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## Visit of the High Commissioner of Canada to the University of Peradeniya

H.E. High Commissioner of Canada and the delegates from the High Commission of Canada in Sri Lanka visited the University of Peradeniya on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 to discuss the proposed Joint Canada Day/Anniversary Day Celebration, 2024.



During the visit of the H.E High Commissioner of Canada to Sri Lanka to the University of Peradeniya, the vice chancellor suggested celebrating Canada Day and the Anniversary of the University's Establishment Day which occurs on the 1st of July underscoring the long-standing relationship between the University and Canada. Following up on the discussion, the H.E. High Commissioner of Canada to Sri Lanka expressed his interest by sending a follow-up letter in conducting a Joint Canada Day-Anniversary Day Celebration. After communicating with the Canadian High Commission, they expressed their interest in organizing a dinner for Canadian Alumni and having a short program on the 1st of July in parallel to the University Anniversary Celebration. As per the instructions given by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, InRO conducted discussions with Dr. Samitha Buddhika and Prof. Thilak Bandara who will be coordinating the open day and the university anniversary program, regarding the same.

Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Madhujith, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of InRO, Dr. Samitha Buddhika, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Thilak Bandara, Faculty of Arts, and Prof. Jeewika Weerahewa, Faculty of Agriculture participated in the meeting.



## Meeting with the Institute of Business Management, GLA University, India with University of Peradeniya

An online meeting with the Institute of Business Management, GLA University, India was conducted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, with the participation of Mr. Anurag Singh, Director of International Affairs, and Ms. Pinaz Thiwari, Coordinator of the International Relations.



Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project Manager, and Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera, Programmer participated in the meeting from the University of Peradeniya. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible academic collaborations between the two institutes and it was decided to arrange a follow-up meeting with the relevant faculty members of the two universities.



## Meeting to discuss International Week 2024 - Short Courses for Foreign Languages

An meeting was conducted on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 with Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga, Head of the Department of Classical Languages, to discuss the possibility of conducting some short courses on high-demand foreign languages in parallel to International Week 2024.

Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project Manager, and Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera, Programmer participated in the meeting from the International Relations Office. It was discussed to prepare a proposal on conducting short courses for French, and Japanese languages which would be open for the students of the UoP before the international week 2024.

## Establishment of the Center of Asian Civilization and Culture, University of Peradeniya with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan



An online meeting was conducted with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, regarding the Establishment of the Center of Asian Civilization and Culture, University of Peradeniya on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. The committee appointed from the University of Peradeniya including Prof. Nafeel and the delegates from the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan participated in the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss regarding the signing of the agreement or a letter of intent for the same.



### Meeting with Prof. Bopaya Bidanda

An online meeting was conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 with Prof. Bopaya Bidanda to discuss his idea for conducting a colloquium. According to the information shared by Dr. Patrick McNamara, Managing Director regarding the potential symposium sponsored by US-SLFC, co-hosted by the University of Peradeniya and University of Jaffna was discussed during the meeting.

Prof. Subodha Dharmapriya, Dr. Chanaka Senanayake, and Prof. Asela Kulatunga of the faculty of Engineering participated in the meeting while Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project Manager, and Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera, Programmer participated in the meeting from the International Relations Office. Prof. Subodha Dharmapriya was appointed as the coordinator from the University of Peradeniya and it was decided to conduct a second meeting with the representatives from the University of Jaffna.

### Meeting with Dr. Patrick McNamara, Executive Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission

A follow-up meeting was conducted with Dr. Patrick McNamara, Executive Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission on the 26<sup>th</sup> the April 2024. During the meeting following points were discussed which were proposed to be conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.



- “Building Successful University Partnerships” 90-minute session facilitated by Patrick McNamara, Ph.D., Executive Director of United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission.

- “Opportunities with Fulbright Sri Lanka and American Corner Kandy” 90-minute session featuring panel discussion co-facilitated by Dr. Kusali Gamage, U.S. Fulbright Scholar at Peradeniya’s Department of Geology, and Himansa Herath, Program Coordinator at American Corner Kandy.
- “Reception to Kick-Off Peradeniya Chapter of Fulbright Sri Lanka Alumni Network” 90-minute event hosted by Patrick McNamara, Ph.D., Executive Director of United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, with Chief Guest, Honorable Vice Chancellor, and words of welcome from US-SLFC Board Member Professor Deepika Udagama.

### **Meeting with the delegates from the Canadian High Commission**

Delegates from the Canadian High Commission of Sri Lanka including H.E. Assistant High Commissioner, and Political Officer of the Canada High Commission visited the University of Peradeniya on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May to discuss further steps of conducting the Canadian National Day Celebration at the University of Peradeniya. During the visit delegates visited the Vice Chancellor’s lodge, Library, and other relevant premises and discussed further steps reading conducting the Canadian National Day Celebration at the University of Peradeniya.

### **Online Meetings with the delegates from the Canadian High Commission**

Online meetings were conducted with the Political Officer of the Canadian High Commission regarding conducting the Canadian National Day Celebration at the University of Peradeniya. The following points were discussed during the meetings.

- Finalizing the invitation and reparation of the List of Invitees
- Calling quotations and finalizing the service providers
- Discussion on security arrangements

## **Shandong University of Science and Technology (SDUST) visit to the University of Peradeniya**

A delegation from Shandong University of Science and Technology (SDUST) visited the University of Peradeniya on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by the Vice Chancellor.



This delegation, led by the Vice President, Mr. Xu Longfei, consists of five members: XU Longfei - Vice President of SDUST, LU Xiao - Dean/Professor, College of Energy Storage Technology of SDUST, GUO Jiashu - Vice Director/Dean of Standing Committee of SDUST Ji’nan Campus/Swinburne College, YU Wenfang - Vice Director, International Office of SDUST, and LI Qingjian - Director of International Collaborative Programs, College of International Exchange, SDUST



This visit aimed to foster discussions on potential collaborations, including faculty and student exchanges, research partnerships, and the establishing of Chinese language centers/Confucius Institutes, among other areas of mutual interest.



Deputy Vice Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties, Directors of the PG Institutes, and the Directors of the Centers participated in the dinner and the meeting hosted by the Vice Chancellor.



### **Monitoring visit - TEAL 2.0 project- University of Peradeniya**

An EU reviewer of the Erasmus+ program visited the University of Peradeniya on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024. Project Team members, the Head of the Department of Computer Engineering, the Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, the Director of the International Relations Office, and other relevant faculty members participated in the review discussion.

The main object of this meeting was to discuss the steps taken or to be taken at the university level for effective use of online teaching-learning approaches and blended learning methods, in conducting academic activities. The broad objective of this project is to improve access to science and technology higher education in resource-poor institutions.

### **Delegation Visit from the University of Cincinnati, USA**



Prof. Makoto Nakamura, Dean of the School of International Studies, Utsunomiya University, Japan visited UoP on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, and he was accompanied by Dr. Kurihara Shunsuke, Associate Professor, Faculty of International Studies, Utsunomiya Univer-

sity. Prof. C.N.R.A Alles, Director of the InRO, Prof. Champika V. Hettiarachchi - Faculty of Science, Prof. Richard Wickramaratne - Faculty of Management, Prof. Sumedha Jayathilake - Faculty of Dental Sciences, and Dr. Anuradha Jayaweera - Faculty of Agriculture, and Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project Manager of the InRO participated in the meeting.



Purpose of the Visit: Conducting a workshop for UoP undergraduates and exploring possible future collaborations between the two institutes.



During the meeting, it was agreed to conduct training and a workshop for the staff of the International Relations Office regarding the internationalization of the university, and further, it was agreed to connect the other relevant faculty members with the UoP faculty members for possible future collaborations, special focus on research collaborations.

# Exchange Programmes

## Saithama University in Japan - Short-Term Exchange Programme

**SAITAMA UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN**

# Short-Term Exchange Program

6 months to 1 year

Join us!!

**Welcome Party**

**Yukata Stroll in Kawagoe**

**Language Exchange**

**How to apply**

You are required to be nominated by your university. Please see the website below.

**Life in Japan**

Our students created a video for international students. Let's check it out!

**Scholarship**

STEPS students have the opportunity to receive a monthly scholarship of **80,000 yen**.

# Scholarship Opportunities

## Explore Scholarship Programs at India's Leading University in National Security and Defense : Rashtriya Raksha University

We are delighted to announce that Rashtriya Raksha University is offering 100% tuition fee scholarships specifically for students from neighbouring and partner countries, particularly for Masters-level courses. Here are the key details:

### Master's Programs (2 Years):

- 100% Scholarship on Tuition Fees
- Course Duration: 2 years
- Maximum Number of Students per Course: 5
- Accommodation and Food Costs: As per RRU Policy, the candidates shall have to pay the accommodation and food cost which could be approx. USD 1500 per year.
- **Course Commencement: August 2024**

**For More Details: Visit our university website at [www.rru.ac.in](http://www.rru.ac.in)**

At RRU, we are offering 43+ different Programs in Diploma, UG, PG and Advanced Diploma Courses in different schools of RRU. So, interested candidates for different Diploma, UG and Advanced Diploma Courses can apply through our website. Please note, students are required to adhere to RRU's fee policy for these courses. For further information, visit our website or contact us directly.

We kindly request university officials, teachers, and educators to share this exceptional opportunity widely with students. Encouraging qualified candidates to apply will ensure they can benefit from studying at India's foremost institution in national security and policing with a prestigious 100% scholarship as well as paid programs.

Attached is the list of courses offered by Rashtriya Raksha University.







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Only 50 Seats available (Subject to eligibility)

For More information kindly visit RRU International Admission Portal

Registration Link: <https://rru.ac.in/international-admission/>

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## Graduate and Post Graduate Level Programmes

### Tuition Fees (Year 2024-25)

**UG\* 1500 USD** (per annum)

\* Excluding B.Tech Programmes

**PG 2000 USD** (per annum)

**B.Tech. 2500 USD** (per annum)

For More information kindly visit RRU International Admission Portal

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# Higher Studies Opportunities

**Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya (IIM) currently offers the following five fully residential programmes to both Indian and foreign aspirants of higher education in management**



- **MBA**
- **MBA - Digital Business Management**
- **MBA - Hospital & Healthcare Management**
- **Integrated Programme in Management (BBA+MBA)**
- **Ph.D.**

It is consistently progressing towards becoming an internationalized campus. With 38 international partnerships in the USA, Europe, and Asia for student and faculty mobility and participation in GoI's Study in India program, its campus has already been home to students from different nationalities.

In addition to offering seats in its degree programmes to foreign nationals through the Study in India initiative, it has opened direct admissions to encourage these students to pursue their higher education in India.

Interested candidates may approach IIM Bodh Gaya for further information:

<https://iimbg.ac.in/>

# Other Opportunities

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM - XVIII International Eurasian Symposium Woodworking: technologies, equipment, management of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

**Duration: Monday, 18.09.2024 - 20.09.2024**

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education Ural State Forest Engineering University (Yekaterinburg) invites you to take part from 18.09.2024 - 20.09.2024 in XVIII International Eurasian Symposium Woodworking: technologies, equipment, management of the 21st century.

1. The working language of the symposium is Russian, English.
2. There is no registration fee.
3. The materials of the symposium are published in a collection with subsequent
4. placement in the electronic library e-library and indexing in the scientometric
5. database of the RSCI.

### Topics of the conference sections:

- New technological solutions in the harvesting, processing and finishing of wood
- Woodworking in low-rise and industrial housing construction
- Progressive woodworking equipment and tools
- Wood composite materials
- Efficiency and competitiveness of forest complex enterprises
- Problems of safety and ecology in wood processing
- Problems of vocational education and engineering in woodworking

### The following industries will be considered:

- Harvesting, cross-cutting, sorting, warehousing, debarking and protection of wood raw materials
- Sawmilling, sorting, drying and protection of lumber, complex use of hardwood and low-grade wood and waste disposal
- Production of joinery and construction products: window, door blocks, profile parts, parquet
- Furniture production, materials and accessories;

- glues, varnishes, paints
- Production and transportation of technological chips, chemical processing of vegetable raw materials
- Production of wood composite and board materials: chipboard, plywood, fiberboard, MDF, wood plastics and composites.
- Modern wooden housing construction: design and technology
- Production of TNP from wood: skis, matches, pencils, musical instruments, toys, household appliances, handicrafts.

The symposium program includes an introduction to the exposition of the specialized international exhibitions EXPOMEBEL-URAL and LESPROM-URAL Professional, UTILIZATION, AQUAPROM-URAL

**Applications for participation in the conference and materials for publication are accepted until June 15, 2024** (inclusive) by e-mail to the secretary of the symposium [stanki-in@yandex.ru](mailto:stanki-in@yandex.ru) or (<https://usfeu.ru/sveden/mes/>) according to the attached form. Questions that arise should also be directed here.

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# International Interaction Club (InIC)



INTERNATIONAL  
INTERACTION  
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University of Peradeniya

**“Insight Ignite”- Workshop  
and interactive session done  
by the International  
Interactions Club (InIC) UoP  
in collaboration with  
the Environmental Society  
(ENSOC) of University of  
Vavuniya**

This session was held mainly focusing on the Importance of effective communication, development of essential skills while broadening their understanding on personal development. A segment commemorating the environment day emphasizing the importance of conservation of the environment was conducted by the Environmental Society of University of Vavuniya. An audience of over 140 students studying in grade 10 participated in the session.



An insightful and impactful session for the school students was conducted by the International Interactions Club of UoP in collaboration with the ENSOC of UoV. The session was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 at J/ Hartley College, Jaffna.

Just as the name suggests, this workshop was done to provide insights to the next generation, broadening their scope of knowledge and enhancing their awareness on leadership, effective communication,



interpersonal skills, current environmental issues and much more, ultimately igniting passion while inspiring them to reach greater heights. This paved the path to all the students who participated to take part in a very informative discussion exploring the essence of self development.

Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon for all the support in making this event an utmost success.



It was a very insightful and interactive session along with several fun games. The audience was very attentive and enthusiastic throughout the program.

A very heartfelt gratitude goes to the Principal of J/ Hartley College, Mr. T. Kalaichelvan, The Director of InRo Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles and the Project Manager





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