

## **Progress Report of the Department of Accounting for the 2017**

### **1. Learning & Education**

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 on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM). The main objectives of this workshop were to create an awareness and enhance the skills on the audit methodology (i.e., EY Global Audit Methodology) applied in providing audit and assurance services, improve technical skills and knowledge on accounting standards, as well as enhancing the soft skills of the participants. 48 undergraduates participated and a number of resource persons from EY contributed for this workshop. Prof. M W Wickramamarachchi, Prof. Prem Yapa, Prof. Samantha Senaratne, Dr. Athula Manawadue, Ms. Anoji De Silva (EY Partner) and Ms. Thusitha Keerthisinghe (Manager – Training. EY) were present in the certificate awarding ceremony in the final day of the workshop. The Department appreciates Dr. Roshan Ajward for organizing and coordinating this event with the assistance of Ms. Thusitha Keerthisinghe, Mr. H.M.T.G.C. Sandaruwan 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.

Inauguration ceremony of the 9th Intake of the Diploma in Computer Based Accounting and 4th Intake of the Advanced Diploma in Computer Based Accounting was held at the Munasinghe Hall on 22nd January 2017 with the participation of Head Department, Coordinators and other academic and non-academic members of the Department.

Dr. A G Dayananda completed Doctor of Philosophy (Management/ Business) at the Management & Science University, Malaysia, on 18.02.2017.

The students, who follow ACC 4327: Sustainability Management Accounting course unit in the fourth year of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Programme, visited Jetwing Dambulla Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 in order to study the sustainability related practices. Ms. B D N Wijesinghe (the course lecturer), Mr. U S U K Rodrigo and Ms. W T Y Cooray (Tutor) also participated in the visit.

Dr. A A A J Fernando conducted seminars on current market condition and capital market in Sri Lanka at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Kandy on 17 March 2017 and at Negombo Branch on 25 March 2017

Mr A D N Gunarathne completed two courses on “Fundamentals of NVivo” and “NVivo Advanced (Moving on in Nvivo)” conducted by the QSR International, the developer of the NVivo software.

### **MPACC Inauguration Ceremony**

The inauguration ceremony for the second intake of the Master of Professional Accounting (MPAcc) Degree Programme, conducted by the Department of Accounting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Chamara Abeyrathne, Partner, KPMG Sri Lanka. Head of the Department, Dr Harendra Kariyawasam, Coordinators, academic staff members of the Department of Accounting and the new batch of students for the MPACC Programme also participated in this event.

### **Mentoring Session on Internship in Accounting and Finance under the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants**

Under the Skill Development Program of Intern Accountants of the B.Sc. Accounting (Special) Degree Program, a Mentoring Session was held on 04<sup>th</sup> August 2017 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 with the objective of making the second-year undergraduates aware of the opportunities available for internship, challenges faced during the internship program and how to meet these challenges successfully.

The following resource persons contributed for the mentoring session, and all of them are illustrious alumni members of the Department of Accounting.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation and Organization</b>
1. Mr. Pradeep Amarawardena	CFO at B. Braun Lanka – A global pharmaceutical company
2. Ms. Lakmali Priyangika	Director/Digital Finance Transformation Consultant at Beyond Business (Pvt) Limited.
3. Ms. Nayana Sanjeevani	Partner at Ernst & Young – Firm of International Chartered Accountants
4. Mr. Manosh Kulasena	Assistant Manager-Financial Accounting & Reporting at Nestlé Lanka PLC

Their speeches were based on the following dimensions:

1. The story of success of the speakers – how they had achieved the present 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 highly 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 positively 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. Samanthi 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. Chaturanga Sandaruwan, Mr. Roshan Herath, Ms. Radhika Ponnapperuma, Ms. Thilni Cooray, Ms. Chethana Dabare, and its student body - Accountancy and Financial Management Association (AFMA) and its Internship Committee. Dr Harendra Kariyawasam, Head, Department of Accounting, Emeritus Professor M W Wickramarachchi and Ms. Sanjeevani Cooray graced the occasion.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Diploma and Advance Diploma in Computer Based Accounting program conducted by Department of Accounting was held on 24th September 2017, at Bandaranayake Hall, at the University of Sri Jayewardenapura. 17 Advance Diplomas and 50 Diplomas holders received their respective Diploma Certificates from Vice Chancellor Prof. Sampath Amarathunga and the Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Dr. U.Anura Kumar. Convocation speech was delivered by Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse, Managing Partner, BOD Partners and Council Member of the University.

A workshop on development of 'Writing Skills' of the Academic Staff of the Department of Accounting was conducted by KPMG Endowed Professor K B M Fonseka on December 14, 2017 from 10.15 am to 12.15 pm at the ARC. Junior lecturers/ tutors and few senior lecturers of the Department attended the workshop

## **2. Research & Development (Provide details relating to Research, Creativity, Innovation, Publication Engagement)**

Ms. G C P Dabare, participated for a ICARE (2nd International Conference for Accounting Research Education) on 11th January 2016 at University of Kelaniya and Presented a Paper on " Strategic Perspectives of Market of Accountants: A case of Sri Lanka".

Ms. G C P Dabare, participated for a ICAM (International Conference on Advanced Marketing) on 26th and 27th January 2016 at Hotel Galadari and presented a paper on "The Strategic Perspectives of Accounting Education Market: A Case of Sri Lanka"

Dr. A S P G Manawaduge, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting, Co-Chaired International Conference on Business Management (ICBM) – 2016 organized by the Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura while Mr. P D C Udayashantha, served as organizing committee members and Ms. P A T Radhika Ponnampuruma served as a member of the language editing committee of ICBM – 2016.

A D N Gunaratne has published a book chapter on "Integrating futures thinking through transdisciplinarity into sustainability accounting education: Perspectives from an emerging South Asian economy" In Corcoran, PB, Weakland, JP, and Wals, AEJ, *Envisioning Futures for Environmental and Sustainability Education*, Wageningen Academic Publishers, Wageningen: Netherlands. [eISBN: 978-90-8686-846-9 ISBN: 978-90-8686-303-7, DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.3920/978-90-8686-846-9\\_31](http://dx.doi.org/10.3920/978-90-8686-846-9_31)] pp. 397 – 405 (2017).

The Department of Accounting appointed Prof. PremYapa for the post of Endowed E & Y Professor in Accounting of the Department of Accounting during the period of 17<sup>th</sup> October to 2016, 9<sup>th</sup> December to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 9<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

Prof. D S N P Senaratne, Dr. A S P G Manawaduge and Dr. A H N Kariyawasam discussed and obtained feedback from Prof. PremYapa on the new accounting curriculum of the Degree program and its development during his period of stay in the Department.

The following activities were also undertaken during this period.

- On 19<sup>th</sup> October, Prof. Prem Yapa made a presentation to the staff members of the Department at ARC Board Room from 10 a.m. to 12.00 noon to introduce his research interests/focus and how the accounting academics could join with him on different research groups to work together in the future.

- On 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> of October, of 2016, and on 10<sup>th</sup> January – Professor met Academic Staff Members of the department individually to discuss their research profiles and interests.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> October - Professor conducted a Work-shop for the Staff Members of the Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce. The title of the workshop was on ‘How to publish in a refereed academic journals.’
- On 27<sup>th</sup> October, Professor met Prof. Meegama and Prof. Amarasekara from Computer Department of University of Sri Jayewardenepura as requested by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sampath Amaratunga. Prof. Prem Yapa has discussed the new technology available for academic programs in universities including the Black Board software facilities and Socrative Apps for teaching facilities. Professor is of the opinion that these packages would enhance the quality of academic program delivery and provide avenues to join hands with global educational program providers such as Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).
- On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, conducted a lecture on Research Methods to undergraduates of the Department of Accounting and on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017, conducted a lecture on Research Methods to Master of Professional Accounting (MPAcc) students.

Dr. Dayananda Ambalangodage was the resource person for ‘Rajarata Quest’, a special workshop on ‘advancements in international accounting standards’. The workshop held at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Fernando, A.A.J., together with Dehigama, N.D.P., Igel, B., and Goel, G., (2017) “The Link between Creativity and Credibility with Sustainable Growth of Entrepreneurial Firms: Evidence from Sri Lanka”, paper published in the Journal of Global Business Advancement, Vol.10, No05, pp 210-226.

Mr A D N Gunarathne and Prof Samanthi Senaratne published a research article on “Diffusion of Integrated Reporting in an Emerging South Asian (SAARC) Nation” in the Managerial Auditing Journal [MAJ], Vol. 32 No. 4/5 pp. 524-548 [2017], <http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/MAJ-01-2016-1309>. MAJ is a B ranked Journal as per ABDC journal ranking

Dr. A A J Fernando, resource person to develop course outline for the Subject “DPM70106 Advanced Topics in Corporate Strategy” and “DPM70110 Advanced Topics in Accounting for Decision Making” for the PhD program proposed to be offered by Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (Initial Workshop held on 5 April 2017 in Kelaniya)

Dr. A A J Fernando, resource person to write the study text for “Strategic Management Accounting” for CMA under the revised syllabus to be implemented from 2018 onwards

Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a guest reviewer of papers submitted to the *Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal* of Emerald Publishing and *Asian Journal of Sustainability and Social Responsibility* of Springer Publishing.

A paper co-authored by Mr A D N Gunarathne on “The usefulness of Environmental and Sustainability Management Accounting (EMA) for corporate sustainability management in developed and developing countries: a comparative study between Australia and Sri Lanka” was presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Environmental and Sustainability Management Accounting Network (EMAN), in Liège, Belgium held on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. Co-authors: Lee, K-H. and Herold, D.M.

Senior Professor K B M Fonseka authored a book titled ‘THE STORY OF AN EDUCATIONAL MILESTONE OF OUR AGE’ NSBM GREEN UNIVERSITY TOWN – PITIPANA (ISBN 978-955-3931-01-6). The book was published by NSBM Green University Town, Pitipana, Homagama, Sri Lanka.

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam co-authored a book titled ‘Business & Accounting Studies’ (in Sinhala medium) for G.C.E. O/L Grade 10. (ISBN 978-955-96178-7-7) The book was published by Centre for Management & Vidudaya Publications, Gangodawila, Nugegoda.

Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a guest reviewer of papers submitted to the *Journal of Accounting and Organizational Change* of Emerald Publishing.

Mr A D Nuwan Gunarathne served as a reviewer of the edited book on “Maintaining Sustainable Accounting Systems in Small Business” published by IGI Global Publishing, USA.

Research Awards 2016 – to the Department of Accounting

The Department of Accounting was awarded a certificate in recognition of achieving the highest citations (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) in the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce for the year 2016, on 29.09.2017 in a ceremony held at the Golden Rose Hotel, Boralesgamuwa.

Research Awards 2016 – to the Staff Members of the Department of Accounting

Following staff members were given Research Awards for Scientific Publications for the year 2016, by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 29.09.2017 in a ceremony held at the Golden Rose Hotel, Boralesgamuwa.

Senior Professor K D Gunawardana	Professor, D S N P Senaratne
Dr. D N Samudrage	Dr. A H N Kariyawasam,
Dr. A A J Fernando,	Mr. A D N Gunarathna
Ms. B D N Wijesinghe	

Mr A D N Gunarathne published a research paper on “Assessing the impact of eco-innovations through sustainability indicators: The case of the commercial tea plantation industry in Sri Lanka” in the *Asian Journal of Sustainability and Social Responsibility* [2017, Vol. 2, pp. 41-58, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41180-017-0015-6>, Publisher: Springer]. Co-author: Peiris HMP

Dr. A A J Fernando published following three research papers in the Monograph Book on "Contemporary Issues in Global Business Research Across Emerging Countries" published by Mc Graw Hill Education (India) Private Limited, Chennai, 2018 ( ISBN: (13): 978-93-87432-48-2, (10):93-87432-48-3)

1. "An Examination of on the Success of Bilingual Science Teaching by Referring to its Context at Junior Secondary Level in Sri Lanka, pp 69-77
2. "Capital Structure Immunize of Infect Value of the Firm", pp 116-122
3. "The Relationship between Interest Rate and Stock Price: Empirical Evidence from Colombo Stock Exchange", pp 300-308

Dr. A A J Fernando has presented following 8 research papers at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of AGBA held at MOI University on 23-25 November 2017, Eldoret Kenya

"Use of School Based Teacher Development (SBTD) and Quality of Education: a Case Study of Sri Lanka"- Conference Proceedings Page No. 125

"Role of Teachers and Quality of Teaching Learning Process in Schools in Sri Lanka" Conference Proceedings Page No. 124

"Personal Life, Education and Career: An Inquiry on the question of Domestic Duty Vs. Self Interest of Learning and Career Based from Female Postgraduate Students of Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand"- Conference Proceedings Page No. 117

"Corporate Social Responsibility ( CSR) Reporting in Emerging Economies: A Survey of Listed Companies in Sri Lanka" Coauthored with D.C. Hettiarachchi - Conference Proceedings Page No. 151

"Earnings Management Practices in Commercial Banks Listed at the Colombo Stock Exchange: Evidence from Sri Lanka"- Conference Proceedings Page No.51

"Factors Influencing Investment Decision On Computerized Accounting System–Special Reference to Small and Medium Enterprises"- Coauthored with D.G.P. Kaluarachchi, Conference Proceedings Page No.60

"Free Education Policy and Its Immerging Challenges in Sri Lanka"- Coauthored with Kingsley Karunaratne, Conference Proceedings Page No.97

"Nature and Magnitude of Tourist Harassment: An Exploratory Study in Sri Lanka" - Conference Proceedings Page No.128

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam has published a research paper titled “The use of accounting information system as a tool in strategic decision marking: evidence from the Sri Lankan accommodation industry.” (Vol.4. No.10. October, 2017. International Journal of Scientific and Innovative Technology. ISSN : 2313 – 3759).

Research article titled “Sustainability Management and Accounting Practices in a Tea Plantation Company in Sri Lanka”, co-authored by Prof. (Ms) D S N P Senaratne was published in the Journal of Applied Accounting, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, Vol. No. 1 (December 2017).

Prof. (Ms) D S N P Senaratne served as a panelist of the International Conference for Accounting Researchers and Educators - ICARE 2017 organized by the Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. This conference was held on 22nd December 2017. As a panelist of the conference, the following papers were reviewed:

- Challenges for Accountants and the Future Skill Required
- Leveraging Technology for Integrated Reporting

### **3. People: Academics & Non-academics**

#### **4. Infrastructure: Organizational structures, Resource Administration & Development**

- 4.1 Ms. P A T Radhika Ponnampuruma, served as a member of the accreditation sub-committee of Degree Programme Educational Level, Governance and Management (Standard No.01) of Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (2015/2016).

#### **5. Outstanding Student Experience**

K H G Lahiru Udara (Reg No - MC73952), 4<sup>th</sup> year student of the Department of Accounting has achieved following places in sports activities:



- Sri Lanka University Games 2016 Marathon – Silver Medal
- CA Sri Lanka Marathon 2016/17 organized by Chartered Institute of Sri Lanka - 01<sup>st</sup> Place
- CA Sri Lanka Athletic Meet 2016/17 - 800m event organized by Chartered Institute of Sri Lanka - 01<sup>st</sup> place & CA Sri Lanka new Record.
- INVICTUS '17 (a sports event), the first event organized by the 2nd year students of the Department of Accounting was held on 03rd of March 2017 at university grounds. The chief guest at the event was Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam, Head of the Department. This sports event was specially organized to create a strong bond between 2nd year, Accountancy and Financial Management Association (AFMA) members, while giving a platform for department students to showcase their talents and enhance their sports skills.
- K H G Lahiru Udara (MC73952), a 4<sup>th</sup> year student Department of Accounting, a member of athletic and marathon team in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, participated in Inter University Marathon held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in University of Eastern and won the 1<sup>st</sup> place.

#### **6. Lifelong Community, Social Responsibility, National Contribution & Global/Regional Impact**

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at Anula Vidyalaya, Nugegoda on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

Dr. A A J Fernando participated as a partner, MII GANGS 2017: MII Global Assembly for Network Generalist Summit 2017" (MII GANGS 2017) (Multiple Intelligence International, Thailand or MII organized a Global Summit for Education Development) held on 19 - 22 January 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Borella on 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at St. Joseph Balika Vidyalaya, Nugegoda on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at St. Peters Collage, Wellawatta on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the Chief Guest of the Commerce Day of Sri Sumangala Balika Vidyalaya, Panadura on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at Sumana Balika Vidyalaya, Ratnapura on 07<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at Sahira Collage, Colombo 10 on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the Chief Guest of the Commerce Day of Vidyarathana University Collage. Horana on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

Dr. W H E Silva conducted a seminar for G C E Advanced Level students of Southern Province at Rahula Balika Maha Viddyalaya, Matara

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at St. Joseph Girls Collage, Kegalle on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Dr. A A J Fernando, appointed as a Member of the Board of Studies of Colombo School of Business Management

Dr. A A J Fernando, conducted a seminar on Financial Statement Analysis at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Colombo on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando, member of TEC to evaluation bids to procure media program to the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Dr. A A J Fernando, member of TEC to evaluation bids to procure media program for wastewater management under the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Dr. A A J Fernando, Keynote Speaker at the Inauguration of MBA intake at the University of Rajarata, Mihinthale on 30 April 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando, Keynote Address at the Good Shepherd Convent Kotahena on Commerce Day held on 9 May 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando, conducted a seminar for Advanced Level students of Sandalankawa Central College, organized by the Giriulla Education Zonal office on 18 May 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando, conducted seminar on Financial Statement Analysis at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Negombo Branch Office on 23 May 2017

#### Flood relief donations

The second and fourth year students of the Department of Accounting with the support of university community, raised donations to aid victims of the national disaster that has recently occurred due to heavy rains. A part of the flood relief items was directly donated to the affected people in Rathnapura area. The rest of the items were handed over to the collection point at “Rata Wenuwen Hiru”, Headquarters of Hiru Media at Nawala on 01.06.2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting participated as the resource person to GCE Advanced Level student seminar at Anula Vidyalaya – Nugegoda on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

The following lecturers of Department of Accounting participated as resource persons for seminars for G.C.E. (A/L) accounting teachers which were organized by the Ministry of Education during the month of June 2017.

- Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath
- Mr. H M T G C Sandaruwan
- Mr. H M Roshan W Herath

Dr. A R Ajward, Ms. B D N Wijesinghe and Mr. H M Roshan W Herath served as the evaluators of the evaluation committee of the CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2017 that recognizes the best corporate integrated reports.

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam was appointed as a council member of CMA for the year 2017/2019.

Dr. A A J Fernando conducted a seminar on Financial Statement Analysis at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Head Office on 16 June 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando conducted a seminar on Current Market Condition and Managing Investment Portfolio at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Negombo Branch Office on 17 June 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando conducted a seminar on Current Market Condition at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Kurunagala Branch Office on 20 June 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando was appointed as the Alternate Chairman of the "Public Sector Accounting & Auditing Committee" of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (CMA) of Sri Lanka

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam, conducted a seminar for the students of the G.C.E. Advanced Level Commerce stream at Dharmapala Vidyalaya – Pannipitiya on 13.07.2017. The seminar was attended by the school children of the Pannipitiya area.

Prof. Samanthi Senaratne and Dr A R Ajward served as panellists of the Discussion Forum on Integrated Reporting of Chartered Institute of Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Prof. Samanthi Senaratne served as a panellist of the Workshop on Integrated Reporting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in concurrence to National Management Accounting Conference held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Prof. Samanthi Senaratne served as a panellist of the discussion on ‘Digital Transformation- Building Next Generation Accountants’ of National Management Accounting Conference held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Prof. Samanthi Senaratne served as a Member, Panel of Judges CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2107.

Dr. A A J Fernando was served as a member of Technical Evaluation Committee to Procure 30 second five nos. of video documentaries for the use of the Ministry of Provincial Council and Local Government.

Dr. A A J Fernando, delivered a speech on “Macro Economic Overview” at an Investor Forum Organized by Colombo Stock Exchange which was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Hotel Negombo.

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam participated as the Chief Guest in the Commerce Day of Dharmapala Vidyalaya Pannipitiya which was held on 13.09.2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath participated as the Chief Guest in the Commerce Day of Rippon Girls College which was held on 22.09.2017.

### Sports Fiesta 2017

“Sports Fiesta’17”, the interdepartmental sports competition, was successfully held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 at the university grounds. This event was organized by Association of Financial Management and Accounting (AFMA), the student body of the Department of Accounting. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sampath Amarathunga participated as the chief guest. Veteran cricket player, Mr. Chaminda Vass graced the opening ceremony as the guest of honor. Dr. U. Anura Kumara, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Dr. Harendra Kariyawasam, Head of the Department and the academic and non-academic staff members of the Department of Accounting also participated in this event. 61 events were conducted during the Sports Fiesta 2017 and around 1300 students took part in this massive sports festival. The closing ceremony was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the students of the Department of Business Administration won the Champion Ship of the fiesta while the students of the Department of Finance became the runners-up and the Department of Accounting won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Dr. A H N Kariyawasam participated as a resource person for a seminar conducted for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Commerce students held at Visaka Vidyalaya, Colombo on 23.10.2017. The seminar was attended by the students of the neighbour schools.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath participated as a resource person for a seminar for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Commerce student held at St. Bridget’s Convent, Colombo 07 on 20.10.2017.

Mr. M A N Rangajeewa Herath participated as a resource person for a seminar for G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Commerce student held at Zahira Collage, Colombo-10 on 26.10.2017.

Dr. A A J Fernando has conducted two seminars on ‘Current Market Condition at Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE)’ at Negombo Branch Office on 28 October 2017 and Ambalanthota Branch Office on 30 October 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando acted as the Session Chair for the "Accounting Session" at the 14th World Congress of AGBA held at MOI University on 23-25 November 2017, Eldoret Kenya

Dr. A A J Fernando has received following awards and honours

1. AGBA Distinguished Scholar Award at the 14th World Congress of AGBA held at MOI University on November 23-25, 2017, Eldoret Kenya
2. AGBA Honour Award for being the Vice President for Sri Lanka, at the 14th World Congress of AGBA held at MOI University on 23-25 November 2017, Eldoret Kenya

Dr. A A J Fernando was appointed as an external member of the Faculty Board of the Human Sciences and Sociology of the Open University of Sri Lanka from November 2017.

Prof. (Ms) D S N P Senaratne served as a member of the Panel of Judges - Annual Report Awards 2017 of Chartered Institute of Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka). The awarding ceremony was held on 5th December 2017.

Prof. (Ms) D S N P Senaratne served as a member of the Panel of Judges - Integrated Reporting Awards, Malaysian Institute of Accountants. The awarding ceremony was held on 23rd November 2017.

Mr. H M T G C Sandaruwan conducted a seminar to advanced level accounting teachers in the Eastern Province on 05th December, 2017 at Dehiattakandiya National School. The aim of the seminar was to make aware the new changes made to the accounting syllabus.

## **7. Any other matters**

Dr. A A J Fernando participated at a workshop on “Work Study of Employees of the Ministry of Provincial Council and Local Government” at SLIDA Colombo on 24 February 2017

Dr. A A J Fernando participated at residential workshop on “Preparation of Action Plan and Implementation” held at Carolina Beach hotel Chillaw on 2-4 February 2017.

### “Fight for Cancer”

Students of the Department of Accounting have organized a CSR Project to celebrate the its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project, Ward No. 9 & 10 of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital were colour washed and renovated to enhance the spiritual spirit of the cancer patients by giving a new look to the two wards. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project is to donate rare and expensive medicines to cancer patients and it will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2017 with the participation of the students and academic staff members of the Department.

As a part of commemorating the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of Accounting, the student body of the Department, Accounting and Financial Management Association (AFMA) organized an Alms Giving ("Pindapatha Pinkama") at the university premises on 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. 26 Buddhist monks were provided with breakfast meals and other offerings, which were contributed by the student body and the academic and non-academic staff of the university. The AFMA had got the assistance not only from the students of the Department of Accounting, but also the staff and students of the university for this alms giving.