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“The establishment of the National Defence College in Sri Lanka fulfills a long-felt need.” His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

His Excellency the President declared open the National Defence College of Sri Lanka on 11th November 2021. High Commissioners and Ambassadors of friendly countries, Principal Advisor to the President Mr. Lalith Weeraratna, Secretary to the Ministry of Defence General Kamal Gunaratne, Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Admiral Professor Jayanath Kolombage, Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security Major General KJ Alwis, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Vice Chancellors of KDU and University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Commanders of the Armed Forces and Inspector General of Police were among the distinguished invitees present on this historic occasion. The Officers who successfully complete the one-year course on National Security and Strategic Studies at NDC have the option of making progress in their studies by obtaining an MSc or MPhil degree from the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.



Mess Night of Intake 37



The Annual Mess Night of Intake 37 was held on 04th December 2021. The Vice Chancellor of the University Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil graced the event as the Chief Guest. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration), Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Registrar, Deans of the Faculties, Senior Lecturers, the Squadron Commander and Troop Commanders of Intake 37 participated in the event.



AWARDING CEREMONY OF RIBBONS AND INSIGNIA 2020

The awarding ceremony of Ribbons and Insignia 2020, which was intended to uplift the standards of the Officer Cadets by appreciating the progress shown during the training period, was held on 22nd July 2021.

A total number of 443 Officer Cadets were awarded in the categories of Military Excellence, Academic Excellence, Good Conduct, Perfect Attendance, Physical Fitness, Marksmanship and the best Sportsman.



THREE NEW ACADEMIC JOURNALS



Three new academic journals: *KDU Journal of Law*, *International Journal of Research in Computing*, and *Journal of Defence & Policy Analysis* were launched by the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Computing, and Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies respectively.

KDU Long Service Award Ceremony - 2020

Eighteen permanent civil staff members who served 35, 30, 25 and 20 years were honoured on 10th December 2021. The Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris graced the event as the Chief Guest. One administrative officer and seventeen non-academic members received medals, certificates and cash prizes as tokens of appreciation.



Awardee list:

Back row left to right - Mrs. SWM Damithri, Mr. HTVS Vajira Kumara, Mr. HAS Chaminda, Mr. SR Ranasinghe, Mr. BD Priyajanaka, Mr. KGN Udakasiri, Mr. AM Jayaweera, Mr. HRN Shantha,
Front row left to right - Mr. HNL Perera, Mr. GG Ratnayake Banda, Mr. NNS De Silva, Mr. WADG Premalal, Mr. L Kulasena, Mr. WJJP Fernando, Mr. AM Anura Bandara, Mr. DSCDP Gunasekara

INTAKE 39



INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF INTAKE 39

The Inauguration Ceremony of MBBS Officer Cadets of Intake 39 was held on 11th October 2021. Further, the Inauguration Ceremony of the other undergraduate courses was held on 15th October 2021 at the Auditorium, Faculty of Graduates Studies of KDU. The Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil graced the event as the Chief Guest. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration), Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Deans of the faculties and Military Officers of the respective faculties and parents of the newly enlisted Officer Cadets participated in the event.



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KDU CELEBRATED ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The 40th annual Pinkama, organized by KDU to invoke blessings on its benefactor, Late Prime Minister, General Sir John Kotelawala was held on 12th and 13th October 2021 at KDU premises at Ratmalana.

The Pinkama consisted of an all-night Pirith Chanting Ceremony that was followed by an almsgiving in the morning for twenty priests. The Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, the KDU staff and Ms. Malani Kotelawala participated in the event.



32nd GENERAL CONVOCATION

2021



The 32nd General Convocation of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was ceremonially held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) on 09th December 2021 with the gracious presence of His Excellency, the President of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa participating as the Chief Guest. One PhD graduand, 277 Master's graduands, and Postgraduate Diploma holders from the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and 1,180 Bachelor's Degree holders from different faculties of KDU were among the 1,404 graduands who received parchments at the 32nd Convocation.

His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka presented special awards to Cadet Officer S.H. Rodrigo as the Best Army Officer, Lieutenant S.D Karunasena as the Best Naval Officer, Flying Officer S.K.S. Rukshan as the Best Air Force Officer. The Sword of Honour for the Best All-Round Performance of Intake 34 was awarded to Lt L.D.I. Liyanaarachchi.



GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
14TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

"Security, Stability and National Development in the New Normal"



14th International Research Conference

International Research Conference of KDU on the theme of "Security, Stability and National Development in the New Normal" was held on 9th September 2021 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate studies. The Principal Advisor to His Excellency the President Mr. Lalith Weeratunga graced the inauguration as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, General Kamal Gunaratne participated as the Guest of Honour.



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

The Co-Host of the 25th ASEAN Regional Forum 2022



In a bilateral meeting held on 26th October 2021 between KDU and the National Defence University of Malaysia (NDUM), KDU was invited to become the co-host of the 25th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges, Institutions meeting (HDUCIM), which is to be held in September 2022 in Malaysia. The Forum focuses on regional security issues and ways to conduct research and educational exchanges and contribute to the promotion of trust within the region.

The e-Creative Writing Project 2020

The e-Creative Writing Project 2020 was completed on 3rd December 2022 with the launch of the book “Megha” and awarding of certificates to the winners. Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, the Vice-Chancellor of KDU graced the event as the Chief Guest. Professor Sunethra Kankanamge from the Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was the Guest of Honour. This remarkable event was organized by the Department of Languages, Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities and the English Literary Association of KDU.



The National Digital Repository Centre on Defence Studies

The National Digital Repository Centre on Defence Studies launched a project on digitization of literature on Defence Studies on 10th September 2021. It was a collaborative initiative by the Department of Strategic Studies and the Main Library of KDU. The Centre will collect, digitize and preserve valued literature in Defence Studies. The project was funded by a donation of Rs. 5.7 Million, by the philanthropist Professor (Emerita) Kusuma Cooray, the Former Consular of Sri Lanka to Hawaii.

Establishment of Two New Faculties

Two new faculties: the Faculty of Technology (FoT) and the Faculty of Criminal Justice (FoCJ) have been declared to be commenced in 2022.

iCAN Gold Medal Awards - 2021

Mr. KRC Madhumal, a Temporary Laboratory Assistant of Faculty of Engineering won a Gold Medal for his product of a walking charger at iCAN 2021 International Invention Innovation Competition, held on 28th August 2021, in Toronto, Canada. The event was organized by Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS).



KDU RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD 2020

RECOGNISING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH IN THE YEARS 2018, 2019 & 2020.

WINNERS – ACADEMIC STAFF CATEGORY



Dr FMMT Marikar
Director,
Staff Development Centre



Dr CD Ekanayake
Senior Lecturer – Grade II
Obstetrics & Gynaecology,
Department of Clinical Sciences,
Faculty of Medicine



Prof CL Goonasekara
Professor in Biochemistry,
Faculty of Medicine

WINNER - STUDENT CATEGORY



Ms WPHN Weerasinghe
INTAKE 34,
Department of Information Technology,
Faculty of Computing

CONSTRUCTIONS & DEVELOPMENTS



Faculty of Law Building Complex at the Ratmalana Premises

The Foundation Laying Ceremony of the new building for the Faculty of Law complex was held on 19th August 2021. The new building will have four (04) theatre type modern lecture halls of 200 seating capacity, a mini theatre with 250 seats, a law library, a moot court, a cafeteria, offices for academic and administrative staff members, and other required facilities. It will make the Faculty of Law self-reliant and sustainable to meet the teaching, learning, and assessments needs of a modern Law School of international standards.



Accommodation Building for Females

The Foundation Laying Ceremony for the Accommodation Building for Females with ultra-modern facilities was held on 16th September 2021. The estimated cost for the construction is LKR 299,504,221.78.



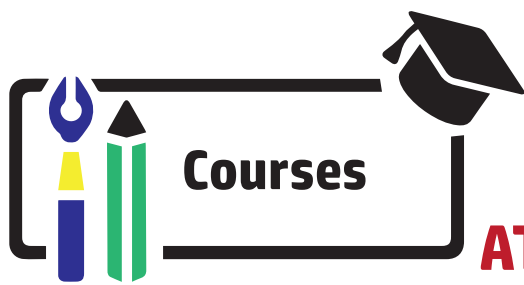
The Geospatial Laboratory of the Department of Spatial Sciences, at Southern Campus - KDU

The fully-fledged Geospatial Laboratory of the Department of Spatial Sciences of the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was ceremonially opened by the Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil on 21st December 2021. This laboratory is powered by the BHOOMITECH (Pvt) Ltd and is equipped with the Trimble Business Center Version 5.6.



Administrative Building of KDU Guest House at the University Hospital

The Foundation Laying Ceremony for the Administration Building for UHKDU Guest House was held on 15th October 2021.



REINFORCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ATTITUDES OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Defence Attaché Orientation Course in Defence and Diplomacy

The 4th Defence Attaché Orientation Course in Defence and Diplomacy, organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in collaboration with the Office of Chief of Defence Staff Sri Lanka and KDU, was held from 6th to 10th of December 2021 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP graced the event as the Chief Guest.

Certificate Course in Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and Media

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the “Certificate Course in Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and Media”, organized by the Department of Social Sciences was held virtually on 07th August 2021. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. It was supported by the UNDP and funded by the European Union (EU).

Short Course on Cultural Linkages towards an Asian Ideology

The Short Course on “Cultural Linkages towards an Asian Ideology” 2021/2022 was held virtually on 8th October 2021. The Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil graced the event as the Chief Guest. Professor Hajime Tozaki of Oberlin University, Japan and Senior Professor Anoma Abayarathne were the guest speakers.



Short Course on *Let's Write a Systematic Review*

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the short course on *Let's Write Systematic Review* was held on 14th December 2021. The panel of resource persons were Professor Chrisantha Abeysena, University of Kelaniya, Dr. Pubudu Chulasiri, Consultant Community Physician, Dr. Janitha Hettiaarachchi, Consultant Community Physician, Base Hospital- Homagama, Dr Anuji Gamage, Faculty of Medicine, KDU and Senior Professor Rohini Seneviratne, Faculty of Medicine, KDU.

Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) & Teaching for University Instructors (CTUI)

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of *Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education Programme IX (CTHE)* and *Certificate in Teaching for University Instructors Programme I (CTUI)* was held on 17th November 2021. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil graced the event as the Chief Guest. Ms. JMO Jayamanne and Ms WS Sudusinghe received the best performance in CTHE and CTUI.



Workshops



A workshop series on "The Code Solver-2021" was conducted by the IEEE Student Branch of KDU to provide undergraduates with the knowledge of C++ language and other techniques required for competitive programming. The final session was held on 07th September 2021. The guest speakers were Mr. Ketan K, Associate Software Engineer, the Section Lead at IEE Extreme and Ms. Nagalekha Ramesh, the outstanding student volunteer from WIE IEEE Bangalore section.



A training session on "ANSYS 2020R Software for Simulation of Computational Fluid Dynamics", organized by the Department of Marine Engineering, was conducted on 11th & 12th November 2021. Engineer Kailas Jagtap, Senior Consultant for ANSYS Mechanical & CFD for Panacea Solutions (Pvt) ltd., conducted the session as the resource person.



A Seminar on "Entrepreneur – Visionary with Passion", organized by the BCS Student Chapter of KDU, which was intended to foster the youth entrepreneurship through inspiration was held on 20th October 2021. Mr. Peter De Almeida, Managing Director and Chief Executive of N-ABLE was the guest speaker.

A workshop on "Information Literacy for Academic & Research Success" was conducted by the Acting Librarian of KDU for the Officer Cadets at the Sri Lanka Air Force Academy China Bay, Trincomalee on 28th November 2021.

A workshop on "Using Ultrasound Machine in Clinical Monitoring Applications", organized by the Biomedical Engineering Society, was held on 28th November 2021.



The Convention on “Re-imagining the World: Reflections on the Future of World Order” of the Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE) was held on 29th August 2021. Academia and students of the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies participated in the event.



A guest lecture series for the Intake 39 students of the Faculty of Technology was conducted on 15th, 16th, 20th and 21st December 2021 by the Senior Structural Engineer Mr. C. D Mahagamage China Geo-Engineering Corporation, Mr. Indika De Zoysa, the Vice President of Huawei Technologies, Sri Lanka, Indradeva Mendis, Engineer and Janaka Mangala Wickramarachchi, Consultant Biomedical Engineer, Technomedics International (Pvt.) Ltd.



A guest lecture on “Insight to Building Energy Standards”, organized by the Mechanical and Mechatronic Student Society of KDU, was held on 08th November 2021. Professor RA Attalage, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology, Dr. JR Gamage, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa and Mr. Nuwan Dahanayake, General Manager, MAS Intimates (Pvt) Ltd contributed as resource persons.

A seminar series for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Computing- “Data Science and Machine Learning” was conducted by the Department of Computational Mathematics on 30th August 2021.

A workshop on “Literacy-based Instructional Design: Teaching, Learning and Motivation for Academic Success” was conducted by Dr C Mallawaarachchi, Acting Librarian of KDU on 28th July 2021 at the Southern Campus.



A workshop on “Scientific Information Sources” was conducted by Dr C Mallawaarachchi, Acting Librarian of KDU for the Officers of the National Defence College of Sri Lanka on 13th December 2021.



Webinars



A Zoom conference on "Maritime Connections between New Zealand and Sri Lanka: Connected by Empire, Separated by Distance" was held on 17th September 2021. Dr. Germana Nicklin, Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University, New Zealand and Dr. Bhagya Senaratne, Senior Lecturer, Department of Strategic Studies, KDU shared their insights at the Conference.

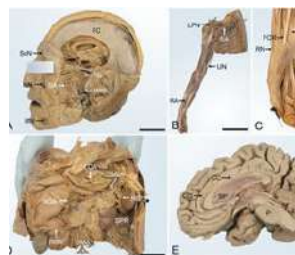
A webinar on "Developing Skills, Competencies, and Professional Attitudes of LLB Students" was held on 01st October 2021. The resource person was Dr. Dantha Rodrigo, Former Principal of Sri Lanka Law College.



A webinar series on "DevZone" for the undergraduates of all universities was organized by IEEE Student Branch of KDU on 25th September 2021. Mr. Ruwan Senarathne, a Cloud and DevSecOps practitioner graced the occasion as the Guest Speaker.



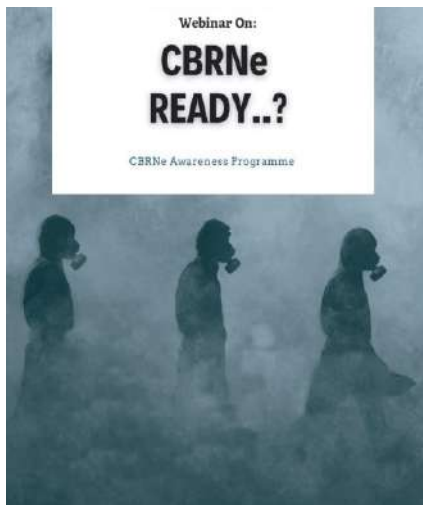
A webinar on "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Compulsory Vaccination", conducted by the Legal Aid Centre, Faculty of Law was held on 14th October 2021. Professor Susirith Mendis, Senior Professor of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, KDU, Professor Jean Perera, Professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Mr. Chandana Liyanapatabendy PC and Mr. Chanakya Jayadeva, Attorney at Law were the speakers of the panel.



A webinar on "Novel Cadaver Preservation Techniques", organized by the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine was held on 24th November 2021. The resource person was George Dias, University of Otago, New Zealand.



A webinar on ‘Twenty Years of War on Terror and Beyond’ was conducted on 24th November 2021. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) Brigadier W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc and Professor Rouben Azizian, Director, Centre for Defence and Security Studies (CDSS), Massey University gave the opening remarks.



A webinar on “Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRN)”, organized by the Department of Strategic Studies, was held on 15th October 2021. Major. Asanka Hidallaarachchi, Coordinating Officer of the National Authority for Implementation of Chemical Weapon Convention, Ministry of Defence, Dr. Lahiru Kodituwakku, Disaster Management Focal Point Medical Officer, National Dengue Control Unit, Ministry of Health and Mr. Prageeth Kadadunna, Deputy Director, Inspection-Industrial Applications, Enforcement, Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council (SLAERC), Ministry of Power were the resource personnel.



A webinar on “Bridging the Gap: University to Work”, conducted by Mr. Ahilan Selladurai, Senior Structural Engineer, California Department of Water Resources, USA, was held on 19th November 2021.



A webinar on “Challenges in High-rise Building Construction”, conducted by Mr. Udayanga Alwis, Director, Civil and Structural Engineering Consultants (Pvt) Ltd, was held on 03rd September 2021.



A webinar on “Sustainable Transportation towards Carbon Neutrality” was held on 23rd November 2021. Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala from University of Moratuwa was the resource person.



A webinar on “Energy Efficiency in Building Services” was held on 29th September 2021. The resource person was Professor Sisil Kumarawadu, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Arthur C. Clarke Institute of Modern Technology.



A copy of the world famous poem “God’s Garden”, written by Dorothy Frances Gurney (1958-1932), the daughter of an Anglican priest, was discovered from KDU Walawwa by the Curator of the KDU Museum.

A copy of the poem “God’s Garden”, discovered from KDU Walawwa



*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God’s heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on Earth.*

Dorothy Frances Gurney



Commencement of Cochlear Implant Surgeries at UHKDU

The ENT Department of UHKDU started the Cochlear Implantation program on 09th August 2021.

The first surgery was done free of charge for a 21-month-old girl who lost her hearing from birth. The Ministry of Health provided the Cochlear Implant.



Free Natural Hair Wigs for Patients Undergoing Chemotherapy

The first natural hair wig was donated to the first registered patient at the UHKDU on 01st November 2021 by Indira Cancer Trust with the help of Lions Club and Hemas Holdings PLC and with the patronage of the members of "Sonduru Diriyawanthi".

Opening of Vision Care Opticals (Pvt) Ltd at the University Hospital

An outlet of Vision Care Opticals (Pvt) Ltd at UHKDU was opened by the Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil on 15th October 2021.



Monk Neung Haeng of Jountohsagwanjaehoe foundation, Republic of Korea made a donation of Oxygen Concentrator to the University Hospital, Kotelawala Defence University on 11th August 2021.

Donation of an Oxygen Concentrator



Donation of a PCR Machine



General Manager of SLT-MOBITEL, Mr C. Aththanayake (Western Province, Central) and Mr A. Sooriyaarachchi (Marketing Services) donated a PCR Machine worth of Rs. 5.2 Million on 19th August 2021.



Donation of 10 Oximeters

10 Oximeters were donated to the UHKDU by Mr. Pradeep Perera and Mr Krishanth Silva, representing the 80th group of Nalanda College, Colombo on 3rd September 2021. The Vice Chancellor of KDU, Major General MP Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil accepted the donation for the UHKDU.



The High Flow Nasal Oxygen Therapy Machine to UHKDU

Platypus Link (Pvt) Ltd donated a high flow nasal oxygen therapy machine worth of Rs.1.3 Million to the UHKDU on 27th August 2021 with the financial contribution of Mr. Dushan Ambawaththa and Mrs. Sandrika Ambawaththa, daughter of the Late Brigadier GD Fernanndo, the third Commandant of KDA.

Aesthetic Entertainment

Online Talent Show “RAAWA”

RAAWA, the annual performances of the undergraduates of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, was held for the 3rd consecutive year on 15th October 2021.



RELATIONSHIPS & CONNECTIONS

The Vice Chancellor's Representation of Sri Lanka in the 24th ASEAN Regional Forum

The Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges and Institutions met together virtually at the 24th ASEAN Regional Forum held from 04th to 07th of October 2021.

The Vice Chancellor of KDU, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil represented Sri Lanka and delivered a speech on “The Successful Story of Investing in Unique Civil- Military Education: A Model based on CIMICs at KDU” under a theme of “Military Leadership and Peace Building”.



The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of civil military cooperation and the role of KDU with its implementation of an optimum blend that leads a new generation of Sri Lankans who would share collective responsibility towards national development and security.

Memorandum of Understanding with US Duke University

KDU signed a MoU with the Duke University, the USA on 5th November 2021 to conduct research on Melioidosis. The main objective of this research project is to prediagnose and control the disease in the country.



Memorandum of Understanding with The Republic of Rwanda



KDU signed a MOU with the Republic of Rwanda on 23rd December 2021 to catalyst future collaborations with Rwandan universities on academic activities and joint research. The MOU was signed by the Vice Chancellor, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil and Her Excellency, Ms. Jacqueline Mukangira, High Commissioner of the Republic of Rwanda accredited to Sri Lanka.

Memorandum of Understanding with Massey University of New Zealand



KDU signed a MOU with Massey University, New Zealand for academic and research collaboration on 5th November 2021. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil and Professor Jan Thomas, Massey University signed the MOU in a ceremony organized as a hybrid event in the presence of His Excellency the High Commissioner of New Zealand in Sri Lanka Mr. Michael Edward Appleton and the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka for New Zealand H.E. Mr. Senarath Dissanayake.

Maritime Security Cooperation with The National Institute of Defense Studies, Japan

The National Institute of Defense Studies (NIDS) in Japan and the KDU had a virtual discussion on “Maritime Security Cooperation” for collaborative activities on 30th August 2021. The NIDS delegation was led by the Vice President – Major General Yuji Kiguchi. The Vice Chancellor and other delegates of KDU participated in the event.



Bilateral Meeting with Heads of National Defence University, Pakistan



A bilateral meeting was held between the Heads of National Defence University, Pakistan and KDU, on 6th October 2021. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, the President NDU DG ISSRA Major General Ehsan Mehmood Khan and delegates participated in the meeting.

Document of Understanding with COMSATS University, Pakistan

KDU signed a Document of Understanding with COMSATS University, Pakistan, a leading university in the region on 29th September 2021. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris and the Rector of COMSATS University Prof. Dr. Muhammad T. Afzal signed the Document of Understanding in a ceremony organized as a hybrid event in the presence of Former High Commissioner of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Sri Lanka H.E. Major General (Retd) Shahid Ahmad Hashmat and Counsellor (Political & Trade) the High Commission of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Pakistan Mr. Ul Niyas.



Memorandum of Understanding with OREL Corporation

KDU signed a MOU with one of the leading Tech companies in Sri Lanka-Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd on 22nd September 2021. The aim of this collaboration is to engage mutually beneficial activities such as talent acquisition, internship opportunities, knowledge sharing, mutual consultations and engage in innovations and invention. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) Brigadier W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc and Mr. Dhammika Deshapriya, Head of Sales – Projects representing Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd signed the agreement.

COMMON INTERESTS

Winning 10 Gold Medals by the KDU Karate Team



KDU Karate Team won 10 Gold Medals, 05 Silver Medals and 09 Bronze Medals, bringing a distinct honour to KDU at the Virtual KATA Championship held on 31st August 2021. It was organized by Japan Karate-do Tenshinkan Sri Lanka branch affiliated to Tenshinkan Karate-Do Federation Japan and Karate-Do Federation Sri Lanka.

The Second Runners-up at the Tech Narrator 2021 – Trilingual Video Content Creation Contest

Mr. SKD Seneviratne, Mr. WGAR Binithra and Mr. WM Subasinghe won the Second Runners-up in the Best Category (English) of the video E08, created under Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality. The event was organized by IEEE Techno Meetup Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Educational Activity Committee of IEEE Sri Lanka Section.



A Barrister and Solicitor in the Supreme Court of South Australia

Ms. N.M. Gooneratne, a LLB Graduate of Intake 31, KDU was enrolled as a Barrister and Solicitor in the Supreme Court of South Australia.



Appointments in the Attorney General's Department

Ms. M. H. Pasqual and Ms. T. Robert, LLB graduates of Intake 32, KDU received appointments in the Corporation Branch of the Attorney General's Department.



2nd place in the Inter-Medical Faculty Pediatric Quiz

Officer Cadet Rukshan Tennakoon, Officer Cadet Amila Amarasinghe, Mr. Thrishneth Fonseka, Ms. Tharindi Siriwardena, Mr. Kesara Perera, and Mr. Isuru Perera won the 2nd Place in the Inter-Medical Faculty Pediatric Quiz, organized by the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians.

5th place in the Inter-Faculty Neurology Quiz 2021

Officer Cadet Ravindu Ranaweera, Officer Cadet Thisura Silva, Ms. Onella Rodrigo, Ms. Ishani Peris, Mr. ARM Rifkan, and Mr. Lakith Amaratunga won the 5th place in the Inter-Faculty Neurology Quiz in 2021, organized by the Association of Sri Lankan Neurologist, held on 20th July 2021.

Lexicon: The Tri-Lingual Dictionary of Surveying Sciences

The undergraduates of Intake 37 of the Department of Spatial Sciences launched *Lexicon: the Tri-lingual Dictionary of Surveying Sciences* on 2nd November 2021.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Professor Ranil De Silva of KDU-CARE was elected as a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences in October 2021.



Dr. A.D De Silva was placed 25th in the World Scientist and University Rankings 2021.



Dr. Isuri Wimalasiri, Lecturer (Probationary) in Physiology, received “Professor Andrew Sims Gold Medal for Psychiatry Award” for the most outstanding performance for the MD (Psychiatry) in 2021.

Professor W Abeyewickreme was awarded as SUSRED Awards-2019 by the National Science Foundation in recognition of the supervision of the Ph.D. titled ‘*Study on Effect of Quality of Water in Anopheles Mosquito Breeding Habitats and Control of Anopheles Mosquitoes Using Larvivorous Fish and Carnivorous Copepods*’.



Dr. Gihani Jayaweera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Basic Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences won the first place in the oral presentation sessions of “Respire-12”, the Annual Academic Sessions 2021 of Sri Lanka College of Pulmonologists, held on the 28th & 30th November 2021.

Dr MMPT Jayasekara won the best Clinical Audit Award 2021 for the abstract titled as “*Health system readiness to provide geriatric friendly care services in the Outpatient Department (OPD), University Hospital KD*”.



Dr. Anuji Gamage, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Para Clinical Sciences of Faculty of Medicine was featured on the website “Australia Awards” in recognition for her contribution towards COVID-19 recovery efforts through research.

Dr C. Mallawaarachchi, the Acting Librarian, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was selected as the Conference Chair of the International Conference of University Librarians’ Association of Sri Lanka- ICULA 2021, held on 22nd September 2021 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Ms. JSANW Premachandra and Mr. PPNV Kumara received the Best Presenter Award for the ‘*Multidisciplinary Track*’ at the 6th International Conference on Information Technology Research (ICITR 2021), University of Moratuwa.



APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS



LCdr(C) YMSY Weerathunga
Squadron Commander of Intake 33/34 Cadets & 3/34/39 D/S



Maj KVDM Samarasinghe
Squadron Commander of Intake 35



Sqn Ldr GMC Ganegoda
Squadron Commander of Intake 36



LCdr CG Rathnayake
Squadron Commander of Intake 37



Maj RMPGLC Samarakoon
RWP RSP psc Squadron Commander of Intake 39



Maj KMJT Madawalakumbura
psc Squadron Commander of Intake 38



Maj IC Wijedoru
RSP Squadron Commander of Absorbed Medical Students



Maj Hussain Sharief
Troop Commander of Intake 39 D/S



Maj RAKD Ranawaka
Troop Commander of Intake 37 Cadets & D/S



Major IP Pathirana
Sports Officer of KDU



Maj JASL Jayasinghe
Troop Commander of Intake 39 Cadets



Sqn Ldr SMVALV Vidanaarachchi
Troop Commander of Intake 36 Cadets & D/S



Maj HA Basnayaka
Troop Commander of Intake 38 Cadets & D/S



Maj PHCT Hewage
Troop Commander of Intake 36 Cadets & D/S



LCdr WSM Weerasundara
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Capt SS Samaranayake
Troop Commander of Intake 38 Cadets & D/S



Capt HMHS Herath
Troop Commander of Intake 35 Cadets & 35/39 D/S



Lt SLMDLS Samarathunga
Troop Commander of Intake 37 Cadets & D/S



Capt AMNJ Adhikari
Troop Commander of Intake 38 Cadets & D/S



Lt HDH Kavinda
Troop Commander of Intake 37 Cadets & D/S



Capt TD Ranasinghe
Troop Commander of Intake 33/34 Cadets & 33/34/39 D/S



Capt VD Saluwadana
Troop Commander of Intake 39 Cadets



Lt HMTF Halahakoon
Troop Commander of Absorbed Medical Students



Lt S Lokuwaththage
Lady Troop Commander of Intake 33/35/36 Cadets & 33/35/36/39 D/S



Lt LRM Sarathchandra
Troop Commander of Intake 38 Cadets & D/S



Lt M Ponnampereuma
Troop Commander of Intake 38 Cadets & D/S



Flt Lt BK Morawaka
Lady Troop Commander of Intake 34/37 Cadets & D/S



Lt KI Ipalawaththa
Troop Commander of Intake 39 Cadets



Fg Off PC Alagiyawadu
Troop Commander of Intake 39 Cadets



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Lady Troop Commander of Intake 39 Cadets



Lt KRSD Kahadawala
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Promotions



Dr. KMN Kumarasinghe
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Registrar's Office,
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Ms. KMGLS Rupananda
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS & PARTNERSHIPS



Undergraduates of Intake 36 of the Department of Physiotherapy of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences donated a washing machine and medical equipment worth Rs. 150,000 to Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama on 08th September 2021 to commemorate the World Physiotherapy Day.

Third Anniversary of the 36th Intake was celebrated on 16th July 2021 and a refrigerator and dry food worth Rs.120,000 were donated to Jayanthi Childrens' Developing Center, Kalutara.

The First Anniversary Celebration of Officer Cadets of the Intake 38 was held on 15th September 2021. A syringe pump and eighteen fingertip pulse oximeters were donated to the Lady Ridgeway Hospital, Colombo 08.



The First Annual Conference on National Unity and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka, hosted by the Office of National Unity and Reconciliation, Ministry of Justice, Sri Lanka, was held on 30th & 31st October 2021 at BMICH. The event was co-organized by Professor Susirith Mendis, the Faculty of Medicine, KDU and Professor Jeeva Niriella, Dean, Faculty of Criminal Justice, KDU.

An awareness programme on restoration of coral reefs and planting coral nurseries to restore the majestic underwater rainforests was conducted on 08th October 2021 under the project EcoTopia by the Rotaract Clubs of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University and Dombivli Suncity India.



International Conference of University Librarians' Association of Sri Lanka ICULA 2021

University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka held its Annual International Conference virtually, on 22nd September 2021. The theme of the Conference was *"Scholarly publishing and open access for the enhancement of research visibility"*. Major General Milinda Peiris, the Vice-Chancellor of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He emphasized on the role of university librarians as efficient facilitators of research as they provide access to scientific data and research outcomes in the world to the university communities. Mrs. Barbara Lison, President of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Mr. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Chairman, Centre for Humanitarian Affairs, and Dr. (Mrs.) Pradeepa Wijetunge, Director, National Institute for Library & Information Science, University of Colombo delivered keynote addresses.



Active Citizens Project

Active Citizens Project, a programme with global partnership with more than 77 countries to promote intercultural-dialogue, citizenship education, youth in social leadership and social development, was virtually launched by the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities with the guidance of the British Council, Sri Lanka on 12th November 2021.



Doramadalawa TV programme on “Empathy and Communication”



A special Doramadawala TV Programme on “Empathy and Communication” was telecasted at 10.30 p.m. on 04th October 2021 on Independent Television Network (ITN). The programme was organized by the Department of Social Sciences in relation to the project *Promoting Nonviolent Communication and Responsible Use of Media* and it was funded by UNDP and the European Union. Ven. Prof. Medagoda Abayathissa, University of Jayawardenapura, Prof. Chandrasiri Rajapaksha, University of Kelaniya, Senior Prof. D.A. Premakumara de Silva, University of Colombo and Dr. Lakshika Liyanage, KDU were the resource persons.

KDU-CARE Collaborates with the Interpharm (Pvt) Ltd for Bioequivalence Study of Metformin Extended Release

The CARE Technology Lanka (Pvt) Ltd of the Institute for Combinatorial Advanced Research and Education of KDU (KDU-CARE) entered into a research service agreement with Interpharm (Pvt) Ltd to conduct the Bioequivalence (BE) study of Metformin-Extended Release (XR) manufactured by the Interpharm (Pvt) Ltd on 17th August 2021.



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