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# EVENTS

## Assumption of Duties of the Vice Chancellor



Professor Dr. A. Rameez assumed duties on 09.08.2021 as the 5th Vice Chancellor of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. He assumed duty and took his oaths before the

University Registrar Abdul Saththar at the office of the Vice Chancellor. The UGC nominated Council Members Eng. N.T.M. Sirajudeen and I.M. Haniffa were also present at this ceremonial function. President Gotabaya

Rajapaksa appointed Prof. A. Rameez as the Vice Chancellor of South Eastern University (SEU). Prior to the appointment, he was the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. This is the first time in the history of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, which has more than 25 years of academic record, that a student of the university has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor. He was awarded the first Bachelor of Sociology in the Faculty of Arts and Culture of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and was elected as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Culture. Recently, he was promoted as the first Professor of Sociology. Professor A. Rameez has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor at a very young age in the history of the university System of Sri Lanka.



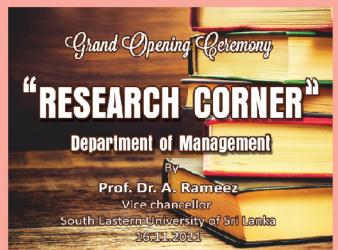




# Grand opening ceremony of the Research Corner at Department of Management (FMC)

The grand ceremonial opening of the "Research Corner" at the Department of Management, Faculty of Management & Commerce, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was ceremonially opened by the Vice Chancellor of SEUSL Prof. Dr. A. Rameez on 16.11.2021. Mr. H. Abdul Saththar – Registrar, SEUSL, Dr. M.G.H Safeena, Dean, FMC, Chair Prof. Dr. F.H.A Rauf-FMC, Prof Dr. A.M.M Mustafa – Head / Department of Management and staff participated in this special occasion, and made the event more fruitful.





The research corner comprises the undergraduates' research from 1996 to 2021. This forum will create a platform to access scholarly resources. The department has arranged lending facilities to both staff and students. The Head of the department and other staff extended their fullest contribution and cooperation to launch this innovative event..

# Snake Plant distribution at the Department of Management (FMC)



In this event Mr. A. Samsar – Curator (SEUSL) participated as the chief guest, and he made a speech on the benefits of this plant. He stated that it has the ability to absorb poisonous gases from the air, removing toxins and the unique character of this plant is that it's one of the plants that can convert carbon dioxide (CO2) into oxygen at night. This plant can help the staff to work actively since they

Plants make the environment clean and provide us with oxygen. Department of Management (FMC) organized a snake plant distribution ceremony on 10.01.2022. This event was organized by Prof. Dr. AMM. Mustafa, Head / Department of Management and all the staff of the department of Management were given snake plants which can be kept in their cabins.



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# International Women's Day



The Centre for Gender Equity & Equality of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka conducted a programme to mark International Women's Day at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on the 16th of March 2021. Dr. (Mrs) M.M. Mashroofa, Director, Centre for Gender Equity and Equality chaired the event. Prof. M.M.M. Najim, Vice-Chancellor of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. A.L. Abdul Azeez, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



The permanent representative of the UN in Geneva graced International Women's Day and delivered the keynote address on "Women and Development: Global Perspectives and National Advancement".

This programme was held in two sessions. A formal ceremony and a panel discussion. The aim of this event was to raise awareness of the rights of women, eradicate violence against women and encourage their participation in the developmental activities of the country. The panel discussion consisted of five experts who clarified the existing issues related to "Empowering women – Minding the Gap between Rhetoric and Reality".



#### **Panel Chair:**

Mr. A.L. Abdul Azeez, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### Panel Members:

Dr. S.M.M.Mazahir, Dean, Faculty of Islamic studies & Arabic Languages

Dr. M.I.S.Safeena, Senior Lecturer, FAS, Director, Quality Assurance

Dr. S.Anusziya, Head, Social Sciences

Dr. M.M.Fazil, Head, Political Sciences

Mr. M.C.M.Nawas, Senior Lawyer and Human Rights Activist, Council Member of SEUSL

This programme was also planned as a community outreach event. In addition to the university community, organizations and members who are actively involved in Women's affairs in the Ampara district were invited to the programme, especially, the Women Development Officers, Economic Development Officers of Divisional Secretariats in Ampara district, Police officers from the Women & Child Division of Police Stations who handle women's cases, as well as other interested persons from non-government organizations. With the participation of around 400 people, the programme was a great success.

# Felicitation and Welcome Ceremony organized by the Facutly of Technology



The Faculty of Technology organized a felicitation event chaired by the Dean Dr. UL. Abdul Majeed to appreciate the service of the former Vice-Chancellor Professor MMM. Najim and the former Dean of the Faculty of Technology Dr. MG Mohamed Thariq, at the Faculty Auditorium on August 4, 2021. Also, the new Vice-Chancellor Professor. Rameez Aboobucker was warmly welcomed at the same event. Dr. ANM. Mubarak, Head of the Department of Biosystems Technology and Mr. K. Muhammad Rifthy, Head of the Department of Information and Communication Technology, also participated in this occasion...











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# Workshop for Students on Measuring Students' Performance through Outcomes



Counseling Officer, National Counselling Centre, Ministry of Finance participated as the Resource Persons. The workshop started at 8.30 with Religious observance. Then AHEAD project Coordinator, Mr.CMM. Mansoor delivered the welcome speech. Next Addressed by Prof. MM.Fazil, Dean of Faculty of Arts & Culture, SEUSL. Next the Resources persons started their Sessions for the students. Through this workshop, students could develop their performance towards outcomes. The final part of the workshop wasawarding certificates to the participants.

A workshop for Students on Community Link Program was organized by the AHEAD Project, Faculty of Arts & Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on 08th December 2021 at Arts Theatre of Faculty of Arts & Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. The topic of this workshop was "Measuring Students' Performance through Outcomes". It was a great place for students to show off their talents and leadership ability. Dr. M.T.M Alavi, Personality Trainer, Dambulla Hospital, Dambulla & Mr.A. Manoos, Psychological



The workshop was concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Mr. N. Subaraj, Activity Coordinator, AHEAD.

#### Virtual Career Fair

Two Career fairs were designed for the students to explore career opportunities, meet prospective employers, and practice professional behaviour. All students will be unable to have easy access to career services like they perform in universities. It impact the unemployability among graduates. Career fair is valuable to students not only for their first ventures into the professional world but relevant for future job changes. It also gives students a place to find out where they can make mistakes and recover. Writing a resume, small talk with employers, and preparing for interviews are new skills which are needed for most students. Students may make mistakes in finding job. Career fair gives the opportunities for the students to be aware on mistakes and help to take away them in next recruitment or job interview. In this context, career fairs were organized under the AHEAD project for the 3rd and 4th year FAC students in September 2021 via zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic in Sri Lanka. Each career fair consisted 04 sessions with 04 different resource persons. Academic year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 students were the participants.

## World Water Day

Celebration of World Water Day under the theme of "Save Water Save Earth" to Create awareness of community. This programme has being celebrated every year by the Department of Geography, FAC on 22nd March.

#### **Book Launching**





Faculty of Arts and Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka has organized the book launching Ceremony "Indo-Sri Lanka Relationship (1948-1964) With Special Reference to Tamil Nadu" authored by Dr.S. Anuzsiya, Head, Department of Social Sciences on 5th of August 2021 at "Arts Theater of the Faculty. The book was released by Prof. M.M.M.Najim, Former Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, and Prof.A. Rameez, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Prof. A.Rameez, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Culture congratulated the author Dr. S. Anuzsiya and said that it was a well written one and it explained the relationship of Indo – Sri Lanka during 1948 - 1964. The book review was given by Prof. (Dr.) M.M.Fazil, Head, Department of Political Science. Following that Chair Professor. M.A.M. Rameez, Department of Languages and Chair Professor M.I.M.Kaleel, Department of Geography shared their view on the book. The Chief Guest address was delivered by Prof.M.M.M. Najim, Former Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. According to him, the author has thoroughly discussed about the background of the historical origins of the problems of "stateless" Indian citizens in Sri Lanka. Book had talked about the economic interest of the colonial power and how migration had been encouraged by the British. A number of Tamil Nadu factors were responsible for the migration. In view of Indo – Sri Lanka relationship, many concessions were made by the government of India to deal with Sri Lanka and consulted with the government of Tamil Nadu.

## Shramadana Work at the Faculty of Arts and Culture







Shramadana program is an annual event conducted by the Faculty of Arts and Culture. According to the instruction of the Vice Chancellor, a common Shramadana work had been scheduled to be held at the Faculty of Arts and Culture on 07.12.2021 (Tuesday) from 8.30 am onwards according to the attached Shiramadana work plan, based on the decision taken at the Progress Review Committee Meeting. Landscaping and Maintenance Division of the University assisted in this regard. As instructed by the Dean/ FAC and the letter circulated to the Heads of departments on the above, all staff members attached to the faculty (academic, non-academic and administrative members) fully participated in the Shramadana work in order to keep the faculty premises clean and tidy.

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## Felicitation Ceremonies Faculty of Arts and Culture



The Faculty of Arts and Culture has been following the tradition of felicitating the staff for their achievements annually. Two felicitation ceremonies were conducted by the faculty during 2021 for the staff who were promoted as professors. Accordingly, Prof. A. Rameez, former Dean, FAC was felicitated by the faculty when he was promoted as the first professor in Sociology

in the Department of Sociology and for being the first Muslim professor in Sociology in the country.

Another felicitation ceremony was organized for Prof. MM. Fazil, Dean, FAC for being promoted as the 1st professor in Political Science of the Department of Political Science, the South University of Sri Lanka. This remarkable that two professors were students of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and they have brought pride to the university and the region.

# Conscious Raising Programme on Gender Equity, Equality (GEE) and Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV): Focusing on Legal Aspect

Centre for Gender Equity, Equality (CGEE) in collaboration with Staff Development Centre (SDC) conducted a workshop to Clerical & Allied Grade staff of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka with the aim of conscious raising on the above concepts on 26th November, 2021.

The objectives of this workshop were as follows:

- To conceptualize the participants regarding Gender Equity, Gender Equality and Sexual & Gender Based Violence SGBV
- To make participants aware the legal aspects of Gender related issues
- To make aware the university employees regarding the by-law of SEUSL on SGBV

#### Resource persons

- Mr. M.C.M. Nawas, Attorney at law, Senior Lawyer, High Court, Colombo and the Council Member of
- Mr. A.R.M. Zulfi, Attorney at law, SAR, Legal & Documentation /SEUSL.

Prof. A. Rameez, Vice Chancellor of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and Mr. A.H. Abdul Sathar, Registrar graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. Prof. A. Jahfer, Director Staff Development Centre, Dr. (Mrs.) M.M. Mashroofa, Director, Centre for Gender Equity & Equality also took part the inaugural session.

Resource persons covered, international conventions & laws, constitutional recognition of the theme, some existing laws protecting women rights,, and gender equality and By-law of the SEUSL. Among the Clerical & Allied grade staff members 88 staff members participated and benefitted.



# SOCIETY AND COMMUNIT

## One People, One Nation and One Sri Lanka

SEUSL Libraries conducted an exhibition of books on "One People, One Nation and One Sri Lanka" on 23.10.2021 to mark the Silver Jubilee of the university, Founders' Day as well as the inauguration of the University Archives. Prof. Rameez Aboobucker, Vice Chancellor, SEUSL declared open the exhibition and the archive.





#### **Book Donation by SEUSL** Libraries

SEUSL libraries donated books to selected 10 public and college libraries in the South Eastern region of Sri Lanka to mark the Founders Day 2021 and Silver Jubilee of SEUSL held on 23.10.2021.

#### **National Contributions**

Dr. M.M. Mashroofa served as the Secretary of the 11th International Conference of University Librarians Association (ICULA) 2021, organized and conducted by the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, which was held virtually on 22 September 2021.

Dr. M.M. Mashroofa served as the Secretary of the National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS) organized and conducted by the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), which was held virtually on 11 September 2021.

Mr. MM. Rifaudeen was the Chairperson of the Technical Sessions at the NILIS Research Symposium 2021 conducted by the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo in collaboration with the National Library of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka National Archives, Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka and the South Asia Chapter of the Association for Information Science and Technology, in 2021.

# For the Academic Staff Community Link Programme

# Aligambay Visit

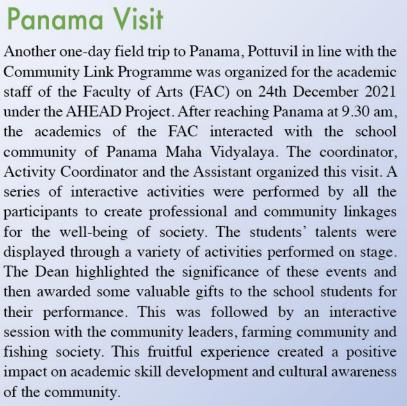
Field Trips for Staff under the Community Link Programme were organized under the initiation of the AHEAD Project. The objective of this programme was to enhance their professional career by enhancing their skills, and attitudes as well as providing them with real-world learning experiences in research and curriculum development. This venture was also beneficial to a wide array of communities within and beyond the university. The one-day field trip to Aligambay was organized on 10th November 2021. The journey to Aligambay, Alayadivempu started at 8.30 am from the SEUSL premises. Mr. N.



Subaraj, Activity Coordinator (Activity 3) led the programme under the guidance of Mr. C.M.M. Mansoor, AHEAD project coordinator. After the purpose of this program was briefed by the Assistant, Mr. S. Santhirakumar, all the participants gathered at the school's main hall, and a few enrichment activities were conducted to provide a harmonious relationship with the wider society including the community leaders, the farming community and the fishing community. This programme paved the way to collaborate, share experiences and create community linkages through university-community knowledge exchange for the betterment of the social structure of the village. There were around 50 academic staff members, as well as members of the school society and the farming community. Almost all the participants spent the day with the community which enabled them to be aware of their social culture, religion, language, politics, economic conditions, education, health, and other customs of the village. Meals and refreshments were provided to all the participants. More importantly, the staff from diverse ethnicity had the opportunity to gain a glimpse of the varied experiences of the community, which is the expected outcome of this program. After the academic staff expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all the participants for their unwavering support in making this field trip a success, they returned to the university at



Community Link Programme was organized for the academic staff of the Faculty of Arts (FAC) on 24th December 2021 under the AHEAD Project. After reaching Panama at 9.30 am, the academics of the FAC interacted with the school community of Panama Maha Vidyalaya. The coordinator, Activity Coordinator and the Assistant organized this visit. A series of interactive activities were performed by all the participants to create professional and community linkages for the well-being of society. The students' talents were displayed through a variety of activities performed on stage. The Dean highlighted the significance of these events and then awarded some valuable gifts to the school students for their performance. This was followed by an interactive session with the community leaders, farming community and fishing society. This fruitful experience created a positive impact on academic skill development and cultural awareness of the community.



In the year 2021, Dr. U. Farook, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, authored and published two textbooks, namely, "Fundamentals of Ceramics for Engineers and Technologists" and "Furnace Engineering" for the use of engineering students, practicing engineers, and managers. These books are included in the revised curriculum of the Faculty of Engineering of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka as well.

The book "Fundamentals of Ceramics for Engineers and Technologists" provides an in-depth introduction to "Engineering Ceramics" and the book "Furnace Engineering" provides all essential information to engineers who are involved in designing, constructing, and maintaining energy-efficient furnaces for relevant industrial applications.

Currently, these books are available at the libraries of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL), University of Peradeniya (UOP), and the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) as reference materials.

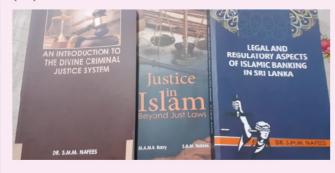




Professor S.M.M.Mazahir, Dean, Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies has published five (05) books.



Dr. S.M.M. Nafees, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies has published three (03) books.



Mrs. M.C.S. Shathifa, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies has published three (03) books.



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Indo-Sri Lanka Relationship (1948-1964) With Special Reference to Tamil Nadu" by Book

Authors Dr.S.Anuzsiya, Head of the Department of Social Sciences

2021 Year

இளம் பிறையும் எடைத் தராசும் Book Ms.Hassim Fathima Firdawsiya Translated by:

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Prof.(Dr.). K.M.Rohitha Dassanayaka Author

2021 Year

COVID - 19 Pandmic and Socio Economic Issues: An Experience of Sri Lanka Book

Chief Editor : Dr. AAM. Nufile

Mr. S. Santhirakumar, Mrs. MNF. Washima, Mrs. UL. Milhana, Mrs. KF. Rinosha Editors

Mrs. AF. Thahara

Publisher Department of Economics and Statistics, FAC, SEUSL

Year 2021

"Strife for Women's Rights in Tamil Nadu' written by Dr. S. Anuzsiya, Head Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Culture, South eastern University of Sri Lanka, is a chapter of edited book on 'Women in 21st Century'. This book is edited by Dr. V.P. Rathi & Dr. P. Sindhu and published by Neithal Publication in India.

## Development of Library Systems

Manages the digitization program and to archive the intellectual capital of SEUSL in institutional repository (D Space) that facilitates scholarly dissemination and showcases the entire breadth of the institution's scholarship and improves the webometrics ranking of the university. The software used for Digital Repository of SEUSL was upgraded from D Space version 5.5 to version 6.3 during 2021.

#### Journals & Conferences

Consultancy advices and editorial assistance provided to the University for publishing the Faculty Journal, Proceedings and university publications as a part of quality assurance.

Dr. MM. Mashroofa served as the editorial board member of the Journal of University Librarians Association (JULA), Volume 24, Issue 1 & Issue 2, published by the University Librarians Association, Sri Lanka.

Title of the Paper	Author/s	Journal / Conference
Nexus between Financial Development and Economic Growth: Evidence from Sri Lanka	Rinosha, KF	Journal of Asian Finance, Economics and Business (JAFEB) 2021
The Relationship Between Exchange Rate and Trade Balance: Empirical Evidence From Sri Lanka	Thahara, AF.	Journal of Asian Finance, Economics and Business (JAFEB) - 2021
An economic analysis of agricultural adaptation to climate change impacts in Sri Lanka: An endogenous switching regression analysis: Evidance - online in Land Use Policy.	Suresh.K, Uttam Khanal, C. Wilson, S. Managi, A. Quayle & Santhirakumar, S.	Scopus Elsevier - 2021
How productive are rice farmers in Sri Lanka? The impact of resource accessibility, seed sources and varietal diversification	Suresh.K, Clevo Wilson, Uttam Khanal, Shunsuke Managi & Santhirakumar, S.	Heliyon Publisher- Scopus Elsevier - 2021
Nexus between Financial Development and Economic Growth: Evidence from Sri Lanka	Rinosha, KF	Journal of Asian Finance, Economics and Business (JAFEB) 2021
Continuing Professional Development of Public Librarians: with special reference to Ampara District of Sri Lanka	Dr. M.M. Mashroofa	Sri Lanka Library Review, Vol. 35; Issue. 1; January 2021
Financial Impact of COVID – 19 pandamic on small and medium enterprises	Dr. A. Haleem & Dr. M.M. Mashroofa	Journal of Business Economics, Vol. 2; Issue 2
நிலைபேறான அபிவிருத்தி இலக்குகளும் பொது நூலகங்களும்	Dr. M.M. Mashroofa	SLLA Newsletter – Vol. 38 No. 01 - 2021   Published in all three Languages
Utilization of Open Access Resources among the academic staff at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Mr. SLM. Sajeer, Mr. AM. Nahfees & Mr. BES. Bandara	Proceedings of 11th International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka - 2021
Undergraduates' Satisfaction on Service Quality of Library Services of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Mr. BES. Bandara Dr. MM. Mashroofa, Mr. MM. Rifaudeen, Mr. MCM. Azwer, Mr. AM. Nahfees & Mr. SLM. Sajeer	Proceedings of 11th International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka - 2021
Sustainability of Library and Information Services During COVID – 19 Pandemic: A Case of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL) Libraries (Abstract)	Dr. M.M. Mashroofa	NILIS Research Symposium 2020, (held on 23rd January 2021)

The following final year projects of the Faculty of Engineering, SEUSL were selected to publish in conferences and journals.

#### Design of Voice Synchronized Robotic Lips

Conference: IEEE "ICECIE" 3rd conference –

Name 2021

Date : Nov 27, 2021

Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Authors : K.A.D.A. Madumal, J.M.T.C.

Jayaweera, Dr. P.M.K. Alahakoon

(Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering), Dr. W.G.C.W. Kumara (Department of

Computer Science and Engineering), Dr. M.N.A. Hinas (Department of Computer

Science and Engineering)

The purpose of the 3rd International Conference on Electrical, Control and Instrumentation engineering (ICECIE) is to bring together researchers, engineers, and practitioners interested in Control and Systems, Energy and Environment, Industrial Informatics and Computational Intelligence, and other aspects of control systems and electrical engineering.

#### Lung Cancer Detection and Prediction of Cancer Stages Using Image Processing

Conference: IEEE MIBEC 2021

Name

: 06th November 2021 Date

Venue : Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur,

Autograph Collection, Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia

: S.A.D.L.V. Senarathna, S.P.Y.A.A. Authors

Piyumal, Eng. R. Hirshan (Department of

Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering), Dr. W.G.C.W. Kumara

(Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering)

The purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Malaysian International Biomedical Engineering Conference (MIBEC'2021) is to bring together researchers, engineers, and practitioners interested in Biomedical engineering science.

#### Development of an Effective 3D Mapping Technique for Heritage Structures

Conference: 3rd International Conference on

Electrical Engineering 2021

: (EECon2021)

Authors : M.C.P Mahinda, H.P.A.J Udhyani, Dr.

> P.M.K. Alahakoon (Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering), Dr. W.G.C.W. Kumara (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Dr. M.N.A. Hinas( Department of Computer Science and

Engineering), Dr. J.A.

Thamboo(Department of Civil Engineering)

EECon 2021, the Third International Electrical Engineering Conference organized by the Electrical Engineering Department, University of Moratuwa was successfully held on 24th September on virtual mode. EECon 2021 was technically co-sponsored by IEEE Sri Lanka Section, and Sri Lanka Chapters of IEEE Power and Energy Society, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, and IEEE Power Electronics Society.

#### Design Cluster-Based Smart Microgrid Control Algorithm Via HVDC Line

Conference: Institute of Technology University of

Moratuwa Research Symposium Name

(ITUMRS) -2021

: M.J.A.M.S.S Jayasekara, K.V.D.K Authors

Bandara, Eng. M.H.M.S. Kariapper

(Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering), Eng. M.N.M Aashiq (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Eng. A.I.S Juhaniya (Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering)

The 8th annual research symposium of the Institute of the Technology University of Moratuwa was held virtually on 29th September 2021 under the theme 'Broadening Horizons", amidst a gathering of researchers, academics, and other distinguished invitees.

# STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS AND

# Long Service





Mr. M.M Rifaudeen, Librarian and Mr. P. Murugavel, Assistant Registrar (L/S) were awarded for their long Service in the university system at the Founders Day 2021and Silver Jubilee of SEUSL, held on 23.10.2021.



Mr. AGM. Jakeypher, Senior Staff Assistant of the Faculty of Arts and Culture was awarded a "Long Service Award" in recognition for his 25 years of continuous Meritus service in the university system, at the Silver Jubilee and Founder's Day celebration held at the Conference Hall.

#### **Best Performance Award**

Mr. M.J. Ahamed Sabani, Lecturer (prob.) in ICT, Department of Information and Communication Technology, Faculty of Technology, was awarded the Best Performance Award in Master of Science Degree in Information Technology Specializing in the field of Cyber Security of the Faculty of Computing at the Convocation held in March 2021 at the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology.



#### Reward for Best Paper



Dr. Mrs. Salfiya U.A. Jaleel was rewarded payment of fifteen million Indonesian Rupia (which is equivalent to 200,000.00 LKR) from Bank of Indonesia for the best paper presented in the 6th IIMEFC, Indonesia.

International Call for Paper 2020 and published paper at Journal of Islamic Monetary Economics and Finance Vol 7(4), 2021

#### Best Researcher - SEUIARS 2020



Mr. N. Subaraj, Senior Lecturer, Department of Languages, FAC, SEUSL received the Award of 'Best Researcher' for an article on Gender Equality Emphasized in Hinduism, South Eastern University International Annual Research Session 2020, Faculty of Arts and Culture South Eastern University of Sri Lanka held on 19th January 2021.

## Staff Achievements - Faculty of Engineering

Dr. Aslam Saja returned to Sri Lanka and resumed his normal duties in the Faculty after completion of his Ph.D. in the Queensland University of Technology, Australia in 2020. He received his confirmation in the post and promotion to Senior Lecturer (Grade II) in 2021. Further to his academic achievements, he received an NRC Merit Award for research published recently. His active contribution to many other social activities and developing linkages with different entities of the university will be an additional boost to the Faculty and SEUSL in general.

Eng. Fayas Ahamed has completed his postgraduate studies leading to a MASc in Electrical and Computer Engineering specializing in Electrical Power Engineering at York University, Canada, and resumed duties in the Department.

Eng. A.C.A. Suja has completed his postgraduate studies leading to an MPhil in Civil Engineering specializing in Hydraulic and Water Resources Engineering at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, and resumed duties in the Department.

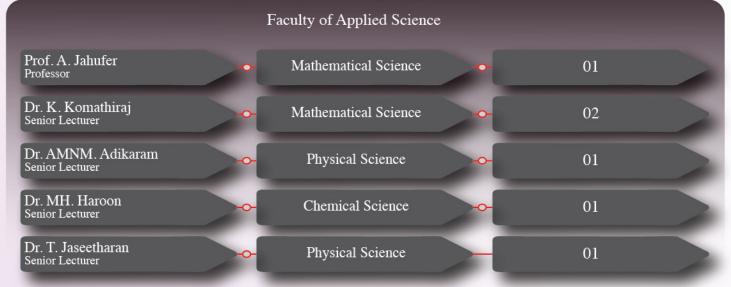
Eng. Fathima Rehana Munas (Senior Lecturer Gr II, Dept of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering) has been selected to receive an Organization for Women in Science for the Developing world (OWSD) PhD fellowship. She is one of the twenty-six women from the developing world have been awarded OWSD PhD Fellowships, supporting them to pursue their PhDs in STEM subjects at institutions across the Global South for the year 2021. She will purse PhD programme at the School of Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Campus, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia.

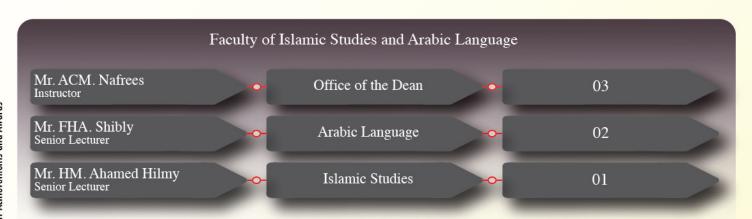
Eng. Ms. A. I. S. Juhaniya was fortunate to have received admission to a 2-year program leading to an MSc in Electrical Engineering by Research in the University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia, and secure UGC financial support through the SEUSL to start her studies. She has been granted study leave since March 2021 for two years. We wish her success in her postgraduate studies.

Eng. R. Ratheesan has received admission to following the MPhil degree programme at the University of Ruhuna. He has been granted study leave since June 2021 for two years. We wish him success in his postgraduate studies.

#### Senate Honors award

No. of Awards Name Department Faculty of Arts and Culture Prof. A. Rameez Sociology 02 Professor Dr. MM. Fazil Political Science 01 Senior Lecturer Mr. MAM. Fowsar Political Science 03 Senior Lecturer Mr. V. Kamalsiri Political Science 01 Ms. MB. Safana Sakki Political Science 01 Lecturer (Prob.) Mrs. T. Fathima Sajeetha Political Science 01 Mrs. N. Lumna Lecturer (Prob.) Sociology 01 Mr. MSS. Razeeth **AHEAD** 01 Dr. AMM. Nawaz ELT 02 Senior Lecturer Ms. K. Fathima Rinosha Economics and Statistics 01 Lecturer (Prob.) Mr. S. Santhirakumar Economics and Statistics 02 Lecturer Mrs. AF. Thahara **Economics and Statistics** 01





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SEUSL News Letter

Dr. (Mrs.) MAC. Sulaiha Beevi Senior Lecturer

# SEUSL Silver Jubilee Souvenir Has Been Released: Recording Historical Achievements of the Last 25 Years

Asouvenir was published to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Due to the COVID- 19 pandemic, the e-version of the Souvenir was first launched during the Silver Jubilee Celebration held on 23.10.2021. Thereafter, the printed version was officially launched by handing over the first copy to Prof. A. Rameez, Vice Chancellor of SEUSL at a ceremony organized by the Souvenir Committee. This Souvenir spans 25 years of history enabling us to recollect our beautiful memories of joy, sorrow, struggles and accomplishments.

Compiling a souvenir within a short period of time was a huge task but it was accomplished with the collective effort of many, the section writers, contributors and the language editor who worked around the clock. Contributions made by our Vice Chancellor and the Patron of the Souvenir, Prof. A. Rameez was enormous in realizing this task.

This Souvenir contains sections that are informative and interesting. This includes the message and greetings from eminent personalities, the cover story as well as sections on governance, faculties & libraries, triumphs and Achievements, locations and life on the campus, and SEUSL highlights.

The cover story is so special for its thought-provoking stories underlying the historical evolution and achievements in line with the national policy of expanding access to tertiary education opportunities for all. This captures the struggles and triumphs during the humble beginnings; the university's expansion and the success of the governance, the academic excellence and student attainments.







Editorial Board of the "Silver Jubilee Memories" of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka: Celebrating 25 years 1996-2021 souvenir





Hand over the first souvenir "Silver Jubilee Memories" of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka: Celebrating 25 years 1996-2021 to the Vice Chancellor, SEUSL by the Editor Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, Librarian, SEUSL.

The section on governance, faculty and library highlights the university's progress during the glorious 25 years. The expansion of the faculty in terms of its scope of activities, academic courses, research and publications, student achievements and graduate employability are highlighted in this section.

The next section presents the triumphs and achievements of SEUSL that highlight the honours and awards given to both Academics and students in recognition of their excellence. These achievements have influenced developments in civil society and within academia.

The section on location and life on the campus gives an insight into the rewarding and fulfilling experiences of the students and the facilities offered to them to make SEUSL their preferred place.

This historic souvenir marks the realization of the founding fathers' vision and the commitment of SEUSL fraternity over the past 25 years and I am confident that SEUSL will go from strength to strength and continue to carry the legacy forward.

Many thanks to all including the members of the Editorial Board who extended their enormous support in various ways to publish the Silver Jubilee Souvenir.

# NETWORKS AND COLLABORATIONS

# The University Busniess Linkage of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka successfully completes Phase Three



The University Business Linkage Cell (Tech Transfer Office) of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka began its operations under the provisions of the University Grants Commission in 2018. The University Business Linkage functions as a dedicated unit to promote the Research, Development, Innovation, and Commercialization of research outcomes from the university to the industry.

An evaluation for Phase Three was conducted in March 2021 by a panel of senior academics and administrators.

The former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. MMM. Najim presided over the event. The Director - UBL presented key outcomes and the way forward during the evaluation. Prof. Thusitha Abeythunga – Lead Academic Expert - AHEAD Operations, Prof. Rameez Abdullah - Director OTS, Dr. Ajmal Hinas - Director - UBL, Mr. Nusaike Mufthie - Manager - UBL, the UBL Advisory Board, Faculty Coordinators, OTS Staff, Research Grant Winners, Academics, and other Administrators participated in the event.

During Phase Three, the UBL established interactive networks with more than 50 local and international key industries and successively signed diverse MOUs and Collaborative Research Agreements. The agreements resulted in further strengthening the university-industry linkage. Upon successful completion of the phase, the UBL granted additional funding of rupees five million to extend its operations towards Phase Four.

Further, the UBL provided support in protecting and commercializing intellectual property such as the Patents and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). Moreover, UBL offered opportunities to the inventors to exhibit their inventions in local and international trade exhibitions with joint partnerships including the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC).

# Memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and 'Teemah' biscuits manufacturer under AHEAD RIC/FT project

The Department of Biosystems Technology, Faculty of Technology, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka won a grant value of 40 million under the World Bank Project of Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD). A dynamic research team from this newly established faculty along with local collaborators secured the grant through a competitive research proposal for the project "sustainable management of fall armyworm using resistant maize varieties with improved biomass, semio-chemicals and bio-pesticides technologies, and development of nutrient-rich maize-based food and feed in Sri Lanka.

The multidisciplinary research team engaged in this project is investigating the possibility of producing maize-based value-added products for commercialization. The intended innovative products will have higher potential locally and internationally so that the outcome of the project would save a significant amount of foreign exchange outflow and improve the gross national production. The research team developed maize-based value-added cookies enriched with omega 3 fatty acids for commercialization. Thus, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and Teemah Biscuits Manufacturer.



#### **European Union ERASMUS+ Project**



The South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL) has received European Union Erasmus+ project under the grants for Capacity Building in Higher Education in the 2021-2024 programme cycle. 11 universities and institutions in 4 countries (Sri Lanka, UK, Italy and Romania) involved in The project "Training Hub for Renewable Energy Technologies in Sri Lanka - THREE-Lanka". Total Grant Value for the project is approximately one Million Euros and South Eastern University will get around EUR100,000.00.

Prof. A. M. Muzathik functions as Project Manager of SEUSL The main objective of the project is to address the existing skill gaps of Sri Lanka in the area of Renewable Energy (RE) Technologies. Considering the increase electricity demand and future vision of having sustainability, the outcome of this project is critical for Sri Lanka. Thus, the intended outcome of this project for addressing the existing skill gap in the area of RE technologies is a timely requirement of the country.

The overall aim of the project is to develop the required skill levels in Sri Lanka for sustainable development in RE sector by encompassing successful knowledge exchange with EU universities. The specific objectives of this

- Develop comprehensive gap analysis of the renewable energy sector skills' shortages in Sri Lanka.
- Develop a training program on PV and other renewable sources; to meet known and identified industry requirements, that may lead to diploma or master courses.
- Offer quality teaching and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) courses for those seeking skills, or to update skills and knowledge, required to work in renewable energy sector.



- Recognition of THREE LANKA as a regional Centre of Excellence for RE education/ training programs.
- Establish exchange links between Sri Lanka and EU for academic and technical support needed for the centre. e.g. train Sri Lankan staff in EU partner institutions and have staff from EU partners teach in Sri Lanka.
- Develop resources and experiments for the modules to be taught.
- Document differences in theoretical and practical training between Sri Lanka and the EU, to demonstrate the benefit of the THREE cross-disciplinary energy related curriculum.
- Identify possible developments to harmonize Sri Lankan and European education.

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# 5G Innovation Center at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (5GIC-SEUSL)

The 5G Innovation Centre by Dialog Axiata PLC was established at DETE, SEUSL in 2021. This Centre promotes state-of-the-art research in telecommunication in partnership with Dialog and its partner organizations across Sri Lanka. DETE, FE received a 5G base station from Dialog for research purposes. The 5G routers are expected to arrive so as to activate the experimental 5G wireless connection at FE premises. Since the inception of the center, the staff and students at DETE, DME and CSE have been actively engaged with the researchers and engineers at Dialog to perfect the R&D outcomes so as to launch on Dialog platforms as tangible products. Prof. MALA Haleem at DETE serves as the director of the center.

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#### The goals of the center are

- Empowering local youngsters and their talent upliftment
- Providing technical solutions for industry demands at an affordable cost using a local talent pool
- · Contribution to GDP growth of Sri Lanka

The scope of the center includes product-based research and technology-based research. Product based research is concerned with developing innovative, breakthrough, localized, and affordable products (in both software and hardware) and services to the challenges faced by the industry organizations or working toward solving a problem related to health, safety, finance, hospitality, and transportation sectors without limiting to, through the collaboration between Dialog and University



talent pool. Technology-based research is to explore services and application opportunities based on 5G cellular technology in the short term and on emerging leading-edge technologies in the medium and long run. The broad areas of work can be tentatively identified as Enhanced Mobile Broadband Applications, Massive Machine Type Communication Applications, Ultra Reliable Low Latency Applications, traffic modeling and simulation, mobile security, telecommunication infrastructure expansion, RF system design, antenna, battery technology, power management EMI aspects, etc.

Since the inception of the center, the staff and students at DETE, DCSE, and DME are actively engaged in projects supported by Dialog and partners. Smart Dust Bin and AI-based traffic monitoring, are among the projects proposed by SEUSL staff and supported by Dialog. In addition, the center is involved in research and development in Drafting Automation, Yarn Tension Detection, and Control mechanisms for knitting Machines for an apparel manufacturing company.





# Virtual Mobility Program

The University of Malaya (UM) invited the Faculty of Arts and Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, (SEUSL), to work collaboratively with the Virtual Mobility Project of the Association of Commonwealth Universities in June 2021.

Associate Professor Dr. Rafiza, the Head of the Department of Curriculum and Instructional Technology, Faculty of Education, University of Malaya (UM), led this project. Her application for the grant was accepted by the Virtual Mobility Project of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. The total amount of the grant is GBP 4500. The SEUSL team received half of the approved grant (GBP 2250) to cover the cost of online session and report writing. Accordingly, the online module aimed to train the participants with Microsoft learning tools. The participants had to prepare a project (yet to be decided) after completing the training session. Approximately 350 Arts students of SEUSL got benefits from this project. The module consisted of 11 hours (4-hour online lectures + 1-hour practical training for 7 days = 11 hours).

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Malaya Microsoft SATU Presidents' Forum Get the skills on how you can use Microsoft Tools for INTERNATIONAL INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR NETWORK PROGRAM: MICROSOFT FOUCATOR PEER COACHING

The following team of our faculty who involved in drafting the initial proposal coordinated the project.

#### 1. Dr. M.M. Fazil - Project Leader

(Manage the execution of the project and coordinate the partner university)

#### 2. Prof. (Dr.). A. Rameez - Project Director

(Coordinate the execution activities and monitor the collaboration between universities)

#### 3. Prof. (Dr.). M.A.M. Rameez - Project Assistant Director

(Role: Assist the execution of the plan and assist in monitoring the collaboration)

#### 4. Mr. M.A.M. Fowsar - Project Assistant

(Role: Assist the execution of the plan and in report writing at the end of the project)

16 lecturers in charge from FAC were assigned for 16 groups of students. Both universities and other relevant organizations issued the certificate for the active participants and best projects from each group. It was actually a great opportunity for our university to continue and implement the MoU which was signed with UM previously.



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# Orientation Programme of Physical Education Unit

The Physical Education unit of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka conducted the faculty orientation programme on 27th January 2021. It was organized by the faculty of Islamic studies and Arabic languages in collaboration with the physical education unit. Activities were arranged for freshers and they participated with enthusiasm. This programme was beneficial in creating awareness about the sports activities and the availability of sports facilities at the physical education unit.



- 01. Introduction of physical education unit
- 02. Indoor activities at the students recreation center
- 03. Other sports activities at main and other playground.





SEDS AGNI - International Astronomical Search Collaboration

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) AGNI is the SEDS chapter of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. The chapter was established at the beginning of 2020. The student chapter is functioning in the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Applied Sciences of the university at the present. Throughout the year 2021 members of the chapter have actively participated and contributed to some of the major projects conducted by SEDS Sri Lanka and also with chapters of other universities.

International Astronomical Search Collaboration

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SEDS Junior Astro night was a virtual event organized by the SEDS Sri Lanka aimed at students from schools all over the country. The participants had to face six various challenges and these challenges were hosted by six (6) different university chapters. The first time SEDS Agni, the SEDS university chapter in SEUSL hosted SEDS Junior Astro Night task. It was named Hello Mars!



Sahib S.M represented SEDS chapter SEUSL in the M111, Astronomy, and space technology-related quiz competition and placed 25 out of 90+ competitors all over Sri Lanka.

The team won a certificate for being in the top 40. The competition was organized by the SEDS Chapter of the University of Moratuwa.



A team consisting of Sahib S.M, Thennakoon T.M.K.K, Thilakarathna M.G.S.P, and Kiridana Y.M.W.H.M.R.P.J.R.B presented the Lunar Rover Report to the Singapore Space Challenge and received the participation certificates. This was Organized by Singapore Space Technology Ltd (SSTL). U.S. Embassy Singapore and various other important institutions sponsored this event.

A webinar on "Carrier Paths as an Astrophysicist" was organized where the keynote speech was delivered by Dr. K.V.S. Prasadh, Senior lecturer in physics, department of physics, University of Ruhuna. The participants experienced a delightful interactive session. It was conducted via ZOOM on 10th January 2021.









Dr. Prasanna Deshapriya, a post-doctoral researcher at INAF Observatorio Astronomico di Roma, an expert in the study of asteroids joined our event as the keynote speaker. He conducted an interactive session with an audience of over 200+ participants on the topic "Introduction to Asteroids" on 02nd August 2021 via ZOOM.



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#### First International Conference on Science and Technology **ICST 2021**

The First International Conference on Science and Technology (ICST 2021), themed "Technology-Based Research and Innovation for Empowerment and Sustainability", was conducted on 27th July 2021 by the Faculty of Technology.

The conference was held online under the coordination of Dr. M.G. Mohamed Thariq with the convener Ms. M.S. Shafana and chaired by Dr. U.L. Abdul Majeed,



Dean, Faculty of Technology in which the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M.M.M. Najim graced the occasion, and Prof. Ajith De Alwis addressed the keynote speech. Local and international participants presented number of full paper research articles (50) covering various Biosystems Technology and Information Communication Technology disciplines. The selected 13 best papers were published in the Sri Lanka Journal of Technology (SLJoT), SEUSL.



#### **Biosafety Awareness Program**

An awareness program on biosafety organized by the National Biosafety Project, the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was held in the Department of Biosystems Technology, Faculty of Technology, SEUSL, on 10th March 2021. This online program allowed the undergraduates of the Department of Biosystems Technology to share their scientific knowledge and aesthetic talent to produce attractive and informative awareness messages on biosafety. The

international consultant for communication, Dr. Mahaletchumy Arjunan provided technical insight during this activity. To make these online activities interactive, the undergraduates were given the opportunity to prepare informative posters on modern biotechnology and biosafety, which were compiled into a video and played during the event. Further, a live debate was held during the webinar to ensure the active engagement of students. Participants in the debate and poster presentation were rewarded with a certificate of recognition.

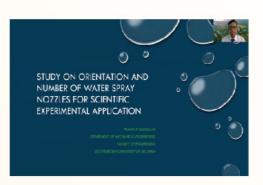




#### RAISER 2021

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, SEUSL successfully co-organized "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESEARCH 2021 (RAISER 2021)". RAISER 2021 arranged with the School of Mechanical Engineering, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). USM is one of the elite universities in Malaysia (Asian rank = 34, World rank = 147). Department of Mechanical Engineering/Faculty of Engineering/SEUSL is the solo representer of Sri Lanka. They partnered with National Yang-Ming





Chiao Tung University and National Taiwan University of Science and Technology from Taiwan, Prince of Songkla University from Thailand, and Institut Teknologi PLN from Indonesia.

The conference was successfully conducted as a virtual mode conference due to Covid-19 restriction on 6th and 7th July 2021. The Dean, Faculty of Engineering, SEUSL gave a special message and wished to conference participants. Later, the Department of Mechanical Engineering academics. A.M. Muzathik. Prof.

Eng. F. Rehana Munas and Eng. Pravinth Balthazar presented their research papers. Eng. Pravinth Balthazar was awarded the best paper presenter award for his presentation titled "Study on Orientation and Number of Water Spray Nozzles for Scientific Experimental Application" on RAISER 2021.

## **Keynote Speeches**

"Bridging the Gap Between LIS Theory and Practices" was organized to mark the Silver Jubilee of the SEUSL Libraries. Prof. (Dr.) Swapna Banerjee, Dean of the Faculty Council of Education, Journalism and Library Science, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, graced the occasion by delivering keynote address. This programme was held on 18th March, 2021 via ZOOM

A keynote speech was delivered on "New Roles of University Libraries in Addressing Emerging Challenges and Opportunities for Improved Online User Services", by Prof. (Dr.) Susmita Chakraborty, Head of the Department of LIS, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India. This programme was held on 3rd Nov, 2021 via ZOOM.

Dr. M.I.M. Jazeel delivered the keynote speech on "Promoting moderate thinking through Islamic education: A curriculum design for Islamic study programme" at the Postgraduate Institute of IAIN University, Indonesia on 4.10.2021.

#### **Seminars**

The library has conducted the following two important seminars to remark the silver jubilee of SEUSL:

"Machine Readable Cataloguing for Tamil Bibliographic Records", resource person was Mr. S. Ketheeswaran, Snr. Asst. Librarian, University of Jaffna, virtually held on 22nd February 2021.

"Organization of Arabic and Islamic Knowledge in Academic Libraries" held at 04th March 2021, the Resource person was Mr. Ash-Sheikh S. M. Azahim, Head of the Library, Kingdom University, Bahrain.

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This talk was delivered on commemorating the International Human Rights Day (10th December 2021). The resource person is Dr. S. Anuzsiya, Head, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka in International Webinar via online. This webinar is organized by PG & Research Department of Historical Studies, QUAID-E-MILLATH GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) in Chennai, India. Since women from all over the world number of difficulties and challenges. In order to address these issues delivered a talk to overcome these issues through different strategies. Attaining equality between women and men and eliminating all forms of discriminations against women are fundamental Human Rights and essential for the development of the society. It should be realized by all that "all Women's rights are Human Rights".

# Training on Digital based teaching

Successfully completed Workshops for Academic Staff to train in digital based teaching learning and assessment under Activity 05 at the Faculty of Arts and Culture.

## Workshop for Staff on Internship Training in Collaboration with Curreiculum



The workshop for the academic staff of the Faculty of Arts and Culture organized under Activity 1.1 of the AHEAD Project was held on 06.04.2021 from 9 am to 4.30 pm. It is noteworthy that this workshop was sponsored by the World Bank. The workshop was organized under the theme 'Workshop for Staff on Internship Training in Collaboration with Curriculum' and consisted of two sessions. Dr. U.L. Abdul Majeed (Dean of the Faculty of Technology, SEUSL) and Mr. M.H. Shajahan (Retired Assistant Director, Special Industrial Training Division, NAITA) were the resource persons of this workshop. The workshop provided information on internship training to the participants and also discussed how to collaborate with the curriculum to provide such internship training to the students, the advantages of getting an internship training and ways to get an internship training were also discussed. The participants' perspectives on internship training and its method were listened and constructive suggestions were discussed. The objectives of the workshop were to clarify a number of steps on how to incorporate internship training into the curriculum and how to monitor students' internship training for the purpose. Issues such as supervision and evaluation were also discussed.



# Workshops on Socio-emotional skills for FAC Staff and FAC Final year Students

Workshops on Socio-emotional Skills were conducted under the AHEAD project for FAC staff and final year students. Well-implemented Socio-Emotional programs positively affect the success of staff in university. Social-emotional skills also help staff successfully manage day-to-day life. They help staff focus, make good decisions, and become supportive members of their community well beyond university. Combining these skills with development creates high-quality teaching experiences and environments that empower them to be more effective contributors in their university today and in their workplaces and communities' tomorrow. Because of that workshops were organized under the different titles in order to increase the socio-emotional skills which help to increase the employability of arts graduates. Internal and external resource persons contributed to these programs. All these workshops were conducted virtually due to the pandemic situation of the country. According to that, 04 workshops for staff and 07 workshops for students were conducted and obtained positive feedback from the participants.

# Webinar on 'Important Aspects to consider during Curriculum Development and Review'

A webinar on 'Important Aspects to consider during Curriculum Development and Review' was organized by the Center for Quality Assurance/SEUSL, and held on 25.08.2021 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am via Zoom meeting. Dr. MIS. Safeena, Director/CQA was the Resource Person. She further informed that Curriculum Development is very essential practice in the life of academics. Staff should have familiarity with these components to serve as academics in the university system. Therefore, all academics, administrative, supportive staff (Professors, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, Temp. Lecturers and Instructors so on) were participated in this webinar. Certificates for the participants were issued. The resource person gave more guidance to review the curriculum according to the SLQF

# The Department of Economic and Statistics conducted following virtual workshops via Zoom

- 1. Recent Changes on Foreign Exchange Regulation" via zoom application on 26th November 2021 from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
- Virtual Awareness Session on Monetary Policy Review in Regional Level (Tamil Medium) on 25th of May 2021 from 02.00 to 4.00 pm



# Women Entrepreneurship & Empowerment

The Rabindranath TAGORE University Madhya Pradesh, India, had conducted an International Web conference on 'Women Entrepreneurship & Empowerment from 9-10 April 2021 at the Faculty of Commerce. The main aim of the Conference was to create a major shift in mindset to create suitable conditions to facilitate and encourage women Entrepreneurs as current networks are heavily dominated by men, and it, therefore becomes intimidating and

difficult for women. There is also a need to create greater accessibility to financial services and nurture supportive entrepreneurial conditions for women. For the above two days International Web-Conference, Dr.S.Anuzsiya,

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An academic discussion on "A Memory of Alikambe" was organized by the Research Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (RCSSH) on 08th of December 2021 at Arts Theatre of Faculty of Arts & Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. It was the venue for the expression of experience-sharing and research findings from the community link program at Alikambe. The discussion started at 2.00 pm with the welcome address of Prof. MM. Fazil, Dean / Director, RCSSH, FAC, SEUSL. Then Prof. A. Rameez (Moderator), Vice-Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka presided over the discussion. Next Mrs. N. Lumna (Speaker), Lecturer (Prob.) presented her research findings on the topic "The indigenous culture of the Vanakuravar community". Then Dr. SM. Ayoob (Speaker), Head, Department of Sociology delivered a speech about socio, economic and cultural change of Alikambe. The overall findings of the study reveal that the Vanakuravar community faces so many challenges, their indigenous culture also totally changed and they are subject to social exclusion which ultimately leads to poverty. The last part of the discussion was allocated for question and answer session. With vote thanks by A.Fathima Sanas, Temporary Assistant Lecturer in Sociology, the academic discussion was concluded.

## Discussion on Budget Proposal - 2022

Discussion on Budget Proposal-2022 was conducted by the Research Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (RCSSH) of FAC, SEUSL on 01.12.2021 at the Arts Theatre of the faculty. MNF. Washima, Lecturer (Prob.) & S. Santhirakumar, Lecturer (Prob.) Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts and Culture were the speakers and Dr. A.A.M Nufail, Head, Department of Economics and Statistics moderated the discussion.

Sri Lanka is one of the lower-middle-income countries with a GDP per capita of USD 3,852 (2019) and a total population of 21.8 million. Sri Lanka's real GDP contracted by 3.6% Year on Year in 2020 as a result of the COVID - 19 pandemic's impacts on the global and local economy. Nowadays, the economic crisis in this COVID -19 pandemic situation caused losses in livelihoods. Because the \$3.20 poverty rate increased from 9.2 percent in 2019



to 11.7 percent in 2020. Year-on-year inflation in Sri Lanka which is measured by the Colombo Consumer Price Index increased to 6.0 percent in August 2021. This is due to monthly increases in the prices of both food and non-food items. Meanwhile, food inflation increased from 10.0 percent in September 2021 to 11.7 percent in October 2021. In the meantime, Non-food inflation also increased from 3.0 percent in September to 5.4 percent in October 2021. And also, a fuel price hike in June. Hence, this pandemic situation led to food insecurity. External vulnerabilities have further raised in the first half of 2021.

The trade deficit expanded as a result of rising import bill by intermediate and investment goods despite the restrictions on non-essential goods. Remittances and tourism receipts showed a falling trend and expanded the





current account deficit. Official reserves also declined to \$3.6 billion in August. In this context, budget -2021 is proposed by the ministry of finance.

Budget-2022 is the 76th Budget of the independent Sri Lanka. Second budget of the government of His Excellency the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and maiden budget speech as the Minister of Finance under the policy framework "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour". This budget aims to reduce the budget deficit of 11.1 percent in 2020 to 8.8 percent in 2022 and to achieve a balanced budget over the years. Further, to solve the constraints on the foreign reserves in the country, it has been proposed that to review the current policy framework under the Board of Investment related to attracting foreign direct investment. Even though this budget 2022 is planning the 1,658 billion rupees or 8.8 percent budget deficit. As well as the, the financed ministry is expecting to repay the foreign borrowings (179 billions). Therefore, this budget includes the positive and negative sides in the context of Sri Lanka. Finally, the staff of FAC participated the discussion session. It is a kind of academic talks which contributes to expand the knowledge on present economic crisis of Sri Lanka.

#### Information Literacy Course

SEUSL libraries conducted teaching and assessing a two credit optional subject on "Information Literacy programs" to the undergraduates of Faculty of Applied Sciences as the fourth successive year.

#### 8th International Symposium - FIA

The 8th International Symposium on "Promoting Faith-based Social Cohesion through Islamic and Arabic Studies" was hosted by the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language via zoom on 4th August 2021. Scholarly articles were entertained under different sub-themes such as Islamic Thought & Civilization, Islamic Banking & Finance, Islamic Law and & Legislation, Arabic Language & Literature, Linguistics & Translation, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Peace and Social Harmony. It is remarkable that 86 papers received from both national and international authors were accepted for publication. This event was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) S.M.M. Mazahir and coordinated by Dr. R.A Sarjoon. Dr. S. Rifa Mahroof was the Secretary and Ms. M.S. Ismiya Begum served as the Treasurer. The keynote address was delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Sunawari Long, the Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia).

## Delivered Lecture from Abroad

Dr. U. Farook, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SEUSL was delivered a informative and thought provoking lecture on the title "Applications of Advanced Manufacturing Technology Processes in the Ceramics Industry" in Indian Society of Technocal Education (ISTE) sponsored online short term training programme organized by the E.G.S.Pillay Engineering College (Autonomous).

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# Configuring an Intelligent Reflecting Surface

The Team SEUSL Signal Champ represented the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka in IEEE Signal Processing cup 2021 under the theme configuring an Intelligent Reflecting Surface (IRS) for 6G Wireless Communication for the year 2021. It is proud to mention that SEUSL Agni Champ from SEUSL secured 20th place globally for the first-time participation. Under the supervision of Prof. M.A.L.A. Haleem from the Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering, Faculty of Engineering. The following participants brought pride to the university:

- WKDA. Hirushan E/16
- YHJRB. Kirindana E/16
- DMCS. Dissanayake E/16
- PLM. Weerarathna E/16
- ULM. Ahnaf Shihab E/17
- AL. Fathima Sasna E/17

## Indian Rover Design Challenge

The International Rover Design Challenge (formerly Indian Rover Design Challenge) is a competition for university students which challenges to design Mars rovers that shall be fully equipped and mission ready for Operation on Mars. Teams are supposed to carefully plan each subsystem of the rover considering various extra-terrestrial parameters in the design. This competition is designed for students to explore their minds and spark the innovative design thinking of individuals without putting any constraints on available physical resources. Students are encouraged to be as imaginative, creative, and insightful as possible within practical implementable limits for the human race. Two members from the E16 Batch got the opportunity to participate in the Sri Lankan team and they won the 8th place.

#### Best Innovative Product / Project

Event: SLASSCOM national ingenuity awards 2021

Award: The best university project under the provincial category

SLASSCOM concluded its National Ingenuity Awards 2021 at a Gala event at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo on 30th March 2021. K.L.P.P. Liyanage and W.W.M.D.Darshani were announced as the winners for the best innovative product/project at the university category in the Eastern Province.



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#### **Best Short Video**

M.N Shameer Ahamed who is a 3rd year student of Faculty of Arts and Culture of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka achieved 3rd place for the best short video in Milad Cultural Function 2021, which was conducted by the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs'. He received certificate and cash at the Gafoor Auditorium of Colombo Zahira college on 26th December 2021.

#### **AWARDS 2021**

Rizmiya Hameed, who is a 3rd year student of the faculty of Arts and Culture of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka got the 1st place in "AWARDS 2021" Essay Competition which was conducted by New Wave Art Circle in April 2021. Also, she was honored with a certificate and a cash prize for winning first place in an island-wide essay competition, at Shri Kathiresan hall in Colombo 13, on 06th of November, 2021.



#### IET Sri Lanka - 29th Annual Technical Conference - 2021



Paper Name: Amigo (A Social Robot): Development of a robot

hearing system

Conference Name: Annual Technical Conference 2021 Organized by IET

Sri Lanka Network

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Award: Best paper award (1st runner up)

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The conference is organized by the IET Sri Lanka Network and is focused on the theory and applications of Engineering.

### Data Storm - Octave Sri Lanka

A team consisting of Sahib S.M, Ariyawimala M.D.I.M, and Kiridana Y.M.W.H.M.R.P.J.R.B from the faculty of Engineering participated in the data storm and won the second runner-up. Data storm is a data analytical competition held by octave, Sri Lanka. In this competition many computers science major students compete with each other.

# Best Paper for Solving an Existing Engineering Issue



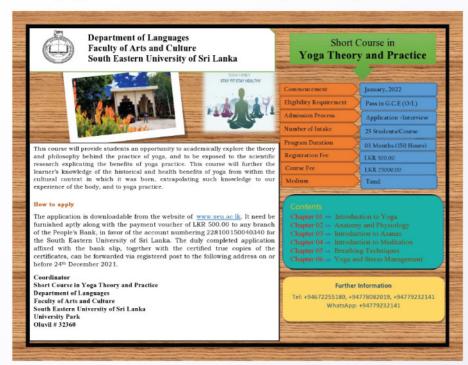
A team of final year students from the Department of Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka developed a dual axis solar tracker to be used in solar powered water desalination systems. Their work presented at IESL YMS Technical conference 2021 won the award for the Best paper as a solution for an existing engineering issue. The winning team comprised of students Yomal Malinda and Damith Pushpika. The students were supervised by Prof. Mohamed Abdul Haleem, Dr. Aslam Saja, Eng. Safnas Karipper, and Eng. Sithy Juhaniya. The

solar tracker being developed in this project is part of the research collaboration between researchers at SEUSL and international universities involved in solar energy research. Dr. Fuhaid Alshammary from University of Hail, Saudi Arabia and Dr. Mohamed Elashmawy from Suez University, Egypt have been among co-authors of the paper presented at IESL YMS Technical Conference 2021

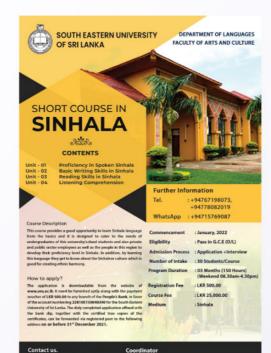


Students' Achievements

The Faculty of Arts and Culture introduced specific short courses in the Department of Political Science as well as Department of Languages. These two departments called the applications at the end of the year. They have the intention to start the short courses in January 2022. According to that Department of Political Science has called the application for the Short Course in Human Rights while the Department of Languages called the application for the Short Course in Sinhala, and Yoga Theory and Practice. This department called the applications for the Professional Diploma in Sinhala. The Short Course in Human Rights is designed to impart a basic understanding of human rights to the average citizen. This short course would go a long way to produce responsible citizens who possess the capacity to appreciate the value of human rights in their day-to-day life. This program offers a learning opportunity to interact with multiple field experts.



The short course in Sinhala is a good opportunity to learn Sinhala language from the basics. The short course in Yoga Theory and Practice provides students an opportunity to academically explore the theory and philosophy behind the practice of Yoga, and to be exposed to the scientific research explicating the benefits of Yoga practice. These three short courses are designed to conduct 3 months (150hours). Anyhow, the Professional Diploma in Sinhala is a one year study program designed to conduct in two semesters. This course is a golden opportunity for many people in this region to develop their proficiency level in Sinhala.





# **Appointments**



Prof. A. Rameez
Vice Chancellor
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
Effect from: 09.08.2021

#### Academic Staff Appointments



Prof. M.A.M. Fowsar Head Department of Political Science Faculty of Arts and Culture Effect from: 16.08.2021



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Dept. of Management
Faculty of Management and Commerce
Effect from: 27.04.2021



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Lecturer (Unconfirmed) in Philosophy
Dept. of Social Sciences
Faculty of Arts and Culture
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Dr. G. Nishanthan
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Faculty of Technology
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Dr. T.M.M. Marso
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Dr. A.N.M. Mubarak Head Department of Biosystem Technology Faculty of Technology Effect from: 01.02.2021



Dr. M.M. Mashroofa
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South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
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Dept. of Information Technology
Faculty of Arts and Culture
Effect from: 10.09.2021



Mr. M.J.M. Fari
Lecturer (Unconfirmed) in Biosystems Technology
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Faculty of Technology
Effect from: 13.12.2021



Dr. W.S. Udayakantha
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Mrs. A. Fathima Sharfana
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Mrs. R.K.D.S. Samaradiwakara
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#### **Promotions**

#### Academic Staff Promotions



Prof. A.M.M. Mustafa Professor in Business Economics Dept. of Management Faculty of Management and Commerce Effect from: 10.12.2019



Prof. A.M. Razmy Professor in Applied Statistics Dept. of Mathematical Sciences Faculty of Applied Sciences Effect from: 12.12.2019



Prof. S.M.M. Mazahir Professor in Islamic Culture Dept. of Islamic Studie Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language



Prof. K.M. Mubarak Professor in Marketing Management Dept. of Marketing Management Faculty of Management and Commerce Effect from: 09.07.2020



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Prof. M.I. Mujahid Hilal Professor in Marketing Management Dept. of Marketing Management Faculty of Management and Commerce Effect from: 12.12.2019



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Staff Management Assistant

# **Transfers**

#### Administrative / Non-Academic Staff

#### Mrs. M.I.F. Shawmw shajah

Assistant Registrar Transfer on: 01.03.2021 Transferred from UWU

#### Mr. A.R. Habdeen

Security Inspector (Special Grade) Transfer on: 02.02.2021 Transferred to SEUSL

#### Mr. A.L. Riswan

Security Guard Transfer on: 01.02.2021 Transferred to SEUSL

Assistant Registrar

Transferred to EUSL

Transfer on: 01.03.2021

Mrs. Sarojinidevi Thayalan

#### Mr. A.R.M. Lafeer

Security Guard Transfer on: 01.04.2021 Transferred to Trincomalee Campus

#### Retirement

#### Academic / Adminidtrative / Non-Academic Staff

#### Mr. A.M.A.M. Sheham

Lecturer (Probationary) in Accountancy Faculty of Management and Commerce Retired on: 15.07.2021

#### Mr. M.I. Fasil Ur Rahman

Bursar

Retired on: 02.11.2021

#### Mr. K.L.M. Nazeer

Deputy Bursar Retired on: 07.02.2021

#### Mr. A.Thayub

Deputy Registrar Retired on: 09.12.2021

#### Mr. M.M.A. Saleem

Works Superintendent (Civil ), SG (Efficiency Bar)

Retired on: 11.09.2021

#### Mr. KL. Abdul Majeed

Staff Management Assistant Retired on: 21.11.2021

#### Mr. M. Mubarak

Driver (Special Grade) Retired on: 12.07.2021

#### Mr. J.A. Nafar

Driver (Special Grade) Retired on: 21.03.2021

#### Mr. A.B.A. Saththar

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#### Mrs. M. Thangapillai

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