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Research Initiatives, Accomplishments & Disseminations

Visit from Mr. Alex Elkjaer Vasegaard to University of Moratuwa



The Center for Supply Chain, Operations and Logistics Optimization (SCOLO) welcomed one of its collaborators from Aalborg University, Denmark, Mr. Alex Elkjaer Vasegaard on January 26th, 2022. Mr. Vasegaard, a PhD candidate of the Faculty of Engineering and Science, Aalborg University, Denmark spent a fruitful stint at the Department of Transport & Logistics Management while engaging with the Center.

SCOLO conducted a knowledge sharing session on 31st January 2022 at the Department of Transport & Logistics Management with Mr. Vasegaard sharing valuable research insights and ways in which research collaborations can be strengthened. Operations research, multi criteria decision making and scheduling operations are the key research domains on which collaborations were discussed.

Mr. Vasegaard also shared insights on how Aalborg University has excelled in using problem-based learning techniques for their students. A joint research paper was developed targeting satellite routing using multi criteria decision making intended for a high-ranked journal during Mr. Vasegaard’s stay in collaboration with Dr. Amila Thibbotuwawa, Dr. Niles Perera and Mr. Buddhi Weerasinghe as well as professors from Aalborg University.

Mr. Vasegaard also conducted a session at the Department of Operations Management, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya alongside Dr. Amila Thibbotuwawa, Dr. Niles Perera, Mr. Madushan Jayalath and Mr. Madushan Fernando of SCOLO to train their academic staff on simulation techniques as well as problem-based learning methods in supply chain management on 28th February 2022.

Dr. Ashani Ranathunga Wins OWSD - Elsevier Foundation Award for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World – 2022

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Dr. Ashani Ranathunga has won the OWSD - Elsevier Foundation Award for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World for her work at the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa.

climate change and advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including: SDG13 (Climate Action), SDG14 (Life Below Water) and SDG15 (Life on Land). The prize also acknowledges scientists’ commitment to leadership, mentoring and engagement within their communities, including the use of innovative technologies in their research.

This global award recognizes the contributions to research helping to tackle

Academic & Industry Collaboration

New Trends and Developments in Packaging



Sri Lanka's only packaging congress, sharing the most updated knowledge and expert solutions in the Packaging industry was held on 18th and 19th February 2022 at the VIP lounge, SBMEC, BMICH, with the participation of a distinguished panel of local and international speakers.

Prof. PG Rathnasiri (Professor) and Dr. Mahinsasa Rathnayake (Senior Lecturer) attached to the Department

of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Moratuwa were among the panel of speakers.

Prof. Rathnasiri delivered his speech on "Reusable and Refillable packaging models" and Dr. Rathnayake addressed the gathering on the topic, "Life Cycle Assessment of Packaging" under the theme "New Trends and Developments in Packaging".

Memorandum of Understanding between American & Efir Lanka (pvt) Ltd and the University of Moratuwa



The University of Moratuwa has signed a MoU with American & Efir Lanka (pvt) Ltd with agreement to continue their partnership in a number of areas including A & E to be the strategic sewing thread partner to the Department of Textile and Apparel Engineering, maintenance of a designated lecture room and auditorium and the annual award for the Best Performance during Industrial Training by a student of the B.Sc. Engineering degree program in Textile and Apparel Engineering.

Guest Lectures / Talks

Inflexion 2021 - Webinar on Cultivating Attitudes and Interpersonal Skills for a Winning Career



INFLEXION 2021, the Mentoring Program for the 2018 batch of the Civil Engineering Department - University of Moratuwa, organized and conducted by Batch of 2010 in collaboration with the Civil Engineering Society, organised a special webinar exclusively to all the Civil Engineering undergraduates of the University of Moratuwa.

This webinar themed, "Cultivating Attitudes and Interpersonal Skills for a Winning Career" was held on Saturday, the 05th February 2022 from 7.00 PM to 8.30 PM via Zoom, with Eng. Samitha Jayakody, Director at Resource Development Consultants (Pvt) Ltd, gracing the occasion as its Resource Contributor and facilitator and Eng. Narmadha Amarasinghe moderating the session.

This webinar focused on the impact of attitudes and interpersonal skills on professional career development and in day-to-day life. In addition, it delved into the challenges faced by and expected behaviour from a civil engineer in trying situations, especially in the new normal we now experience. Hence, this webinar was an elixir for the undergraduates, specifically for those who are undergoing their internship, to learn how to cultivate good attitudes and behaviours to realise optimal benefits from their in-plant training.

Dr. KDG Saparamadu Memorial Oration of the College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka



Professor Indrika Rajapaksha of Dept. of Architecture delivered the 10th prestigious Dr. KDG Saparamadu memorial oration of the College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka in the 39th Annual sessions held on 29th January 2022 at Water's Edge. Her talk explored "Missing links in warming climates: Built environment and Wellbeing in Tropics". She was presented with the orator's medal by the chief guest Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne.

Academic Programs

The Faculty of Medicine holds its First Inauguration Ceremony on 24th February

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The first-ever inauguration ceremony of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Moratuwa was held on February 24th, 2022, at the Civil Engineering Auditorium of the University.

Vidyajyothi Prof. Janaka de Silva, the Chief Guest, delivered the inaugural lecture of the ceremony.

The historic event was attended by Prof. ND Gunawardena, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Moratuwa, Prof. Ranil Fernando, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Deans of the other Faculties as well as the academic and non-academic staff. The first and second batches of students, along with their parents, also took part in the event, which was held in accordance with the government's safety

regulations. The University of Moratuwa welcomed its first intake of medical students in early 2021, establishing its very own medical faculty; however, due to the COVID 19 pandemic situation and safety restrictions, the inauguration ceremony was postponed at the time. The first and second intakes comprise 104 and 90 students, respectively.



Free Open Online Training Programme on Trainee - Full Stack Developer University of Moratuwa

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The University of Moratuwa (UoM) is offering a six-month online program “free of charge” that would qualify the student as a Trainee - Full Stack Developer to be employed in the fast-growing Computing Industry of Sri Lanka, especially for all students who completed their A level exams in February 2022.

Designed in collaboration with the industry, consisting of six course modules, Trainee - Full Stack Developer programme aims at providing the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to be part of an IT organization as an industry ready intern.

UoM follows strict quality assurance to ensure that all cognitive, psychomotor and

ffective skills are developed throughout the courses. Content is developed by academics of UoM working together with the professionals of the IT industry. All courses are quality assured by a panel of experts from leading IT companies and academia worldwide. DP Foundation sponsors the courses under an MoU with the University of Moratuwa and courses are offered through the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of the University of Moratuwa “free of charge”. There are more than 40,000 students registered within a month of launching. Free registration/ More Information - <https://open.uom.lk/>

Commencement of Official Duties for the New Year



The University of Moratuwa commenced official duties of the New Year on 03rd January 2022 by hoisting of the National Flag. It was followed by the National Anthem and commemorating the war heroes who sacrificed their lives for our motherland and the late staff members of the University.

Wishing the officers and academic, administrative, academic support and non-academic staff members of the University a prosperous New Year, Prof. ND Gunawardena, the Vice-Chancellor of the University explained the importance of continuing to manage activities appropriately in the face of the

COVID-19 pandemic to achieve the Vision and Objectives of the University.

Prof. RF Fernando, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the Chairman of the University of Moratuwa Covid-19 Committee emphasized the importance of practicing DReAM (Distancing, Respiratory etiquette, Aseptic techniques and Masks) to control COVID-19 transmission.

Twenty seven members of the academic, administrative, academic support and non-academic staff of the University, who completed 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service respectively were honoured with the Long Service Awards. Staff who completed 40 years of service were awarded a plaque and

a medal was presented to the others.

Recipients of Bronze Medal (25 Years of Service)

1. Prof. GLD Wickramasinghe
2. Dr. CR De Silva
3. Dr. (Miss) MY Gunasekara
4. Mr. GL Wijesooriya
5. Mr. AMS Attanayake
6. Mr GRE Fernando
7. Mrs. HDM Soysa
8. Mrs. KMDBM Perera
9. Mr. HK Mahathanthila
10. Mr. KASK Perera
11. Mr. BARD Abeywardena
12. Mr. MA Gunasoma
13. Mr. MMSK Manamperi

Recipients of Silver Medal (30 Years of Service)

1. Prof. ML De Silva
2. Mr. GHD Wijesena
3. Mrs. KND Perera
4. Mr. JC Rajapaksha
5. Mr. Y Sarath Silva
6. Mr. WGAP Wijayagunsinghe
7. Mr. AA Dayananda

Recipients of Gold Plated Medal (35 Years of Service)

1. Senior Prof. ND Gunawardena
2. Senior Lecturer HVS De Silva
3. Mr. KADS Rathnasekara

Recipients of Plaque (40 Years of Service)

1. Senior Prof. WPS Dias
2. Senior Prof. SAS Kulathilaka
3. Mrs. ND Gunasekara
4. Mr. NRA De Silva



ENACT: Enhancing Governance, Management and Reform in Sri Lankan Universities through Non-Academic Staff Training



The University of Moratuwa received an EU ERASMUS+ Grant for Enhancing Governance, Management and Reform in Sri Lankan Universities through Non-Academic Staff Training: ENACT Project; a collaborative project co-funded by the EU Erasmus+ programme.

This three-year project mainly aims at strengthen the governance, management and quality of University education in Sri Lanka by building the capacity of the non-academic staff to enhance organizational performance and to support current and future modernization efforts and reforms in higher education.

Furthermore, the specific objectives of ENACT are:

- To enhance Sri Lankan Universities' knowledge and good practices base in key areas of governance and management and to engage them in collaborative design, delivery and assessment of a relevant and feasible

training program for non-academic staff.

- To improve through training and international exposure, the knowledge, skills and attitudes of non-academic staff in Sri Lankan partner Universities.
- To put in place institutional strategies and support structures in the Sri Lankan partner Universities enabling a long-term commitment to the training and professional development of non-academic staff.
- To serve as a flagship initiative, providing recommendations for actions applicable to the national higher education system and inspiring other universities to develop adequate strategies and plans for the professional development of their non-academic staff.

The project will be implemented by the Eastern University of Sri Lanka (EUSL) as

the Sri Lankan Coordinator, the University of Peradeniya, University of Moratuwa, University of Ruhuna, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Technological Campus as other Sri Lankan partners, Visshe Uchilishte po Menidzhmant (in English Varna University of Management in Bulgaria), ULisboa – Instituto Superior Técnico in Portugal, GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GOTTINGEN in Germany, Masaryk University (MU) in the Czech Republic as European partners, and the European Center for Quality Ltd. (ECQ) to manage the project at its own institution and assist with technical reporting at consortium level.

Mrs. WMDPM Hulugalla, Registrar will be leading the ENACT Project team of University of Moratuwa with Mr. KAD Pushpakeerthi (Bursar), Mrs. ST Hewawasam (DR), Mr. SK Rodrigo (DB) and Mrs. CY Munasinghe (SAR) as team members.

Foreign Visits

Visit from Prof. Sujeeva Setunge, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, RMIT, Australia, to the Department of Civil Engineering



Prof. Mrs. Sujeeva Setunge, an alumna of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa, is a world-renowned academic and currently the

Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation at the STEM college of RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. Prof Mrs. Sethunga visited the

Department on the 19th January 2022 and, in parallel, conducted an interactive online session for the research students of the Department.

Prof. Mrs. Sethunge pioneered in initiating the RMIT-Sri Lanka Split PhD program. During the interactive session with the students, Prof. Mrs. Sethunge discussed the RMIT -UoM Split Program and other opportunities at RMIT while answering questions raised by the research students and providing guidance on pursuing higher studies.

Workshop on Opportunities for Higher Studies



A workshop on opportunities for higher studies was organized for Research students of the Department of Civil Engineering on 04th January at the department premises. This workshop was conducted by two world-renowned Academics, Prof. Priyan Mendis from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and Prof. Rupa Purasinghe from California State University, Los Angeles. These guest speakers guided participants on securing scholarships and the requirements they should focus on before pursuing higher studies. An interactive session with individual participants followed the seminar to discuss education opportunities, scholarships schemes, research and publications.

Fashion Collection for Colombo Fashion Week 2022 by Githmi Samarasekera

Githmi Samarasekera proudly showcased her first fashion collection for the Colombo Fashion Week (CFW) 2022 held on 24th February at the Shangri-la Hotel, Colombo. She is a final year student in the Fashion Design and Product Development Degree programme of the Department of Textile and Apparel Engineering. Githmi's collection was inspired by the tea plantation culture during colonial Ceylon and draws influences from British, Indian, Sri Lankan

Student Achievements

CSE Team from UoM Wins First Place in the IntelliHack2 Competition Organized by IEEE CS UCSC

Mr. Primesh Pathirana and Mr. Thilina Senarath (Team Genesis), final year undergraduates of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Moratuwa, were awarded the winning team of INTELLIHACK2.

Intellihack2.0 is the first-ever Machine Learning hackathon in Sri Lanka. It is one of the year's most anticipated, exciting, and electrifying events that innovative minds look forward to. The hackathon was conducted as a virtual event hosted by the IEEE Computer Society Student Branch Chapter of the University of Colombo School of Computing and sponsored by IFS, London Stock Exchange Group, Dialog Axiata, Global Market Technologies, and Google Developer Group Sri Lanka. This hackathon consisted of a preliminary round and a 01-day final round. It was held from November 2021 to January 2022 with the participation of undergraduates from local universities. The delegates were challenged to propose and implement solutions to a real-world problems using machine learning.

Team Genesis from CSE, UOM, proposed E-Gaze, a novel retail customer shopping behaviour analysis system using human eye

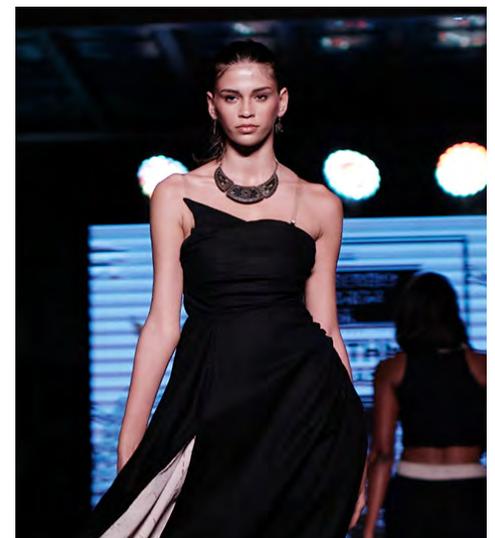
gaze estimation technology. The proposed novel solution used computer vision and machine learning technologies to track and identify customer gaze on retail products and equip retailers with customer behaviour information to improve sales and profitability. This was based on their final year project supervised by Prof. D Meedeniya.

At the end of the preliminary round, the top 10 teams were shortlisted for the final round based on the novelty and impact of the proposed solutions. Team Genesis was selected for the final round as the top-scoring team from the first round. The top 10 teams were given one month to implement a prototype of their proposed solutions. Out of the ten teams, the top 03 teams were selected based on the technical implementation soundness and business presentation at the final hackathon day held on 09th January 2022 as a virtual event. Team Genesis won first place in the IntelliHack2 Competition 2022.

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering congratulates Mr. Primesh Pathirana and Mr. Thilina Senarath for this great achievement and extends wishes for a bright future.

styles to derive silhouettes, shapes and intricate details of the unique designs. Ceylon tea, described as a pillar of the Sri Lankan culture, heritage, and identity, has been declining and through the concept of "The bittersweet", this range focuses on generating attention to develop pride

around "Being partially bitter or sorrowful and partially sweet or joyful". Featured are tea-dyed linen fabrics created from wastage from tea factories as the key feature of this formal-casual collection developed through creative pattern manipulation techniques, fabric draping, and fine tailoring methods.



Bronze award for Tertiary Students – Technology category



The final year project titled “Object Detection, Tracking and Suspicious Activity Recognition for Maritime Surveillance using Thermal Vision” received the Bronze award for Tertiary Students – Technology category at National ICT Awards NBQSA 2021.

NBQSA, The National ICT Awards Ceremony, provides recognition to outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations in Sri Lanka who have developed high quality ICT products and Tertiary Category – Technology targets the best quality work done by undergraduates

Second-place Winner of the ComSoc “Internet for All” Competition in the Asia Pacific Region



Sandushan Ranaweera

Sandushan Ranaweera, an undergraduate of ENTIC has emerged as the second-place winner in the Asia Pacific Region in the Internet for All Competition organized by IEEE Communications Society which is one of the world premier associations for communication engineers.

In this competition the participating teams or individuals are required to submit a proposal outlining a plan to bring internet connectivity to an identified locality where a clear need of internet connectivity exists. The proposals should explain how if implemented the performance of the infrastructure will be measured, detect technical failures, risk mitigation plan and how the infrastructure will be maintained after the project duration.

Teams or individuals from worldwide were open to submit proposals. Winners were selected region-wise from Europe, Middle East and Africa Region, North America Region, Latin America Region and Asia Pacific Region. The jury picked First, Second, Third place winners with up to 5 honorable mentions per each region. Sandushan Ranaweera’s proposal which won the second place in Asia Pacific Region was outlined a project to give internet connectivity for underprivileged students in rural villages of Sri Lanka using existing common infrastructure.

The constant motivation and guidance of Dr. Tharaka Samarasinghe as the staff advisor of the IEEE Communications Society Student Branch Chapter should be appreciated here since he always encourages students to participate in these competitions. This achievement will uplift the brand name of ENTIC and UoM while showcasing the practical industrial knowledge of ENTIC undergraduates in international level.



in terms of research related to technical solutions.

The award was given for the technological solution provided when it comes to maritime surveillance in Sri Lankan borders and due to the amount of research work carried out during the project which includes a novel approach to Online Real-time Spatio Temporal Action Localization.

The Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering congratulates Abeywardena KG, Jayasundara HLSH, Karunasena GKS, Sumanthiran SK and project supervisors of Dr. Ranga Rodrigo, Dr. Peshala Jayasekara for this great achievement and extends wishes for a bright future.

Staff Achievements

“A Novel Approach to Entrepreneurship” by Dr. Thesara Jayawardane



A book on entrepreneurship by Dr. Thesara Jayawardane, Head-Department of Industrial Management was launched recently. The launch of this book entitled “ව්‍යවසායකත්වයට නව ප්‍රවේශයක්” or “A Novel Approach to Entrepreneurship”



Dr. (Mrs.) DNT Gunawardhana, Successfully Completed her Doctoral Degree (PhD)



was held on Thursday, 24th of February 2022 at 6pm, with the presence of the Chief Guest, Defense Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne, Minister Hon. Admiral Sarath Weasekara, Hon. Tissa Attanayake, Hon. Daya Gamage, Snr. DIG Ajith Rohana and former Navy Commander Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe. The Keynote speakers were Mr. Dilith Jayaweera and Prof. Prathibha Mahanamahewa The Dean, Faculty of Engineering Prof. Nalin Wickramarachchi and many other academics from the University of

Moratuwa were among the eminent guests of honour.

The book provides an extensive elaboration on various types of entrepreneurs, personality trait dimensions in entrepreneurship, cognitive biases in entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship career paths, entrepreneurial economics and financial planning, strategic frameworks of entrepreneurship, legal implications of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial business ethics.

Dr. (Mrs.) DNT Gunawardhana, Library, University of Moratuwa successfully completed her Doctoral Degree (PhD) at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo. At present, she serves as a Senior Assistant Librarian of the Technical Services Division at the University Library. She also contributes as a Visiting Lecturer in Research Methods, External Mentor and Student Counsellor.

Exhibitions, Field Trips & Workshops

Surveying Camp of the Department of Civil Engineering



The annual residential surveying camp of the Department of Civil Engineering was successfully held for the 17- batch at 'KITI-IWM' - Kothmale International Training Institute of Irrigation and Water Management' from 16th-29th January 2022. This surveying camp was held in two slots for the final year undergraduates while maintaining health regulations with the

support of the academic and non-academic staff of the Department.

In addition to the usual project-based holistic surveying exposure given by the camp, this year, students were also offered a hands-on session on modern surveying equipment such as Differential GPS and Drone Surveying.



Academics discussed how best to improve students to become the best of the class Engineers.

Workshop on Outcome Based Education – Department of Civil Engineering

A workshop was held for the academic staff of the department on Outcome Based Education (OBE) at Cinnamon Grand Hotel Colombo on 9th February 2022. The department has widely adopted OBE in delivering all modules as it is one of the key requirements of international academic accreditation, such as the Washington Accord.

Dr. Nalin De Silva and Dr. H.R. Pasindu, who were the resource persons of the workshop, delivered presentations and interactive sessions on OBE. These sessions focused on the new curriculum

The Civil Engineering Department Industry Consultative Board Meeting of 2022



The Department Industry Consultative Board (DICB) meeting was held at Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo, on 9th February 2022 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The DICB meeting aims to obtain insights from the industry on the performance of the graduates produced by the department. The industry Engineers and the department



Prof. (Mrs.) Chinth Jayasinghe said, “I am happy to say that we have had a very fruitful workshop. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone who participated and shared their valuable views at the workshop. The dedication of the Accreditation Committee members, led by Prof. Lalith Rajapakse, who worked tirelessly to organize the workshop, is greatly appreciated. We as a department are very much grateful to our sponsors INSEE and MELWA for their generous financial contributions.”

revisions and OBE-based Module-Outline-related activities such as writing Learning Outcomes, Mapping Learning Outcomes with Programme Outcomes, Scaffolding of Learning Outcomes across the Curriculum,

and Aligning Learning Outcomes with the Syllabus and Assessment.

Speaking of this workshop, Head - Department of Civil Engineering,

Clubs & Societies

Leo Club of the University of Moratuwa Recognised as the most Outstanding Leo Club in Sri Lanka and Awarded Many Other Prestigious Accolades

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The 43rd Leo Multiple District Awards Ceremony for the Leoistic year 2020/2021 was held on February 16th, 2022, at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo in the presence of many enthusiastic Lions, Leos and other dignitaries.

The Leo Club of University of Moratuwa proudly received the prestigious awards for;

- Most Outstanding Leo Club in Sri Lanka - Winner
- Most Outstanding University-based Leo Club in Sri Lanka - Winner
- Best Administered Leo Club in Sri Lanka - Winner

- Best IT Enabled Leo Club in Sri Lanka - Winner
- Most Outstanding Leo Club President in Sri Lanka – Winner - Leo Sachintha Kapuge (‘17 Batch, Department of Mechanical Engineering)
- Most Outstanding Leo Club



Secretary in Sri Lanka – Winner - Leo Sandani Asha (‘17 Batch, Department of Civil Engineering)

- Most Outstanding Leo Club Treasurer in Sri Lanka – Winner - Leo Sithum Bandara (‘17 Batch, Department of Mechanical Engineering)
- Most Outstanding Leo Club Advisor in Sri Lanka - Winner - Lion Sumudu Amarasinghe (a graduate from 12A Batch, Department of Chemical and Process Engineering)
- Most Outstanding Bulletin Editor in Sri Lanka – Winner - Leo Hasini Pandigama (‘17 Batch, Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering)
- Project Awards - 06 Winner Awards, 03 First Runner-up Awards, 04 Second Runner-up Awards

The genuine effort of the UoM Leos, their dedication and quality leadership is the secret to winning these numerous awards. The Leo Club of the University of Moratuwa continues its 18 year tradition in spreading smiles to every corner of the world.

Society & Community Responsive Activities

Civil Engineering Undergraduates Organise O/L Mathematics Seminar as Part of Suhastha'21



Suhastha'21 was organized by level 02 students of the Civil Engineering Department, with the guidance and contribution of senior batches and the academic staff. The project was carried out under two phases in accordance with the health guidelines provided. As phase one, a five-day O/L mathematics seminar was conducted via the Zoom platform in all three mediums - Sinhala, Tamil and English. As phase two, a book donation campaign was held for two identified underprivileged schools.

The mathematics seminar series was conducted from 31st January to 04th February, for 05 days. More than fifteen volunteers were assigned to teach students over the 05 successive days. On the fifth day, target subject areas and model paper questions were discussed. Additionally, tutorials under the relevant topics were also given for the students for further

practice. Furthermore, motivational sessions, friendly sessions and kahoot quizzes were also held and the winners of the quiz sessions were awarded prizes.

There were 2000+ student registrations, 600+ participants for the Sinhala medium seminar, 200+ participants for the Tamil medium seminar and 200+ participants for the English medium seminar. On 04th February, the seminars were concluded successfully, transforming the hopes and objectives of the organisers into reality.

The representatives from the Civil '19 batch extended their wholehearted gratitude, especially to the academic staff and well-wishers, for their guidance, encouragement, contributions, commitment and support, even under the current situation in the country, in bringing Suhastha-2021 to a successful close.

Felicitation Ceremony

Unveiling of the Photographs of two Former Heads of the Department of Civil Engineering



Photographs of two former heads of the Department of Civil Engineering, Prof. Saman Bandara and Prof. Athula

Kulathilake, were unveiled at the Department Boardroom on 5th January 2022. The unveiling ceremony was witnessed by the academic and non-academic staff of the department. The current Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Prof. (Mrs) Chinthra Jayasinghe and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Nalin Wickramarachchi appreciated the exceptional service provided by the two former heads to the department. A plaque was also awarded to the two former heads of the department. The new year calibration of the department followed the unveiling ceremony.

Library News

Digital Wall launched at the Library, University of Moratuwa



The British Council launched the Digital Wall at the Library of the University of Moratuwa on 22nd February, 2022. Ms. Maarya Rehman, Country Director-British Council and Senior Professor ND Gunawardena - Vice Chancellor ceremoniously unveiled the Board, amidst other distinguished invitees and staff members of the library. Ms. Shiroma, Manager, Library and Information Science, British Council, demonstrated how to access the books, podcasts, reports etc by scanning the QR codes.

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