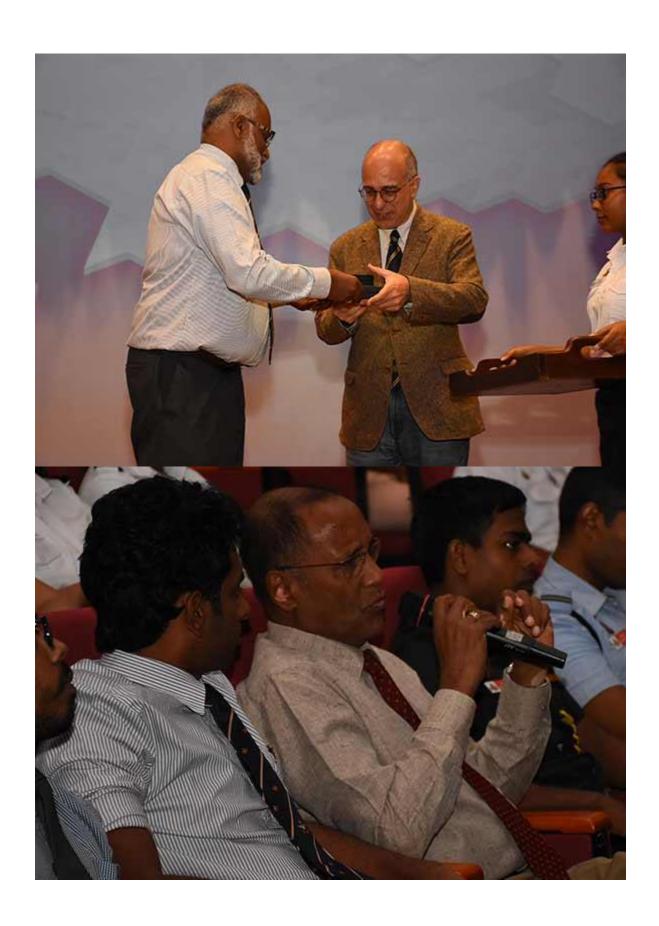
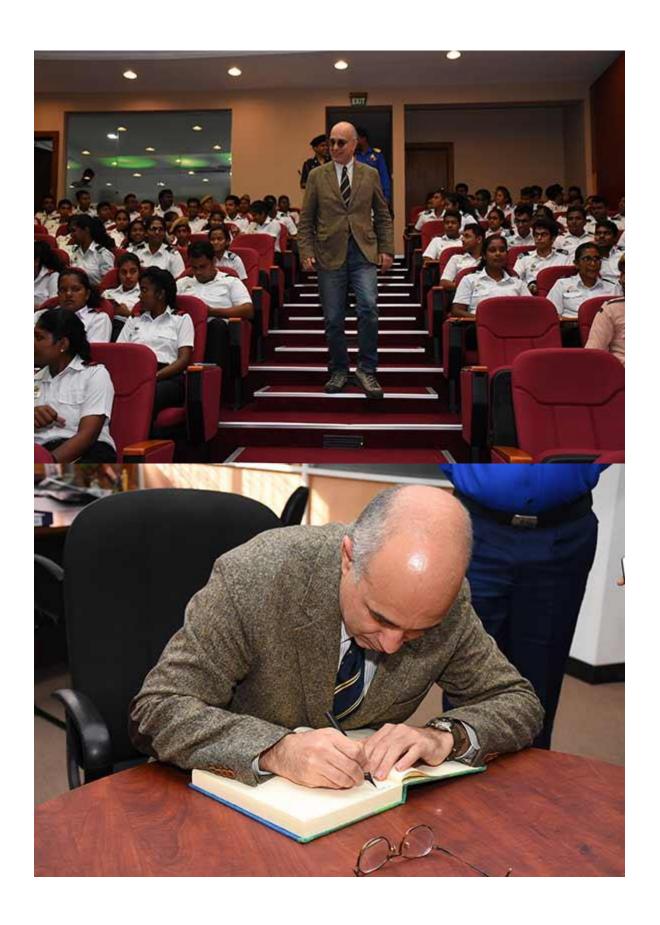
Guest Lecture By Professor Paolo Genovese - Tianjin University, China

On the 18th of January, 2020 Professor Paolo Genovese, a renowned and eminent Italian architect and academic, graced the Southern Campus, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University with his presence, as he delivered a lecture on "Historical Heritage and Traditional Settlements Preservation Strategy Based on Bionic Approach and Data-Driven Analysis". Prof. Genovese, who was introduced to the Faculty by Lecturer Architect Niluka Lakmali, is a full professor at Tianjin University, China, and the Director of the Lab of Bionic Architecture and Planning Research Centre of the University. He has published seven monographs, fifteen books, and more than eight-hundred papers, and has also been the tutor of over 70 PhD and Master's dissertations in China and abroad. The lecture held at the auditorium of Southern Campus was intended for the undergraduates of Department of Architecture and Department of Quantity Surveying of Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences and were also attended by the Academia of the Faculty. The event was organized by the Department of Architecture and it had drawn a noteworthy significance as it was the first guest lecture held at Southern Campus for the year 2020.











Familiarization Visit to Southern Campus

A group of fifty students and four teachers of Jinaraja Boys College, Gampola visited the KDU, Southern Campus on a familiarization tour on 19th of February 2020. During this visit, the visiting students and teachers were acquainted about the academic and military programmes and in-house facilities of the Campus. Facilitating this acquaintance, a multi-media presentation was conducted to the visitors at the Campus Auditorium by Senior Deputy Dean, Faculty of Defense and Strategic Studies Southern Campus Captain CT Gunarathne RSP & Bar psc and they taken around on a premises visit by the Adjutant-Southern Campus Major RNCY Ramanayake psc IG SLA.









Architect Exhibition 2020

For the first time since the inception of the Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) degree programme in 2015, the Department of Architecture of Kotelawala Defence University, Southern Campus participated in the Architect 2020; the annual national architect exhibition organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) from 20th to 23rd February at BMICH, Colombo. In this exhibition, Architect Undergraduates of KDU demonstrated their talents and skill which were highly appreciated by all the visitors. Further, they also got a fine opportunity to expose to professionals in the industry and the works of the other architecture schools.

The designs and projects were carried out by the BArch undergraduates with the guidance of their lecturers under the theme of "Art of Architecture". The presentation of the KDU Architect Undergraduates' in exhibition reflected their futuristic potentialities to the fullest.





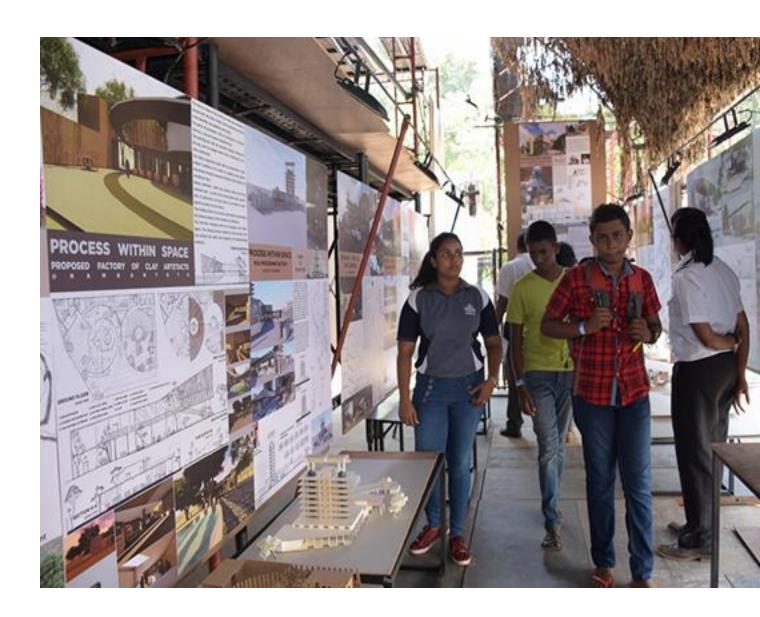






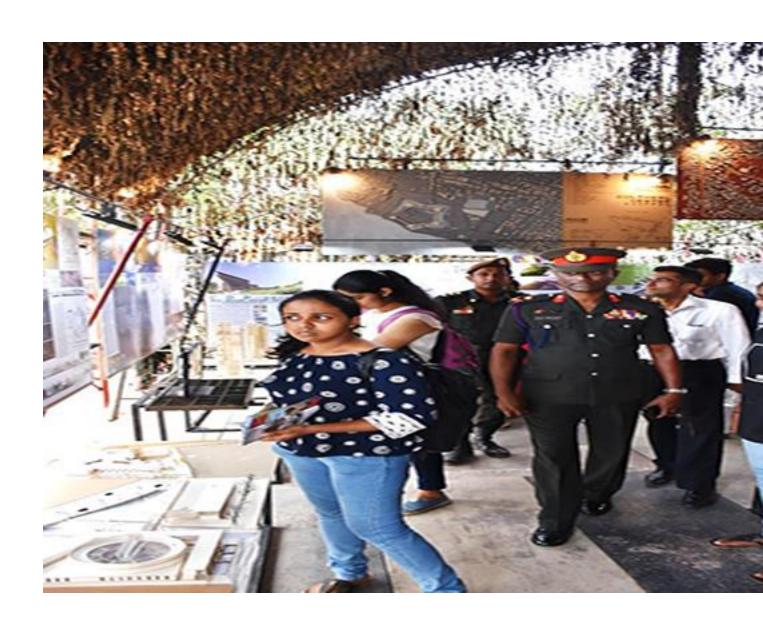


























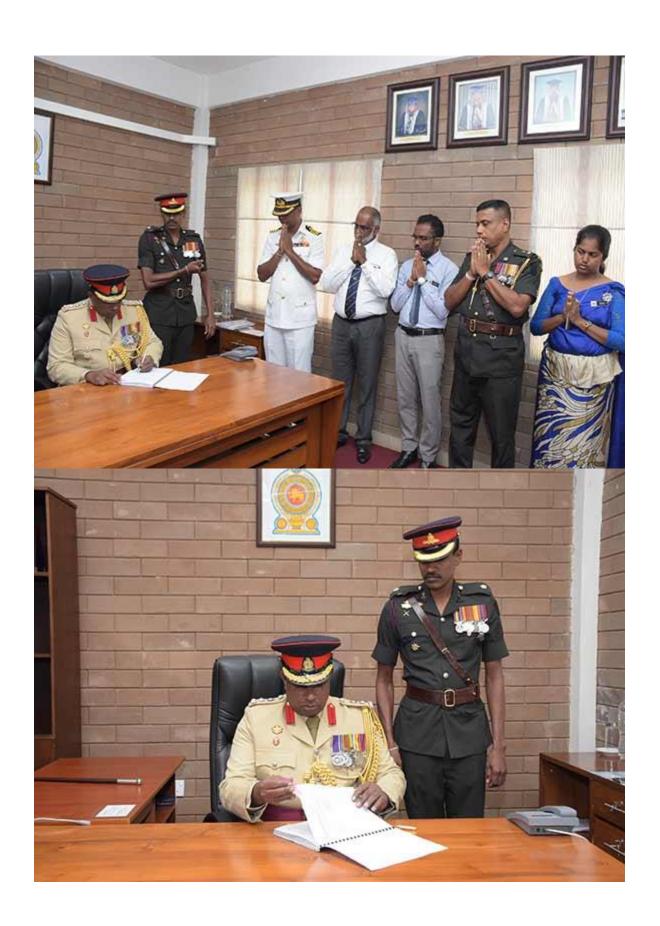




Assumption of duties by fifth Rector- Southern Campus

on 11 March 2020.

Brigadier EADP Edirisinghe psc ceremonially assumed the duties as the fifth Rector of Southern Campus KDU on 03rd March 2020. The outgoing Rector duely handed over the duties to the new Rector beforehand. The military, academic and admin staff of campus were present at the occasion.











A Special Workshop on Agriculture at Southern Campus

An expert team led by the Director Agriculture Hambantota District visited the Southern Campus on 28th of May 2020 to conduct a special workshop on cultivation. The departmental officials gave the technical know-how and the relevant guidance on cultivating crops within the campus premises. The cultivated crops were observed by the visiting expert team by giving on-site briefings and advices. The officials assured the continued support for the project and appreciated the efforts taken by the military staff who eventually derived a rich learning experience from this special workshop.









A Special Course on English Communication Skills for Military Officers

The English Language Teaching Unit of KDU Southern Campus started conducting a special course on English Communication Skills for the Military Officers of the Campus to enhance their English language skills. The course was initiated during the COVID 19 lockdown period and will be continued for three months to improve the writing and speaking skills specifically necessary for the military officers to execute their role as responsible military personnel. It is being conducted by Mr PDDD Wickramasinghe and Ms NWSC Wijewathna lecturers of the ELTU, Southern Campus.



Southern Campus Embarks on a Mega Cultivation Project

Considering the need of the country to be a self-sufficient economy in the post pandemic era, Southern Campus initiated a larger scale cultivation project within the campus premises. Numerous crops are being cultivated and nurtured daily with a greater effort. The military staff are actively engaged in this endeavor which was implemented under the purview of Rector Southern Campus and the Senior Admin Officer.









Vice Chancellor visits the Southern Campus: Foundation Laying Ceremony of Faculty of Computing and Opening of the Bachelor Quarters of Southern Campus

The Vice-Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Major General Milinda Peiris RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc graced the Southern Campus on 17th July 2020 to initiate the constructions of Faculty of Computing at KDU Southern Campus. The Vice-Chancellor laid the foundation stone for the new building at the auspicious time and subsequently declared the opening of the newly constructed bachelor quarters. The Rector, the deans of the Faculty of Computing, Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences, Faculty of Defence and the academic staff of the Southern Campus and Ratmalana were present for this esteemed occasion.











The Vice Chancellor Addresses the students and meets the staff at Southern Campus

During the visit of the Southern Campus on 17th July, the Vice-chancellor addressed a large gathering of Cadets and Day Scholars at the Campus Auditorium and also held a meeting with the Academic and Military staff.













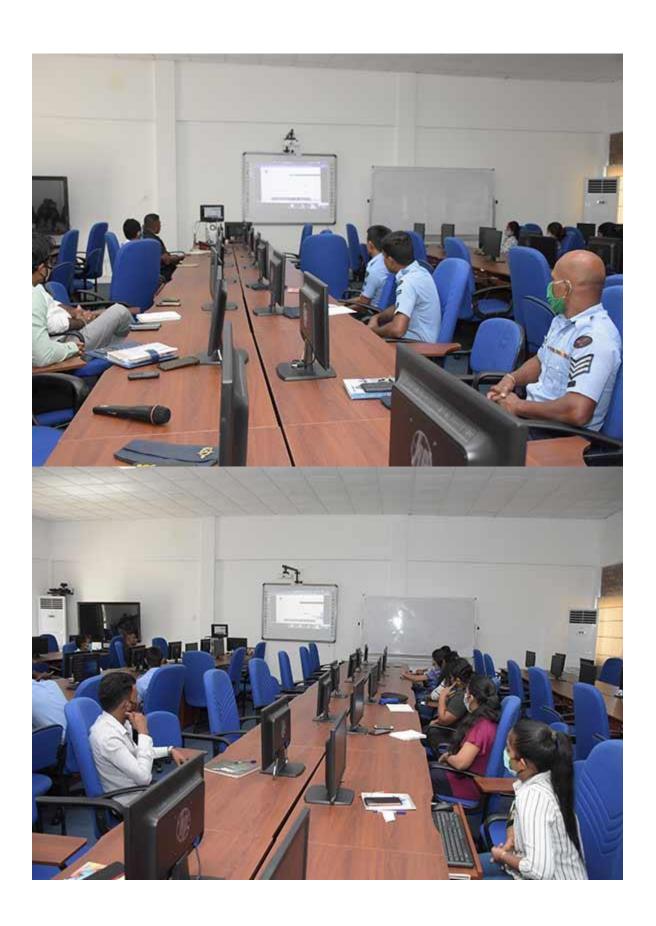


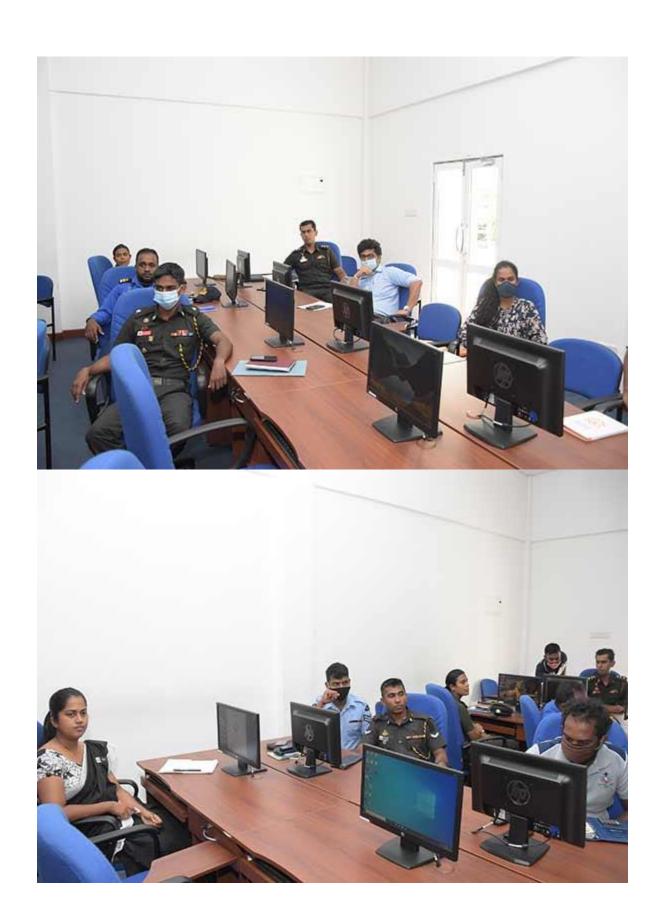


MSPs come forward to increase University productivity through Office 365

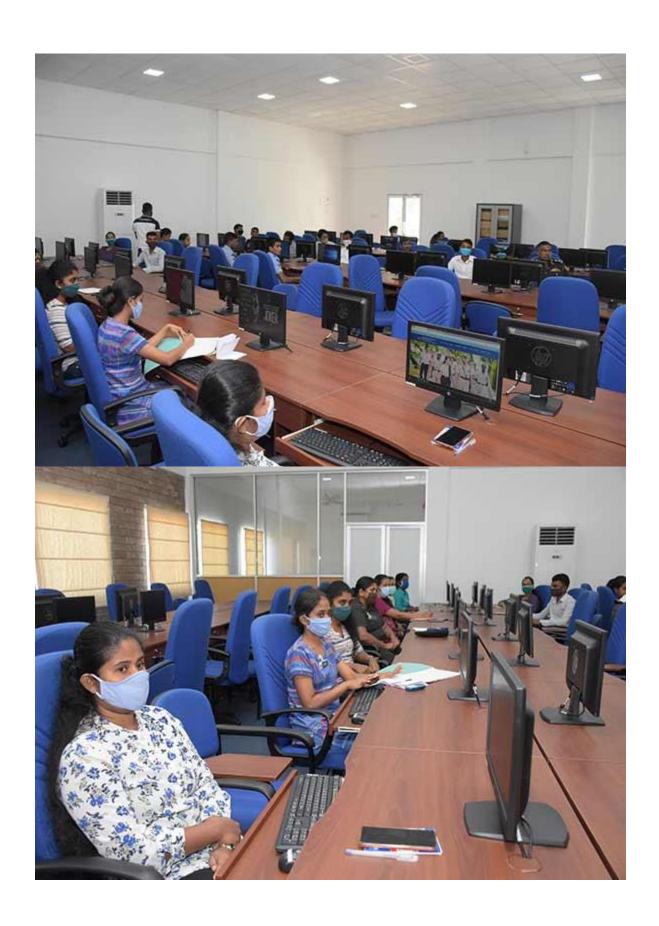
Covid-19 pandemic has changed the lives of each and everyone in the world. Lifestyle of the people has changed, and everyone has moved to work at home concept. The military officers, lecturers, civil and military staff members and undergraduates of General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University have started their work through online resources. Main online resource used within the university is the office 365 package. With the concept of enhancing knowledge of office 365 of working staff and academics, Microsoft Student Partners of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Nimesh Ekanayake (Intake 34- IT) and Manoshi Ramanayake (Intake 35-IT) had organized a webinar, under the guidance of Mr. Pathum Kathriarachchi, Head of Department – IT . As its first step, the first session was organized and conducted in the Southern Campus as a webinar workshop, under the purview of Brigadier EADP Edirisinghe psc BA (Defence) MPA , Rector – Southern Campus. The session was themed on "Increasing the university productivity with office 365" and was by a Microsoft Partner Technology Strategist – Microsoft Sri Lanka, Mr. Prabhath Mannapperuma.

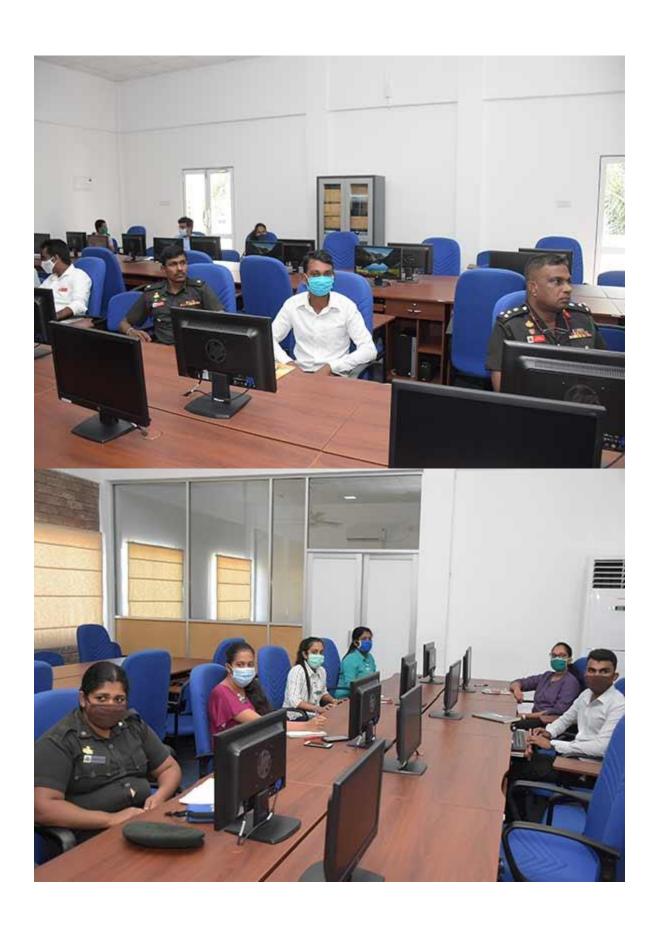






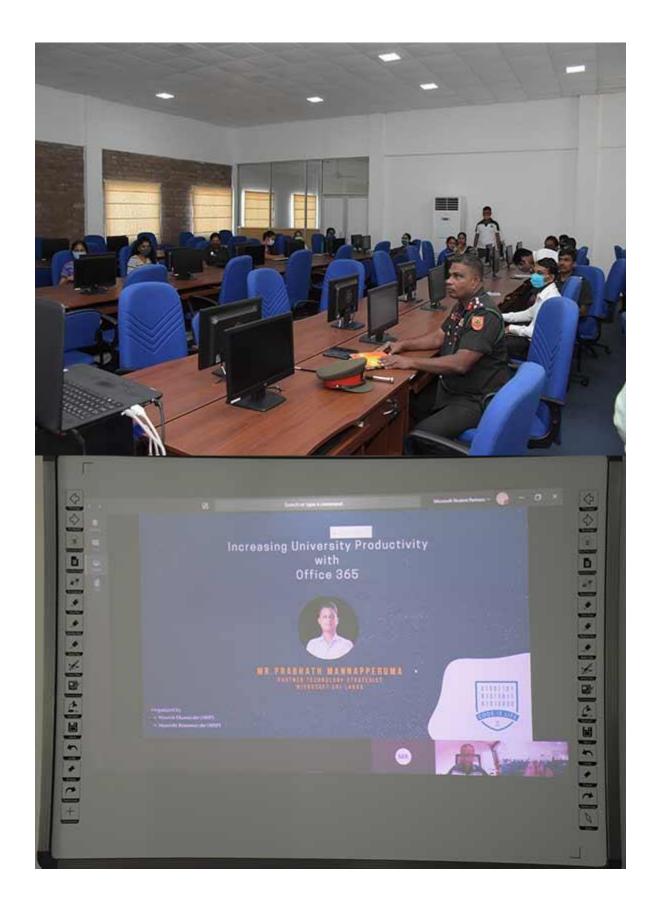












Southern Campus, KDU hosts the CVCD Meeting

on 05 August 2020.

432nd meeting of Vice-chancellors and Directors (CVCD) was held on 01st of August 2020, which was hosted by the Southern Campus, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. Nearly 21 Vice-Chancellors and Rectors of the state universities and campuses participated for this event. The important matters pertaining to higher education sector of Sri Lanka were discussed during the meeting.

























Southern Campus appreciates the Sinhala literature: Martin Wickramasinghe Foundation conducted a workshop on Iconic symbols on the Literature of Martin Wickramasinghe

The Martin Wickramasinghe Foundation enumerated the **workshop on Iconic symbols on the Literature of Martin Wickramasinghe** at KDU, Southern Campus on 14th and 15th of August 2020. The programme was consisted of a two day workshop, book fair and a photography exhibition with the perspectives of disseminating and appreciating the literature work by Martin Wickramasinghe. The session was also enlightened with the movies based on his writings; Kaliyugaya and Viragaya. Mr. Dayapala Jayaneththi; the Administrative Secretary of the foundation, conducted the guest lectures of the session.













Guest Lecture by Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody

The guest lecture on the theme "Professional Development in the Field of military and Academic achievements" was conducted by Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody of Sri Lanka Navy on 27th of August 2020 at the faculty auditorium. A large gathering of Cadets, Day Scholars, military officers, academia were present at the occasion. The guest lecture provided an inspirational insight towards achieving goals even under challenging situations under complex organizational culture. Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody is a KDU officer who has served in the Navy for more than 35 years and coincidently this event happened to be his final official event just prior to the retirement.





















BArch, Intake 35: Major Design Project

15 students of intake 35, Department of Architecture successfully completed the final assessment of their Major Design Project (MDP) on 29th of August 2020. The project involved designing a multiplex cinema theatre and a center for natural environmental heritages. The students were evaluated by a panel of industry experts including Prof. M.S Manawadu (Prof in Architecture), Senior Architect Jayanath Silva (fellow member of SLIA). The MDP is the final critique of intake 35 undergraduates prior to their six month industrial training programme. The Rector, Southern Campus Brigadier Prasad Edirisinghe was also present at the occasion.



Beach March - 2020

on 17 September 2020.

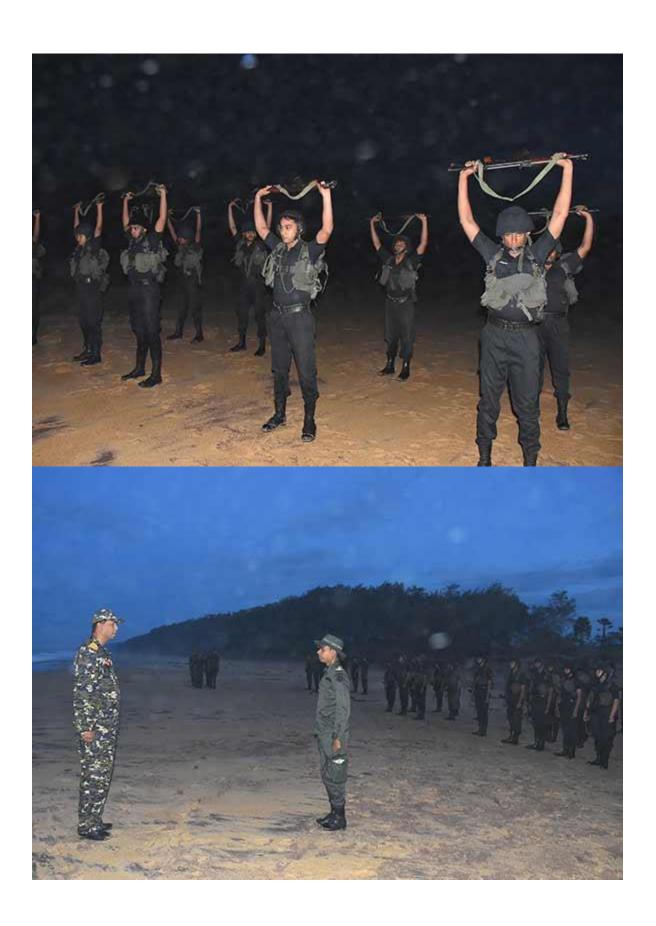
Annual Beach March of the officer Cadets of the KDU, Southern Campus was successfully conducted on 08th September 2020 and which was extended for 14 km from Godawaya Beach to Kalamatiyawa Beach in Hambantota area. The aim of the March was to enhance the endurance and stamina of the Officer Cadets whining the environment of comradeship. The event was organized by the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies at the Southern Campus.











Cadet Government, 2020 is Sworn at Southern Campus

Cadet Government, for the year 2020 was sworn on 18 September at the Campus Auditorium. Further, the Officer Cadets who have excelled in military and academic activities also were appreciated at the ceremony. A large number of Academic and military staff were participated for the event and Brigadier Prasad Edirisinghe, Rector of Southern Campus graced the event as the Chief Guest.























Southern Campus Marches in Sooriyawewa

Southern Campus, KDU successfully conducted the Campus March – 2020 on 19th September in Sooriyawewa with the participation of large number of students and the staff. The March was extended for 10 km from Sooriyawewa town to Kiriibbanara and a large number Cadets and Day Scholars, Military Officers, Academic and Nonacademic staff took part in event. The aim of the March was to foster the comradeship and team spirit of the campus community and was organized by the Faculty of Defense and Strategic Studies.













Math Quiz Wizard: The Analytical Mathematics Skills Development Workshop for Southern Campus officers and lecturers

A Math Quiz Wizard; the Analytical Math Skills Development Workshop for the officers, lectures and non-academic staff of the Southern Campus was conducted on 24th of September at the campus. The event was conducted by Ms. Uma Meththananda, the Lecturer in Mathematics, the Department of Spatial Sciences and event also became an interesting phenomena to establish comradeship among the staff.



















Inter-Intake Badminton Tournament -2020

Inter-Intake Badminton Tournament 2020 organized by the Faculty of Defense and Strategic Studies, Southern Campus, KDU was successfully conducted on 08th of October 2020 at the university gymnasium. The Rector Southern Campus graced this occasion as the chief guest and the Campus Military Officers, Academia and Staff also participated for the event. It was expected to enhance the leadership and personality skills by engaging in sports among the student community of Southern Campus while improving their motivation for excellence in sports.

Overall runners up was secured by Intake 34 while the Overall championship was achieved by the Intake 36 Other trophies were distributed as follows:

Single Champion Men O/Cdt RD Devasurendra Intake 34

Double Champions Men Intake 36 team

Women Intake 37 team



Annual Volleyball Tournament -2020

Inter-intake Volleyball Tournament of the year 2020 was organized by the Faculty of Defense and Strategic Studies, Southern Campus, KDU on 12th October 2020 at the Volleyball Court of Southern Campus. The Senior Deputy Dean FDSS, Southern Campus participated as the chief guest of the occasion. Other Military Officers, Academia, Officer Cadets, Day Scholars and Non Academic Staff witnessed the event.

Champions Male - Intake 33- Architecture Team

Female - Intake 36- Architecture Team



KDU IRC 2020 – Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences



Coinciding with the 13th Annual International Research Conference of KDU (KDU IRC 2020), the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences of KDU Southern Campus staged off its faculty research conference at the KDU Main University Complex, Ratmalana on 15th and 16th October 2020. The trio of departments under the faculty specialized in Architecture, Quantity Surveying and Spatial Sciences along with some external higher educational bodies collectively submitted 16 oral presentations and 17 poster presentations during the sessions on the general theme of 'Beyond Territories: Touching the Built Space Holistically' for the summative evaluation. Some eminent scholars including Prof. Samitha Manawadu of the University of Moratuwa, Mrs. A.L.S.C. Perera, the Surveyor General of Sri Lanka, Rear Admiral YN Jayarathne, the Chief Hydrographer of the Sri Lanka Navy and Prof. Paolo Vincenzo Genovese of Tianjin University, China joined hands in hosting the two-day conclave.

The research entitled 'Evaluation of Urban Compactness Indicators and Solar Potential in the Urban Environment' authored by T Mendis, KNK Pathirana and WAPS Kumara of the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences, KDU bagged the award for the best oral presentation. HMSP Abeyrathna, MDEK Gunathilaka and AND Perera of the Department of Surveying and Geodesy, Faculty of Geomatics, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka were awarded for the best poster presentation in view of the poster under the topic of 'A Geo-Physical Investigation into the Colombo Port Seabed using Sub Bottom Profiler'. Brigadier EADP Edirisinghe psc, the Rector of the KDU Southern Campus spearheaded the resourceful conduct of the event along with Dr AR Rupasinghe, Ms KA Dinusha, Ms NDI Vithana and Mr HDS Asoka who acted in the capacity of session coordinators.









PADURA 2020

'Padura', the annual Classical Sinhala Music Program of the Southern campus was held on 22nd October 2020 at the University Gymnasium ushering the theme of "Melody of youthfulness". The event was organized by the undergraduates of intake 37 of the Department of IT, Faculty of Computing along with Faculty of Defense and strategic studies. Brigadier Prasad Edirisinghe psc, Rector Southern campus graced the event as the Chief Guest and the dean, Faculty of Computing Commodore Janaka Gunaseela USP,psc, Dean FBESS, Dr. Ranjith Rupasinghe, Deputy Dean FDSS, Commander Chinthana Munasinghe and other dignitaries were also present at the event. Mr. Mahinda Prasad Masimbula, a renowned poet of Sri Lanka, presented the event.

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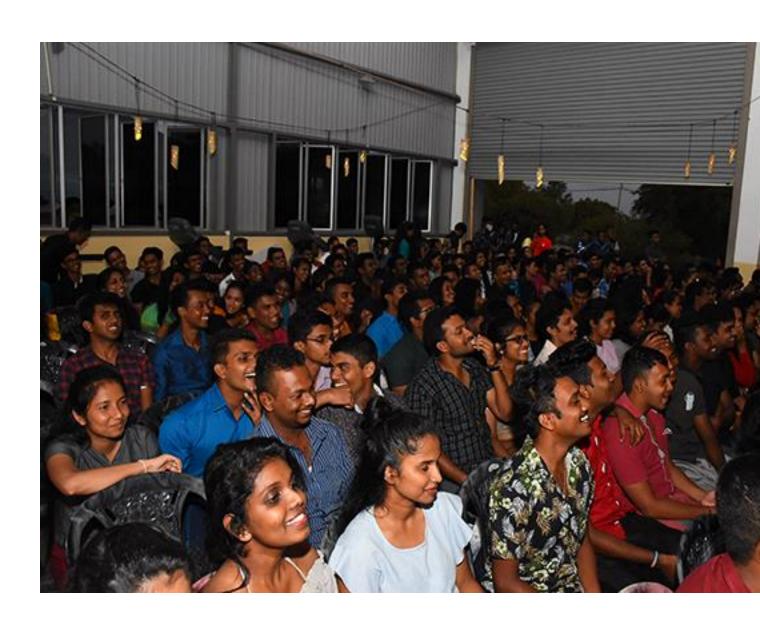




















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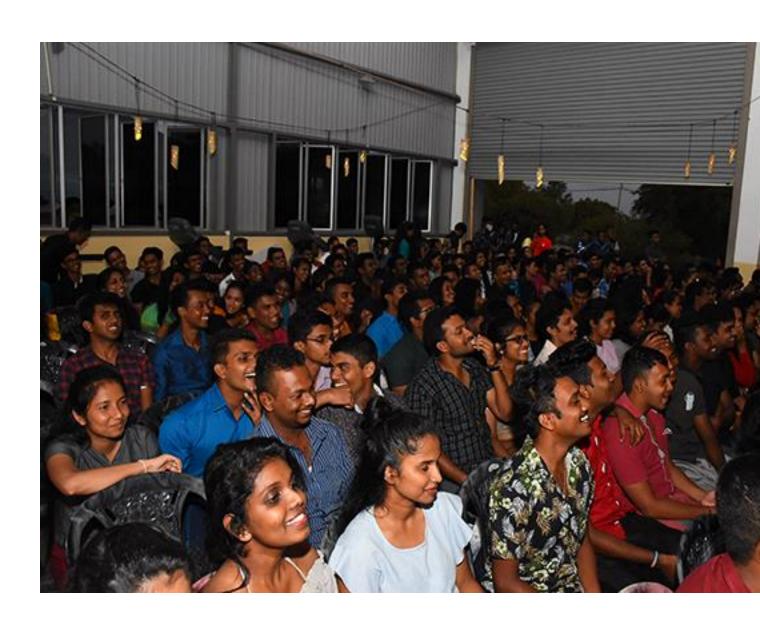




















Elle Tournament - 2020

Elle Tournament -2020 of Southern Campus, KDU, was successfully conducted on 26th and 27th of October 2020 at the university ground. Students of the Intake 36, Surveying Sciences has organized the event and rector- Southern Campus grace the event as the chief guest. Moreover,the Campus Military Officers, Academia and staff also participated for the event.

<u>Male</u> Champions – Intake 33 Architecture team

Runner Up - Intake 36 Survey Team

Female Champions - Intake 36 Quantity Surveying Team

Runner Up - Intake 37 IT team



Rector's Challenge Trophy – 2020

The annual inter - intake football championship extravaganza organized by the Department of Quantity Surveying of KDU Southern Campus, 'Rector's Challenge Trophy – 2020' got underway on 28th October 2020 at the campus grounds. Brigadier EADP Edirisinghe psc, the Rector of KDU Southern Campus, graced the occasion as the chief guest and the event was gracefully attended by the academic and administrative staff accompanied by all the undergraduates. Overpowering all the competitor teams, Intake 36 clinched the trophy whilst Intake 34 had to be contented with runners up title. The best goalkeeper award was bagged by HBUN Dissanayake and RKAPG Dissanayaka (Intake 36 QS) was crowned as the best player. The day's show had been enticed with charming entertainment sessions throughout organized by the incumbent undergraduates.































The Southern Campus Initiates an Architecture Research Cell

A pioneering moment occurred on the morning of the 12th November 2020 at the Southern Campus of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, where the Department of Architecture of the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences had the ceremonial opening of the Department of Architecture Research Cell (DARC). This research cell is the first established academic research unit unique to the Southern Campus of KDU, which was initiated and conceptualised by Dr. Thushini Mendis – the founding Chair of DARC, with the support of the Head of the Department of Architecture, Archt. Kihan Pathirana, academic staff members of the department, including Archt. Kasun Gayantha and Archt. HDS Asoka, and non-academic staff and students. This occasion was graced by the Chief Guest – the Rector of Southern Campus, Brig. EADP Edirisinghe psc, and was followed by a short programme introducing the aims and objectives of DARC, and a tour of the research unit. DARC intends to strengthen the research scope of students and academicians, provide them with the required human and physical resources for the conduct of original research, promote research culture within the department, and collaborate on local and international research-related activities whilst focusing on the publication of original research in top-ranked indexed journals.



Brig. AS Hewawitharana assumed duties as third Rector of southern campus





Brig. AS HewawitharanaRSP USP ndc IG ceremoniously assumed duties as the third Rector of KDU Southern Campus on 4th January 2019. All the duties were handed over by the former Rector Brig. AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu. The academic and the military staff of Faculties of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences, Computing and Defence and Strategic studies were present at the event.











Vice Chancellor Visited Southern Campus

Having assumed duties as the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Air Vice Marshal Sagara Kotakadeniya made his first official visit to Southern Campus - KDU on 26th January 2019. The Rector, all officers, academic and non-academic staff welcomed Vice Chancellor ceremonially.

Vice Chancellor visited the entire campus premises including on-going construction sites. Vice Chancellor addressed all military staff, academic staff, non-academic staff, officer cadets and day scholars during his visit. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration) Major General Indunil Ranasinghe accompanied with Vice Chancellor.















Academic Excellence of the Full Bright Scholarship



Miss Kathriarachchige Dona Malsha Gimhani has pursued her secondary education from Anula Vidyalaya, Nugegoda. After successfully completing her G.C.E (A/L) examination, she joined General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University and she is currently an undergraduate in the Department of Quantity Surveying, Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences at KDU Southern campus, Sri Lanka.

She has been offered a full bright scholarship through the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program which is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through the Embassy of USA in Colombo, to pursue the undergraduate degree semester at Murray State University, Kentucky, USA. She strongly believes that an exposure of this nature to the American Society and culture will render an immense benefit for the development of her future education, she hopes to enhance her knowledge on various subjects and identify modern technologies in the field of Quantity Surveying through expert knowledge gained through this program and to contribute to her mother country once she returns.

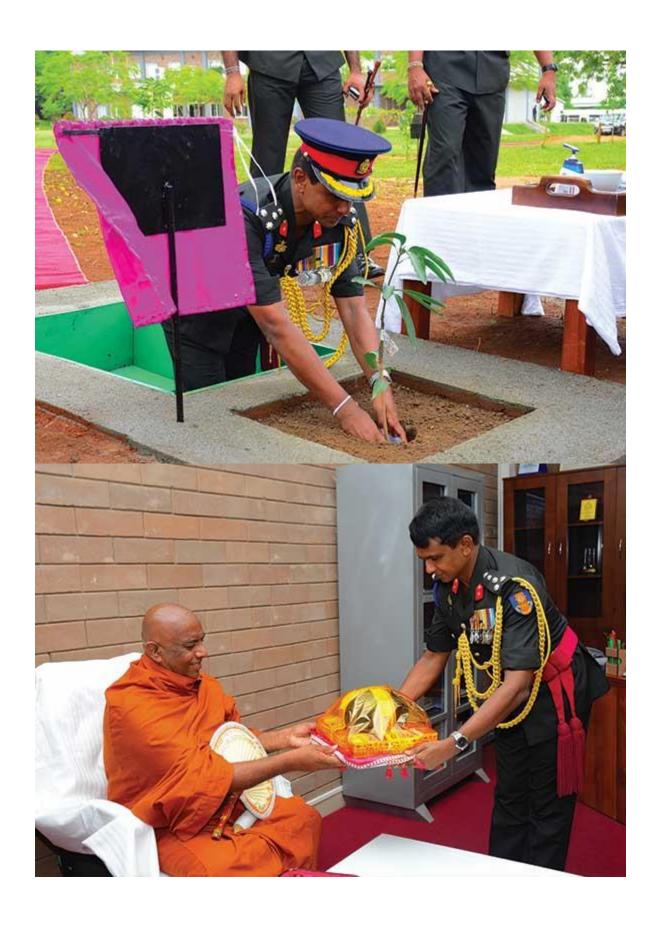
She is an upcoming research student and has proven her ability to carry out research work in the field of Quantity Surveying under the area of 'Volume estimation for highway curves using End-Area rule' and obtained a sound knowledge in the said area.

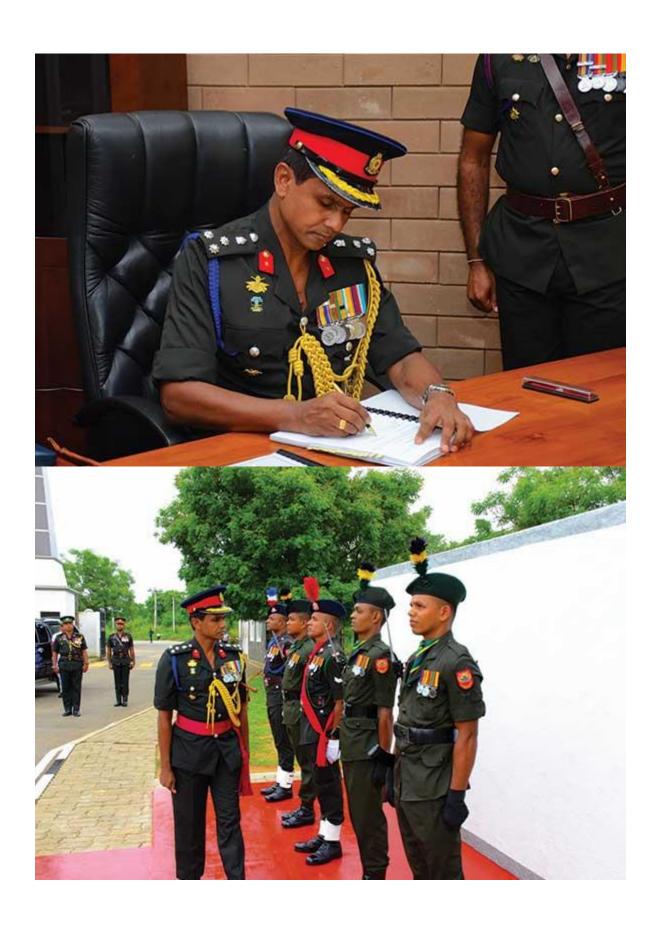
Miss Malsha Gimhani has also reflected her academic excellence during her scholarship by being recognized as a fall 2018 Dean's list recipient at Murray State University, Kentucky. This is a tremendous honour and a testament to the hard work she has put for education.

Brig. WPAK Thilakarathna assumed duties as the Rector of Southern Campus



Brig WPAK Thilakarathna psc ceremonially assumed the duties as the fourth Rector of Southern Campus KDU on 26th of April 2019. The outgoing Rector Brig AS Hewawitharana RSP USP ndc IG duely handed over the duties to the new Rector beforehand. The military and academic staff of Faculties of Defence and Strategic Studies, Built Environment and Spatial Sciences and Computing were present at the occasion.







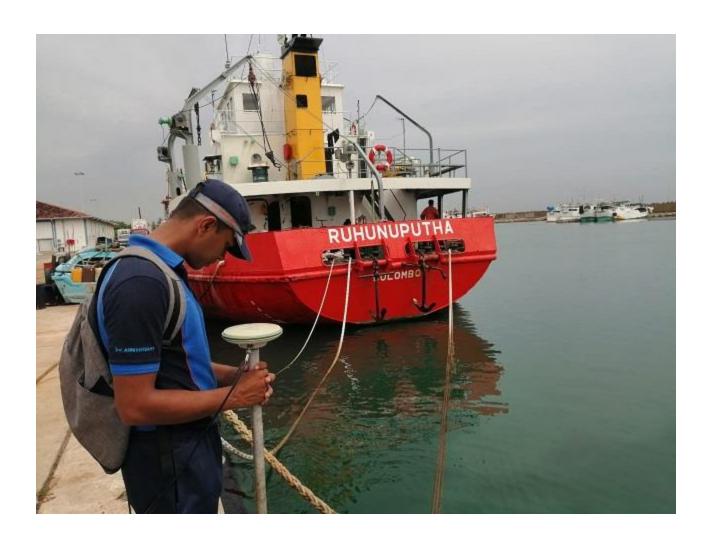


Intake 33 Surveying Sciences Undergraduates at NARA

The Intake 33 Surveying Sciences undergraduates of the FBESS underwent a short course of Hydrographic Data Collection and Processing under Sri Lanka Navy Hydrographic Service Division from 21st to 24th May 2019. Data were collected with a sea journey in P105 Hydrographic Vessel of Sri Lanka Navy and the data processing and visualization was conducted at Sri Lanka Naval Wing at National Aquatic and Research Authority (NARA) Mattakkuliya.







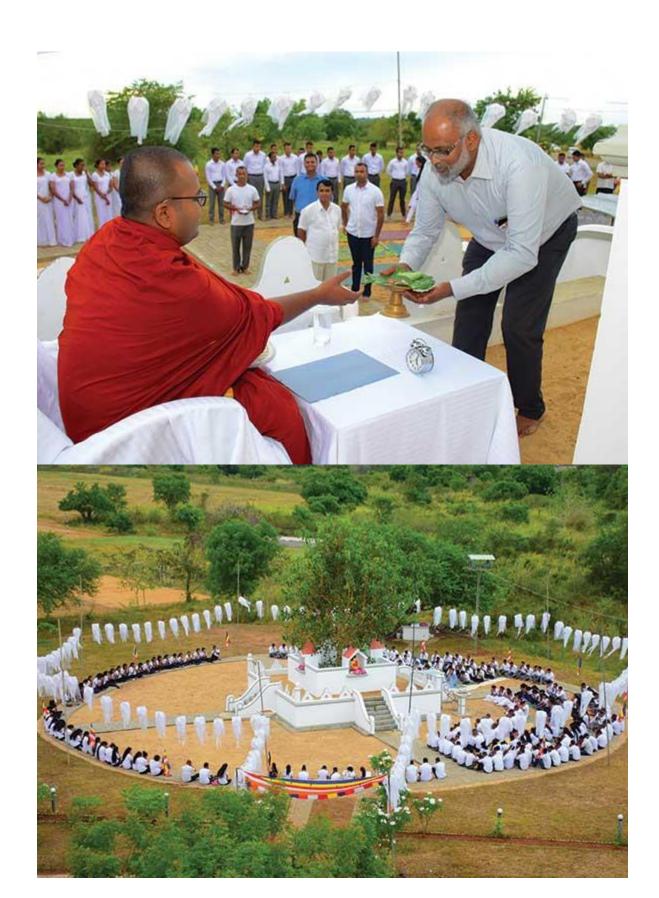
Southern Campus Celebrates Poson Festival



Poson celebrations of Southern Campus held on 14th June 2019. In the evening, Bodhi Pooja and Dharma Deshana were held. The programme was organized by the Officer Cadets, Day Scholars, Military and Academic Staff of the Campus.

This Bodhi Pooja and connected sermons specially aimed at invoking blessings for the undergraduates sitting for the semester end examinations to follow in immediate future and offer the merits for fallen patriotic sons of the soil.





NAITA Seminar on Industrial Training

on 27 June 2019.



Intake 33 undergraduates of Department of Spatial Sciences participated in the seminar organized by the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) on 25th June 2019 at KDU Rathmalana. This was mandatory workshop to be undertaken by undergraduates prior to their industrial training which is due to be started on 1st of July 2019.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. DSB Rathnayake, the Deputy Principal of Automobile Engineering Training Institute (AETI) under NAITA, to make the students realize the terms and conditions of the training along with their responsibilities and expected outcomes from the industrial training.



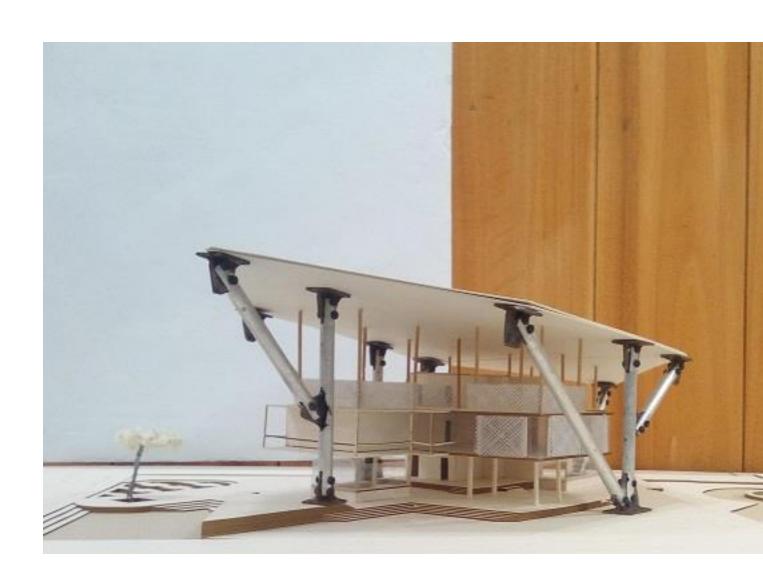


BArch, Intake 34: Major Design Project

The Intake 34, third year students of the Department of Architecture completed their final assessment of the Major Design Project (MDP). Eleven undergraduates including an Army Officer were evaluated by a panel of experts. They studied selected urban areas in Colombo including De Zoysa Circus, Town Hall, Viharamahadevi Park and the Albert Crescent in Colombo 07. The project involved designing a civic center, mini sports center and a center for cinematic arts on three selected sites. The examination panel for the MDP consisted of Prof. Harsha Munasinghe (Prof. of Architecture), external examiner Archt. Upendra Randeniya (Fellow member of Sri Lanka Institute of Architects) and two Year Masters for Level 03.



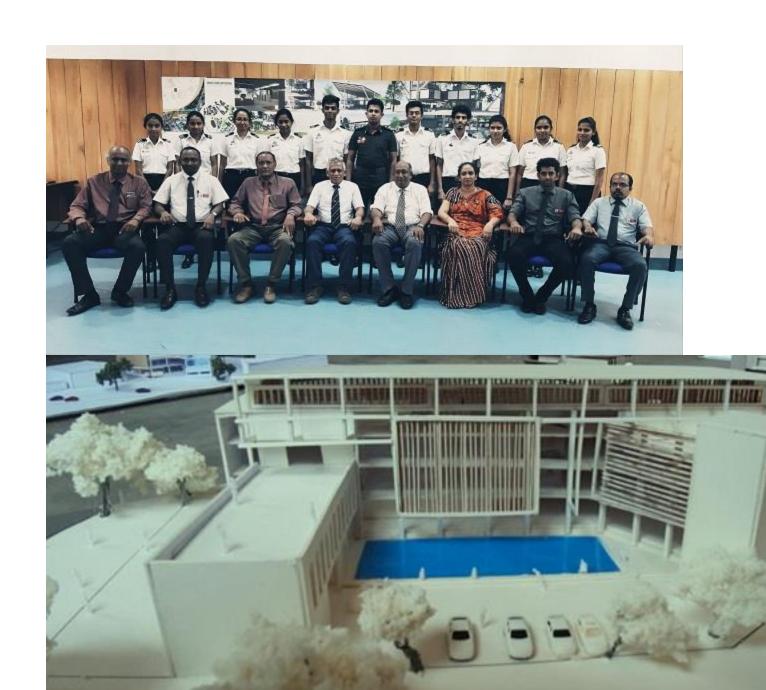












BArch, Intake 33: Study Tour for Multi-Story Design Project

The Intake 33, Year Four architecture undergraduates of the BArch degree programme, commenced work on their final design project of a multi-storey building themed, "Iconicity and the Celebrity Highrise", on 9th July 2019. In keeping with the theme, a site was selected for the design exercise alongside the Beira Lake, where most of Sri Lanka's celebrity real estate is located.

As a prelude to commencing work on the given design project, the undergraduates completed an intensive study programme in Colombo on the designs of high-rises which are employing cutting edge construction technology, from 9th July 2019 to 13th July 2019. The case studies included prestigious projects such as the Sheraton Hotel-Colombo 03, Odel Mega Mall-Colombo 07, the Keells Waterfront Integrated Resort-Colombo 03, Empire Residencies-Colombo 02 and Havelock City- Colombo 06.

The undergraduates are scheduled to make the presentations of their findings on Saturday, 03rd August 2019, before an erudite panel comprising Architect Prasanna Silva (former Director General UDA), Architect Vernajan Kurukulasuriya, President of Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, Archt. Dr. Jagath Munasinghe, Chairman UDA and Director General National Planning Department and Architect Dr. Senaka Dharmatilleke, Chief Architect Havelock City.















Southern Campus Celebrates Esala Festival

Esala Poya celebrations of Southern Campus held on 12th July 2019. In the evening, Bodhi Pooja and Dharma Deshana were held. The programme was organized by the undergraduates, military and academic staff of the Campus.

This Bodhi Pooja and connected sermons specially aimed at invoking the blessings to all undergraduates at the commencement of their second semester of the year and to invoke blessings to Architect Mr. Kihan Pathirana, the newly appointed Head of the Department of Architecture for a productive tenure, and to all other personnel who serve at the Southern Campus.









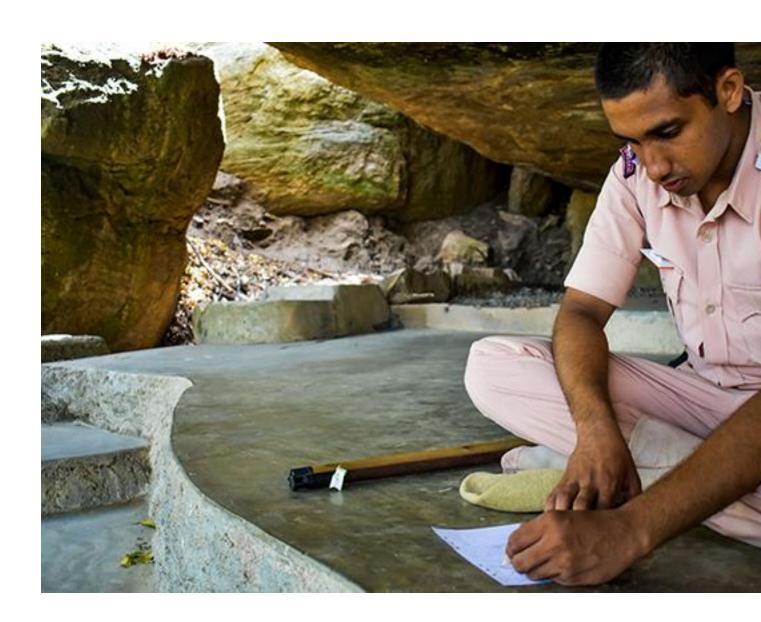






BArchitect, Intake 36: Experiencing Architecture Study Tour

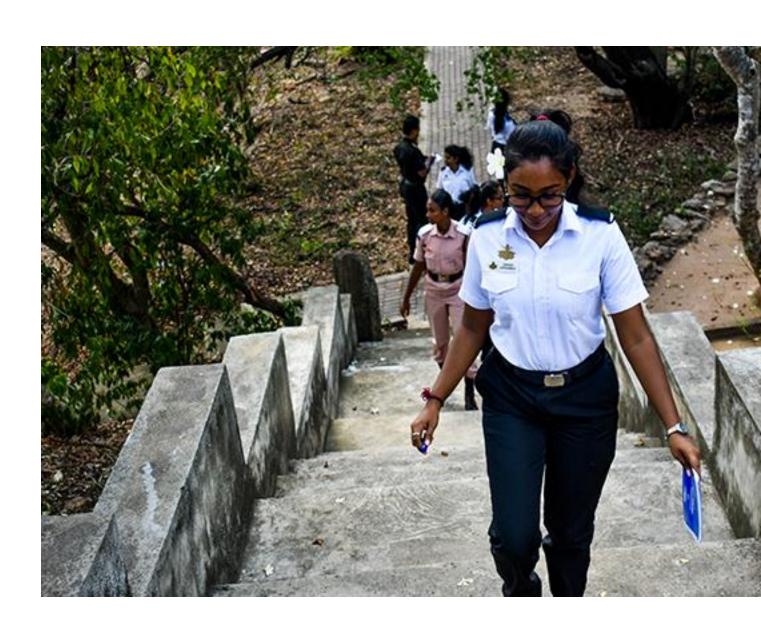
Undergraduates of Architecture Intake 36 visited "Karandulena Hermitage" also known as Karambagala Hermitage (Aranya Senasanaya) on 26th July 2019, as a part of the experiencing architecture module prescribed for Level 01, the first year. The place is an ancient forest monastery with large number of caves located in Ambalantota area of Southern Sri Lanka. The study tour cum excursion was a thought provoking exercise for undergraduates. Exploration, explanation, sketching, photographing, contemplating and discussions filled the activities of the day. The tour was academically successful and was enjoyable venture too for the undergraduates.

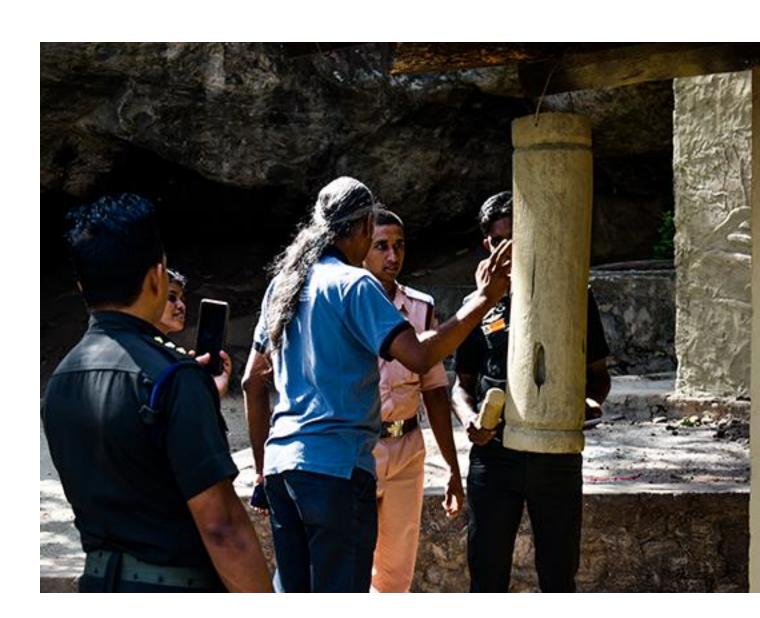












Research Excellence: Department of Quantity Surveying



Miss Sahani Shanthini Fernando is a final year Quantity Surveying undergraduate, who has pursued her Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Quantity Surveying, from the Department of Quantity Surveying, Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences at Southern Campus, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Her research paper on the "Application of Value Engineering for the Sustainability of the Construction Industry in Sri Lanka", supervised by Dr. Sanjaya Jayasooriya was presented at the International Conference on Civil Engineering and Applications, 2019, organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. The conference was held on 25th and 26th July 2019 at the University premises, Moratuwa. It was based on her final year bachelor's thesis and was selected to the top 50 research papers for the publication in conference proceedings.

This research study was presented at the category of Sustainable Built Environment, chaired by Dr. D. Maskell from the University of Bath, United Kingdom and Dr. J. C. P. H. Gamage from the University of Moratuwa.

Rector's Challenge Trophy 2019

Rector's Challenge Trophy 2019, the annual Inter Intake Football Championship organized by the Department of Quantity Surveying of the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences, KDU Southern Campus was successfully held on 07th August for the third consecutive year. Organized by the undergraduates of Intake 35 of Department of Quantity Surveying, the Championship was themed 'Yaka' (the devil) to signify traditional superstitious nuances of the Southern Region of the country and the decorations and variety show of the event were done based on the theme

Four teams, a team each from intake 34, 35 and 36, and a combined team of Intake 32 and 33, competed against each other in league round and the ultimate winner of the Trophy was decided from the finals. The final which was a grueling contest held between Intake 34 and 36 who were the league round winners. The Rector's Challenge Trophy went to the undisputed champions, the Intake 36 who was undefeated throughout the tournament. The Intake 36 team bagged the other two prizes on offer too, the Best Player and the Best Goalkeeper which went to Day Scholar MB Liyanage and Day Scholar VKCN Perera respectively. The tournament was graced by, the Rector of Southern Campus Brigadier W P A K Thilakarathne psc as the chief guest. The military staff, academic staff, non-academic staff, officer cadets and day scholars participated this coulorful and entertainment filled event.





















































Intake 36 Quantity Surveying Undergraduates Embarked on the First Field Visit

Quantity Surveying undergraduates of Intake 36 visited the Section 6 of the Southern Expressway extension to Hambanthota on 22nd August 2019. It was the inaugural field visit of the Quantity Surveying undergraduates of Intake 36 and was undertaken as a mean of providing practical experience related to Professional Practice curriculum module prescribed for the first year. Students were able to gather knowledge on construction techniques of a highway construction including highway pavement materials and design, structural design of pavement thickness and pavement maintenance. The site visit enables students to enhance their knowledge on construction techniques in an industrial scenario making it a successful academic outing.

















Intake 35 Quantity Surveying Undergraduates Embarked on a Field Visit to the Southern Expressway

The Quantity Surveying undergraduates of Intake 35 were embarked on a visit to the main infrastructure developments of the Southern Expressway to Hambantota; the Beliatta Interchanging Portal and the Section 6 of the Highway Pavement on 29 August 2019. The objective of this visit was to give them the practical experience and the industrial related technical expertise on the module, Quantity Surveying Group Project. The undergraduates were able to accumulate experience how does the theoretical aspects of the Construction Technology practically being implemented in real construction scenarios. With the deliberations of site professionals, the visit enhanced the students' knowledge on in site industrial practices. The undergraduates expressed their appreciation for the practical knowhow they acquired during the visit.

















KDU IRC 2019 – Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences

The 12th Annual International Research Conference of KDU (KDU IRC 2019) was held on 11th and 12th September 2019 at the University auditorium under the theme "Challenges to Humankind in the Face of New Technologies".

The sessions of the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences were conducted on the disciplines of Architecture, Quantity Surveying and Spatial Sciences under the theme, "Rise of the Indian Ocean Rim Region: Global Common and the Asian Renaissance". Eminent scholars and professionals enlightened the audience with their guest presentations at the plenary session conducted on the first day of the conference which was chaired by the Emeritus Professor Willie Mendis, the former vice chancellor of the University of Moratuwa. The technical sessions of oral presentations and the poster presentation held on following day marked an invaluable opportunity for the academia, professionals of the respective fields and the students to present their researches in the three disciplines.

RWVSR Rajapaksha, KSKNJ Kudasinghe and SR Gunaratna were awarded for the best oral presentation for their research on Investigating the Spatial Efficacy of Healthcare Facilities Dedicated To the Care of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Patients in Sri Lankan Military Hospitals. The award for the best poster presentation was received by PDJD Premaratne and MLNH Premarathna for their poster titled Elements of urban form in defining the elements of collective cognitive map, with special reference to Maharagama, Sri Lanka.

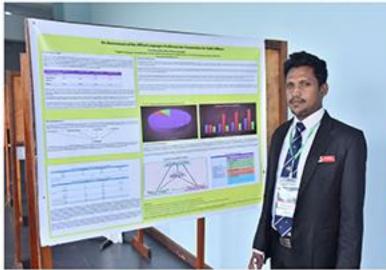
















































































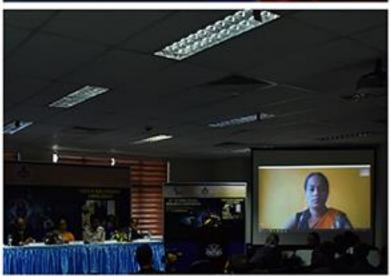


























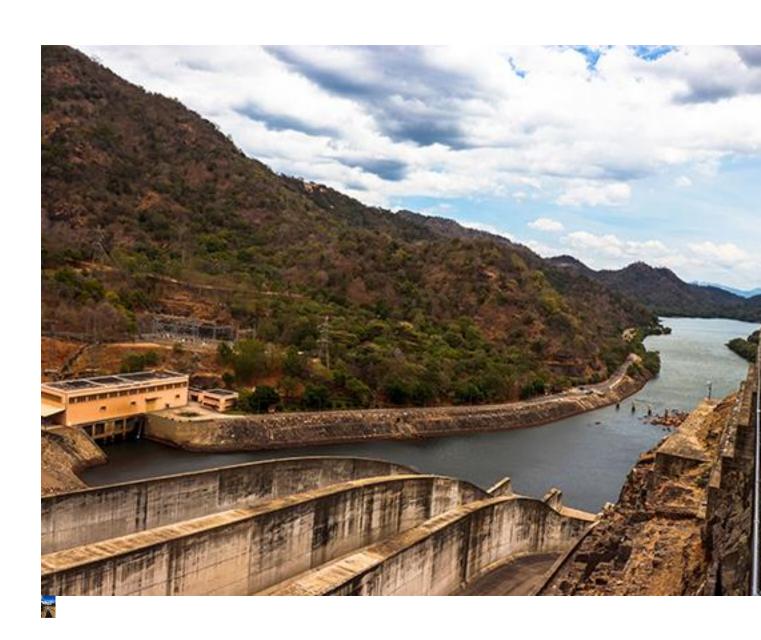




QS Intake 34 Study Tour on Construction Technology

Field visits formulate an important aspect of the Quantity Surveying Degree programme to obtain hands on experience in the Construction Industry. On 19th and 20th September 2019, the undergraduates of the Intake 34 of the Department of Quantity Surveying embarked on one of such key study tour to Badulla and Randenigala area, as a partial requirement of their module on Construction Technology. The visit was intended to study the key construction portfolios in the area that included Ella Nine-Arch Bridge, Demodara Railway Tunnel, Bogoda Ancient Wooden Bridge, Minipe Aqua Duct and Randenigala Dam. The undergraduates were able to derive a rich learning experience from this field visit by witnessing how the theoretical aspects of construction technology has been implemented in ancient and present day mega construction projects. The undergraduates were accompanied by the module lecturer Mr. Gayan Wanasinghe who delivered them the on-site briefings to enhance their knowledge further.



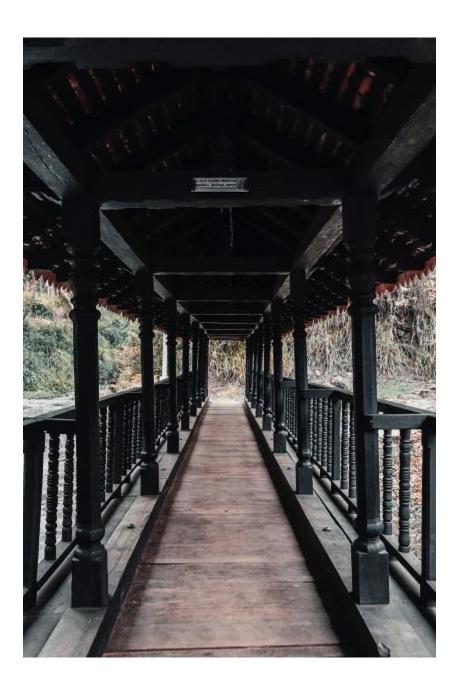


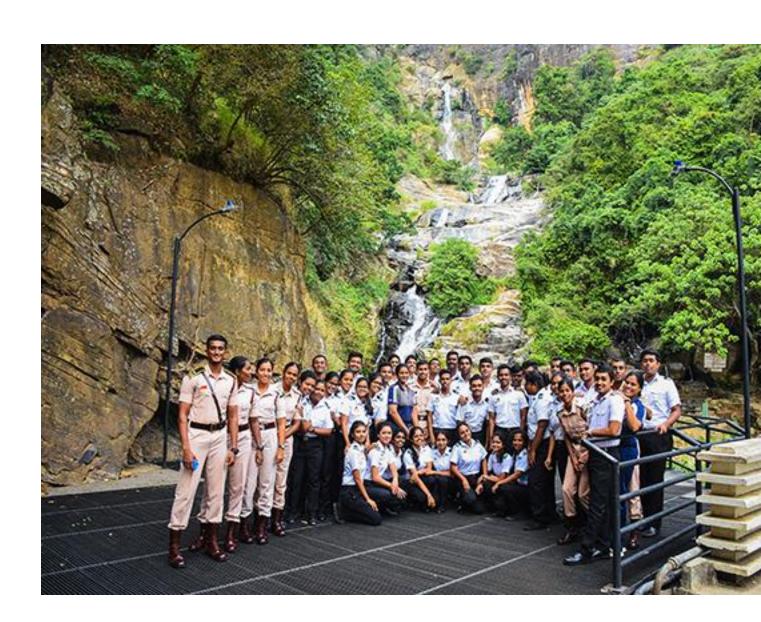












KDU Open Day - 2019

The KDU Open Day was successfully held on 6th October 2019 at the University Premises Ratmalana. The event was declared open by Air Vice Marshal HMSKB Kotakadeniya, Vice Chancellor of KDU. TheOpen Day washeld for the sixth consecutive year aiming at educating the aspiring students on the globally recognized degree programmes offered by the university. The event saw a large number of enthusiastic students along with their parents who were interested in the higher education opportunities at KDU. The current students and the academic staff representing the Southern Campus guided the prospective students on the study programmes available at the Faculty of Built Environment and Spatial Sciences and Department of Information Technology of Faculty of Computing.







































Southern Campus Becomes 3rd in Leaders Trophy Netball

The "Leaders Trophy – Netball Tournament 2019" organized by the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was successfully conducted on 18th and 19th October 2019. Eight teams competed for this coveted trophy and the Netball team of Southern Campus was able to secure the 3rd place of the tournament whilst KDU Rathmalana and NSBM became the joint champions. It is indeed an achievement which leads to foster the enthusiasm in engaging in sports among the student community of Southern Campus and their motivation for excellence in sports.













Intake 36 Quantity Surveying Undergraduates Visit Matara Water Supply Project

The Quantity Surveying undergraduates of the Intake 36 embarked on their second field visit on 24th October, 2019. This time it was to the Water Supply Project (Stage IV), Matara. During the visit, they were able to derive a rich practical knowledge on theoretical learning of Construction Technology Module II by observing a salinity barrier which is used to purify water from River Nilwala. The undergraduates were accompanied by their module lecturer Engineer M. W. P. Chathurika and the site supervisor Engineer V. Wanigasinghe who enhanced their knowledge by delivering them an onsite briefings on piling systems and dewatering methods used in a water supply project. This field visit was facilitated by Engineer I. D. Wljesiri, the Project Director of Water Supply Project IV, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Matara.

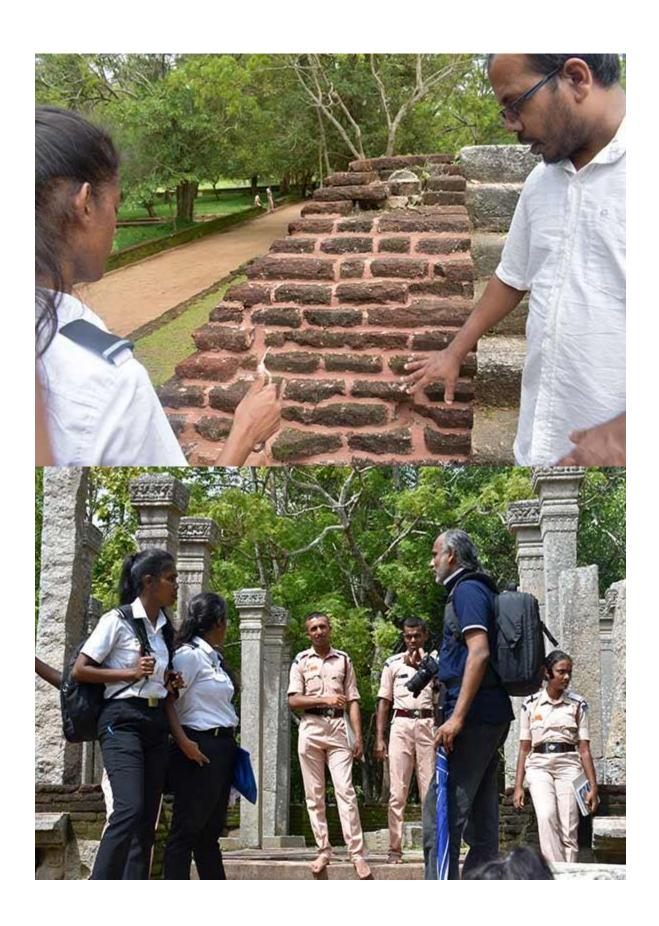




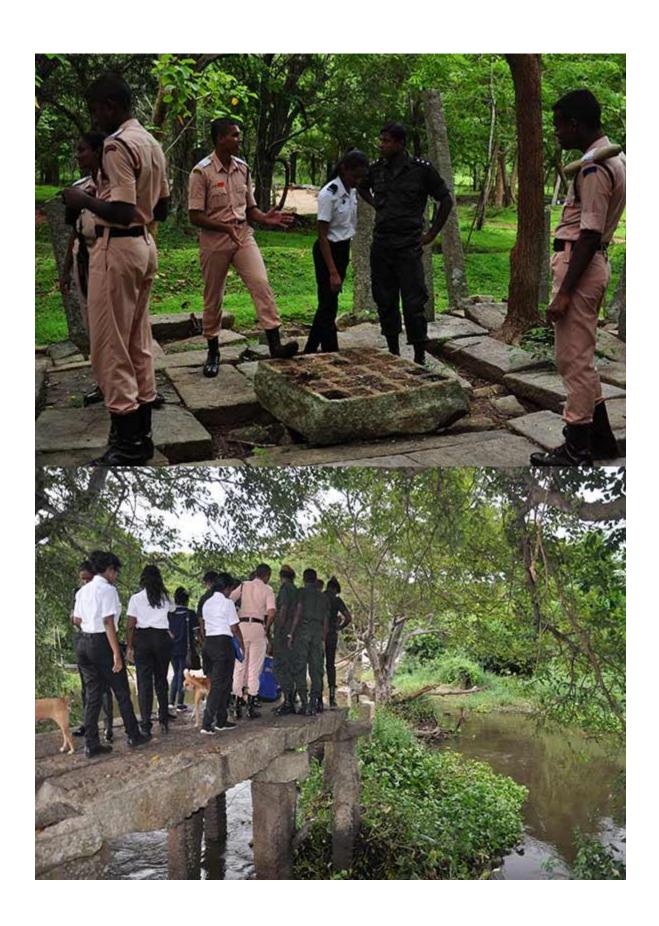


Field Visit to Anuradhapura

The Intake 36 Architecture students participated in a field visit to Anuradhapura and periphery to study the built forms of the bygone era which is a part of their academic programme. The four day visit was an invaluable opportunity for the students to learn and experience the historical architecture in Rajarata, the North Central part of the country. The visit enabled them to study various places of architectural significance; the Abayagiriya, Kaludiya Pokuna, Mihinthalaya, Cave Monastry, the Ranmasu Uyana (the Gold Fish Garden), Stone Bridge, Vijayaramaya and Avukana, the ancient historical monuments of over 23 centuries ago.











Enlistment of Intake 35

6 Officer Cadets and 32 Day Scholars (16 Gents and 16 Ladies) were enlisted as the initial batch of Intake 35 for the academic year 2018 for Architecture, QS, Surveying Sciences, IT and IS degree programmes of the Southern Campus on 22nd January 2018.



















SPL - 2018

Southern Premier League – 2018 soft ball cricket tournament organized by Department of IT & IS of Southern Campus was ceremonially held on 09th and 10th of March 2018 at the Campus Grounds. The Rector – Southern Campus grace this event as the Chief Guest with other dignitaries including Dean FDSS, Dean FOC and Dean FBESS. Preliminary preparations done by the IT and IS undergraduates of Intake 33, with intention of patterned companionship among all the undergraduates. A total of 22 teams took part in this competition and the championship was secured by 'A' team of Intake 33 IT/IS consecutively 2nd year and the first runner-up was Intake 33 Architectures.

Best Batsman : Officer Cadet HASJ Hettiarachchi, Intake 33

Best Bowler : Officer Cadet GLNS Perera, Intake 33

Best Fielder : Officer Cadet MDCJ Kumara, Intake 32

Man of the series : Day Scholar WAAM Fernando, Intake 33

Best cheering team : Department of Quantity Serving





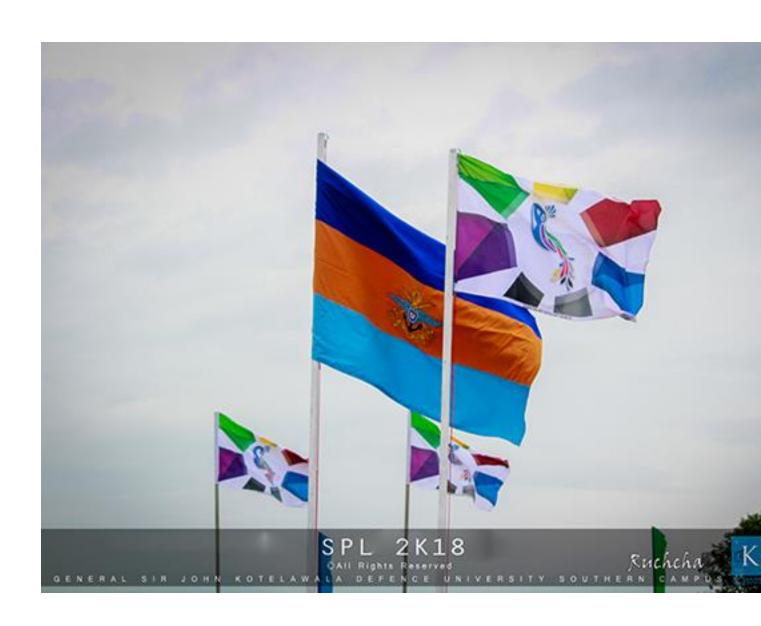
















KDU Annual Sports Meet - 2018

KDU Annual Sports Meet of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was ceremonially held on 16th and 17th of March 2018 at Mahinada Rajapaksha Stadium, Diyagama. Most of the undergraduates of Southern Campus competed in different track and field events divided among 06 Squadrons named Gemunu, Gajaba, Perakum, Vijayaba, Mahasen and Walagamba. The opening ceremony of this event was held with the participation of Major General Indunil Ranasinghe, Deputy Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of Sports Council of KDU, as the Chief Guest.

The closing ceremony was held in the evening of 17th March 2018 and Rear Admiral Jagath Ranasinghe, the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest with other dignitaries including DVC (Defence & Admin), the Rector – Southern Campus and DVC (Academic).























Awurudu Udanaya – 2018

"Awurudu Udanaya - 2018" was ceremonially organized on 26th of April 2018 at Campus premises to celebrate Sinhala and Tamil New Year. The Rector Southern Campus graced this event as the chief guest and all military staff, academia, officer cadets, day scholars and non-academic staff participated for this function. All staff members and undergraduates took part in various traditional games and 6th Battalion Sri Lanka Light Infantry Beat Group led the musical evening.



Musical Chairs



Pani Bambare



Dancing performance by 35 Day Scholars



Filling Water Bottles



Kana Mutti



Dancing performance by 35 Lady Day Scholars



Slow Bicycles



Dancing performance by 34 Officer Cadets



Pillow Fight (Female)



Eating Yoghurt



Folk singing by Day Scholars



Dancing performance by 34 Lady Officer Cadets



Eating Apple



Air Rifle firing competition



Eye for Elephant



Pillow Fight (Male)



Sack Race



Catching Eggs



Thread for Needle



Dancing performance by 34 Lady Day Scholars



Firing of Bamboo Guns



Best Oil Cake Competition



Treatments at Gami Gedara



Welcoming of Chief Guest to Gami Gedara



Lighting the oil lamp by Dean, FBESS



Lighting the oil lamp by the Rector, Southern Campus



Welcoming of Chief Guest



Gami Gedara



Entrance to Festival Premises



Winner of Marathon (Male)



Winner of Marathon (Female)



Marathon



Marathon



Starting of Marathon

Opening of the Southern Campus Upper Floor Head Quarter, Male & Female Accommodation

The Southern Campus Upper Floor Head Quarter, Male & Female accommodation was ceremonially declared open by Rear Admiral Jagath Ranasinghe USP psc the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University on 03rd August 2018. Major General IP Ranasinghe RWP RSP ndu psc Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Admin), Brigadier Aruna Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu Rector of KDU Southern Campus, senior officers of tri services, academia and non – academic staff of the University witnessed this memorable occasion.



























Grand Opening of New Classrooms, Design Studio, Computer Lab and Accommodation Buildings

Newly constructed classrooms, Design Studio, Computer Lab and Accommodation Buildings for male & female under graduates were inaugurated by Rear Admiral Jagath Ranasinghe VSV, USP, psc the Vice Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University on 03rd of August 2018. Major General IP Ranasinghe RWP RSP ndu psc Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Admin), Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu Rector Southern Campus, senior officers of Tri Services, academia and non – academic staff of the KDU witnessed this memorable occasion. Newly constructed accommodations can facilitate 200 day scholar under graduates of newly enlisted Intake 35, fully equipped Computer Lab, Design Studio and classrooms for undergraduates. Entire construction was undertaken by Civil Engineering Department of Sri Lanka Navy.

































CVCD at Southern Campus

The 412th meeting of Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors was organized at Southern Campus – KDU on 03rd and 04th of August 2018. There were 18 Vice Chancellors and Rectors present for the occasion.

The primary role of CVCD is to serve as an Inter-University organization which advises the UGC on policy, academic and administrative matters of common interest to the universities. At present, the CVCD consists of 19 Vice Chancellors of State Universities and 4 Rectors of University Campuses.













Rector's Challenge Trophy - 2018

The Rector's Challenge Trophy - 2018 Football Tournament was organized by Quantity Surveying Department of Faculty of Build Environment and Spatial Sciences on 10th August 2018 at Campus Grounds. The Rector Southern Campus graced this event as the chief guest. The Rector's Challenge Trophy won by Intake 33 while Intake 34 securing runners up and other trophies awarded for the Best Player and Best Goal Keeper.





























Those who made Southern Campus Proud

The Karate Team of Southern Campus who represented General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University at the 11th Shukokai International Open Karate Do Championship – 2018 won the following places at their events respectively. The Karate Championship was held at Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium, Colombo on 19th August 2018.

1. O/Cdt PM Bandarigoda - Team Kata - 2nd Place

 O/Cdt RMTS Rajapaksha - Team Kata - 2nd Place Individual Kata - 3rd Place

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3. O/Cdt DMIM Nadeesha - Team Kata - 2nd Place

Individual Kumite - 3rd place

4. O/Cdt IA Wickramathunga

5. O/Cdt GAYA Thisara

6. DS Mr PHWMSPB Pananwala - Team Kata - 3rd Place

Individual Kumite - 3rd place

7. DS Mr AYS Fonseka - Individual Kata - 3rd Place

Team Kata - 3rd place

8. DS Mr WDNS Fernando - Team Kata - 3rd Place

Individual Kumite - 3rd place

9. DS Ms PD Wickramage - Individual Kumite - 2nd place











Basketball Tournament – 2018

Basketball Tournament of year 2018 was organized by the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies on 05th September 2018 at Newly Constructed Basketball Court at Southern Campus. The Rector Southern Campus graced this occasion as the chief guest and other Military Officers, Academia, Officer Cadets and Day Scholars witnessed the event.

DS Anesly Mayantha from Intake 34 was awarded as the Most Valuable Player. Intake 34 team won the championship and Intake 32 team was declared as the runners up.

































Visit of Defence Advisor

on 05 October 2018.

Group Captain Sean Unwin, Defence Advisor, High Commission of Australia, paid a courtesy visit to Southern Campus General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University on 01st of October 2018. The Guests were welcomed by the Cdr(ASW) CT Gunarathne RSP & Bar psc Deputy Dean – Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies and Maj AN Udayanga SLA Adjutant – Southern Campus. The Defence Adviser toured the Southern Campus and he was immensely pleased with the atmosphere of the Campus.









Volleyball Tournament – 2018

Volleyball Tournament of year 2018 was organized by the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies on 10th October 2018 at Newly Constructed Volleyball Courts at Southern Campus. The Rector Southern Campus graced this occasion as the chief guest and other Military Officers, Academia, Officer Cadets, Day Scholars and Non Academic Staff witnessed the event.

Champions Male - Intake 34 (A) Team

Female - Intake 35 Team

Runners up Male - Permanent Staff Team

Female - Intake 34 Team

2nd Runners up Male - Navy Civil Engineering Team

Best Player Male - OCdt DMDC Karunarathne, Intake 34

Female - Miss WCNW Weerasinghe, Intake 35

Best Attacker Male - LS (PR) PAC Widushana, Permanent Staff

Best Setter Male - OCdt PM Bandarigoda, Intake 34











































<u>'Wana Ropa – 2018' Tree Planting</u> <u>Programme</u>

Southern Campus of KDU organized a tree planting programme on 10th October 2018 at campus premises under the patronage of 'Wana Ropa' National Tree Planting Programme 2018. The Rector Southern Campus, all military officers, all academia, officer cadets, day scholars and all staff of Southern Campus participated for this programme.

Wana Ropa national tree planting ceremony was initiated in 2015 as an annual event with the intention of increasing the forest cover in the country as per vision of his Excellency the president of Sri Lanka Mr. Maithripala Sirisena.













Beach March - 2018

Annual Beach March of Southern Campus was conducted on 14th October 2018 to enhance the endurance, physical fitness and stamina of Officer Cadets. It was started from Kalamatiya Beach to Godawaya Beach in Hambanthota area and organized by Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies.



















Ribbon and Insignias Awarding Ceremony

Southern Campus of General Sir John Kothelawala Defence University held the ribbon and insignias awarding ceremony on 18th of October 2018 considering the achievements of Officer Cadets of Intake 32 and 33 during the year 2015 and 2016 for the first time in Southern Campus. The Rector Southern Campus Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe, RWP, RSP, USP, ndu awarded ribbons and insignias to selected Officer Cadets to symbolize the awarding of Ribbons & Insignias.

The selection criteria are based on the performances in academic studies, military studies including Drill, Physical Training and Weapon Training under following disciplines.

Military Excellence

Awarded annually to officer cadets in each level for maintaining highest average for military subjects.

Academic Excellence

Awarded annually to officer cadets in each level for maintaining highest average for academic studies related to relevant degree programs.

Good Conduct

Awarded annually to the officer cadets who have demonstrated outstanding conduct throughout the year and exhibit the highest degree of loyal and positive attitude, outstanding personal appearance, capacity of responsibilities, highest personal and ethical standards, attributes of initiative, judgment and self-confidence and ranking the top 50% of their intake. Further officer cadet should not commit any chargeable offences in their cadet period.

Perfect Attendance

Awarded to officer cadets with no unexcused absence during each semester. It shall be evaluated depending on the frequency of absence due to reporting sick, medical category and other absence. They should maintain the 90% of attendance in each semester.

Physical Fitness

Awarded annually to five male officer cadets and two female officer cadets who have performed exceptionally well in the fittest cadet competition and to the two male officer cadets one female officer cadets who perform best in swimming.

Marksman

Awarded annually to the best firers who obtain 80% marks or above for live firing.

Sportsman

Awarded to officer cadets who obtain medals in national level sports and color recipients of KDU sports. Separate insignia to be awarded for each sport.

















Badminton Tournament - 2018

Rector Challenge Trophy - Badminton Tournament 2018 was organized by the Department of Quantity Surveying of Intake 33 on 25^{th} and 26^{th} of October 2018 at the indoor badminton courts of Southern Campus. The Rector Southern Campus graced this event as the chief guest and all the other military officers, academia, officer cadets and day scholars witnessed the event.

Overall runners up was secured by Intake 35 while the Overall championship was achieved by the Intake 34. Other trophies were distributed as follows:

Single Champions	Men	OCdt SY Makavita	- Intake 34
	Women	LOCdt PCJ Kumaranathunga - Intake 34	
Double Champions	Men	OCdt SY Makavta	- Intake 34
		OCdt RD Dewasurendra	- Intake 34
	Women	DS HL Amarasinghe DS WANM Weerasinghe	- Intake 35
	Mixed	OCdt SY Makavita LOCdt PCJ Kumaranathung	- Intake 34 a - Intake 34
Best Player	Men Women	OCdt SY Makavita LOCdt PCJ Kumaranathung	- Intake 34 a - Intake 34









































IT Day – Mentoring Session

The Department of Information Technology of Faculty of Computing, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University organized a forum on "The Digitalization vs. Education and ICT Trends" along with a mentoring session on 3rd March 2017. The main intention was to enhance the students' knowledge on the career paths available on the IT and IS streams. The resource personal for the event were Mrs. Kalhari Kaluarachchi, the Program Manager of Cisco Systems, Mrs. Maithree Malwattegoda, the Deputy General Manager of Fusion Sarvodaya and Mr. Ashoke Beddage, the Regional Manager of Palo Alto Networks. The resource personnel shared their past experiences and knowledge on the career paths in the IT industry.

Students got to talk to the specialists personally and clear their issues and doubts on the industry and the job opportunities. It was a rare and precious opportunity for the students. At the end of the session, the resource personal were given a token of appreciation from the of the Faculty of Computing, Department of Information Technology, KDU, Southern Campus.







SPL - Southern Premier League

The inaugural Inter-Department Cricket Tournament of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Southern Campus was ceremonially held on 23rd and 24th March 2017 at the University grounds as two evening sessions.

Out of the twelve teams, Team "A" of Intake 33 IT students won the championship and the first runners-up were Team "A" of Intake 32 students of Faculty of ΙT Computing. The closing ceremony of this exciting event was held on the evening of 24th March 2017. Brig AS Ariyarathne, the Rector of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Southern Campus graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Also, the Rector happily announced to continue this Inter- Department cricket tournament as an annual challenge trophy with the theme of "SPL - We Can! We Will!" This grand event worked out uniquely with an aurora of excitement. Other awards were achieved by,

MDCJ Best Batsman Kumara Best Bowler **DMUSB** Dissanayake Best Fielder PAR Perera Man of Series **MSP** Rodrigo the

[•] Best Cheering Team - Department of Architecture

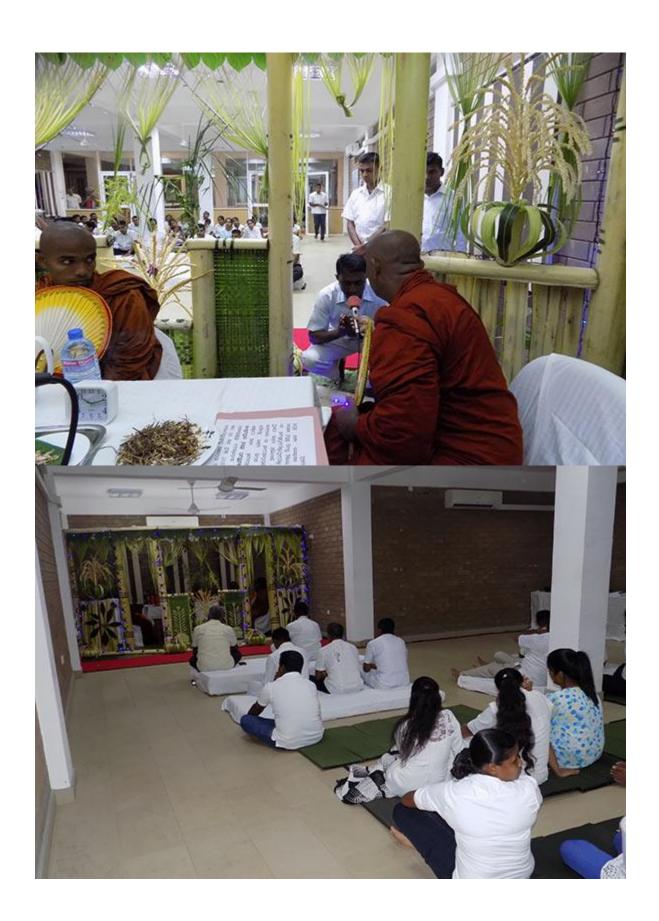






"Pirith" Chanting

The event "Pirith" chanting was held on 5th of May 2017, symbolizing the second anniversary of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Southern Campus, witnessing the achievement of pass two years and looking forward for a bright future. The event and the "Pririthmandapaya" was organized glamorously by the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies. With the participation of twelve honorable theros under the auspices of the Rector of the Southern Campus Brigadier A.S Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu and the Deputy Dean Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc the "Pirith" chanting was held, throughout the night and was followed by an alms giving on the following Morning, 06th of May 2017. All the Military Officers, Academia, Officer Cadets and Day Scholars actively participated in the event.







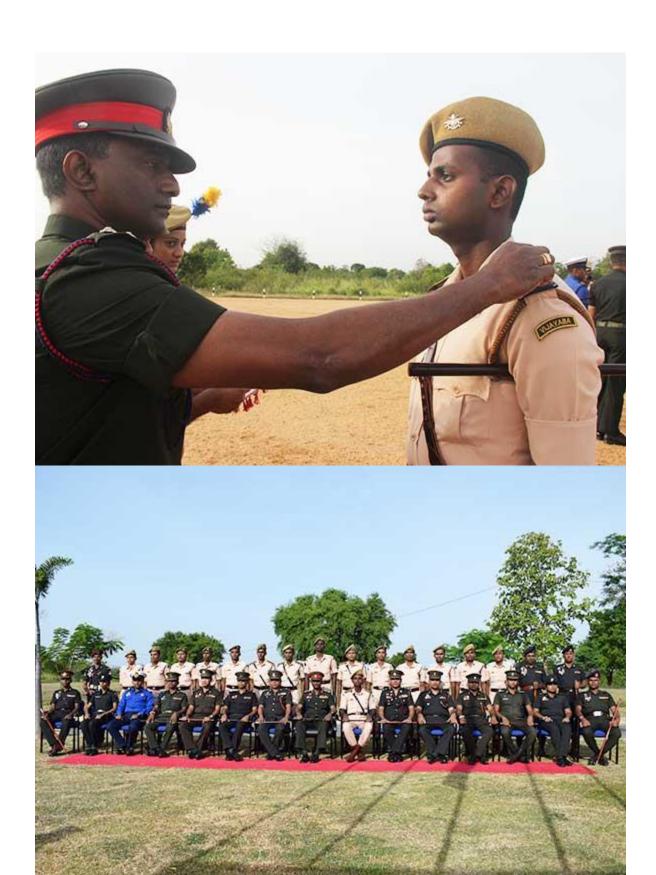
Investiture ceremony of the Cadet Government

The investiture ceremony of the Cadet Government ranks of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Southern Campus was held on the 7th of July 2017 in the parade grounds of the Southern Campus premises. This was the first time where a ceremonial function took place in the Southern Campus for the awarding of these ranks which included the appointment of a Squadron Under Officer and Troop Under Officers. This occasion was graced by the Rector, Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP usp ndu, Senior Admin Officer Lt Col TSND Thuduhena RSP, the Dean of the FBESS Dr AH Lakmal, the Deputy Dean of the FDSS Lt Col PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc,and all the respectable Officers, the academic and non-academic staff, day scholars and Officer Cadets.

Getting pinned with one of these ranks is an outstanding achievement in the life of a young cadet who aspires to acquire the great leadership qualities in his/her military officer career.









Book Donation Programme

Book Donation Programme was organized on 27th July 2017 at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Southern Campus Library premises to improve the book diversity at southern campus library. The Rector-Southern Campus Brigedier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu grace the occasion as the chief guest and other guests Dean-FBESS Dr AH Lakmal, Senior Admin Officer Lieutenant Colonel TSND Thuduhena RSP, Deputy Dean-FDSS Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjewa RSP PSC, Military officers, HODs and academia presented. It was organize by Acting Librarian of Southern Campus Mr.V Alagarathnam and as a token of appreciation Rector-Southern Campus donated number of valuable books to library.







Guest Lecture- Music & Well being

The music and wellbeing session of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Southern Campus was held on the 27th of July 2017. The guest lecturer for the occasion was Dr, Harshani Rajapakshe who is a senior lecturer at the Department of Medical Science of the University of Ruhuna. The occasion was graced by other dignitaries including the Rector of Southern Campus Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu and Dean FBESS Dr AH Lakmal the Deputy Dean FDSS Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjeewa RSP Psc, Officers, the academic staff, non-academic staff, Officer Cadets and Day scholars.

Dr, Harshani Rajapakshe gave away a brief explanation regarding music. According to her music is a combination of tones which is use to please the ear and also an art which express emotions. She is not no ordinary doctor. She could be considered as a lady who possess various talents. She shows cases it by signing songs of various cultures languages and countries. With a vast amount of her knowledge regarding physiological and psychological accepts of human wellbeing, she points out that music is a stress releasing factor to overcome problems in life. The eventual conclusion that we can gain from Dr, Rajapakshe explain in her own words is "music is combination of both science and art". The session with Dr Rajapakse was in fact very soothing to the mind and the soul and she is a definite source of inspiration to all of us.





New Year Celebration – 2017

on 08 August 2017.

The New Year Celebration of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Southern Campus was held on 26th of April 2017. The chief guest for the occasion was its very own Rector, Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP usp ndu. Whilst other dignitaries included Senior Admin Officer Lt Col TSND Thuduhena RSP, the Dean of the FBESS Dr. AH Lakmal, the Deputy Dean of the FDSS Lt Col PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc, and all the Officers, the academic and non-academic staff, day scholars and Officer Cadets.

Traditional customs and games coupled with cultural items were performed and enjoyed thoroughly by all the under graduates. This added much color to the event making it a community party full of fun and merry making, along with the good tiding of this auspicious festival resounding throughout the air. This celebration paved way to showcase the traditional ethos which are slowly dwindling and reviving them in a wonderful enjoyable way. Eventually, the whole occasion came to a successful completion leading to the beginning of the New Year.









Lt Cdr Brian Page, US Naval Attaché of the US embassy in Colombo - Visit to General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Southern Campus

on 08 August 2017.

On 19th July 2017 Lt Cdr Brian Page, US Naval Attaché of the US Embassy in Colombo, payed a courtesy visit to General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University, Southern Campus. The Guest warmly welcomed by the Rector Southern Campus Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu. The distinguished guest was severed with refreshment by the Rector and along with all Academia and Military Staff. The road to the university briefing with power point presentation was conducted by the Deputy Dean FDSS Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc. Apart from the interaction with Military and Academic Staff, the Naval Attaché was welcome to visit University premises by the Rector.







Katuwanayaya Temple

Southern Campus, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University got a great opportunity to do a charity work on behalf of all the villagers in Katuwanayaya area at the close proximity of the campus. It was all about contributing for the construction of a preaching hall to the Katuwanayaya temple. Though it was not such a huge work towards those people, the innocence in their faces and the gratefulness in their smile made us to think that we had done a great job there. It was the ultimate satisfaction that we derived from this greater deed. On 17 August 2017, Rector Southern Campus Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu was invited by the villagers of Katuwanayaya and Rector exposed the newly constructed preaching hall for the public use. Dean-FBESS Dr AH Lakmal, Senior Admin Officer Lieutenant Colonel TSND Thuduhena RSP and Deputy Dean FDSS Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc also graced this occasion and all Military Officers, Academia, Officer Cadets and Day scholars were in presence.







Padura-2017

The 'Padura-2017' of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Southern Campus was held on the 19 August 2017 at the campus premises. This spectacular event was organized by the students of intake 34 in Faculty of Computing along Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies. The chief guest of the event was the Rector of the Southern Campus Brigadier AS Ariyasinghe RWP RSP USP ndu. Other dignitaries included the Dean of FBESS Dr AH Lakmal, Senior Admin Officer Lieutenant Colonel TSND Thuduhena RSP, Deputy Dean FDSS Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjewa RSP psc, Officers, Academic and the Non-Academic staff. The Sectary, Western Province Ministry of Educational and Cultural, Master of Arts Mr. Lal Ananda Abeydheera grace the occasion to give an informative introduction to the series of classics that were being sung by the talented students.

It was a mix of traditional and contemporary music which was performed with much enthusiasm that enthralled the audience. Sri Lanka is a country with diverse ethnicities thereby creating an exciting fusion of melted cultures, thus the intention of the 'Padura-2017' was to blend the spectacular heritage of our island nation into a vibrant experience through its very own music, hailing from the roots of the traditional folk songs, the calypso beats to the modern-day music fiasco. The harmonies were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and the intention of the Padura 2017 was successfully achieved by sending musical vibes into atmosphere paving for the potential continuation of the beats into the years to come within the Southern Campus.





Badminton Tournament - 2017

Badminton Tournament 2017 was held on 20th August 2017 at the gymnasium of Southern Campus, KDU. Chief Guest for gracing this event was the Deputy Dean FDSS Lieutenant Colonel PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc.

There were several awards given away for the players including Single Match winner, Double Match Winners and Overall Champions. Out of three intakes, Intake 33 was able to win the overall championship of the tournament.





Visit of Defence Advisor

Colonel Sajjad Ali, Defence Advisor of High Commission Pakistan, paid a courtesy visit to General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University Southern Campus on 22 August 2017. The Guests were welcomed by the Senior Admin Officer Lt Col TSND Thuduhena RSP and Deputy Dean FDSS Lt Col PSS Sanjeewa RSP psc. A briefing about Southern Campus was conducted by the Lt MATDL Marasinghe SLN. Defence Advisor visited the university premises.









Rectors Shield - 2017

The Rectors Shield Cricket Tournament - 2017 was held on the 30th August 2017 at the grounds of the Southern Campus - KDU. The Chief Guest for gracing this event was the Rector Southern Campus.

There were several awards given away for the players for their performances. Officer Cadet KGSD Karunarathne and Day Scholar Ashan Fernando took home the titles of best bowler and best batsman respectively. Officer Cadet MSP Rodrigo was judged as the man of the match for this quality consistent performance with the bat, ball and the field. Rector's shield was secured by the Officer Cadets after tough competition. When nightfall, DJ bash put the icing on the cake as it that made all feel like winners and concluded on a positive vibe hopefully carrying the game on to the next year.







OPEN DAY - 2017

"OPEN DAY" of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) was held on 09th September 2017 at the University premises Ratmalana, for the fourth consecutive year. Brigadier Indunil Ranasinghe, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration) KDU declared open the event as the chief guest. The aim of this event is to give an idea for the students who expect to begin their higher studies in KDU.

In regard KDU Southern Campus established a stall about Faculty of Build Environment and Spatial Science and Faculty of Computing including information of five degree programmes with the guidance of the Rector, Southern Campus.







Exhibition at Sooriyaweva National School

An Educational exhibition was held at Sooriyaweva National School on 21st and 22nd September 2017 to mark the 50th Anniversary with the presence of Minister of Housing and Construction, Hon Sajith Premadasa. Southern Campus conducted a stall in this exhibition which made proper awareness about the Southern Campus.



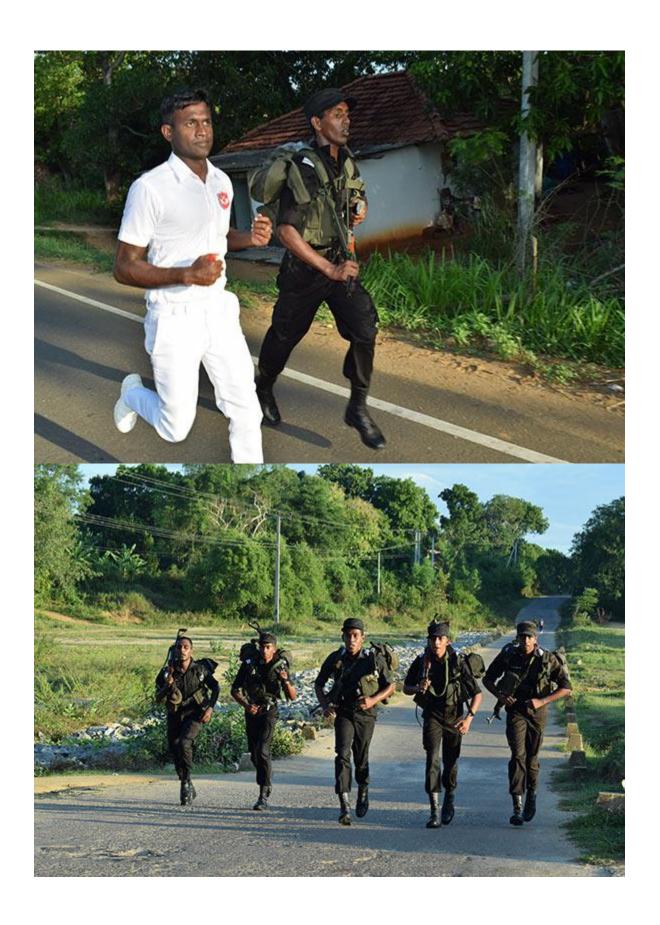


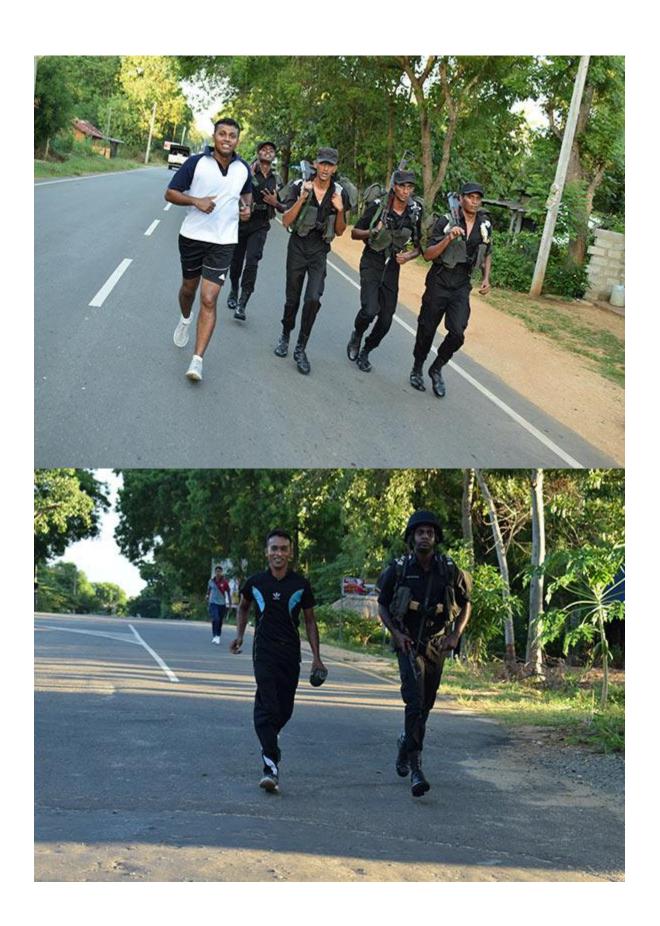




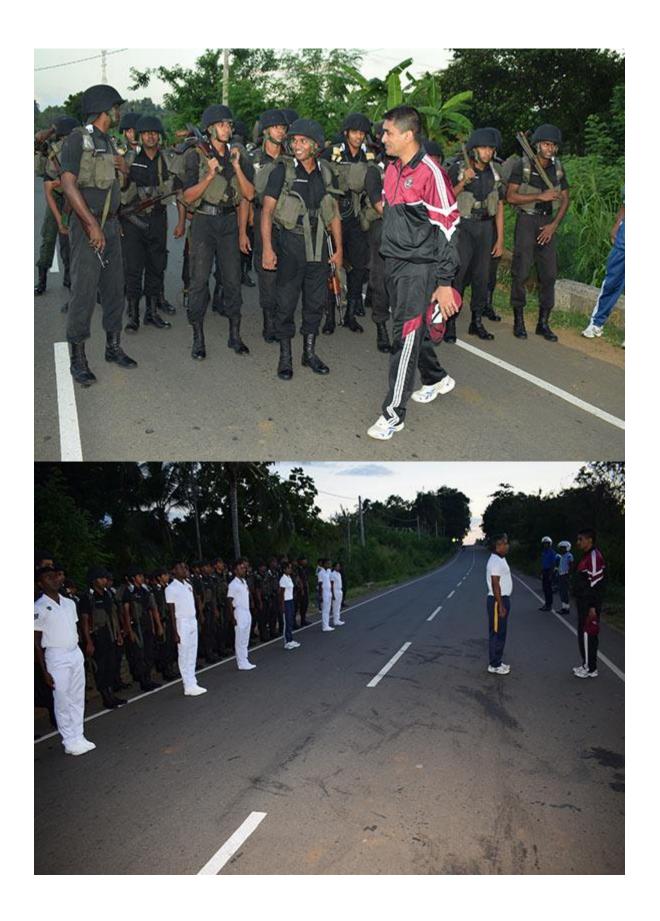
8 Mile Run

8 Mile run of Southern Campus was held on 01st October 2017 to enhance the endurance, physical fitness and stamina of Officer Cadets started from Sewanagala and terminated at Southern Campus. This event organized by Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies in every academic semester.



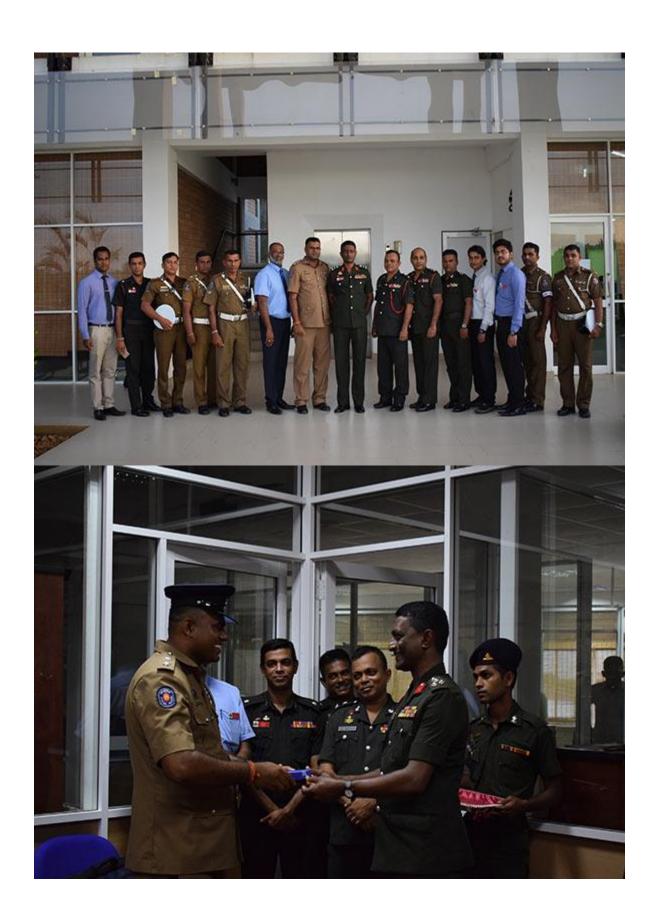






Traffic Awareness Programme

The Department of Information Technology organized an awareness programme on 'Traffic rules and regulations' on 04th October 2017. It was conducted by the Police Traffic Division of Monaragala with the co-ordination of Police Station Sewanagala. Officer In Charge of Moneragala Police Traffic Division Inspector Bulathsinhala was the Chief Instructor. It was a very informative lecture regarding sophisticated equipment used by the Traffic Police, violation of road discipline by the motor vehicles and pedestrians and how to reduce the road accidents.







Rotaract Activities Commenced at Southern Campus

To make a new definition for the friendship, it is a combination of Rotary and Interact, now are in action at Southern Campus. Inaugural workshop was held at Southern Campus and established a new 'Rotaract Club' on 04th of October 2017. The Rotary theme for 2017/18 is "Rotary: Making A Difference". So this is our moment. Tomorrow might be ours. To make a difference the Rotary Club of Cinnamon Gardens is here with us for further activities.





Beach March

Beach March of Southern Campus was held on 16th October 2017 to enhance the endurance, physical fitness and stamina of Officer Cadets. This event started from Rakawa and terminated at Tangalle. This is an annual event organized by Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies.









New Accommodation Buildings for Southern Campus

Foundation Stone laying ceremony for two new accommodation buildings for undergraduates of Southern Campus was held on 10th November 2017. The Buildings were designed to fulfil the accommodation requirement of 200 undergraduates. The construction is undertaken out by the Department of Civil Engineering of Sri Lanka Navy and scheduled to complete the construction by mid February 2018.









Professor Richard Hyde visits the Faculty of Built Environment

On the 26th of February 2015, Professor Richard Hyde, from the University of Sydney, visited the Southern Campus, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University in order to deliver a guest lecture to Architecture, Quantity Surveying and Spatial Sciences students on sustainability. This lecture was conducted over two days, benefiting the 20 Architecture and Built Environment students, and many academics, who reside on the campus.









Ceremonial Opening of KDU Southern Campus at Sooriyawewa

Turning a new chapter in the history of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU), the ceremonial opening of its Southern campus at Sooriyawewa took place on 05 May 2015. The president, Honorable Maithripala Sirisena graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for this event. State Minister of Defence Honorable Ruwan Wijewardene, Governer of the Uva Province – Hon. MP Jayasinghe, Secretary Defence Mr. Basnayake, Chief of defence staff – General Jagath Jayasuriya, Commander of the Army Lieutenant General Krishantha De Silva, Commander of the Navy – Vice Admiral Jayantha Perera, Commander of the Air Force Air Marshal Kolitha Gunathilake, Chancellor of KDU General Rohan Daluwatta, Vice Chancellor of the Kotelawala Defence University - Major General Milinda Peiris, the pioneer of this great effort, other senior officers of the university and the Chairman of University Grants Commission also participated in this event. Apart from them a number of local and government officials were participated.

The campus, dedicated to Built Environment and Spatial Sciences as well as Information Technology related studies comes as a result of the government's recognition of the essential need to broaden Sri Lanka's tertiary education sector and to offer a wide spectrum of internationally recognized higher educational opportunities for Sri Lankan youth to earn qualifications essential for national development.

The campus located in a 140 acre land and is based on the green concept preserving the natural environment of the area. The KDU Southern Campus will bring the country one step closer to becoming the regional education hub. The Campus is responsible for training and graduating military as well as civil students. The courses will be conducted by well experienced academics and professionals in the field. Moreover, strict discipline is maintained due to close supervision by the Military staff of the campus.