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NEWS

KDU Excels in Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking Tables 2022

The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings are the only global performance Tables that assess universities in terms of achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The most recent edition includes 1,524 universities from 110 countries and regions spread across 18 Tables – one for each of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), plus one overall ranking. The rankings show the impact across all 17 SDGs based on a series of more than 100 metrics and over 200 measurements covering universities' teaching, research, community outreach and stewardship of their own resources.

KDU first entered THE Impact Ranking Tables in 2022, and its remarkable success exemplifies the university's dedication and commitment to providing high-quality higher education in Sri Lanka to reach international standards.

KDU was ranked 2nd in Sri Lanka for the Quality of Education in The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

In terms of overall ranking, KDU is placed 4th in the country and 801 – 1000 globally. KDU's ranking in SDG 4 (quality education) reflects KDU's contribution to improving student facilities by investing in new infrastructure, establishing state-of-the-art laboratories, initiating the establishment of smart classrooms and the provision of distance learning facilities, providing free laptops to students during their early years, and providing free Wi-Fi access, food/ accommodation facilities, and a variety of other benefits.

Further, it is an acclamation of KDU's belief that education is a vital means of overcoming inequalities and KDU's commitment for realizing the same through the introduction of new and innovative programmes of study, thereby expanding opportunities for higher education for students

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UNI IN SRI LANKA
FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY IN SRI LANKA
FOR OVERALL IMPACT

RANKED 801-1000

201+ Reduced inequalities	401+ Quality education	301+ Gender equality	1001+ Partnership for the goals
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#1 UNI IN SRI LANKA FOR REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Which address how universities tackle economic,
health based and international inequalities



Reducing Inequality in Education

In terms of reducing inequality, KDU has been ranked 1st in the country and 200+ globally. This demonstrates KDU's commitment to addressing economic, health-based and international inequalities through a variety of initiatives, including the provision of a range of scholarships for local students to enroll in its degree programmes, free healthcare for registered students through medical facilities on campus, free healthcare for the general public through its teaching hospital, UHKDU and the provision of concessionary course fees for international students joining its programmes from regional countries.

IQSSL Accreditation – BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying Degree, Faculty of Built Environment & Spatial Sciences

The Department of Quantity Surveying (QS), Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University has been relentlessly working to secure the Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL) accreditation for its Bachelor of Science (Hons) Degree in QS. IQSSL is the sole recognized QS professional body in Sri Lanka administering the standards for degree programmes in QS.

The (Hons) Degree in QS was granted the conditional accreditation by IQSSL by reference IQSSL/COUNCIL/01/2022/0929, dated 16th June 2022. This is a great achievement in the history of the Faculty, as this is the first professional recognition to be obtained for one of its degree programmes.



The entire Department and its academia, led by the Head of the Department, has been striving hard throughout the year to secure this goal. The Faculty wishes to convey its sincere thanks to the dignitaries of IQSSL including its President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and the Council Members. With the IQSSL recognition, the BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying graduates of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University will be recognized worldwide and among all, they shall be leading employers/stakeholders in the field of construction with higher perks and due professional status.

KJMS received SLJOL status

The KDU Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (KJMS) is published biannually, by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka. KJMS is an international open access and peer reviewed journal, which publishes high quality original research papers from multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches.

The KJMS is now available on SLJOL at <https://kjms.sljol.info/>

KJMS journal gets the publishing status locally and internationally, and authors get Digital Object

Identifier (DOI) for their papers published in the journal. All papers published in Volume 3 Issue 2 November 2021 have got DOI numbers. Further, these papers can be downloaded online free of charge.



KDU – EARTH Celebrates World Environment Day 2022



World Environment Day is celebrated on 05th June every year to encourage people to take appropriate measures to protect the environment. The theme for the year 2022 is ‘Only One Earth’. Coinciding with the above theme, the Environmental Assistance, Research and Training Hub of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU-EARTH) of Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University organized a Shramadana campaign on 03rd June 2022 to clear the areas in which ‘Ehela’ trees were planted last year. Poorly grown plants were replaced with new plants and covers were placed to protect vulnerable plants.

This campaign was organized with the assistance of Adjutant Lt. Col. JDB Jayaweera and CO (Admin) Lt. Col. BAMC Beligaswatta under the supervision of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) Brigadier Wipula Chandrasiri and the Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind). Students and academic and non-academic staff members of the Faculty of Law and the Curator of KDU Mr. Umesh Kumara took part in the event.

Huawei National Final ICT Competition - 2022

Thamodi Adithya Gamage, a final year undergraduate following the BSc (Hons) in Software Engineering degree program at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, has won 2nd Place in the Cloud track at the Huawei National Final ICT Competition 2021-2022.

The Sri Lanka Inventors’ Commission in association with Huawei Sri Lanka and the Huawei ICT 2021-2022 Competition under the theme ‘Connection Glory Future’ presented honorary awards to the top 20 national level Sri Lankan university students who excelled at the competition and the event was held under the patronage of State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, Dr. Seetha Arambepola.



Inaugural Lecture and Oath Taking Ceremony- MBBS Students-Intake 38

The Inaugural lecture and oath taking ceremony of the MBBS Students of Intake 38 was held on 12th January 2022 at the Main Auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, KDU. Colonel (Prof) RW Seneviratne graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the guest lecture.

Major General MP Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), the Vice Chancellor of KDU; Brigadier W Chandrasiri, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration); Prof. KAS Dhammika, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic); Air Commodore (Prof) RANK Wijesinghe, Dean Faculty of Medicine; Colonel HMGE Herath, Dean Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies along with senior professors, professors and the academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine took part in the event.

Both military and civilian medical students of Intake 38 have taken their oaths at the event.



‘A Shared Vision for the Indo-Pacific’ Conference – Joint Press release of KDU and U.S. Embassy Colombo



On March 31st, KDU in partnership with the U.S. Embassy, hosted ‘A Shared Vision for the Indo-Pacific’ conference on regional perspectives on economic, political, and security challenges in the Indo-Pacific. U.S. Ambassador Julie J. Chung gave opening remarks, and U.S. State Department Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu delivered the Keynote Address.

Welcoming the guests, Major General Milinda Peiris, Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka stated: “The Indo-Pacific is increasingly a focus of international geopolitical attention due to the rising influence of both China and India. As Sri Lanka’s only Defence University, our commitment is to develop a robust research culture, and deem that forums such as this are imperative in charting a way forward in bridging the Policy and Academic research nexus.”

Defence Secretary Gen. Kamal Gunaratne ceremonially Inaugurated the new Faculty of Criminal Justice of Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) in Ratmalana



The newly established Faculty is the 11th faculty in KDU, which is fast becoming a leading seat of higher education in the country.

Speaking at the event, Defence Secretary Gen. Gunaratne said that the need to establish such a faculty was initially asserted by the then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Security Council held on 19th October 2020, where he emphasized the value of creating a professional Police Force comprised of officers who are academically and professionally qualified with law and enforcement to serve the nation effectively. Subsequently, KDU was given the responsibility to create the necessary academic atmosphere and the KDU Board of Management approved the establishment of the proposed Faculty. He expressed confidence that the very outcome of this great step taken by KDU would immensely contribute to law enforcement and related systems by providing a community of well-acquainted professionals in the field of Criminal Justice to our motherland. During the ceremony, the Defence Secretary also launched the website of the new Faculty. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris presented a memento to the Defence Secretary as a token of appreciation during the ceremony.

Dean of the Faculty of Criminal Science Prof. Jeeva Niriella made the welcome address. Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security Major General K. Jagath Alwis, Inspector General of Police CD Wickramaratne, Director General of the INSS Prof. Rohan Gunaratna, senior police officers and members of the KDU academic and administrative staff were also present at the occasion.

Inauguration Ceremony of Master's Degree Programmes 2022

Faculty of Graduate Studies of KDU commenced nine (09) Master's Degree Programmes namely - MSc in Management, MBA in Logistics Management, Master of Laws in International Law, Master of Laws in Business Law, Master of Laws in Public Law, MSc in Strategic Studies and International Relations, MSc in Civil and Structural Engineering, MSc in Electrical Engineering



and MSc in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering - for the year 2022 on 21st April 2022, at the FGS Auditorium. Nearly 170 candidates registered for the said Masters' programmes.

Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), Vice Chancellor of KDU warmly welcomed all new candidates. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Professor Kapila CK Perera - Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.

High Commissioner of New Zealand Visits KDU

On January 21, 2022, His Excellency Mr Michael Appleton, New Zealand's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, paid a courtesy call on Major General Milinda Peiris, the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU). Mr Appleton has been a diplomat since 2005 and is the first resident New Zealand High Commissioner in Sri Lanka. The Vice Chancellor and the High Commissioner discussed the continuation of MOUs between KDU and New Zealand universities during the session. In addition, they discussed ways to improve intellectual collaborations between institutions in both nations.



High Commissioner of Canada to Sri Lanka Visits KDU

The High Commissioner of Canada to Sri Lanka His Excellency Mr. David McKinnon visited KDU to engage in a bilateral meeting with the Vice Chancellor Major General MP Peiris On January 13, 2022. The meeting was held to discuss the possibilities of establishing academic collaborations between KDU and Canadian higher education institutions with the involvement of the Canadian Mission in Sri Lanka. The Vice Provost and Associate Vice President of Research (International) from the University of Calgary Prof. Janaka Ruwanpura, also took part in the discussion.



Egyptian Ambassador Visits KDU

The Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Sri Lanka and the Maldives His Excellency Mr Maged Mosleh made a courtesy call on Major General Milinda Peiris, the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) on 25th January 2022. During the cordial discussion, the Ambassador requested the Vice Chancellor to explore the possibility of offering short courses for Egyptian cadets and inviting higher officials to round table discussions.



Vice Chancellor of KDU Welcomes British Defence Attache to KDU

British Defence Attache Col Paul Clayton paid a courtesy call to General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. His visit was intended to encourage cooperation between KDU and similar institutions in the UK. His meeting with the Vice Chancellor was followed by a visit to the General Sir John Kotelawala Museum, where he learned about KDU's benefactor's colonial links. Col Paul also met with the Head of the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies to discuss the possibility of delivering lectures to students enrolled in the International Relations degree program and to share his experience working as a Commander in Estonia.



KDU to Establish Collaboration with Turkish Aircraft Industries Corporation (TAI)



The first round of formal talks to establish a collaboration with Turkish Aircraft Industries Corporation (TAI) was held on 14th February 2022 online, with the participation of the Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Turkey, His Excellency Mohamed Rizvi Hassen. The aim of the meeting was to explore the possibility of cooperating in the field of Aeronautical Engineering.

The meeting was organized by the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Turkey in collaboration with KDU and TAI on the directive of the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, General Kamal Gunaratne, during his tour to Turkey

Virtual meeting with Riga Technical University, Latvia

A Virtual meeting was held between KDU and the Riga Technical University to explore the possibility of establishing a mutually beneficial collaboration. The meeting began with an overview of the Riga Technical University and collaboration opportunities by Ms Zane Purlaura, the Deputy Director, International Cooperation & International Student Recruitment. The discussion centered on collaborative initiatives such as joint degree programs, joint teaching and research programs and pathway programs.



KDU and the International Association of Universities hold a Virtual Meeting

A Virtual meeting was held between KDU and the International Association of Universities (IAU) to discuss the expectations of universities from IAU and how universities can contribute in future to the vision and the mission of IAU. The meeting began with an overview of the IAU's activities by Ms Trine Jensen. The discussion focused on the following topics: vision/mission and the role of IAU, four priority work areas of IAU and the activities carried out, IAU's values and advocacy, and the support and engagement expected from the Association in future.

KDU and Malaysia Defence University discuss 25th ARF- HDUCIM



On February 8, 2022, KDU and the National Defence University of Malaysia (NDUM) held a bilateral meeting to discuss preparations for the upcoming 25th Asian Regional Forum, Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges, and Institutes Meeting (HDUCIM).

The HDUCIM is a forum for regional military leaders that discusses academic issues pertaining to regional military' training and professional development. KDU was invited to co-host the 25th HDUCIM with the National Defence University of Malaysia (NDUM).

Both parties exchanged views on the proposed theme for the 25th HDUCIM during this cordial discussion. Additionally, both institutions were kept informed of the progress of the proposed MOU.

Inauguration of CTHE Programme



The inauguration ceremony of the Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) programme was held on 24th February 2022. The event was graced by the Chairman of the National Science Foundation, Prof. Ranjith Senaratne. The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Ranjith Senaratne on the importance of research. Furthermore, a formal address was given by the Vice Chancellor of KDU, Major General MP Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind).

SEOUL Accreditation Program

The evaluation process for SEOUL Accreditation Program was held at KDU Ratmalana and KDU Southern Campus from 13th February 2022 in relation to two degree programmes. According to the feedback received from the seven reviewers, they were satisfied with the quality of the two degree programs.

Inaugural AGM of TechnoWiz Club

Faculty of Technology, KDU marked another milestone by establishing its first student body, 'TechnoWiz Club'. The inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on March 22, 2022, at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and will foster personal development and leadership among the students of Faculty of Technology.



KDU Law Journal is a compilation of peer-reviewed articles on various fields of Law, and it opens doorways for local and international legal scholars to present their research work to a wider audience. The Faculty of Law, KDU launched Issue I, Volume 2 of the KDU Law Journal on 15th March 2022, and publication of Issue II is in progress.

Active Citizens'- Virtual Project Launch

KDU has become a partner in the successful journey of the Active Citizens Programme since November 2020. Accordingly, a group of 43 students representing the two-degree programmes (BA in TESOL and BSc in ADSC) from the Department of Languages, Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities has successfully completed the six-day online training offered by the British Council.



KDU and National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) to Jointly Offer a Short Course

As the first step of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between KDU and NWSDB, a short professional training course in Operation & Maintenance in Wastewater Treatment Plants was developed for the wastewater treatment plant operators, technicians, and others who are in the wastewater treatment sector.

The Certificate course was designed to train and educate persons/practitioners responsible for the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants. The course content covers different wastewater treatment process principles, operation and maintenance aspects, and troubleshooting. NWSDB plans to utilize the new ultra-modern facilities of NWSDB to provide training to course participants.



Department Industry Consultative Board (DICB) Meetings for Degrees Offered by the Faculty of Technology

The Department Industry Consultative Board (DICB) meetings were held to revise the curricula of the degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Technology. The objectives of these DICB meetings were to seek feedback from industry experts and academics on the BET(Hons) in Construction Technology (CST), Building Services Technology (BST), Biomedical Instrumentation Technology and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) curricula and to reaffirm that the current curricula can meet the future requirements of the industry and the country. Distinguished personnel representing tri-forces of Sri Lanka, experts from industry and academic experts from other universities were in attendance.

KDU-CARE successfully completed the Bioequivalence Study on Metformin for CIC Holdings PLC



The CARE Technology Lanka (Pvt) Ltd of the Institute for Combinatorial Advanced Research and Education (KDU-CARE) of KDU has successfully completed the Bioequivalence (BE) study on Metformin extended-release for CIC Holdings PLC. The final report was submitted by the Vice-Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) to Aroshan Seresinhe, Group Chief Executive Officer of CIC Holdings PLC, on the 17th June 2022. Mr. Viraj Manathunga, Mr. Thiliak Haputhathri and Mr. Sanjaya Rathnayake represented the CIC Holdings PLC, and Prof. Thushara Weerawardane – Director, KDU-CARE, Snr. Prof Rohini Fernandopulle, Prof. Charitha Gunasekara, Dr. Himali Jayasinghearachchi and Dr. Pandula Athauda-arachchi, participated in this occasion.

KDU-CARE Collaborates with Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital (pvt) ltd

KDU-CARE has initiated a collaboration with Sethsuwa Ayurveda hospital Pvt Ltd for herbal/Ayurveda product development. Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital provides patients with customized traditional Ayurveda medicines. The first onsite meeting was held on 6th June 2022 at KDU with the participation of Dr. Sujeewa Vithanage, Managing Director Sethsuwa Ayurveda hospital, and Dr. Wasantha Padmakumara, Sethsuwa Ayurveda hospital. Prof. Thushara Weerawardane, Director KDU-CARE chaired the meeting. Dr. Anchala Kuruppu, Dr. Kalpa Samarakoon, Dr. Nandana Gunawickrama, and Dr. Sampath Alahakoon participated in the meeting representing KDU-CARE academic staff. Detailed discussions were made about the requirements of the industrial partner and what KDU-CARE can offer with the available infrastructure and human resources.

Printing Press Opens New Offset Section

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Press (KDU Press) established on 12 Nov 2015 under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) facilitates 'All Manner of Printings of Kotelawala Defence University'. Since its commencement, KDU Press has been the official printer and publisher for the University.



In 2022 January KDU Press established its new Offset Printing Department marking a new chapter. The new Offset Printing Department enables KDU Press to enhance its printing range and provides cost-effective solutions for its customers.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the KDU Library

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Library Network, KDU was established to ensure quality management of activities and services offered in the KDU Library Network. Senior Assistant Librarian of the Faculty of Medicine, Mrs. MP Rajapaksha, has been appointed as the KDU Library IQAC's Coordinator

Career Fair 2022



The annual Career Fair 2022 was held on 10th March at KDU at Faculty of Graduate Studies premises. The event was organized by the following Student Chapters of the Faculty of Computing under the guidance of the Entrepreneurial Support, Industrial Training and Career Guidance Unit (eICU) of Faculty of Computing. British Computer Society (BCS), Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Women In Engineering affinity group (IEEE WIE), Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), More than thirty (30) renowned tech companies were present to offer internship/permanent positions in their organizations. It was a delightful sight to see that more than 60 out of 120 students in Level 4 were able to seize the opportunity of finding placements and 40 students were able to be recruited as permanent employees from the organized Career Fair.

The event was organized not only to find job opportunities, but also to serve as a hub for networking with the industry. Level 3 and 2 students were able to unfold numerous career explorations and connect with experts from tech companies.

FMSH Career Fair

The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities (FMSH) together with the Career Guidance Unit of KDU, successfully conducted its Career Fair for the Logistics Management, Management and Technical Sciences and Social Sciences undergraduate Day-Scholars of Intake 37 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) on 07th June 2022



The 'Bana' Preaching of University Hospital



With the intention of enhancing spiritual values of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Hospital's (UHKDU) staff members, a 'Bana' preaching was conducted at the Hospital premises, Werahera on 13th January 2022 by Venerable Talalle Chandakiththi Thero. The Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), Executive Director Dr B Jayan Mendis, Director Medical Service Brig PS Thilakarathne, Director Administration Col EMGHJB Dehideniya RWP RSP, all Consultants, Doctors and Tri-Services Officers / Soldiers, Medical, Para medical and civilian staff working at UHKDU participated in the event.

A Religious Program at Kotelawala Defence University Hospital

Neonatal Intensive Care units of the University Hospital KDU have organized a religious program to commemorate the second year of their operation, since their inception on 20th June 2022. Two Buddhist priests from the Sri Bodhirajaramaya Viharaya, Werahera conducted the Pirith Chanting program with the leadership of Professor Ishani Rodrigo and Dr I Liyanage Consultant Neonatologist of UHKDU Brig PS Thilakarathne Director Medical Service, Col EMGHJB Dehideniya RWP RSP Director Administration, Senior Tri-Service Officers, Consultants, doctors, nurses and UHKDU staff took part in the event.



Celebrations of Wesak



Celebration of Wesak organized by the Buddhist Society was a colourful display with new creations of Wesak lanterns. It had been a spectacular event during the night with many visitors to witness the area which was lighted up colourfully.

Ash Wednesday celebrated

The Ash Wednesday was celebrated on 02nd March 2022 and the Holy Mass was held at the FDSS auditorium. The event was organized by the staff and students of KDU. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration), Brigadier W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc and Dean Faculty of Defence & Strategic Studies, Colonel HMGE Herath RSP psc participated in the event.



International Women's Day celebrations TIK-TOK Challenge Competition



KDU Centre for Gender Equity and Equality (CGEE) celebrated the International Women's Day on 08th March 2022 at FGS Auditorium. The most exciting part of the day was the screening of Tik-Tok challenge entries and eight shortlisted Tik-Tok videos on the theme 'Break the Bias.' Winners were selected through online voting. This was followed by a panel discussion on the theme to promote 'gender equity and equality today for a sustainable tomorrow'. Tokens of appreciation were presented to the panel members and cash prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners and participants of the Tik-Tok challenge.

Membership Agreement between British Computer Society and Faculty of Computing

The Faculty of Computing marked a milestone by establishing the Organizational Membership of the British Computer Society (BCS), Chartered Institute for IT, on 18th March 2022. The British Computer Society offered the official BCS Organizational Membership plaque to Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. This marks the first-ever Organizational Membership of the BCS in Sri Lanka, and has made the platform for collaborative activities with BCS as well as with the industry at large.



KDU Logistics Day 2022



Despite the challenging circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis, one of the most anticipated events on the KDU Calendar, the 'KDU Logistics Day,' organized by the Technical Sciences and Management Society of the Department of Management and Finance, was successfully held on 1st June 2022 for the 8th consecutive year.

'Thuru Mithuru': a Programme for Students with Special Needs

'Thuru Mithuru,' a project initiated by Wings Lanka Foundation organized a one-day programme for students with special needs from the 'Sahaja School' in Ratmalana under the theme 'අපේක්ෂාවන්ට ඉඩක් දෙන්න' (Allow Expectations). The Rotaract Club of KDU, Lions Club of Colombo Royalty and the Department of Social Sciences, along with a group of its undergraduates and academic staff, took part in helping to organize and implement this programme.



The Closing Ceremony of the ‘Project Promoting Nonviolent Communication and Responsible Use of Media’

The closing ceremony of the project on ‘Promoting Nonviolent Communication and Responsible Use of Media’ co-funded by UNDP and European Union (EU) and conducted by the Department of Social Sciences of KDU was held at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 28th January 2022. The closing ceremony was graced by Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) Vice Chancellor of KDU, officials from UNDP, and was virtually joined by UNESCO representatives including Ms Maija Lyytinen - Programme Manager for UNESCO, Mr Ramon Tuazon – Communication and Information Specialist, UNESCO Myanmar and Ms Himali Jinadasa - Country Focal Point for UNESCO New Delhi cluster office.



The Inauguration Ceremony of Cancer Patients’ Management Unit Ward 05, at the University Hospital, Kotelawala Defence University

Cancer Patients’ Management Unit Ward 05 at the University Hospital General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Werahera was declared open by the Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) on 15th February 2022.

Dr B Jayan Mendis - the Executive Director of the University Hospital, Brig PS Thilakarathne - Director Medical Service, Col EMGHJB Dehideniya RWP RSP - Director Administration, Senior Tri-Services Officers, Consultant Specialists, Medical Officers and UHKDU staff took part in the event.



Construction of Maturation Pond at the University Hospital, Kotelawala Defence University

Construction of maturation pond has been completed as to achieve the Environment Protection License (EPL) for UHKDU.

Blood Collection Programme Organized by SL Scout Association in Collaboration with Bangladesh High Commission at University Hospital, KDU

Sri Lanka Scout Association in collaboration with the 17th Colombo Scouts has organized a successful blood collection campaign on the commemoration day of founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell and the International Mother Language Day at the University Hospital, KDU.



Dr Trilicia Withanawasam - Consultant Transfusion Physician coordinated with the organizing committee of the Sri Lanka Scouts' Association. The event was graced by His Excellency Tareq Md Ariful Islam -the High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Vice Chancellor KDU - Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), Mr Janaprith Fernando - the Chief Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association, other distinguish guests and the administrative staff of the University Hospital KDU.

The Inauguration Ceremony of Accident and Emergency Department at the University Hospital, KDU



The Accident and Emergency Department has been declared open at University Hospital, Kotelawala Defence University on 07th March 2022. Dr B Jayan Mendis - the Executive Director of the University Hospital, Brig PS Thilakarathne - Director Medical Service, Col EMGHJB Dehideniya RWP RSP - Director Administration, Surgeon Captain HMAAS Herath - Deputy Director Medical

Service, Senior Consultants and Consultants of UHKDU, Senior Tri-Services Officers, Medical Officers, Matron and Nursing staff, Paramedical staff and other UHKDU administrative staff took part in the event.

Blood Donors Felicitation Programme at the University Hospital, KDU

A donor felicitation program was organized in accordance with World Blood Donor Day on 15th June 2022 at the University Hospital, Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. The event was organized by the Hospital Transfusion Service, under the guidance of Dr TI Withanawasam - Consultant Transfusion Physician, UHKDU.

Executive Director of University Hospital - Dr Jayan Mendis, Director Medical Service - Brig (Dr) PS Thilakarathne, Director Administration - Col EMGHJB Dehideniya RWP RSP, consultants and other hospital staff took part in the event.



Construction of Four-Storeyed Building at the University Hospital, Kotelawala Defence University



Construction of a four-storeyed staff accommodation and kitchen building is in progress and has achieved 26% of work completion, through CME staff of University Hospital, Kotelawala Defence University.

The Oath Taking Ceremony of Nursing Undergraduates Intakes 35 & 36

The Oath Ceremony of nursing undergraduates of Intakes 35 & 36 was held on 04th January 2022, at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Werahara. The Vice Chancellor, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour of the ceremony was Prof Sudath Warnakulasuriya- Dean, Faculty of Nursing, University of Colombo. Seventy-five nursing undergraduates of Intakes 35 and 36 took their oath after receiving the lamp and the nursing cap.



Ceremonial Inauguration of the Faculty of Technology, KDU



The Faculty of Technology was inaugurated on January 10, 2022, as the 10th faculty of KDU, at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The event was graced by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse, the Honorable Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The new faculty was established to support the government's initiative to produce technology graduates with skills needed for the country's development drive.

Hon. Governor of the Western Province, Air Force Martial Roshan Goonetilleke, Secretary, Ministry of Defence and State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management, General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd), Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Prof Kapila Perera, Commander of the Navy, Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Sudharshana Pathirana, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Snr Prof Sampath Amaratunge also attended the inauguration ceremony.

Inaugural Freshers' Exhibition of the Faculty of Technology



The Freshers' Exhibition organized by the undergraduates of the Faculty of Technology was held on 30th June 2022 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, KDU. This exhibition was held to provide a platform for students to showcase their talents. The Chief Guest of the event was Major General MP Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), the Vice Chancellor of KDU. Brig W Chandrasiri, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration), Prof KAS Dhammika Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), and Deans of the other faculties also participated in the event.

KDU Young Entrepreneurs' Exhibition- 2022

KDU Young Entrepreneurs Exhibition was held on 28th April 2022 within KDU premises from 0900-1430hrs. 17 Groups representing all undergraduates of BSc in Logistics Management, BSc in Management and Technical Sciences and BSc in Social Sciences Degree Programs of Intake 38, in the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities organised this event under the guidance of Dr Kalpana Ambepitiya, the lecturer in charge. The event was graced by Brigadier W Chandrasiri, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Defence and Administration) as the Chief Guest, and was filled with very creative and innovative business ideas by students.



The First place in the exhibition was awarded to the 'Forever Jewels' team, which designed copper jewellery, while the second place was achieved by team 'Dr. Pub', which introduced amazing new flavours to herbal drinks such as coriander and 'Beli mal'. The Third place was awarded to team 'Herali', which came up with the business idea of different flavours of sauces and dips made out of Jack Fruit. The exhibition was a remarkable opportunity for young undergraduates to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

New Degree Programme by the Department of Civil Engineering

The Department of Civil Engineering will commence a new degree programme from Intake 40 onwards, namely BSc Eng (Hons) in Building Services Engineering. The Department Industry Consultative Board meeting for this degree was conducted on 31st March 2022 with the participation of many experts from the industry, academia and Tri-Services.

Guest Lecture on Recent Changes to Labour Legislations in Sri Lanka

The third Guest Lecture organised by the Legal Aid Centre of the Faculty of Law, KDU was held on 22nd April 2022 with the participation of the final year undergraduates of the Faculty of Law. The Guest Speaker of this session was Ms Chamantha Unamboowe, who is an Attorney at Law practising in Appellate Courts. Her lecture titled 'Recent Changes to the Labour Legislations in Sri Lanka' focused on the latest amendments made to Labour Laws in Sri Lanka.

Department-Industry Consultative Board Meeting for Civil Engineering Degree



The Department-Industry Consultative Board meeting for the BSc Eng (Hons) in Civil Engineering degree offered by the Department of Civil Engineering of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was held successfully on 28th April 2022 with the aim of identifying potential collaborations with the industry.

KDU CARE Collaborates with Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital (Pvt) Ltd

KDU-CARE has initiated a collaboration with Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital Pvt Ltd for herbal/Ayurveda product development. Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital provides patients with customized traditional Ayurveda medicines. The first onsite meeting was held on 6th June 2022 at KDU with the participation of Dr Sujeewa Vithanage, Managing Director Sethsuwa Ayurveda hospital and Dr Wasantha Padmakumara of Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital. Prof Thushara Weerawardane, Director KDU-CARE chaired the meeting. Dr Anchala Kuruppu, Dr. Kalpa Samarakoon, Dr Nandana Gunawickrama and Dr Sampath Alahakoon participated in the meeting representing KDU-CARE academic staff. Detailed discussions were made about the requirements of the industrial partner and what KDU-CARE can offer with available infrastructure and human resources.

NWSDB enters into an Industrial Partnership with KDU

KDU and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the NWSDB Head Office in Ratmalana on 23rd February 2022. The MOU was signed by the Chairman of the NWSDB Mr. Nishantha Ranathunga, and the Vice Chancellor of KDU Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind). Following the signing of the MOU, KDU and NWSDB announced the first training course developed with the assistance of the Faculty of Technology for Water Treatment Technicians/Operators.



Study Tour to Japan under Sakura Science Exchange Program

Eight students of the Department of Social Sciences at the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities of KDU have been selected for a study tour to Japan under the International Youth Exchange Programme (Sakura Science Programme) funded by the Japanese Government. These students will be hosted by J.F. Oberlin University, Japan and will take part in the tour in September 2022. The pre-departure briefing for the study tour took place with the participation of the Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) on 17th June 2022.



Grant from Eurasia Foundation in Japan to Conduct the Short Course on 'Cultural Linkages towards an Asian Ideology'

The Department of Social Sciences successfully secured a new grant from the Eurasia Foundation (from Asia) in Japan in order to conduct the Short Course on 'Cultural Linkages towards an Asian Ideology' for the 3rd consecutive year. This course will be held from September 2022 to February 2023 for 100 undergraduates of Intake 39 representing all faculties of KDU. The Eurasia Foundation (from Asia) is a non-profit organization in Japan supporting activities that stimulate common sense values among Asian people through economic, educational and cultural exchanges.



MoU to Be Signed between KDU and J.F. Oberlin University in Japan

The Department of Social Sciences is successfully carrying out the necessary steps for KDU to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with J.F. Oberlin University in Japan.

J.F. Oberlin University is a reputed private university located in Machida, Japan and has over 160 partner schools in over 20 countries. Upon the successful signing of this MoU, KDU will be able to enter into collaborative activities with J.F. Oberlin University to establish strong links with Japanese academia in social research.



Capacity building in Higher Education -nEUROcare

1st Workshop

KDU has been successful in becoming a part of the four Sri Lankan universities selected for the nEUROcare project granted by Erasmus. University of Colombo, University of Peradeniya and University of Ruhuna are the three other selected universities. The four local universities are collaboratively working with Kristianstad University, Sweden in designing a Master's Degree in Neuro Degenerative Disorders. As the very first local event, a five-day workshop on nEUROcare was held at the Water's Edge, Colombo from 07th to 11th February with the participation of all partner universities.



Capacity building in Higher Education –nEUROcare – 2nd Workshop



The Vice Chancellor of KDU, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind), Dr Prasanna Herath (Project Manager), Dr Kalpani Abhayasinghe, Dr Dinithi Vidanage, Ms. Maliga Wijesiri and Mr Chandima Kumara from the Department of Nursing and Midwifery, FAHS- KDU participated in the second phase of curriculum development (a six-day workshop and a meeting) on nEUROcare, which was held at Kristianstad University, Sweden from 07th to 12th May 2022. Representatives from four Sri Lankan universities, Kirtianstad University, University of Ljubljana in Slovenia, Neapolis University Pafos in

Cyprus, University of Tartu in Estonia and Triskelion Institute in Norway were among the participants of the workshop. The next phase of the workshop will be held at University of Tartu, Estonia in September, 2022.



Legacy of General Sir John Lionel Kotelawala



General Sir John Lionel Kotelawala CH KBE KStJ PC born on 4th April 1897, was a Sri Lankan statesman, who served as the 3rd Prime Minister of Ceylon from 1953 to 1956. With the outbreak of the 2nd World War, Sir John Kotelawala, Minister of Communications and Works, became a member of Ceylon's War Council and was appointed as the Commander-in-Chief of the Essential Services Labor Corp. His home, at Kandawala estate in Ratmalana, had been provided by him to establish the Officers' Mess of Wartime British Royal Air Force.

In 1978, the commanders of the armed forces identified a need to establish a Defence academy to cater to the academic training of its officers. With the proposal of Lieutenant General Denis Perera, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army in 1979, Sir John Kotelawala agreed to donate the Kandawala estate to establish the institution, which later became General Sir John Kotalawala Defence University (KDU).

Maintaining the legacy of this towering icon of Sri Lankan political and military history, KDU bears legitimate ownership to preserve his Orders, Decorations, Medals and other memorabilia including the Cadillac, his car and his home, the Walawwa. The regalia are on display at the museum of the General Sir John Kotalawala Defence University.

The Flag of Cadillac 101 was handed over to the Vice Chancellor

The flag of the Cadillac 101 was handed over to the Vice Chancellor, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) on 1st April 2022 by Mr Sugathadasa who was a close associate of Sir John Kotelawala. This green flag bearing embroidered Coat of Arms of Sir John Kotelawala was kept safe by Mr Sugathadasa for all these years.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Asia Awards 2022

Eng Dulana Gajaba Kaluarachchi (Intake 30), a proud product of the Civil Engineering Department of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, who represented Sri Lanka in 'Asia Awards 2022' competition, won the awards for the Outstanding Engineer in Asia Award and the Special Excellence Multi-Talented Young Achiever Award in Asia for his contribution to the advancement of the world.



Dr A I Kuruppu wins Special Research Grant from NRC



Dr. A I Kuruppu, from The Institute for Combinatorial Advanced Research and Education (KDU-CARE) has won a grant from National Research Council (NRC) in 2022, for the research project titled 'Nutraceuticals developed by traditional medicine for the local and export market'. Dr Kuruppu has a keen interest in natural products, especially plants, and determining their medicinal activity to treat various diseases

Ms BLC Samanmali,

Lecturer (Probationary), Department of Pharmacy has completed MSc in Applied Organic Chemistry degree (SLQF 10) conducted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo.

Ms SU Kankanamge

is selected for the PhD program at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura Sri Lanka.

Captain (E) DS Bogahawatte

MBA(MoT), MMM(UoC), BSc (DS) MarEng (Hons), MIE (SL), CEng (SL), MIM(SL) has completed Masters in Manufacturing Management – University of Colombo in 2021.



KDU Law Graduate Tops the Batch at the Sri Lanka Law College for the Second Time Consecutively

Ms Gimhani Hirunika Perera, who was a student of Intake 34, Faculty of Law, KDU has successfully completed the Final Examination of the Sri Lanka Law College in 2021 becoming the Batch-Top and claiming the only First Class in the entire batch. She is the 2nd KDU LLB Graduate to become the Batch Top at the Law College.

Gimhani obtained the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with a Second Class (Lower Division) in 2021 and was placed in the Dean's List for Academic Excellence in the Law stream. She is a past pupil of Musaeus College, Colombo 07.



Two students of BSc in ADSC degree programme become Data Analyst Associates



Chethana Rupasinghe and Dinusha Herath of the first batch (Intake 38) of BSc in Applied Data Science Communication degree programme have become Data Analyst Associates by passing the DA 100: Analysing Data with Microsoft Power BI examination.

Imandee Jayawardena – Winner for the Best Female Rylarian, Rotaract Youth Leadership Awards



Leaders become great not because of their power but, because of their ability to empower others. At KDU, there is a great endeavor to transform each and every student into a leader with a view to pave the way for a sustainable tomorrow. The Rotaract Club of KDU Southern Campus participated in the 'Rotaract Youth Leadership Awards' (RYLA) held on the 12th and 13th of March 2022. There are around 90 clubs in Sri Lanka, representing universities, institutions, mercantile businesses and communities. Out of 8000 members 90 were shortlisted to attend this event and the winner for the best female Rylarian was bagged by rotaractor Imandee Jayawardena, who is a bright student in Intake 38, Department of Quantity Surveying.

General Sir John Kotelawala Memorial Trophy Moot Court Competition 2022

The second edition of General Sir John Kotelawala Memorial Trophy Moot Court Competition organized by the Moot Court and Debating Society of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was held from 12th to 15th March 2022. The Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds of the Competition took place on a virtual platform, while the two fortunate teams that made it to the Finals were hosted at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, KDU, Ratmalana. The competition involved participants from the foremost universities and institutes providing legal education to students in Sri Lanka, including the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Law College, Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT), Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT) and CfPS Law School. Over twenty (20) competitors put up a spirited battle for the Championship Trophy, with the team representing KDU ultimately emerging victorious in the oral rounds.



KDU Law Students Selected for Semi Finals in the Jean-Pictet Competition on International Humanitarian Law in Albania.



Jean-Pictet Competition on International Humanitarian Law is a unique experience that distinguishes itself from contemporary mootings competitions on the basis of its motto, 'taking the law out of the books', and putting it into practice. This one-of-a-kind competition selects teams from around the world to participate in a week-long simulated conflict, during which time teams engage in role-play as different entities involved in a conflict, including military legal officers, humanitarian aid agencies and activist groups. At a time when understanding and knowledge of International Laws of war is more critical than ever, a team representing KDU was one among three teams selected from Sri Lanka, fully sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to fly to Durres, Albania for the 38th Edition of the Pictet Competition, held from 18th to 26th March 2022. KDU team comprises of Chandrika Manamendra, Tracy Seneviratne and Chirantha Devaraja, students of the Faculty of Law at KDU, who managed to qualify for the Semi-finals along with the National University of Singapore, the University of Cambridge and the University of Oslo.

PROMOTIONS



Captain DS Bogahawatte
Promoted to HOD (Mechanical) w.e.f. 10th March 2022.



Colonel BAMC Beligaswatte
Promoted to CO - Administration w.e.f. 18th May 2022.



Colonel TBMR Kandekumbura
Promoted to Deputy Dean - East Campus (CBO) w.e.f. 18th May 2022.



Lt Col DJP Dikkumbura
Promoted to SO II - FDSS w.e.f. 18th May 2022.



Captain MA Wahalathanthri
Promoted to H/P Chief Maintenance Engineering UHKDU w.e.f. 20th April 2022.



SQN LDR HD Millewa
Promoted to Lecturer, Technical Engineering w.e.f. 12th March 2022.



CDR SIV Manjula
Promoted to H/P General Stores Manager UHKDU w.e.f. 24th June 2022.



CDR RMS Jayawardana
Promoted to S/O - Faculty of Graduate Studies w.e.f. 03rd August 2022.



SQN LDR RDC Ranneththi
Promoted to Legal Officer UHKDU w.e.f. 12th March 2022.



Dr (Mrs) WCDK Fernando
Promoted to Professor in Civil Engineering w.e.f. 31.12.2020.



Prof KASJ Balawardane
Promoted to Professor in oncology (contract) w.e.f. 14.07.2021.



Prof WPR Wickramaratne
Promoted to Professor (contract) w.e.f. 03.01.2022.



Dr (Mrs) BGDS Govindapala
Promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I Faculty of Medicine w.e.f. 01.01.2021.



Dr (Mrs) MMPT Jayasekara
Promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I Faculty of Medicine w.e.f. 01.01.2021.



Dr SK Wijayasekara
Promoted to Senior lecturer (Grade II) w.e.f. 01.04.2020



Mr AARK Amaratunga
Promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II w.e.f. 01.01.2021.



Mr NRM Nelumdeniya
Promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II, Dept. of Pharmacy w.e.f. 01.06. 2021



Dr HPM Dabare
Promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II, Dept. of Physiotherapy w.e.f. 09.08.2021



Dr (Ms) IU Wimalasiri
Promoted to Lecturer w.e.f. 01.08.2016



Mr PDDD Wickramasinghe
Promoted to Lecturer (Unconfirmed) Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities w.e.f. 26.02.2020



Ms TC Kathriarachchi
Promoted to Lecturer (unconfirmed) Faculty of Criminal Justice w.e.f. 01.12.2020



Ms SDKC Sandanayake
Promoted to Deputy Registrar Establishment w.e.f. 01.12.2021



Mr UABS Ubesinghe
Promoted to Senior Assistant Registrar – Admin w.e.f. 20.04.2020.



Mrs BMKS Balasuriya
Promoted to Senior Assistant Registrar Faculty of Computer w.e.f. 01.01.2021.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Surg. Capt. NRP Perera
Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences w.e.f. 27th June 2022

Surg. Captain Ranga Perera is a Senior Lecturer in Surgery Faculty of Medicine KDU since 2012. He also serves as a Consultant Oncological Surgeon for the University Hospital KDU and he is the Head of Cancer Care Services of University Hospital KDU.



Dr TRN Fernando
Appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr. I (o.a.b.) w.e.f. 03.01.2022.



Ms KGCK Nandasena
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob) w.e.f. 03.01.2022.



Ms HEH Perera
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 03.01.2022.



Ms FMD Chellapillai
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob) w.e.f. 03.01.2022.



Dr (Ms) MMK Peiris
Appointed as Lecturer (Unconfirmed) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 04.01.2022.



Ms RS Maddumage
Appointed as Temporary Assistant Lecturer Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 04.01.2022.



Dr DMEP Gunasekara
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob), Faculty of Medicine, w.e.f. 19.01.2022



Dr KDCU Wijayasiri
Appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr. II, Faculty of Medicine, w.e.f. 01.02.2022



Mr NP Diliban
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob), Faculty of Technology, w.e.f. 02.02.2022.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Ms KDHG Jayawardena
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob), Faculty of Technology, w.e.f. 02.02.2022.



Mr KWCE Deshapriya
Appointed as Lecturer (Prob), Faculty of Technology, w.e.f. 03.02.2022.



Mr AAJ Gunasekara
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 14.02.2022.



Prof TL Weerawardene
Appointed as Professor of Dep. Electronic & Telecommunication, Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 22.02.2022.



Ms WWY Anjalee
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Medicine, w.e.f. 24.02.2022.



Prof S Gunawardena
Appointed as Professor in Physiology (Contract), Faculty of Medicine, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Ms GDS Pushpika
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Ms VGG Samudika
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Ms THESJ De Silva
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Ms HMSL Dharmasiri
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Ms EKD Sathsarani
Appointed as Temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Prof PG Rathnasiri
Appointed as Professor (Contract), Faculty of Technology, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Mr HKIS Lakmal
Appointed as Lecturer (prob), Faculty of Technology, w.e.f. 02.03.2022.



Ms WPMY Thilakarathna
Appointed as Temporary Instructor, Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 29.03.2022.



Mr PRA Dissanayake
Appointed as Temporary Instructor, Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 29.03.2022.



Mr HGS Hikkaduwa
Appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr.II, Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 01.04.2022.



Ms LY Hitige
Appointed as Instructor Gr. II, Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 01.04.2022.



Mr IUE Naotunna
Appointed to Lecturer (Unconfirmed), Faculty of Engineering, w.e.f. 01.04.2022.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Ms MSS Gunasekara
Appointed as
Temporary
Demonstrator,
Faculty of Allied
Health Sciences,
w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Ms AMTN Adasuriya
Appointed as
Temporary
Demonstrator,
Faculty of
Technology, w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Ms TC Kathriarachchi
Appointed as
Senior Lecturer
Gr. II, Faculty of
Criminal Justice,
w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Mr KS Dharmasiri
Appointed as
Lecturer (Prob),
Faculty of
Criminal Justice,
w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Mr KBN De Silva
Appointed as
Lecturer (Prob),
Faculty of
Criminal Justice,
w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Ms KGL Chamuddika
Appointed as
Lecturer (Prob),
Faculty of
Criminal Justice ,
w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Ms AH Wijayath
Appointed as
Lecturer (Prob),
Faculty of
Criminal Justice,
w.e.f.
01.04.2022.



Mr RRWMBM Wadugodapitiya
Appointed as
Temporary
Demonstrator,
Faculty of
Engineering, w.e.f.
04.04.2022.



Mr PWUS Perera
Appointed as
Lecturer (Prob),
Faculty of
Technology, w.e.f.
07.04.2022.



Mr OL Sriyaratna
Appointed as
Temporary
Instructor, Faculty
of Engineering ,
w.e.f.
18.04.2022.



Mr DHR Lakshan
Appointed as
Temporary
Demonstrator,
Faculty of
Engineering, w.e.f.
18.04.2022.



Ms PCDP Cooray
Appointed as
System Analyst
Gr. II, Center for IT
support &
Development
Services, w.e.f.
20.04.2022.



Ms. VN Vithanage
Appointed as
Lecturer (Prob),
Faculty of
Technology, w.e.f.
25.04.2022.



Mr M Vignarajah
Appointed as
Senior Lecturer
Gr. I, Faculty of
Engineering, w.e.f.
28.04.2022.



Ms DHPS Karunarathne
Appointed as
Temporary
Demonstrator,
Faculty of
Technology, w.e.f.
04.05.2022.



Mr MT Gunasekara
Appointed as
Instructor Gr. II,
Faculty of
Engineering, w.e.f.
09.05.2022.



Mr S Sukirthan
was appointed
as
Lecturer
(Temporary),
Faculty of Allied
Health Sciences ,
w.e.f.
13.05.2022.



Ms LA Madushika
Appointed as
Asst.Registrar
(Contract), Faculty
of Medicine
(SAITM), w.e.f.
18.04.2022.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND GUEST LECTURES

Hands-on sessions in Designing IoT Application

Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) on Campus KDU organized a workshop on 'Hands-on Sessions in Designing Internet of Things (IoT) Application' on 16th January 2022 as an online event. The workshop was on how to use Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Advertising channels for IoT applications. The workshop was conducted by Mr. SDAP Senadeera, Senior Research Associate at Internet of Things Research Laboratories, School of Engineering & Technology, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand.

Webinar on 'An Overview of Digital Foot Printing (Digital Forensics)'

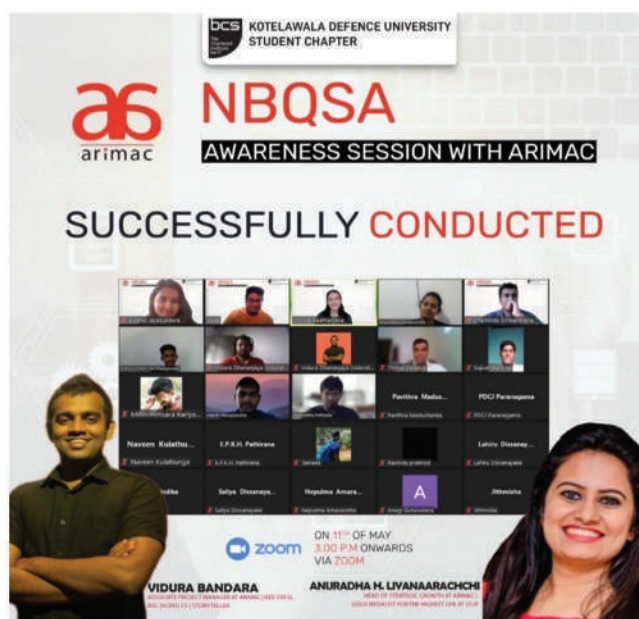
A significant discussion on 'An Overview of Digital Foot Printing (Digital Forensics)' was successfully held by CSSL GenZ Chapter of KDU on 3rd February 2022 via zoom with Mr Mubashir Sargana, Chief Technology Officer at Security Experts TTT Limited.

Workshop on 'Submarine Fiber Optics: Past, Present and Future'

A workshop on 'Submarine Fiber Optics: Past, Present and Future' by IET on Campus KDU was conducted on 08th May 2022. Dr Sumudu Edirisinghe conducted the session.

Awareness Session with ARIMAC

National ICT Awards – National Best Quality Software Awards (NBQSA) competition serves to showcase and benchmark Sri Lankan ICT products. The competition has been conducted in Sri Lanka by the Sri Lankan section of the British Computer Society (BCS), The Chartered Institute for IT over the past 23 years. Ms Anuradha Liyanaarachchi (Chief Growth Officer at Arimac) and Mr Vidura Bandara (Associative Project Manager at Arimac) attended as Key Personnel of the event. To raise awareness of the NBQSA Competition, the KDU BCS Student Chapter collaborated with Arimac Digital and organized an awareness session via Zoom on 11th May 2022.



'Information Literacy for Academic and Research Success'



Dr C Mallawaarachchi, Acting Librarian, and Mrs TC Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a 3-day workshop on 'Information Literacy for Academic and Research Success' from 6th to 8th January 2022 at the Sri Lanka Military Academy (SLMA) Training Centre.

An Overview of Data mining and Data Visualization

A workshop on 'An overview of Data Mining and Data Visualization' was organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) GenZ Chapter of KDU for undergraduates willing to join the Data Science and Business Analytics degree programme. The event was held on 20th January 2022. The resource person was Dr Sudath Rohitha Heiyanthuduwage, IT Lecturer and IT Course Coordinator at Charles Sturt University, Australia.



Awareness on Anti-Plagiarism Software

Mrs TC Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian Main Library, conducted awareness sessions and training for the Faculties of Technology and Criminal Justice, and for the Certificate Course in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) in April and June 2022.

Mrs. MP Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, conducted a lecture series on information literacy content such as Information Sources and Searching Techniques, Effective Searching, References with Mendeley Referencing tool to boost the research abilities of the undergraduates of the KDU Law Faculty.

Workshop on 'Examination Procedures'

A workshop for all academic staff members at FAHS was conducted by Prof Gominda Ponnampereuma, Head- Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo on 7th March 2022 at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

Introductory Session on CSSL

On the invitation of the academic staff of the Faculty of Technology, Dr Nirosha Wedasinghe Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Computing conducted an introductory session on the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) to ICT students of Intake 39 on 4th May 2022 at the Southern Campus.

Training workshop on 'Ethical Issues in Research' - 2022

The Faculty of Graduate Studies jointly with the Nonmedical Ethical Review Committee of KDU, with the cooperation of the Chairperson of Forum for Ethics Review Committee of Sri Lanka (FERCSL), conducted a workshop on ethical issues in research on 25th April 2022 at FGS.

The objective of organizing this training workshop was to help all researchers and postgraduate students to proceed with their research work with a proper understanding of underlying ethical issues.

The audience of this workshop comprised of more than 100 participants representing the academic staff, postgraduate research students and other researchers of KDU.

The distinguished resource persons of the event were Prof Chandani Wanigatunge - Chairman, FERCEL, Dr Mizaya Cadre, Prof Amal de Silva, Prof Shamini Prathapan, Ms Nilupul Jayasundara - Attorney-at-Law, and Mr Chamath Fernando - Attorney-at-Law.



New Multidisciplinary Care to Improve Patient Outcome – Patient Blood Management at the University Hospital, KDU

The aim of the above program was to introduce evidence-based new concepts of improved patient management strategies with regard to blood and component transfusion to improve patient outcome at UHKDU, and to expand the concept of patient blood management island wide.

A collaborative session on patient blood management was organized by the Department of Transfusion Medicine on 27th January 2022 at the auditorium, UHKDU as the monthly Continuing Medical Education (CME) program of FOM. Dr Trilicia Withanawasam – Consultant Transfusion Physician, UHKDU, Dr Dharma Samarakoon – Consultant Transfusion Physician, National Hospital, Kandy and Dr Ramani Pallemulle – Consultant Anaesthetist, Castle Street Hospital for Women (CSHW) jointly presented the concepts in managing patients' blood, transfusion alternative strategies and appropriate use of blood. Nearly 60 participants joined the hybrid session.



Seminar on Academic Career Development



A Seminar on Academic Career Development organized by the Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was held on 06.01.2022. The objective of the seminar was to improve skills, attitudes and confidence of the academic staff and to provide an opportunity for academics to plan their career development through the experiences of eminent senior academics. The members of the academic staff of the Faculty of Law, KDU were participants of this seminar.

The resource persons of the Seminar were Snr Prof Narada Warnasuriya, Snr Prof Rohini Seneviratne, Snr Prof Susirith Mendis and Prof Jeewa Niriella.

Annual General Meeting –IMEchE

The Inaugural Annual General Meeting of IMechE Student Chapter of KDU was held on 16th March 2022 at 3.00 p.m. at FGS Auditorium, KDU. Eng SU Dampage, Dean, Faculty of Engineering was the Chief Guest of the event and Mr Lal Weerasinghe, Chairman of IMechE Sri Lanka Group graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour



Workshop on Solar PV System Design & Installation

On the invitation of the Faculty of Technology, Eng Roshan Sanjeeva and Eng Krishan Dissanayake, Solar Division of Abans Electricals PLC, conducted a workshop on Solar PV System Design and Installation at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, KDU on 20th April 2022. Both academic staff members and students of the Faculty of Technology and Faculty of Engineering participated in the workshop



GUEST LECTURES

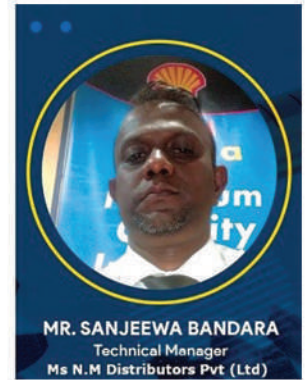
ImechE Student Chapter

The first Guest Lecture for the year 2022, organized by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), Student Chapter of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was successfully concluded on 26th May 2022 with the participation of the Engineering undergraduates of Mechanical Engineering Department.



Guest lecture on 'Fundamentals of Lubricants'

Mechanical and Mechatronic Student Society of KDU successfully conducted a Guest Lecture on 20th January 2022 on 'Fundamentals of Lubricants'. Guest Speakers were Mr Sanjeewa Bandara and Mr Jagath Kasiwatta from NM Distributors (Pvt) Ltd.



Lecture on 'Approaches of Management of Storm Water'

The Civil Engineering Society of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University organized a Guest Lecture on 'Approaches of Management of Storm Water' on 15th June 2022. The Guest Speaker was Eng Danesh Gunathilake, Deputy General Manager (Water Reclamation), National Water Supply and Drainage Board.

Guest Lecture on 'Legal Education: Laying the Foundation for a Noble Professional Career'

A Guest Lecture on 'Legal Education: Laying the Foundation for a Noble Professional Career' organized by the Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University for the newly enlisted LLB undergraduates of Intake 39 was held on 21st January 2022. The resource person was Dr Athula Pathinayake, the Principal of Sri Lanka Law College. The lecture focused on the importance of legal education, the legal profession, professional ethics and etiquette.



Guest Lecture on 'Life Skills for Gen Z Legal Professionals'



A Guest Lecture on 'Life Skills for Gen Z Legal Professionals' organized by the Legal Aid Centre of the Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was held on 20th January 2022 with the participation of the final year undergraduates of the Faculty of Law. This was the first session of the Guest Lecture Series organised by the Legal Aid Centre for 2022. The Guest Speaker of this session was Mr Malika Amarasekera, an Attorney-at-Law and renowned Career Coach in both Legal and Management disciplines. His lecture dealt with essential life skills required for the overall development of a successful legal professional.

Guest Lecture on Recent Changes to Labour Legislations in Sri Lanka

The third Guest Lecture organised by the Legal Aid Centre of the Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) was held on 22nd April 2022 with the participation of the final year undergraduates of the Faculty of Law. The Guest Speaker of this session was Ms Chamantha Unamboowe, an Attorney-at-Law practising in Appellate Courts. Her lecture titled 'Recent Changes to the Labour Legislations in Sri Lanka' focused on the latest amendments made to Labour Laws in Sri Lanka such as; increasing minimum age of employment up to 16 years, increasing monthly minimum salary in the private sector to Rs. 12,500/- and removal of restrictions on maternity leave for women with two or more children.



Guest Speech by Dr Rohan Pallewatte



On the invitation of the Dean, Faculty of Technology, Dr Rohan Pallewatta, CEO of Lanka Harness (Pvt) Ltd, conducted a motivational speech at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 9th March 2022. Following the Dean's introduction, Dr Rohan Pallewatta attracted the attention of the audience with his speech about his journey from a student who flew to Japan for an internship, to a renowned entrepreneur who brings millions of dollars to his motherland. His life story alone has served as a powerful motivator for younger students to pursue their dreams.

CSR PROJECTS

Faculty Corporate Social Responsibility 2022 Project Launch

The inauguration ceremony of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project titled 'Course on Basics of Computing' for Senior Officers of Sri Lanka Police Department organized by the Faculty of Computing was held on 10th February 2022 via Zoom.

The Rector Southern Campus, Major General Prasad Edirisinghe, Dean Faculty of Computing Dr Asela Gunasekara and Executive Director National Police Academy / Deputy Inspector General Sanjeewa Medawatte attended the event as special invitees of the occasion. The inauguration ceremony concluded with a brief introduction to the course outline delivered by the CSR project Coordinator, Mr Indika de Silva.

Faculty of Technology donates Textbooks to Shariputhra Secondary School, Matara

With the intention of empowering students of the G.C.E.(A/L) Technology stream in underprivileged schools, the Faculty of Technology donated textbooks to Shariputhra Secondary School, Pamburana on 24th March 2022. Another aim of the book donation initiative was to popularize technology education among school children, particularly female pupils. Students from G.C.E. A/L Technology, Mathematics and Biology streams, as well as students from KDU's Faculty of Technology participated in the event, which was held in the main auditorium of the school.



The Annual Community Project 'Athwela'

The annual community project 'Athwela' organized by the Civil Engineering Society of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was successfully conducted on 15th February 2022 at Gallappahala Primary School. School supplies were distributed among 91 students of the school and the washroom facility of the school was also renovated under this project.



Manufacturing Low-Cost Tricycle as Solution to Fuel Crisis

The Department of Marine Engineering continuously focuses on finding sustainable solutions for crisis that overwhelms society. Accordingly, realizing the impact of the fuel crisis at present, a project team of the department manufactured a low-cost tricycle that can be used to cater to transportation needs within short distances. The new product can carry two passengers comfortably and it is the initial step of a solar powered electric tricycle. The project was undertaken according to a concept of Commodore (E) MCP Dissanayake, Head of Department (Marine Engineering).



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

KDU Young Entrepreneurs' Exhibition 2022



KDU Young Entrepreneurs' Exhibition was held on 28th April 2022 for the 6th consecutive year. 17 groups representing all undergraduates of BSc in Logistics Management, BSc in Management and Technical Sciences and BSc in Social Sciences Degree Programs of Intake 38, Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities (FMSH) took part in the event.

'The Circle' – A Short Film by Department of Social Sciences

The project on 'Nonviolent Communication and Responsible Use of Media' conducted by the Department of Social Sciences in collaboration with the UNDP and European Union produced a student-led short film titled 'The Circle,' which focused on the theme of Nonviolent Communication (NVC), while delivering a message on the importance of responsible use of media. Both the project and the short film were the first of its kind to be organized and produced in Sri Lanka, further signifying its value. The premiere of 'The Circle' was launched by the Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil (Ind) and Mr Sanjaya Nirmal, the Director.



'Sihina' 2022 -Annual Social Project

'Sihina' is an annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project organized by the undergraduates of Department of Radiography and Radiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, KDU in commemoration of World Radiography Day. In 2022, Intake 36 organized the project to facilitate a drinking water facility by installing a reverse osmosis water filter for Mahindagama, Aselapura Village in Welikanda, Polonnaruwa. Furthermore, school stationary was distributed to selected, needy students (over 50 students) of the village.



SPORTS

Inter-Faculty Squash Tournament



The Inter-Faculty Squash Tournament 2022 of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was held on 28th April, representing 10 faculties. The tournament was officially and ceremonially graced with the presence of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration) Brigadier W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc. Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and

Humanities became victorious as champions of the Inter-Faculty Squash tournament 2022 at the final tournament held on 29th April 2022, with Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest Major General ALDM Gunasekara RSP USP psc, Rector of the Metropolitan Campus

Inter-Faculty Netball Tournament

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University witnessed its first-ever Inter-Faculty Netball Tournament from 21st to 23rd April 2022 with 120 talented players, representing 10 faculties. The final match between Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Law made the spectators lose their breath. It was a spectacular match that portrayed sportsmanship, team effort and the Faculty of Engineering rose themselves up as the Champions of the Inter Faculty Netball Tournament 2022 and the Faculty of Law became the Runner up. Day-Scholar Isini Gomes from Faculty of Engineering, who displayed outstanding performance was crowned the 'Netball Queen'. The closing ceremony was graced by the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil(Ind), as the Chief Guest.



The Annual Inter-Faculty Swimming Meet – 2022

The Annual Inter Faculty Swimming Meet was held for the first time at KDU deviating from 'Inter Squadron' meets that had been held for years. Brigadier W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration) and the Chairman of Sports Council of KDU opened the meet ceremonially on 24th February. 147 participants representing from 10 faculties of the university competed in 32 events. Day-Scholar GEV De Silva of Faculty of Law who stormed 03 new KDU swimming records with 03 gold medals became the Best Male Swimmer and Lady Officer Cadet RD Jothirathne of Faculty of Engineering who won 03 gold medals was awarded the Best Female Swimmer title.

Faculty of Computing became the Champions of the Annual Inter-Faculty Swimming Meet, while Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities became 1st runner up and Faculty of Engineering became the 2nd runner up. Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil(Ind), the Vice Chancellor of KDU graced the closing occasion as the Chief Guest.



Civil and Military Academic and Non-academic Inter-Faculty Billiard Tournament

The Faculty of Technology took part in the Inter-Faculty Billiard Tournament. Dr Sailesh Shrestha represented FOT and staff from various faculties of KDU participated in the tournament held on 21st April 2022.



Southern Campus Swimming Tournament 2022

An impressive performance by Mr Mahima Wasalabandara, a student of Intake 39 ICT degree programme, brought the first-ever sports win for the Faculty of Technology (FOT) Southern Campus. He won the silver medal for 100m Breaststroke event held on 24th February 2022 at the Inter-Faculty Swimming Tournament.



Southern Premier League (SPL) 2022

SPL, the cricket tournament conducted annually by the Department of Information Technology, was held for the sixth consecutive time from 3rd to 5th April 2022 at the University grounds of KDU Southern Campus.



Volley Ball

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University witnessed its 1st ever Inter-Faculty Volleyball Tournament on 18th and 19th May 2022. The closing ceremony was graced by the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, as the Chief Guest. The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities became Champions of the Inter Faculty Volleyball Tournament 2022, and Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies became runners-up.



