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## Faculty of Arts & Culture

### Induction Ceremony for the New Entrants to the Faculty

Induction Ceremony for the new entrants for the academic year 2016/2017 was ceremonially conducted by the Faculty of Arts & Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2017 at the Nallaiah Hall, EUSL. Total number of students enrolled to the Faculty for year 2016/2017 was 1063.



### Ceremonial Opening of the Department of Philosophy and Value Studies

Department of Philosophy and Value Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Culture was ceremonially opened by Prof. T.Jeyasingam, Vice Chancellor, EUSL on 02.01.2017. Dr. K.E. Karunakaran, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Mr. M. Ravi, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, Dr. Mrs. M. Vinobaba, Dean of Faculty of Science, Mrs. T. Arulnandhy, Librarian, Professors, Heads and Coordinators, Academics, students and non-academic staff of the Faculty of Arts & Culture graced this historical occasion.



### Talk on “Mahatma Gandhi and Islam”

Talk on “Mahathma Gandhi and Islam” was delivered by Prof. Gita Dharamapal Frick of South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany. This programme was jointly organized by the Colombo Branch of the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University and the Faculty of Arts & Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 22 March, 2017 at the Nallaiah Hall. Mr. M. Ravi, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Culture, academics, and students were present for this occasion.





## Faculty of Arts & Culture

### The Collaboration Initiatives between the Eastern University, Sri Lanka and Heidelberg University, Germany

This was jointly organized by the Colombo Branch office of the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany and the Faculty of Arts & Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 22 March, 2017 in Faculty Board Room of FAC at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Mr. M.Ravi, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Culture, and the academics were participated for this discussion on feasibility of research and learning initiatives between the two Universities. The programme was directed by Prof. Gita Dharamapal Frick of South Asia Institute of the Heidelberg University, Germany and Mr. M. Ravi, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Culture, EUSL.



### Opening of the Postgraduate Unit, Faculty of Arts & Culture, EUSL



A separate Postgraduate Unit was ceremonially opened by the academic community of the Faculty on 23 March, 2017.



### Department of Social Sciences



The Environment Preserving Programme-1 was organized under the leadership of Dr. G. Thillainathan, Head, Dept. of Social Sciences. First and second year students of the Faculty participated in this event. Neem trees were planted in front of the main building of the Faculty of Arts and Culture on 02.03.2017.



Educational & Cultural Awareness programme was conducted by the Department of Social Sciences with the collaboration of Saiva Mangaiyar Club at Shanthiveli on 20.03.2017. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sociology Special degree students were also participated in this event.



Educational Awareness programme was organized by Dr.G.Thillainathan, Head, Department of Social Sciences in Pavatkodichenai for the parents of that region on 08.03.2017 on giving importance to sending children to the schools. Many children drop out for various reasons and this awareness programme was an initiative for the community linkage with the Faculty.



## Faculty of Arts & Culture

### Department of Fine Arts

#### *Makidi kooththu Performance*



*Makidi Kooththu* (one of the traditional performing artistic forms in Batticaloa region) was facilitated & coordinated by Mr. S. Chandrakumar, Senior Lecturer from Dept. of Fine Arts and was staged on 22.02.2017 in front of the Eastern University Senate

#### *Veerakumaran Naadakam Vadamoodi Kooththu*

*Veerakumaran Naadakam Vadamoodi Kooththu* (a traditional performing art of the Eastern Region) produced by the Dept. of Fine Arts and staged at the night of 15.03.2017 at the Eastern University's main playground. This programme was facilitated & coordinated by Mr. S. Chandrakumar, Senior Lecturer in Fine Arts.



#### Exhibition and sale of Handicrafts and Indigeno Food

The First Year students of the Department of Fine Arts exhibited and sold handicrafts and indigenous food on 23.02.2017. This is part of their curriculum for the First Year in Fine Arts. The concepts of the programme are; self-production, management, and organizing techniques for preserving, producing, empowering, and selling handicrafts of the region. This was highly emphasized in this event. The Vice Chancellor of EUSL and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, and the Director of Swami Vipulanantha Institute of Aesthetic Studies had graced this occasion.



#### *Sathankai Ani Vizha (Anklet Adorning Festival)*

The above event was organized and facilitated by Mr. S. Chandrakumar, Senior Lecturer in Fine Arts on 01.03.2017 under the theme of learning and teaching by curriculum based performing at the Eastern University.





## Faculty of Arts & Culture

### Department of Arabic



Dr.P.M. Hamthoon, Head, Dept. of Arabic has attended a training programme “Training of Arabic Debate Trainers” held on 15 -19 January, 2017 in Doha, Qatar.

### Research & Publications

1. **Inpamohan, V.** (2017). “Impact of Mega Teledrama Serials on Society based on Tamil Mega Teledrama Serials.” 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil on 17.01.2017.
2. **Chandrakumar, S** (2017). “Role of Art Films in Changing Social Life Based on European Film Festival held on 2015 in Batticaloa.” 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil on 17.01.2017.
3. **Kennedy, J.** (2017). “Students vs Language: Challenges Faced by the Undergraduates Offering English Medium of Instruction in Sri Lanka.” *PEOPLE: International Journal of Social Sciences*, ISSN 2454-5899, Special Issue Volume 3 Issue 1, pp. 554 – 566, DOI-<https://dx.doi.org/10.20319/pijss.2017.s31.554566>.

## Faculty of Health Care Sciences

### Inter-Institutional Quiz Competition



BSC Nursing students from the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka participated in the Inter-Institutional Quiz Competition organized by Graduate Nurses Foundation of Sri Lanka (GNFSL) on various competencies in nursing and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The quiz was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Post Basic College of Nursing, Colombo. The participants from the Eastern University were Ms.G.H.I.P.De Silva (6<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing), Ms.W.P.H.L.Pathirana (6<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing), Ms.Lochana Waruni (6<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing),

Ms.H.M.Fathima Farhana (7<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing), Ms.S.Krishna (6<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing) and Ms.S.K.N.Samarakoon (7<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing).

### Annual Regional Meeting of the Physiological Society of Sri Lanka

The president and members of Physiological Society of Sri Lanka (PSSL) with the coordination of the Head and the staff of the Department of Human Biology organized the Annual Regional Meeting at Faculty of Health Care Sciences on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The event included guest lectures on advancement of physiology, emphasis of physiology in Phase I curriculum and some other topics such as “Revealing the Mystery of Batticaloa Lagoon,” etc.



The program was successfully conducted with the participation of the members of PSSL of the all other state medical faculties, academics of FHCS, consultants of Teaching Hospital Batticaloa and the Medical and Nursing students of FHCS.

### Research & Publications

**Sathaananthan, T.** (2016). “Harden’s SPICES Model for Biochemistry in Medical Curriculum.” *PEOPLE: International Journal of Social Sciences*, ISSN 2454-5899, Special Issue Volume 3 Issue 1, pp. 95 – 104, <https://dx.doi.org/10.20319/lijhls.2016.s31.95104>.



## Workshop on Statistical Data Analysis in SPSS

Workshop on Statistical Data Analysis in SPSS was conducted by the CEDEC with the assistance of CICT on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Twenty eight (28) External Degree final year students from the Faculty of Commerce and Management participated in this programme.



The website of the CEDEC was upgraded with sub-domain [www.cedec.esn.ac.lk](http://www.cedec.esn.ac.lk)

## Department of Physical Education

The Annual General meeting of Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association – 2017 was held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at the University of Ruhuna. Mr.P.Paramathevyan, Chairman SAB, EUSL and Mr. M. Paranithasan (Co-ordinator/ PE) took part in this meeting.



## Senior National Basketball Tournament

The Senior National Basketball tournament is an all Island event where all the District clubs basketball teams take part to win the title. Sri Lanka National Universities Basketball Team which included 1 player out of 5 best players of EUSL for the men team and 2 players out of 5 best players for the women team were selected from our University. The selection for the team was held at the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association appointed Mr. M. Paranithasan, Co ordinator in Physical Education, from the EUSL as the sole head coach for the Sri Lanka National Universities teams for this tournament. The tournament was held from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Kandy and the women's combine University teams won the silver medals in the all island level national tournament. The student participants are;

- S.UGANTHAN - Faculty of Commerce and Management
- C.THARJINI - Faculty of Arts and Culture
- R.PRIYA - Faculty of Arts and Culture





## Department of Physical Education

### Invitational Inter University Kabaddi Championship – 2017

Our team secured 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up in the Inter University Kabaddi Championship – 2017 which was organized by University of Peradeniya for the 1<sup>st</sup> time on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017



### Inter Faculty Fresher's Sports Meet - 2017

Physical Education and Sports Council conducted Inter Faculty Freshers Sports Meet - 2017 successfully with the support of SAB and administer of the University from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Around 350 1<sup>st</sup> year students showed a keen interest.

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| • Men Champion                      | : | Faculty of Arts and Culture                                  |
| • Men Runner Up                     | : | Faculty of Health Care Sciences                              |
| • Men 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up     | : | Faculty of Science and Faculty of Agriculture and Technology |
| • Women Champion                    | : | Faculty of Agriculture and Technology                        |
| • Women Runner Up                   | : | Faculty of Arts and Culture,                                 |
| • Women 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up   | : | Trincomalee Campus   |
| • Overall champion                  | : | Faculty of Arts and Culture                                  |
| • Overall Runner Up                 | : | Faculty of Agriculture and Technology                        |
| • Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up | : | Faculty of Health Care Sciences                              |





## Department of Physical Education

### Inter University Mixed Netball Tournament - 2017

The Eastern University, Sri Lanka team participated in this tournament which was organized by the University of Peradeniya held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.



### Cricket Coaching Camp

Physical Education organized a cricket coaching camp to promote cricket (hardball) for EUSL staff and students which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 successfully.



## Staff Development Centre

### Workshop on Career Development Guides

A workshop on Career Development Guides was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at the SDC Hall, EUSL. The resource person was Dr. B. M. K. Perera, former Director, CGU, University of Peradeniya.





## Staff Development Centre

### Workshop on Skill Development of Drivers



A workshop on Skill Development of Drivers (the second batch of the ten drivers) was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at the National Institute of Labour Studies, Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations, Colombo. This enhanced the skill development of the drivers who also contribute to the development of the University.

### Workshop on Present Status and Future Direction of EUSL

A residential workshop on Present Status and Future Direction of EUSL was conducted to the Council Members and other Administrative heads of EUSL on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at Giritale Hotel, Pollannaruwa. The purpose of this residential workshop is to draw a clear plan for the future plans for the University, getting experiences from the past and learn from the mistakes that took place in the past. Further, this was an event where the UGC nominated Council members were able to know the non-council members who are the real contributors and the implementers of the development of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.



## General

### New Year Celebration



On 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017 the University celebrated the New Year function with the hosting of National and the University flags followed by respecting the National Anthem. Most of the University staff gathered in front of the Senate building for the celebration. After the hosting of flags, all the staff members took oath of the National Declaration.





### Meritorious Service Award

On 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017 the University honoured its staff members who contributed and served long for the development of the University. The Vice Chancellor was the chief guest of the function who himself was awarded for the longest service (35 years) in the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.



The following members of the University have been honoured on the occasion:

#### 35 Years of Long Service

Late (Mr.) M A Pathmakumar, Prof. T Jayasingam, Mrs.T Arulnandhy, Mr. A Nirmohan, Mr. M Sriragavan, Mr. B C Kogularaj, and Mr. K Varnakulasingham.

#### 30 Years of Long Service

Mr R Ragel, Mrs. Sugirthavathani David, Mr. T Kugathan, Mr. N Thangavadeivel, and Mr. K Rajagopal.

#### 25 Years of Long Service

Mrs Y D A D Perera, Prof V Gunaretnam, Dr M Varnagulasingham, Dr K Rajendram, and Mr K Thevarajah

### Secession Chairing

Prof. T. Jayasingam, Vice Chancellor of the University, was invited to Chair a secession on “Interaction Problem-Solving and Political-Religious Dialogue” at the conference on The Transformation of Intractable Conflicts III at the Harvard University, Cambridge, USA on 16 – 18 March, 2017.



## Appointments & Promotions



Dr. P. Sivarajah, Senior Lecturer Gr – I was elected unanimously for a second term as Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, EUSL on February, 2017 at a Special Meeting of Faculty Board.



Dr. J. Kennedy was appointed as Head, Department of Languages, Faculty of Arts & Culture with effect from 03.02.2017.



Mrs. Komathy Prapagar was appointed as Head, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, Faculty of Agriculture with effect from 03.03.2017.



Mr. S. Chandrakumar of the Department of Fine Arts has been promoted as Senior Lecturer .G.II with effect from 11.12.2014.



Mr. A. Kanneraj of the Department of Social Sciences has been promoted as Senior Lecturer .G.II with effect from 10.05.2016.



Mr. C. Sasitharan of the Department of Social Sciences has been promoted as Senior Lecturer .G.II with effect from 01.10.2015.



Mr. Kumarasamy Vithyasanker was appointed as Lecturer (Prob.) at the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science with effect from 01.03.2017.



Dr. Vannamami Gunapalasingam was appointed as Lecturer (Unconfirmed) at the Department of Hindu Civilization, Faculty of Arts & Culture with effect from 01.03.2017.





*Calotropis gigantea*  
(crown flower)

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