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### 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of UWU

Dr. J. L. Ratnasekera, Senior Lecturer (Grade 1) in Chemistry, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, has been appointed as the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka by His Excellency the President, Maithripala Sirisena of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for a period of three years with effect from January 28, 2017.



### Acknowledgment

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# Reaching New Heights: Faculty of Technological Studies

## Laying of Foundation Stone for New Building



Laying of Foundation Stone for New Building of the Faculty of Technological Studies of UWU took place on July 22, 2017 at the auspicious time 10.42 a.m. The Secretary to the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways, Mr. D. C. Dissanayaka, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. J. L. Ratnasekera, the Dean, Faculty of Technological Studies, Prof. K. B. Wijesekara, Deans of the other three faculties, distinguished invitees, academic staff, non-academic staff, site engineers, supervisors, and students participated in the ceremony. This four storied building will house four fully fledged laboratories, modern lecture halls, a seminar room and many more facilities for the students. The entire building will be completed by the year 2020.



## Opening Ceremony - The Faculty of Technological Studies

The formal Opening Ceremony of the Faculty of Technological Studies took place on August 17, 2017 at the Faculty premises with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. J. L. Ratnasekera, the Dean, Faculty of Technological Studies, Prof. K. B. Wijesekara, Deans of the other faculties, distinguished invitees, academicians, non-academic staff and students.

The faculty website was launched and the key note address was delivered by the Vice Chancellor. The students of the Faculty of Technological Studies added glamour to the event with dancing and musical performances.





## 7<sup>th</sup> General Convocation



The 7<sup>th</sup> General Convocation of UWU was held at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017. This year, 411 Bachelor's Degrees were conferred by Thripitakacharya Dharma Keerthi Sri Sumangala Rathanapala Dhammarakkhitha, Most Venerable, Bengamuwe Sri Dhammadinna Nayake Thero, the Chancellor of UWU.









# 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Symposium – “IRSUWU 2017”



The 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Symposium (IRSUWU) 2017 of the Uva Wellassa University was successfully held on January 19 & 20, 2017 in the university premises under the theme of “Global Trends towards Technopreneurial Development”.

With the presence of the Chief Guest, Prof. Buddhi Marambe from university of Peradeniya and the Keynote Speakers; Prof. Kirsten Benkendorff from Australia, Prof. Cheng Li from China and Prof. Cheorun Jo from South Korea, the IRSUWU 2017 made a remarkable milestone in the history of Uva Wellassa University. IRSUWU 2017 comprised of 17 sub-themes and 11 tracks, where over 300 abstracts were presented.

This massive event provided a platform for scientists, industry personnel and international delegates to unite and present their scientific innovations and global trends in array of fields.









# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

## “Wellassa Kona Mangalyaya - 2017”

In line with the Sinhala-Tamil New Year celebrations, “Wellasse Kona Mangalyaya” was successfully held on April 22, 2017 in the university premises. This event was organized by the students to promote multi-cultural values and ethnic harmony within the university community.



## “Aluth Aurudu Uthsawaya - 2017”

The Welfare Society of UWU organized the New Year Festival – 2017, including many games inherited to Sinhala-Tamil New Year Festival such as “Aliyata Asa Thebiima” (Placing the eye on elephant), “Kanna Muttiya Bindiima”, “Kotta Pora”(Pillow-fighting), “Kamba Adheema”(Tug-o-war) etc., while strengthening unity with entertainment among university staff.





# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

## “Namunukula Wesak Sanda - 2017”

The annual Wesak Programme of UWU, “Namunukula Wesak Sanda” was conducted during the month of May in order to celebrate the “Three Noble Events” (Themagula) of Lord Buddha. The students of UWU organized a series of events:

- An all-night Pirith Chanting Ceremony followed by an Alms Giving to the Maha Sangha;
- Seela Samadhi Programme - with Observing Sil;
- Wesak Lanterns Competition;
- Wesak *Bathi Gee* (Hymn) with the participation of undergraduates and the students of Dhamma Schools in Uva.

Through this programme, the spiritual and aesthetic values and imaginative skills of students were uplifted while enhancing the awareness among Uva community.



## “Malaithendral 2017” – Cultural Event



Students of UWU carried out “Malaithendral 2017”, Arts & Cultural event on September 17, 2017 at Simon Peiris Memorial Conference Hall, Badulla. “Malaithendral” event was organized to improve the artistic and cultural values of the students in the university while providing a platform to showcase the talents upholding ethnic harmony. The event was furnished with traditional, cultural performances and publication of the book, “Malaithendral” and launching of the song, “Malaithendral”.





# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

## “Galena 2017” - Glamorous Evening

“Galena 2017”, Glamorous Evening was held in the university premises on April 27, 2017 with the prime objective of providing students with practical exposure on Catering Banquet Management & Events Management. The theme of “Galena 2017” was “Hellenic Heaven – Dine above the Clouds” which focused on offering a unique culinary experience of Greek culture to the guests.

This event was organized by the students of Hospitality Tourism & Events Management Degree programme providing an unforgettable experience to staff and students of UWU.



## “Aurora 2K17” – Annual Food Festival



This event created the opportunity to all university community to gather under a same hut and taste variety of delicious food prepared by students of UWU with the purpose of raising funds to assist a rural school located in Uva province.

“Aurora 2K17” organized by the Department of Animal Science was held on August 16, 2017 at UWU, and was coordinated by Mr. Priyanath Jayasinghe, Lecturer, Department of Animal Science.





# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

## “Nidra 2017” - Musical Night



With the core intention of pleasing wearisome minds, “Nidra 2017” organized by the Art Society of UWU held on September 15, 2017 in the university premises. This evening was a real feast for academic staff, non-academic staff and students of UWU.

## “Kelani Paalama” - Stage Drama

In line with “Manusath Handa”, the annual Art Festival, this event was organized by the Art Society of UWU. The drama was staged on November 8, 2017 in the Town Hall, Badulla.

A product of renowned artist, A.R. Samarakoon, this drama was successfully staged with the participation of audience including university lecturers, school teachers & students, undergraduates and the general public of Uva province.



## “Warsha 2017”

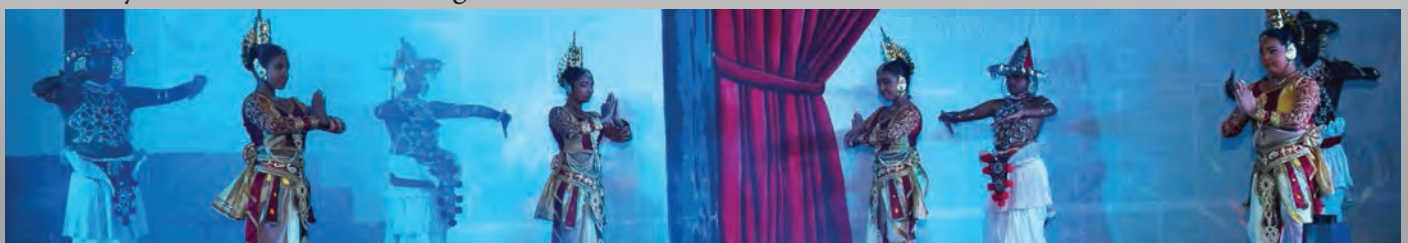
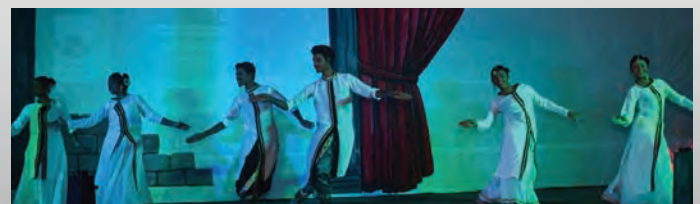


Moistening scorched minds for a while, “Warsha 2017” was fruitfully staged on November 15, 2017 at the Public Library Auditorium, Badulla. This programme was organized with the purpose of appreciating the literary aspects of songs.

Commentary of Prof. Aththanayaka M. Herath and the Lyricist Mr. Sudath Gamini Bandara combined with the musical talents of the undergraduates of UWU made this a fascinating evening.

## “Bhawa Sankalana - 2017”

“Bhawa Sankalana 2017”, was held in the university premises on November 22, 2017. It was a colourful night with the dramatic performances and dancing of both UWU students and a dancing group from University of Visual and Performing Arts.





# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

## “Glamouro 2017”

“Glamouro” is a glittering event which takes place annually as the upshot of the course, Communication Skills to unveil communication competencies of the first year students while improving their personalities, self-confidence and presentation skills.

“Glamouro 2017” Grand Finale was held on November 20, 2017 at E1 Auditorium under the theme “Milano Centrale”.

Deans of the Faculties, Heads of the Departments, academic staff and non academic staff as well as all the students of UWU participated in this event.



## Training Workshops - Announcing and Drama Circles

The Workshop for the Drama Circle was organized with the main objective of granting a well-guided practical knowledge to the undergraduates in Drama Circle of the university.

It was held on November 18 & 19, 2017 with the renowned participation of dramatists: Mr. Jagath Manuwarna, Mr. Kalana Gunasekara and Mr. Koralage Saman.

The training workshop for the Announcing Circle organized on November 25 & 26, 2017 in the “Media Academy”, Battaramulla was conducted by famous media personalities, Mr. Athula Jayasinghe and Mr. Lal Sarath Kumara.





# Collaboration, Linkages and Exposure

## Postgraduate Opportunities at CNU in South Korea



A special session was organized to familiarize the academic staff members on the postgraduate/ postdoctoral opportunities available at Chungnam National University, South Korea on January 18, 2017 at C-3 Lecture Hall, UWU. Prof. Jun Heon Lee, the Vice President, International Affairs, Chungnam National University conducted a presentation on the postgraduate/ postdoctoral opportunities which was followed by a fruitful discussion.

More than 40 academic staff members of UWU attended the session receiving the opportunity of discussing the future possibilities in applying for higher studies in Chungnam National University, South Korea with Prof. Lee.



## A Delegation from University of Malaya, Malaysia

Prof. Abdul Kariem bin Mohammed Arof, Head of the Center for Ionics, University of Malaya, Malaysia visited UWU on March 06, 2017.

During his visit, UWU-ICC organized a meeting with Prof. Arof on March 07, 2017 in order to develop research collaborations in the field of Ionic Physics, initiate student and staff exchange programmes and joint research grant programmes between UWU and the University of Malaya. Deans of the Faculties, Coordinator of the Faculty of Technological Studies, and several other senior lecturers attended this meeting. After the discussion, he conducted a guest lecture for undergraduates of the university.



## Dissemination of Knowledge - Tokyo Institute of Technology

Three research students namely Mr. Tomoki Furuhashi, Mr. Naoki and Ms. Kiyoko from Tokyo Institute of Technology of Japan visited UWU and had two-hour presentation on their innovation of low cost, no electricity automated toilet washlet. Students from Faculty of Management and Faculty of Science and Technology attended the meeting.



# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## “Nirudhakayata Diya Podak 2017”



With the prime objective of leading the society towards Green Concept introducing healthy environmental, social, cultural, health and educational aspects, “Nirudhakayata Diya Podak 2017” was organized by the undergraduates of UWU. This community service was extended on August 26, 2017 in Badulla, Passara, Katharagama, Dunhinda, and Ella regions. A cleaning programme as well as a public awareness campaign were conducted this day.



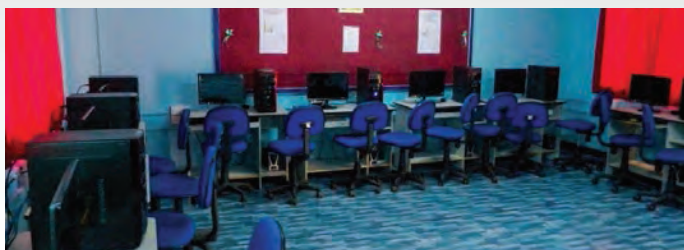


# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## Donation of a Computer Lab

The Department of Computer Science and Technology of UWU donated a computer laboratory to Alpitiya Nawodya Maha Vidyalaya, Dambagalla, Monaragala on March 6, 2017.

This donation was made as one of the events organized to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the UWU. The Departments' Alumni, staff members of Faculty of Science and Technology along with some other donors contributed to this work.



## “Vidu Nimsara 2017”



“Vidu Nimsara 2017” is an educational seminar programme organized by the students of Science and Technology Degree Programme of UWU for GCE O/L students of the schools in Badulla area.

With the participation of more than 600 school students, this event was productively held in November 2017 in the university premises.





# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## “ANS Blood Drive 2017”



The third year undergraduates of the Animal Science Degree programme successfully organized the Annual Blood Donation Programme, “ANS Blood Drive 2017” on October 19, 2017 in the premises of UWU. Dr. N.M.N. Nambapana, Senior Lecturer, Department of Animal Science coordinated the event.



## “Saarkshara 2017”



The Animal Science Society of UWU organized “Saarkshara 2017” as one of the community development activities for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year on November 21, 2017 at Malangamuwa Vidyadeepa Primary School in Badulla. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduates of ANS Degree programme together with staff members visited the school and donated students with packages of stationery, school items and sports instruments. Malangamuwa Vidyadeepa Primary School is located in a remote area in Badulla district having 61 students who follow their studies with under-privileged facilities.

The main objective behind “Saarkshara 2017” was to support a needy school and its students while supplying materials for their education and motivating them to study well to move up the ladder of success. The success of this event was evident through innocent smiles on the faces of the students at Malangamuwa Vidyadeepa Primary School during the programme.



# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## Certificate in English for School Leavers - 6<sup>th</sup> Intake

The Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of UWU took the pride in having Inauguration Ceremony of “Certificate in English for School Leavers” course for the 6<sup>th</sup> batch of students on November 11, 2017 at Main Lecture Theatre in UWU with the participation of Director/CODL, Dean/Faculty of Management, Head/Department of Management Sciences, Head/Department of Public Administration, senior lecturers, lecturers, non-academic staff and more than 100 prospective students along with their parents.

Having felt the inevitability of English language skills in almost all walks of life, UWU offers this great opportunity to immediate school leavers of Uva Province with the aim of enhancing knowledge and skills of students with the key of English while developing links and affiliations with Uva community.



## Certificate Course in History for School Teachers - 4<sup>th</sup> Intake

Certificate Awarding Ceremony for the 4<sup>th</sup> batch of students who successfully completed the “Certificate Course on History for School Teachers” was held on December 09, 2017 at CODL of UWU. Dean/Faculty of Management, Mr. G.H. Abeyweera participated as the Chief Guest of the event.



## Certificate Course in Web Design and Certificate Course in Java Application Development - 3<sup>rd</sup> Intake

The certificate courses, Web Design and Java Application Development conducted by the Department of Computer Science and Technology under CODL were inaugurated on November 25, 2017 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of students having 44 enrollments. These courses are offered for those who wish to uplift their knowledge on Computer Application Design and Computer Programming Concepts.



# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## Workshop on Chemistry for Ordinary Level Science Students



A two-day experimental workshop on Chemistry for Ordinary Level students in under-resourced schools in Badulla district was successfully conducted at the main Chemistry Laboratory of UWU on July 19 & 20, 2017.

Fifty-seven students from grade 10 and 11 and three teachers from B/Gawela Vidyalaya and B/Aththalagedara Thakshila Maha Vidyalaya participated in the workshop.

The activity was organized by the Senior Lecturer, Dr. Thusitha Etampawala with the help of temporary lecturers and demonstrators under the supervision of the Head/Department of Science and Technology, Dr. Jagath Pitawala.

## “Soba Ru 2017”

“Soba Ru 2017” was organized by the 1<sup>st</sup> year students of Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management Degree programme to make the school students aware on the “Leadership for Environment Conservation and Sustainable Tourism” followed by a visit to Bogoda Bridge on November 20, 2017.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## “ANS Trophy 2017” - Football Tournament



For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, students of Animal Science Degree programme of the UWU organized the “ANS Trophy” – Football Tournament which took place on August 10, 2017 in the university playground. With the participation of academic staff, non-academic staff, graduates and undergraduates of UWU, this event was held adding joy to the young hearts.



## “ENM Trophy 2k17” - Cricket Tournament

The Annual Cricket Tournament, “ENM Trophy” organized by the undergraduates of Entrepreneurship and Management Degree programme was held on September 09 & 10, 2017 at the playground of the university.

The aim of this tournament was to promote Cricket among the undergraduates while developing the organization skills, team spirit, collective working ability and other necessary soft skills of the undergraduates.

With the active participation of academic staff, non-academic staff, all the ENM generations along with undergraduates, “ENM Trophy 2K17” was an extraordinary moment to share smiles of camaraderie between the generations of all the degree programmes.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## UWU Organized Inter-University Football Championship 2017



The Uva Wellassa University organized the foremost Inter University Football Championship 2017 during September 22-24, 2017. Undergraduates representing 13 national universities have participated in this football tournament. It was a remarkable final match and awarding ceremony where the University of Jaffna won the championship while the University of Peradeniya became the 1<sup>st</sup> runners up and the University of Moratuwa became the 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up. Dr. Jayantha Lal Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## Inter-Faculty Sports Festival 2017



Inter Faculty Sports Festival 2017 was organized by the Physical Education Unit of UWU comprised of many games such as Carrom, Badminton, Chess, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Elle, Table Tennis, Hockey, Football, Cricket, Road Race, Basketball, Karate, Netball and Athletics. The final rounds were held on November 18 & 19, 2017 in the playground of UWU. The Faculty of Science and Technology won the Championship for the year 2017.





## Workshops and Seminars

### Workshop on e-Resources and Services through the UGC-CONSAL

A workshop on “e-Resources and Services through the UGC-Consortium of Sri Lankan Academic Libraries” organized by the Library with the objective of increasing the access to scholarly journals and the productivity of the research conducted by the staff of UWU held on December 07, 2017. Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo served as the resource person.



### Workshops Conducted by Career Guidance Unit

- “Career Guidance and Attitudes” on April 07, 2017 with the participation of resource persons; Mr. D.B Jayathilake/Enterprise Development Officer, National Enterprise Development Authority, CEFE trainer/ LOCA Facilitator and Mr. H.M Jayashantha Kumara/Enterprise Development Officer, National Enterprise Development Authority, Career Counselor.
- “Job Opportunities and Graduate Employability Skills” on April 22, 2017 where Mrs. Pramuditha Gunathilaka, NSB Bank, Moratuwa and Mr. Mindika Thilakarathne, Manager/ Group Sustainability and Special Projects of Hemas Holdings PLC served as the resource persons to make the students aware on enhancing employability skills to secure job opportunities.
- “Soft Skills” on April 29, 2017 with the contribution of resource persons; Dr. Mangalee Alwis, Senior Lecturer, UWU and Mr. Ruwan Dissanayake Manager/ Relationship, DFCC, Bank, Gampaha.
- “Upadhidari Viyawasayaka Udanaya”- Graduate Entrepreneur Awareness Programme was conducted by the Career Guidance Unit of UWU with National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA), on August 10, 2017 at UWU, focusing on 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. The students interested in undertaking their own businesses were invited to apply for the second phase of this programme.
- “Entrepreneurship”- held on September 28 & 29, 2017. The aim of this workshop was to provide hands on experience to participants about identifying, selecting, planning and undertaking a business.
- “Business Proposal Writing” on September 28 & 29, 2017 in collaboration with the National Enterprise Development Authority, and presentations and evaluation of business proposals was held on November 30, 2017.

Dr. H.M.W.M. Herath, Director of the Career Guidance Unit has organized all the workshops in order to increase the employability of graduates in their future careers.





## Workshops and Seminars

### Industrial Awareness Programme with Private Companies

The Department of Computer Science and Technology organized Industrial Awareness Programme for 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduates of Computer Science and Technology Degree programme in collaboration with three companies ISM APAC (Pvt) Ltd, Pearson Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and Virtusa (Pvt) Ltd, on September 29, 2017 at Orion City-IT Building complex, Colombo 09. The programme was held with the objective of providing undergraduates an insight regarding the internal working environment of companies and technologies while expanding opportunities to learn practically through interaction, working methods and employment practices.



### United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with Cisco Networking Academy has conducted a series of seminars on Cisco Entrepreneurship Course Module for undergraduates of UWU on October 29 & 30, 2017. Over 150 students participated in five sessions where each session had a group of 30 students. The prime objective of the programme was to prepare youth to build their skills on Entrepreneurship using in-demand ICT opportunities. This programme was conducted in parallel with the National Youth Software Competition: "HakaDev 2017". In order to pursue an on-line course on Entrepreneurship, 70 enrollment scholarships were awarded by Cisco Networking Academy to the students who performed the best in the quick assessment held at the end of the session.



# Workshops and Seminars

## Workshop on Research Management Tools & Techniques



One-day workshop on Research Management Tools & Techniques was organized by the Library in collaboration with Staff Development Centre (SDC) to enhance the research and publication capacity of the academicians of UWU. This one-day workshop conducted by Prof. R. Balasubramani, Department of Library & Information Science, Bharathidasan University, India and Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian of UWU took place on October 24, 2017 at Computer Laboratory.

The workshop provided a potent platform to the academics of UWU to cope with the modern challenges in their research and publication while opening new avenues on creating vibrant research culture in UWU.



## Workshops Conducted by the Department of Public Administration

Several important workshops were organized for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students to improve their basic knowledge on tourism industry by inviting the industry experts;

- “Front Office Operations” conducted by Mr. Nalaka Jayathilaka, Resort Manager, Villa 69 was held on November 17, 2017.
- “Personal Grooming and Personal Development” conducted by Mr. Lasitha De Silva, Training Manager, Mount Lavinia Hotel was held on November 10, 2017.

There were some workshops conducted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of HTE degree programme to advance their knowledge on tourism industry while exposing them to the industry, building up better personal relationships.

- “Legal Environment in Tourism” was conducted by Mr. Thissa Warnasooriya, Former Director General, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority on November 26, 2017.
- “Entrepreneurship for Tourism” was conducted by Mr. Ranjith Yapa, Managing Director, Pine Bright Tourney (Pvt) Ltd on November 21, 2017.
- “Itinerary Preparation and Tour Costing” was conducted by Mr. Ranga Wijesinghe, Managing Director, FTS Island Holidays (Pvt) Ltd on November 17, 2017.
- “Eco & Sustainable Tourism Practices in Hotel Industry” was conducted by Mr. S.S.R. Pathmakumara, Operation Manager, Ranweli Holiday Resort on August 28, 2017.
- One day workshop on “Business Plan Development” in line with World Tourism Day Celebration 2017 was conducted by Dr. Ajith Mendis, Head/Department of Marketing Management & Dr.R.A.S.Weerasiri, Senior Lecturer, Department of Marketing Management from University of Kelaniya on August 08, 2017.
- “Travel Agency Operation” was conducted by Mr. Kavindu Karunarathne, Managing Director, Volath Travels & Events on August 29, 2017.
- “Smart Your Future” was conducted by Ms. Shenali Liyanage, Human Resource Manager, Heritage Kandalama Hotel on March 27, 2017.
- “Image Consultancy and Awareness on Aviation Industry” in collaboration with Sri Lanka Aviation Collage was conducted for undergraduates of Faculty of Management on March 17, 2017.



# Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

## UWU Gaveliers Triumphs “Gavels Got Talent”



Gavel Club of UWU of Sri Lanka emerged as the All Island Winner of the event, “Gavel Got Talent” at the Gavel Conference of Sri Lanka held on August 6, 2017 at Wayamba University.

Being the youngest Gavel Club of Sri Lanka, registered in July 2017 this is a tremendous achievement of the UWU Gavel Club.



## UWU Gavel Club Delegation at the National Youth Model United Nations – 2017

The National Youth Model United Nations–2017 was held on August 25–27, 2017 in the Colombo University premises. A team representing the Gavel Club of UWU took part in the conference which has created an ideal perspective on current world affairs and trends.





# Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

## UWU M Phil Student Awarded for Best Conference Paper at IIUPST 2017

Ms. Kirushanthi Thangavel, M Phil student in Faculty of Science & Technology, UWU, was awarded with the best conference paper in the oral presentation category at the technical session of 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial International Symposium on Polymer Science and Technology organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Sri Jayewardenepura held at Golden Rose Hotel, Borlasgamuwa during July 13-15, 2017.

Ms. Kirushanthi received the award for presenting her research findings on “Crumb Rubber and Silica Reinforced Composites for Outdoor Flooring Applications”.

Dr. Thusitha Etampawala, a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Science & Technology of UWU supervised the project which was funded by UWU Research Grant Scheme.



## UWU Delegates at “BISWAMIL 2017”- International Cultural Extravaganza



“Biswamil 2017”, the International Cultural Festival organized by O.P. Jindhal Global University, Sonipat, Delhi, India was held during October 6-8, 2017, where three undergraduates of UWU together with Mr. Jagath Kulathilaka, Student Counsellor in Social Activities and Entertainment, took part in the event at Jindhal University premises. The event comprised of competitions to showcase the potentials of undergraduates in wide range; General Knowledge, Singing, Drama, Speech, Mono Act along with the euphonic DJ eves.

## The Team “Cyber Trans” Awarded in Information Security Quiz 2017

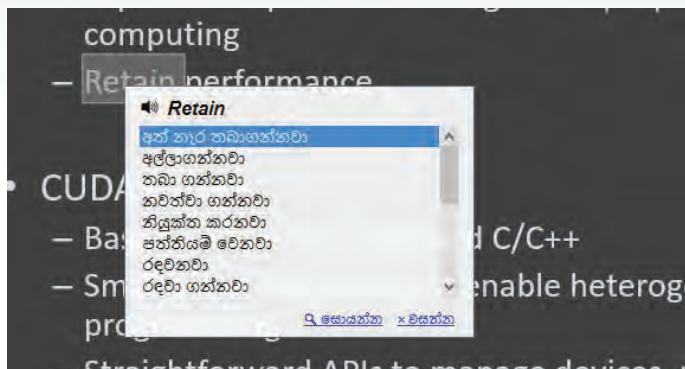
Students of Department of Computer Science and Technology in UWU participated in the Information Security Quiz 2017 organized by Sri Lanka CERT|CC on August 18, 2017 at BMICH, Colombo 07. The team “Cyber Trans” achieved the 5<sup>th</sup> place by exhibiting their performances.



# Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

## Uva Wellassa University Awarded at NBQSA 2017

The project “Namunu Translator”, off-line instant English-Sinhala word translator developed by the students from Department of Computer Science and Technology was awarded a merit under the category of “Tertiary Student Project Technology” at National Best Quality ICT Awards Night held at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo on October 06, 2017. This event was organized by Sri Lankan section of the BCS the Chartered Institute for IT which has become the initial hand shaking project between UWU and NBQSA team.



## Uva Wellassa University lightened at CODE COMBAT



The team “TransCoders”, the students from the Department of Computer Science and Technology was able to emerge as 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up at the “CODE KOMBAT- IFS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hackathon” demonstrating their outstanding performance. The event organized under the theme, “Virtual Robotics Running on the Famous Robocode Programming Game Platform” by IFS R&D International (Pvt) Ltd. was held on October 28, 2017 at The Stables - Park Street Mews, Colombo.





# New Appointments

## Academic



Ms. A.S. Siriwardena  
Librarian  
(Sabbatical placement)  
With effect from 01.08.2017



Ms. A.C.W.W.M.C.L.K. Coswatte  
Department of Animal Science  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 03.04.2017



Dr. G.A.A.R. Perera  
Department of Export  
Agriculture  
Senior Lecturer Gr (II)  
With effect from 12.05.2017



Ms. A.P. Abeygunawardana  
Department of Animal Science  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 03.04.2017



Dr. K.G.C. Senarathna  
Department of Biosystems  
Technology  
Senior Lecturer Gr (II)  
With effect from 12.06.2017



Mr. K. Charith  
Department of Computer  
Science & Technology  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 01.05.2017



Dr. A.S. Rathnayake  
Department of Science &  
Technology  
Senior Lecturer Gr (II)  
With effect from 30.08.2017



Ms. D.P. Jayathunga  
Department of Computer  
Science & Technology  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 01.08.2017



Dr. E.M.U.W.J.B. Ekanayake  
Department of Computer  
Science & Technology  
Senior Lecturer Gr (II)  
With effect from 20.11.2017



Ms. P.A.A. Illoshini  
Department of Computer  
Science & Technology  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 01.08.2017



Mr. J.M.P. Jayasinghe  
Department of Animal Science  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 01.02.2017



Ms. P.A. Kariyawasam  
Department of Computer  
Science & Technology  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 01.08.2017



# New Appointments

## Academic



Ms. R.M.I.S. Ranasinghe  
Department of Computer  
Science & Technology  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
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Chief Security Officer Gr.II  
With effect from 16.01.2017



# Promotions & Elections

## Academic



Prof. D.K.D.D. Jayasena  
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With effect from 13.01.2017



Prof. S.C. Jayamanne  
Department of Animal Science  
Professor  
With effect from 17.01.2017



Ms. J.M.P.V.K. Jayasundara  
Department of Management  
Sciences  
Senior Lecturer Gr (II)  
With effect from 01.12.2016



Dr. T. Pratheepan  
Library  
Senior Assistant Librarian Gr.II  
With effect from 08.01.2017



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Department of Animal Science  
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With effect from 01.03.2017



Ms. M.K. Ranasinghe  
Department of Animal Science  
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Ms. H.A.S.L. Jayasinghe  
Department of Export  
Agriculture  
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Dr. N.M.N. Nambapana  
Department of Animal Science  
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Mr. K.L. Gamini  
Stores and Supplies  
Deputy Bursar  
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Deputy Bursar  
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## Elections



Mr. G.H. Abeyweera  
Faculty of Management  
Dean  
With effect from 01.09.2017



Dr. J.P.R.C. Ranasinghe  
Department of Management  
Sciences  
Head of the Department  
With effect from 01.09.2017



# Staff Outstanding Accomplishments and Awards

## The President's Awards for Scientific Publication

Prof. Dinesh Jayasena, Head, Department of Animal Science, Dr. Saman Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Export Agriculture and Dr. Pamoda Rathnaweera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Science and Technology were awarded the President's Awards for Scientific Publication for the researches published in 2015. It was held on November, 06, 2017, at Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo.



## Vice Chancellor's Award and UWU Research Award



Prof. D.K.D.D. Jayasena was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Award for Most Outstanding Young Researcher-2015 at the International Research Symposium of UWU (IRSUWU 2017) held during January 19 & 20, 2017.

### UWU Research Award For Highest Citations

Prof. D.K.D.D. Jayasena was also awarded the UWU Research Award for Researcher Having the Highest Citations in 2015 (Department of Animal Science) at the UWU IRSUWU 2017 held during January 19 & 20, 2017.

## Doctoral Degrees

Dr. Ruwan Ranasinghe obtained his PhD conducting the research entitled, "Tourism and Transformation of Local Cultural Values of Resident Community: Mobilities Approach in Sri Lanka" in 2017 from Sichuan University in Peoples Republic of China.



## Best Paper Award at International Science Congress, Bangkok, Thailand



Mr. A.N.R. Weerawansa, Lecturer (Probationary) attached to the Department of Export Agriculture of UWU was awarded the Session Best Paper in the International Science Congress held at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand during October 02-06, 2017.



UWU Authors	Title of the Paper and Name of the journal
RATNAWEERA, PB. et al.	Alpha-glucosidase and alpha-amylase inhibiting thiodiketopiperazines from the endophytic fungus <i>Setosphaeria rostrata</i> isolated from the medicinal plant <i>Costus speciosus</i> in Sri Lanka. <b>Source : <a href="#">Phytochemistry Letters</a></b>
THUSHARI, GGN. et al.	Effects of microplastics on sessile invertebrates in the eastern coast of Thailand: An approach to coastal zone conservation. <b>Source : <a href="#">Marine Pollution Bulletin</a></b>
AMARAWEEERA, THNG. et al.	Development of Li(Ni <sup>1/3</sup> Mn <sup>1/3</sup> Co <sup>1/3-x</sup> Na (x) )O-2 cathode materials by synthesizing with glycine nitrate combustion technique for Li-ion rechargeable batteries. <b>Source : <a href="#">Ionics</a></b>
PITAWALA, HMJC. RATHNAYAKE, RRDV. et al.	Polyethylene oxide and ionic liquid-based solid polymer electrolyte for rechargeable magnesium batteries. <b>Source : <a href="#">Ionics</a></b>
HERATH, HMSK. et al.	Evaluation of bacterial biodegradation and accumulation of phenanthrene in the presence of humic acid. <b>Source : <a href="#">Chemosphere</a></b>
PITAWALA, J. et al	Plasmonic effects of quantum size metal nanoparticles on dye-sensitized solar cell <b>Source : <a href="#">Optical Materials Express</a></b>
UDAGEDARA, DT et al.	Evaluation of geomechanical and geochemical properties in weathered metamorphic rocks in tropical environment: a case study from Samanalawewa hydropower project, Sri Lanka. <b>Source : <a href="#">Geosciences Journal</a></b>
THUSHARI, GGN et al.	Coastal debris analysis in beaches of Chonburi Province, eastern of Thailand as implications for coastal conservation. <b>Source : <a href="#">Marine Pollution Bulletin</a></b>
JAYASENA, DD. et al.	The breeding history and commercial development of the Korean native chicken. <b>Source : <a href="#">Worlds Poultry Science Journal</a></b>
UDAGEDARA, DT et al.	Combination of chemical indices and physical properties in the assessment of weathering grades of sillimanite-garnet gneiss in tropical environment. <b>Source : <a href="#">Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment</a></b>
WIJEWARDANA, YNS. et al.	Ground-penetrating radar (GPR) responses for sub-surface salt contamination and solid waste: modeling and controlled lysimeter studies. <b>Source : <a href="#">Environmental Monitoring and Assessment</a></b>
NUGARA, RN. et al.	In vivo and in vitro anti-obesity activities of dihydropyranocoumarins derivatives from <i>Peucedanum japonicum</i> Thunb. <b>Source : <a href="#">Journal of Functional Foods</a></b>
GUNATHILAKA, RPD. et al.	The impact of changing climate on perennial crops: the case of tea production in Sri Lanka. <b>Source : <a href="#">Climatic Change</a></b>



## Other Activities

### Site Visit of the Institutional Review

The site visit of the Institutional Review was held during November 13-17, 2017 as a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the Institutional Review of UWU. The review team was chaired by Prof. Rohana Mahaliyanaarachchi and Prof. Sandun Senerath, Prof T. Velnampy, Prof. Athula Ranasinghe and Prof. Palitha Weerakkody served as the panel members. They had several meeting with the staff and students of UWU and inspected the physical resources of the university during their visit.

The site visit was concluded with a debriefing meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Bursar, Deans, HODs, Librarian, Directors and Coordinators of the various Units/Cells of the university.



### Welfare Society Annual Trip



Welfare Society of UWU organized the Annual Trip to Arugam Bay on July 15, 2017 with the participation of 40 members of Welfare Society. The purpose of the trip was to enhance the unity and cooperation among members of the welfare society who belong to various academic and administrative divisions.

### “Creador” - Entrepreneurs’ Club

“Creador”, the Entrepreneurs’ Club of UWU was formed on December 12, 2017 with the purpose of improving entrepreneurial skills of undergraduates.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting was also held on the same day with the presence of Head, Dr. Ruwan Ranasinghe, senior lecturers and lecturers of the Department of Management Sciences along with the undergraduates of the Entrepreneurship and Management Degree Programme.

Members of the club warmly welcome all undergraduates of UWU to join hands with the club.





## Upcoming Events.....

### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Research Symposium: 2018 - “IRSUWU 2018”



The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Research Symposium of the Uva Wellassa University will be held during February 1-3, 2018 under the theme of “Emerging Technologies for an Innovative Green Economy” in the premises of UWU. Abstracts for the Symposium are called under 12 tracks: Animal and Crop Production Technology, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology and Bioprocess Technology, Computing and Information Science, Economics and Statistics, Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics, Entrepreneurship and Management, Environmental Studies, Food Science and Technology, Hospitality, Tourism and Event Management, Humanities and Social Science and Materials and Mineral Sciences.

The Chief Guest of the “IRSUWU 2018” is Hon. A. D. S. Premajayanth, the Minister of Technology and Research and the Guest-of-Honour is Prof. Ajith De Alwis, the Project Director of Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) Sri Lanka.

The Keynote Speakers are,

- Prof. Liyanage C. De Silva, Professor of Engineering Deputy Dean, Faculty of Integrated Technologies, University of Brunei Darussalam, Brunei.
- Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Professor of Computational Linguistics Director, International Collaboration, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Prof. Shireen Assem, Director, Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute, Giza, Egypt.

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### Integration Programme for the Freshers - 2018 Batch

The Integration Programme of the freshers will be commenced on January 15, 2018 and UWU family is waiting to welcome the new blood under the shade of UWU umbrella.









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