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Visit of Maxime BLONDEL -International Projects Unit Manager from University De Rouen Normandie

The Head of International Office, Mr. Maxime Blondel, Université de Rouen Normandie, visited the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya during his visit to the university on 4th of April 2023. At the visit, Prof. C. N. R. A. Alles presented the work undertaken by the international relations office, its mandate, objectives, and the website of InRO. Further, Mr. Maxime Blondel mentioned his work in the international office.









Prof. C. N. R. A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Ms. Sanjeewani Ranasinghe Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya and the staff members of the InRO participated in the event.

Visit of the Delegates from Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia

Delegates from Queensland University of Technology, Australia has visited University of Peradeniya at 25th of April 2023. The visit was scheduled as a meeting and the faculty visits for Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Engineering were made at the University of Peradeniya.



The delegates from the Queensland University of Technology participated in the meeting that was held at the Vice Chancellor's office. The meeting was initiate by the acting Vice Chancellor Prof. W. M. Terrence Madhujith, made an introduction about the history and the courses that undergoing the faculties, and the other staff members that participated has explained about the collaboration opportunities form both sides. The introductory presentations about both universities were presented at the Senate room, Uni-

versity of Peradeniya. After the general meeting the delegates from QUT has joined the faculty visit at Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Engineering.





Delegates from the Queensland University of Technology, Professor Ian Ohara, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof Les Dawes, Head of School, Civil and Environment Engineering, Professor Yuan Tang Gu, Head of School, Mechanical, Medical and Process Engineering, Associate Professor Ajay Pandey, School of Electrical Engineering and Robotics, Professor Troy Farrell Executive Dean, Faculty of Science, Associate Professor Jim Hogan, Associate Dean Teaching and Learning, Associate Professor Jennifer MacLeod, Head of School, School for Chemistry and Physics, Ms. Marina McKeague, Client Manager, International Office and Ms. Malshani Perera, Country Manager, International Office have participated in the event.



Prof. W. M. Terrence Madhujith, the acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. Vasanthi Pinto, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of International Relations Office (InRO), Prof. CMB. Dematawewa, Director of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), Prof. Roshan G. Ragel, Head of the Department of Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Director of the Sri Lanka-Japan Study Centre, Dr. Damayanthi Herath, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Dimanthi Uduwela, Faculty of Science, Mr. K.A.B. Damunupola, PGIA and the staff members of InRO of the University of Peradeniya, participated in the event.









Visit of the Delegates from Kursk State Medical University, Russia

Delegates from Kursk State Medical University, Russia have visited University of Peradeniya on 03rd of May 2023. The visit was scheduled with a meeting and the faculty visits for Faculty of Medicine were made at the University of Peradeniya.



The delegates from the Kursk State Medical University have participated in the meeting that was held at the Vice chancellor's office. The meeting was initiated by the acting Vice chancellor Prof. W.M.T. Mad-

hujith, made an introduction about the history and the courses that conducting in faculties, and the other staff members that participated has explained about the collaboration opportunities form both sides. Prof. Udaya Ralapanawa has mentioned the procedures that been activated in the faculty. The delegates from the Kursk State Medical University also discussed the history, achievements, resources and courses that undergoing on their university.



Delegates from the Kursk State Medical University, Russia, Prof. Viktor Anatolyevich Lazarenko, Rector, Assoc. Prof. Mohomod Toufic Chahine, Director of International Medical Institute have participated in the event.





Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. Udaya Ralapanawa, Representative of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of International Relations Office, Dr. Keerthie Dissanayake from the Medical Faculty and the staff members of International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya, participated in the event.

Meeting with Fulbright Commission



A round of discussion initiated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof M.D. Lamawansa with Ms. Sandarshi Gunawardena, the Executive Director, United States-Sri

Lanka Fulbright Commission, was held on 9th May 2023 at Vice-Chancellors Office, in order to find possibilities on the collaboration between the Fulbright Commission and the University of Peradeniya.





Ms, Sandarshi Gunawardena has explained about the past collaborations, the possible opportunities that can be offered from the Fulbright commission and the objectives that need to fulfill from the University of Peradeniya. All the deans and the directors who participated have mentioned about the faculty and institute vise works done with the Fulbright Commission. Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Prof. Sarath S. Kodithuwakku, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Manjula Attygalla, Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean, Faculty of Management, Prof. Sanath Rajapakse, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. P.G.Anil Pushpakumara, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, Prof. S.J.S. de Mel, Director, Postgraduate Institute Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. S.D. Dharmaratne, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. M.Z.M. Nafeel from Faculty of Art, and the staff members of International Relations

Office of the University of Peradeniya, participated in the event.





Meeting with SAMViT Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd

A virtual meeting between the International Relations Office and the SAMViT Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd, India was held on 23rd of May 2023.

Introduction to University of Peradeniya was presented by Prof. Neil Alles and Prof. Dematawewa has men-

tioned about the courses in PGIA and study process. The president of SAMViT Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd proposed build up a Joint Research Program between University of Peradeniya and the Indian Institution.



Mr. Pushkar Kulkarni, the president and Ms. Isha Limaye Project Manager of SAMViT Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd has joined the meeting.

Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of International Relations Office, Prof. C.M.B. Dematawewa, Director of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture and the staff members of the InRO participated in the meeting.



Meeting with Indian Institute of Technology, Indore



A virtual meeting between the International Relations Office and the Indian Institute of Technology, Indore was held on 23rd of May 2023.

Introduction to University of Peradeniya and the courses related to the Faculty of Engineering was pre-

sented by Dr. Panduka Neluwala. Indian Institute of Technology, Indore proposed build up the collaboration in faculty vise and department vise.

Prof. Sanjay Singh, Associate Deans, International Relations, IITI, Mr. Rajan Thomas, Assistant Registrar, International Relations, IITI, Mr. Vinay Kumar, Junior Superintendent, International Relations, IITI, Ms. Riyanka Sharma, Junior Assistant, International Relations, IITI has joined the meeting.

Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of International Relations Office, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Faculty of Engineering and the staff members of the InRO participated in the meeting.

Meeting with Tomorrow Technology Education Service Center (TTESC), China

A round of discussion initiated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa with Mr. Gong, the Chairman of the Tomorrow Technology Education Service Center (TTESC), China, was held on 25th of May 2023 at Vice-Chancellors Office, to discuss about the student mobility from China to the University of Peradeniya.



Apart from the main objective, signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Beijing Forestry University, PhD in Education and other PhD programs of University of Peradeniya and Master of Nursing and some other one-year Master programs of University of Peradeniya have been discussed in the meeting.

Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof.

C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake, Dean, Faculty of Management, Prof. M.D.M.L.D.K. Yatawara, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Science, Prof. C. M. B. Dematawewa, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculty, Dr. H.D.W.T. Damayanthi Dassanayake, Head of the Department, Nursing, Dr. B.A.N. Eranda, Faculty of Management, Mr. Isuru Samaranayake, Faculty of Management, and the staff members of International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya, participated in the event.

Meeting with Tianjin Zhongrui Institute of Social Sciences, China

A virtual meeting between the International Relations Office and the Tianjin Zhongrui Institute of Social Sciences was held on 29th of May 2023.

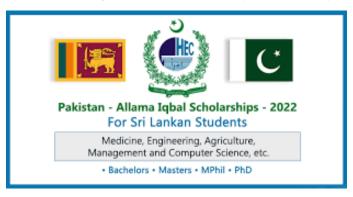


Introduction to University of Peradeniya was presented by Prof. Neil Alles and Dr. S. Baskaran mentioned the courses in the Faculty of Arts and study process. Tianjin Zhongrui Institute of Social Sciences proposed to jointly create a "Science and Technology Innovation Park" with the University of Peradeniya. Further the starting of student exchange program has discussed in the meeting.

Mr. Wang Shen (The dean of Zhong Rui Institute for Social Science Research & Academia); Ms. Sherry Meng (The Chair of the Scientific Office); Professor Wang (Economic and Management); Researcher & Translator Ms. Carly Liu (Sociology) and Dr. Fu (Technology Achievement Transformation) has joined the meeting. Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of International Relations Office, Dr. S.Baskaran, Faculty of Arts and the staff members of the InRO participated in the meeting.

Conduct Test for the Allama Iqbal Scholarship for Sri Lankan Students

Facilities were coordinated by the International Relations Office to conduct a test for the Allama Iqbal Scholarship for Sri Lankan Students the Higher Education Commission, Pakistan. The selection test was held on the 30th of May 2023 with the participation of 823 applicants. With the coordination of the InRO the examination was held at the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education, University of Peradeniya.



Meeting with Higher Education Commission, Pakistan

A meeting between the Pakistan Higher Education Commission and the University of Peradeniya was held on the 30th of May 2023 at the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Signing of the Letter of Intent between the University of Peradeniya and the Pakistan Higher Education Commission, the arrangement of a meeting between the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya and the Chairman of Pakistan Higher Education



Commission was discussed. Further, the arrangement of a meeting with the Faculty Members of University of Peradeniya (the Deans of Faculties and the Directors of Institutes) has discussed in the meeting.

Mr. Jehanzeb Khan, Project Director and Mr. Muhammad Waqar Khan, Project Manager of the Pakistan Higher Education Commission have joined the meeting.

Prof. S.J.S. de Mel, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of International Relations Office, Prof. M.Z.M. Nafeel, Department of Arabic & Islamic Civilization, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Athambawa Sarjoon, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts and the staff members of the InRO participated in the meeting.





EUSL-Energy Admin Capacity Building Training Program

EUSL-Energy Admin Capacity Building Training which was held on 16th June 2023 at the Hotel Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon - Hikkaduwa.



The event was organized by the Open University of Sri Lanka (from the ERASMUS grant). Joint master's degree program was introduced with the collaboration of the University of Peradeniya, the University of Moratuwa, the University of Ruhuna and the Open University of Sri Lanka.





The administrative staff of four universities, and the members from the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden has participated in the meeting. Ms.Diyathi Jayaweera, the Project Manager InRO has participated the event.

Follow-up Meeting with Vice-Chancellor: UAE Embassy

A follow-up meeting with the Vice-Chancellor was held on 20th June 2023 at the Vice-chancellor's office. The facts have been shared by the Vice-Chancellor regarding to the meeting with the ambassador of United Arab Emirates and the Vice-Chancellor. Further, Vice-Chancellor has instructed to initiate the collaboration with the universities of the UAE. Vice-chancellor advised to the University Research Council to develop proposals to start the coloborations.

Prof. M.D.Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof.C.N.R.A.Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Prof. J.B. Ekanayake, Director, University Research Grant, Prof. E.M.A.S.B. Ekanayake Dean, Faculty of Management, Prof. R. H. Kuruppuge, Head, Department of Operations Management, Faculty of Management, has participated the meeting.

Meeting with the Department of Classical Languages and the Sri Lanka-Japan Study Center at the University of Peradeniya

A meeting between the Sri Lanka-Japan Study Center at the University of Peradeniya and the Department of the Classical Languages was held on the 21st of June 2024 at the Committee Room, Faculty of Arts at the University of Peradeniya.

The initiation process of the collaboration of the JICA volunteer program was discussed in the meeting. According to the discussion, the meeting with the JICA team was held on 22nd of June 2023.

Dr.P.Neluwala, Director, Sri Lanka-Japan Study Center, University of Peradeniya, Ms.Ruwantha Kulatunga, Head of the Department of the Classical Languages, Ms.Diyathi Jayaweera, Project Manager, International Relations Office, Mr.Sandaka Ediriweera, Computer Programmer, International Relations Office participated at the meeting.



Meeting with the Department of Classical Languages and JICA Team

A meeting with the Department of Classical Language and a team of Japanese International Cooperative Agency (JICA) was held on 22nd of June 2023 at the Committee Room at the Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya.









At the meeting, Prof. Alles delivered the welcome speech and Dr. P. Neluwala highlighted the programs that are conducted with the JICA. Ms. R. Kulathunga explained the current language courses that are being conducted by the department and the preparation for the initiation of the Japanese language courses in University of Peradeniya. Further, she has explained about the collaboration opportunities at the University of Peradeniya to the JICA volunteer program. JICA team has explained about the JICA volunteer program. Department of Classical Languages has agreed to request a volunteer from JICA volunteer program for initiating the Japanese Language at University of Peradeniya.

Participants from JICA volunteering program, Mr. C.N. Ranasinghe, Senior Officer JICA Volunteer Program, Ms. K. Miya, Volunteer Coordinator, Mr.K.Yoshida, Volunteer Coordinator have participated the meeting.

Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Dr. P. Neluwala, Director of Sri Lanka- Japan Study Centre, Ms. R. Kulatunga, the Head of the Department of Classical Languages, University of Peradeniya and the staff members of the InRO have participated in the event.

Visit of Greek Ambassador

Delegates Greek Embassy have visited University of Peradeniya on 30th of June 2023. The visit was scheduled with a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, University visit, Stage Performance and a meeting with students and staff.



The delegates from the Greek Embassy have participated in the meeting that was held at the Vice chancellor's office. The meeting was initiated by the Vice chancellor Prof. M.D.Lamawansa, made an introduction about the history and the courses that are conducted in faculties. Further, the Vice-chancellor has discussed about the values of the philosophical background of Greece. The delegates from the Greek Embassy also discussed about the value of the philosophy in every field of studies.



Mr. H.E. Dimitrios Ioannou, the ambassador of Greek, Dr. I. Panagopoulou, First Counsellor of Embassy of Greece, Prof. O. Bopearachchi have participated in the event.

Prof. M.D.Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of

International Relations Office, Ms.R. Kulatunga the Head of the Department of Classical Languages, Prof. W.M.W.G.C.S.M. Wickramasinghe, Dr. V Edirisinghe, from the Department of Classical Languages and the staff members of International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya, participated in the event.







Exchange Programmes

Saitama University - Exchange Student Nomination for FALL 2024 is Now Open



Nomination Deadline: 01st September 2023 1st Application Deadline: 01st October 2023 2nd Application Deadline: 01st November 2023

Saitama University is pleased to announce that nomination for our FALL 2024 program is now open.

[*Announcement starting from FALL 2024 program *]

- Minimum GPA and Language Test Results will be added in the nomination qualifications and requirements as below.
- cumulative GPA of 2.4 or above on 4.0 scale
- either of the following language requirements
- CEFR B2 or higher (TOEFL PBT 533; TOEFL iBT 72; IELTS 5.5etc) or
- Equivalent
- JLPT N1 or N2 or Equivalent

More Info: Email to us: inbound@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact InRO.

Scholarship Opportunities

Hokkaido University - Application for the MEXT Scholarship: IGP special quota (enroll in October 2024) is open now



Application Deadline: 27th December 2023

International Graduate Program (IGP) special MEXT scholarship students for October 2024 enrollment are being sought.

https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/grad/igpoverview/special-quota.php

The IGP is a program for those who wish to pursue graduate studies in the life sciences at Hokkaido University's Graduate School of Life Science. The IGP program has once again been accepted as a special recipient of the MEXT scholarship.

Program Name: Training Program for Innovators in Life sciences - Be a Bridge



between Hokkaido and the World -

MEXT Scholarship; IGP Special Quota: 7 doctoral students and 1 master's student will be funded.

Interested students should contact prospective supervisors to discuss their suitability for this scholarship as soon as possible. After a professor agrees to sponsor a student, application documents should be submitted to the supervisor, who will subsequently submit them to the IGP administration office by December 27, 2023.

The first step to apply for this scholarship is to find a laboratory that matches the applicant's research goals and contact the professor directly.

Email: igp@sci.hokudai.ac.jp

Programme Website: Click

IGP-MEXTscholarship-leaflet 2023 Click

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE AWARD (SINGA)



Submission deadline for August 2024 intake:

1 December 2023 (2359hrs GMT +8 Singapore Time)

The Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA) is a collaboration between the Agency for Science, Technology & Research (A*STAR), the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the National University of Singapore (NUS), the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) and the Singapore Management University (SMU).

SINGA supports PhD studies in Biomedical Sciences, Computing and Information Sciences, Engineering and Technology, and Physical Sciences. This call is open to all international graduates with a passion for research and excellent academic results. The award provides support for up to 4 years of PhD studies.

- For more information, visit:
- https://www.a-star.edu.sg/Scholarships/for-graduate-studies/ singapore-international-graduate-award-singa

Internship Opportunities

Short-term Internship Programs at SIIT (Scholarship)



Nomination and application deadline:

31st August 2023

SIIT is now calling for the official nomination and application for SIIT Short Term Internship Program (STIP). This program allows students from SIIT partner universities to spend 4 - 8 weeks participating in an internship with SIIT professors.

- Internship period: 4-8 weeks (between October 15, 2023 and July 31, 2024)
- 10 Scholarships will be granted.

Scholarship coverage:

- Living allowance: 4500 baht/4 weeks
- Accommodation at SIIT International Residence Hall, SIIT Bangkadi campus (excluding electricity and water supply)

For nomination and application procedures, please find more information in the link below:

https://sites.google.com/view/siit-iacr/incoming-exchange/short-term-internship-program/application

Contact InRO for more information.



Russian Day of the University of Peradeniya

The Russian Day at the University of Peradeniya organized by the International Relation Office (InRO) in collaboration with the Russia House, Colombo was held on 27th of July 2023 at the University premises.









The Chief Guest of the event Madam Maria Popova, the First Secretary of the Embassy of Russia in Colombo, and Director of the Russian House in Colombo who was received by the Vice- Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa at the venue. The Russian Day celebration was organized as an open ceremony where a large number of students witnessed many activities pertaining to Russian culture and the language. Madam Maria Popova, the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy and the Director of the Russian House, Mr. Buddhapriya Ramanayake, the Chief Executive Officer, Russian House in Colombo, Ms. Venurika Jayasinghe, the Educational and Public Relations Officer, Russian House in Colombo, Ms. Alexandra Shalaginova, the Accountant, Russian House in Colombo, Ms. Tatyana Panditha, the teacher of Russian Language were the distinguished participants of the event from the Russian Embassy.

Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice- chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. W.M.T. Madhujith, the Deputy Vice- chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Deans of the Facilities, Directors of the Postgraduate Institutes, Directors of the Centers, academic and administrative staff and students have participated in the event.



One of the key events of the Russian Day was the Visit of Madam Maria Popova to the Department of Classical Languages of the Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya to declare open its Coordination Unit of the Study of Modern Languages (CSML) in its new premises of the Kannangara Building inside the Faculty of Arts. The introduction to the Russian Language, as the initiation of the Russian Language course, was delivered by Ms. Tatyana Panditha at the seminar room of the Faculty of Arts.



An award winning Russian movie the "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears" was screened at the Physiology Lecture Hall at the Faculty of Medicine in parallel to the Russian Day.













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