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BIT REGISTRATION 2021



Registration interviews for the 21st intake of the Bachelor of Information Technology (External) Degree programme, were conducted from 01st April to 22nd April 2021 at the University of Colombo School of Computing. More than 1100 eligible applicants were shortlisted for the first round of registration interviews after screening their online applications, which is available at https://registration.bit.lk/. The event was organized following strict health and safety guidelines due to the country's prevailing COVID 19 pandemic situation.

The interview rounds are scheduled to be held during weekends and weekdays during the month of April. Interested applicants can register to the BIT Degree Programme if they have completed the eligibility criteria stated on the BIT website (https://www.bit.lk/index.php/degree-path/new-admissions/) until 30th of April 2021.

External Degrees Centre is thankful for all the academic, administrative and non-academic staff members who participated in interviews and assisted in making this process a success.



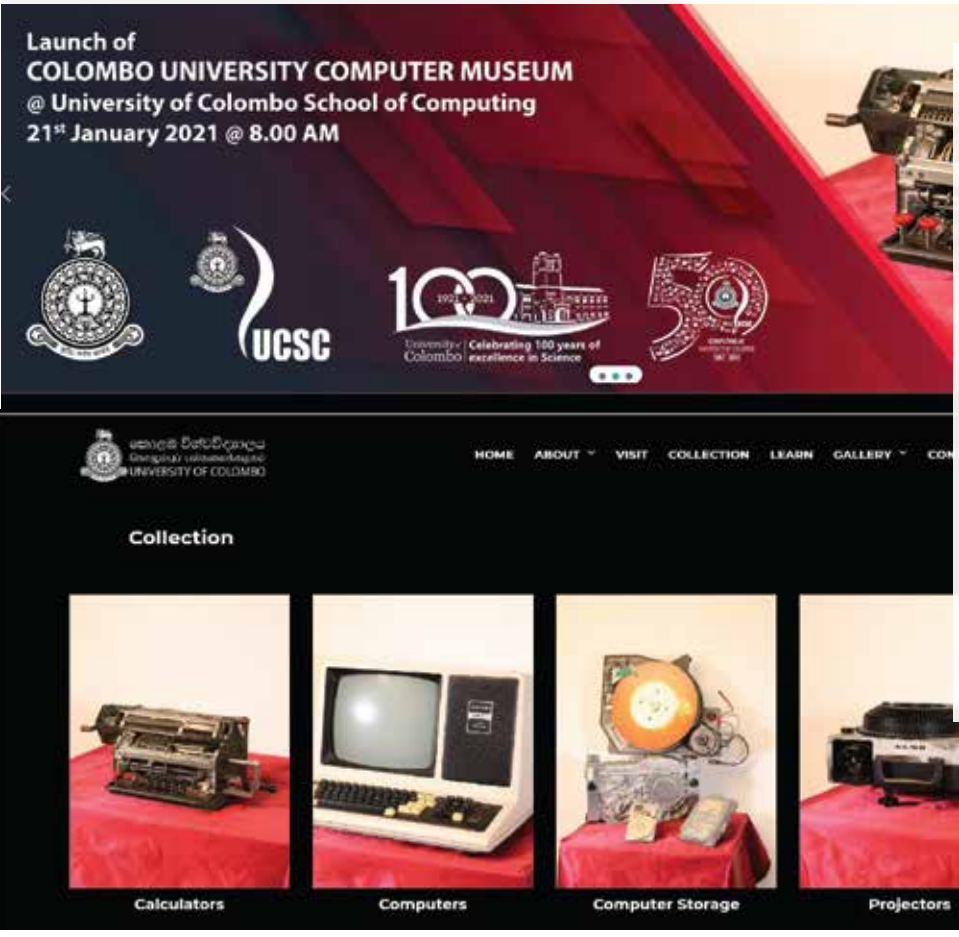


LAUNCHING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO COMPUTER MUSEUM AT UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND E-MUSEUM

UCSC launched the University of Colombo Computer Museum on 21st January 2021 in commemoration of 100 years of the establishment of Faculties of Science and Arts of the University of Colombo. The Vice Chancellor Senior Professor Chandrika Wijeyaratne unveiled the plaque and declared open the Colombo University Computer Museum and e-Museum (emuseum.cmb.ac.lk) on 21st January 2021. The occasion was graced by the Registrar, Bursar, Deans, Directors, Rector Sri Palee and other staff of University of Colombo.

Launching of the Museum was requested by the Vice-Chancellor of University of Colombo on 7th January 2021, which made UCSC to complete the project within a period of 2 weeks. Accordingly, UCSC took measures to carry out several urgent tasks immediately to make the project a success. A team of over 100 Academic, Academic Support, Administrative and Non-Academic staff worked continuously over a period of less than 2 weeks to materialize the successful launching of both the e-Museum and the physical Museum.



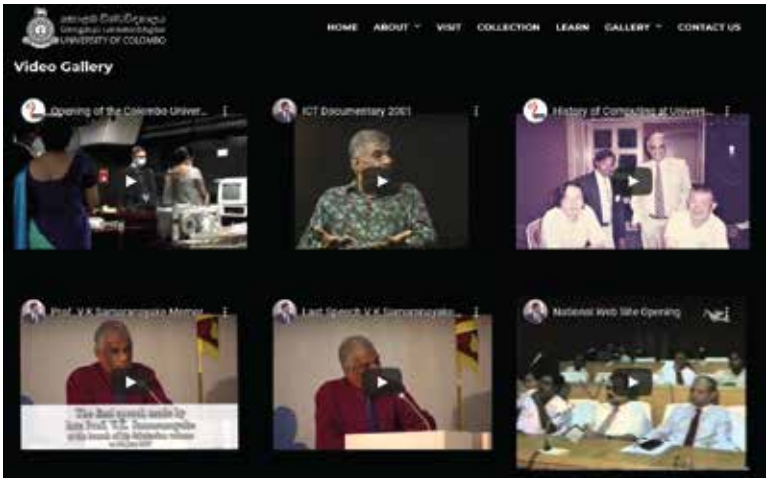


The project consisted of transformation of a room into a museum setting and in addition to a Virtual Museum in a digital form. The e-Museum consists of 3D Virtual Tour, Museum Item Collection, 3D digital archiving of Items, educational space for school children from grades 6 to 11, photo and video gallery etc.

Even though the work of Museum Room and e-Museum was completed, several further improvements to both Museum room and e-Museum are underway.

The University of Colombo Computer Museum becomes one of the valuable assets of UCSC, which showcases the history of University of Colombo in many facets, including the proud history of over 50 years in computing at the UoC, decades of technology evolution and the computing machinery initially used for higher education in the country.

The item collection was made over the years from the former museum room in the ICT Auditorium, which had been set up before the demolition for the new building construction.







NEW LANDSCAPING OF UCSC

We've all seen that, lifeless, dull office landscapes that don't add any beauty or value to a property. They're practically everywhere you turn but these outdoor areas are full of opportunities to add functional space that employees and students will love.

It's a fact that being outdoors provides many health benefits, so making office landscape more beautiful and functional and encouraging employees to get outside a few times a day can actually boost morale. It's also a great way to attract prospective employees, and to make the property more sustainable by enhancing air quality and fostering wildlife.







Improving the office landscape is a win-win for everyone. Users are happier, the property value increases, and everybody gets more functional space to enjoy.

So, the management of the UCSC has decided to enhance the beauty of the UCSC premises. This landscaping project was awarded to The Greenery Company (Pvt) Ltd and work commenced on 30th October 2019. The Project value is LKR 450,000 and they have successfully completed the project on 15th November 2019.

UCSC UNDUWAP WASANTHAYA 2020

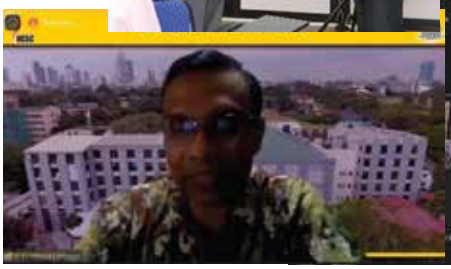


The welfare society of UCSC is involved in fostering goodwill, solidarity and unity among all members of the UCSC.

With the outbreak of the Covid-19 epidemic in the early 2020s, many of the welfare community's collective activities were suspended due to the cessation of collective action.









Even though all these situations arised, using modern technology the welfare society organized an event named “UCSC Uduwap Wasanthaya” on 22nd December 2020 as online mode. Several contests were held online, and gifts were distributed among the members during this event. This was a new experience for the members.

DONATION OF PEDAL OPERATED SINK UNITS FROM PERSISTENT SYSTEMS







Ms. Sulochana Maddumage, Manager/ Administration of Persistent Systems Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, handed over a donation of 15 pedal-operated sink units to Prof K.P Hewagamage, Director of University of Colombo School of Computing, to contribute to UCSC’s battle against the COVID-19 pandemic on 22nd July 2020. The donation is part of the “CSR” project to combatting COVID-19 and will help strengthen UCSC’s readiness to respond to occupants’ health concerns.

UCSC got this donation as a response to the request made by Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, Deputy Director of UCSC, from Mr. Kapila Maligaspe, a past student and former staff member of UCSC, who is now employed in Persistent Systems Lanka (Pvt) as the Regional Head/ Product Services and Support.

“The Persistent Systems Lanka (Pvt) Ltd is proud to assist UCSC’s occupants as they care for the School of Computing suffering from Coronavirus; helping to protect the students and staff is one component of our deep relationship”, said Ms. Sulochana.

ENROLLMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INTAKE 2019/2020

Student enrollment for the Undergraduate Degree Programme of 2019/2020 took place on 8th and 9th April 2021 at the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC). The eligible students were brought for face to face registration following the prescribed health guidelines. The student registration process was done for Computer Science (CS) and Information Systems (IS) Degree Programmes. Compared with other years, the University Grants Commission (UGC) allocated thirty (30) more students for the Computer Science Degree Programme and twenty seven (27) more students for the Information System Degree Programme. The details of the vacancies in the two-degree programmes drawn, have been communicated to the UGC for further action.









Upcomming Events

ICT FOR EMERGING REGIONS (ICTer)

The International Conference on Advances in ICT for Emerging Regions is the annual conference hosted by the University of Colombo School of Computing. This year the 21st Annual Conference will be held for two days on the 02nd and 03rd of December 2021 followed up by two technology related workshops. The landmark International Information Technology Conference (IITC), which has been held in Sri Lanka since 1998, has been replaced by ICTer. The ICTer conference provides a rare venue for academics and professionals in the fields of computer science and information technology to share scientific findings and practical applications as research papers and extended abstracts.

Last year it was the first attempt of the University of Colombo School of Computing to host this significant event as a fully virtual conference supported by Microsoft Teams and this year the conference is planned to be held on a blended mode. The ICTer Conference is ranked with an h5 index of 9.

The conference will include several keynote addresses by prominent international figures in the fields of computer science and information technology, in addition to the presentation of selected papers. The submissions for the first round of call for papers for the conference will be accepted from 30th June 2021 onwards via Microsoft Teams. The submissions will be accepted under the conference tracks Machine Learning, Physical Computing, Distributed Computing, Human Computer Interaction, Applications of IT and Industry R & D. Last year, 67 submissions including 44 full research papers and 23 extended abstracts were accepted and presented at the conference. Since the Technical Co – Sponsor for the last year's conference was IEEE, all the accepted publications were made available via IEEE Xplore Digital Library. Anyone willing to participate in the conference will be given the opportunity to register with the conference.

A panel of five members serving as Senior Lecturers in Universities all over the country will be appointed as the Best Paper Selection Committee and they will identify the best papers from the articles presented at the conference. Few other papers will be designated as excellent mentions.

The details of the 21st ICTer Conference, the important dates, the details of the previous conference and the abstracts of the articles presented at the previous conference are incorporated in to the ICTer 2021 official website at https://www.icter.org/conference/.









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