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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

WELL-BEING CENTRE

PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING THROUGH VARMA SCIENCE AND DEEP MEDITATION YOGA

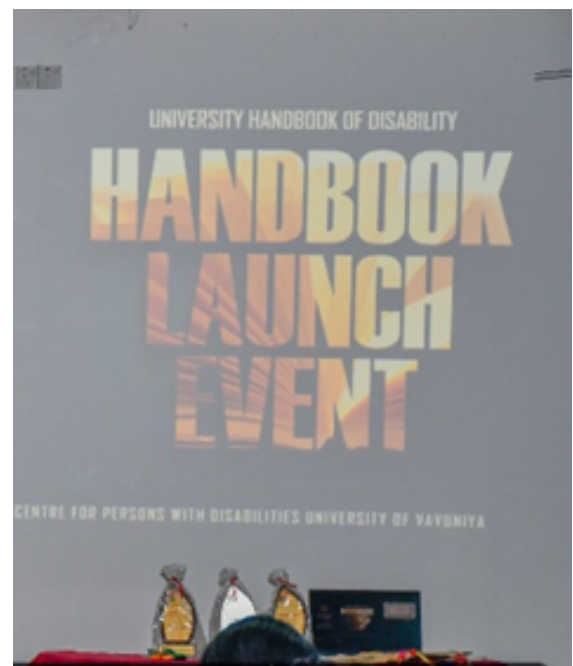
The proposal on "Promoting Healthy Living through Varma Science and Deep Meditation Yoga" developed and submitted by Prof. (Ms).A.Nanthakumaran, Dept. of Bio-science, Faculty of Applied Science, as the Director / Wellbeing Centre, has been awarded LKR 750,000.00 to carry out the activities such as; To create awareness of Varma science and Deep meditation yoga for the students and the public, Conduct programs to train Yoga trainers and Siddha Ayurveda Doctors on basic Varma Practices, Develop the curriculum for the Diploma program on Varma science. The resource persons will be invited from India.

SUPPORT CENTRE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

PUBLICATION OF THE HANDBOOK

The Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities of the University of Vavuniya organized the launch event for the University Handbook of Disability of the University of Vavuniya on March 27, 2024, by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Vavuniya. The University of Vavuniya Handbook of Disability, written by Mr. V. Subramaniyam, Coordinator/SCPD, was completed.

Prof. T. Magaleswaran, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Vavuniya, Deans of the faculties, Heads of the Departments, Dr. K. Nanthakumaran, Chief Guest, Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services-North, Dr. M. Malaravan, Special Guest, Consultant Eye Surgeon, Handbook Evaluator, Mr. K. Kandeegan, Programme Director, Centre for Accessibility Monitoring and Information on Disability, Author of the Handbook, Mr. V. Subramaniyam, Coordinator of SCPD, University of Vavuniya, and the staff and students of the University of Vavuniya participated in the event.



WORKSHOP ON “STRIVING FOR QUALITY AND RELEVANCE IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH: SOME STRATEGIC CHOICES

The Workshop on “Striving for quality and relevance in University Education and Research: Some Strategic Choices” was organized by the Staff Development Centre of University of Vavuniya on 17th January 2024 from 01.30 pm to 04.30 pm at the Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya. This workshop was organized for the permanent Academic staff and Executives Staff.

Prof. Nadarajah Sriskandarajah Professor Emeritus in Environmental Communication, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala served as the resource persons for this Workshop. Participants gained a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities arising in the global education system and they were able to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills through this workshop.



WORKSHOP ON “NAVIGATING RESEARCH METRICS: MAXIMIZING IMPACT WITH INDICATORS, AND JOURNAL SELECTION TECHNIQUES”

Workshop on “Navigating Research Metrics: Maximizing impact with indicators, and Journal selection techniques” was organized by the Staff Development Centre of University of Vavuniya held on 21st February 2024 from 01.00 pm to 04.00 pm at the Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya. This workshop was organized for the permanent Academic staff and Executives Staff.

Dr. T. Pratheepan Librarian (Acting), Uva Wellassa University served as the resource persons for this workshop. Participants gained more knowledge about the tools for measuring the scientific impact of research impact metrics, and gained more tips for identifying any predatory Publishers / Journals / Conferences through this workshop.



WORKSHOP ON “STUDENT COUNSELLING & MENTORING”

The Workshop on “Student Counselling & Mentoring” was organized by the Staff Development Centre, University of Vavuniya on 24th April 2024 from 01.30 pm to 04.30 pm at the Smart Lecture Hall Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya to Academic and other relevant staff.

Dr. Poongothai Selvarajan, Senior Lecturer in Management, Department of Management & Entrepreneurship, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Vavuniya served as the resource person for this workshop. A total of 29 participants participated under this session. Participants greatly benefited from this workshop, gaining insights into the importance of guidance and counseling among students, particularly in universities. They learned about the counseling process itself and acquired valuable mentoring skills. The interactive nature of the session proved instrumental in helping participants address their practical difficulties effectively



OUTBOUND TRAINING PROGRAMME

Staff Development Centre of the University of Vavuniya has organized an outbound training programme for the selected staff members of the University of Vavuniya on 03rd, 04th and 05th May 2024 at Southern Campus (Sooriyawewa) of General Sir Jonn Kothalawala Defence University. 30 staff members have participated in this three-day residential program.

This outbound training program provided benefits to our participants that enhance personal and professional skill development and practical skill development such as leadership, teamwork and problem solving.

Departure on 03rd May 2024 from UOV to Kotelawala Defense University Ratmalana 3rd May 2024 at 4.00 pm Arrival to Southern Campus, Sooriyawewa 05th May 2024 Sightseeing- Mattala, Airport/Hambantota port / Bird Park and return to Vavuniya.



WORKSHOP ON “UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS & ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES”

The Workshop on “University Research grants & associated procedures” was organized by the Staff Development Centre, University of Vavuniya on 24th July 2024 from 01.30 pm to 04.30 pm at the Smart Lecture Hall Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya to Academic and other relevant staff.

Prof. (Mrs). A. Nanthakumaran, Professor in Environmental Science, Department of Bio -Science, Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya Mr. L. Ramramanan, Bursar, University of Vavuniya served as the resource persons for this workshop. A total of 33 participants participated under this session. The workshop provided clarification on financial procedures related to research grants. Participants learned how to effectively create and manage budgets and procedures to follow.

CULTURAL CENTRE

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON ARTS AND CULTURE OF TAMILS (IRCACT) – 2024

The Department of Tamil Studies of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Cultural Centre of the University of Vavuniya, University of Mauritius, Pondicherry University, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vels University, University of Reunion, Asian Institute of Medicine Science and Technology to hosted an International Research Conference on Arts and Culture of Tamils on 13th of June 2024 at Eastern University of Sri Lanka (EUSL).



WORKSHOP ON “HOW TO SAYS NO”

The workshop on "How to Says No" was organized by the Career Guidance Unit for University Undergraduate Students and Staffs at the University of Vavuniya. Dr.Saranya Jeikumar, Educational psychologist, Tamil Nadu, served as the workshop's resource person. In this workshop, there were around 250 undergraduate students from all three faculties



WORK SHOP ON “FULBRIGHT SESSION”

The Career Guidance Unit of the University of Vavuniya Organised a Career Guidance Workshop and awareness session for All three faculties students and Academic Staff. 200 students and Staff actively participated this Workshop, it can be a rewarding and impactful initiative. Dr.Patric Macnamara, Director(US-SLFC) and Ms.Sasbitha George, Student Adviser / Education USA- Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission(US-SLFC) served as the workshop's resource person. It aims to help young minds explore their interests, skills, and potential career paths while raising awareness about various career options available to them Regarding Fulbright Scholarship. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to plan and execute such an event.



SEMINAR ON “UNIVERSITY ADMISSION AND GUIDANCE”

Organised a Seminar on “University Admission and Guidance for 2023 A\|L All Streams Students by the University of Vavuniya by the Career Guidance Unit. Prof.(Dr).Ananthiny Nanthakumaran, Dr.G.Jeyaseelan, Ms.Janaki Thevarupan, Mr.S.Harikaran, Ms. P.Rukksajiny served as the workshop’s resource person. It is an excellent initiative to help students for the University Admission in the region.



UNIVERSITY BUSINESS LINKAGE

AN EXHIBITION

An exhibition was Facilitated through UBL, UoV on March 7, 2024, from 9 AM-5 PM, infront of the Faculty of Technology, UoV. The event provided SMEs with an opportunity to present their products and promote their businesses as part of the Asia Pacific Conference. It also facilitated interactions between SMEs and academics to gain support and insights.



AWARD WINNING : HANGING ELECTRIC FENCE SYSTEM

Dr. S. Wijeyamohan presented his hanging electric elephant fence model, which was initially funded through UBL AHEAD project, to fabricate a trial fence at Mannakandal G. T. M. school, Mullaitivu. He then showcased this model at the Industry Expo 2024 International Exhibition, where he received the best innovation award in the Mechatronics category.



CENTRE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

WORKSHOP ON BY-LAW PREPARATION

Centre for Quality Assurance organized a discussion for By-Law preparation on 09th February 2024. Deans of the Faculties, Directors of Centers, Coordinators of the Units, Proctor, Marshall, Senior Students Counsellor, Students Counsellors participated in the discussion. Prof.N.Selvakumaran, Retired Senior Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo invited as resource person.



SPORTS

NETBALL TEAM

SELECTION TRIAL FOR THE COMBINED UNIVERSITY NETBALL TEAM

On February 14, 2024, the University of Colombo hosted the selection trial for the combined university netball team. In addition to 28 students from other government universities, four students of the University of Vavuniya Netball team joined part in this selection. Two University of Vavuniya students, Ms. G.A.S. Garusingha and Ms. T. Tharsini, were selected in the top 17 of the first round of selection. Ms. G.A.S. Garusingha was selected in the final round to play for the combined university netball team in the Sri Lanka Netball Association's Inter Association Netball Tournament 2024.



KARATE TEAM

11TH OPEN I.S.K.D.J. INTERNATIONAL CUP 2024

Mr. Nalaka Priyadarshana, member of karate team participated in the 11th Open I.S.K.D.J. International Cup 2024 held on 3rd March 2024 and won 2 silver medals in Kata and Kumite.



STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

CULTURAL CENTRE

AWARDING CEREMONY FOR CERTIFICATE IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

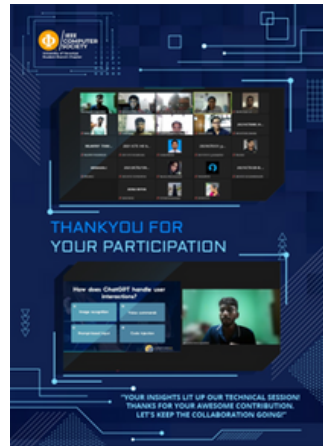
Awarding ceremony for Certificate in Russian Language was organized on 12th of February 2024 in the University of Vavuniya. His Excellency Mr. Levan S. Dzhagaryan, Ambassador of the Russian federation in the democratic socialist republic of Sri Lanka and to the republic of Maldives was invited as a Chief Guest.

His Excellency Prof. Janitha A. Liyanage, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Russia, Prof. Kozhanov Igor Vladimirovich, Rector, Chuvash I. Yakovlev State Pedagogical university, Russia, Madam Maria Popova, Director of Russian house in Colombo were invited as Special Guests. Respected Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Mangaleswaran, Director- Cultural Centre, Mr. S. S. Suthaharan, Director- International Division, Dr. N. Raveendrakumaran, Deans of Faculties, Registrar, Bursar, and Heads of Departments were present in the event.



DIVE INTO THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY

The IEEE Computer Society Student Branch University of Vavuniya organised an energetic online session on January 31, 2024, to raise awareness of the exciting field of computer science. Participating as a resource was Mr. Keshihan Ilamuruganathan, who holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Information Systems from the Faculty of Computing at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. More than fifty students participated actively in the session.



CODE SPRINT

The Code Sprint Competition was successfully held at the Faculty of Technology Studies, TCL-01, on March 30, 2024, by the IEEE Computer Society Student Branch of the University of Vavuniya. More than thirty students enthusiastically participated.



IOT HANDS ON SESSION

The IEEE Computer Society organized an enriching IoT session on April 20, 2024, at the TLH-01 hall and witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 70 attendees. This event was generously sponsored by the Lyca Gnanam Foundation.



SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS AND BOOST YOUR CAREER

The IEEE Computer Society Sri Lanka, in partnership with the IEEE Computer Society University of Kelaniya and the University of Vavuniya, successfully organised a Zoom virtual event on May 30, 2024, with the theme "Sharpen Your Skills and Boost Your Career." The resource persons were Mr. Randeeshya Savindu, who is the chair of the Student Activities Committee of IEEE CS Sri Lanka and the QA Engineer at Ambrum Solutions, and Mr. Vidura Bandara, who is the chair of the YP Actives Committee of IEEE CS Sri Lanka and an NCINGA project manager.



NAVIGATING QUALITY ASSURANCE

The University of Vavuniya's IEEE Computer Society hosted an informative virtual workshop called "Navigating Quality Assurance" via Zoom on June 21, 2024. As a resource, Ms. Chathudya Jayawardana, a Software Quality Assurance Engineer at SYNERGN Health (Pvt) Ltd, was involved.



STEM SPARK

A partnership between the IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Groups of the University of Kelaniya, the University of Ruhuna, and the University of Vavuniya, STEM SPARK grasped a dynamic workshop on March 6, 2024, at Al-Aksha Maha Vidyalaya, Vavuniya, with the goal of encouraging post-O/L students to pursue STEM as a career. The source was Mr. Ravichandran Soban, a temporary assistant lecturer in the Department of ICT at the University of Vavuniya's Faculty of Technological Studies.



WIE AWARENESS SESSION

The WIE Affinity Group of IEEE Student Branch of University of Vavuniya organized an awareness session aimed at introducing and promoting the Women in Engineering (WIE) initiative to the university community on 10th May 2024. Ms. Michelle Perera, Former Student Activities Committee Chair for WIE Sri Lanka Section served as the resource person.



LADYPROTO 1.0

LadyProto 1.0 was a virtual hackathon that was open to all female undergraduate students at the University of Vavuniya. It took place on June 5, 2024 (Awareness session 01), June 16, 2024 (Awareness session 02), and July 5, 2024 (Grand Finale). Resource persons were Ms. Lakna Jayasinghe, Senior User Experience Designer at IFS, and Ms. Dinithi Weerakoon, UX Designer at Rootcode Labs. The judge was Mr. S.Gopinath, Instructor in Computer Technology Faculty of Applied Science .





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