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Biography:

Dr. C.K. Beneragama, born in Kaluthara (Western Province, Sri Lanka) in 1971 June 23rd, received his primary education at Kaluthara Maha Vidyalaya (1978-1982) and secondary education from Nalanda College, Colombo (1983-1990). He was a member of college Badminton and Basket Ball teams, and in many other students' societies. Before enter into the University of Peradeniya in 1994, he served as a Junior Executive at Hatton National Bank (1991-1994 Jan.) and played for the Basket Ball team of the bank. He received his BSc (Agric.) degree in 1999 with a second class (upper division), being the first in the batch of 180 students and with several academic merit awards. He was a University Colours holder in both Badminton and Basket Ball and was an active member in many extracurricular activities. Later Dr. Beneragama received his MPhil degree from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2005), and completed his MSc (2007) and PhD degrees (2010) in Japan. He joined the academic staff at University of Peradeniya in 1999 and currently serving as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture. In December 2011, Dr. Beneragama was appointed as the Director of the Staff Development Centre of University of Peradeniya and he served there until January 2015. In 2016 February, he was appointed as the Director of the Agriculture Education Unit of Faculty of Agriculture.

Educational Qualifications:

PhD : Doctor of Philosophy, Iwate University, Japan (2010)

MSc : Master of Science, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine,

Japan (2007)

MPhil: Master of Philosophy, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2005)

PGCTm: Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Methodologies, University of Peradeniya

(2003)

BSc : Bachelor of Science (Agriculture), University of Peradeniya (1999)

Appointments (Selected):

- Chairman, Workgroup Postharvest in Emerging Countries, International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS), Belgium (2017 April to date)
- Director, Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya (2016 Feb – to date)
- *Director,* Academy of Administrative Professionals, Colombo (2015 to date)
- **Director**, Staff Development Centre, University of Peradeniya (2011 Dec. 2015 Jan.)
 - Training both Academic and non-academic staff members of the university under the themes related to Capacity building in Soft skills and Hard Skills
- Convenor/Conference Chair, IV International Conference on Postharvest and Quality
 Management of Horticultural Products of Interest for Tropical Regions, International Society
 for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS), Belgium (2017)
- **Secretary,** Board of Study in Crop Science, Postgarduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya (2016 Jan. to date)
- Senior Student Counselor, University of Peradeniya (2011-2013)
- Chairman, Young Scientists Forum, National Science and Technology Commission, Colombo (2014), Member of the Steering Committee of the same (2012-2015)
- *Member* of the "Standing Committee on Staff Development in Universities" University Grant Commission, Sri Lanka (2011 Dec. 2015 Jan.).
- Member of the National Floriculture Task Force, Council for Agriculture Research Policy (2016 to date)
- Senior Academic Sub-Warden, Sir Ivor Jennings Hall, University of Peradeniya (2010 June 2012 Oct.)
- Senior Lecturer in Horticulture, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture,
 University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Teaching and Research supervision for undergraduates
 (2010 March-To date)
- Lecturer in Horticulture, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. - Teaching and Research supervision for undergraduates (2001 April-2010 March)
- Lecturer in Landscape Designing and Horticulture, Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty
 of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya. (2000 Jan.- 2001
 April)
- Assistant Lecturer, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. (1999 Feb.- 1999 Dec)

Teaching Experience : More than 20 years (in Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and in Japan) [all taught totally in English]

Visiting Appointments/ Invited Trainer (as a Visiting Lecturer/ Resource Person):

• Public Universities/Higher education Institutes in Sri Lanka

(1) Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, (2) Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, (3) South Eastern University, (4) Buddha Srawaka Bikku University, (5) University of Jaffna, (6) Uwa Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, (7) University of Colombo, (8) Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, (9) Faculties of Medicine/ Engineering/ Arts/ Science/ Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of University of Peradeniya (10) University of Sri Jayewardenapura, (11) Open University of Sri Lanka

Private Universities/ Higher education Institutes in Sri Lanka

(1) South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine (SAITM), (2) Horizon Campus, (3) Gateway Graduate School, (4) Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) (5) National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), (6) National School of Business Management (NSBM), (7) Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT)

Other Institutes in Sri Lanka

(1) Green Building Council of Sri Lanka, (2) Academy of Administrative Professionals, (3) National Institute of Plantation Management (NIPM), (4) Institute for Agro Technology and Rural Sciences (UCIARS), (5) National Science and Technology Commission, (6) Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka, (7) Central Environmental Authority

International Higher Education Institutes

(1) Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Japan, (2) University of Chittagong, Bangladesh (3) Kerala Agriculture University, India (4) Sultan Qaboos University, Oman (5) University of California Davis, USA, (6) Michigan States University, USA, (7) University of Tasmania, Australia, (8) Saga University, Japan

Training/Teaching/Consultancy: Areas of expertise

Horticulture, Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture

- Propagation, cultivation and management of tropical fruits, greenhouse vegetables and ornamental plants (both foliage and flowering species)
- Flower arrangements Different styles for different occasions
- Flower drying and preservation
- Bonsai making
- Horticulture therapy/ therapeutic landscaping

Research Methodologies

- Technical/Scientific writing Reviewing research articles
- Research methods

Capacity Building in Soft skills and Hard skills – Includes,

- Effective Communication Skills (both Verbal and Non-verbal)
- Leadership and teamwork
- Positive work attitude and motivation
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Educational psychology related to all three domains of learning
- Recent advancements in teaching methodologies
- Managing teaching and learning environment
- Effective teaching methods and Effective use of teaching resources/aids
- Group Dynamics (Team Work) and Leadership Qualities
- Event Planning and Management
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Problem based teaching/learning
- Approaches to learning and Learning strategies
- Effective use of ICT in teaching and learning
- Student assessments and evaluations

Memberships:

Membership in Professional Bodies (National and International)

- International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS), Belgium
- Japanese Society for Horticultural Sciences (JSHS), Japan
- National Agriculture Society of Sri Lanka
- Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Academy of Administrative Professionals
- Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission, Sri Lanka (Member of the steering committee-2013 - 2015)
- Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (Committee member-2011)
- Alumni Association of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya

Membership in Faculty Committees (selected)

- a. Faculty Quality Assurance Cell FQAC (since 2017)
- b. Faculty of Agriculture Landscape Committee (since 2017)
- c. Research & Development and Ethical Review Committee (2004 Secretary, 2010)
- d. Student advisory and Welfare Committee (from 2010-2018; 2011 -Secretary)
- e. English Language Teaching Committee (from 2012-2019)
- f. Library Committee (2003)

- g. Master plan committee (2002)
- h. E-Learning Committee (2013)
- i. Publications and Public Relations Committee (2011-2012)
- j. Sub-committee to prepare the Self Evaluation Report of the Faculty under the QualityCriterion 5: Teaching and Learning
- k. Faculty committee to develop National Agro-Technology Park of Department of Agriculture (2004)
- I. Organizing Committee of Faculty of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Symposium (FAuRS) (Since 2014)
- m. Main organizing committee of Celebration of 70 years of the Faculty and 50 years of Mahallluppallama sub-campus (2018)
- n. Organizing committee of Felicitation Ceremony to former professors (2013,2017)
- o. 'Crop Science Day' of Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture (2001 to 2004 and 2010 to 2014)
- p. Faculty/Department coordinator for the following National/Regional Agriculture Exhibitions;
 - University of Ruhuna Silver Jubilee Exhibition -2003
 - National Agriculture Exhibition- "Jathika Govi Sathiya 2010" at Bataatha
 - Grand Eastern Educative Exhibition at Kinniya 2011
 - "Techno-Future 2015" exhibition of Nugawela Central College
 - "Kings Techno 2004" exhibition of Kingswood College

Membership in University Committees (selected)

- a. Vice Chancellor's nominee as an honorary member of the University Arts Council (2018,2019)
- b. Peradeniya University Arts Council (2013,2014)
- c. Organizing Committee of the General Convocation of University of Peradeniya -(2001 to 2003 and since 2010)
- d. Organizing Committee of the Annual Congress of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (2001 to 2004 and since2010)
- e. Organizing Committee of the Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE/iPURSE) (2001 to 2004 and since 2010)
- f. Organizing committee of the International Conference on Sri Lanka-Japan Collaborative Research (2014,2016)
- g. Member of the Program committee of SDC (Faculty representative since 2015)
- h. Faculty representative for the "Kavitha" talent program conducted by MOHE (2011)
- i. Selection Committees
- j. Technical Evaluation committees
- k. Disciplinary/Appeals committees (for students)

Awards:

- Presidential awards for scientific publications (*Tier 1* for publishing in the top 10% of Science Citation Index Expanded journals) (2014)
- Best Research Presentation of the Session on Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Annual Symposium of Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission (2013)
- Best Research Paper at Twenty Second Annual Congress of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2011)
- Best Presentation (session 1) at Twenty Second Annual Congress of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2011)
- Monbukagakusho scholarship awarded by the Japanese government (2004 2010)
- University scholarship for the most meritorious student (final year), Faculty of Agriculture,
 University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1999)
- E.M.R.B.Ekanayaka Memorial prize for the best overall academic performance, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1999)
- Ananda Amarasinghe memorial scholarship for the most meritorious student (third year) of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1998)
- Prof. R.R.Appadurai memorial scholarship for the student having best average mark in the first, second and third examinations in Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1998)
- CIC scholarship for the most meritorious student (third year), Faculty of Agriculture,
 University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1998)

Courses Taught at the University

Undergraduate (since 2010)

- 1. Principles of Horticulture CS 2101
- 2. Horticultural Crop Production CS 3101
- 3. Commercial Nursery Management CS 3205
- 4. Plant Tissue Culture CS 3206
- 5. Postharvest Quality Management in Horticultural Products CS 3209
- 6. Scientific Research & Communication in Crop Science CS 4104
- 7. Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture CS 4110
- 8. Fruit and Vegetable Crop Production CS 3207

Postgraduate (since 2010)

- 1. Commercial Floriculture CS 5222
- 2. Landscape Horticulture CS 5121
- 3. Landscape Architecture CS 5119
- 4. Landscape Designs CS 5224
- 5. Indoor Gardening for Interior Decorations CS 5223

- 6. Production Horticulture
- 7. Sustainable Garden Management CS 5132
- 8. Advanced Horticulture CS 5104
- 9. Seed Physiology and Production Technology CS 5106
- 10. Physiological Basis of Horticultural Crop Production

Peer Reviewed Scientific Communications / Research Publications

Full Length Articles

- 1. Obadamudalige B.S., **Beneragama C.K.** and Mawalagedera S.M.M.R. (2019) Extending The Vase Life of Peruvian Lily (*Alstroemeria* Spp.) With 1-Methylcyclopropene and Ascorbic Acid. Int. J. Appl. Sci. Biotechnol. Vol 7(2): 174-183
- 2. **Beneragama, C.K.**, R.M.S.R. Chamara, G.D.K. Kumara and K. Goto (2019) Intraspecific Plasticity in Circadian Rhythms within *Euglena gracilis* strain Z. Int. J. Appl. Sci. Biotechnol. Vol 7(2): 207-216.
- Kumara, G.A.I.P., Beneragama, C.K., Mohotti, A.J., Chamara, R.M.S.R. and Kumara, G.D.K. (2018). Monitoring CO₂ emission and absorption in selected indoor plants to combat sick building syndrome. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2018. Pp. 1-10
- 4. Suranga, J.V.P., **Beneragama, C.K.**, Ranil, R. H. G., Chamara, R.M.S.R. and Kumara, G.D.K. (2018). Use of bryophytes and pteridophytes in novel floral items for indoors. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2018. Pp. 20-28
- Bandaranayake, N.P., Beneragama, C.K., Krishnarajah, S. and Peiris, S.E. (2018). Changes in Foliar Anthocyanin Accumulation in Ornamental Species as Affected by Light Heterogeneity. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2018. Pp. 46-55
- 6. **Beneragama, C.K.** and G.D. Kapila Kumara (2018) Evaluation of Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers.) and Bahia grass (*Paspalum notatum* Flugge) for short-term drought tolerance targeting low-maintenance landscaping. Int. J. Appl. Sci. Biotechnol. Vol 6 (1): 12-16
- 7. Gamage, J.T.K.H., **C.K. Beneragama**, C.L.S.M. Karunarathne and W.M.T.P. Ariyaratne (2018) Present Status of Fruit Crop Industry in Sri Lanka. Acta Horticulturae (accepted)
- 8. Karunarathne, C.L.S.M., Gamage, J.T.K.H., **C.K. Beneragama** and W.M.T.P. Ariyaratne (2018) Dynamics of Sri Lankan fresh vegetable industry in the international trade: past, present and future. Acta Horticulturae (accepted)
- 9. Dissanayake, Chamindi, C. Wasala, C.R. Gunawardhane, R.M.N.A. Wijewardhane, **C.K. Beneragama** and M.M. Herath (2018) Introduction of plastic crates to vegetable wholesalers in major economic centers in Sri Lanka: why do people refuse it? Acta Horticulturae (accepted)
- 10. Wasala, Chandana, **C.K. Beneragama**, C. Dissanayake, Nilanthi Wijewardhane and K.H. Sarananda (2018) Effect of different concentrations and exposure times of 1-MCP (1-Methylcyclopropene) on delaying the ripening of `Ambul´ banana at ambient conditions. Acta Horticulturae (accepted)
- 11. Perera, T.M.R.S., B.L.H.N. Balasooriya, and **C.K. Beneragama** (2018) Biological scaling of *Anthurium andraeanum* 'Tropical' and 'Pistache': Finding secrets of nature to improve floral quality. Acta Horticulturae (accepted)
- 12. Kariyawasam, K.P.N.H., Krishnaraja, S., Peiris, S.E. and **C.K. Beneragama**, (2017). Performance of Selected Ornamental Plant Species in Green-wall Systems. Proceedings of the National Symposium

- on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2017. pp 34-38
- 13. Kumarihami, H. M. P. C,. Wijerathna, Y. M. A. M., and **C. K. Beneragama** (2017). Extending the Postharvest Life of Cut Flowers with Floral Preservatives: A Mini Review. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2017.pp 52-59
- 14. Kariyawasam, K.P.N.H., S. Krishnaraja, C.L.S.M. Karunarathne, Malshani Ariyaratne and C.K. Beneragama (2017) Influence of the position angle of six ornamental plants on their sensitivity to gravity and their suitability for vertical gardening. Proceedings of Annual Sessions of Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission, Sri Lanka. 6: 50-53.
- 15. Kumara, H.G.J.T., **C.K. Benaragama**, C.L.S.M. Karunarathne and M.P. Ariyarathne (2017) Intraspecific plasticity in circadian rhythms in photosynthetic organisms: evidence from *Euglena gracilis* 'Z'. Proceedings of Annual Sessions of Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission, Sri Lanka. 6: 65-68.
- 16. **C. K. Beneragama** and S.E. Peiris (2016). Research and development and innovations in floriculture: lessons from the market giants for developing countries like Sri Lanka. Acta Horticulturae, 1131, 127-138.
- 17. Rajapakse, R.P.S.S. and **C.K. Beneragama** (2016) The Effect of 1-Methylcyclopropene on Postharvest life of Sessile Joyweed (*Alternanthera sessilis*) Procedia Food Science (Elsevier). Vol 6: 283-287.
- 18. Ranasinghe, E.S.S., C.L.S.M. Karunarathne, **C.K. Beneragama**, B.G.G. Wijesooriya (2016) Human urine as a low cost and effective nitrogen fertilizer for bean production. Procedia Food Science (Elsevier). Vol 6: 279-282.
- 19. Hasaranga, H.M.D., C.L.S.M. Karunarathne and **C.K. Beneragama** (2016) Allometric relationships of frequently used shade tree species in landscaping in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Proceedings of Annual Sessions of Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission, Sri Lanka. 5:36-38.
- 20. Ranil, R.H.G., **C.K. Beneragama**, D.K.N.G. Pushpakumara and D.S.A. Wijesundara (2015). Ornamental Pteridophytes: An Underexploited Opportunity for the Sri Lankan Floriculture Industry. Journal of National Science Foundation. 43:4 293-301
- 21. Obadamudalige, B.S., **Beneragama, C.K.,** Wijesuriya, G. and Mawalagedara, S.M.M.R. (2014). Combined application of 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP) and ascorbic acid best improves the postharvest longevity and quality of *Alstroemeria* spp. cut flowers. Proceedings of Young Scientists Forum Symposium, National Science and Technology Commission, Colombo. 4: 140-143
- 22. Nisansala, M.G.A., S.E. Peiris and **C.K. Beneragama** (2015) In-vitro Establishment of *Cassia fistula* L. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2015: pp 29-32
- 23. Hewage, A.H.T.S.S., S.E. Peiris and **C.K. Beneragama** (2015) Validation of Integrated Dwarfing (GAI) Gene in *Clerodendrum philippinum* 'Schauer' Using Gus Assay and PCR Method. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2015: pp 45-50
- 24. **Beneragama, C. K.**, B.L.H.N. Balasooriya and T.M.R.S. Perera (2014). Use of O-J-I-P chlorophyll fluorescence transients to probe multiple effects of UV-C radiation on the photosynthetic apparatus of Euglena. International Journal of Applied Sciences and Bio-Technology (IJASBT). Vol 2(4) 553-558
- 25. Ranasinghe, E.S.S., **C.K. Beneragama** and G.D.K. Kumara (2014) Human Urine as a Low Cost and Effective Nitrogen Fertilizer for *Draceana Sanderiana* 'Victory'. Proceedings of the National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFloR)-2014: pp 19-22
- 26. Perera, T.M.R.S., B.L.H.N. Balasooriya, and C.K. Beneragama (2013). Allometric relationships

- among leaf and flower parameters in *Anthurium andraeanum* variety "Tropical red": Simple indication of floral display. Proceedings of the International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE), University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, pp 275-278
- 27. Balasooriya, B.L.H.N., T.M.R.S. Perera and **C K Beneragama** (2013). Drought Resistance and Post-Drought Recovery of Three Warm Season Turf Grasses. Proceedings of the International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE), University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, pp 470-473
- 28. Weerasekara, W.A.C.S. P.J. Gunawardena and **C.K. Beneragama** (2013). Extending the Postharvest Life of *Calathea lancifolia* Cut Leaves Using 1-Methylcyclopropene (1-MCP). Proceedings of the International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE), University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, pp 474-477
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- 31. Goto K. and **C.K. Beneragama** (2010) Circadian clocks and anti-aging: Do non-aging microalgae like *Euglena* reveal anything? Ageing Research Reviews. 9 (2): 91-100.
- 32. Kapila Kumara G.D.,Y. Xia,Z. Zhu, B.M.V.S. Basnayake and **C.K.Beneragama**. (2010) Effects of exogenous salicylic acid on antioxidative enzyme activities and physiological characteristics in gerbera (*Gerbera jamesonii* L.) grown under NaCl stress. Journal of Zhejiang University, China. 36 (6): 591-601
- 33. **Beneragama C.K.** and K. Goto (2010) Use of OJIP chlorophyll fluorescence transients to probe multiple effects of UV-C radiation on the photosynthetic apparatus of Euglena. Proceedings of the Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE). 15(1):314-316
- 34. Kumara, G.D.K., Amarasinghe, A.A.Y. and **Beneragama, C.K.** (2001) Use of recent advancements in world floriculture for development of the floriculture industry in Sri Lanka. Proceedings of The Floriculture Workshop at RARDC, Bandarawela on "Development of Floriculture Industry in Upcountry, Sri Lanka". pp 31-43.

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 International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS). P. 49
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- 11. Marasinghe, M.D.U., Gunawardena, A.R. and **Beneragama, C.K.** (2016) Assessment of landscape aesthetics of Southern Expressway (E01 road), Sri Lanka. Proceedings of the Peradeniya University International Research Sessions (iPURSE). 20:85
- 12. **Beneragama, C.K.** (2015) Research and development and innovations in floriculture: lessons from the market giants for developing countries like Sri Lanka. 3rd International Symposium on Quality Management in Supply Chains of Ornamentals. ISHS. P. 104
- 13. Atapattu, A.M.D.H., **Beneragama, C.K.** and Peiris, S.E. (2015). Optimization of acclimatization procedure of *Gerbera hybrida* L. Proceedings of Faculty of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Symposium (FAuRS 2015), University of Peradeniya. P. 30
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- 18. Marasinghe, M.D.U., **Beneragama, C.K.** and Gunwardena, A.R. (2015). Evaluation of the scenic beauty of the existing landscape of Southern Expressway and suggestions to improve the landscape using GIS and remote sensing. Proceedings of Faculty of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Symposium (FAuRS 2015), University of Peradeniya. P. 153
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- 52. Muthuthanthri, M.C.J., **Beneragama, C.K.,** Kumara, G.D.K., Basnayake, B.M.V.S. and Withana, W.A.R.D. (2003) A study on the impact of field related non-crop factors on the worker productivity in rubber plantations. Proceedings of the 59th Annual Sessions of Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLASS). 59(1):87
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Research Student Supervision

Graduate Students

2002

- 1. U.N.G.C. Kumari (AG/97/128), The effect of ethylene and acetylene on ripening of avocado (*Persea amaricana*)
- 2. H.K. Kumudini (AG/97/132), Evaluation of indeterminate tomato varieties
- 3. R.P.T.N.D. Samarathunga (AG/97/213), Appropriate nutrient management for high quality of greenhouse tomato.
- 4. K.A.S.M. Senevirathna (AG/97/247), Survey study on existing landscape patterns and landscape need assessment in selected GS divisions in Kandy Municipal Council area

2003

- 5. S.A.S.P. Senaratne (AG/98/208), Survey on use of herbicides in floriculture industry in Sri Lanka
- 6. D.H.B.R.Dassanayake (AG/06/218), Extensive green roofs: a viable solution for urban heat island effect in Sri Lanka
- 7. M. S. P. D. S. Wickramarathna (AG/ 06/ 186), Use of phenotypic plasticity in selecting low-maintenance landscape plants
- 8. R.M.E.S.Rathnayaka (Ag/06/144), Extending the ripening time of dessert type banana cultivar "Kolikuttu" using 1-Methylcyclopropene (1-MCP)
- 9. W M N K Wijesundara (AG/AI/06/006), Determination of a suitable substrate mix for gerbera pot plants
- 10. R.G.S.J. Premarathna (AG/06/132), Effect of Cycocel on the Yield and Quality of Determinate and Semi-determinate Tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) varieties

2012

- 11. W. M. A. P. Jayasekara (AG/07/227), Spatial perception of people on estimating tree size, color and texture in public green areas (2012)
- 12. T.M.R.S. Perera (AG/07/121), Phenotypic plastic responses in morphological traits of Anthurium cultivar "Tropical red" in response to the different shade levels (2012)
- 13. R.P.S.S. Rajapakse (AG/07/245), The effect of 1-Methylcyclopropene on vase life of cut lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) (2012)
- 14. U.L.A.S.Kularathna (AG/07/260), Effect of 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP) in delaying the de-greening of dessert type banana var. "Ambul" (2012)
- 15. K.M.S.S.K. Kulathunga (AG/AI/07/004), A perception study on noise annoyance and greenery (2012) **2013**
- 16. W.M.C.U.Balasuriya (AG/08/017), Effect of 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP) in delaying the degreening of kolikuttu banana (*Musa* sp.), grown in sri lanka
- 17. D.T.R.S. Jayasinghe (AG/08/063), Selection of suitable plant species for living wall from *Melompodium divaricatum, Chlorophytum tuberosum* and *Alternanthera amoena*
- 18. W.A.N.S. Bandara (AG/08/), Preferences and attitudes towards street landscaping in southern expressway
- 19. E.S.S.Ranasinghe (AG/08/139), Human urine as a low cost and effective nitrogen fertilizer for edible and non edible plant species

20. R. M. U. C. Bandara (AG/08/), Effects of different color shade nets on growth and development of selected horticultural crop species

2014

- 21. W.A. Sandaruwan (AG/09/239), Phenotypic plastic response in morphological traits of Gerbera cultivar in response different light levels
- 22. H.M.D. Hasaranga (AG/09/211), Allometric relationships and shading patterns of common shade tree species used in landscaping and perception of people about shade trees
- 23. D.G.H Madushanka (AG/09/112), Variability of seed imbibition rates of maize (*Zea mays* L.), bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L), and okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* L.) as influenced by the water quality
- 24. E.S.S. Edirisinghe (AG/09/277), Glycerin preservation and flower drying to enhance the keeping quality and exactness of different textured flowers
- 25. H.H.W.M.Somarathne (AG/09/276), 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP) on the postproduction quality attributes of rooted cuttings of *Pleomele reflexa* and *Codiaeum variegatum*, and cut greens of *Scindapsus aureus*

2015

- 26. K. P. N. H. Kariyawasam (AG/10/213) Influence of the position angle of six horticultural plant species on their sensitivity to gravity and their suitability for vertical gardening
- 27. N.P.Bandaranayake (AG/10/016), Changes in foliar anthocyanin accumulation as affected by Light Heterogeneity
- 28. R.A.P.I. Sumanarathna (AG/10/), Evaluation of diversity of commonly used turf grass species in Sri Lanka using morphological traits and DNA Barcoding
- 29. M.D.U.Marasinghe (AG/10/113), Evaluation of the Scenic Beauty of the Existing Landscape of Southern Expressway and Suggestions to Improve the Landscape Using GIS and Remote Sensing
- 30. O.A.D. Padmaperuma (AG/10/258), Synthesis of Nano Silica from Rice Husk Ash and Evaluation of the Effect of Silicon on Growth performances of *Gerbera jamesonii* L.
- 31. A.M.D.H. Atapattu (AG/10/013), Optimization of acclimatization procedure of Gerbera hybrida L.
- 32. A.H.T.S.S. Hewage (AG/10/069), Validation of integrated dwarfing gene (Gai) in *Clerodendron phillippinum* using GUS assay and PCR method
- 33. M.G.A. Nisansala (AG/10/125), In-vitro establishment of *Cassia fistula* L. **2016**
- 34. W.A.K.D.R. Bandulasena (AG/11/AI/901), Application of Polyphasic OJIP Chlorophyll Fluorescence Transients in Seed and Seedling Testing

2017

- 35. G.A.I.P. Kumara (AG /12 /AI /902), Monitoring CO_2 Emission and Absorption in Selected Indoor Plants to Combat Sick Building Syndrome
- 36. J.V.P. Suranga (AG/12/165), Use of Bryophytes and Pteridophytes in Novel Floral Items for Indoors **2018**
- 37. M.A.K.A.Kalpani (AG/13/090), Phenotypic Plastic Responses in Morphological Traits of *Dendrobium* 'Phalaenopsis' in Response to Different Shade Levels
- 38. M.G.N.Keshani (AG/13/096), Morphological and Genetic Diversity of Lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn) Grown in Sri Lanka
- 39. R . Y. Jayasooriya (AG/13/231), Potential of Cultivating Curly Kale (*Brassica oleracea* var. acephala) Under Contrasting Environmental Conditions

Postgraduate Students

- 1. Kosala Nayananjeli Tennakoon (PGIA-09-7755), Title: Developing the Boralasgamuwa Wetland as a Nature Park
- 2. P. J. Gunawardena (PGIA-10-8190), Title: Extending the postharvest life of *Calathea lancifolia* cut leaves using 1- Methylcyclopropene (1-MCP)
- 3. D G S S C Wijesinghe (PGIA-10-8308), Title: Effect of 1-Methylcyclopropene (1- MCP) on post harvest life of Lotus Flowers (*Nelumbo nucifera*)
- 4. K.M.P.Kulasekara (PGIA-10-8257), Title: Morphology related phenotypic plasticity in *Anthurium* andreanum in response to environmental heterogeneity
- 5. H M Damith Wewelpola (PGIA-10-8202), Title: Effects of plant size, texture and colour on spatial perception in public green areas: a cross cultural study
- 6. W.T.R.P. Wimalarathna (PGIA-10-8229), Title: Identification of naturalized turf grass species in Nuwara-Eliya municipal area
- 7. H.S.C.D.Z. Rajapakse (PGIA-12-098), Title: Present status of certification of organic products in Sri Lanka
- 8. R.P.S.S. Rajapakse (PGIA-14-339), Title: The Effect of 1-Methylcyclopropene on Postharvest Life of Mukunuvenna (*Alternanthere Sissilis*)
- 9. Sobodha Panditharathne (PGIA-16-153), Title: Introduction of a potential cut foliage species Nephrolepis exaltata (L.) Schott with low cost post-harvest treatments
- 10. K.A.J.L. Kodisinghe (PGIA-17-160), Title: Guide Book for Aquascaping in Sri Lanka
- 11. M. A. U. P. Munasinghe (PGIA-17-124), Title: Development of an Interactive e-cultivation Guide for Aquatic Ornamentals
- 12. Chaya Dharmasena (PGIA-....), Title: Guidebook for Interior Plantscaping in Sri Lanka.
- 13. R.M.S.P. Karunadasa (PGIA-17267), Title: Guidebook for Vertical Gardens and Green walls
- 14. R.M.J.Rajapaksha (PGIA-17-176), Title: Social awareness of sick building syndrome in Sri Lanka and use of indoor gardening as a remedial measure

Research Interests:

- Light-shade effects on floricultural plants
- Sustainable Home Gardening
- Low maintenance landscaping
- Postharvest handling of horticultural commodities
- Horticulture therapy/ therapeutic landscaping
- Science Education
- Teaching and learning styles
- Assessments in Higher Education

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Postdoctoral fellow (March June 2011). Laboratory of Environmental Hygiene, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido, Japan
- Postdoctoral fellow (August-October 2012). Laboratory of Environmental Hygiene, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido, Japan

Other Credentials (Certificate Courses attended):

- Workshop on "Curriculum Development, Teaching-Learning and Assessment in Higher Education". Conducted by University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. 26-28 January 2017 in Chittagong, Bangladesh
- II. Country Course on "Statistics for National Human Development Reports". Conducted by United Nations Development Project (UNDP). 29 October to 9 November 2001 in Colombo
- III. Workshop on "Research Dissemination and Commercialization Projects" in Quality and Innovative Grant-Window 4. Conducted by HETC Project, Ministry of Higher Education. 30 November 2011 in Colombo
- IV. Workshop on "Effective Proposal Writing, Conducting and Publishing Research". Conducted by National Science Foundation. 6 June 2003 in Colombo
- V. Regional Consultation Meeting on "Potential and Prospect of Floriculture Sector to Improve Livelihood of the Farmers in SAARC Member Countries". Conducted by SAARC Agriculture Center, Bangladesh and HORDI-Department of Agriculture. 5-7 October 2015 in Kandy
- VI. Training Course of "Flower Technology for Developing Countries". Conducted by Fujian TCDC Institute of Subtropical Flowers. 17 April 28 May 2012 in China
- VII. e-Learning Course on "Good Agricultural Practices and GLOBAL GAP for Greater Market Access for Agrifood Products". Organized by Asian Productivity Organization and National Productivity Secretariat. 16-18 November 2010 in Colombo
- VIII. Workshop on "Open Access to Research Information". Conducted by National Science Foundation. 29-30 April 2013 in Colombo
 - IX. Member of the sub-group "Floriculture" at the "Agricultural Innovations Forum-2018". Conducted by Ministry of Agriculture. 13 December 2018 in Colombo
 - X. Took part in the discussions at the "Urban Greening Partnership Program" of International Center for Sustainable Cities (ICSC). Conducted by SEVANATHA-Urban Resource Center. 6
 November 2003 in Colombo
 - XI. UN-CECAR Conference on "Sustainability and Traditional Knowledge". Conducted by United National University. 12 November 2010 in Colombo
- XII. National Conference on "Development and Promotion of Homestay and Farmstay to Increase Farm Household Income in Sri Lanka". Conducted by Sabaragamuwa University and Asian Productivity Organization. 15-16 September 2015 in Colombo
- XIII. Workshop on "Rubric Creation for Personal development". Conducted by National Science and Technology Commission. 24 June 2011 in Colombo
- XIV. National Conference on "Rural Tourism". Conducted by Sabaragamuwa University and Asian Productivity Organization. 23-24 February 2017 in Colombo
- XV. International Training Programme on "Vegetable Production Technologies". Conducted by HORDI, Department of Agriculture in collaboration with Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 2003 in Kandy
- XVI. Workshop on "Policy Proposals for Higher Education". Conducted by National Education Commission (NEC). 27 March 2018 in Colombo

Service as an Editorial Board Member in Peer Reviewed Journals and Proceedings

- Proceedings of Annual Symposium of Department of Agriculture (ASDA) 2019
- Tropical Agriculture Research (TAR) Journal 2019
- Acta Horticulturae (2017) International Society of Horticultural Sciences (ISHS)
- Proceedings of IV International Conference on Postharvest and Quality Management of Horticultural Products of Interest for Tropical Regions – International Society of Horticultural Sciences (ISHS) - 2017
- Proceedings of National Symposium of Floricultural Research (NaSFloR) 2012 to date
- Proceedings of Annual Symposium of Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission – 2013 – 2015

Service as a Reviewer in Journals and Proceedings

- 1. Proceedings of Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE) 2011
- 2. Proceedings of the 1st Young Scientists Forum (YSF) symposium of National Science and Technology Commission (2012)
- 3. Proceedings of National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLoR-2012)
- 4. Proceedings of the 2nd Young Scientists Forum (YSF) symposium of National Science and Technology Commission (2013)
- 5. Journal of Ruhuna University (2013)
- 6. International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE 2013)
- 7. Journal of National Science Foundation (2013)
- 8. Proceedings of 11th Academic Sessions at University of Ruhuna (2013)
- 9. Proceedings of National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLoR-2013)
- 10. Proceedings of the 3rd Young Scientists Forum (YSF) symposium of National Science and Technology Commission (2014)
- 11. Proceedings of SLCARP International Research Symposium (2014)
- 12. Proceedings of Wayamba University International Conference (WInC) (2014)
- 13. Proceedings of Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE) (2014)
- 14. Proceedings of National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLoR-2014)
- 15. Proceedings of the 4th Young Scientists Forum (YSF) symposium of National Science and Technology Commission (2015)
- 16. Proceedings of 13th Academic Sessions at University of Ruhuna (2015)
- 17. Proceedings of Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE) (2015)
- 18. Proceedings of KDU International Research Conference (2015)
- 19. Proceedings of 5th International research Conference of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (ICSUSL 2015)
- 20. Procedia Food Science (2015)

- 21. "Tropical Agricultural Research and Extension" (2015)
- 22. Proceedings of National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLoR-2015)
- 23. Proceedings of the 5th Young Scientists Forum (YSF) symposium of National Science and Technology Commission (2016)
- 24. Proceedings of International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE 2016)
- 25. Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference of Agricultural Sciences, organized by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (AgInsight 2016)
- 26. Proceedings of 1st International Research Conference Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka (TRInCo 2016)
- 27. Proceedings of National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLoR-2016)
- 28. Proceedings of the 6th Young Scientists Forum (YSF) symposium of National Science and Technology Commission (2017)
- 29. Proceedings of International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE 2017)
- 30. Proceedings of National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLoR-2017)
- 31. Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture Published by Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy (2017)
- 32. Journal of Agricultural Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Eastern University (2017)
- 33. Proceedings of Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE) (2017)
- 34. Tropical Agricultural Research Journal of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya (2017)
- 35. Journal of the University of Ruhuna (2017)
- 36. Proceedings of International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment (ISAE 2018)
- 37. Proceedings of SLCARP International Agricultural Research Symposium (2018)
- 38. International Journal of Minor Fruits, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (2018)
- 39. Proceedings of the 38th Annual Sessions of the Institute of Biology (IOB)
- 40. Proceedings of the National Research Symposium on Postharvest Technology (2018)
- 41. Tropical Agricultural Research Journal of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya (2018)
- 42. Proceedings of the Sri Lanka-Japan Collaborative Research Conference (2018)
- 43. Journal of Horticulture and Postharvest Research (2018)

As a Resource Person in Floriculture and Landscaping Related Training Programs

- 1. Residential training programme on fruit crops: Recent advancements and crop management. Organized by Agriculture Education Unit. Held during 22 23 November 2010, at University Experimental Station, Dodangolla, Kandy. Participants: Agriculture Officers of Ministry of Agriculture, North Western Provincial Council.
- Seminar on "Biodiversity and We". Organized by Nalanda College, Colombo. Held on 7th
 October 2010 at Auditorium of Nalanda College. Participants: O/L and A/L Students of the
 College
- 3. Session on "Marketing Floricultural Produce" at the Stakeholder Meeting on Micro Enterprise Development on Small-scale Anthurium and Cut Foliage Production. Organized by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 10th

- December 2010 at the Board Room, Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Floriculture Growers in Sri Lanka
- 4. Seminar on "Nawa Aaraka Mal Wagaawak Sandaha" ("For a Modern-day Floriculture Farm"). Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Uwa Province. Held on 5th August 2011 at Town Hall, Welimada. Participants: Flower growers of Uwa Province.
- 5. Workshop on **Passion Fruit Cultivation**. Organized by Ministry of Agriculture, North-Central Province. Held on 20th September 2011 at Mahawillachchiya Temple. Participants: Farmers in the North-Central Province
- 6. Seminar on "Nawa Aaraka Mal Pela Thawaanak Sandaha" ("For a Modern-day Floriculture Nursery"). Organized by Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya. Held on 23rd September 2011 at the Training Center of Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya. Participants: Members of "Suwahas Mal" association
- 7. Workshop on Landscape Gardening and Floral Arrangements in Certificate Course on General Agriculture under the Second Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project (SCDLI), Ministry of Economic Development. Organized by: Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 30th 31st January 2012 at Dodangolla Experimental Station. Participants: Young Entrepreneurs selected by the Ministry.
- 8. Training Program on "Crop cultivation under polytunnels" under the Ministry of Economic Development. Organized by: Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 14th May 2012 at Kalutara Divisional Secretariat. Participants: Farmers of Kalutara District.
- Certificate Course in Seed Production Technology. Organized and Conducted by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture. Held during 8th - 10th February 2012 at Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Agriculture Officers of Ministry of Agriculture, North Western Province.
- 10. Workshop on "Bonsai Making". Organized by Department of National Botanic Gardens, Sri Lanka in collaboration with University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Held on 7th January 2013 at the Training Center of Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya. Participants: Members of "Suwahas Mal" association and University students.
- 11. Seminar on "Landscaping for Green Buildings" in the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course. Organized by Green Building Council of Sri Lanka. Held on 24th March 2013 at Earl's Regency Hotel, Kandy. Participants: Members following the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course.
- 12. Seminar on "**House Plants for Healthy Life**". Organized by the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya. Held on 13th November 2013 at the Faculty of Dental Sciences. Participants: Academic and Non-academic staff of the Faculty of Dental Sciences.
- 13. Seminar on "House Plants for Healthy Life". Organized by the Nature Club, Kandy. Held on 10th August 2013 at the Kandy Club. Participants: Members of the Nature Club, Kandy.
- 14. Seminar on "Role of Landscaping in Green Building Technology" in the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course. Organized by Green Building Council of Sri Lanka. Held on 9th June 2014 at Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute. Participants: Members following the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course.
- 15. Seminar on "Greening Cities". Organized by Kandy Municipal Council. Held on 28th April 2014 at the Kandy Municipal Council. Participants: Officers of Kandy Municipal Council.

- 16. **Residential training programme on floriculture and landscaping**. Conducted by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 13th and 14th November 2014 at the Department of Crop Science. Participants: Agriculture officers of Ministry of Agriculture, North-Western Provincial Council.
- 17. Workshop on "Teaching-Learning, Curriculum, Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". Conducted by Horizon Campus, Malambe. Held during 22nd December 2014 to 02nd January 2015 at the Horizon Campus, Malambe. Participants: Senior academics of universities in Bangladesh.
- 18. Session on "Floriculture in Family Farming" at the Seminar to mark The World Food Day 2014. Conducted by Lions Club of Kandy. Held on 16th October 2014 at Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Students and teachers of the schools in the Kandy Municipal Area.
- 19. Seminar on "How to Start a Floriculture Business". Organized by Horticulture Society, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 11th November 2014 at Crop Science Auditorium of the Faculty. Participants: Undergraduate Students of Faculty of Agriculture
- 20. Workshop on "Bonsai for Beginners". Organized by Horticulture Society of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 8th October 2015 at R.R. Appadurai Auditorium. Participants: Students of Faculty of Agriculture
- 21. Workshop on "**The Basics of Bonsai for Beginners**". Conducted by the Botanical Society of Sri Lanka. Held on 9th July 2015 at Auditorium of the Open University of Sri Lanka. Participants: Academic/non-academic staff and students of Open University of Sri Lanka
- 22. Seminar on "Myths and Facts about House Plants". The 'Green Talk' conducted by the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka. Held on 15th May 2015 at Holcim Innovation and Application Center, Holcim Lanka Ltd (Head Office), Colombo. Participants: General Public
- 23. Sessions on "Nursery Management" at the Training Program on "Production of quality seedlings and Crop Establishment". Conducted by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 3rd July 2015 at the Department of Crop Science. Participants: A/L Agriculture Teachers of Central Province
- 24. Training Program on "Occupational Health and Occupational Safety". Conducted by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 14th May 2015 at the Department of Crop Science. Participants: A/L teachers in the Bio System Technology Stream of Central Province.
- 25. Seminar on "*Mal Pela Wawanne Ai*?" ("What for these Floricultural Plants")at the Monthly Staff Seminar Series. Conducted by Center for Distant and Continuing Education, University of Peradeniya. Held on 19th February 2015 at the Board Room of CDCE. Participants: Academic and Non-academic (administrative) staff of CDCE.
- 26. Seminar on "Role of Landscaping in Green Building Technology" in the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course. Organized by Green Building Council of Sri Lanka. Held on 15th May 2015 at Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute. Participants: Members following the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course.
- 27. Seminar on "Food Production through Horticulture Therapy" and "New Types of Urban Gardens" at the Sri Lankan Food Festival-2016. Organized by the National Food Promotion Bureau. Held on 16th October 2016 at 16 at the Viharamahadevi park, Colombo. Participant: General Public

- 28. Seminar on "Role of Landscaping in Green Building Technology" in the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course. Organized by Green Building Council of Sri Lanka. Held on 10th March 2016 at Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute. Participants: Members following the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course.
- 29. Workshops on "Floral Decorations" and "Bonsai Making". Organized by the University of Colombo Institute for Agro-technology and Rural Sciences (UCIARS), Weligatta, Hambantota. Held on 8th and 9th February 2016 at UCIARS Auditorium. Participants: General Public
- 30. Seminar on "**Know all about your examinations**". Organized by the Student Advisory and Welfare Committee of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 15th May 2016 at R.R. Appadurai Auditorium. Participants: Students of Faculty of Agriculture
- 31. Seminar on "Myths and Facts about House Plants". Organized by Department of Civil Engineering Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. Held on 5th March 2016 at the Seminar room 1, Faculty of Engineering. Participants: 3rd Year students specializing in Civil Engineering.
- 32. Sessions on "Plant Nursery Management" and "Postharvest Handling of perishables" at the One-day Training Program on "Practical Agriculture: from known to unknown". Organized by : CIC Agribusinesses Pvt Ltd, Conducted by : Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 26th November 2016 at Pelwehera Farm. Participants: Officers of CIC Agribusinesses
- 33. Several Sessions in the Study Abroad Training Program on "Applied International Development: Practice and Policy in Sri Lanka" offered to Michigan State University, U.S.A. Conducted by Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Held during 16th May 13th June, 2016.
- 34. Seminar on "Role of Landscaping in Green Building Technology" in the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course. Organized by Green Building Council of Sri Lanka. Held on 21st July 2017 at Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute. Participants: Members following the GBCSL Associate Professional Training Course.
- 35. Sessions on "Handling practical classes" at the Three-day Induction Program for Temporary Academic Staff Members of Faculty of Science. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 18th January 2017 at the Staff Develop Center. Participants: Temporary Academic Staff Members of Faculty of Science.
- 36. Seminar on "Best Agricultural Practices to Resurrect the Neglected Plantation Sector in Sri Lanka". Organized by Janata Estates Development Board (JEDB). Held on 10th January 2017 at Auditorium of JEDB. Participants: All planters at JEDB
- 37. Workshop on "**Teaching, Learning & Assessments in Higher Education**". Organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Held on 27th and 28th January 2017 at the Department of Chemistry, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Participants: Academic Staff of University of Chittagong.
- 38. Sessions on "Domains of learning Bloom's Taxonomy and beyond" and "Tips for success in classroom teaching" at the Training Program on "Becoming an Effective Teacher" for English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) Staff, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Organized by Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture. Held from 20th April to 1st June 2017 at ELTU. Participants: Teaching Staff of ELTU, Faculty of Agriculture.
- 39. Session on "Introduction to Faculty of Agriculture" and "Sri Lankan Agriculture Sector" at the Knowledge-Sharing Session on "Fare Trade in Agriculture". Organized by Agriculture

- Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 13th June 2017 at the Board Room, Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Students and Staff from Hong Kong Baptists University.
- 40. Several Sessions in the Study Abroad Training Programme on "Sustainable Tropical Agriculture Systems of Sri Lanka" offered to Michigan State University, U.S.A. Conducted by Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Held during 11th May 5th June, 2017.
- 41. Sessions on "Methods of plant propagation", "Seed development and germination", "Plant propagation by cuttings and specialized structures" and "Plant propagation using layering, budding and grafting" at the Training Program on Basic Agriculture (Module 11) in the Advanced Certificate Course in Plantation Management. Organized by Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held from 28th August to 9th September, 2017 at Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Students of National Institute of Plantation Management, Colombo.
- 42. Seminar on "Introduction to World Heritage Sites (WHS) in Sri Lanka and its impact on the Sri Lankan economy with a special reference to Dalada Maligawa" at the Saga University Students' Overseas Training Program: University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka on "Practice of International Exchange: Impact of World Heritage Sites (WHS) to Regional Economy: Experience of Sri Lanka and Japan with special reference to Kyushu Island". Organized by Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held from 21st to 29th September 2017 at Hotel Topaz Roof Top Hall, Kandy. Participants: Final Year students of Saga University
- 43. Several sessions at the Study Abroad Training Program offered to University of Tasmania, Australia (UTAS) on "Sustainable Tropical Agricultural Systems of Sri Lanka". Organized by Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held during 15th January 12th February, 2017.Participants: Students of UTAS.

As a Resource Person in Research-related Training Programs

For University of Peradeniya

- Conducted a seminar on "Research Dissemination and Commercialization of Projects", under the HETC Project - Quality & Innovation Grant (QIGs) -Window 4. Organized by Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 9th December 2011 at the Board Room, Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Academic staff of Faculty of Agriculture
- Conducted a Workshop on "Effective Presentation Skills for Researchers" Induction Programme for Undergraduate Research Students. Organized by Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. Held on 19th January 2017 at Lower Chemistry Lecture Theater, Faculty of Science. Participants: 3rd year Undergraduate Research Students of Faculty of Science
- 3. Conducted a Session on "Why Abstracts in Science?" at the Pre-Conference Workshop on "Scientific Abstracting Abstracting Science" in the 29th Annual Congress of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Organized by Agriculture Education Unit.

- Held on 16th November 2017 at Amaya Hills, Kandy. Participants: Postgraduate Students and Researchers
- 4. Conducted a Seminar on "Why 'Research' for Undergraduates?". Organized by Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. Held on 30th January 2018 at Chemistry Lower Lecture Theater, Faculty of Science. Participants: 3rd Year Research Students of the Department of Chemistry
- Conducted a Workshop on "Effective Presentation Skills for Researchers" and "Scientific Poster Presentations". Organized by the 29th Annual Congress of PGIA. Held on 8th November 2018 at the Board Room of PGIA. Participants: Postgraduate research students of PGIA
- 6. Conducted a Workshop on "Efficient and Safe Use of Laboratories". Organized by Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science. Held on 11-12 October 2016. Participants: Technical Officers and Lab Attendants of Faculty of Science.

For other Universities and Institutes

- Session on "Scientific" PowerPoint® Presentations" at the Workshop on 'Presenting Your Research Work in a Scientific Forum'. Organized by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 27th June 2013 at R.R. Appadurai Auditorium, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Young Researchers of R&D Institutes of Sri Lanka
- Workshop on "Writing Winning Proposals". Organized by Center for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRKD) of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Held on 27th February 2014 at Sabaragamuwa University. Participants: Academic staff of Sabaragamuwa University
- 3. Session on "**Practical Reviewing**" at the Workshop on 'Reviewing Research Articles: Are We Doing it Right?'. Organized by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 25th April 2014 at Main Auditorium, Industrial Technology Institute, Colombo. Participants: Yound Researchers of Sri Lanka
- 4. Workshop on "Reviewing Research Articles: Are we ready to face the challenge?".

 Organized by Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI). Held on 26th June 2014 at Main Auditorium, HARTI. Participants: Research Officers of HARTI
- 5. Seminar on "Presenting Your Research Work in a Scientific Forum". Organized by Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Held on 4th July 2014 at Sabaragamuwa University. Participants: Final year students of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University
- 6. Chairing the Panel Discussion on "Path for a Progressive Post Graduate Career" at the Awareness Program on "Shaping a Successful Research Career for Young Scientists". Conducted by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 28th April 2015 at PGIA Auditorium, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Academics and Research Scientists/Officers attached to R&D institutions.
- 7. Sessions on "5 W's in Publishing research articles" and "Practical session Making sensible tables and figures" at the Two-day Workshop on "Writing an Impactful Research Article". Organized by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 9-10th July 2015 at Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), Colombo. Participants: Young Scientists in R&D Institutes of Sri Lanka

- 8. Sessions on "Addressing Reviewer's Comments: Editor's Perspective" and "Practical Reviewing" at the Workshop on "Editing and Reviewing Research Articles: Are we doing it right?". Organized by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 28th April 2016 at Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), Colombo. Participants: Young Scientists in R&D Institutes of Sri Lanka
- 9. Session on "Writing the research methodology convincingly" at the One-day Workshop on "Writing Winning Proposals". Organized by: Research Division, Central Environmental Authority, Conducted by: Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 16th June 2016 at Main Auditorium, Central Environmental Authority. Participants: Research and Development officers of Central Environmental Authority, Colombo
- 10. Sessions on "5 W's in Publishing research articles" and "Practical session Spot-the-mistakes" at the One-day Workshop on "Writing an Impactful Research Article". Organized by: Research Division, Rubber Research Institute, Conducted by: Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 29th June 2016 at Main Auditorium, Rubber Research Institute, Agalawatta. Participants: Research Officers of Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka
- 11. Session on "Research Proposals and Design" at the Workshop on "Research in Higher Education" in the Induction Program for Academic Staff. Organized by Staff Development Center of Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Held on 25th June 2016 at Eastern University. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Eastern University
- 12. Session on "**Problem Identification, justification and setting up objectives**" at the Workshop on "Writing a Winning Research Proposal". Organized by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 30th September 2016 at Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (Hall G), Colombo. Participants: Young Scientists in R&D Institutes of Sri Lanka
- 13. Seminar on "Higher Education, Research & Career: Tips for success". Organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Held on 26th January 2017 at the Department of Chemistry, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Participants: Postgraduate students of University of Chittagong
- 14. Sessions on "5 W's in publishing research articles", "Presenting and 'Writing' tables and figures with sense" and "Practical session Spot-the-mistakes" at the One-day Workshop on "Writing an Impactful Research Article". Organized by: Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy (CARP), Conducted by: Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 3rd October 2016 at Auditorium of CARP. Participants: Young Scientists of Sri Lankan R&D Institutes
- 15. Sessions on "5 W's in Publishing research articles" and "Practical session Spot-the-mistakes" at the One-day Workshop on "Writing an Impactful Research Article". Organized by: Board of Study in Crop Science, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, Conducted by: Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 14th November 2017 at PGIA Room No. 2. Participants: Research Officers of Department of Export Agriculture
- 16. Sessions on ""Where to start: The results", "What is next: Materials and Methods, "New beginning: The Introduction, "Last to write: Discussion and conclusions" and "Abstracting Science" at the Three-day Residential Training Program on "Quality Research Articles for

- Quality ASDA: tips and tricks". Organized and conducted by Agriculture Education Unit (AEU) and Agriculture Biotechnology Center (AgBC) of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya In collaboration with ASDA Secretariat, Department of Agriculture. Held on 21st to 23rd May 2018 at In-service Training Institute, Gannoruwa. Participants: Researchers of Department of Agriculture
- 17. Workshop on "Why Research for Undergraduates". Organized by Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Held on 21st November 2018 at the Auditorium, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Participants: Final Year undergraduate students who were about to commence their research work
- 18. Sessions on "Planning and conducting a Crop Science Research", "Establishment of the treatments in the Crop Science Research", "Taking readings of the experiment: What to do and what not to do" and "Internet search for research: some tips" at the Study Abroad Internship Programme offered for students of College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. Organized by Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Held from 25th June to 22nd July 2018 at the Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Students of College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman
- 19. Session on "Assessing Undergraduate Research Projects" at the Induction Program for Academic Staff Members organized by the Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 28th March 2019 at the SDC auditorium. Participants: Probationary academics of universities

As a Resource Person in Soft Skills Development and Motivational Programs

- Seminar on "Japan: What we can learn from them". Organized by the Senior Citizens' Circle of National Savings Bank, Kalutara. Held on 27th July 2010 at National Savings Bank, Kalutara. Participants: Senior Citizens of Kalutara Town Council Area
- Seminar on "Maa Miniseku Kala Kalutara Viduhala" ("The School which Made a Man in Me"). Organized by Kalutara Maha Vidyalaya, Kalutara. Held on 23rd October 2011 at Main Hall of Kalutara Maha Vidyalaya. Participants: Teachers and Students of Kalutara Maha Vidyalaya.
- 3. Seminar on "Education System of Sri Lanka". Conducted by Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 5th June 2013 at the Board Room of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture. Participants: Students of Iowa States University, USA.
- 4. Workshop on "Communicational and Relational Skills" at the 10th Residential Seminar on "Brand Transition: Sustainable Success". Organized by Academy of Administrative Professionals, Colombo. Held on 17th 19th October 2014 at Peacock Beach Hotel, Hambantota. Participants: Administrative Professionals.
- 5. Seminar on "Early Childhood Development and Responsibility of Parents". Organized by "Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha". Held on 11th November 2014 at Gelioya Central College. Participants: Pre-School Teachers of Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha

- 6. Workshop on "Saundarya saha rasavindanaya" ("How to Enjoy Fine Arts"). Organized by the Girls' High School (GHS), Kandy. Held on 29th June 2014 at the Main Hall of GHS. Participants: O/L students of the school.
- 7. Seminar on "*Illakkaya*" ("The Target") a motivational program for A/L students. Organized by Sri Dheerananda College, Pilimathalawa. Held on 25th May 2014 at the College Auditorium. Participants: A/L students of the college.
- 8. Workshop on "**Team Work**". Organized by Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Held on 26th February 2014 at Sabaragamuwa University. Participants: Temporary Academic staff of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University.
- Workshop on "Effective Communication Skills" and "Scientific PowerPoint Presentations".
 Organized by Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Held on 28th February 2014 at Sabaragamuwa University. Participants: Final year students of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University.
- 10. Session on "Your Body Talks Non Verbal Communication Skills" at the Young Scientists Forum Activity Day 2014. Organized by Young Scientists Forum of National Science and Technology Commission. Held on 20th December 2014 at the Auditorium of National Science Foundation, Colombo. Participants: Members of the Young Scientists Forum.
- 11. Seminar on "**How to Score High Planning Your Semester**". Conducted by Agriculture Faculty English Literary Association. Held on 25th March 2014 at R.R. Appadurai Auditorium. Participants: Students of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.
- 12. Workshop on "What is my attitude?" at the Workshop on "Attitude Blast". Conducted by the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. Held on 14th November 2015 at the Seminar Room 1, Faculty of Engineering. Participants: Non-academic staff of Faculty of Engineering.
- 13. Session on "Your Qualities and Personal Development" at the program on "Making a difference in my brand" A Training Programme for Newly Recruited Academic Staff Members. Conducted by Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. Held on 28th January 2015 at Seminar Room 1 at Faculty of Engineering. Participants: Newly Recruited Academic Staff Members of the faculty
- 14. Seminar on "Change Leadership and Communication" and "Scalable Competency" at 10th Anniversary Award Ceremony and Annual Seminar on "Transitioning to Management". Conducted by Academy of Administrative Professionals. Held on 20th March 2015 at Salon Anthurium of Hotel Galadari. Participants: Administrative Professional of Sri Lanka
- 15. Workshop on "Right word at the right place at the right time in the right way" A Workshop on Effective Communication Skills. Organized by Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura. Held on 17th March 2015 at Lecture Hall II, Library Building of University of Sri Jayawardenapura. Participants: Non-academic staff members of Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura.
- 16. Seminar on "Effective Communication Skills" at the Annual General Meeting of the Kandy District Planters' Association. Organized by Kandy District Planters Association. Held on 3rd July 2015 at Banquet Hall of Royal Mall, Kandy. Participants: Members of the Kandy District Planters Association.
- 17. Workshop on "Secrets of Workplace Success". Conducted by Technical Officers' Association of University of Peradeniya. Held on 11th December 2015 at Auditorium of Agricultural

- Biotechnology Center, Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Technical Officers of University of Peradeniya
- 18. Seminar on "Making a difference in my brand Qualities and Personal Development". Organized by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. Held on 10th June 2015 at the Faculty of Medicine. Participants: 4th Year Students of the Faculty of Medicine.
- 19. Seminar on "**How to Score High Planning Your Semester**". Conducted by Agriculture Faculty English Literary Association. Held on 18th May 2015 at R.R. Appadurai Auditorium. Participants: Students of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.
- 20. Seminar on "**How to Score High Planning Your Semester**". Conducted by Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science. Held on 11th February 2015 at Auditorium of Faculty. Participants: 3rd Year Students of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science.
- 21. Workshops on "Effective Communication Skills" and "Scientific PowerPoint Presentations".

 Organized by Department of Production Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. Held on 11th February, 2016 at the Department of Production Engineering.

 Participants: Final year students of Department of Production Engineering.
- 22. Sessions on "Are you happy? Measuring happiness", "'Togetherness' Team playing skills" and "Talking with heart, Talking with brain Verbal spoken communication skills" at the Workshop on "Secrets of workplace success"- A Skills Development Program. Organized by Open University of Sri Lanka, Kandy Branch. Held on 14th October, 2016 at Open University, Polgolla. Participants: Academic Staff of Open University, Kandy
- 23. Workshop on "Ape Diyunuwa Thulin Vishwa Vidyaalaye Diyunuwa" ("Developing the University Through Our Personal Development") A motivational Program. Organized by Open University of Sri Lanka, Kandy Branch. Held on 20th October, 2016 at Open University, Polgolla. Participants: Non-academic Staff of Open University, Kandy
- 24. Workshop on "Feeling the Talk: Talk the Feeling Effective Communication Skills" at the Training Program on "Secrets of Success" A personality development program. Conducted by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 30th November 2016 at the Department of Crop Science. Participants: Crop Science Specializing Students of Faculty of Agriculture.
- 25. Workshop on "Together Everyone Achieves More The Team work" at the Training Program on "Secrets of Success" A personality development program. Conducted by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 21st December 2016 at the Department of Crop Science. Participants: Crop Science Specializing Students of Faculty of Agriculture.
- 26. Seminar on "Bridging Science and Personality". Organized by the Department of Civil Engineering of Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. Held on 15th January 2016 at the Faculty of Engineering. Participants: Students following MSc courses in the Faculty of Engineering
- 27. Seminar on "Ape Diyunuwa Departhamenthuwe Diyunuwai Dasa Wederum Piliweth" ("Developing the Department Through Developing Us The Ten Commandments"). Organized by Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. Held on 10th October 2016 at Upper Chemistry Auditorium, Faculty of Science, Participants: Technical Officers and Lab Attendants of Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya

- 28. Seminar on "English for Science". Organized by English Language Teaching Committee of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 30th May 2016 at Room No. 102, PGIA. Participants: 3rd Year Students of Faculty of Agriculture
- 29. Seminar on "Lama Viya Sanwardanaya saha Demawpiyange Kaaryabharaya" ("Early Childhood Development and the Responsibility of Parents"). Organized by Ranawana Eksath Subasaadaka Samithiya, Katugastota. Held on 10th July 2016 at Main Hall of Janaraja Vidyalaya, Katugastota. Participants: Parents of students who sit for the Grade 5 scholarship exam in 2016.
- 30. Seminar on "Pudgala Sanwardanaya Thulin Samithiye Diyunuwa Dasa Wederum Piliweth" (Developing the Society Through Developing Us The Ten Commandments"). Organized by Ranawana Eksath Subasaadaka Samithiya, Katugastota. Held on 31st January 2016 at Main Hall of Janaraja Vidyalaya, Katugastota. Participants: Members of Ranawana Eksath Subasaadaka Samithiya, Katugastota.
- 31. Seminar on "*Japaanaye Wedihitiyan*" ("Senior Citizens in Japan"). Organized by Ranawana Eksath Subasaadaka Samithiya, Katugastota. Held on 18th June 2016 at Main Hall of Janaraja Vidyalaya, Katugastota. Participants: Senior Citizons in the area of Katugastota.
- 32. Seminar on "**Know all about your examinations**". Organized by the Student Advisory and Welfare Committee of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 15th May 2016 at R.R. Appadurai Auditorium. Participants: Students of Faculty of Agriculture
- 33. Session on "Making a Difference in My Brand" at the One-day Training Program on "Practical Agriculture: from known to unknown". Organized by: CIC Agribusinesses Pvt Ltd, Conducted by: Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 26th November 2016 at Pelwehera Farm. Participants: Officers of CIC Agribusinesses
- 34. Seminar on "**How to Score High**" a Motivational program. Organized by the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. Held on 11th December 2017 at Upper Chemistry Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. Participants: 1st Year undergraduate students of Faculty of Science
- 35. Workshop on "**Secrets of Success**" Tips to Become a Successful Resource Person at SDC. Training of Trainers Program. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 4th September 2017 at Staff Development Center. Participants: Senior Technical Officers of University of Peradeniya
- 36. Seminar on "Essential verbal and non-verbal communication skills for teaching" Staff Talk of the Month. Organized by Faculty of Natural Sciences, Open University of Sri Lanka, Colombo. Held on 20th April, 2017 at the Board Room of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. Participants: Academic Staff of Faculty of Natural Sciences.
- 37. Sessions on "**Know you-know me**" and "**Team Work**" at the Outbound Training Program. Organized by Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 2nd and 3rd November 2017 at Mahallluppallama OBT Center. Participants: Crop Science Specializing 3rd year Students
- 38. Workshop on "Handunaagaththoth Oba Maa" ("Do you know me?)— A personality Development Program. Organized by the Medical Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. Held on 18th October 2017 at the Faculty of Medicine. Participants: Non-academic staff members of Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.
- 39. Training Program on "Secrets of workplace success" A Skills Development Program. Organized by Open University, Anuradhapura. Held on 20th September, 2017 at Open

- University, Anuradhapura. Participants: Academic staff and administrative staff of Open University, Anuradhapura.
- 40. Workshop on "Ape Diyunuwa Thulin Paasale Diyunuwa Dasa Wederum Piliweth" (Development of the School Through Our Development The Ten Commandments") A Personality Development Program. Organized by Ministry of Education, Wayamba Provincial Council. Held on 20th December 2017 at Auditorium of Wayamba Provincial Council. Participants: A/L Agriculture teachers of the Province
- 41. Seminar on "**How to Score High**" a Motivational program. Organized by the Student Advisory and Welfare Committee, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 1st February 2017 at Food Science Auditorium, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: 1st Year undergraduate students of Faculty of Agriculture.
- 42. Seminar on "Balancing Your Academic Work and Life" A motivational Program. Organized by the Student Advisory and Welfare Committee, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 20th May 2017 at Auditorium of Mahallluppallama Sub Campus, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: 1st Year undergraduate students of Faculty of Agriculture.
- 43. Workshop on "**How to Score High**" a Motivational program. Organized by the Student Advisory and Welfare Committee, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 30th November 2017 at Mahallluppallama Sub Campus, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Participants: 1st Year undergraduate students of Faculty of Agriculture.
- 44. Seminar on "**Illakkaya**" ("The Target")— A motivational Program. Organized by Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held on 24th August 2017 at the Crop Science Auditorium, Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: A/L students from schools of Kurunegala District.
- 45. "**Dynamism**" An Outbound Training Program at the Annual Residential Seminar of AAP. Organized by Academy of Administrative Professionals. Held on 20th 22nd October 2017 at Mount Heaven Hotel, Ella. Participants: Administrative Professionals.
- 46. Workshop on "*Maa Nomethi Apa*" ("We without Me")— A motivational program to build the team works. Organized by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya. Held on 31st August 2017 at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science. Participants: Non-academic staff members of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science.
- 47. Seminar on "Making a difference in my brand: Qualities and personal development". Organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Held on 26th January 2017 at the Department of Chemistry, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Participants: Undergraduate students of University of Chittagong.
- 48. Workshops on "Essential Verbal and Non-verbal Communication Skills for Scientists" and "Together Everyone Achieves More": A training program on Team work" and some seminars on Crop Science at the Study Abroad Internship Program offered to College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman. Organized by Agriculture Education Unit (AEU), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Held from 9th July 05th August 2017 at Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Students from College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman

49. Personality Development Programs on "Team work for better results", "Successful communication skills for entrepreneurs" and "Innovative business ideas for small scale business ventures" at the Residential Training Program on Tissue Culture and Micropropagation Under the Pilot project for Micropropagation-Based Floricultural Entrepreneur Development in Selected Districts. Organized by the Department of Manpower and Employment, Conducted by The Agriculture Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Held from 4th – 8th September, 2017 at Faculty of Agriculture. Participants: Selected by the Department of Manpower and Employment.

Resource Person in Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programs Conducted for the University of Peradeniya— Academic Staff Training

- Following sessions were conducted at the 4th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from October to December 2010. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Rajarata, Sabaragamuwa, Moratuwa and Buddha Srawaka Bhikku University.
 - OHP, Boards, Charts/Posters (11th October 2010)
 - **Group Teaching** (1st November 2010)
- 2. Following sessions were conducted at the 5th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from February to April 2012. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Rajarata, Sabaragamuwa, Moratuwa and Buddha Srawaka Bhikku University.
 - *Introduction to Program* (14th February 2012)
 - *Identification of Training Needs* (14th February 2012)
 - Introduction to Teaching Methods (15th February 2012)
 - **Theory Lesson Demonstration** (15th February 2012)
 - Introduction to Teaching/Learning Resources (21st February 2012)
 - Handouts (23rd February 2012)
 - **Group Teaching** (24th February 2012)
 - *Effective Presentation Skills* (24th February and 23rd March 2012)
 - Learning Strategies (22nd March 2012)
 - Giving and Receiving Feedback (29th March 2012)
 - Workshop in Skills (29th March 2012)
 - Research Projects, Viva and Seminar Assessments (30th March 2012)
 - **Course Evaluation** (30th March 2012)
 - **Event Planning and Management** (30th March 2012)
- 3. Following sessions were conducted at the 6th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from February to April 2013. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Rajarata, Sabaragamuwa, Moratuwa and Buddha Srawaka Bhikku University.
 - Introduction to Program (11th February 2013)
 - Aims and Objectives (11th February 2013)

- *Identification of Training Needs* (12th February 2013)
- Introduction to Teaching Methods (14th February 2013)
- *Effective Verbal Communication* (15th February 2013)
- Introduction to Teaching/Learning Resources (18th February 2013)
- Giving and Receiving Feedback (21st February 2013)
- Effective Presentation Skills (11th March 2013)
- **Group Teaching** (12th March 2013)
- Workshop on Skills (13th March 2013)
- **Teaching Practice Video Feedback** (26th April 2013)
- Action Plan and Workshop Evaluation (29th April 2013)
- 4. Following sessions were conducted at the **7**th **Induction** Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from **August to October 2013**. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, South Eastern and Buddha Srawaka Bhikku University.
 - Introduction to Program (13th August 2013)
 - Introduction to Teaching Methods (15th August 2013)
 - Introduction to Teaching/Learning Resources (19th August 2013)
 - Effective Verbal Communication Skills (19th August 2013)
 - Group Teaching (21st August 2013)
 - Giving and Receiving Feedback (23rd August 2013)
 - Workshop on Teaching Practice (23rd August 2013)
 - **Learning Strategies** (9th September 2013)
 - **Skills Teaching/Demonstration** (17th September 2013)
 - **Skills Analysis** (17th September 2013)
 - Workshop on Skills (20th September 2013)
 - **Teaching Practice Video Feedback** (24th October 2013)
 - Action Plan and Workshop Evaluation (25th October 2013)
- 5. Following sessions were conducted at the **8**th **Induction** Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from **February to April 2014**. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, South Eastern, Uwa Wellassa and Moratuwa.
 - Introduction to Program (17th February 2014)
 - Introduction to Teaching Methods (19th February 2014)
 - **Theory Lesson Demonstration** (21st February 2014)
 - Workshop on Teaching Practice (24th February 2014)
 - **Group Teaching** (24th February 2014)
 - **Learning Strategies** (25th February 2014)
 - **Skills Teaching/Demonstration** (20th March 2014)
 - **Skills Analysis** (20th March 2014)
 - Workshop on Skills (21st March 2014)
 - Teaching Practice Video Feedback (21st March and 2nd April 2014)
 - **Event Planning and Management** (1st April 2014)
 - Teacher and Course Evaluation (9th April 2014)

- Action Plan and Workshop Evaluation (9th April 2014)
- 6. Following sessions were conducted at the 9th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from September to November 2014. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya and Uwa Wellassa.
 - Introduction to Program (23rd September 2014)
 - Introduction to Teaching Methods (25th September 2014)
 - Theory Lesson Demonstration (25th September 2014)
 - **Group Teaching** (30th September 2014)
 - Workshop on Teaching Practice (30th September 2014)
 - **Skills Teaching Demonstration** (2nd October 2014)
 - **Skills Analysis** (2nd October 2014)
 - **Skills Teaching and Lesson Planning** (3rd October 2014)
 - Workshop on Skills (16th October 2014)
 - Giving and Receiving Feedback (16th October 2014)
 - Teaching Practice Video Feedback (16th and 21st October and 3rd November 2014)
 - **Teacher and Course Evaluation** (29th October 2014)
 - Action Plan and Workshop Evaluation (4th November 2014)
- 7. Following sessions were conducted at the **10th Induction** Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from **March to May 2015**. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Sabaragamuwa and Ruhuna.
 - Giving and Receiving Feedback (19th March 2015)
 - Theory Lesson Demonstration (23rd March 2015)
 - Effective Presentation Skills (24th March 2015)
 - Workshop on Teaching Practice (25th March 2015)
 - Group Teaching (25th March 2015)
 - **Effective Questioning** (25th May 2015)
 - **Teacher and Course Evaluation** (25th May 2015)
- 8. Following sessions were conducted at the 11th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from October to December 2015. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Buddha Srawaka Bhikku, Sabaragamuwa, Uwa Wellassa and Advanced Technological Institute.
 - *Aims and Objectives* (7th October 2015)
 - *Identification of Training Needs* (9th October 2015)
 - Introduction to Teaching/Learning Resources (9th October 2015)
 - **Effective Presentation Skills** (12th October 2015)
 - Theory Lesson Demonstration (13th October 2015)
 - Lesson Analysis and Lesson Planning (13th October 2015)
 - Group Teaching (15th October 2015)

- **Skills Teaching Demonstration** (3rd November 2015)
- **Skills Analysis** (3rd November 2015)
- *Giving and Receiving Feedback* (13th November 2015)
- Workshop on Skills (16th November 2015)
- Following sessions were conducted at the 12th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from May to August 2016. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Buddha Srawaka Bhikku and Buddhist & Pali University.
 - **Aims and Objectives** (31st May 2016)
 - Identification of Training Needs (2nd June 2016)
 - Giving and Receiving Feedback (2nd June 2016)
 - **Group Teaching** (6th June 2016)
 - Theory Lesson Demonstration (9th June 2016)
 - Lesson Analysis and Lesson Planning (9th June 2016)
 - **Skills Teaching Demonstration** (28th June 2016)
 - **Skills Analysis** (28th June 2016)
 - **Effective Questioning** (28th June 2016)
 - Introduction to Assessments and Evaluations (4th July 2016)
 - Summative and Formative Assessments (4th July 2016)
 - Assessment Methods and Types of Questions (4th July 2016)
 - Marking Schemes, Model Answers and Grading Students (4th July and 15th August 2016)
 - Workshop on Skills (15th August 2016)
- 10. Following sessions were conducted at the 13^h Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from January to March 2017. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Buddha Srawaka Bhikku and South Eastern.
 - **Aims and Objectives** (24th January 2017)
 - *Identification of Training Needs* (24th January 2017)
 - **Group Teaching** (30th January 2017)
 - **Theory Lesson Demonstration** (1st February 2017)
 - Lesson Analysis and Lesson Planning (1st February 2017)
 - **Summative and Formative Assessments** (3rd February 2017)
 - **Assessment Methods and Types of Questions** (3rd February 2017)
 - Marking Schemes and Model Answers (3rd February 2017)
 - Grading Students (3rd February 2017)
 - **Effective Questioning** (28th February 2017)
 - **Skills Teaching Demonstration** (21st March 2017)
 - **Skills Analysis** (21st March 2017)
- 11. Following sessions were conducted at the 14^h Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from October to December 2017. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities

of Peradeniya, Buddha Srawaka Bhikku, South Eastern, Eastern and Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education.

- Aims and Objectives (17th October 2017)
- Introduction to Teaching Methods (17th October 2017)
- **Group Teaching** (19th October 2017)
- Training Needs and Target Population (25th October 2017)
- Introduction to Assessments and Evaluations (26th October 2017)
- **Assessment Methods and Types of Questions** (26th October 2017)
- Marking Schemes and Model Answers (26th October 2017)
- **Grading Students** (26th October 2017)
- **Theory Lesson Demonstration** (27th October 2017)
- Lesson Analysis and Lesson Planning (27th October 2017)
- 12. Following sessions were conducted at the 15^h Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Peradeniya. Held from February to May 2018. Participants: Probationary Academic Staff of Universities of Peradeniya, Buddha Srawaka Bhikku and South Eastern.
 - **Aims and Objectives** (6th February 2018)
 - Training Needs and Target Population (6th February 2018)
 - Group Teaching (9th February 2018)
 - Theory Lesson Demonstration (1st February 2017)
 - Lesson Analysis and Lesson Planning (1st February 2017)
 - **Summative and Formative Assessments** (3rd February 2017)
 - **Assessment Methods and Types of Questions** (3rd February 2017)
 - Marking Schemes and Model Answers (3rd February 2017)

Resource Person in Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programs Conducted for Other Universities – Academic Staff Training

South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine

- 1. 1st Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit of South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine (SAITM). Held on 15th March 2012 [3 sessions]
- 2nd Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality
 Assurance Unit of South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine (SAITM). Held from June
 to October 2013 [12 sessions]
- 3. **3**rd **Induction Program for Academic Staff** of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit of South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine (SAITM). Held from January to April 2016. **[13 sessions]**

Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

1. **3**rd Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL). Held from March to

October 2014 [14 sessions]

- 4th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL). Held from 26th to 28th February 2016 [14 sessions]
- 3. **5**th **Induction Program for Academic Staff** of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL). Held from 28th to 30th April 2017. **[14 sessions]**
- 4. **6**th **Induction Program for Academic Staff** of Universities. Conducted by the Staff Development Center of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL). Held from September to December 2018. **[16 sessions]**

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

One-day program on "Assessments in Higher Education Institutes". Conducted by the Staff Development Center (SDC) of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Held on 7th December 2018. [3 sessions]

Horizon Campus

- 1. 1st Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of Horizon Campus, Malambe. Held from Sep. to Nov. 2015. [12 sessions]
- 2. **2**nd **Induction Program for Academic Staff** of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of Horizon Campus, Malambe. Held on 14th November 2016. **[4** sessions]
- 3. **3**rd Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of Horizon Campus, Malambe. Held on 13th March 2018. **[4 sessions]**

Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

- 2nd Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Academic Affairs Unit of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT). Held from Feb. to May 2018. [16 sessions]
- 2. **3rd Induction Program for Academic Staff** of Universities. Conducted by the Academic Affairs Unit of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT). Held from August to October 2018 **[16 sessions]**
- 3. 4th Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Academic Affairs Unit of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT). Held from February to May 2019 [16 sessions]

Sri Lanka Technological Campus

One-day program on **"Outcome Based Education System"** at the Induction Program for Academic Staff. Conducted by the Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC), Padukka. Held on 7th March 2016 **[5 sessions]**

National Institute of Business Management

One-day program on "Introduction to Teaching Methods and Assessments" at the Induction & In-service Program for Academic Staff. Conducted by the National Institute of Business Management (NIBM). Held on 3rd August 2016. [5 sessions]

National School of Business Management

- 1. **1**st Induction Program for Academic Staff of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of NSBM. Held from Sep. to Nov. 2016. **[12 sessions]**
- 2. **2**nd **Induction Program for Academic Staff** of Universities. Conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of NSBM. Held on 14th November 2017. **[8 sessions]**

Resource Person in Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programs Conducted for the University – Non - Academic Staff Training

- Workshop on "Being a member of a Team for Betterment". Organized by Staff Development Centre, University of Peradeniya. Held on 22nd November, 2012 at the Galbangalawa, University Bungalow. Participants: University workers who belong to the labourer category in the divisions of Landscape, Works and Health.
- Session on "Improving Basic Communication Skills" at the One-day Workshop on "Sewa Sthanaye Saarthakathwayata Maga". Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 29th November 2012 at Upper Hanthana Training Center, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Labourers of University of Peradeniya (same workshop was repeated 4 times November 30; December 06, 18, 20)
- Session on "Improving Basic Communication Skills" at the One-day Workshop on "Sewa Sthanaye Saarthakathwayata Maga". Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 3rd January 2013 at Upper Hanthana Training Center, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Labourers of University of Peradeniya (same workshop was repeated 4 times January 04, 08, 10, 11).
- 4. Session on "Effective Presentation Skills" at the Workshop on "Effective Presentation Skills and Communication Skills". Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 18th April 2013 at Upper Hantana Training Center, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Administrative Staff of University of Peradeniya (the same program was repeated on the April 19th for another group of same category)
- 5. Sessions on "Introduction to University of Peradeniya" and "We Shall Work as a Team" at the Two-day workshop on "My Job and I" An Induction Program for newly recruited non academic staff members. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held 03rd and 05th July, 2013 at the Upper Hantana Training Centre. Participants: Newly recruited members of clerical and allied grades.
- Guest Speech on "Achieving Success Through Proper Communication" at the Seminar on "Achieving Success Through Proper Communication and Handling of Hazardous Chemicals".
 Organized by Hemsons International Pvt Ltd and Merck Millipore in collaboration with Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 7th May 2014 at Conference Hall,

- Royal Garden Hotel, Kandy. Participants: **Technical Officers** of University of Peradeniya.
- 7. Sessions on "Are you Happy Measuring Happiness", "Your Body Talks Non Verbal Communication Skills", "Am I a Good Listener?" and "Neighbor's Grasses Worrying About Others" at the Workshop on "Feel the Pulse of the Others" Training on effective communication skills. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held 19th July, 2014 the Faculty of Dental Sciences. Participants: Nursing staff from Health Centre and Faculty of Dental Sciences.
- 8. Sessions on "Are you Happy?", "Improving Basic Communication Skills", "Team Work" and "Effective Listening Skills" at the Workshop on "Personality Development" for drivers of the University. Organized by the Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 20th July, 2014 at Upper Hantana Training Center. Participants: Drivers of the University.
- Session on "Talk with Heart Talk with Brain Communication Skills" at the Workshop on "Empower Yourself" - Two-day workshop on personality development. Conducted by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 15th and 16th December 2014 at PGIA. Participants: All the staff members of Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA).
- 10. Session on "We Shall Work as a Team" at the One-day Workshop on "Saarthaka Sevayak Sandaha Maga" (Way to a Successful Service) An Induction Program for Laborers. Held on 19th February 2015 at Upper Hantana Training Center, University of Peradeniya. Participants: Newly recruited Laborers of the University
- 11. Sessions on "Kathawen Obbata" (Beyond the Talk) and "Kandaayamaka Watinaakama" (Value of a Team) at the One-day Personality Development Program for the Security Officers. Organized by the Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held on 29th July 2015 at the Department of Education, Faculty of Arts. Participants: All Security Officers of the University (Same program was repeated on 29th September 2015 for another group).
- 12. Following sessions were conducted at the **Five-day Induction Program** for Clerks and the Staff of Allied Grades. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held from **17**th **March to 5**th **May 2017**, at the Main Hall of Staff Development Center. Participants: **Newly recruited Clerks** and the Staff of Allied Grades of the University.
 - I am Accountable and Responsible for What I Do (17th March 2017)
 - **We are a Team** (21st April 2017)
 - I want to be Effective in Communication (5th May 2017)
- 13. Following sessions were conducted at the *Five-day Induction Program* for Stenographers. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held from 21st June to 11th August 2017, at the Main Hall of Staff Development Center. Participants: Newly recruited Stenographers of the University.
 - I am Accountable and Responsible for What I Do (21st June 2017)
 - **We are a Team** (30th June 2017)
 - I want to be Effective in Communication (11th August 2017)
- 14. Following sessions were conducted at the Six-day Induction Program for Technical Officers and Staff of Allied Grades. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held from 24th August to 4th October 2017 at the Main Hall of Staff Development Center. Participants: Newly recruited Technical Officers and Staff of Allied Grades of the University.
 - Being Accountable and Responsible (8th September 2017)
 - **Team Work** (12th September 2017)
 - *Effective Communication* (27th September 2017)

- 15. Following sessions were conducted at the *Three-day Induction Program* for Lab Attendants. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held from 30th August to 19th September 2017, at the Main Hall of Staff Development Center. Participants: Newly recruited Lab Attendants of the University.
 - I am Responsible and Accountable (30th August 2017)
 - Working as a Team (6th September 2017)
 - I am a Good Listener (6th September 2017)
- 16. Following sessions were conducted at the Six-day Induction Program for Technical Officers and Staff of Allied Grades. Organized by Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya. Held from 10th January to 28th February 2018 at the Main Hall of Staff Development Center. Participants: Newly recruited Technical Officers and Staff of Allied Grades of the University.
 - Being Accountable and Responsible (10th January 2018)
 - Effective Communication (29th January 2018)
 - Team Work (28th February 2018)

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