

Progress Report of the Department of Accounting for the 2016

1. Produce High Quality Human Resources (Teaching and Learning)

- Inauguration ceremony of the Diploma in Computer Based Accounting 8th Intake was held on Sunday 10th January 2016. This time department selected 87 students for the course.
- A 4-day skill development training workshop for enhancing auditing skills titled ‘Improving Audit Skills – Training Program’ was organized by the Department of Accounting and was conducted by the International Chartered Accounting firm, Ernst & Young (EY), Sri Lanka for the Second Year undergraduates of the Department from 25th January to 28th January, 2016 at the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM). Dr. Athula Manawaduge (on behalf of Prof. Samantha Seneratne, the Overall Coordinator- Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants), Mr. Devaka Cooray (Staff Partner – EY) and Dr. RoshanAjward (Coordinator – Internship in Accounting and Financial Management Year III program) took part and made speeches in the inauguration ceremony, while Prof. MW Wickramamarachchi, Ms. Anoji De Silva (EY Partner), Dr. Roshan Ajward and Ms. Sanjeevanie Cooray were present in the certificate awarding ceremony in the final day of the workshop. 52 undergraduates participated and 11 resource persons from EY contributed for this workshop. The Department appreciates Dr. Roshan Ajward for organizing and coordinating this event with the assistance of Ms. Thusitha Keerthisinghe (Manager – Training. EY), Mr. H.M.T.G.C. Sandaruwan (Lecturer, Department of Accounting) and the Accountancy and Financial Management Association (AFMA), the student body of the Department. Furthermore, the Department extends its gratefulness to Prof. Samantha Senaratne, the Overall Coordinator - Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants for her support and monitoring of this event in making it a success. Further, the DA is immensely thankful to Prof. Ajantha Dharmasiri, the Director of the PIM for providing the venue to EY at a (very low) nominal fee. The program was well received by the undergraduates and the Department remarks its deepest gratitude to EY.
- Inauguration ceremony of the 3rd intake of the Advance Diploma in Computer Based Accounting program started on 28th February 2016. Coordinator Prof. D Samantha N P Senaratne, Head Dr W G S Kelum and members of the department were participated this ceremony
- Prof. D Samantha N P Senaratne, Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne and Ms B Dinushi N Wijesinghe participated in a workshop on “‘Sustainability Reporting as per GRI (Global Reporting Initiative)’” on 02nd of February, 2016 at the Hotel Taj Samudra.
- Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne participated in workshop organized by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka on "Maturity Model of the

Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)-Total Cost Management Division (TCM)" on Tuesday, 29th March 2016 held at Hotel Taj Samudra.

- The Department of Accounting organized a special workshop at the ITRC on 16.03.2016 on "An overview of the problem of waste and how to design a waste audit" for selected second year students of the Department. The resource person was the former Director of the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC), Mr. Sena Peiris. This workshop was coordinated by Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne.
- Mr. H M Roshan W Herath successfully completed the ACCA, UK Examinations in March 2016 and became *Affiliate of ACCA*.
- Ms. B Dinushi N Wijesinghe completed her CTHE course and received the certificate on 29th March 2016
- The students who follow ACC 4327: Sustainability Management Accounting course unit visited Balangoda and Horana factories of Bodyline (Pvt) Ltd on 06th of April, 2016 with a view to studying the sustainability management (and accounting) practices followed by the company. The course lecturers, Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne and Ms B Dinushi N Wijesinghe, also joined this field visit.
- The Department of Accounting facilitated a discussion between the representatives of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), and the Vice Chancellor and the Dean of FMSC. This discussion provided an opportunity for UNEP and UNITAR to appreciate the actions already taken and future plans underway to make the university a green university. Coordinated by Mr A D N Gunarathne, this discussion was also attended by the Prof. Samanthi Senaratne, the Acting Head of the Department and some representative of the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC).
- In concurrence to this event, Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne, conducted a for the second year students of the Department of Accounting on "*Managing and accounting for waste*" on 17th of May, 2016 with the aim of creating awareness on sustainable waste management practices and providing guidance in carrying out a waste audit. This workshop was conducted as a special guest lecture under the Management and Personal Capacity Skills Development Programme of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Programme and was also attended by the representative of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).
- The Management and Personal Capacity Skills Deployment Program (MPCSDP) is a sub program of Skill Development of Intern Accountants. It is a program that is conducted by the Department of Accounting for the second year students of the Department during the 1st semester of their degree program. The program is conducted as a series of guest lectures. This program aims at developing the soft skill of the undergraduates such as self-confidence, team building skills, motivation, positive

thinking, and social networking etc. In keeping with these the Department of Accounting invites resource persons who are qualified in the area for the guest lecture series. The following table illustrates the objectives and the resource persons of each topic held in the program.

Week	Topic	Objectives	Resource Person
11.02.2016	Introduction of MPCSDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To give a brief understanding about the program (The method of conduct, resource persons, etc) Describe about the skills that will be developed during the program 	CAISD Coordinators
18.02.2016	Reflective Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect on their own learning methods and reflecting on individual strengths and weaknesses Team working skills 	Ms. Radhika Ponnampuruma and CAISD Coordinators
25.02.2016	Introduction of AFMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving a clear understanding of the students body in the Department of Accounting, AFMA To create a platform for the current second years to meet and communicate with the former committee member of AFMA 	AFMA office bearers and CAISD Coordinators
03.03.2016	Aesthetic for Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To give an understanding about the aesthetic side of life 	Prof Saman Chandra Ranasinghe
10.03.2016	Skills Needed for Corporate World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the corporate sector Skills that cooperate sector expects from an undergraduate 	Officials from HSBC
17.03.2016	Reading Outside Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of reading outside the specific subject areas To uplift the reading skills of the undergraduate 	Prof. K.B. M. Fonseka
07.04.2016	Positive Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the self confidence in the students Realize that nothing is impossible 	Dr. Aruna Gamage
05.05.2016	Soft Skill Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of communication systems in the cooperate world The importance of soft skills in job market and how to uses soft skills effectively for 	Officials from HSBC

		successful communication	
12.05.2016	Personal Grooming and Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand good grooming habits 	Mrs. Nayana Karunarathne, Image Consultants
17.05.2016	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to manage waste • What are the effects of not managing and managing waste 	Mr. A.D.N. Gunerathne
19.05.2015	Social Dancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To mingle with society 	Image consultants

- Dr. A A J Fernando participated in a Professional Training Program on Education Planning, Curriculum Development and Improving Teaching Learning Environment from 3 to 17 July 2016, in Philippine and Thailand, under the Transforming School Education System as the Foundation of a Knowledge Hub (TSEP) project
- Dr. Anil Fernando participated as a resource person to teach the Course Module for Corporate Governance and Ethics for CA members for CPA program started in August 2016.
- Ms. Radhika Ponnampereuma served as the English Language Proof reader for the Advanced Level Course Book of Cost and Management (English Medium) to be published by Ministry of Education.
- Ms. Radhika Ponnampereuma served as the Language Editor Panel of 11th Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce Research Symposium, Semester I, 2016 held at the Board Room of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce.
- Certificates awarding ceremony of Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Computer Based Accounting Courses was held on 25.09.2016 at Bandaranayake Hall at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. 25 Advanced Diplomas and 33 Diplomas holders received their respective Diploma Certificates from Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Sampath Amarathunga and the Dean of the Faculty Dr. Anura Kumara. Convocation speech was delivered by Mr. B. Asoka Keerthi De Silva, the former CEO & General Manager of People's Bank.
- **“The Investor-2016”** - Share Market Investment Programme, organized by the second year undergraduates of AFMA, the student body of the Department of Accounting was ceremoniously held on 15th of September 2016 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in front of the Sumangala Building of the University. Head of the Department, Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam and many other lecturers of the Department graced the occasion with their presence.
- The event was organized to offer the undergraduates with a hands-on experience on investing in stock exchange and the aim was successfully achieved by the end of the day

with more than 1000 new registrations and account openings in Colombo Stock Exchange under the 3 brokering companies who facilitated the event.

- The event boosted the passion and interest of the undergraduates for share market investments and the huge crowds gathering around from the morning till the end of the event and the online registrations which took place even after the event proved the event to be an absolute success.
- Launching a one year Master's Degree in Professional Accounting (MPAcc)
On the 14th of October 2016, the Department of Accounting launched a one year Master's Degree in Professional Accounting (MPAcc) as part of its 25th Anniversary Celebrations. The Inauguration Ceremony of this MPAcc programme was held at the Prof. Munasinghe Auditorium with the presence of a representative gathering from academia, industry, and alumni of the Department of Accounting. The event was graced by Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe, Acting Vice Chancellor and the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Dr Anura Kumara, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, while Mr. Supun Weerasinghe, Managing Director & CEO of Robi Axiata Limited, Bangladesh, a distinguished past student of the Department participated as the keynote speaker. Dr Dileepa Samudrage welcomed the guests while Senior Prof. Mangala Fonseka explained the objectives, features and benefits of this programme. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Roshan Ajward. The staff of the Department headed by Dr Harendra Kariyawasam was in attendance.

By introducing this new MPAcc programme, the Department of Accounting aims to develop competent managers with sound theoretical and practical skills in accounting and related disciplines. It focuses on developing a new breed of managers with initiative and passion to steer their organizations to prosperity. The MPAcc programme also provides a foundation for those who wish to further their higher studies in Accounting. In achieving these aims, the programme provides an opportunity to study contemporary issues in accounting, finance and business management with an underlying emphasis on IT applications. Further, it offers a number of core courses and electives of practical significance to suit the diverse needs of participants.

Being the pioneer in academic accounting education, the Department of Accounting expects to extend its reach by providing this Master's level extension degree programme and thereby contribute towards the upliftment of the society.

- Attitude and Value Development Workshop
The Department of Accounting conducted an "Attitude and Value Development" workshop for the Second year students of the Department of Accounting as part of the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants on 14th September 2016 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon at the University. This workshop was conducted by Mr. Chaminda

Dencil Kumarasiri, the Founder / CEO of the Human Capital Partner. He is a Chartered Accountant, Corporate Trainer, Leadership Coach, Management Consultant as well as a proud product of the Accounting Department.

- Visit of Second Year Students to HSBC

The second year students of the Department of Accounting were taken into two batches to visit the HSBC Global Business Process Outsourcing Centre situated in Rajagiriya. During this visit, firstly a presentation was made by the representatives of HSBC on the activities conducted at this centre and thereafter, the students were taken on a floor walk of the centre to get familiarise with the international fund management activities carried out in it. This site visit was carried out under the MOU signed between HSBC Electronic Data Processing Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and Department of Accounting in August 2016. The HSBC Electronic Data Processing Lanka (Pvt) Ltd was represented at this site visit: Mr Lasantha Dassanayaka, Vice President HR and Learning & Development HSBC Global Service Centre- Sri Lanka, Mr Dilip Atthanayake, Vice President, HSBC Security Services (HSS) Colombo and several assistant vice presidents of HSS. The following lecturers of the Department of Accounting participated in this visit along with the students: Mr Chathuranga Sandaruwan; Mr Roshan Herath; Ms Chethana Dabare and Ms Radika Ponnampereuma. This visit was organised under the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants of B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Program.

- Mentoring Session under the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants

A mentoring session under the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree program was held on 28th September 2016 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm at the Prof. Munasinghe auditorium for the second-year undergraduates of the Department of Accounting. This mentoring session was conducted to make the second-year undergraduates aware of the opportunities available for internship, challenges faced during the internship program and how to meet these challenges successfully.

- Following resource persons contributed for the mentoring session, and all of them are members of the alumni of the Department of Accounting.

Name	Designation and Organization
Mr. Aruna Perera	Senior Vice President, AMBA Research
Mr. Ruwan Chandika	Partner, Ernst and Young, International Chartered Accountants
Mr. Indunil Suranga	General Manager in Risk and Control, Brandix
Mr. Kasun Ariyadasa	Lead Business Systems Analysts, IFS

Their speeches were based on the following dimensions:

1. The story of success of the speakers– how they had achieved the present highest level in their career and how the Department of Accounting and the internship experience had been instrumental in such achievement. In this aspect of their speech, their remarks were intended to inspire the young minds by looking at some of the highest successful living examples of the Department of Accounting.
 2. Challenges faced and attitudes required in a transitional stage – As some students face certain challenges in transitioning and adapting to their training environment, they highlighted that trainee students need to be loyal and committed to their training organization while balancing their educational activities.
 3. The expectations of the training organizations on the trainees
 4. Internship opportunities available for accounting undergraduates
- The speeches were well received by the audience, where the undergraduates were moved by the personal success stories of these well-accomplished graduates. After their speeches, a panel discussion was carried out with the participation of above mentioned resource persons as panelists; which was moderated by Prof. Samantha Senaratne (the Overall Coordinator of the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants of the Department of Accounting). The Department appreciates Dr. Roshan Ajward for coordinating this forum with the assistance of Mr. H.M.T.G.C. Sandaruwan, Ms. Chethana Dabare and its student body - Accountancy and Financial Management Association (AFMA). Mr. M. A. N Hearth, Mr. Roshan Herath, Ms. Thilini Cooray and Ms. T.R. Ponnampereuma also participated in this event.
 - Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Ministry of Education and University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 10th October 2016, Department of Accounting conducted a Certificate Course for G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Accounting Teachers during November/ December 2016. The Department of Accounting conducted six days of training sessions for 100 teachers covering the syllabus of G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Accounting subject. Certificate awarding ceremony was held on 11th December 2016 with the participation of Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Ms. Kamani Perera, Director, Commerce and Business Studies, Ministry of Education, and Head & Academic Staff of the Department of Accounting. This training program was funded by the Ministry of Education.

2. Enhance Contribution to knowledge through Research and Publication (Research and Publication)

- Chamara Kuruppu, Pawan Adhikari, Vijitha Gunarathna, Dayananda Ambanlangodage, Priyanga Perera and Chaminda Karunarathna published a research

paper titled Participatory budgeting in a Sri Lankan urban council: A practice of power and domination in Critical perspectives on Accounting.

- Pawan Adhikari, Chamara Kuruppu, Andy Wynne and Mr. Dayananda Ambalangodage published a research paper titled ‘Diffusion of the cash basis international public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) in less Developed Countries (LDCS) – The Case of the Nepali Central Government’ in *The Public Sector Accounting, Accountability and Auditing in Emerging Economies Research in Accounting in Emerging Economies*, (VOL.15, ISSN1479-3563/doi:10.118/S1479-356320150000015004 (2015 by Emerald Group Publishing Limited.)
- Dr. A Roshan Ajward held research workshops and discussions commencing from the period 12th February to 20st February, 2016 in Waseda University, Japan. The Waseda Accounting Research Center invited Dr. A Roshan Ajward, as the main resource person and contributor of these research workshops, discussions and presentations. The details of them are as follows:

Date	Time	Workshop / Presentation	Venue
12.02.2016	13:00-18:00	Research Discussion 1 on the research project “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting”	International Conference Room #2
13.02.2016	10:00-17:00	Workshop 1 on “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting – Quantitative Data Analysis using SPSS” Resource Person: Dr. A Roshan Ajward	11-1251
15.02.2016	13:00-18:00	Research Discussion 2 on the research project “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting”	22-511
16.02.2016	10:00-18:00	Workshop 2 on “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting – Qualitative Data Analysis” Resource Person: Dr. A Roshan Ajward	11-1251
17.02.2016	10:00-18:00	Research Discussion 3 on the research project “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting”	11-1251

18.02.2016	13:00-18:00	Research Paper Presentation: (1 hour) “The Impact of Situational and Demographic Factors on Professional Perceptions of Earnings Management:	22-511
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		Evidence from Sri Lanka” Presenter: Dr. A RoshanAjward	
19.02.2016	15:00- 18:00	Research Discussion 4 on the research project “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting”	22-511
20.02.2016	13:00- 17:00	Research Discussion 5 on the research project “Social needs for the contemporary financial accounting”	11-1251

- Dayananda Ambalangodage presented a joint paper with Chamara Kuruppu, (Buskerud and Vestfold University College, Norway) at Research and Development Study Symposium, World Water Day 2016, organised by National Water Supply and Drainage Board. The Title of the paper -Lessons Learned from Welfare Orientation to Market Orientation: in the case of Sri Lankan Water Board. This was the best paper among 16 papers presented for the conference.
- An article titled “The Impact of Situational and Demographic Factors on Ethical Perceptions of Earnings Management Practices”, which was authored by Dr. Roshan Ajward of the Department of Accounting was published in the second issue of the first volume (July-December 2015) of the NSBM Journal of Management (ISSN #:2465-5643) published by the National School of Business Management (NSBM).
- Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a guest reviewer of two papers of the Accounting Research Journal and Managerial Auditing Journal.
- Dr. Roshan Ajward contributed as a reviewer for the Colombo Business Journal – International Journal of Theory and Practice, Faculty of Management & Finance, University of Colombo (1 article).
- Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne reviewed two chapters of the book titled “Management Education for Global Leadership” published by IGI Global Publications, USA.
- Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a guest reviewer of two papers of the Asian Journal of Sustainability and Social Responsibility (ISSN: 2365-6417; Publisher: Springer).
- Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne reviewed a chapter of the book titled “Envisioning Futures for Environmental and Sustainability Education” in Corcoran, P. B, Weakland, J, and Wals, A E J published by Wageningen Academic Publishers, Wageningen: Netherlands.
- Mr A D N Gunarathne (2016) published an article in The Professional Manager magazine on “Managing E-waste: unseen side of threats and opportunities”. [Issue 10 (March, 2016), pp. 71-73].
- Dr. Roshan Ajward contributed as a reviewer for the following research journals:

Social Responsibility Journal, Emerald Group Publishing (1 article)
International Journal of multidisciplinary Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura (2 articles)

- Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a guest reviewer of a paper of the Asian Journal of Sustainability and Social Responsibility (ISSN: 2365-6417; Publisher: Springer).
- Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a guest reviewer of a paper of the Managerial Auditing Journal (ISSN: 0268-6902; Publisher: Emerald).
- Mr A D N Gunarathne, Dr D Samudrage, Ms. D Wijesignhe has published a paper in Accounting Research Journal titled “Fostering social sustainability through safety controls and accounting: a stakeholder approach in the mining sector”. Co-author- Lee, KH. [Vol. 29 No. 2 pp. 179 – 197, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/ARJ-04-2015-0062>, ABDC- Grade B]
- Mr A D N Gunarathne presented the following papers at the International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Innovation organized jointly by the Sustainability Management Research Institute (SMRI), Sustainability and Social Responsibility Academy (SSRA) and Sustainability Management Accounting Network Asia Pacific (EMAN-AP) on June 29th to July 1st 2016 at the Inha University, South Korea.
 - Jayakody, C, Atupola, U & Gunarathne N “Accounting as an information system to facilitate biodiversity management in the plantations sector”
 - Peiris HMP & Gunarathne N “Sustainability Accounting for Eco- innovations: The Case of Commercial Tea Plantations Industry in Sri Lanka”
 - Peiris HMP, Gunarathne N & Lee KH “Eco-control for Sustainable Agriculture Management in Commercial Tea Industry”
- Prof. Samanthi Senaratne and Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as the panelists of the CMA National Management Accounting Conference 2016 in a panel discussion on the theme “Integrated Reporting-Practical Aspects” on 13th of July, Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo.
- Dr. Roshan Ajward contributed as the session chair for the accounting and finance track on 26th August 2016 in the 05th International Conference on Management and Economics (ICME), which was held on 26th August 2016, which was organized by the Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Ruhuna.
- Dr. Roshan Ajward contributed as a reviewer for the following research journals/ conferences:
 - Social Responsibility Journal, Emerald Group Publishing (1 article)
 - First International Research Conference of Trincomalee, Eastern University (1 article)
 - Annual Research Symposium of the University of Colombo – 2016, University of Colombo (1 article)
 - 11th Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC) Research Symposium, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (1 article)
- Dr. Roshan Ajward contributed as the co-chair for the 11th Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC) Research Symposium, which was held on 19th August 2016 at the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri

Jayewardenepura. He also served in the editorial panel of the proceedings of this symposium.

- Professor Samantha Senaratne has been appointed to the Education Global Forum Panel of ACCA.

- Professor Samantha Senaratne served as a member of the Panel of Judges of CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2016.

- Professor Samantha Senaratne served as a panelist of the Session “Integrated Reporting- Practical Aspects” held in July 2016

- Ms Dinushi Wijesinghe, Dr Dileepa Samudrage and Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne presented a paper on “Stakeholder influence on health and safety controls: Case of a Sri Lankan mining company” at the 20th EMAN Global Conference on June 21st to 23rd September 2016 at the Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany.

- Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne and Ms Dinushi Wijesinghe presented a paper on “Implementation of environmental management accounting in the hotel sector: challenges and barriers” at the 20th EMAN Global Conference on June 21st to 23rd September 2016 at the Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany. Co-author: Prof (Dr) Ki-Hoon Lee.

- Prof. K D Gunawardana, Dr. D N Samudrage, Dr. A H N Kariyawasam, Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne, and Ms. B D N Wijesinghe received research awards at the Research Awards Ceremony-2015 of University of Sri Jayewardenepura held on 29th of September 2016 at Hotel Golden Rose, Boraesgamuwa.

- Professor Prem Yapa Associate Professor in School of Accounting, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia assumed the duties in the post of Endowed Ernst and Young Professor in Accounting for a period of 11 days commencing from 14th October 2016 to 25th October 2016 and period of 18 days commencing from 16th January 2017 to 03rd February 2017.

- Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam published a paper titled ‘Relationship between Accounting Information and Decision making in the Sri Lankan Manufacturing Sector’ in the International Journal of Business and Management Invention (ISSN (Online):2319 – 8028, ISSN (Print): 2319 – 801X, Volume 5, Issue 12, December, 2016, pp.01-05.

- Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam published a paper titled ‘Relationship between Accounting Information and Human Resource Management Related Strategic Decision Making in Sri Lankan Manufacturing Companies’ in IOSR Journal of Business and

Management (IOSR – JBM) (e-ISSN: 2278-487x, p-ISSN: 2319-7658, Volume: 18, Issue: 12, December 2016, pp.08-12)

- Dr. A A J Fernando presented following six research papers at Academy for Global Business Advancement at 13th Annual World Congress (AGBA) held from 26-28 November 2016 in Indonesia

- a. Dr. A.A.J.Fernando, “Intellectual Capital Disclosure Practices: An Empirical Study on Companies Listed on Colombo Stock Exchange”.

- b. Dr. A.A.J.Fernando and W.P. Wijewardena, “Capital Structure Immunize or infect Value of the Firm”.

- c. Dr. A.A.J.Fernando and S.J. Jayaweera, “An Examination on the Success of Bilingual Science Teaching by Referring to its Context at Junior Secondary Level in Sri Lanka”.

- d. Dr. A.A.J.Fernando and D.G.P. Kaluarachchi, “The Relationship between Interest Rate and Stock Price: Empirical Evidence from Colombo Stock Exchange”.

- e. Dr. A.A.J.Fernando and S.K. Gamage”, “An Empirical Study of the Determinants of the Demand for Life Insurance in Sri Lanka”.

- f. Dr. A.A.J.Fernando and S. Wijesinghe, “Survival and Growth Factors of the Handloom Industry in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka”.

- Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne reviewed two chapter of the book titled “Sustainability Accounting in the Asia Pacific Region” by Lee, K. and Schaltegger S., (Eds.), Springer, Netherlands.

- Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne reviewed a paper of the Asian Journal of Sustainability and Social Responsibility (ISSN: 2365-6417; Publisher: Springer).

3. Contribute to Community Development (Social Responsibility)

- Dr. Roshan Ajward contributed as a reviewer of the research conference: 3rd International Research Symposium to be held on 26th January 2016.

- Prof. D Samantha N P Senaratne served as a member of the Panel of Judges of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Sri Lanka Awards for Sustainability Reporting 2015. All over the world, ACCA Sustainability Reporting Awards reward companies for excellence in sustainability including economic, environmental and social reporting.

- The Department of Accounting partnered with the IT Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CASL) to organize a seminar on “e-waste

management” on 25th of February, 2016 at the CASL. This was one of the first ever events organized in Sri Lanka which specifically focused on accountants (finance professionals) on the above theme. The following persons from the industry and the Department of Accounting served as the resource persons of the event.

Theme	Resource person
“Untangling the Challenge of E-Waste”	Prof. Ajith De Alwis, Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Moratuwa and Project Director of Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) of Sri Lanka
“Managing the E-Waste Challenge: Perspectives of E-Waste Recycling”	Mr. Sudesh Nandasiri, Chairman / Managing Director of Ceylon Waste Management (Pvt) Ltd
“Accountants’ Contribution: Role of Accountants in Facilitating E-Waste Management”	Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
Moderation of the panel discussion	Prof. D Samanthi N P Senaratne, Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

- Dr. A Harendra N Kariyawasam, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as a resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at St. Anthony’s College, Katugastota, Kandy on 16th March, 2016. For this seminar students of respective college and other colleges participated.
- Dr. Hilary E Silva, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as a resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar as follows:
 - Ananda College Colombo-10
 - Chief Guest at Horana Sri Pali College
 - Alithiya Colloge Dehiwala
 - Bomiriya Central College
 For these seminars Students of respective colleges and other colleges participated.
- Dr. Roshan Ajward made a speech on “Financial Management” at the Diners’ Club on the occasion of the ‘Offices’ Training Day’ conducted by the Sri Lanka Army General Service Cops on 29th March 2016.
- Prof. D Samanthi N P Senaratne and Mr. A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as panelists in a workshop, “Achieving Excellence in Integrated Reporting”, organized by the

Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka on 18th March 2016, held at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

- Prof. D Samanthi N P Seneratne and Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath served as a Resource Person of the Workshop on “Streamlining the Internship Program of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Educational Institutes (SLIATE) on 07.04.2016.
- Dr. A Anil J Fernando served as a resource person to conduct one day workshop on Discussion on Capital Market Investments organized by the Colombo Stock Exchange in Hambantota on 29th March 2016
- Dr. Hilary E Silva, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as a resource person to G.C.E. Advanced Level student seminar at Kadana De Mazaned College.
- Dr. A A J Fernando attended at a Workshop on “National Audit Act” organized by the World Bank on Tuesday April 19, 2016 at Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo.
- Dr. A A J Fernando **resource Person** at a workshop on “Preparation of Annual Implementation Plan 2017 on Education Sector Development Framework and Program (ESDFP)” organized by the Ministry of Education, Information Technology and Cultural Affairs of Sabaragamuwa Province from 18 -20 May 2016 at Sanasa Holiday Resort in Nuwara Eliya.
- The workshop organized by Department of Accounting for the G.C.E. Advanced Level Students of St. Peter’s College Colombo was held on April 29th from 8.00 am to 12.00 noon at Feyol hall of the Management Faculty Building. More than 100 students from the A/L Commerce Section with few teachers participated in the workshop. During the workshop following academic members from Department of Accounting, Department of Commerce and the ITRC delivered lectures.

Department of Accounting:

- Dr. W G S Kelum
- Dr. Hilary E Silva
- Mr. B Y G Rathnasekara
- Dr. A Harendra N Kariyawasam
- Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath
- Mr. U Samitha U K Rodrigo

Department of Commerce

- Mr. Gayan Mapitiya

ITRC

- Mr. V G C Thushara

- Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath served as a Resource Person of the Workshop on “Streamlining the Internship Program of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Educational Institutes (SLIATE) on 10.05.2016.
- Dr. A A J Fernando as a resource person at a workshop on “Preparation of Technical Specifications, Bid Evaluation and Committee” organized by Special Task Force (STF) of Sri Lanka Police on June 15, 2016 at STF Head Quarters
- Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam participated as a resource person on 09th June, 2016 for the ‘Commerce Student Camp of Wayamba Province 2016’, organized by the Provincial Education Department of Kurunegala.
- Prof. Samantha Senaratne served as a judge and MR A D N Gunarathne and Mr Roshan Herath served as the evaluators of the evaluation committee of the CMA' Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2016 that recognizes the best corporate integrated reports.
- Dr. Anil Fernando participated as a resource person (With Dr. Janak Kumarasinghe) to conduct a training workshop on “Micro Economics for Public Management and Policy Analysis” for directors and deputy directors of Ministry of Finance on 11th and 12th August, 2016 at Colombo.
- Dr. W. Hilary E. Silva contributed as a resource person for Colombo District School Principles on 22nd August 2016.
- Dr. W. Hilary E. Silva conducted a workshop for examiners at Institute of Chartered Accountants on 25th August 2016.
- Dr. Anil Fernando participated as a resource person, at the midyear review meeting held on 25 July 1, 2016, in Colombo at Miloda to discuss the progress and challenges of the Transforming the School Education System as a Knowledge Hub Project.
- Dr. Anil Fernando participated as a resource person to talk about School Based Management, at the Annual Education Conference 2016 held on 8/9.09.2016 in Badulla, organized by the Uva Provincial Department of Education.
- Dr. A H N Kariyawasam, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar organised by the Homagama Educational Division, in Homagama Rajasinghe Maha Vidyalaya on 19th September, 2016

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- The following lecturers of Department of Accounting participated as resource persons for seminars for newly recruited G.C.E. (A/L) accounting teachers which were organized by the Ministry of Education on 26th, 27th and 28th of September 2016 at National Institute of Education, Maharagama.

Prof. Samanthi Senaratne

Mr. B Y G Rathnasekara

Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam

Mr. Rangajeewa Herath

Mr. Chaturanga Sandaruwan

- The following lecturers of Department of Accounting participated as resource persons for seminars for newly recruited G.C.E. (A/L) accounting teachers which were organized by the Ministry of Education on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st 26th, 27th and 28th of October 2016.

- Prof. Samanthi Senaratne
- Mr. B Y G Rathnasekara
- Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam
- Mr. Rangajeewa Herath
- Mr. Chaturanga Sandaruwan
- Ms. B D N Wijesinghe

- Dr. Anil Fernando as a Resource person to Review the Annual Plan of Sabaragamuwa Province for the year 2016, at a Workshop organized by Sabaragamuwa Provincial Department of Education and held on 17-18 October 2016 at Kukulegama.
- Dr. Anil Fernando as a Resource person to conduct a workshop on “Current Market Condition” organized by Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and held on 22 October 2016 in Negombo

- Esperenza 2016

The Grand Finale of the All Island Accounting Quiz Competition - Esperenza 2016, organized by the student body of the Department of Accounting, Accounting and Financial Management Association (AFMA), was successfully held on 1st November 2016 at the Bishop’s College Auditorium. The event was well attended including the

Chief guest, Prof. Sampath Amarathunga - Vice Chancellor of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Dr U. Anura Kumara, Dean-Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, other distinguished guests, students and teachers of the competing schools and students of the Department of Accounting. Out of seven hundred schools, four schools were selected for the final round including Nalanda Collage - Colombo, Bandaranaike Balika Vidyalaya - Ampara, Sri Sangamiththa Balika Maha Vidyalaya - Mathale and Dharmawikrama Balika Vidyalaya - Kandy. At the end of the competition, Nalanda Collage won the Grand Prize. Bandaranaike Balika Vidyalaya - Ampara and Sri Sangamiththa Balika Maha Vidyalaya - Mathale won the second and third places respectively.

- Dr. A A J Fernando appointed as the Vice president of Academy for Global Business Advancement at 13th Annual World Congress (AGBA for Sri Lanka for the period from 2016- 2020 (To be reported)
- Dr. A A J Fernando chaired a Session on “Accounting and Finance” at Academy for Global Business Advancement at 13th Annual World Congress (AGBA)
- Dr. A A J Fernando delivered the Guest lecture on “Current Economic Condition in Sri Lanka” at a seminar organized by Sri Lanka -French Association and held on 5th December 2016 in Paris
- Dr. A A J Fernando delivered the Guest lecture on “Implementation of Zero Base Budgeting in Public Sector Organizations in Sri Lanka” at the first International Research symposium organized by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Pakistan held on 13th December 2016 in Lahore, Pakistan
- Dr. A A J Fernando participated as a resource person to conduct workshop on “Training Outcome of SBM and SBTD and Way Forward to Sustain TSEP Project Activities” for provincial Directors of education, Secretaries of Education and Zonal directors in from 31st October to 1st November 2016 at Boulder Resort Range in Dambulla
- Dr. A A J Fernando participated as a resource person to conduct a workshop on “Current Market Condition” organized by Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and held on 17 November 2016 in Kurunegala
- Dr. A A J Fernando attended South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) Seminar on ‘Enhancing Public Financial Reporting to Promote Growth in SARC’ 1st Edition: Implementation of IPSAS and Path to Accrual Accounting organized by CMA Sri Lanka and held on 3-4 November 2016, in Colombo at Hilton Hotel

- Dr. A A J Fernando was appointed as Chairman of the Board of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government to assess Local Authorities for the Competition on Performance of Provincial Administration at National Level 2016 of Kandy Town Council - 8 November 2016, Nuwara Eliya Town Council 9- November 2016 and Anuradhapura Town Council 10- November 2016

4. Develop and Update Resource Management and Administrative Systems (Resource Management)

- A high level discussion was held on 18.02.2016 at the University, to explore the areas for mutual collaboration between Global Banking and Markets Service Centers of HSBC and Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In this meeting, the following areas were taken into consideration.
 - ✓ Opportunities available for university graduates and undergraduates at Global Banking and Markets Service Centers of HSBC in terms on employment and internship
 - ✓ Expectations of HSBC as to university graduates and undergraduates in providing these opportunities
 - ✓ Grooming of university graduates/undergraduates to meet these expectations
 - ✓ Knowledge sharing activities between the two institutions

This discussion was held to coincide with the visit of Mr.Andy Mayer, Head of Global Banking and Markets Service Centres to Sri Lanka Along with Mr Mayer, the following officials of HSBC participated in the discussion: Mr.Eduardo Mercadillo Franco, Head of Operations HSBC Global Service Centre- Sri Lanka; Mr.Subramanian, Seshadri, Head of Service Delivery HSS Colombo; Mr.Lasantha Dasanayaka, Vice President HR and Learning & Development HSBC Global Service Centre- Sri Lanka; MrDilip Atthanayake; Vice President, HSS Colombo; MsIranga Kalansooriya, Vice President, HSS Colombo; MsChulangi Lakmalee de Silva Assistant Vice President, HSS Colombo and MrJayaka Nakkawita Assistant Vice President, Account Management.

Prof Sampath Amaratunga, Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr U Anura Kumara, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Head, Department of Accounting and the senior academic staff members of the Department of Accounting represented the University of Sri Jayewardenepura at this discussion. This discussion was moderated by Prof. D Samanthi N P Senaratne, Department of Accounting.

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Assistant Vice President, HSS Colombo and Mr Jayaka Nakkawita Assistant Vice President, Account Management.

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Graduates of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura are exempted from all stages of the ACCA Examinations except the final stage. The students of this Degree Program are eligible to sit for the papers of the final stage of the ACCA Examinations before graduating. Further, the exemption fees, the initial registration fee and the first year subscription fee are waived off, if

the students of this Degree Program get registered for the ACCA Examinations before graduating.

Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Australia Re-accredits the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree

The CPA Australia has re-accredited the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Program for a period of five years (1st June 2016 – 31st May 2021). Under this accreditation, the graduates of this Degree Program, will be required to sit only for the 6 papers of the CPA Australia, Professional Level Examinations, which is the final level in order to obtain the CPA Australia professional accounting qualification. The CPA Australia is one of the largest accounting bodies in the world with a global membership of more than 150,000 members working in 120 countries. It accredited the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Program for the first time in 2012.

The Department of Accounting and BDO Partners, Chartered Accountants made and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 10th June 2016 of which the main focus is to strengthen the academic, professional and research ties between the two esteemed institutions. Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, the Vice Chancellor and Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse, the Managing Partner of BDO Partners signed the MOU.

Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam, the Head of the Department of Accounting and staff members: Dr. Athula Manawaduge, Dr. Roshan Ajward, Mr. Rangajeeva Herath and Mr. Chathuranga Sandaruwan took part in this event. Mr. Tishan Subasinghe, the Human Resource Partner and Mr. Piyal Pushpakumara, the Head of Human Resource and other members graced this occasion from BDO Partners. The Department appreciates and commends Dr. Roshan Ajward in providing his valuable contribution from the initiation to the end in getting in to this important MOU as the Coordinator of the Internship in Accounting and Financial Management - Year III program.

MoU between Department of Accounting (DA), Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce of University of Sri Jayewardenepura (“USJP”) and HSBC Electronic Data Processing Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. (“HSBC EDPL”)

The Department of Accounting of Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura signed an MoU with HSBC Electronic Data Processing Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. (“HSBC EDPL”) on 05th August 2016. MoU was signed by Prof. Sampath Amaratunga, Vice Chancellor of USJP and Eduardo Mereadillo, Centre Director/ Managing Director, HSBC EDPL. Under this MOU, HSBC EDPL will provide internship placement for students of DA and conduct training programs on English language and skill developments. Further, HSBC EDPL shall provide the services of its resource personnel in the education and training requirements of the DA before the commencement of Internship in Accounting and Finance Programme of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Programme. (The copy of signed MoU is attached herewith)

Student Achievement

- Mr. Chamath Ushantha Siriwardena, a graduate of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Programme, of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, successfully completed the ACCA, UK Examinations in March 2016, winning the world prize for P5 Performance Management.

