fourth consecutive time extending hands of compassion and brotherhood to students in Muththettupola Vidyalaya, Pallebadda, Ratnapura. Sneha 2019 organized a 3-day seminar

for O/L students in Muththettupola Vidyalaya conducted by undergraduates of Department of Transport and Logistics Management (TLM), University of Moratuwa. With the financial assistance of South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd and Hayleys Advantis Limited, the dilapidated building of the school was renovated and brought back to usable condition.



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