

## Obituary Notice – Professor Ambalam Pushpanathan



*(24.03.1964 – 31.01.2025).*

It is with the deep sorrow that we announce the passing of **Prof. (Dr.) Ambalam Pushpanathan**, Professor in Management at the Faculty of Business Studies, University of Vavuniya.

The late professor's remains will be kept at his residence in **Puviyakam, Nelukkulam, Vavuniya**, on **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**. On **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 (Monday)**, from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, his remains will be at the **University of Vavuniya**, allowing staff, his colleagues and students to pay their respects.

His funeral will take place at his Jaffna residence, **Selva Mahal, Alvai, Karaveddy**, on **5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by cremation at **Alvai Hindu Cemetery**.

Prof. (Dr.) Ambalam Pushpanathan was born on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1964 in Vathiry, Alvai, Point Pedro, Jaffna. He completed his schooling from Grade One to Advanced Level at J/Thevarayali Hindu College. He obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1989 from the University of Jaffna, a Postgraduate Diploma in Management in 1996 from Sri Jayewardenepura University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Management Science (Enterprise Management) from Xiamen University, China, in 2008. In 2006, he was honored with the Best International Student Encouragement Award at Xiamen University.

Prof. Pushpanathan was a distinguished academic and dedicated educator, who served at the University of Vavuniya since 1994. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in Management on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. Throughout his illustrious career, he made significant contributions to the fields of Entrepreneurship, Small Business Development, and Marketing Management. He served as Head of the Department of Economics and Management from 2010 to 2013 and as Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies from 2013 to 2019.

He also held the position of Director of the Centre for Quality Assurance from 2021 to 2024. Prof. Pushpanathan's contributions to the field of management and the impact he made on those around him will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the University of Vavuniya, we express our heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends and relatives.

Om Shanti!!! May his soul rest in peace!!!

**Staff of University of Vavuniya**