



### *New Year message from the Vice - Chancellor, Professor Kshanika Hirimburegama*

It is with great pleasure that I wish all our readers a happy & prosperous 2011. Our country has now embarked on a program of accelerated economic development with the regaining of peace and harmony after nearly three decades, thanks to His Excellency the President and the security forces. It is now up to the academic community to ensure that peace is sustained and a speedy socio-economic development is fostered in the country. Therefore the University of Colombo should directly contribute towards the economic development of the country. The New Year resolution of all of us should be to make every effort to contribute towards nation building and the benefits will be for all of us, especially to our children. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have rendered their services during my first term in office to take this university forward to regain our position amongst the Asian Universities.

### *Editorial*

“Internationalism: The biggest change in law” was the title of the convocation address delivered by the Hon. Michael Kirby, at the postgraduate convocation on 21 July 2010. Hon. Kirby is a world renowned judge who retired as a Justice of the High Court of Australia in 2009.

Excerpts from his convocation address would help us enjoy the newly gained peace after a bitter civil conflict of nearly 30 years. However, peace can only be enjoyed if law and order in this country are maintained. Law and order are essential ingredients in the recipe for economic development in this country. If we start from where Justice Kirby ended his convocation address, we need to refer to “Song of Hope”, a poem by the Australian Aboriginal writer Kath Walker .



**Postgraduate convocation-2010**

“Look up my people,  
The dawn is breaking,  
The world is waking,  
To a new bright day,  
When none defame us,  
Nor colour shame us,  
Nor sneer dismay.”



**Justice Kirby delivering the convocation address**

Justice Kirby blessed us with peace and said “with the suffering and burdens of war now in the past, I trust that Sri Lanka will move quickly to dismantle the security structures which emerged to respond to the war; that it will become more outward looking and re-engage more vigorously with the world; that it will embrace its old cosmopolitan energy and celebrate a vibrant and independent judiciary of great distinction. Every graduate on this day should dedicate themselves to these high objectives.” This message is not only for the fresh graduates but also for all of us who work so closely with the young, energetic undergraduates in our country.

Justice Kirby also said “Having a formal court system is necessary in any country; but not sufficient. The courts must be uncorrupted, courageous and accessible to the people. They must protect minorities and not just powerful majorities. They must defend the little person against instances of bureaucratic, military and executive abuse of power.” As much as this statement is applicable to those who hold administrative positions in the University, it also applies to our students; the senior students in the University must protect the freshers who enter the university with fear. A few recent incidents in some faculties point to why we need to remind ourselves of protecting the “little person” in the University environment, the freshers.

In his address Justice Kirby gave a broad explanation to internationalism; “our world is linked by jumbo jets, the internet, youTube and Twitter; the global ideas of human rights and duties; the global challenges of terrorism, the financial crisis and HIV/AIDS [...] Increasingly we think in global terms as international law expands, and as we perceive the global problems for our species: such as climate change, religious intolerance, nuclear proliferation, informatics and bioethics”. He told our graduates that “this is the planet that the graduates inherit and that they must strive to understand and to improve.” As a student Justice Kirby studied mostly the laws relevant to the state of New South Wales in Australia. Later the state laws were not enough for students studying the legal system and one had to study Federal Law in Australia. Today even that is not enough, one has to think in global terms as international law expands. What does this tell us, especially at a time when the world is struggling to recover from the recent global financial crisis? It is argued that the macroeconomic policies in the US and the rest of the fully developed world were jointly responsible for the financial crisis. It is also said that the world would not have faced the present crisis had the policy makers regarded financial regulations as an investment in reducing the future government bailout obligations. One important lesson the world learnt from the crisis is “good governance” which is apt for the university environment. May the Council which is the supreme governing body of the university continued to be blessed with strong personalities to maintain the legal and financial affairs of our University. May the senate, the senior academic body of the university strive to maintain the standards of all academic programs and student discipline!

## HISTORY OF THE SRI PALEE CAMPUS

The Western Campus was established by a notification of the Sri Lanka government Gazette (Extraordinary) No 928/1 dated 20 June 1996. Its name was subsequently amended as Sri Palee Campus of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka with effect from 11.09.1998 by an order made by the Hon. Minister of Education and Higher Education under section 27(1) of the Universities Act No-16 of 1978. It is located in the Kalutara district at Wewala, Horana on the lands and buildings donated to the University of Sri Lanka in 1976 by the board of trustees set up under the will of the late Mr. Wilmot A. Perera, an eminent public personality and a well-known philanthropist.

The Sri Palee campus, located 200 to 300 meters above sea level at Horana in the Kalutara district, approximately 50 kilometers from the capital, can be considered a semi-developed area, consisting of 762 villages and 14 suburban towns. Demographically it has a population of 1,060,800 with 85% Sinhala, 3% Tamil, 8% Muslims and 3% Burghers. The campus is located on a small hillock with a picturesque setting, surrounded by paddy fields, rubber estates, and isolated villages. This scenic splendor is highly conducive to higher studies since it has the ability to cool down the frail nerves warmed up by examination tension and create the right atmosphere for reflective thinking.



The name, "The Sri Palee Campus of the University of Colombo", was officially adopted to honour the philanthropist Mr. Wilmot A Perera who donated the land to the University of Colombo. Rev. Jiun was one of the well-wishers of the campus who rendered a great service to develop the campus to its current condition. The campus's motto is "to strive to the excellence of teaching".



The campus has a national and international reputation as a provider of high quality education to students who study Media and Performing Arts. This is the only campus in Sri Lanka which confers two four-year special degrees in Mass Media and in Performing Arts. The total student population is approximately 600 scattered in two departments. The first batch that consisted of 100 students was taken into the campus in 2000

and since then 11 batches have been taken in so far. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the campus was celebrated in 2010. Since its foundation, Sri Palee Campus has strived to become one of the most prominent and comprehensive campuses in Sri Lanka for the promotion and development of scholarship and education in the Mass Media and Performing Arts Streams. The campus has produced many reputed journalists, performers who work in many media institutions

throughout Sri Lanka. New activities in the history of the 10 year-period include the establishment of Screen Studies, Marketing Communication, Conflict and Peace Communication courses and the introduction of Audio Visual Studies.

### Goal of the Campus

It is our earnest endeavour to produce fully-fledged Media and Performing Arts personnel from this campus and function as the main institute in Sri Lanka, establishing both theoretical and practical academic practices with the view of developing social, political, cultural and ethnic harmony through media and theatre.

### Department of Mass Media under Faculty of Mass Media

The Department of Mass Media consists of three units: Language Unit, IT Unit, and AV unit from which all students are expected to acquire language skills, IT skills and Technological skills which are related to their specialized disciplines.

The Department of Mass Media offers a four-year special degree in Mass Media of which main subject components are related to Broadcasting Studies, Television Studies, Print Media Studies, and Theory and History of Mass Media. In addition to these main streams, the subjects, Sociology of Mass Media, Research Methodology in Mass Media, Language and Media, Culturalogy, Philosophy, Basic Electronic, Critical Thinking, Marketing Communication are taught as compulsory course units.

### Language, IT, AV Units

It is compulsory for all students from both departments to follow language courses and IT courses.

The IT unit offers courses on basic computer literacy and subject related IT knowledge throughout the four years of study. The Language Unit offers Tamil and Hindi language courses in addition to on-going English language courses.

The AV unit which is equipped with modern technological equipment provide training to students on technological skills.

### Campus Radio

The campus concentrates increasingly on the technical aspects of the subjects taught and as a result, the campus radio was established to raise the academic level of its educational work. The campus radio is expected not only to train internal students on on-air practical training but also to provide an educational service to the neighbourhood.



### Department of Performing Arts under Faculty of Performing Arts

The Department of Performing Arts offers a four-year Special Degree in Performing Arts, the components of which are mainly related to Drama and Theatre Studies, Dancing Studies, Music and Cinema Studies and Art and Design Studies. In addition to these main streams, courses in Basic Electronics, Anthropological studies, Literature studies, Research methodologies are also offered.

The Present Rector, Dr. Tudor Weerasinghe, is the first Rector to be appointed from among the academics of this Campus.

## OUR STRENGTHS

### The Staff Development Centre (SDC)

The Staff Development Centre (SDC) was established in 1997 to bring about staff development, that was hitherto not formally present in Sri Lankan universities, the SDC being the first such staff development centre to be established in Sri Lanka. Since then, academic, administrative and non-academic staff members from all Sri Lankan universities have participated in training activities offered by the SDC through its sessional and multi-day workshops and courses, with some SDC courses continuing to receive international accreditation.

Has the training carried out by the SDC been a strength to improve our Higher Education (HE) system? How has this training been valuable? How can they be further improved? – these are questions that the SDC has asked through out the years of its existence, using the competence of leading international staff development experts from the USA, UK, Canada and Australia to periodically review and improve the impact of the training delivered by the SDC. Views expressed by these international experts, coming from countries where staff development was already a well-established practice, reveal the strengths that the SDC has developed over the years and the sustainability ethos that has guided the SDC. They can best be illustrated by a few excerpts from their Review Reports, as given below.

#### International Viewpoints on strengths of the University of Colombo and the SDC

“The SDC has a notable reputation internationally for research in the scholarship of teaching and learning, a reputation which reflects very positively on the University of Colombo's commitment to excellence in both teaching and research. This reputation was forged through the unstinting efforts of Professor Ekaratne [founding Director of the SDC] whose achievements were recognised this year by the International Consortium for Educational Development with 'The Spirit of ICED Award'. Professor Ekaratne is one of only three international figures upon whom this prestigious award has been conferred” (SDC Overseas Reviewer's Report, 2010, p. 32).

A major training activity of the SDC is its Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) course and this is reviewed annually by a professor of HE from UK as this review is required to retain the international accreditation of this course. The course is a well-regarded training activity and the unique strengths that this internationally accredited course brings to develop the HE teaching practices in Sri Lanka are reflected in the 2010 report of the External Examiner who wrote “It is clear that the [CTHE] programme is well structured and carefully scaffolded to ensure that participants have a high degree of guidance on what they must do to pass and to help participants to understand the requirements... I witnessed the real long term effects of the SDC programmes.... It would be rare to find the deep learning outcomes for such a high proportion of the participants in similar programmes in the UK. ...I am impressed with the dedication with which participants have endeavoured not only to “take the course” but also actively sought to develop their teaching. The best examples demonstrate development of a strong professional identity and some deep changes of teaching style and approach. This is impressive given the relatively short time over which these portfolios are developed...”

The lecturers who undertake this CTHE course have regularly remarked on the supportive strengths that this course brings to their development not only in university teaching but also in other work-life areas. The feelings and strengths expressed by these participating-lecturers are reflected in the External Examiner's 2008 report: the SDC courses “are providing a challenging and valuable

development experience for the majority of [course] participants. For some it is nothing less than a life-changing, transformative experience”.

#### Development of courses and training opportunities

From the SDC's initial training of new academic staff on teaching methodology, the SDC expanded its work to cover CPD of senior staff and training of contract academic staff. With the realization that teaching-learning development cannot take place without the other staff categories supporting this teaching-learning development, the SDC embarked on covering the training and retooling of a variety of staff and their training aspects so that it was not only teaching staff who received training, but also administrative, management, clerical and other support staff both in the university of Colombo and across all other Sri Lankan universities. Annually almost a thousand staff members participate in training and development opportunities offered by the SDC in different areas. As a first in the history of university training, it was the SDC that offered overseas training in UK to a group of university administrators.

The CTHE and ASTHE courses conducted by the SDC are the only internationally accredited staff development courses offered in the Sri Lankan HE system. These courses continue to retain the emphasis on facilitating active learning and to foster a 'learning community' culture both within the courses and extending to the settings within the departments and universities of the course participants. The course continues to enjoy popularity, specially its emphasis on Reflective Practice and the use of the participants' own settings/critical incidents that are effectively used to get across the significance of new learning-teaching methods to lecturers.

#### Fostering scholarship and educational development further

The single largest collection of print resources related to pedagogy in Sri Lanka is housed in the “Professor WD Lakshman – Stephen Cox Library” of the SDC, which was named to honour the Vice-Chancellor and the UK consultant who helped in setting up the SDC. It is notable that all these resources were procured with funding from the SIDA–SAREC grant that the SDC received. Addressing the need expressed by SDC trainees for a forum for lecturers to meet and develop innovative teaching relevant to our Sri Lankan HE system, the SDC course-tutors set up a national association to function as a community of practice to foster pedagogy and educational development in Sri Lanka. This body, the Sri Lanka Association for Improving Higher Education Effectiveness (SLAIHEE - [www.slaihee.org](http://www.slaihee.org)), jointly with the SDC, has conducted an annual pedagogy conference since 2004, using it to further strengthen HE teaching advances across Sri Lankan universities. In this manner, the SDC has successfully guided and facilitated lecturers from various universities in Sri Lanka to present about a hundred research papers on advancing learning and teaching in the Sri Lankan HE setting, including at international conferences. Within Sri Lanka, the Colombo SDC is in contact with SDCs of all other universities, having uniquely strengthened them as most of those SDC Directors have received training by the Colombo SDC.

#### In conclusion

The contribution by the SDC to strengthen HE nationally was epitomized when a renowned US educational developer wrote: “The achievements of the SDC in promoting staff development and teaching and learning improvement within Sri Lanka are truly outstanding. It is clear that the benefits of the SDC have touched Sri Lankan institutions of higher learning in a number of substantial ways.”

It is hoped that the SDC can build on these strengths and that, with the continuing support of the University of Colombo, it will contribute further to make the Sri Lankan university learning experience truly rich and intellectually rewarding to both our Sri Lankan staff and students.

## PROF. STANLEY WIJESUNDERA *Vice-Chancellor (1978-1988)*



Professor Stanley Wijesundera was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo appointed under the Universities Act. No.16 of 1978 and served for an unprecedented period of 10 years until his retirement in 1988. During this period, he served as the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) from 1979 to 1981. He also held the post of President of several Professional Associations, including the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (1984) and the Institute of Chemistry, Sri Lanka. He was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Science of Sri Lanka and was also a Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry, Sri Lanka. In spite of his numerous commitments to science and higher education, he was also a devout Buddhist and was the Chief lay Custodian of the Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya.

Professor Stanley Wijesundera was born on 6 December 1923 at Ampitiya in the Kandy district. Following a brilliant secondary education at Trinity College and Dharmaraja College, Kandy he entered the then University of Ceylon in 1942 and graduated in 1946 with a B.Sc. special in Chemistry. The following year he sat for the London B.Sc. and was awarded First Class Honours. He joined the University of Ceylon in 1948 as a Demonstrator in Biochemistry. He was awarded a traveling Fellowship in 1950 and proceeded to the University of Oxford to undertake postgraduate studies in Biochemistry. Prof. Stanley Wijesundera obtained a B.Sc. in Biochemistry by research and a doctorate (D. Phil) from the University of Oxford. Thus, Prof. Stanley Wijesundera possessed three Bachelors degrees in Science.

Professor Stanley Wijesundera's contributions to the university, education and its development in Sri Lanka spans over an unbroken period of 40 years from 1948 to 1988. In other words, almost two thirds of his entire life was associated with the Universities of Ceylon, Peradeniya and finally Colombo. He held the Chair of Biochemistry at the University of Colombo from 1978 to 1987.

Professor Stanley Wijesundera was awarded the prestigious Symon's award by the Association of Commonwealth Universities for distinguished services rendered to the advancement of higher education in Sri Lanka, the region and the Commonwealth in 1985. He was elected Chairman of the Association of the Commonwealth Universities in 1983. Professor Wijesundera served as a member of the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities from 1979 to 1985.

A lot of transformations took place during the tenure of Prof. Stanley Wijesundera as the Vice-Chancellor. Majestic looking buildings such

as the School of Computing, Law, Chemistry & Physics were built and provided with the most modern facilities such as equipment and furniture. Link programmes with international centres of excellence and close, viable and productive university industry interactions were established.

Those mentioned above are only representative examples of Professor Stanley Wijesundera's distinguished achievements through which he contributed immensely, towards the upliftment of higher education in Sri Lanka.

Professor Stanley Wijesundera had a vision as evidenced in his Presidential Address to the Fortieth Annual Sessions of the SLAAS in 1984. He said, "Human potential is the most vital factor for economic development of a Country. The provision of and maintenance of the basic needs of housing, health, education, nutrition and sanitation are of the utmost importance in the process of building up a vibrant and healthy nation".

He further said "Nations that are economically and technologically in the forefront have achieved their exalted position not necessarily through their great abundance of natural resources but rather through their human potential. Japan is the best example in this respect. The greatest resource that we ourselves can exploit in Sri Lanka is our human resource. We have been blessed with a life long tradition of learning and still have a very high literacy rate quite remarkable for a developing nation and these human resources have to be nurtured and exploited".

He also stressed the need for a separate Ministry for Science and Technology which became a reality some years back. Prof. Wijesundera fulfilled his vision to the best of his abilities.

In recognition and appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the late Professor Stanley Wijesundera to Science Education, Higher Education, Health and in general for development of the nation, he was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Science, (*Honoris Causa*) posthumously at the Convocation of the University of Colombo held on 15 December 1990.

Source : Professor Stanley Wijesundera Commemoration Lecture delivered by Vidya Jyothi Professor Emeritus Eric. H.Karunanayake on 10/8/1989

### *Vice Chancellor as the Chief Guest*



Professor Kshanika Hirimburegama, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo attended the 36<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address, on 23 November 2010.

The Convocation was graced by Hon. Sarvendra Nath Shukla, the Minister of Higher Education of Nepal and the Pro-Chancellor.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Election of a new Dean to the Faculty of Education



Professor Marie Perera B.A (Peradeniya), M.Phil. (Colombo), M.Sc.(Colombo), Ph.D ( Wollongong) assumed duties as the Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Colombo with effect from 01.08.2010.

Professor Perera joined the academic staff of the Faculty of Education as a Probationary Lecturer in Humanities Education in 1995.

Professor Perera was the Head of the Department of Humanities Education from 2002 to 2008 and Director, Staff Development Centre, University of Colombo during 2008 -2009. When she was elected Dean of the Faculty of Education she was serving again as the Head of the Department of Humanities Education. Professor Perera is the 10<sup>th</sup> Dean of the Faculty of Education.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### ifo++ ICT/Computer Science exhibition



The University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) successor of the Department of Statistics and Computer Science established in 1985 celebrated its Silver Jubilee this year by organising several events throughout the year. Among them the ifo++ ICT/Computer Science exhibition held from 28th to 30th October 2010 attracted over 25 thousand students and the public.

Research & innovative projects, Robotics, ICT Educational zone, the Computer Museum, workshops for GCE O/L & A/L students and teachers were among the highlights of the exhibition. Besides there were entertainment activities, IT quizzes, e-Sri Lankan certification programmes and a computer game zone.

The Exhibition was ceremonially opened each morning and special invitees from the Higher Education sector and the ICT industry graced the occasion. This exhibition was a great opportunity to educate our younger generation on the importance of ICT and the impact it has created on our society. UCSC undergraduates too got a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents with innovative ICT solutions.

### Ceremony held at the university to honour His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa's second term as President of Sri Lanka

As directed by the Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs a ceremony was held at the "College House" to mark His Excellency the President's second term of office. At the commencement of the ceremony Prof. T.R. Ariyaratne, acting Vice- Chancellor, hoisted the National Flag and delivered a speech specifying the purpose of the ceremony. A large gathering comprising Deans of Faculties, Directors of Institutes, and both academic and non academic staff members were present at the occasion.

### National Tree Planting Ceremony



A Tree Planting Ceremony was held at the "College House" on Monday, the 15 November 2010 under the patronage of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama. This event was organized as a part of the Nationwide 1.1 million Tree Planting Campaign to mark the inauguration of the second term of office of His Excellency the President, Mahinda Rajapaksa. The Ceremony at the University was inaugurated by the Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Khanika Hirimburegama, by planting a sapling of "Na" at the "College House" garden.



The entire university community participated in this ceremony where the Deans, Directors, Acting Registrar, Bursar, Librarian along with representatives from the administrative and non academic community planted trees to mark the event. A total number of 1500 trees will be planted covering the entire university premises as part of this exercise.

### Workshop on Personality Development for the 2010-2011 Intake



Student Counsellors of the Faculty of Science organized a workshop on “Personality Development for the 2010-2011 Intake” on 29 and 30 July at the FGS auditorium. This program was aimed at developing soft skills such as leadership, communication, self motivation etc. which are essential for success in the modern world. Further, it was a great opportunity for newcomers to recognize each other.

The workshop which was spread over two days, consisted of four guest speeches with group activities.

Ms. Anupa Maliboda, Director of Siyoda Training Centre conducted two interactive sessions on “Attitude Change & Positive Thinking”. Her sessions were about how to achieve lifelong goals through smart objectives and the importance of attitude change.

Dr. Dayanath Ranatunga, Director of UN AIDS project also conducted an interactive session on “Modern health challenges faced by the youth”. He discussed how to build up trusted relationships, the importance of it and how to resolve most common relationship problems of the youth.

Mr. Ravi Jayawardene, CEO Marketing of Sales, Maliban Biscuits Manufacturing (Pvt) Ltd mainly discussed how to utilize skills and innovate those skills to be a marketable graduate.

Mr. Deepal Sooriarachchi, Director –AVIVA- NDB Insurance PLC explained through his own life experiences how to raise ourselves to a level of being an exemplary employee rather than being a good employee.

Mr. Chamika Rukshan, professional Yoga Instructor, demonstrated a few Yoga exercises which will be helpful for relaxing mental stress.

A few group activities were organized in order to make students achieve better goals for themselves and to develop their soft skills such as Leadership, Communication skills, Time management and Group work.

### University of Colombo and Darley Butler Co. Ltd/E B Creasy & Co PLC signed an MOU



The Faculty of Science firmly believes that applied research is an integral part of academic life on campus. University-industry interaction is a must to accomplish this aim and this link will undoubtedly enhance the R & D in industry. With this aim, the University of Colombo Science and Technology Cell (UCSTEC) was established in 2009 under the direction and guidance of the Vice-Chancellor.

Recently, Darley Butler Co. Ltd/E B Creasy & Co PLC requested the UCSTEC to develop a cleaning agent. UCSTEC accepted this request and the two parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding on to November 2010. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama signed the MOU on behalf of the University of Colombo and the Managing Director, Mr. S D R Arudpragasam signed on behalf of Darley Butler Co Ltd / E B Creasy & Co PLC limited. The project was commenced on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

### Series of Seminars Conducted for the Under-privileged Schools in the Moneragala District



The University of Colombo Science Society conducted its annual events in the Moneragala District this year. The programme was very successful compared to previous years. The Society distributed equipment for School laboratories as in the previous years. The addition of a Light Microscope in the Laboratory Equipment Set was a special feature. The Society “Gaveshakayo” of the University of Colombo also joined in this exercise by providing a valuable set of books for the school libraries. As on the previous occasions, the society was able to distribute two model question papers for the Mathematics and Science streams respectively along with some GCE (O/L) Mathematics and Science text books and stationery. This program was conducted at nineteen (19) schools in the District, covering all the areas of the District including Wellawaya, Thanamalvila and Buttala. The Science Society organized five full day seminars for Year 11 students in the Moneragala District. The events were sponsored by Thissa Jinasena Foundation, Bank of Ceylon, Hayleys Agro Co., and Brandix Ltd.

### News from the International Unit of the University of Colombo

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) is an organization which facilitates international academic cooperation. DAAD established its service center for Sri Lanka in 2006. Since then, it has been active in providing information on academic opportunities at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels in Germany and providing guidance on various academic requirements such as admission requirements and application procedures. Further information can be found at the following links;

Study in Germany, study opportunities and scholarships:

[www.studieren-in.de](http://www.studieren-in.de)

Universities, study opportunities and contact addresses:

[www.hochschulkompass.de](http://www.hochschulkompass.de)

International offices at Universities throughout Germany:

[www.daad.de/aaa](http://www.daad.de/aaa)

Scholarship database: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)

International programmes: [www.daad.de/international-](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)

[programmes](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)

Summer courses (preparatory language and specialist courses):

[www.daad.de/sommerkurse](http://www.daad.de/sommerkurse)

Social, financial and organizational aspects:

[www.international-students.de](http://www.international-students.de)

DAAD Germany, Sri Lanka Page:

<http://www.daad.de/stipendien/en/index.en.html?land=195>

**NEWS & EVENTS CONTINUED**  
**University Milk Sales Outlet**



Another Highland Milk Bar (sales outlet) for the university community was declared open under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama on 20 October 2010 at the Science Faculty premises. Milco (Private) limited provides milk and other dairy products at concession rates to the University Community.

**Sri Lanka Government Services Employees Sports Competition**



The University of Colombo Sports and Welfare Society Cricket team participated in the Sri Lanka Government Services Employees Cricket Competition and became Co-Champions in the Group-B Category. The University of Colombo Cricket team is now qualified to play for the Group-A tournaments scheduled to be held next year. The awards ceremony was held on the 1 November 2010.



The University of Colombo Sports and Welfare Society Elle (Men's) team participated in the Sri Lanka Government Services Employees Elle Competition held on 27, 28 and 29 October 2010 and won the Junior Division Championship while the Women's team was the runners up in the Open Division.

**A Community Service by the Library Staff of the University of Colombo**



With the cooperation and guidance of the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama, the Acting Registrar and the Librarian of the University of Colombo, the library staff of the University of Colombo has undertaken a voluntary community service towards under-privileged schools which lack even basic facilities. The project was initiated with the financial support of the library staff throughout the year. In addition, donations are collected via various projects conducted and also assistance is obtained with the sponsorship of different institutions such as the Asia Foundation, Room to Read, National Library Association, Wayamba Polymer Pvt. Ltd. and Sanura Helasaviya Foundation to carry on this exercise. These activities include development of school libraries, provision of hygienic drinking water, donation of books and periodicals, laboratory equipment etc.

The first phase of this project was initiated at the Kumbukkadawela Primary School coming under the Mahawa Educational Zone, on 22 August 2004. It was developed by donating books to the library and providing educational material to children who are undergoing economic difficulties and support towards improving a pipe-borne drinking water system for the school. The second phase was conducted at Kattimurichchana Maha Vidyalaya in the Anuradhapura District on 19 August 2006. A complete development programme was carried out with activities such as those mentioned above, including the donation of a computer. The latest project was conducted at Panamura Maha Vidyalaya in the Ratnapura District on 7 September 2008. The next phase is scheduled to be held on 23 December 2010. The construction works in relation to these activities were carried out with the support of the library staff on a Shramadhana basis. The activities are continuously monitored and follow up actions are undertaken for the maintenance of these facilities.

**Colombo University Alumni Association of Victoria (CUAAV)**



The CUAAV held their annual Family Dinner/Dance on the 21 August. The funds raised at this event would be used to purchase books for the University of Colombo.

## University of Colombo MBA Alumni Association



**Executive committee- 2010**



**Members Day**

The University of Colombo MBA Alumni Association (UoC MBAAA) was set up in 1997 by a group of UoC MBA graduates with manifold objectives. One of the main objectives of UoC MBAAA is to further the interests of its members, with a focus on continuous professional development and networking & relationship building. However, the Association is driven by a much larger Vision which envisages its growth and development as a dynamic body contributing to the development and enhancement of the UoC MBA Program as a prestigious post-graduate degree program catering to the changing management needs of modern industry and commerce. Helping in the national endeavours in the field of management education in general and contributing to the economic and social development of the country are among the other objectives of the Association.

The UoC MBAAA has completed 13 years of active existence rendering a useful service to its Members as well as to the Faculty of Management & Finance of the University & its MBA Students, the Business/Corporate Sector and the Society in general. In fact, it has been playing a vibrant role in the areas mentioned since its inception and has been commended on many an occasion for its splendid work, by the Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of the Faculty of Management & Finance as well as by others who have witnessed the programs and the events conducted. Through its various activities, the Association has become an important and effective link between the Management Faculty of the University and the Corporate Sector.

The present Executive Committee consists of 24 members unanimously elected at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 16 July 2010 at Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel. The EX-CO Members representing diverse disciplines ranging from general management, IT & engineering and banking & finance to marketing & advertising are experienced professionals/managers holding senior positions in public and private sector organizations. The new President Mr. Jude Fernando who is currently attached to Rhino Roofing Products Ltd as the General Manager (Factory) is an engineer by profession and a long-standing member of the Association. As a result of the commitment and hard work of the Past Presidents and the other members of the Past Executive Committees, the Association has already established itself as one of the best of its kind functioning in the country. Several high profile/popular activities/events particularly the Annual Management Conference, the Special Budget Seminar, the Speech Craft Program, the Evening Lectures, the MBA Nite and the Members Day have become regular features in the calendar of the Association. Apart from these activities, the Association has extended its support to the Faculty of Management & Finance of the University of Colombo in popularising and developing the MBA Program. In addition, the EX-CO Members have served & continue to serve as panellists in the interviews for the selection of students for admission to the MBA Program and some of them also serve as Visiting Lecturers of the Program.

The present President Mr. Jude Fernando has set a challenging Annual Plan for 2010/11 in order to take the Association to “**greater heights**”.

The President and the EX-CO of the Association are deeply indebted to the University of Colombo, particularly to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama, the Dean of the Faculty of Management and Finance Dr.P.S.M Gunaratne and the Unit Co-ordinator- Post Graduate & Mid-Career Program Mr.J.A.S.K. Jayakody for the invaluable guidance, support and co-operation extended in carrying out the plans and activities and for the excellent relationship maintained at all times.

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