

# IMPERIAL TIMES 2023



# Welcome to Imperial College, where education transcends boundaries and cultures unite in a symphony of knowledge and harmony



Imperial College stands tall not just for its academic excellence but also for fostering a kaleidoscope of experiences that enrich the lives of its students. Beyond the lecture halls, Imperial's campus pulsates with a rich tapestry of culture, sports, activities, and community engagement, creating an unparalleled student life experience.

## Diversity at its Core

At Imperial, diversity isn't just a buzzword; it's a way of life. The campus is a melting pot of cultures, welcoming students from every corner of Sri Lanka. This mosaic of backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives creates a unique and inclusive environment where learning extends far beyond books.

## Academic Brilliance and Beyond

While Imperial is renowned for its academic rigor and groundbreaking research, it's equally celebrated for its vibrant extracurricular landscape. Sports teams thrive, showcasing prowess on fields and courts, fostering teamwork, and promoting a healthy balance between body and mind.

Student life at Imperial is an endless adventure. From bustling student councils to dynamic clubs and societies, there's something for everyone. Whether it's the spirited debates, the social impact initiatives of Rotaract, or the celebration of cultural diversity through festivals and events, students find ample avenues to explore their passions and interests.

## Community Engagement and Social Responsibility

Imperial students are not just academically inclined; they are socially conscious change-makers. Engaged in numerous CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activities, they initiate impactful projects that address societal challenges. Whether it's sustainability drives, charity fundraisers, or community outreach programs, Imperial students actively contribute to creating a better world.

## Cultural Festivities and Diversity

The campus comes alive with a myriad of cultural celebrations. From Thaipongal to Sinhala and Tamil New Year, Ramazan to Christmas, students revel in the beauty of multiculturalism, organizing festivals that celebrate diversity, fostering mutual understanding and respect among peers.

In essence, Imperial College isn't just about academic excellence—it's a dynamic ecosystem where students flourish academically, culturally, and socially. It's a place where lifelong friendships are forged, passions ignited, and horizons expanded, setting the stage for a future generation of global leaders and change-makers.

# Harmony in Leadership

Unveiling Imperial College's Student Council 23/2024



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Amidst an aura of anticipation and camaraderie, Imperial College of business studies witnessed the grand installation of its new Student Council on 18th of March 2023. The corridors of Imperial College were adorned with anticipation as the Student Council stepped into their roles, symbolizing a promising new era. The Installation Ceremony, akin to a tapestry of aspirations and leadership, unfolded in a unique spectacle, resonating the spirit of unity and commitment among the student body.



At the helm of this new journey stood Vishvani Senevirathna, assuming the role of President, and Kaviendya Rupasinghe as the Vice President. With impassioned speeches, they echoed their pledge to steer the student body towards progress and inclusivity

The event was graced by the presence of the Academic Director and Director of Operations, signifying the importance the institution places on student governance.



Chanusha Jayawardane, the Lecturer and Head of Student Activities, delivered an impassioned speech encapsulating the essence of cultural spirit and the profound sense of family bond within the student community. Her words resonated, fostering unity and pride among all.

The ceremony was more than a mere transfer of positions; it was a mosaic of traditions and modernity. Embracing Imperial's rich legacy, backdrop of cheers and applause, the council vowed to champion student welfare, foster inclusivity, and ignite the flame of progress. Paving way for new beginnings !



# Embracing Diversity:

Imperial College of Business Studies Hosts Annual Iftar Celebration



In a remarkable display of unity and inclusivity, the Student Council of Imperial College of Business Studies recently organized its annual Iftar celebration. The event, held at the college premises, welcomed students of all faiths, transcending religious boundaries to foster a sense of togetherness and mutual understanding. The Iftar celebration, a longstanding tradition, was open to all students, regardless of their religious affiliations. It provided a unique opportunity for individuals from diverse backgrounds to come together, breaking fast in harmony and sharing in the spirit of unity.

The evening commenced with the breaking of the fast, where students, staff, and faculty gathered to partake in a communal meal, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie.

One of the most poignant moments of the evening was the collective performance of prayers. Students from different faiths joined hands in a shared moment of spirituality, showcasing the rich tapestry of cultural and religious diversity present within the college community. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of understanding, respect, and collaboration. The Student Council's initiative not only provided a platform for cultural exchange but also offered a new and enriching experience for all participants. The event highlighted the college's commitment to fostering an environment where diversity is celebrated, and differences are embraced.

As the echoes of prayers and laughter resonated through the college premises, the annual Iftar celebration left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of the students, reinforcing the values of unity, understanding, and shared experiences at Imperial College of Business Studies.

# FRESHER'S DAY

Every student eagerly awaits right from their time of admission for their most remarkable event of the college "FRESHER'S DAY". The 8th of April 2022 was as a memorable day in the life of every fresher of academic year 2023-2024 batch at Imperial College of Business Studies. The fresher's day was filled with excitement, joy, music, enthusiasm, laughter and happiness.



It is the day where seniors and juniors finally bond and unite to celebrate being part of the college. Students were welcomed with so much enthusiasm which was organized by "Student Council Of College".

Freshman year is a lot of fun, and it's also a great time to get to know your seniors. You have more opportunities to bond with your peers outside of class and learn more about them. Freshers are a terrific way to have fun and let off steam during your first few weeks of college. It's a way to get out and meet new people. It's a method of stepping outside of your comfort zone.

Speeches by lectures, staff and the council president gave a clear beginning to the event, as they spoke about academics and extra curriculum activities. The following personals spoke on this day;



# PUZZLE SOLVING

The students were put into teams where they solved a puzzle. One member from each team spoke about unity as the solved puzzle carried a message regarding unity.



# DANCING COMPETITION

The students had some time to do a dance act within a given time period for a song selected by the student council. The freshers loved this event the most. And we got to see some talented freshers as well.



# TEAM GAME

The freshers did a group activity where they carried cotton balls through the use of a straw. This game helped them to build team spirit.



The student council with the help of the staff and lectures made the freshers day a success and a remarkable day for everyone.

# 'Meh Auruddhe Api Wasse'

A Whimsical Aurudu Soiree at the Children's Park

**From Sunny Beginnings to Rainy Revelry - Embracing the Unexpected at our Imperial Aurudu Festival**

## Picture this :

A sunlit morning, vibrant canopies, a carefully arranged food stall, and a stage adorned with traditional décor at a children's park. The Imperial Aurudu festival had all the makings of a sunny celebration until the weather decided to surprise us with an unexpected twist

As the rain continued to bless the festival, a collective decision was made to move the remaining games outdoors, where the true magic of Aurudu awaited. The games took on a new life as students embraced the wet weather.

From 'lime and spoon' to 'tug-of-war,' every challenge became a thrilling adventure under the rain. Laughter echoed through the park as traditional games transformed into playful water activities, making memories that would be cherished for years to come.

## The Rain Dance:

As the Aurudu games concluded, the Student Council took the stage. Undeterred by the rain, they performed a vibrant dance under the open sky. To our surprise, the rain didn't discourage our fellow students. Instead, they eagerly joined hands, forming a jubilant circle that embraced the spirit of unity and celebration. What was initially a challenge, became the highlight of the day.



## Energizing DJ Night: Unwinding Amidst Academics

Imperial College Kandy recently hosted a refreshing DJ night, offering students a vibrant break from academic pressures. This spirited event, crafted to counter academic stress, created a lively atmosphere filled with music, dance, and boundless enthusiasm.

As the DJ night echoes into cherished memories, Imperial College Kandy remains dedicated to nurturing a holistic college experience, ensuring students find moments of joy and respite amidst their academic journeys.



## Imperial College of Business Studies' Commitment to Student Academic Excellence

We go above and beyond by offering comprehensive support for assignments. The college recognizes that mastering the art of academic writing goes hand-in-hand with effective referencing, and thus, conducts regular sessions guiding students on the intricacies of Harvard referencing. These interactive sessions not only demystify the complexities of referencing but also provide practical insights into its application in real-world scenarios. We organize specialized workshops where students can refine their abilities to articulate ideas confidently and present them coherently. These sessions go beyond the theoretical, offering practical tips and hands-on experience to ensure that students are well-prepared for the challenges of presenting in professional settings.



## Poson Dansala



In the lively and vibrant month of June, the ICBS Student Council orchestrated an unforgettable "Poson Dansala". This celebration was a tribute to Poson Poya, an immensely significant Buddhist festivity, following in the footsteps of Vesak. While Poson holds deep cultural importance for Buddhists in our country, the council members, regardless of their religious backgrounds, united wholeheartedly to ensure the success of this occasion.

The Poson Dansala undoubtedly stands as one of the primary events orchestrated by the council, with everyone enthusiastically participating and fulfilling their roles flawlessly. This remarkable collective of individuals truly brought the essence of Poson to life within the walls of Imperial, leaving an indelible mark of joy and community spirit.

The infectious spirit of Dansal permeated the event as crowds gathered eagerly to indulge in our very own Achcharu. Witnessing people lining up outside the college premises to savor the tantalizing spiced fruit offerings, meticulously prepared by council members, brought immeasurable joy. The overwhelming turnout of attendees made the distribution of Achcharu a swift affair, as it vanished within mere minutes.

# Rediscovering Childhood Joy : Celebrating Children's Day at Imperial College

Imperial College of Business Studies, despite its adult student body, recently embraced the spirit of childhood in a heartwarming celebration of Children's Day. The campus buzzed with enthusiasm as each student was gifted adorable wristbands, evoking a wave of nostalgia and smiles across the lecture halls and corridors.



In a touching gesture, the Council In charge Lecturer, Miss Chanusha, honored council members with small cactus plants and thoughtful gift cards. Thus, gifting a cactus to a university student is not just a simple present; it's a thoughtful representation of resilience, adaptability, and the inherent ability to bloom in any environment—a true reflection of a student's journey through higher education. This simple yet heartening act symbolized growth, appreciation, and the nurturing spirit of leadership.

The day was a joyful reminder that the essence of childhood resides in us all, transcending age barriers. It was a beautiful testament to the unity and camaraderie that define our college community, where even as adults, we cherish the innocence and joy of being young at heart.



# STUDENT COUNCIL 2023



**In Absentia :**  
Kaviendya Rupasinghe , Farhana Faris, Elisha Stephen,  
Vihara Athukorala, kishor Hussain, Anuk Fernando

# **Guiding Lights:**

"Celebrating the Impactful Journey of Educators  
A Special Teacher's Day Edition"

The Imperial College of Business Studies Student Council orchestrated a heartfelt gesture to honour the unsung heroes of education—lecturers. In a heartwarming display of appreciation, the council presented mugs accompanied by thoughtful cards to commemorate the profound impact these educators have on the student body.



The initiative was more than a simple token; it symbolized a collective gratitude for the dedication, knowledge, and inspiration that lecturers consistently impart to their students. These mugs, adorned with the institution's emblem, carried a profound message—a daily reminder of the lasting imprint left by these mentors.



Accompanying each mug was a small yet impactful card. These cards, adorned with heartfelt messages penned by students, conveyed sincere thanks and admiration. Each message encapsulated the ways in which these lecturers have shaped minds, nurtured ambitions, and kindled a passion for learning.

This thoughtful gesture from the Student Council echoed the sentiments of the entire student body. It served as a humble acknowledgment of the tireless effort lecturers invest in their students' growth and development. The initiative aimed not only to recognize their academic prowess but also to highlight their unwavering support, guidance, and belief in their students' potential.

Beyond the tangible gifts, the gesture was a testament to the profound relationships forged within the college community. It reinforced the ethos of appreciation and respect, fostering a culture of gratitude that extends beyond the classroom.

In essence, the act by the Student Council was a touching tribute, symbolizing the profound impact of educators and underscoring the value of their contributions in shaping the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

# A Night of Unity and Celebration:

## Imperial Night 2023

 **JAAIC Hilton Colombo**  **5th November 2023**

The night came alive with vibrant energy as students from all divisions gathered for the much-anticipated night of the year. It was a celebration of unity and friendship with lively music, laughter and a dozen stories which set the stage for an unforgettable evening.

Students showcased their talents in a mix of dance, drama, and many different unseen talents. Laughter and cheers echoed through the venue, the energy of the students were displayed throughout the evening as everyone was letting loose and enjoying the moment.



Amidst all, friendships were strengthened, and new connections were forged. The night served as a break from academic routines, providing a platform for students to unwind and create lasting memories. Showcasing the spirit of community within college, fostering an environment where students can come together to celebrate their shared journey.

As the night concluded, the echoes of laughter and the rhythm of music lingered, leaving a mark on the collective memory of the university. It was more than just an event; It was a night to remember, filled with laughter, joy, and a sense of belonging, displaying diversity and unity, creating an unforgettable experience for all the students.



# Launches



The launch of the **Institute of Analytics UK** in Sri Lanka signaled the country's commitment to becoming a regional hub for analytics excellence. The event showcased the vast potential that lies within data analytics, promising a brighter future for Sri Lanka's businesses, government agencies, and society. Imperial College of Business Studies, as one of the robust higher education institutions in the higher education domain in Sri Lanka with their strong established connections with IOA and their partners in India, supported with the initial inauguration of IOA-UK, Sri Lanka Launch. The inauguration ceremony brought together distinguished guests, Senior members from State and non-state universities, Senior leadership of both local and international professional bodies offering qualifications in Sri Lanka, Heads of private higher education institutions, academics, and senior government officials, all eager to witness the birth of a new era in Sri Lanka's analytics landscape. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation and excitement as the institute's vision and commitment to excellence were unveiled. The Chief Guest of the event was Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunga, Chairman of UGC Sri Lanka.



**Queen Margaret University (QMU)** and Imperial College of Business Studies (ICBS) announced the launch of a groundbreaking partnership between the two institutions, aimed at providing world class education to our Sri Lankan students in pursuing their Degree and Master's qualifications in multiple trending disciplines. The ceremony took place at the Kingsbury Hotel on the 19th of July 2023, with an esteemed gathering of high-level delegates, corporate leaders, and education sector officials. Her Excellency Lisa Whipstall, Acting British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, graced the event as the Chief Guest.



# ICBS Unveils Study Abroad Division

Imperial College of Business Studies (ICBS) proudly announces the launch of its Study Abroad Division, a gateway to an array of educational opportunities across more than 100 distinguished universities in 10 countries. This initiative encompasses a diverse selection of over 500 foundation, undergraduate, and postgraduate courses. Students can choose to embark on their educational journey directly at their preferred international destination or opt to begin their qualifications in Sri Lanka, seamlessly transferring overseas.

To further facilitate this transformative experience, ICBS extends comprehensive support services, including consultation, application assistance, and visa support, all provided in-house at no cost, helping students find the most suitable options according to their preferences and budget. As part of the transfer programs, IELTS preparation is also seamlessly integrated, offered free of charge to our students.

ICBS's Study Abroad Division marks a significant milestone, reinforcing our commitment to providing students with global educational opportunities and a platform to shape their academic futures.

## Open Days

In collaboration with prestigious institutions, ICBS organised a series of successful Open Days, providing students with valuable insights into their prospective academic journeys.

Marking the start of a successful partnership with Southern Cross University, Australia, The Australian Open Day was held at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel on July 1st, featuring esteemed guests from SCU such as Associate Dean Prof. Darshana Sedera and Regional Manager (South Asia, Middle East & Africa), Ms. Subhi Pradhan. A subsequent open day was held at the ICBS Colombo premises on September 9th.



The UK Open Day, featuring the participation of Ms. Sangeeta Jospeh, Student Advisor University of Ulster, and Ms. Inhama Ifthikar, the country representative of the University of Chester, was held on August 20th at the Queen's Hotel Kandy, followed by the University of Chester Open Day at ICBS Colombo on September 23rd.

Further expanding horizons, ICBS orchestrated a successful Open Day with the University for the Creative Arts, UK, on October 14th, featuring Prof. Neil Bottle, with a special focus on their Fashion School at the Taj Samudra Hotel.



Culminating this series, Middlesex University Dubai held an impactful Open Day at ICBS Colombo on November 27th, with the participation of Mr. Eranda Kulatunga, Student Recruitment Executive, and Ms. Shenelle Perera, Country Representative. The day's highlight was the signing of the partnership.

# Melodies and Celebrations:

## The Imperial MBA Night & Paduru Sajje

The events radiated with jubilation, an oasis for stressed minds. Amidst festivities, students relished the freedom to unwind, shedding academic stress. Paduru Sajje's vibrant atmosphere infused life into the celebration, allowing students to rejuvenate, forge new connections, and create lasting memories, marking a well-deserved pause from the rigors of their academic journeys at Imperial.



# CSR at Imperial College



Throughout the past years, our university has exemplified its commitment to societal betterment through a diverse array of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects. These initiatives have served as a testament to our institution's dedication to making a positive impact on the community and beyond.



## CIMA Mind Games

CIMA Mind Games has been and will be one of the most prestigious awards in education and corporate scene. Imperial college of business studies had come close over the years in claiming the title and got fortunate in 2023 by winning the Institute trophy and was ranked #7 overall with other corporate companies. The competition was held at One Galle Face after a 4-year hiatus with 71 teams. The team was the perfect mix of fitness, street smart and book smart – Vishvani been the book nerd, Ushanth with his photographic memory, Kavishna who always works smart not hard, Janidu with a perfect balance of fitness and street-smart and finally Shakthi who always finds shortcuts and has impeccable general knowledge. It was an enormous win as it displayed sheer knowledge and thinking power of the Imperial team. The puzzles, sudokus, riddled clues and questions and to top it off the endurance and stamina to find answers under the given time was indeed a huge challenge to conquer.



# Embracing Deepavali Traditions: A Celebration of Unity

Our Deepavali celebration was colourful and joyful. Dressed in traditional attire, students immersed themselves in the prayers and ceremonies guided by the priest. The student council's vibrant decorations complemented the spiritual atmosphere, creating a colorful and joyful ambience. This celebration showcased our respect for diverse cultures and our unity in celebration. The priest-led rituals, combined with the students' involvement, made our Deepavali a memorable and culturally rich experience for everyone involved.



In the vibrant tapestry of Sri Lanka's university sports, Imperial Sports stands as a shining beacon of athletic excellence. Since its inception in 2019, this powerhouse of talent and determination has etched its name in history, amassing a staggering collection of 40 trophies across various disciplines, with sights set on claiming more.

The story of Imperial Sports is one marked by unwavering commitment, unmatched skill, and an unquenchable thirst for victory. From the gleaming halls of Red Bull National Championships, where they emerged victorious and earned the honor of representing Sri Lanka at the World Finals, to the consecutive conquests at CIMA Sports Day Championships, their journey has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Their trophy cabinet narrates a tale of triumphs in futsal, football, rugby, badminton, athletics, cricket and an array of other sports. Each trophy represents not just a victory but a culmination of sweat, dedication, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

As they await more challenges and tournaments, Imperial Sports stands poised to add more trophies to their illustrious collection. Imperial Sports isn't just a name; it's a legacy in the making—a legacy built upon the foundation of passion, resilience, and an unshakable commitment to sportsmanship. With 40 trophies adorning their journey so far, they eagerly anticipate the opportunity to further embellish their tale of triumphs and etch their name in the histories of Inter University sporting greatness.



# IMPERIAL SPORTS 2023

Coming down to an end of another spectacular year for Imperial Sports, Imperial College of Business Studies was able to participate in few of the most anticipating inter university events in 2023. Starting from Futsal "the heart of Imperial Sports" to Basketball and Rugby, Imperial College of Business Studies was able to dominate on and off the field alongside with victories as well as sportsmanship.

## Futsal

Imperial College of Business Studies' futsal team lead by our very own talented national representative Kavindya Rupasinghe, this team was able to grab 3 consecutive runners up trophies in a row in Grandeur and Golazo '23 organized by BMS University and APIIT Extravaganza organized by APIIT. These boys showcased real class and talent throughout all these tournaments, alongside with the skipper Selaru Deemantha, Binara Sanketh, Sadiqul Ameen, Ijas, Abdullah, Mohamed Rifkhan and Firnaz.



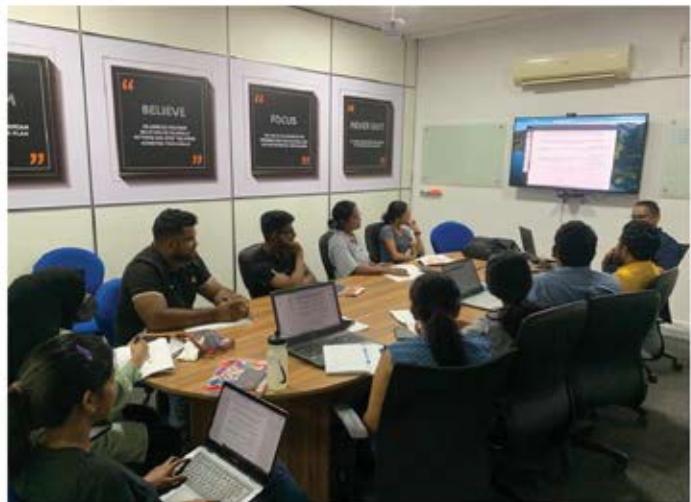
## Rugby

The dominant force, the rugby team of Imperial College of Business Studies emerged as Plate Champions in the APIIT Extravaganza 7's Rugby Tournament 2023 organized by APIIT. This team was lead by Antonian double coloursman and also a former junior national cricketer Janidu Himsara, Jehan Seelagama, Dulanjana Silva, Anuk Fernando, Fadhil Adahan, Prabash Thilina, Banuka Malith, Prabath Hurigolla, Yohan Chathuranga, Thamuditha Dodanwatte, Minidu Jayasundara and Praveenda Wijethilake are the rest of the team members. This team showcased a dominant performance throughout the whole tournament by beating most of the universities with huge point margins.



# Vibrant Kaleidoscope:

Student Life at Imperial, Bursting with Academics, Events and Sports



**2024: A Year to Embrace – In the Making !**

DREAM  
BELIEVE  
TRANSFORM



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