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With the concept of internationalization of University of Peradeniya, the International Relations Office is in its journey of enhancing global Relations, promoting multidisciplinary collaborative research programs, and facilitating the students and staff with resources and platforms to scholarly exchanges



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August 22nd to 27th 2025, will
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of the University of Peradeniya

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INTERNATIONAL WEEK-2025



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INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2025

Activity Schedule



World History Congress

22 - 24 August, 2025 (Arts Theatre)
8 AM - 5 PM



Workshop for International Students at the University of Peradeniya

25 August, 2025 (Senate Room)
8 AM - 1 PM



International Workshop on 'Future of Pali language

26 August, 2025 (Senate Room)
8 AM - 5 PM



Main Ceremony

27 August, 2025 (Senate Room)
8 AM - 2 PM



His Excellency Mr. ISOMATA Akio Japanese Ambassador as the Chief Guest with information sessions hosted by DAAD, JICA, Alliance Francaise and US - Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission



Interactive Exhibitions and International Films

26-27 August, 2025 (Senate Premises)
(Throuout the day)



USBus - An experience of Mobile American Space



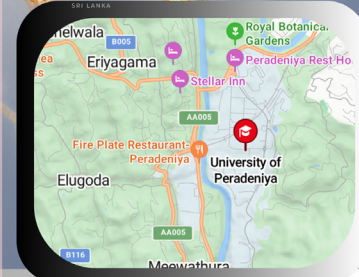
Study Abroad programmes and global student opportunities introduced by international university partners



International Employment Fair



International Food Fair and Film shows



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INDIA-SRI LANKA COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP ON
THE FUTURE OF PALI STUDIES



One Day workshop on The Future of Pali Studies

Jointly organized by

Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy
&
The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies and
The International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya

26th August 2025



Department of History,
University of Peradeniya,
Sri Lanka



Puducherry World History Congress - 2025

"Reimagining Historical Narratives in a Changing World"

Conference Dates

22nd- 24th August 2025

PWHC - 2025
3rd Annual Session

SUBTHEMES

- Environmental Sustainability
- Religious and Philosophical Thought
- Cross-Cultural Exchanges
- Economy in the South Asian Context
- Historiography and its Trends
- Heritage Management and Tourism
- Ancient Science & Technology in South Asia

CANADA DAY RECEPTION

On June 30th, the High Commission of Canada in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the University of Peradeniya hosted a Canada Day reception at the Vice Chancellor's Lodge to mark the 158th anniversary of Canadian Confederation as well as the Founders Day of the University of Peradeniya, both fall on 1st of July. The reception brought together Consulate friends and partners and university academics and their Alumni networks for an evening of great conversation and exchange of intellectual and business ideas.



Professor Terrence Madhujith-the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya who is also a Canadian Alumni, welcomed the guests and thanked their attendance for the first-ever holding of Canada Day out of Colombo which combined the day before of the Founders Day of the University of Peradeniya.



The High Commissioner for Canada in Sri Lanka and Maldives His Excellency Eric Walsh opened the event saying that Canada Day is an opportunity to reflect on the values that shape Canada's identity and by the celebration they are strengthening people-to-people contacts, connected through strong linkages such as academic partnerships and development cooperation, not only on a government-to-government basis, but in friendships built by individuals, institutions and communities.



The High Commissioner for Canada in Sri Lanka and Maldives His Excellency Eric Walsh, Professor S.B.S. Abayakoon, Governor of the Central Province, Professor Terrence Madhujith-the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Professor Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Her Excellency Gwen Temmel-the Canadian Deputy High Commissioner, Mrs. Indirani Jayawardena of the Political team of the High Commission, Professor Sanjeeva Malaviarachchi – Director, International Relations of the University of Peradeniya, Professor M.D. Lamawansa, former Vice Chancellor of University of Peradeniya, Deans of Faculties and Directors of Postgraduate Institutes of the University of Peradeniya, H.E. Horbach Bonnie Head of Mission, Embassy of the Netherlands, H.E. Tobing Dewi Gustina Head of Mission Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, the chief of Sri Lanka's indigenous community Uruwarige Wannila Aththo, Mr. K.A.B. Damunupola-Acting Registrar, Mr. AMNB. Arampath-Bursar of the University of Peradeniya, and many other distinguished invitees of both Canadian High Commission and University of Peradeniya attended the event.



Mr. Mahesh Abeywickrema-Public Relations Officer, Mr. Yenuka Pahalage-Chief Security Officer, Dr. Chandima Herath-Chief Medical Officer, Mr. P. Panditharathna-Works Engineer, Mr. Asantha Bandara-Curator, Staff of the INRO and many other supportive staff of the University of Peradeniya actively engaged in organizing the event.



“Korea Meets Kandy” A Day of Culture and Friendship



The Korean Embassy in Sri Lanka hosted its first-ever Korea Cultural Festival in Kandy at the Gymnasium of the University of Peradeniya on June 7th 2025, offering an immersive and vibrant celebration of Korean heritage. Blending the elegance of Korean culture with the scenic beauty of the university, the event attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd eager to experience the richness of Korean cuisine and entertainment,

A highlight of the event was the Taekwondo Tournament by the school students around Kandy who showcased the discipline and spirit of this iconic Korean sport. It was illuminated by live Korean traditional music performances that energized the audience. Participants also experienced authentic Korean flavours prepared by a Korean chef who introduced a



Korean dishes at live action food stations including Tteokbokki, the popular spicy rice cakes, along with a hospitality of Sri Lankan traditional foods.

H.E. Ambassador Miyon LEE graced the event as the Chief Guest, along with Professor Terrence Madhujith, Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya as the Guest of Honour. Professor Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Professor Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director-International Relations of the University of Peradeniya, and Professor T. Sivananthawerl, Director-Physical Education of the University of Peradeniya also took part as special invitees. Mr. Mahesh Abeywickrama, Acting Public Relations Officer of the University of Peradeniya and Ms. Avindi Vidanage from the Korean embassy co-ordinated the event.



International Engagements and Visits

Visit of Mrs. Marie-Louise Hannan, Director General, South Asian Global Affairs

The University of Peradeniya had the honor of welcoming Mrs. Marie-Louise Hannan, Director General, South Asian Global Affairs, along with Mrs. Indirani Jayawardena, Political Officer, High Commission of Canada, on their recent visit to the university.



The delegation was received by Professor Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor; Professor Ranjith Pallegama, Deputy Vice-Chancellor; and Professor Sanjeeva Malaviarachchi, Director – International Relations. The discussions focused on potential academic collaborations and development opportunities between the University of Peradeniya and leading Canadian educational institutions.



The visit provided a platform to explore avenues for student and faculty exchanges, joint research initiatives, and other partnerships aimed at strengthening ties between Sri Lanka and Canada in the higher education sector.



The University of Peradeniya looks forward to fostering these collaborations, and contributing to global academic excellence and innovation.

Visit of the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

A team of delegates of the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGGCAS) led by Academician Prof. Mingguo Zhai, visited the University of Peradeniya on 15.01.2025 and met the Vice Chancellor and Academic Staff of the Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, at the Vice Chancellor's Office.





The main focus of the meeting was to discuss updates and prospects of collaborations between the IGGCAS and UOP and donation of GNSS enabled ionospheric measuring systems to the UOP for scientific research. Further, the two parties extended their interests on geological collaboration and academic exchange and the ways of how the expertise of the Chinese Academy of Science and its facilities could be utilized to build up new partnerships and corporations for Sri Lanka's mineral sector and geological explorations and scientific research.



These activities may help to further uplift the UOP's international visibility and ranking status. The meeting and the visit of the IGGCAS delegates was coordinated by Prof. Sanjeeva Malaviarachchi of the Department of Geology.



Vice-Chancellor met with a Spanish delegation led by Dr. Ethel Allué, an archaeologist and anthracologist

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Terrence Madhujith, met with a Spanish delegation led by Dr. Ethel Allué, an archaeologist and anthracologist. Dr. Allué is a researcher at the Institute of Human Paleoecology and Social Evolution (IPHES-CERCA) and a professor at the University Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain. The delegation also included Professor Llorenç Picornell and Dr. Daniel Gallego from the University of the Balearic Islands. Dr. Parbath Ekanayake, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor R.M.M. Chandraratne, and Dr. Aruna Rajapakse participated in the event.



Dr. Ethel Allué is the coordinator for the Archbotanika Project, titled "From the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean through Ethnoarchaeology of Fuel and Archaeobotany." This project is funded by the European Union through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchanges.



The participant institutions in this project include the University of the Balearic Islands (Palma), the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris, France),

the University of Peradeniya (as an associated partner), MUCBO (Fundació Jardí Botànic de Sóller-Museu Balear de Ciències Naturals, Sóller), and the co-operative Els Corremarges (La Sala de Comalats, Tarragona, Spain).

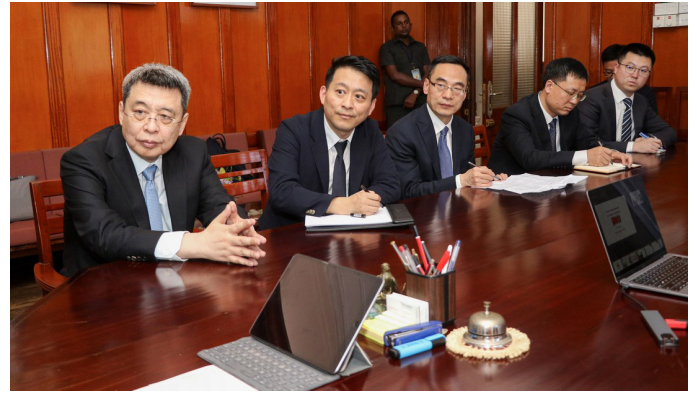


China's NEAC Minister Visits Peradeniya University to Strengthen Educational Ties

On February 21, Hon. Minister Pan Yue of China's National Ethnic Affairs Commission visited the University of Peradeniya to promote enhanced educational exchange and cooperation. Minister Pan Yue met with Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Ranjith Pallegama and other university leaders to explore avenues for deepening academic and cultural collaboration.

Minister Pan Yue led a distinguished delegation that included Mr. Wei Guoxiong, Director General of the International Department; Mr. Xu Fubang, Deputy Director General of the Department for National Solidarity; Ms. Qiu Peng, Director of the International Department; Mr. Chen Xicong, Deputy Director of the General Office of NEAC; and Mr. Qu Qiang, Deputy Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication at Minzu University of China.

University representatives—Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Engi-



neering Professor Lilantha Samaranayake, Director of the International Relations Office Professor Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, and Professor Leena Seneheweera from the Department of Fine Arts—joined the discussions, emphasizing a shared commitment to fostering mutual understanding and building sustainable educational partnerships.

In addition to formal meetings, the delegation enjoyed a guided tour of the university's expansive gar-



dens and admired the picturesque campus surroundings, which underscored the welcoming spirit of the institution. Both parties left the meeting with a strong resolve to further strengthen bilateral ties, paving the way for future joint projects, student exchanges, and cultural initiatives that promise to benefit both nations.



Meeting with the Delegates from the Women's University, India

A meeting with Prof. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, the Dean of the Centre for International Relations, Director of the Research Cell and the Registrar of Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (Women's University), India, and Prof. S.P.K. Malaviarachchi, the Director of the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya was held on 06th March, 2025 at the INRO Office. The Project Manager, Computer Programmer, and Logistic Support Officer of InRO also joined the meeting. This was followed by an overview of the represented institutions.



The discussion emphasized the diverse academic programs offered across multiple faculties, including social sciences, sciences, pharmacy, and management. Special attention was given to the incubation centers that actively support business and technology start-ups, creating an environment conducive to innovation and entrepreneurship.

The meeting also acknowledged the institution's extensive collaborations with universities in Thailand, Indonesia, the USA, and Oxford. A notable long-term research initiative in the field of geology, ongoing for 15 years, was also discussed by the Indian delegates.



Discussions on multiple areas of collaboration between the University of Peradeniya and the Thailand

H.E. Ms. Prangthip Kongridhisuksakorn, Counsellor of the Royal Thai Embassy in Colombo, Associate Professor Kornorn Srikulnath, Assistant to the President for Research and Internationalization, Kasetsart University and Associate Professor Weekit Sirisaksoontorn, Assistant Dean, Faculty of Science, Kasetsart University, Thailand visited the University of Peradeniya on 04.03.2025.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya welcomed the delegation from the Thai Embassy, expressing enthusiasm for potential collaborations. Following the welcome, the Vice-Chancellor provided a comprehensive overview of the University of Peradeniya, including its faculties, academic programs, staff, students, postgraduate institutions, research initiatives, grant opportunities, etc. Discussions focused on multiple areas of collaboration between the University of Peradeniya and the Thai delegation. In the field of agriculture and food science, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture emphasized the importance of expanding organic agriculture initiatives while leveraging Sri Lanka's expertise in sustainable farming.



The Executive Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, met the Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Patrick McNamara, the Executive Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, met with the Vice-Chancellor of the University on April 22 to discuss the possibility of organizing a colloquium focused on academic preparation for Sri Lankan educators, establishing a Fulbright Alumni Association at the University of Peradeniya, and exploring additional avenues for collaboration.



The discussion was mainly focused on scholarship offerings from Pakistan, Faculty exchanges and establishing a memorandum of understanding with the University of Peradeniya.



A group of delegates from the Pakistan Higher Education Commission visited the University of Peradeniya

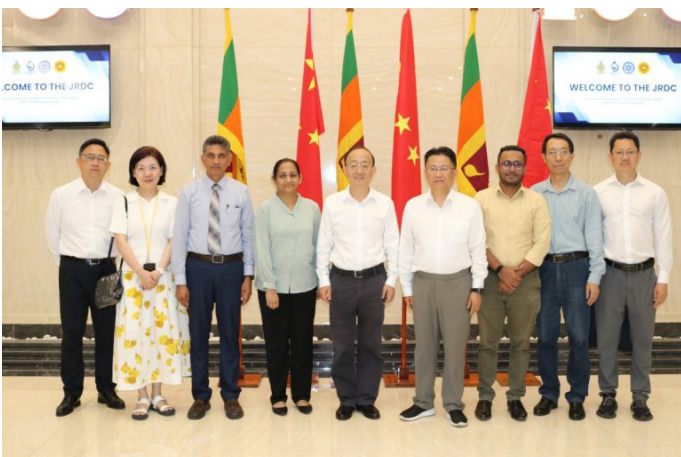
A meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Deans of Faculties was held on 25.04.2025 at the Senate Room. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director/International Relations of the University.

Delegation from Shanghai Municipal People's Congress Visits University of Peradeniya and JRDC

A delegation from the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress visited the University of Peradeniya and the Joint Research and Demonstration Centre (JRDC) on 22nd April 2025.



The delegation was led by Mr. Zhang Quan, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress (SCSMPC), and included Ms. Yan Rui, Member and Vice-Secretary General of SCSMPC and Vice-Chairperson of the Legal System Committee, Mr. Wang Linhua, Vice-Chairman of the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee, and Mr. Cheng Minji, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Division. The meeting took place at the conference room of the JRDC. The University of Peradeniya was represented by Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Director-International Relations Office. Dr. Madhubhashini Makehelwala and Mr. Zammil Hameed from the JRDC chaired and hosted the meeting. Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between Sri Lanka and China, including support for water purification systems in Sri Lanka.



Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between Sri Lanka and China, including support for water purification systems in Sri Lanka and establishing collaborative research initiatives with Shanghai universities, as well as exploring avenues for supporting JRDC activities.

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

Visit of the Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor of the French Embassy and the Director of the Alliance Française de Kandy

Ms. Olivia BELLEMERE, the Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor of the French Embassy and Mr. Paul ROCHELEMAGNE, the Director of the Alliance Française de Kandy met the Vice Chancellor Prof. Terrence Madhujith on 28.04.2025 at the Vice Chancellor's Office.



Director International Relations Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi together with Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga, Director-University Quality Assurance Unit, Ven. Dr. Jambugahapitiye Dhammaloka, Head of the Department of Classical Languages, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya and Dr. Priyadharshani Premarathne from the Department of Sociology also joined the discussion.

Promotion of French cultural activities, signing memorandum of understanding with French entities and future research collaborations for Sri Lankan academics and possibility for French teaching support for the University degree programmes were discussed at this meeting.

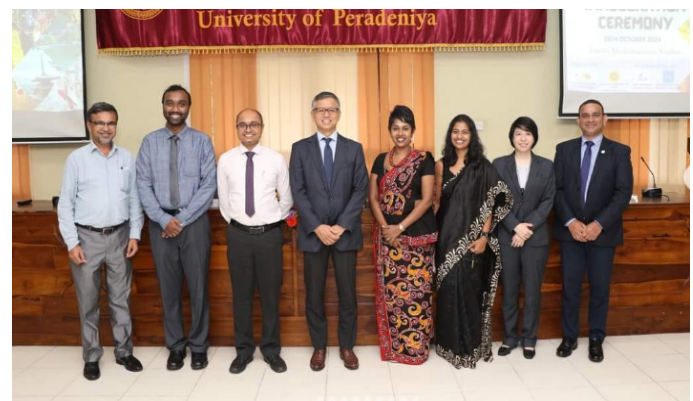


Successful Completion of the JICA Chair Programme

The JICA Chair Programme was successfully organized by SLJSC in collaboration with InRO. The inauguration was held on 16.10.2024, and the final event took place on 15/01/2025 at Oakray.



Several discussions were held with JICA and the Vice Chancellor in preparation for the programme, with active participation from InRO staff supporting all events.



Visit by Kanagawa Information Services Industry Association (Japan)

On 08/11/2024, representatives from six companies in the Kanagawa Information Services Industry Association, Japan visited the University of Peradeniya to explore the possibility of developing collaborations with Sri Lankan counterparts. After a brief meeting with the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, they visited the University Industry Park, coordinated by Prof. Dharshana Yapa, Director of BLITTO. They then proceeded to the Faculty of Engineering, guided by Prof. Manjula Sandirigama and Dr. Panduka Neluwala, and met with Dr. Shayamalee from ITGCU (Industrial and Career Guidance Unit). They had a very productive meeting with students from the Department of Computer Engineering regarding job and training opportunities in the Kanagawa Prefecture software industry.



Collaborative Discussion with Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

A Zoom meeting with the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore delegation was held to discuss potential new collaborations on 29.11.2024. The details of the discussions were shared with the Science and Engineering faculties.

University Participation in 75th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions

The University of Peradeniya participated in the 75th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions on 22.11.2024, attended by Dr. (Mrs.) Siri Walt, Ambassador of Switzerland to Sri Lanka and the Maldives.



Visit by Yunnan Research Institute of Culture and History

A delegation led by the Deputy Director of the Yunnan Research Institute of Culture and History visited the University of Peradeniya on 9th December 2024. The Deputy Director Zhou Ling was accompanied by several dignitaries from the Liaison Office, Discipline Inspection Commission of the Yunnan Research Institute of Culture and History and Yunnan Literature Research Institute.



The visit concluded with a mutual commitment to fostering deeper academic and cultural ties between the two institutions. Both parties expressed optimism about future collaborations and the visit marked a significant step towards building a sustainable partnership that will contribute to the preservation and promotion of shared cultural heritage.



They met the Vice Chancellor and the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya at the Senate house of the university. The discussion focused on two key areas: Understanding historical and cultural development in Sri Lanka, the role of social organizations and institutions, and the implementation of cultural propaganda and education and Identifying the entry points for academic and artistic exchanges and cooperation between two institutes, and exploring the establishment of a mechanism for historical and cultural academic and artistic exchanges.



Colloquium with Niigata University, Japan

Colloquium of Representatives from Niigata University, Japan 2024 held on 27.12.2024, and organised by SLSJC and Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviarachchi, Department of Geology, University of Peradeniya.



New Appointments

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Sanjeewa P.K. Malaviarachchi as the new Director of the International Relations Office (InRO) at the University of Peradeniya, effective from 23rd January 2025. Professor Malaviarachchi is a distinguished academic



and researcher in the field of Geology, with internationally recognized expertise in petrology, isotope geochemistry, and Gondwana tectonics. He holds a BSc (Special) Degree in Geology from the University of Peradeniya and a Postgraduate Diploma in Oceanography from the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS). He was awarded Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarships to pursue both his MSc in Metamorphic Petrology at Shimane University (2003–2005) and PhD in Petrology and Isotope Geochemistry at Okayama University (2005–2008), where his doctoral research focused on the melting and geo-

chemical evolution of the Earth's upper mantle using advanced isotopic techniques.

Following his PhD, Professor Malaviarachchi completed postdoctoral research at Okayama University and was later awarded the prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC) Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Australian National University, Canberra (2009–2010) before joining the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. Over the years, he has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, including publications in leading journals such as Nature Geoscience. He served as the Head of the Department of Geology from 2019-2022 and was promoted to the Professor in Geology in 2017.



Former acting Director Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Deputy Registrar-Centres Mrs. Kumari Herath and Senior Assistant Registrar (Corporate Management Division) Mrs. Kusala Narampanawa also joined the occasion.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Thushanika Pakkiyarasa as the new Project Manager of the InRO, University of Peradeniya, effective from 3rd March 2025. With a solid academic background and a strong interest in institutional development and international engagement, Ms. Pakkiyarasa is expected to make a significant contribution to the University's global outreach and collaboration initiatives.

We also warmly welcome Ms. Dammika Sumanadeera to the InRO as a Computer Programmer, effective from 27th December 2024. Ms. Sumanadeera brings valuable skills in web server handling, programming, and database management, along with a strong commitment to supporting the digital operations of the InRO. Her expertise is expected to enhance the office's IT infrastructure and contribute meaningfully to the university's internationalization efforts.



Additionally, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Sameera Nagoda as a Logistic Support Assistant at the InRO. Mr. Nagoda joins the team with dedication to supporting the daily operations and administrative tasks of the office. His assistance will help ensure the smooth functioning of InRO activities, contributing to the university's growing international engagement. We warmly welcome him to the team.

InRO Meetings

Management Committee Meetings

The 56th and 57th Management Committee Meetings of the InRO, University of Peradeniya, were held on 6th February 2025 at the InRO Conference Room and on 23rd April 2025 at the Toolkit Room, Main Library Building, respectively. Chaired by the Director/InRO and attended by faculty representatives and Postgraduate institutional members, these meetings focused on strengthening international engagement through monthly activity reporting, better documentation of foreign institutional visits, and the establishment of faculty-level International Relations Committees. Discussions also addressed the need for standardized nomination criteria for student/staff exchange programs, challenges in handling international admissions and visa processes, and proposals for permanent staff roles at InRO. Other key matters included the introduction of a rationale template for MoUs, budget proposals for internationalization initiatives, improvements to the InRO website, the relocation of the InRO office, and the development of Sri Lanka–Japan, China, and India Study Centers. Updates were also shared on the planning of Canada Day celebrations and International Week 2025, highlighting efforts to promote a globally connected academic environment.

The 58th MC meeting on 20th June 2025 further reviewed updates from the recent Board of Management meeting, followed up on budget allocation for faculty-requested activities, and finalized arrangements for the Canada Day and Founder's Day ceremonies on 30th June and 1st July. It also addressed key decisions related to International Week. The 59th MC meeting on 21st July 2025 discussed pending MoUs awaiting Board of Management approval and reviewed the International Week schedule and preparations in detail.

Board of Management Meetings

The 69th Board of Management Meeting of the InRO was held on 19th May 2025 at 3.00 PM in the Senate Room, University of Peradeniya, with the participation of senior university officials including the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deans, and Directors. Key topics discussed included updates on the Japanese and Korean language programs, the MoU activity tracking system, the development of faculty fact sheets, a new webpage for international students, collaborations with the Fulbright Commission, upcoming Canada Day celebrations, and the proposal to establish a Center for International Affairs.

Additional discussions covered International Affairs Committees, appointment letters for InRO Management Committee members, criteria for student/staff nominations, the Pakistan–Sri Lanka Faculty Exchange Programme, International Week 2025, budgetary allocations for internationalization, and procurement matters.

Fully Funded Training Opportunities in India under the ITEC Scholarship Scheme (2025–26)

We are pleased to announce that the Indian Technical & Economic Co-operation (ITEC) Program, administered by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is now accepting applications for a wide range of short-term training courses.

These fully funded programs offer outstanding opportunities for professionals to enhance their skills and gain international exposure across multiple sectors.

Program Highlights:

- Targeted skill development and capacity-building courses
- Wide range of disciplines and areas of training
- Hosted at leading training institutions across India
- Two nomination slots per course (second candidate may be fast-tracked in case of dropout)
- ITEC Scholarships Cover:
 - Round-trip airfare from Colombo to India
 - Full tuition and course fees
 - Accommodation during the training
 - Living allowance of INR 1,500 per day
 - Emergency medical assistance during the training period
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List of Processing MoU/ Agreements 2025

01. Agreement between Tohoku University Graduate School of Dentistry, Japan and University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
02. Agreement between University of Aberdeen, UK, Queen' s University, Befast, UK, University of Malaya, Malaysia.
03. Erasmus+ Programme Inter-institutional agreement between the University of Peradeniya and the FH JOANNEUM GESELLSCHAFT mBH University of Applied Sciences (FHJ), Austria.
04. Research Agreement between the Chinese University of Hong Kong and University of Peradeniya and Material Transfer Agreement between the same institutions for a research project titled.
05. MOU between University of Plymouth, UK and University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
06. MOU between Tohoku University Graduate School of Dentistry, Japan and University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
07. Detection of anthelmintic resistance in Haemonchus contortus infecting goats in Sri Lanka, and the efficacy of Haemonchus contortus irradiated larval vaccine in controlling anthelmintic resistant Haemonchosis.
08. Memorandum of Understanding between the Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IITI), and University of Peradeniya.
09. MoU between University of Peradeniya (UoP) and Universiti Tenaga Nasional Sdn. Bhd (UNIT-EN), Malaysia at October 2023
10. The MoU between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and University of Strathclyde, Faculty of Science, United Kingdom.
11. MOU between Universiti Sains Malaysia and University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
12. MOU between Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences People' s Republic of China and Department of Geology, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
13. Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural, Academic, and Scientific Cooperation between University of Peradeniya and China University of Geosciences.
14. Agreement between the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Tomorrow Technology Education Service Center (TTEsc), China.
15. MOU between Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences People' s Republic of China and Department of Geology, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
16. Erasmus + programme inter institutional agreement: mobility of higher education staff and students between UOP and University of Tartu, Estonia.

17. Data Transfer Agreement between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Cancer Research Malaysia.
18. Agreement on Academic Exchange between Faculty of Dentistry, Institute of Science Tokyo, Japan and the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
19. Agreement between University of Peradeniya and Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions (ANSO).
20. Agreement for establishment of China-Sri Lanka Belt and Road joint laboratory on green plant protection.
21. Collaborative Research Agreement Between University of Peradeniya and University of Otago.
22. Agreement (MOU) Between University of Peradeniya and IPHES - CERCA Universitat Rovira I Virgili Spain ARCHBOTANKA (Horizon- MSCA SE 2022 staff exchange).
23. Memorandum of understanding between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Tianjin University, People's Republic of China.
24. MoU between the Shandong University of Science and Technology, China and University of Peradeniya.
25. MoU between Qingdao University of Technology (QUT) and University of Peradeniya
26. Memorandum of understanding on academic exchange between Saitama University and University of Peradeniya.
27. Memorandum of understanding between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Ministry of Education, Royal Government of Bhutan.
28. MoU between the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College and Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, India.
29. MoU between the University of Peradeniya and Zhejiang Shuren University.
30. MoU and the Umbrella Cotutelle Agreement between the University of Peradeniya and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Australia.
31. Memorandum on Student Exchange between Faculty of Dentistry, Institute of Science Tokyo, Japan and the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
32. Memorandum of Understanding for Research Cooperation Between University of Otago, New Zealand and University of Peradeniya.
33. Memorandum of Understanding between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Science, People's Republic of China.
34. Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Manchester, UK and the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Guidelines for Visa Approval Process for Residence Visas: Entry and Extension for Educational Purposes-2025 (Students and Employees)

1. Introduction.

This guideline applies to all State Universities and Post-graduate Institutions that handle the visa matters of Foreign Students and Foreign Academics. This includes necessary guidelines on how State Universities and Postgraduate Institutions can obtain visa approval by coordinating with the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Immigration and Emigration. This applies only for students who wish to enroll regular courses, exchange programmes or internships. For employees, it applies for paid or non-paid teaching appointments. Otherwise online business visa is applicable for all. Visits on tourist Visa is not allowed.

2. Eligibility Criteria.

Only applicants who meet the government's security, financial, and documentation requirements are eligible for visas.

1. Applicants must pass a government security clearance.
2. Immigration authorities must be satisfied with the purpose of entry.
3. Applicants must hold a passport valid for at least 6 months.
4. Applicants must show proof of financial support.
5. U.S.Fulbright grantees are eligible for free visas under the bilateral agreement.

3. Application Process for Entry Visa.

Step 1: When a request is received from a Foreign student/Academic/Dependent, the respective university should obtain security clearance from the Ministry of Defence by submitting the soft copies of the following documents to the email: cniofficemod@gmail.com

- a. Police Clearance report obtained within 6 months from the country of domicile
- b. Bio Page of the passport
- c. Acceptance/Appointment letter of the Student/Academic issued by the pertinent university in Sri Lanka
- d. For academics intending to work in Sri Lanka on a paid basis, it is required to submit a prior approval letter signed by the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education along with the appointment letter issued by the pertinent university.

Step 2: Once the security clearance is received from the Ministry of Defence, the University should submit the hard copies of the following documents to the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

- a. Bio page of the passport
- b. Request letter of the University

c. Defence clearance letter issued by the Ministry of Defence

Step 3: Visa Issuance-Visa approval will be notified to the relevant Embassy/High Commission directly with a copy to the pertinent university by the Department of Immigration and Emigration

4. Application Process for Visa Extension.

Step 1: The University should submit the hard copies of the following documents to the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

- a. Duly filled application form
- b. Passport
- c. Copy of the Bio page of the passport
- d. Request letter from the University
- e. Health Protection Plan issued by the Inbound Migration Health Assessment Center
- f. Duly filled Department of Immigration and Emigration form (DIE Form) with the recommendation of the University
- g. To facilitate the issuance of visas for monks visiting for academic purposes without incurring any visa fees, the form provided in Annexure 3 in InRO Website is needs to be duly completed and submitted to the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

Step 2: Visa extensions are normally granted on the same day if all documents are complete.

5. Responsibilities of the Universities.

- Student Support: Provide necessary documentation & guidance.
- Reporting: Maintain updated visa records in Google Drive with access to:
 - * Ministry (visa-ovse@mohe.gov.lk)
 - * UGC (chairman@ugc.ac.lk)

Contact Information.

- University Grants Commission – 0112696511 , chairman@ugc.ac.lk
- Ministry of Education – 0112688621 / 0112690955, visa-ovse@mohe.gov.lk
- Department of Immigration & Emigration – 0112101500 ,eduvisa@immigration.gov.lk
- Ministry of Defence – 0112430860 (Ext. 10367), cniofficemod@gmail.com

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