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Most Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero



Most Ven. Welivitiye Soratha Thero

University of Sri Jayewardenepura

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura dates back to 1873, when the Most Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero laid the foundation stone for the University as the "Vidyodaya Pirivena". In 1958, Vidyodaya Pirivena was given the status of a University under the Vidyodaya University and Vidyalkara University Act No. 45 of 1958. The Most Ven. Welivitiye Soratha Thero, who was the principal of the Vidyodaya Pirivena at that time was appointed the first Vice-Chancellor of the University. The University was ceremonially opened on 16th February 1959 as the Vidyodaya University of Ceylon. In 1977, the University was re-named as the University of Sri Jayewardenepura along with the introduction of several other structural changes in the higher education sphere of the country.

Since then, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura has evolved into a fully fledged University with new Faculties, Departments and other innovations and expansions thus becoming the largest University in terms of student population in Sri Lanka, with more than 13,000 students. The most significant recent breakthroughs are the additions of the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Technology and the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences which makes the total number of Faculties 08.

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Message from the Chancellor

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

Chancellor

Ven. Dr. Ittepane Dhammalankara
Mahanayake of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagri Dhamma Maha Sangha Sabha of the
Syamopali Maha Nikaya



Message from the Vice Chancellor

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this congratulatory message on the occasion of the 45th General Convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura which is to be held on the 10th and the 11th of September 2019 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. My heartfelt well wishes to the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University as congratulations is due. This day has been long awaited by you all and have been the destination aimed for. I hope that on this occasion you are proud of what you have achieved and it is everything you wished for.

The 45th General convocation is taking place during one of the most special milestones of the University. This year we are celebrating the dawning of sixty years since the inception of the university as Vidyodaya University in 1959. However, this year while celebrating our Diamond jubilee we are also commemorative of our 145 year legacy. Vidyodaya University which became University of Sri Jayewardenepura first emerged as the VidyodayaPrivena established by the most Venerable Hikkaduwe Sri SumangalaThero.

The Privena at that time served as a pivotal establishment which changed the face of Sri Lankan Education. When the VidyodayaPrivena was made a university under the leadership of the most Venerable Welivitiye Sri Sorathero, he too made a massive impact on Sri Lankan Higher Education by creating an institution that was able to cater to the majority of local



students who were unable to obtain a proper education due to the 'English only' Higher Education system that prevailed in the country.

Vidyodaya University which began with only 366 students and five faculties; hosts over 14,000 students in eight 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, Faculty of Engineering and the latest addition to the University, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

In addition to the Faculties of study, The University of Sri Jayewardenepura has an affiliated institute to itself. Postgraduate Institute of Management established in 1978.

The institute aims to promote advanced education and professionalism in management in Sri Lanka. The Institute has expanded its reach in the international by establishing institutes in countries such as: United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bangladesh and Oman. Having recognized the magnanimous role of research in the journey to develop our mother nation; the University of Sri Jayewardenepura embarked on voyage of research. The University with its active Research council have established over 25 Research centres. Each centre dedicated to finding solutions and innovations for pressing problems in Sri Lanka and the world. The research areas of the centres spans from Cancer, Dengue,

Herbal medicine to fields such as Robotics, Apple technologies and Nano technology.

In year 2018 the University took yet another step towards a great evolution by introducing the Invention, Innovation and Venture Creation Council (IIVCC). The council focuses on developing links between the university and industry ad showcasing student and staff innovations. The Centre was established so as to provide undergraduates a view of the industry requirements and to facilitate them with a suitable environment that will encourage students and staff to be involved in invention and innovation. The student intake has steadily increased over the years and we as a university will continue to facilitate students to the best of our capabilities. Students at University of Sri Jayewardenepura are always encouraged to maintain a fine balance between academic work and their engagement in extra-curricular activities. University of Sri Jayewardenepura boasts of excellence in the Sports arena, having won the 'Sri Lanka University Games for three consecutive years the Students also have represented the University in international level sports competitions.

Thereby, I am confident when I say the 'Japura' graduate is one that is able to face any challenge that is put forth to them. I congratulate these students who have worked tirelessly to excel and I wish them all the very best for a future that is theirs to gear towards success.

Senior Professor Sampath Amararatunge
Vice Chancellor

Dean - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



The faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura is striving hard from all possible aspects to maintain its academic excellence and to produce graduates to the ever changing and fast moving world. Therefore, I am privileged to congratulate the students who graduate this year as they have achieved one significant milestone in

their academic career by becoming a proud graduate of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

In line with our vision 'to prosper lives through learning' we follow a process of empowering our students in to valuable human capital. This year the faculty confers nearly 835 students as new graduates who will contribute to the nation with their utmost capacities developed up to now culminating with the degree they have earned from this university. We also have very high hopes that our graduates will be innovative thinkers and productive members of the global society.

It is a fact that Sri Lanka's economy is not sufficiently strong enough to absorb all the new graduates in to the local labor market at once. However, their continual attempts and determinations combined with the skills and knowledge that they are currently armed with will empower them to achieve great levels of success in various professions and careers. We are proud that they are graduates who can look beyond horizons and their success could fit into any challenging environment in the globe transcending geographical and other physical boundaries.

As these students are equipped with required skills to the world of work, we believe that they will not limit to be employees but will try to be entrepreneurs with innovative entrepreneurial skills they have acquired during the academic life so far and mixing the required sub-skills with positive attitudes they have inculcated with the support of the strong academic wings of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

On this momentous day the graduates cherish the fruits of their hard work with all forward-looking thoughts. Congratulations and Happy Graduation!

Professor Shirantha Heenkenda
Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dean - Faculty of Applied Sciences



On behalf of the Faculty of Applied Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, I extend sincere congratulations and best of luck to the graduates of the 45th convocation. You have been exceptional representatives of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for the university and the faculty by building upon your reputation for analytical skills as science graduates.

Today we recognize the accomplishments of four graduates in the Faculty of Applied Sciences. Your dedicated pursuit and successful attainment of your respective degrees will allow you to make a difference in the field of science and technology of our country as future academics, scientists, educators, researchers and leaders. Our country has been indexed as a middle income country for a significant number of years and it seems that we are confined in what is called the middle income trap. Hence, we have to think new and be innovative. To be Sri Lanka's future leaders in the field of science and technology, you have to work to move the country forward to achieve the status of a developed nation.

The University of Sri Jayewardenepura celebrated its 60th anniversary early this year; we have been in existence as the VidyodayaPrivena for a hundred and forty plus years. The Faculty of Applied Sciences is the second oldest faculty in the university and yet we are still moving forward with a vibrant progress.

It is indeed a pride to note that our graduates are inculcated with core values of the university while keeping abreast with up-to-date scientific knowledge. To achieve this, the faculty has a young and vibrant staff as well as a strong and experienced group of senior academics, both of whom are highly qualified in their respective fields. We have eleven departments and various research centers that enrich student experience in the faculty. We have a very conducive environment for students to engage in their academic and extracurricular activities.

Dear students, as you leave the university as graduates of the 45th convocation of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and alumni of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, be proud of your individual and collective accomplishments. When you leave the university today, you will represent the Faculty of Applied Sciences as alumni who will make a difference and truly impact our country in critical ways. I would like to mention that your alma mater, your faculty and staff are so very proud of you. Furthermore, we are all counting on you to help to create a prosperous and peaceful Sri Lanka. Thank you.

Professor L. Karunanayake
Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences

Dean - Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce



As the Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, I'm honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all graduates at the event of the 45th 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 60 years dedicated to scholarship, research and service to the nation. Its landmark achievements and continued success has maintained its status quo, as 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 academics 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 sincerely believe that this investment of your time and effort has helped you in molding a personality which you and your family could be proud of. I am also certain that you have secured a prominent, demanding and most definitely a responsible position in society, wherein your community - both young and old would consider you a shining example and expect you to take Sri Lanka to greener pastures that you and I dreamt of and spoke of throughout your four years at the FMSC. Thus, 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 and most certainly memorable years of education.

I look forward to seeing you uplifting our society in years to come and helping our people to see the world through new and educated lenses. On behalf of FMSC I am extremely proud of you, and congratulate you once again wishing you all success!

Dr. U. Anura Kumara
Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce

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Dean - Faculty of Medical Sciences



At the 45th 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 [BS(Hons/Nursing)], Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours [BPharm(Hons)], Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences [BS(Hons/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, 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. To further expand the number of health professional degree programmes and the number of undergraduates trained in these degree programmes, in March 2019 a new Faculty of Allied Health Sciences was established in the USJ.

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 course 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.

Senior Professor Surangi G. Yasawardene
Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences

Dean - Faculty of Graduate Studies



As the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, it is with immense pleasure I confer this congratulatory message to you all on the occasion of your convocation, which is a memorable event that gives you a sense of pride, fulfilment and joy. This moment would not have become a reality if not of 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 of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which is to be 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 23 years, the Faculty of Graduate Studies has awarded 174 PhD degrees, 200 MPhil degrees, 131 MA degrees, 1,462 MSc degrees, 509 MBA degrees, 1657 Postgraduate Diplomas from 1996 to 2018, and there is significant increase of student numbers registered for these 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 professional and academic interest with a view to provide on the job knowledge and skills to face the challenging work environment. Through our national and international industrial partnerships, the

students have made valuable contributions in respective disciplines in resolving burning issues experience in the country, which are readily used by the end-users. Thus, out of all these initiatives, the Faculty of Graduate Studies has taken up the noble objective to contribute to the national development of Sri Lanka.

I would like to note that, the journey to acquire knowledge and skills does not end with the conferment of the degree, but needs to continuously continue to ascend and aspire excellence. Knowledge, skills and positive attitudes are the key to success for all human beings. We as citizens of a developing country have greater stake to be active partners in both global and local efforts 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 National General Assembly. It has now launched its Sustainable Vision 2030 which outlines the path of sustainable development in line with the 17 sustainable 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 itself by resorting to sustainable lifestyles that will contribute to the sustainability of yourselves, the country and this world.

I wish all the postgraduates who are being convoked today all the success in their future academic, professional and personal endeavors.

Senior Professor M. M. Pathmalal
Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

Dean - Faculty of Technology



Congratulations to all our newly 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 convocation 2020. The students of the faculty are mainly offered three degree programs at SLQF Level 06, Bachelor of Bio systems Technology (Honours), Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Honours) and Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (Honours). 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 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.

Senior Professor Sudantha Liyanage
Dean, Faculty of Technology



Convocation is the momentous day of accomplishment of both personal and professional lives of all the graduates. It is the pinnacle of their hard work, commitment and dedication in an institutionalized education life of more than a decade.

Not only is it a celebration of achievement of the graduates, it also is a silent tribute to the commitment of their parents, educators and many others behind the scene along the way. It is always a privilege to address such a special group who has worked so tirelessly to achieve this ultimate goal.

While a completion of any academic degree is a significant achievement, it is an opportunity to reflect on all the smaller victories that brought you to this day. When this wonderful celebration ends, you will move to a new part

of life beginning your professional career and committing yourselves to the betterment of the society. From the intellect and dedication you have shown so far, I believe it to be a bright and a promising move. Armed with knowledge and experience gained at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and filled with the fond memories of this day, you are ready to dream bigger and to conquer tougher goals. With this power of influence, I am sure, you will achieve the social responsibility to drive this country towards sustainable development.

It is with pleasure I remind you all that, the graduates of the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, which was established recently with a vision to add Engineering graduates to the current repertoire of graduates produced by the University, will also join this force with you in near future. Congratulations! I wish all graduates success in their future endeavors in their chosen career paths.

Dr. K. M. C. Konthesingha
Dean, Faculty of Engineering.

Dean (Acting) - Faculty of Allied Health Sciences



I consider it an honor to write this message as the Dean (Acting) of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences on the occasion of the 45th Convocation of University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The convocation is a day which is looked forward to by graduates, parents and academics. It is the day that the graduates are officially certified and announced as eligible to practice in the respective field of study. You will

take different routes but will finally serve the community and the humanity in a broader prospect. Where ever you are serve the community well and with a sense of responsibility. There will be many obstacles and hardships that the graduates will face as you take the next steps in life. Face them with courage and try to achieve excellence. I wish all those who graduate today success and contentment.

Professor D. M. S. Fernando
Dean (Acting) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

Message from the Registrar



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.

K. G. Britto - Registrar