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UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA

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# International WEEK 2022

21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the University of Peradeniya premises

## Activity Plan of the Week:

### Monday - 21<sup>st</sup> November

Opening Ceremony and MoU Signing

### Tuesday - 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Web Session on International Funding Opportunities

### Wednesday - 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Joint program on "Environment Sustainability"

### Thursday - 24<sup>th</sup> November

International Education Fair

### Friday - 25<sup>th</sup> November

Cultural show and the Web sessions for the Existing International Mobility Programmes at University of Peradeniya

### 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November Evening

Film Festival

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Organized by: International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya

# About the International Week 2022



Internationalization has become a key component in the changing landscape of higher education as a means to increase the global engagement for staff, students, and faculty of higher education institutions.

Sri Lanka too must re-position its international profile in its higher education system to enhance its global visibility to emerge as a key hub for knowledge and learning in the world.

In order to bring this to the common agenda, the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya came up with the concept of International Week 2022.

The International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya was planned to conduct the International Week- 2022 of the University of Peradeniya at the end of November 2022.

It was put into motion with the purpose of increasing international relations with foreign countries, exposing UoP students to an international work environment, and promoting International Relations Office in the global context.

Conducted dates – 21st – 25th November 2022 (Hybrid program)

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 **YouTube**



## The Inauguration Ceremony

The Inauguration ceremony of the international week was held successfully on the 21st of November 2022 with the participation of the chief guest, H.E. Michael Appleton, the New Zealand High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Prof. Don. Eliseo Lucero Prison III, Editor-in-Chief, Public Health Challenges, Prof. MD. Lamawansa, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. WMT. Madhujith, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, the Deans of the faculties, and the Directors of the post graduate institutes of the University of Peradeniya, Dr. Nanda Gunawardhana, Director of Research and International Affairs, Sri Lanka

Technological Campus, Prof. CNRA. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya, the Directors of the Centres, the Heads of the Departments and the management committee members of the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya.



While the welcome speech was done by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, the chief guest speech was done by By H.E Michael Appleton New Zealand High Commissioner to Sri Lanka highlighting the need and the opportunities for academic collaborations between Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

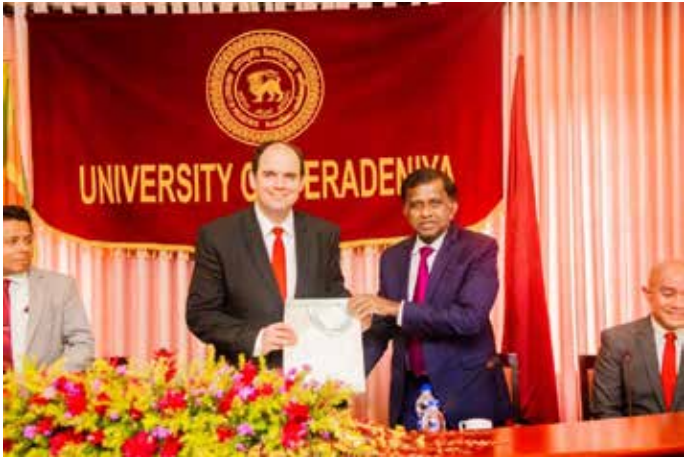


The Guest Speeches of the event were done by By Prof. Don Eliseo Lucero Priso III, Editor-in-Chief, Public Health Challenges (Wiley), Faculty Member, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Director, Global Health Focus on “Global Health”, and Dr. Nanda Gunawardhana, Director of Research and International Affairs, Sri Lanka Technological Campus on “Internationalization of Sri Lankan Universities”.



During the event, the MoU with the University of Connecticut, USA, and the MoU with IIT Guhawati, India were signed by the Vice Chancellor.





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# Web Session on International Funding Opportunities

Web session on International Funding Opportunities was successfully conducted by the International Relations Office on the 22nd of November 2022 in collaboration with the JICA Sri Lanka office in Sri Lanka, the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka, the German Academic Exchange Service of the German Embassy in Sri Lanka, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Erasmus+ Sri Lanka office, in parallel to the International Week 2022 of the University of Peradeniya.

Prof. W.M.T. Mudhujith, the Deputy Vice-chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, welcomed the resource persons and the participants on behalf of the University of Peradeniya. Mr. Kenji Inoue (the First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan), Ms. Yuri Ide, the Senior Representative of JICA Sri Lanka Office, Mr. Nadeesha R. Palliyaguru, Information and Office Manager, German Academic Exchange Service, German Embassy, Colombo, Prof. Yuansong Wei, Director, Laboratory of Water Pollution Control Technology and Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Science and Mr. Adrian Veale, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (EAC), International Cooperation Unit, European Union Commission participated as the resource persons of the Web sessions.





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# International WEEK 2022

## Web Session on International Funding Opportunities



Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 1.40 p.m. (Sri Lanka Standard Time)

### International funding opportunities

- 9.00 am - 10.00 am JICA and Japan Programme
- 10.00 am - 11.00 am DAAD Programme
- 11.00 am - 12.00 pm Chinese Academy of Science Programme
- 12.40 pm - 01.40 pm New Erasmus+ Programme

### Registration via QR code or following link:



[https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/USEsdOggp4toCdxVNIJlMjMAZ3IjA\\_3x0f8kx](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/USEsdOggp4toCdxVNIJlMjMAZ3IjA_3x0f8kx)

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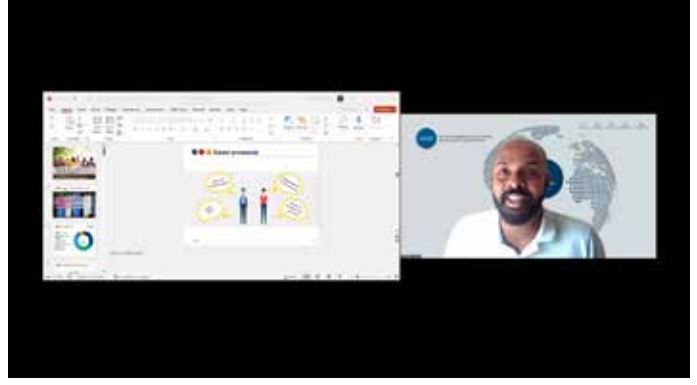
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Erasmus+



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University of Chinese Academy of Sciences



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# Program on “Ensuring an Informed and Responsible Society for Environmental Sustainability”

The Center for Environmental Sustainability (CES) in collaboration with the International Relations Office (InRO) of the University of Peradeniya launched a series of events under the theme “Ensuring an informed and responsible society for environmental sustainability” to commemorate the international week of the University, 2022.



**This series included several activities under four major categories as**

1. Community outreach activity on “Household Waste Management for Achieving Circular Economy”
2. Enhancement of the knowledge and attitude of school children in “Mulgama Maha Vidyalaya” towards mitigating air and water pollution
3. Inculcating environmental pro-attitudes among Peradeniya University Undergraduates and School Children in the Kandy district.
4. Showcasing the wider community on Peradeniya University commitment to environmental sustainability through a Webinar (Guest Speaker: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madujith)

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Program; “Ensuring an Informed and Responsible Society for Environmental Sustainability” was held successfully on the 23rd of November, 2022 at the auditorium of the Post-graduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) of the University of Peradeniya, with the participation of the chief guest, Acting Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, the Deans of the faculties, the Directors of the post-graduate institutes, Director, International Relations Office, Director and Deputy Directors of the Centre for Environmental Studies, Environment Committee members of the Faculties of Arts and Science. Students from Mulgama Maha Vidyalaya and the winners of art/poster competitions participated in the event.

Environmental Management Committees of the faculties of Arts and Science, and the winners of these both competitions were awarded certificates by the Acting Vice-Chancellor. Tree seedlings were also distributed among these participants. A sculpture carving program for the winners of the drawing competition was successfully conducted by Prof. Sudharshana Bandara, Department of Fine Arts, University of Peradeniya.




### Drawing and Poster competition


With an aim of inculcating environmental pro-attitudes among Peradeniya University Undergraduates and School Children in the Kandy district, Poster/ Drawing competitions have been conducted by the



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 “Ensuring an Informed and Responsible Society for Environmental Sustainability”



**HEADING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY:  
 IS UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA ON THE RIGHT TRACK?**




**Prof. Terrence Madhujith**  
 Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
 University of Peradeniya

**Dr. Nalin Suranjith**  
 Deputy Director / Research and  
 Environmental Management  
 Center for Environmental Studies (CES)  
 University of Peradeniya

Thursday 24th November 2022  
 From 5:00 to 6:00 pm Sri Lanka (GMT+5.30)

Conducted by  
 Center for Environmental Studies (CES) and International Relations Office (InRO), University of Peradeniya

Zoom 





24<sup>th</sup>  
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# International Education Fair

The International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya had organized international week 2022 with the purpose of expanding international collaborations, exposing university students and staff to international educational opportunities, and promoting the University of Peradeniya in the global context.





# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR 2022

International  
**WEEK**  
2022

@ Postgraduate Institute of Science  
University of Peradeniya

Organized by  
International Relations Office



**24<sup>th</sup>** November

Meet the representatives of esteemed universities worldwide to explore postgraduate opportunities

09.00 AM - Opening Ceremony  
10.15 AM - Speech on Higher Education Opportunities in Japan  
11.00 AM - Education Fair



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The International Education Fair of the international week was held successfully on the 24th of November 2022 at the Postgraduate Institute of Science, with the purpose of opening doors to the international higher education arena for those who are looking to do their postgraduate studies.



Madam Maria L. Popova, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Sri Lanka and the Director of the Russian House in Colombo, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Mudhujith, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Mrs. Alexandra Shalaginova, Head of Finance of the Russian House in Colombo, Mr. Venurika Jayasinghe, Educational and Public Relations Officer of the Russian House in Colombo, Mr. Nihal De. Zoysa, Senior Executive of the Russian House in Colombo, the Deans of the Faculties, Prof. C.N.R.A Alles, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya, Dr. Shiranthi Colombage and the Representatives from the Tokyo University - Sri Lanka Office, Representatives from the Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy, Representatives from the German Academic Exchange Service of the German Embassy in Sri Lanka, the management committee members of the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya participated in the event.











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# International Cultural Show

With the purpose of promoting and sharing Sri Lankan cultural heritage with the international community and to share the diversity of the different cultures around the world with the university community, International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya organized the International Cultural Show in collaboration with the Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy on the 25th of November 2022 at the EOE Perera Auditorium, Faculty of Engineering.

H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Colombo, Dr. Athira S., Assistant High Commissioner, Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Mudhujith, the Deputy Vice chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, the Deans of the Faculties, Prof. C.N.R.A Alles, Director, International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya, the management committee members of the International Relations Office, and the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Peradeniya participated in the event.





@ E.O.E. Pereira Theatre  
University of Peradeniya

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# CULTURAL Show



25<sup>th</sup> November  
09.30 AM  
2022

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In collaboration with-  
Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy



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# Web Session on Existing International Mobility Programmes

Web session on Existing International Mobility Programmes of the International Week 2022 was conducted by the International Relations Office with the purpose of educating the UoP students and staff members regarding the existing international mobility programmes with foreign universities and expanding the opportunity for them to apply for exchange programmes on 25th of November 2022. The first presentation of the web session was focused on available staff exchange opportunities while the second presentation was focused on available student exchanges.





## Webinar on Existing International Mobility Programmes of the University of Peradeniya



**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Time:** 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. (Sri Lanka Standard Time)

“Grab the opportunities to study at a foreign university for a semester or a year.”



**International Mobility Opportunities for Staff**

**Mr. Roshan Pradeep**

Former Project Manager  
International Relations Office  
University of Peradeniya

### - International Mobility Programmes:

Institutional Collaborations under Memorandum of Understandings

Inter-institutional Agreements under the ERASMUS+ Programme

Other Projects



**International Mobility Opportunities for Students**

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**Registration via QR code or following link:**



[https://learn.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ckcuqqD8uHNO9qMarMmd571J\\_qhReQe9k](https://learn.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ckcuqqD8uHNO9qMarMmd571J_qhReQe9k)

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# International Film Festival

A Film Festival was held during the International Week 2022 of the University of Peradeniya with the purpose of promoting and sharing the different cultures and values of the world through movies. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Fine Arts of the Faculty of Arts from the 21st of November to the 25th of November. Five movies representing Turkey, China, Germany, Japan, and India were played at the film festival after giving a brief introduction to each movie by a student of the Department of Fine Arts.





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