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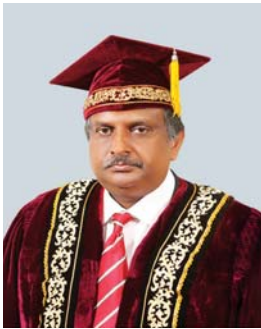
44th Convocation University of Sri Jayewardenepura



'I wish all the best to all those who are becoming graduates today.'

Chancellor Ven. Dr. Iththapane Dhammalankara

Mahanayake of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagri Dhamma Maha Sangha Sabha of the Syamopali Maha Nikaya.



Senior Prof.
Sampath Amaraturunge

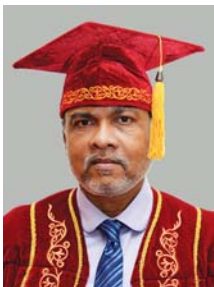
Message of the Vice Chancellor

It is indeed a great pleasure to send this congratulatory message on the occasion of the 44th General Convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura which is to be held on the 6th and 7th of September 2018. First, I would like to warmly congratulate both undergraduate and postgraduate students of the university who will be conferred upon their respective degrees today. A celebration is due as it is your unwavering effort, dedication and perseverance that earned you this success. Therefore, I take great pride in sending this message for this glorious moment of your life.

The roots of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura can be traced back to its noble beginnings in 1873 as Vidyodaya Pirivena located in Maligakanda which was founded by the most venerable Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero. The Pirivena gained University status in 1958 by the Parliamentary Act of Vidyodaya and Vidyalankara Universities. The Vidyodaya University of Ceylon was then ceremoniously opened on the 16th of February 1959 under the leadership of the most Venerable Welivitiye Sri Soratha Thero who was the Principal of the Pirivena at that time. Vidyodaya University then became the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in 1978.

At the beginning the University hosted only 366 students in five faculties. Today the University of Sri Jayewardenepura is the largest University in Sri Lanka with yearly enrolments amounting to over 13,000 students. The university comprises seven faculties: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Technology and the Faculty of Engineering. I am proud to say that the University of Sri Jayewardenepura has over 17 fully developed active research centers which are conducting research on such vital areas as Cancer, Dengue, Herbal Medicine, and Nano technology.

Our annual student intake rate has steadily increased and will continue to do so with future developments. We consider our students as our prime responsibility and hence, we have always strived to cater to their requirements. Within the last few years we were able to increase the hostel capacity by 53%. We have further initiated creating a self-sustaining environment, starting at the student level encouraging entrepreneurship. With the current student employability rate of 90% within the first six months, I can confidently say that the students who graduate from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura are sufficiently capable and cultured to face challenges and evolving needs of the economy and the country.



Prof.
D.P.S. Chandrakumara

Message of the Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

On behalf of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, I congratulate the graduating students of 2018. You have accomplished great things during your time at the university and we wish you every success at this turning point of your career journey.

In line with our vision, to prosper lives through learning, we follow a process of transforming young adults into valuable human capital. This year the faculty has transformed nearly 840 young adults into graduates who will contribute to the society as social scientists and humanists. These graduates are enriched not only with academic skills, but also with a sense of ethical, social, environmental and moral responsibility towards the society they serve.

Today's economy is such that employers in the labour market will identify the graduates with higher skills when they recruit people in their organizations. Those who have utilized the time meaningfully during their stay at university would be rewarded with jobs, better jobs and promotions even after employing.

As a developing country, Sri Lanka's economy is not sufficiently strong enough to absorb all the new graduates into the local labor market at once. However, your continual attempt and determination combined with the skills and knowledge that you are currently armed with will empower you to achieve great levels of success in various professions and careers. The path to your success could be available to you anywhere in the globe transcending geographical and other physical boundaries.

Producing graduates can impact the society in many ways. If employed at the right time to the relevant sector, they could add more to the growth of an economy due to their increased productivity as a result of their exposure to higher education. In addition, the knowledge and the experimental orientation inherited due to university education will generate more beneficial effects on the society and the environment. Meanwhile, the graduates should also take into their minds and hearts about their social responsibility as those who were beneficiaries of free education. Some of the key responsibilities of a graduate among many more should be to help reduce the bureaucracy, red-tape, bribery, corruption, theft and fraud, drug addiction, environmental damage, different conflicts, etc. and to help establish a sustainable and peaceful country where above all people respect each other. People cannot live and remain in this country unless you fulfill this responsibility together with rest of the community.

On behalf of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, I congratulate you once again on all your achievements and wish you a bright future filled with boundless opportunities!



Senior Prof.
Sudantha Liyanage

Message of the Dean Faculty of Applied Sciences

Congratulations!

As the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences for the 9th consecutive year, I take pleasure in congratulating all the students of the faculty at this occasion which is considered to be one of the most remarkable and happiest days in their life. For a student's life, graduation means the occasion where they reap the harvest that had been sown by them for three or four years with hard efforts towards reaching academic standards. Therefore, I believe that this is one of the most significant events in your life where you are going to see the gift for your efforts at the Faculty of Applied Sciences being rewarded to you officially. Stepping ahead to build the future of themselves as well as the world has always been the main goal of our graduates and I hope that the same will continue with the graduates born through this convocation, too, and hence would like to mark today's graduation ceremony with great honor.

To remind you about the Faculty of Applied Sciences which was established almost fifty five years ago, it is considered to be the second oldest faculty in the university and one of the oldest among the Faculties of Science in Sri Lanka. It is currently regarded as the largest Science Faculty with respect to the student numbers and it is recognized for its unconventional path in implementing many new and revolutionary ideas. Considering the intellectual capacity, teaching and research facilities, span of curricular and more importantly, producing directly employable graduates in diverse disciplines, the Faculty of Applied Sciences in University of Sri Jayewardenepura is at a higher level. The conglomeration of highly qualified, dedicated and eminent academic staff members of more than 100 who possess their qualifications up to PhD level and some with recognition as leading scientists in the country with many accolades from the state and other prestigious scientific bodies also adds value for the strengths of the faculty. It is a pride to us that all these have led to see many of our past students holding important positions in academia, government institutions and in the industry contributing immensely towards the development of the country.

The faculty has spread its curricular into a vast area of studies including subjects such as Aquatic Resource Management, Microbiology, Management Science and Economics, Sport Science and Management, ICT, PST, Stat and Electronics as well. The subject of Biology has been reintroduced to the undergraduate curricular after 30 years. Students of the faculty are also exposed to the knowledge of IT, English language and soft skills during the undergraduate period and thus are capable of successfully engaging in internships, research projects and training programs in keeping with the needs and demands of the local and international job market.

As the Dean of the Faculty, I'm proud that we have offered our undergraduates the opportunity and strength to achieve their goals making the best of the resources available to them while developing a balanced portfolio of academic and career knowledge which will assist them to reach professional success and personal development once they are graduates. It can be the very reason why our graduates often gain a high demand and positive comments from the industry as well as academics. Therefore it is an honour to mark this event with my praises for such graduates who are seated in front with the hope of reaping the final fruits of their academic life and giving something valuable back to this world. Thus, I, on behalf of the Faculty, congratulate them all and wish them all success in their life!

Thank you.



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Message of the Dean Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce

Dr.

U. Anura Kumara

As the Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, I'm honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all graduands at the event of the 44th General Convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

The Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC) of University of Sri Jayewardenepura is the Pioneering, Leading and Largest Management Faculty within the university system in the country with an illustrious history of over 50 years dedicated to scholarship, research and service to the nation. Its landmark achievements and continued success has maintained its status quo, as the 'the Center of Excellence for Management Education in Sri Lanka', attracting the best performed students of the commerce stream for university entry. FMSC maintains its unwavering quality by retaining a group of highly qualified academia equipped to stimulate minds with learning and research, and is dedicated to impart specialized knowledge, skills and required practical training that would prove essential when venturing into challenging arenas both locally and internationally. The high demand for our graduates, their higher rate of employment and the incredible stories of our alumni stand the test of time in this regard.

Therefore my dear students, as you arrive at this significant juncture of your lives, I believe that this investment of your time and effort helped you in creating the best version of yourself. I am also certain that you have secured a prominent, demanding and most definitely responsible position in society, wherein your community - both young and old would consider you a shining example; and therefore I believe that there is no better time than now for you to rise to the occasion and practice the best of what you've learnt and experienced during your four long, tiring and yet wonderful years of education.

I look forward to seeing you uplifting our society in years to come and on behalf of FMSC I am extremely proud of you, and congratulate you once again wishing you all success!



Message of the Dean Faculty of Medical Sciences

Senior Prof.

Surangi G. Yasawardene

At the 44th convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ) to be held to-day, Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing [BScHons(Nursing)], Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours [BPharmHons], Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences [BScHons(MLS)] and Bachelor of Science in Human Biology [Bsc(Human Biology)] will be conferred on a batch of graduands. Established in 1993 as the first Faculty of Medical Sciences in Sri Lanka, as we celebrate the 25th anniversary this year, it gives us much pride to declare that we have taken a lead role in training an entire team of health professionals required for the country realizing the high national need.

As medical students in all State medical faculties kept away from academic work for nearly 10 months last year, protesting over sub standard private medical education, a main batch of medical graduands are not available for the conferment of MBBS degrees today

In keeping with the Faculty goals, the medical and health graduates produced by Faculty of Medical Sciences of USJ are enriched with the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes and mind set to provide health care services in any part of Sri Lanka.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences of USJ is the first Faculty to enroll the Diploma holders of Nursing, Pharmacy and Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ministry of Health through the lateral entry pathway to undergraduate courses to obtain degree level qualifications. Some of them are among the graduands to be conferred with degrees to-day.

The journey to acquire knowledge and skills does not end with the conferment of a degree. It needs to continue to proceed forward aspiring at excellence. The MBBS and Allied Health Sciences degrees mark the beginning of a life-long journey of acquiring knowledge, improving skills, communication, professionalism and humanism in serving mankind and engaging in health sciences research of national priorities.

While congratulating the happy recipients and their proud parents, I consider it my duty to also commend the commitment and enthusiasm of the excellent academia of the Faculty of Medical Sciences and the extended staff of our main affiliated teaching hospitals - Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital and Homagama Base Hospital for the assistance they have rendered in this regard.

I wish all graduates who are being convoked today all success in their future professional endeavours.



Message of the Dean Faculty of Graduate Studies

Senior Prof.

Hemanthi Ranasinghe

It is with great pleasure I confer this congratulatory message to you on the occasion of your convocation – a memorable event that gives you a sense of pride, fulfilment and joy. This moment would not have become a reality if not for your dedication, commitment and perseverance. We too are happy at the opportunity we got to facilitate this process with the able cooperation and collaboration with all the Faculties in the University.

We are also grateful to all of you for contributing to achieve our vision in of firmly establishing itself as the center of excellence for advanced learning, research and scholarship both within and outside the domain of Sri Lanka. Despite the fact that this Faculty had been established rather recently (in 1996) during the past 22 years Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) has awarded 174 Ph.D degrees, 198 MPhil degrees, 126 MA degrees, 1444 MSc degrees and 490 Master of Business Administration 1653 Postgraduate Diplomas from 1996 to 2018 and there is a significant increase of student numbers registered for postgraduate degrees. In addition to the facilitation in enhancement of knowledge by way of postgraduate degrees we are also effectively providing courses to facilitate continuous professional development through short term intensive courses and workshops on areas of topical interest with a view to provide on the job knowledge and skills to face the challenging work environment. We are now offering joint research degrees with several renown universities in the world ie. Queensland University of Technology, Australia and University of Calgary, Canada. Many others are being finalized. Further through our partnerships with the industry both local and international the students have made valuable contributions in respective disciplines in solving burning issues experienced in the country readily used by the end-users.

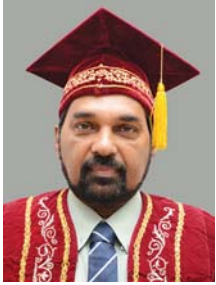
The journey to acquire knowledge and skills does not end with the conferment of the degree but needs to continue to climb and aspire excellence. Knowledge, skills and positive attitudes are the key to success for all human beings. We as citizens of a developing country has a greater stake to be active partners in both the global and local effort in bringing on sustainable development which is economically feasible, socially acceptable and environmentally sound - which will ensure high quality of life for us as well as for our future generations. Sri Lanka is a signatory country which signed the global initiative to achieve this by adopting 'Sustainable Development Goals' in September 2015 at the United Nations General Assembly. It has now launched its Sustainable Vision 2030 which outlines the path of sustainable development in line with the 17 sustained development goals which is driven by its people. I sincerely request all of you to give your level best to contribute to this noble effort. You can start this today by resorting to sustainable lifestyles which will contribute to reduce your own carbon footprint which will lead to the larger reduction of the carbon footprint in the world.

I wish all graduates who are being convoked today all success in their future professional and personnel endeavors.





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Message of the Acting Dean Faculty of Technology

Senior Prof.
Sudantha Liyanage

Congratulations to all our graduating students! We are glad to see you all accomplishing your biggest dream in university life today and as graduates of the Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, we hope you will do your best in the field wherever you join making us proud to say that you all were another group of geniuses born from our faculty.

Looking back at the history of your newly started faculty, University of Sri Jayewardenepura had become forward accepting to establish the first ever Faculty of Technology in a Sri Lankan university to support the government initiation of new undergraduate programs into the Sri Lankan university system providing an avenue for those who are ambitious to work in the industry and pursue higher studies under Technology stream. Thus, the project of Establishment of Faculty of Engineering and Technology at University of Sri Jayewardenepura was initiated in July 2013, and the establishment of the faculty was officially announced in 2016. It is an honor to say that the establishment of this faculty marked a new dimension in Sri Lankan university system and a remarkable chapter in the history of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, of which the first batch of students of the Faculty of Technology will be graduating in 2020. The students of the faculty are mainly offered three degree programs, Bachelor of Bio systems Technology, Bachelor of Engineering Technology and Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology. The combination of highly qualified staff along with the facilities offered to the students makes the quality of the standard of the teaching-learning process standard at the faculty which can lead the students to make them outstanding amongst the other graduates of the same field.

Thus, as the Acting Dean of the faculty, I believe that you all have been gifted with a very precious opportunity to make the best of the degree that you are offered and reach the development of yourself as well as the development of the country. Finally I would like to thank you for choosing our University to underpin your life's journey and for making us so proud today. Eventually, I must say that I am honored to be a part of this convocation ceremony remarkably and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for a bright future on behalf of the faculty as well as the university.
Thank you.



Message of the Dean Faculty of Engineering

Dr.
SAAM Subasinghe

It's a privilege to address such a special group of students who have worked so tirelessly to achieve the ultimate goal of your university life. On behalf of the newly establishment Faculty of Engineering, I would like congratulate you on this special milestone in your life. The graduation will mark the beginning of your professional career and from the intellect and dedication you have shown so far, I believe it to be a bright and a promising one. Armed with knowledge and experience gained at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, you are ready to conquer the dreams and expectations of you and your family.

The Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was established with a vision to add Engineering graduates to the current repertoire of graduates produced by the University. Established only two years ago, it is already becoming one of the most sought after Engineering Faculties in the country. They will also join ranks with you in the industry in merely two years' time.

As a graduate of this establishment, others will look up to you for leadership and guidance. With this power of influence, you have a social responsibility to drive this country towards sustainable development.

I wish all graduates Success in their future professional endeavors in their chosen career paths.



Message from the Registrar

K. Gnanasiri Britto

It is my pleasure to send this message to the supplement published on the occasion of the General Convocation of the University in my capacity as the Registrar of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

The Convocation day is a day of celebrations with future expectations and recognition of great achievement. We all are inspired to see the results of hard work and successful achievement.

The Convocation is the testimony of the dedication and devotion of Academic Administrative and Non- Academic communities, without which the realisation of the University goals is not possible.

Therefore I believe this General Convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura showcases the talents and achievements of the passing out graduands.

I congratulate on all graduands for their achievement and wish them all the best in future endeavours.

