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Annual Awards Ceremony 2018

The Annual Awards Ceremony of the University of Moratuwa was held on the 28th of December 2018 under the patronage of the Chancellor of the University, Vidya Jyothi Professor Emeritus KKYW Perera and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. KKCK Perera. Professor Kemal Deen, a consultant surgeon, an administrator and an academic who was the founder of the Department of Surgery of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya was invited as the Chief Guest and he delivered the guest speech on "Factors that Make a Good Researcher". Academic staff and students of the University of Moratuwa were appreciated with 178 awards at this ceremony.

President's Awards for Scientific Publication



Dr. (Mrs). Galhenage Asha Sewvandi, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Materials Science & Engineering, received the President's Awards for Scientific Publications for highly-rated scientific research as evaluated by peers and published in year 2016. The recognized papers were published in the American Physical Society, Physical Review Applied 2016 Vol. 6, Art No. 24007 and Nature, Scientific Reports 2016, Vol. 6, Art No.30680. The ceremony was held on 19th December at Hotel Taj Samudra and the

ceremony was graced by President Maithripala Sirisena, Minister of Science, Technology and Research.



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of National Gem & Jewellery Authority

Senior Professor PGR Dharmaratne of the Department of Earth Resources Engineering

was honoured with Presidential Award at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of National Gem and Jewellery Authority, held on 23rd November 2018 at the Shangri-La Hotel Colombo. This award was made in recognition of his outstanding contribution to gem industry and gemmology education in Sri Lanka.



(ANZMAC) 2018 Best Paper Award



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Annual Awards Ceremony of the University of Moratuwa 2018 [From front page]



The categories of awards and the number of recipients for each category were as follows;

Appreciation of outstanding research performance by academic staff - 88 Awards
Acknowledging student excellence - 67 Awards
Recognition of international and national awards received by staff and students - 23 Awards

The university has long recognized that the academic staff and students benefit from research and that it enriches the learning process beyond the class room. Accordingly, the university strives to motivate researchers to engage in research and related studies. The university has already established research units for all Faculties with the objective of disseminating knowledge gained through research and to promote research among faculty members and students. Research carried out so far has been instrumental in uplifting the image of the University of Moratuwa as a leading research institute in the South Asian region. In appreciation of their good work 88 academic staff received awards for research performance.



Recognition of Awards Received by the Staff and Students

Special Recognition of International Level Awards	Winner	Faculty
For winning the Emerald Literati Awad for Outstanding Paper -2018	Prof: Vathsala Wickramasinghe	Faculty of Business
For winning the Emerald Literati Awad for Outstanding Paper -2018	Prof. GLD Wickramasinghe	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the World Academy of Science (TWAS) Young Scientist Award- 2017	Prof. RU Halwathura	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the Award of Excellence at World Landscape Architecture Awards (WLA Awards) in Students Category - 2018	HPN Hettiarachchi	Faculty of Architecture
For winning the Microsoft Imagine Cup at Regional Finals - 2017	Keet Sugathadasa Buddhi Ayesha Dimuthu Kariyawasam	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the Gold Award in the Tertiary Student Project (Technology) Category at National Best Quality ICT Awards - 2017	Keet Sugathadasa Buddhi Ayesha Dimuthu Kariyawasam Vindula Jayawardana	Faculty of Engineering
Special Recognition of national Level Awards	Winner	Faculty
For winning the SLAS Environment Committee Award for Sustainable Construction Materials in Sri Lanka - 2017	Prof. RU Halwathura	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the President's Award for Scientific Publication -2018	Prof. RU Halwathura	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the President's Award for Scientific Publication -2017	Prof. GLD Wickramasinghe	Faculty of Engineering
For Being the Supervisor of the Tertiary Student Project (Technology Category) thet won the Gold Award at National Best Quality ICT Award - 2017	Dr. Shehan Perera	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the Gold Award at the Star Awards for Excellence in Packing (Student Category) - 2017	Tharushi Mendis	Faculty of Architecture
For winning the Silver Award at the Star Awards for Excellence in Packing (Student Category) - 2017	Jithmi Wijesinghe	Faculty of Architecture
For winning the Gold Award under Architecture Category at ASIA young Designer Award - 2017	KKKDR Madhuranga	Faculty of Architecture
For winning the Silver Award under Architecture Category at ASIA young Designer Award - 2017	GG Shanaka De Silva	Faculty of Architecture
For winning the Gold Medal awarded by Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka for the Best Undergraduate Research Project - 2017	A Yasara Dissanayake	Faculty of Engineering
For winning the Sri Lanka National Round Competition of Microsoft Imagine Cup - 2017	Keet Sugathadasa Buddhi Ayesha Dimuthu Kariyawasam	Faculty of Engineering

Awards for Outstanding Research Performance by Academic Staff

Dr. (Mrs.) SK Abeygunawardane	Dr. AC De Silva	Prof. KTMU Hemapala
Mr. MDTE Abeynayake	Dr. KDP Dharmawansa	Dr. AGBP Jayasekara
Dr. (Mrs.) S Ahangama	Dr. CUS Edussooriya	Prof. (Mrs.) C Jayasinghe
Dr. DAS Amarasinghe	Dr.(Mrs.) SM Egodage	Prof. MTR Jayasinghe
Dr. YWR Amarasinghe	Prof. EASK Fernando	Archt. (Mr.) JASS Jayasinghe
Dr. (Ms.) LNW Arachchige	Dr. MFM Firdhous	Dr. (Mrs.) JVUP Jayathunga
Dr. HMND Bandara	Dr. (Mrs.) JCPH Gamage	Dr. ND Jayaweera
Prof. JMSJ Bandara	Dr. (Mrs.) GU Ganegoda	Dr. (Ms.) PGTS Jayawickrama
Dr. DP Chandima	Prof. RARC Gopura	Prof. AS Karunananda
Dr. KVDS Chathuranga	Dr. (Ms.) MY Gunasekara	Dr. (Mrs.) PVM Karunaratne
Prof. SWSB Dasanayaka	Ms. S Gunatilake	Eng. (Mr.) PM Karunaratne
Prof. AAP De Alwis	Dr.(Mrs.) SHP Gunawardena	Mr. AL Kulasekara
Prof. ML De Silva	Dr. (Mrs.) GMWL Gunawardena	Mrs. KADT Kulawansa
Dr. (Mrs.) END De Silva	Prof. RU Halwathura	Ms. GN Kuruppu

Dr. SWHMTD Lalitharatne	Dr. NGR Perera	Dr.(Mrs.) TC Sandanayake
Dr. CS Lewangamage	Dr. GIUS Perera	Dr.(Mrs.) YG Sandanayake
Ms. BH Mallawaarachchi	Dr. HMR Premasiri	Dr. (Mrs.) GA Sewvandi
Dr. HMYC Mallikarachchi	Dr. RMKU Rajapaksha	Prof. W Shantha
Prof. WK Mampearachchi	Dr.(Ms.) T Ramachandra	Dr. GD Smarasinghe
Dr. (Mrs.) DA Meedeniya	Ms. WMND Ranasignhe	Dr. AUAA Smaraweera
Dr. DM Mudalige	Ms. TKGP Ranasinghe	Mr. BH Sudantha
Prof. SMA Nanayakkara	Dr. (Mrs.) RADS Ranathunga	Dr. KAS Sumathipala
Dr. M Narayana	Dr. (Mrs.) GM Ranathunga	Dr. (Mrs.) KGAS Waidyasekara
Dr. UP Nawagamuwa	Dr. L Ranathunga	Ms. EJ Warusavitharana
Eng.(Mr.) SN Niles	Prof. NP Rathnayake	Prof. GLD Wickramasinghe
Dr. HR Pasindu	Dr. GR Rathnayake	Prof. (Mrs.) VM Wickramasinghe
Dr. AA Pasqual	Dr. WDAS Rodrigo	Eng. (Mr.) WDAS Wijayapala
Prof. TSG Peiris	Mr. AMPB Samarasekara	Prof.(Mrs.) UGS Wijayapala
Prof. HYR Perera	Dr. TN Samarasinghe	
Prof. (Mrs.) BAKS Perera	Dr.(Mrs.) R Samarasinghe	

Student Awards

Award	Student	Academic Year
Faculty of Architecture		
Prof. HPS Caldera Memorial Award	HB Waduwawala	2015/2016
Prof. Gamunu Fernando Memorial Award	MMIS Mapa	2015/2016
Best Individually Supervised Research Project	LRTM Abeysiri	2016/2017
Best Designer	DMSS Jayakody	2015/2016 & 2016/2017
Best Overall Performance Award	DMSS Jayakody	2013/2014
Albert Thenuwara Memorial Gold Medal	DMLC Baminiwatta	2013/2014
Best Student of Media and Communication Design	PLJY Alwis	2013/2014
Herbert Gonsal Award	IKE Wijesuriya	2017/2018
Sumathipala Ranasinghe Award	HMKIB Pitawala	2016/2017
Geoffrey Bawa Design Award	MPKP Hewa	2016/2017
Faculty of Engineering		
Prof. Harlen Cleveland Award	KM Sugathadasa MPS Mohotti	2016/2017
Wimalasurendra Award	DB Yapa	2016/2017
Prof. C Patuwathavithane Memorial Award	WND Perera GKSH Nishshanka S Thiruchittampalam	2016/2017
IBM Engineering Scholarship	EPKD Madhuranga	2016/2017
Thusitha Senevirathne Memorial Award	GKSH Nishshanka	2016/2017
Thusitha Senevirathne Memorial Scholarship	ULMSM Perera	2017/2018
Unilevers Award	GKSH Nishshanka	2016/2017
Geotechnical Engineering Award	HS Wijesuriya	2016/2017
Building and Structural Engineering Award	JAA Sankalpa	2016/2017
Construction Engineering and Management Award	PPU Panamgama	2016/2017
Special Award for Academic Excellence in Civil Engineering	OPC Randil	2016/2017
Special Award for Academic Excellence in Civil Engineering	DMSP Dassanayake	2016/2017
Comprehensive Design Project Award in Civil Engineering	HMI Herath	2016/2017
	SASK De Silva	

Award	Student	Academic Year
Comprehensive Design Project Award in Civil Engineering	TP Dedigamuwa	2016/2017
	PPU Panamgama	
	OPC Randil	
	JAA Sankalpa	
	SA Viswakula	
	NS Mudannayake	
	DMJM Dissanayake	
	RMARNH Rajakaruna	
CINTEC Award	JN Jihan	2016/2017
	WAYP Senarath	
	TMDKB Tennekoon	
	MS Wickramarathne	
Virtusa Award	DS Lenadora	2017/2018
	DP Puwakdandawa	
EESoc Award	SK Akmeemana	2016/2017
	TH Indiketiya	
	PKPG Kumarasinghe	
	JTWE Liyanage	
Prof. OP Kulashethra Award	GO Ishendra	2016/2017
Sri Lanka Telecom Scholarship	SC Liyanaarachchi	2016/2017
	KPU Chandrathilake	
Prof. KKYW Perera Award	HMKS Herath	2016/2017
Lanka Ceramics Limited Award	VWSG Rathnayaka	2017/2018
National Development Bank Award	BSK Abeygoonawardana	2016/2017
MR Prelis Award	NBAT Sandakalum	2016/2017
Prof. GK Watugala Memorial Award	AGCP Lakshan	2017/2018
MAS Award	JMC Hansadi	2016/2017
A & E Award	MAE Ayomani	2016/2017
MAS Award	DMRN Deegala	2016/2017
Awards presented at the Graduation Fashion Show 2018	DMRN Deegala	2017/2018
nnovative Textile & Fabric Designer	KMDO Sanjani	2017/2018
Most Commercially Creative Designer	S Enos	2017/2018
Creative Knit Wear Designer	BDN Chathuranga	2017/2018
Best men's Wear Designs Award	TGKG Kumara	2017/2018
nnovative Designer Award	KMDO Sanjani	2017/2018
Gerendib Inspirational Designer Award	MLU Edirisuriya	2017/2018
SLPA Award	KSW Gunaratne	2016/2017
The Logiwiz Award	KSW Gunaratne	2016/2017
	GADT Lakmali	
The Aitken Spence Maritime Award	KHSC Kumarasinghe	2016/2017



Industry **Collaboration**

DICB Meeting 2018



The Department Industry Consultative Board (DICB) Meeting for the year 2018 was held on 14th of December 2018 with the participation of representatives from the industry, officials from the training division of University of Moratuwa, and staff members of the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering. Discussions were conducted on topics such as job prospects for chemical and process engineers, student mentoring, industrial training, industry collaborations, research projects and strengthening the alumni network. Representatives from GlaxoSmithKline, CBL foods, INSEE Cement, Chevron, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Industrial Solutions Lanka, Trelleborg Lanka, and IFS R&D International provided constructive feedback on the above matters.

International Leadership Forum & Awards, 2018



International Leadership Forum & Awards, 2018 was held at Hotel Mt. Lavinia, on November 29, 2018, conceptualized by World Peace & Diplomacy Organization (WPDO) in association with Asian African Chamber of Commerce & Industry (AACCI), Confederation of International Accreditation Commission (CIAC) and Confederation of Indian Healthcare Foundation (CIHF) and was organized by Unified Brainz of India.

The prestigious International Leadership Forum & Awards, 2018 provides a platform to the leaders from the education and business world to present their views and latest findings through research to the celebrated audience through short speeches and panel discussions. This is the largest business award platform, aiming at participation from all across the Asia-Pacific region.

Omali Kulatunga, Lakni Edirisuriya, Danushi Jayasekara, Thamali Galgamuwage, Hansadhi Munasinghe and Nimesha Amaratunga from University of Moratuwa were selected for its Fashion Parade to present their graduate collections which was highlighted among other segments of the event.

Guest Lectures / Talks

Guest Talk By Prof. Modris Dobeli



Professor Modris Dobelis from Riga Technical University of Latvia visited Faculty of IT, University of Moratuwa to deliver a guest talk on "Challenges in the Contemporary Engineering Graphics Education". The participants had a very fruitful session which educated them on engineering graphics and contemporary challenges. Further he visited the Department of Mechanical Engineering and observed the Drawing Laboratories and had a discussion with the head and staff of the department.

Visit of Prof. Udaya Madawala of University of Auckland, New Zealand



Prof. Udaya Madawala who graduated from the University of Moratuwa in the late 1980s and is now an eminent Professor at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, an inventor, a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), among other achievements; was in Sri Lanka to deliver a keynote address at the IEEE conference and visited the University on 19th December 2018.

He spoke of the difficulties faced by him when starting a new episode of life in New Zealand as a foreigner as well as an academic. Prof. Madawala also spoke of his PhD study on motors and power electronics – a "brushless, slotless, ironless, sensorless motor", the models of his inventions, his innovative work on fast start electric lines, energy storage, fast transfer, taming energy, green energy systems and battery management. Patents on his inventions have been sold to world famous companies such as Qualcomm and Apple.

Academic **Programs**

Faculty of Information Technology Welcomes new Batch (2018/2019)



The Inauguration Ceremony of the 2018/2019 intake of the undergraduate degree programmes; Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology & Management was held on 27th of November, 2018 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Information Technology. 289 students were registered for both degrees which are offered by the Faculty of Information Technology. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. KKCK Perera, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. PKS Mahanama, Dean-Faculty of Engineering, Prof. N Wickramarachchi, Dean-Faculty of Architecture, Prof. ML De Silva, Dean- Faculty of Information Technology, Eng. PM Karunaratne, Acting Registrar, Ms. V Kulasekara, Acting Bursar, Mr. SK Rodrigo, all Heads of

Departments of the Faculty Information Technology and other academic and non academic staff members of the faculty were present at the ceremony.



Arrival of New Students to the Faculty of Business - 2018 Intake



The 2nd Inauguration ceremony of Faculty of Business for the 2018 Intake was held at the Civil Engineering Auditorium of University of Moratuwa on 14th November 2018. Chairman of Vallibel One PLC, Mr. Dammika Perera graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest and former Vice Chancellor Professor KAMK Ranasinghe participated as a special guest. Further, Acting Vice - Chancellor Professor PKS Mahanama, Registrar, Deans of the Faculties,

Librarian, Bursar, Academic staff, Academic support staff, Administrative and Non Academic staff, parents, new students and the students of previous batch also participated in this ceremony.



Conferences & Symposium

Paper Presentation at ICONIC-2018



Ms. GGKWMSIR Karunarathne, a Level 4 undergraduate of the Faculty of Information Technology presented a paper titled "Wireless Communication Technologies in Internet of Things: A Critical Evaluation " at the International Conference on Intelligent & Innovative Computing Applications (ICONIC-2018) which was held at Holiday Inn, Plaine Magnien, Republic of Mauritius on 6th and 7th December, 2018. Ms. Karunarathne's research paper was presented under the theme of "Computer Networks" at ICONIC-2018. Her paper was based on her Level 3 independent study which has been supervised by KA Dilini T Kulawansa, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Computational Mathematics and been co-supervised by Dr. MFM Firdhous, Senior Lecturer of the Department of

Information Technology. This paper has been selected to be published in IEEE Xplore Digital Library.

Paper Presentation at IEEE ITSC 2018 in Maui, Hawaii.



A research paper titled "Enhancing the Wi-Fi Direct Protocol for Vehicular Adhoc Networks" was presented at the 21st IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC) from 4th to 7th of November 2018, by Wageesha Manamperi. She is a postgraduate research student of the Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering. The research was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Tharaka Samarasinghe and Prof. Dileeka Dias. The research was funded by the Senate Research Grant (SRC/LT/2015/07) of University of Moratuwa.

ITSC is the flagship conference of the IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society (ITSS). It is one of the top 20 sources listed by Google Scholar Metrics in

the category: Engineering and Computer Science / Transportation. Wageesha's conference participation was partially funded by the above SRC grant and the Prof. VK Samaranayake grant scheme administered by the LK Domain Registry.

3rd International Conference on Information Technology Research (ICITR 2018)



3rd International Conference on Information Technology Research (ICITR 2018) organized by the Information Technology Research Unit (ITRU) was held from 5th December 2017 to 7th December 2017 on the theme "Bridging Digital Divide Through Multidisciplinary Research". The conference was

co-sponsored by IEEE. Prof. Hiroharu Kawanaka Associate Professor at Mie University Japan and Prof. Massimiliano Cannata Professor at University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland delivered the keynote addresses.

Presentation done by the Level 4 IT Student at IC4S2018, in Bangkok, Thailand



A paper titled "Internet of Things for Epidemic Detection: A Critical Review " was presented at The 3rdInternational Conference Computer, Communication on and Computational Sciences (IC4S2018) which was held at Mandarin Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand by Ms. SADS Kaushalya. She is a Level 4 undergraduate of the Faculty of Information Technology. IC4S2018 is one of the leading forums which bring together leading researchers, engineers and scientists in the fields of Computer and Communication from around the world. Ms. Kaushalva's research paper was presented under the theme of "Web & Informatics and Intelligent Image Processing" at

IC4S2018. Her paper was based on her Level 3 independent study which has been supervised by KA Dilini T Kulawansa, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Computational Mathematics and been co-supervised by Dr. MFM Firdhous, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Information Technology. This paper has been selected to be published on Springer Book Series on "Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing" (indexed by SCOPUS, Google Scholar, ISI Proceedings, EI-Compendex, DBLP and Springer link).

Conference Chair of the 3rd International Conference on Social Entrepreneurship



Prof. Ajith de Alwis of Department of Chemical and Process Engineering , chaired the $3^{\rm rd}$ International Conference on Social Entrepreneurship (ICSE 2018) organized by the Colombo School of Business Management with the theme Green Entrepreneurship at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute 7-8 Dec 2018.

Academic

Collaboration

Visit of Delegation from IIT, New Delhi



The Ministry of Science & Technology hosted a team of delegates from the Institute of Information Technology (IIT) New Delhi, India in November 2018 which included a week of activities at the UOM, from 12th November to 19th November 2018. The programme came within the purview of the Indo-Lanka project and commenced with a meeting between Prof. SN Naik and Dr. Megha Mathur from IIT and the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Director/International Relations and other academic staff members from UOM on 12th November 2018.

The Project Team for the programme consisted of a team of representatives from the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering of University of Moratuwa and IIT representatives. The Programme was coordinated by Prof. RA Attalage, the former Deputy Vice Chancellor of UOM and was a great success.

Visit of Prof. Shuang-Hua Yang, Associate Dean, Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), Shenzhen Guandong, China



Prof. Shuang-Hua Yang, Associate Dean, Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), Shenzhen Guandong, China called on the Vice Chancellor, Director/International Relations and Dean-Engineering on 10th December 2018 and had a very interesting discussion which is expected to lead to mutually beneficial collaborations for both SUSTech and UOM.

SUSTech, which is a reasonably young University, has gained notable rankings in China and Asia at large. It boasts of a faculty who are 100% PhD degree holders, 90% having overseas working experience and 60% having graduated and worked in the top universities of the world. SUSTech is now searching to recruit

international PhD students, who already have completed a Masters Degree, and has reached UoM which has a similar student population in terms of size and quality.

Visit to the University of Moratuwa by a Academics from Shandong University of Science & Technology (SDUST)



Professors Fan Zhijian(Vice Director/International Office), Miao Ruchang(Deputy Dean/College of Mechanical and Electronic Engineering), Wang Jiayan (Vice Dean/Graduate School) and Zhuwu Zhu (Assistant Dean/College of Mining and Safety Engineering) from Shandong University of Science and Technology, China visited the University of Moratuwa on 14th November 2018 and had very successful discussions which would lead to further collaboration between the two universities, especially in the fields of Earth Resources Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, among others. The visitors were given a tour and an insight to the activities of the two departments by Dr. HMR Premasiri, Eng. PVA Hemalal, Dr. GVI Samaradivakara, Dr. SP Chaminda, Dr. (Mrs.) ABN Dassanayake, Mr. AVP

Vijitha of the Earth Resources Engineering Division and Dr. Ranjith Amarasinghe of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (whose department has an ongoing collaboration with SDUST).

One-day Workshop on "Microalgae: Sustainable Cellular Factories"



One day workshop titled "Microalgae: Sustainable Cellular Factories", conducted by the Departments of Chemical and Process Engineering and Mechanical Engineering of University of Moratuwa, was held on the 13th November 2018. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India and was funded by Ministry of Science, Technology and Research under the Indo-Lanka Joint Research Programme for the year 2016.

The inauguration ceremony of the workshop was held at the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering and was graced by the Acting Vice Chancellor, Dean-Faculty of Engineering and the Heads of the Departments of Chemical and Process Engineering and Mechanical Engineering and Prof. SN.Naik and Dr. Megha Mathur. 16 participants selected from many applicants who represented higher education institutes all over the country participated in the workshop.

Department Industry Consultative Board (DICB) 2018





Department Industy Consultative Board 2018 was held on 1st November 2018 at the department auditorium. Twenty five plus Industry participant representing the leading textile and apparel organizations, participants from Open University, participants from Textile Institute Sri Lanka, visiting academic staff and academic members of the department were present at the event.

Student

Achievements

RB Global Challenge



Team Glory, of the Faculty of Information Technology, was one of the finalists among 6 teams in the National Round of the RB Global Challenge conducted by Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC, held on 2nd November 2018. RB Global Challenge is a global business competition that aims to solve social issues related to health and hygiene with realistic business ideas. The team comprised of three undergraduates, Nilupulee Hansamali, Thanuja Sandeepani and Chandi Premarathne.

IT Faculty Students Conquer the Build-a-Robot Robotics Competition 2018



The Build-a-Robot Robotics Competition 2018, an inter-university competition organized by the IEEE WIE Affinity Group, University of Moratuwa was held on the 1st of December 2018 at the Civil Auditorium. The task given was to build a self-operating robot that navigates on a given arena with several tasks to be accomplished. The First, Second and Third places were all won by teams from the Faculty of Information Technology. The Winners, "Team X-Bot" consisted of Sahan Pasindu, Nimeshika Kumuduni, Sahan Nagodavithana, Yasanthi Gunawansa and Lakmali Alakolange. "Team Dragons" made up of Ridmi Kumarasinghe, Moksha Kulathilaka, Amesh Jayaweera, Hiruni Maleesha and Chamara Jayasinghe secured the place of First Runner-Up. The members of the Second Runner-Up team were Niroshan Rathnayake, Chandima Samankumari, Paramodi Samarathunga, Sajith Madhusanka and Samanthika Priyadarshani from "Team Castial".

Forensic Video Analytic Software FYP Shines with NBQSA GOLD Award, APICTA Nomination, IEEE SMC Paper Publication and BSc Thesis Grant Award



In a world of violence and discord, safety and security is of paramount importance. With this in mind, a group of 2013 Batch undergraduates from the Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering, University of Moratuwa, ventured into their Final Year Project (FYP) titled "Forensic video Analytic Software" under the supervision of Dr. Ranga Rodrigo. A well adapted architecture consisting of many novel video and image processing techniques, including multiple object detection, multiple object tracking, anomaly detection, tampering detection, activity recognition, image enhancement and video synopsis was developed with GPU acceleration for both real-time as well as post-processing applicability.

The team submitted the working prototype of their

Forensic and Surveillance System for evaluation for the National Best Quality ICT Award (NBQSA) 2018, under the Tertiary Student Project (Technology) category. After two rounds of presentations, the team won the GOLD Award in the aforementioned category. After being selected as an APICTA nominee through NBQSA streaming, they also demonstrated their project at the 18th Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) 2018 held from 9th to 13th October in Guangzhou, China. APICTA provides the region's ICT entrepreneurs with valuable networking and product benchmarking opportunities, fosters ICT innovation and creativity, promotes economic and trade relations and facilitates technology transfer.

University of Moratuwa Team Wins Second Place in the YES Bank Datathon



Team "Insight" a team of third year undergraduates from the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Mahendran Sutharasan, Indula Rasanjana, Uththara Chandratilake, Chaturi Jayaweera bagged the 1st Runner up position & the Best

Student Team at YES Bank DATATHON which was held on December $22^{\rm nd}$ - $23^{\rm rd}$, in Bangalore. This was India's first bank led Datathon aimed at augmenting YES BANK's embedded data analytics & ML units to drive rapid prototyping of AI/ML based products, optimizing digital product suite, and enhancing product/service design and delivery, in an accelerated 100-day period.

The team Insight has developed a unique model basis for 'predicting customer product and service affinity', using a modified version of Shapley's value – called Shap Value. The team's effort along with the depth of research & analysis was highly appreciated by Rajat Kanwar Gupta, President & Head, Business Analytics Solutions & Development COE, YES BANK and other industry experts.

Manamperi Award



The final-year project of Yasith Perera and Malindu Mohotti titled "Development of a Stretchable Conductive Yarn for Electronic Textiles" won the Manamperi Award, for the best engineering final year undergraduate group project carried out at a Faculty of Engineering in a Sri Lankan university in the year 2017, awarded by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS). The project was supervised by Mr. Amila Perera, a former lecturer and current visiting lecturer to the Department, who himself, as a student, was the leader of the project group which won the Manamperi award in 2009.

Textile Institute Sri Lanka Section - Gold Medalist

The TI Sri Lanka Section held their AGM at Brandix College of Clothing Technology, Ratmalana, on 15th December 2018. Chaired by Professor RU Kuruppu, the AGM reviewed the events undertaken by the Sri Lanka Section during 2018. The AGM also provided a platform for an awards ceremony to recognize and celebrate the work of students who have studied the latest developments in their respective fields.

The medal recipients from the Department Of Textile And Clothing Technology were:

- LS Wanigathunga Gold Medal 2017 MGHJ Kumara
- Textile Institute Sri Lanka Section Gold Medal 2017 SY Weerasinghe

"SiTa" Wins Award

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The Sinhala-Tamil translation system SiTa was adjudged Winner in the e-Swabhimani 2018 Digital Social Impact Awards in the Government & Citizen Engagement category. The Awards are organized annually by the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, and this year award event was held on 29th November at the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo.

SiTa is intended to assist human translators in translating official government documents efficiently from Sinhala-to-Tamil and vice versa. The project has been a collaborative research and development activity by the Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and the Centre for National Language Processing (NLP Centre) of the University of Moratuwa with the



Department of Official Languages of the government of Sri Lanka. While the SiTa system is currently being used by translators in the Department of Official Languages and several other government institutions, the R&D work at the University continues towards improving it further and expanding the system to include the English language as well. The project team includes CSE academics Prof. Gihan Dias, Dr. Surangika Ranathunga, Dr. Uthayasankar Thayasivam and Prof. Sanath Jayasena. Research staff and contributors, in both computing and linguistics domains, include Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Prof. JB Dissanayake, Prof. Rohini Paranavithana, Sanoji Ruvinika Perera, Fathima Farhath, Nimasha Dilshani, K Sarveswaran, Yashothara Shanmugarajah, Mokanarangan Thayaparan, Pranavan Theivendiram, Nafla Marikkar, Ruwanthi Perera, Chandana Bandara, Thusitha Bandara, Lalitha Pieris, Pasan Dissanyake, Umesh Indrajith, Suchitha Dehigaspitiya, Lahiru Wijerathna and MFM Mafaz.

President Donates Six Million Rupees for Innovations Based on the Electric-Powered Racing Car

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President Maithripala Sirisena donated six million rupees to utilize for the future innovation stemming from the electric-powered racing car, produced by a group of students at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa to take part in the Formula Student 2019 event, at the Presidential Secretariat, 27th November 2018.

The Formula Student competition 2019 will be held from 5th until 11th of August 2019 in Hockenheim, Germany. Formula Student is the world's largest student engineering design competition. Entrants will compete in designing, building and racing a formula racing car – providing undergraduates with invaluable experience as they begin their engineering career.

Two Significant Awards for the Faculty of Information Technology at the IEEE R10 HTC 2018



Ashala Lakmini Senanayake who is a third-year undergraduate of Faculty of Information Technology, has been awarded the Best Young Author at the IEEE Region 10 Humanitarian Technology Conference which was held on 6th – 8th December 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. She was able to receive this remarkable achievement for the research paper "Nouns Speak: A Novel Approach for Noun Sentiment Scoring". With the felicitous accompaniment of the two other coauthors Prasan Yapa (YHPP Priyadarshana) who is an outstanding graduate from Faculty of Information Technology and Dr. Lochandaka Ranathunga, Senior Lecturer from Faculty of Information Technology University of Moratuwa, this

paper was able to procure Best Paper Award for the significant contribution on Cloud Computing and Big Data Architectures.

Staff **Achievements**

Keynote Speaker at the Annual Research Symposium of the Faculty of Technology, University of Colombo



Prof. Ajith de Alwis was the Keynote Speaker at the Annual Research Symposium of the Faculty of Technology, University of Colombo.

Held on: 19th Nov 2018

Symposium Theme - Technology for crossing borders in

higher education

Keynote title - Be a Learner of Excellence with New Technology

Chief Guest at 7th Annual Green Building Awards 2018



Prof. Ajith de Alwis was the Chief Guest at 7th Annual Green Building Awards 2018 15th Dec 2018, Earl's Regency Kandy

Key Note Speaker at 8th International Symposium 2018 on Innovative Multidisciplinary Research for Green Development

Prof. Ajith de Alwis of Department of Chemical and Process Engineering was the Key Note Speaker at 8th International Symposium 2018 on Innovative Multidisciplinary Research for Green Development at University Park, South Eastern University, Oluvil 17-18th Dec 2018.

Victory at Toastmasters Speech Contests



Ms. G. Thilini Weerasuriya won First Place at the Humorous Speech Contest and Speech Evaluation Contest of Area A4, District 82, Toastmasters International, held on the 3rd of November 2018, at the University of Moratuwa. Ms. Weerasuriya is a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Faculty of Information Technology, and a member of the University of Moratuwa Toastmasters Club. She also competed in the Humorous Speech Contest and Speech Evaluation Contest of Division A, District 82, Toastmasters International, held on the 16th of December 2018, at the Centre for Banking Studies, Rajagiriya.

2nd Runner up for the Best Postgraduate Research Project Award



Mrs. MP Dhanushika, Lecturer (probationary) of the Department of Computational Mathematics of the Faculty of Information Technology won the Bronze Medal for her Master of Philosophy at the Best Postgraduate Research Project Award Competition which was conducted by the Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka. Postgraduates of Universities of Sri Lanka who have been awarded their postgraduate degree during the period of 1st July 2017 to 31st August 2018 were considered for the competition. Medal was awarded at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute which was held on 7th December 2018.

Mrs. Dhanushika's MPhil research titled "Handling Non-Normal Data in Individual and Moving Range Control Charts: An Application to Raw Rubber Manufacturing Process Data" was carried out under the supervision of Prof. BMSG Banneheka from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Dr. Keminda Herath from the Wayaba University of Sri Lanka. Mrs. Dhanushika has several local and international publications based on the output of her MPhil research.

Prize for Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy (ANZMAC) 2018 Best Paper Award

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Mrs. Achini Ranaweera, a lecturer (probationary) from Department of Textile and Clothing Technology has been awarded the Prize for Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy (ANZMAC) 2018 Best Paper Award at the Doctoral Colloquium held from 1st-2nd December 2018 at University of Adelaide, Australia 2018 for her paper titled "What you touch, touches you: The impact of haptics on consumer brand impressions". She received a certificate and a monetary prize of AUD\$2000.

Mrs Achini Ranaweera undertakes her PhD in the School of Adverting, Marketing and Public Relations, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. Her PhD

research is supervised by Professor Brett Martin and Dr HS Jin.

Highly Commended Award at the 2018 Queensland University of Technology Business School Research Colloquium



Mrs. Achini
Ranaweera,
a lecturer
(probationary)
from Department
of Textile
and Clothing
Technology
received
the Highly
commended
award at the 2018
QUT Business

School Research Colloquium. The research colloquium had close to 35 participants from all business disciplines Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations, Economics and Finance, Management and Accountancy.

SLAAS Computer Science Section Presidential Address



Dr. Lochandaka
Ranathunga
former head
of Department
of IT did the
presidential
address of
Sri Lanka
Association for
Advancement

of Science (SLAAS) Computer Science Section. The title of the presidential address was "Challenges in Digital Image Tamper Detection: Noise Centric Approaches". Sri Lanka Association of Advancement of Science had their annual scientific sessions during 4-8 December 2018 at the Premises of the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. The general president of SLAAS prof. Chandana Jayaratne appreciated his valuable contribution from section E3 and presented the plaque for his presidential address.

Exhibitions, Field Trips & Workshops

Batik Workshop



A three- day Batik workshop was organized for the 1st year Fashion Designing and Product Development students on 10th, 11th and 12th December. Workshop was conducted by Mr. WSA Rajakaruna. Prof. (Mrs.) UGS Wijayapala head of the department and staff members of the department participated in the event.

Clubs & **Societies**

FIT Code Rush 2018



FIT Code Rush 2018, the annual intra-faculty competitive coding competition organized by INTECS - Information Technology Society of Faculty of Information Technology, was held on the 15th and 16th December 2018. The competition was held for the third consecutive year with the aim of improving the problem-solving skills of the undergraduates in the faculty. The competition comprised of a 12 hour Hackerrank platform based competitive programming competition carrying a weight of 70% of the total score and a Fintechbased real world problem-

solving competition which required an algorithmic solution that accounted for 30% of the total score. The Exclusive Sponsor of the event was LB Finance PLC, which provided the real world Fintech problem to be solved, and hosted a one-day company visit for the winners of this segment of the competition. The Silver Sponsors for the event were Creative Software and Zone 24x7 (Pvt) Ltd.

The winners of the real world problem-solving competition are, 1st place: Team AIOBE, 2nd place: Code Knights, and 3rd place: Not Last Team. The overall winners of FIT Code Rush 2018 are Champions: Team Undefined, First runners-up: Team Black Order, and Second runners-up: Team ReactoR.

Stage Drama - "Puluwannam Allaganna"



"Puluwannam Allaganna" was a drama that brought about certain aspects of today's society while emphasizing the impact of one's role towards it. Leo Club of University of Moratuwa organized and pre-sented this play with the objective of giving a maximum literal relish and a relief from their busy lives, while raising funds for the future projects of the club. The audience was full of undergraduates, academic and nonacademic staff members, and Leos and Lions from other fellow Leo Clubs as well. The drama crew was a combination of both emerging and experienced actors and actresses including Mr. Jagath Chamila and it was a production of young and talented drama director Mr. Akila Sapumal.

Workshop About Human Centered Robotics: Prosthesis



Prof. Ruwan Gopura and Dr. Thilina
Lalitharathna at the Department of Mechanical
Engineering participated at the workshop on Human Centered Robotics:
Prosthesis held on 10th of December 2018 at the Auditorium, Faculty

of Engineering, University of Jaffna. They contributed to the workshop as resource persons and the targeted participants were undergraduate students, Academics, Physicians etc.

Dr. NAID Nissanka has been appointed to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Mechanical Engineering with effect from 01.08.2018.

Mr. MKDD Priyasad has been appointed to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Computer Science Engineering with effect from 01.11.2018.

Dr. GAKPR Gunasekara has been appointed to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Computer Science Engineering with effect from 01.11.2018.

Dr. T Uthayasanker has been appointed to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Computer Science Engineering with effect from 01.11.2018.

Mr. NA Samarasekara has been appointed to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Transport & Logistics Management with effect from 17.09.2018.

Mr. WC Lakmal has been appointed to the post of Instructor in Physical Education Grade III in the Physical Education Division with effect from 03.12.2018.

Ms. HASA Appuhamy has been appointed to the post of Instructor in Physical Education Grade III in the Physical Education Division with effect from 03.12.2018.

Ms. NN Sara has been appointed to the post of Assistant Internal Auditor in the Internal Audit Division with effect from 15.11.2018.

Ms. S Nawaneetha has been appointed to the post of Assistant Registrar in the Canter for Distance Learning with effect from 03.12.2018.

Ms. AN Samaranayake has been appointed to the post of Assistant Bursar in the Faculty of Information Technology with effect from 15.10.2018.

Ms. MSMN Anushika has been appointed to the post of Assistant Bursar in the Faculty of Architecture with effect from 15.10.2018.

Ms. E Kajaluxshi has been appointed to the post of Assistant Registrar in the Faculty of Graduate Studies with effect from 15.10.2018.

Mrs. HMDS Ekanayake has been appointed to the post of Assistant Registrar in the Faculty of Graduate Studies with effect from 15.10.2018.

Ms. YS Karunarathne has been appointed to the post of Assistant Registrar in the Facul-ty of External Affairs Division with effect from 15.10.2018.



Dr. W Shantha, Senior Lecturer Grade I has been promoted to the post of Professor in Chemical & Process Engineering in the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering with effect from 03.10.2017.



Prof. (Mrs.) VM Wickramasinghe, Professor has been promoted to the post of Senior Professor in the Department Management of Technology with effect from 16.08.2018.



Mrs. WMRM Weerasinghe has been confirmed in the post of Lecturer (Probationary) with effect from 02.05.2012 and promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II with effect from 03.01.2018.



Dr. (Ms.) AUAA Samaraweera has been confirmed in the post of Lecturer (Probationary) with effect from 08.08.2013 and promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II with effect from 08.08.2018.



Dr. HMCD Chitraranjan has been promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade II in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering with effect from 01.03.2018.

Civil Night 2018



The annual Civil Night was held on 2nd of November 2018 in grand style. The main aim of the event was to welcome back the '15 batch from their industrial training. The night commenced with the lighting of the oil lamp by, the chief guest, Deputy General Manager of the ICC, Prof. SAS Kulathilaka as Acting Head of the Civil Engineering Department, Prof. MTR Jayasinghe, Prof. (Mrs.) C Jayasinghe, Prof. IRA Weerasekara, Prof. WK Mampearachchi, Prof. RU Halwathura, Prof. MW Jayaweera, Dr. (Ms.) WB Gunawardana, Dr. GLDI De Silva, Dr. RLHL Rajapaksa, Dr. LIN De Silva, Dr. AS Ranathunga. Event was made colorful by the performances of '14 batch. It was a night which strengthened the bond between the senior and junior batches.

Civil Padura - 2018



Padura is a cultural event consisting of traditional music and play which depicts Sri Lanka's great dignity and pride. Civil padura is one of major events which is held in Civil Engineering department with the participation of both students and staff. This year, Civil Padura was held on the 21^{st} of December. The theme of the event was postman and Gami Gedara. The event started with the lighting of the oil lamp and the speech of Vice Chancellor Prof. Kapila Perera. Every performance was at its best as the result of hard hours of practice. Gathering was filled with much joy and happiness.

Community **Outreach**

A Medical Camp for the Maintenance Staff at University of Moratuwa



A medical camp and an appreciation program were organized by the '16 batch students of the De-partment of Civil engineering for the maintenance staff of the zone 3 as a corporate social responsibility project which achieved a great success. The event was held at the Civil auditorium on 22^{nd} November. It was the phase one of their project and the second phase was as an eye clinic. Dr. Chandana Siriwardhana played a main role in organizing this camp.

Suhastha 2018



Suhastha is the O/L seminar session organized by civil engineering society of University of Moratuwa annually in order to support O/L students from schools in rural areas. Purpose of this was to support the students to face examination with more confidence. Handawalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya and Vivekananda TMV in Hanguranketha region were selected for the project. There were 228 students in primary and 170 students in secondary level in the Handawalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya, whereas there were 172 primary students and 203 secondary students in Vivekananda TMV.

Sports

Civil Cric Fiesta 2018



This event was held on 17th November 2018 at the university grounds. All the students of Civil Engineering Department took part in the event enthusiastically. Prof. Saman Bandara, Prof. Lalith Rajapaksha, Prof. Mahesh Jayaweera, Prof. Wasantha Mampearachchi, Dr. (Ms.) Buddhika Gunawardhana, Dr. HR Pasindu also took part in the event. Prof. Bandara addressing the gathering praised the value of organizing this event and advised students on balancing both academics and other

activities. Furthermore, lecturers and instructors participated in a cricket match

Extra-Curricular **Activities**

Ingenium 2018



"Ingenium", the annual talent show of the Faculty of Information Technology, took place on the 7th of December, at the Old Gym of the university with the presence of the academic staff, non-academic staff and the undergraduates of the Faculty. Ingenium 2018, organized by the Students' Union of the Faculty of Information Technology for the fourth consecutive year, was graced by the presence of the Acting Dean of the Faculty

of Information Technology, Mrs. Sumudu Wijetunge and the Chief Student Counsellor of the University, Dr. (Mrs.) Anishka Hettiarachchi as the Guests of Honour of the event. The numerous items performed throughout the evening showcased the multitude of talents of the IT undergraduates in singing, dancing and acting, which emphasized that the students are gifted with aesthetic skills in addition to their technical knowledge and skills.

Are You Ready? 2018 – The Official Career Fair of University of Moratuwa



Are You Ready? is the official career fair of University of Moratuwa organized by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of the university. This year's edition was the 23rd. The project comprised several preparatory sessions followed by

Flagship Day. On 25th October, the first session "The Rêsumê" was held. At the event, Mr. Prageeth Wanigasekara, Lead University Relations for MAS Holdings, enlightened the participants on how to create a proper CV. The second session, "The Exemplar", was held on 29th October, where the undergraduates got a clear understanding of how to face an interview successfully, through the guidance of Mr. Mahesh Jayasingha, Managing Director of Mpower Softskills (Pvt) Ltd. A session on personal branding, "The Image" was conducted by the eminent personality Mr. Peter De Almeida, CEO and Managing Director of N-Able Private Limited on 31st October. The fourth session, "YouthBIZ", focused on entrepreneurship, was held on 1st November. The keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Dhanika Perera, CEO of Bhasha, which was followed by a panel discussion with Mr. Dhanika Perera, Mr. Mihira Wickramarachchi, Managing Director of Wickramarachchi Opticians and Mr. Dulinda Perera, CEO of IKon Marketing. Last but not least, Flagship Day was held successfully on 9th November. With more than 800 undergraduate registrations and interview panels from over 50 esteemed companies, the career day concluded with immense success.

Annual Bath Dansela and Dhamma Sermon



The annual Bath Dansela organized by the students of the Faculty of Information Technology, University of Moratuwa was held on the Binara poya day with the objectives of fulfilling the university students' social responsibility and strengthening the harmony among students of all batches, staff and the villagers. Dansela started at noon at the front gate of the University. In the evening, Dhamma Sermon was held at 6 p.m. in front of the University Buddha Statue. The Dhamma Sermon was conducted by Ven. Hangilialle KN Navimala Thero and it was followed by a timely Dhamma discussion, with the enthusiastic involvement of the students and staff members.

Society & **Community Responsive Activities**

Piyaman" – A Social Action Project Conducted by the Undergraduates of the Faculty of Information Technology



"Piyaman 2018", aimed at encouraging and motivating school students to succeed in life through education, took place successfully on the 9th of December 2018 at Weralugahamula Kanishta Vidyalaya. This school is located in Rakwana, in the Ratnapura District, with minimal facilities and housing a total of 65 students ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 11. "Piyaman 2018" is a Community Service project organized and conducted by the Undergraduates of Batch 14 of the Faculty of Information Technology, in line with

the course module e-Education, under the guidance of Senior Lecturer Dr. (Mrs) Thanuja Sandanayake. Donations of school stationery and equipment required for the science laboratory and art room were handed over to the school. A motivational session for students and a discussion with teachers and parents was conducted in parallel to sessions on G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Mathematics and Science subjects. This event provided an opportunity for the IT undergraduates to share their experience and knowledge with school children who do.

FIT Future Careers -2018



"FIT Future Careers -2018" the annual career fair of the faculty of Information Technology, University of Moratuwa organized by the Information Technology Society (INTECS) marked another successful step in its remarkable journey on 30th of November 2018. This is the faculty's long held annual recruitment program for final year undergraduates. The program for the day comprised four events; the opening ceremony, panel discussion, interview sessions and the technical session. After the traditional commencement to the opening ceremony at the Building Economics Auditorium at University of Moratuwa, Mr. Tharindu Ranaweera, the President of INTECS welcomed the gathering. The event was also enlightened with another valuable speech by Mr. Sandun Weerasinghe, a Senior Tech Lead at Creative Software. University dignitary, Eng. PM Karunarathne, the Dean of Faculty of Information Technology, sponsor delegates, academic and non-academic staff of the faculty, members of INTECS and undergraduates of the faculty attended the opening ceremony. With the delivery of Vote of Thanks by Mr. Uthpala Gamage, Secretary of INTECS, the opening ceremony came to an end.

Kawuda Prasidda - Drama



The University of Moratuwa Drama Society produced and staged the drama "Kawuda Prasidda" written and directed by Dr. Thesara Jaywardane on the 6th of November 2018 at the James George Hall in front of an audience of over 400. The chief guest of this event was the International award winning Actor Jagath Chamila. The Vice Chancellor of UOM Prof. Kapila C Perera was the honorary guest. The drama society operates under the guidance of Dr. Thesara Jayawardane, a senior lecturer at the Department of Industrial Management. The photograph is of the cast and crew of the drama group

members including Prof. Kapila C. Perera, Jagath Chamila, Dr. Thesara Jayawardane, Prof. Jagath Premachandra, Dr. Anishka Hettiarachchi, Mr. V. Sivahar, Nuwan Sameera, Dikmendra Bandara, Chanaka, Santhushi, Anjali, Kavindu, Damith, Su-pun, Pasan, Sandeepa and Gihan.

Retirements & **Felicitation**

Felicitation Ceremony for the Retirement of Prof. RGN De S Munasinghe



Department of Materials Science and Engineering hosted a felicitation dinner in honour of Prof. RGN De S Munasinghe who retired from service on 26th November 2018. The event was held on 6th of December 2018 at Mount Lavinia with the participation of the department staff. Prof. RGN De S Munasinghe retired after 20 years of dedicated service to the Department and the University. He joined the university after completing his MSc and PhD degrees in Mechanical and Materials Engineering respectively, at the Technical University of Berlin in Germany. He served as a Lecturer/Research Associate at the same university for 5 years and also worked in several industries in Berlin, Germany. After joining the University of Moratuwa in 1998, he held the positions of Head/Department of Materials

Engineering, Director/Postgraduate Studies of Faculty of Engineering, Chief Student Counsellor and Director/Research of the University.

Retirement & Felicitation Ceremony of Mr. AL Joufer Sadique



Mr. AL Joufer Sadique the most Senior Registrar in the University System retired from the University Services on 21st November, 2018. He served for more than 34 years as a university administrator, of which more than 20 years of eminent service were rendered to the University System as a Registrar of three (03) Universities: South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, The Open University of Sri Lanka and the University of Moratuwa.



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