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# **ACADEMIC EVENTS & SERVICES**

# **Motivational Programme for Semester I Polymer Students**

A motivational programme on the theme "Fulfilling the Pinnacle" was organized for semester I Polymer Technology students on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 under the guidance of Ms. Amali Weerakoon, the Head of the Division. The event featured enlightening presentations by Mr. Chathura Thabrew and Ms. Chathuri Upekshika, distinguished experts in the field and alumni of the Division. The programme provided valuable insights into the intricacies of Polymer Technology. The presentations of Mr. Thabrew and Ms. Upekshika which



highlighted the responsibility of university students to nurture expertise and strive for success in the field, made a profound impact on the future professionals in Polymer Technology.

# Unleashing Strength: NDTians rocked in Robotics among Sri Lankan Universities

Robotics stands as one of the advancing domains within the engineering world. This surge in interest is notably pronounced among the student population in Sri Lankan Universities.

In 2023, two robotic competitions were held at the Universities of Moratuwa and Ruhuna. The Sri Lankan Robotics Challenge 2022/23 was organized by the E-club University of Moratuwa on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 while the Xbotix Robotics tournament was hosted by the University of Ruhuna on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Team Servocity, consisting of 7 members from the Division of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology, including DASP Amarasinghe, GTM Gajasingha, GHPD Kotuwila Arachchi, SHCS Sellahewa, and HK Damsara, emerged victorious in the competition at the University of Moratuwa. Another team, also named Servocity and comprising five members from the same division - DASP Amarasinghe, WAKMK Alwis, OCS Dharmadasa, WAI Pamoditha, and J Wickramasinghe, claimed the championship at the University of Ruhuna.

The Head and the staff of the Division of Electrical, Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering Technology congratulate the winning teams, wishing them continued success in bringing more victories to ITUM in the future. ITUM also applauds both teams for their outstanding achievement in defeating all undergraduates from other universities in the competitions.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Industrial Session on Visual Design Principles and Best Practices

In view of providing IT students with exposure to UI/UX design principles, the Division of Information Technology hosted an interactive industrial session on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This interactive session which was conducted by an industrial expert specialized in UI/UX and graphic design, facilitated students' comprehension of UI/ UX design comprehension.

# Industrial Visit to Virtusa (Pvt.) Ltd.



The Division of Information Technology organized an industrial visit on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Virtusa Pvt Ltd, one of the leading IT companies in Sri Lanka. The main objective was to provide the students with practical exposure to the IT industry and its latest technologies.

Through interactive sessions and demonstrations, students gained knowledge of emerging technologies and the career prospects in the field of Information Technology. Moreover, they took part in a team engagement session and visited the company which enabled them to witness the professional setting of the company.





# Factory visit: A Glimpse into the World of Glass Bottle Manufacturing

Semester 1 students who are following Chemical Engineering Technology along with several staff members visited Piramal Glass Ceylon PLC in Horana on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This hands-on experience provided students with an invaluable opportunity to explore the complex processes involved in glass bottle manufacturing.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Factory Visits to Laugfs Rubber Corporation and YOKOHAMA TWS Lanka Pvt. Ltd.



In a bid to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and realworld applications, Ms. Amali D. Weerakoon organized two factory visits for Polymer Technology students. Semester III Polymer Technology students visited Laugfs Rubber Corporation Pvt. Ltd. at Millewa, Horana on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and Semester III and Semester I students visited YOKOHAMA TWS Lanka Pvt. Ltd. located at Sapugaskanda on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

These visits aimed at providing students with firsthand knowledge of manufacturing processes, industry standards, and the complexities of different industries. Beyond academic benefits, the visits offered networking opportunities with industry professionals,



exposure to safety practices and insights into quality standards. The experiences gained from these visits are



expected to enhance students' problem-solving skills, motivation, and overall engagement with their studies contributing to a wellrounded education that bridges the gap between theoretical concepts and real-world applications.

# Field Visit to Coca-Cola Beverages



Field visits offer valuable experiential learning opportunities for students, enhancing their future career prospects and academic achievements. On 12 December 2023, Semester II Chemical Engineering Technology students from the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology visited the Coca-Cola Beverages Sri Lanka facility. Accompanied by academic staff members from the Division, the students were guided through the visit by the staff members of the company.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 *PolymerChem* Division-Industry Forum 2023

The industry forum of the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology themed "Reach Future Excellence Together," was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 under the leadership of Ms. Amali D. Weerakoon, the Head of the Division. The event provided a dynamic platform for in-depth discussions and interaction between industry professionals representing over 20 prominent companies and the academics of the Division. During the forum, three significant discussions focusing on collaborative research projects, enhancing industrial training, and creating networking opportunities for future excellence took place.





The networking session facilitated dialogues among industry experts delving into topics such as student mentoring, workshops, short courses and industry demands. At the conclusion of the event the Head of the Division expressed her gratitude to the sponsors on behalf of the Division and appreciated their vital support.

Dr. Sunil Mendis from ATG Ceylon Pvt. Ltd, a distinguished alumnus and one of the key sponsors of the event was recognized for his significant contributions. Special mention was made to YOKOHAMA TWS Lanka Pvt. Ltd., LAUGFS Rubber Corporation Pvt. Ltd., and the NDT 1983/84 batch of Chemical Engineering Technology students for their contribution toward the success of this event.

# Field Visit to PGP Glass Ceylon PLC

Semester IV Chemical Engineering Technology students from the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology visited the PGP Glass Ceylon PLC plant located in Horana on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Staff members of the plant guided the students' visit briefing them on the production process, the necessary utility requirements etc. This field visit exposed the students to an actual industrial environment which provided information for their academic work.



# Lectures, Workshops and Industrial Visits Organized by the Division of Textile Engineering Technology



Actively engaging in teaching and learning activities, the Textile Division strives to enhance the effectiveness of education, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the industry.

To bridge the gap between the academia and the industry and to equip students with practical knowledge and skills, the Division

conducted lectures and workshops on crucial topics such as process

changeover, career development, personal grooming and soft skills development for the textile students collaborating with the industry. Looking ahead, the Division also conducted mock interviews for the students with the objective of helping them to secure internship positions in the industry.



In addition, the Division organized industrial visits to Hirdaramani

Apparel in Kahathuduwa and Ranaviru Apparel in Yakkala in order to provide students with valuable insights into industry practices and operations.

# **Industrial Visits**

As a partial requirement of the module PT1201 (Polymer Technology), Semester II Polymer Technology students visited Hanwella Rubber Products PLC, Padukka Estate Crepe Rubber Factory and Ceymac Rubber Company Limited on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Theses visits aimed at providing students with firsthand exposure to the latex centrifuging process, unsupported latex glove manufacturing, sole crepe production and TSR production. Furthermore, they had the privilege of engaging in meaningful discussions with industrial experts.



# APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION AND RETIREMENTS

# New Appointment as the Head of the Division



Ms. A. D. Weerakoon was appointed as the Head of the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2023.

# Promotions, Personal Achievements, Awards & Recognition



Eng. (Mrs.) D.Y.T Bambaravanage in the Division of Electrical, Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology was promoted to the Post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.



Eng. (Mr.) M. M. Mafroos in the Division of Electrical, Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology obtained his M. Phil. Degree from the Faculty of Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia-Kuala Lumpur. His M. Phil research was on the topic 'Passively Q-switched Fiber Laser Employing Graphene and Carbon Nanotubes Saturable Absorber'. He was also promoted to the Post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) with effect from 1 September 2022.



Dr. R.N. Wijesena received a research grant of 3 million rupees from the National Science Foundation for developing a sensor system for rapid evaluation of key soil nutrient parameters.



Ms. W.E. Iroshani of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies successfully completed her master's degree in business statistics from the University of Moratuwa on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Her Master's research was on the topic "Time Series Approach to Predict Sri Lankan Inflation Rates".



Mrs. D.W.D.R. Chathurangi emerged as the top research presenter at the Research Forum, held at the conclusion of the Induction Programme for Probationary Lecturers conducted by the Staff Development Center of University of Kelaniya with her portfolio standing out as one of the best.

# Retirements



After an illustrious career of 41 years, Mrs. CPN Atygalle, a Lecturer in Mathematics and Statistics attached to the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, retired from service in March 2023. Beginning her journey as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics in the University of Moratuwa in 1981, Mrs. C.P.N. Atygalle imparted knowledge to both NDT and BSc students until the year 2000. Upon the establishment of ITUM in the year 2000, she was appointed as the founding Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, ITUM. She served as a member of the Board of Management (BOM) of ITUM from the year 2017 to 2020. Throughout her distinguished career,

Mrs. Atygalle actively contributed her services in many capacities within the academic community. From the year 2000 until retirement, she played a pivotal role as the Chairperson of the Awards Committee, the Admission Committee and several Inquiry Committees. In 2022 she was honoured with the celebrated Golden Plaque for her long and dedicated service of 40 years to the University of Moratuwa and ITUM. ITUM wishes Mrs. C.P.N. Atygalle a happy retirement filled with good health and contentment.



Mrs. S. Nagodavithana, a Senior Lecturer in English attached to the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, ITUM retired from service in December 2023, after a dedicated service spanning over 28 years. Prior to joining ITUM she served in the English language Teaching Centre of the University of Moratuwa and taught English to both B.Sc. Engineering and NDT students. She was a former Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, ITUM and was instrumental in formally establishing the English Language Teaching Unit at ITUM. She was appointed as its Coordinator when the Unit was established in 2020. Throughout her tenure of service, she chaired

several inquiry committees and served in many other committees where she actively contributed to their activities. In the year 2022, she was honoured and felicitated for her long-standing commitment to the University of Moratuwa and ITUM. ITUM wishes her a healthy and joyous retirement.

# RESEARCH, CONFERENCES & PUBLICATIONS

# Signing of an MoU Between IIMS and ITUM



Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Institute of Management Sciences (IIMS) to conduct a joint research conference.

The MoU signing ceremony took place on 12 July 2023 in the presence of Heads of Divisions, members of the Board of Management, the Deputy Registrar, the Senior Assistant Bursar,

and members of the Research Unit. The Director of ITUM and the President of the IIMS jointly signed the MoU, symbolizing the mutual commitment and the shared vision between the two institutions. This collaboration became a significant milestone in fostering academic and research alliances in the history of ITUM.

# **ITUM-IIMS Joint Research Conference**



Industry 5.0: Prospect and Retrospect - 2023



In collaboration with the International Institute of Management Sciences (IIMS) ITUM hosted the first international joint conference from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on the theme "Industry 5.0: Prospect and Retrospect". The primary objective of the conference was to nurture academic and research partnerships and stimulate interdisciplinary dialogues on critical global issues. The conference was conducted under several tracks including Industry 5.0: Impact on Economic Development, Status of MSME Sector, Smart Manufacturing, Emerging Technologies and Consistent Skill

Sets, Applied Health Care, Smart Education and Human Capital, Impact on Social Development, and Sustainable Environment.

This conference served as an integrated platform for academics, professionals, and experts not only from Sri Lanka and India but also from several other countries to share their research findings, disseminate their knowledge, and share experiences creating an effective platform to get together in a highly academic environment. The inaugural ceremony of the conference which was held at ITUM on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, was attended by local and international participants who had gathered to mark the beginning of this academic forum. Distinguished guests, including Prof.



V. K. Malhotra, President Association, Indian Economic Association, India, Dr. Roland Smith, the Board Director and Chief Learning Officer of Brandix, and the Director of Global Learning Lab, Dr. Sandip Kar, the President of the Conference Organizing Committee and the Chairman of IIMS, India, Dr. Ershad Ali, the Secretary General of the Conference Organizing Committee, AIS, New Zealand, Prof. D.K. Madaan from Punjabi University, Patiala; Secretary, Indian Economic Association, and Major General (Rted.) S. K. Thirunavukarasu, Director, ITUM, foreign delegates, the members of the academic and the administrative staff of ITUM, members of the Board of Management, NDT Alumni, invitees from the industry, and students of ITUM. Also, several impactful speeches made by the foreign delegates, captivated the interest of the audience.





Further, a special Business Designer Award was presented to Mr. A. N. P. S. J. Fonseka of Ceylon Green Innovators (Pvt) Ltd. for his innovative ideas involving the utilization of waste banana stems. In addition, an MoU was signed between IIMS and Bangladesh, the host country of their next joint international conference. The inaugural session also featured a cultural show which showcased the diversity of Sri Lankan culture through dance and music presented by the Sri Lanka army dance troupe with the support of the Lecturer-in-Charge of aesthetic studies attached to the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies and ITUM students.

The second day of the conference featured several distinguished speakers including keynote speakers Prof. Satish Verma from G.N.D. University, Amritsar, India, Prof. Veranja Karunarathna, the Chairman of the National Science and Technology Commission and Vice-Chancellor/CEO of SLTC Research University, Sri Lanka, and Dr. Dhulasi Birundha Varadarajan, Emeritus Professor and Senior Fellow at ICSSR, New Delhi, and the Department of Environmental Economics at Madurai Kamaraj University.

The ITUM-IIMS Joint Research Conference was successfully concluded marking a significant milestone in ushering in a new era of possibilities for research activities at ITUM.









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D.A.S. Ruwanmini, Kapila Dias, Clera Niluckshini, and Terrance Nandasara collaborated on a research paper titled "Sinhala Inscription Character Recognition Model using Deep Learning Technologies" which was published in the 16<sup>th</sup> volume (issue 1) of the International Journal on Advances in ICT for Emerging Regions (ICTer).

S. Nagodavithana and K. Premarathne of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies collaborated on a paper titled "Factors Leading to Reticence in Speaking in English amongst English as a Second Language Learners in Sri Lanka at Tertiary Level " which appeared in the 10<sup>th</sup> issue of the 4<sup>th</sup> volume of the Indiana Journal of Arts & Literature.

A.U.P. Athukorala of the Division of Information Technology presented a paper titled "A Preliminary Study on Student Performance in Face-To-Face and Online Delivery Modalities of Operating Systems Module" at the Open University Research Sessions 2023 held in Sri Lanka on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

A.U.P. Athukorala, Chanakya Wijeratne, and Dileepa Fernando co-authored a paper titled "Thinking Aloud Protocol Based Self-Report Questionnaire to Measure Metacognitive Skills in Mathematical Problem Solving" which was presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Conference on Education 2023 held in Tokyo, Japan from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

U. Abeysinghe, S. Saparamadu, & C. Hewawasam presented a paper titled "Influence of The Safety-Security Attributes on The Walkability of University Students in Sri Lanka" at the Transport and Logistic Industry (R4TLI) Conference on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The same research team presented another paper entitled "Effective Integration of Walkability-Enhancing Neighbourhood Environment Attributes into Urban Transport Planning in Sri Lanka" at the ITUM-IIMS Joint International Research Conference held on 4th and 5th November 2023 in Sri Lanka. They also co-authored a paper titled "Influence of Neighborhood Environment Attributes on the Walkability of University Students" which was presented at the Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference 2023 (MERCon 2023) held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023. At the Transport Research Forum 2023(TRF 2023) held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 the team presented a "Review of Walkability Enhancing Neighbourhood Environment Attributes in Urban Tropics".

P.G.S. Upeksha, D.R.T .Jayasundara and S.C. Mathugama presented a paper titled "Modelling And Forecasting the Seasonal Variations of Apparel Exports in Sri Lanka with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic" at the 8<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers (8<sup>th</sup> ICMR 2023) held on 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Faculty of Management Studies of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

M.T.T.T. De Silva, S.C. Mathugama and Bimali Jayasinghe presented a paper titled" Modelling the Consumer Price and Producer Price Indices with Related Economic Variable" at the Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference 2023 held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the University of Moratuwa.

W.E. Iroshani, S.C. Mathugama, J.A.B.U. Jayasinghe presented a paper titled "Analyzing the Behavior of Sri Lankan Inflation Rates using Time Series Analysis" at the ITUM- IIMS International Research Conference held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa.

At the ITUM-IIMS International Research Conference held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 J.A.S.D. Bandara, L.P. Kumarasiri, W.E. Iroshani and W.L.S. Maduranga presented a paper titled "Exploring the Efficacy of Movement-based Improvisation Practices as a Therapeutic Tool for Stress Reduction among University Students".

# **STAFF, STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

# **INCO Exhibition 2023**

At the INCO exhibition held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at BMICH, the Division of Textile Engineering Technology excelled, winning several awards in the innovation category. This achievement underscores the Division's dedication to advancing textile-related innovations.



# "Fun with English" - Interactive Learning Session

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) hosted an interactive learning session on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for semester one students. The session was designed to offer an engaging learning experience using a diverse array of activities such as online quizzes, interactive group games, and language-focused exercises. The following teams excelled and emerged as the winners for their exceptional performance during the session:



#### First Place (Civil)

Mr. MGT Dilshan Mr. SK Edirisinghe Mr. DMJJB Dunukara Mr. TA Gamage

#### Second Place (Textile)

Ms. MWMD Somarathna Ms. MGS Pathiranage Ms. DSRD Sithara Ms. KHS Ranaweera

#### Third Place (Civil)

Ms. KGAR Shanika Ms. JVPN Sanjula Ms. RWAI Sarangi Ms. RWSP Rajapaksha

#### Third place (Textile)

Mr. RGSD Dharmapriya Ms. WATI Elapatha Ms. KVJ Disara Mr. MRCS Bandara

# 'Nidas Gee Sandawa' - Musical Evening

To infuse a sense of relaxation into academic life, the Textile division organized "Nidas Gee Sandawa," a musical evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. This event provided the divisional staff with an opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate amidst their hectic routines. Additionally, the Division commemorated Vesak Day by adorning the textile building with Vesak decorations.

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# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Its Trends

The Computer Society of the Division of Information Technology organized a workshop centered on Artificial Intelligence and its trends on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The workshop was conducted by a well-known personality in the field of IT, Mr. Malinda Alahakoon, a science communicator and a lecturer. The session

> covered fundamental concepts, applications, and the evolving trends of Artificial Intelligence. Through engaging discussions, students had the opportunity to acquire valuable information and deeper understanding of Artificial Intelligence



# **Technical Workshop on Software Engineering for IT Students**

Aligning with semester II Software Engineering module, the Division of Information Technology organized

a technical workshop focused on the fundamentals of software development on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

It was conducted by WSO2, a well-established IT company in Sri Lanka. The workshop aimed at enhancing students' understanding on initiating a software development project. Participants received guidance on integrating components and were provided with realworld insights to help them progress towards becoming skilled IT professionals. Additionally, students had the opportunity to gain



valuable knowledge about current industry trends, essential skills, and the necessary expertise to excel in the IT sector, along with practical insights into the field's demands and expectations.

# Guest Lecture: How to Make a Lasting Impression in an Interview



The Head of the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology organized a guest lecture titled "How to Make a Great Impression in an Interview: Essential Tips" on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the UI 734 Auditorium for Semester IV Polymer, Chemical, and Civil Engineering Technology students. This workshop was specifically designed to help students secure placements at the Career Fair.

Mr. Supun Jayawardena, Assistant Manager of Business and Sales at Hayles Aventura (Pvt) Ltd, a distinguished alumnus from the Polymer Technology discipline, shared valuable insights and practical tips on making a lasting impression during interviews.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Personal Development and Leadership Training Program for IT



The Division of Information Technology organized a personality development and leadership training program aimed at improving team engagement. The programme which included engaging activities focused on interpersonal development, communication skills and leadership qualities. IT students received a valuable opportunity to enhance self-awareness, soft skills, team spirit,

problem-solving skills, time management,

aspects of personal grooming, and it guided them toward personal growth. Also, they were able to gain insights into ethical considerations, self-discipline, and personal branding. The training session equipped students with the necessary skills to thrive in their academic journey and future careers.



# Lab Introductory Video

Video URL: https://youtu.be/hp4RnivwEe0



During an online orientation programme conducted for the new intake of Textile Technology students, a video showcasing the laboratories of the Division presented by semester IV students from the 2020 batch of the Division of Textile and Clothing Technology was shown to the new entrants. This collaborative project involved students and staff from the Division, as

well as students from the Mechanical and Civil Divisions aimed at creating a welcoming atmosphere for incoming students as well as to familiarize the new students with the facilities.

### **Mock Interview Sessions**

The Division of Polymer Technology and Chemical Engineering Technology organized a mock interview session for Semester IV students. With the enthusiastic support and active participation of 20 distinguished industrial expertise panelists representing 10 leading industries in Polymer Technology and Chemical Engineering, this initiative proved to be a pivotal experience for students as it not only honed the students' interview skills but





also strategically

positioned them for success in the competitive interview process at the ITUM Career Fair 2023. As a result of these efforts, students secured valuable placement opportunities during the training period.

# **Online Motivational Program for Polymer Technology Students**



An online motivational session for the 2022 /2023 Polymer Technology students was conducted by Ms. Amali Weerakoon, coinciding with the inauguration ceremony and the orientation program.

This session aimed to instill awareness among fresh students about significance, demand, and future trends in the field of polymer technology, offering invaluable guidance for a successful journey

towards becoming proficient professionals. The session featured five distinguished alumni, accomplished experts in polymer technology from leading industries. Ms. Ruwani Gunarathne, Compounding Engineer and Mr. Pethum Ranawaka, Quality Specialist from Yokohama TWS Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Chathuri Upekshika, Quality Control Executive from Laugfs Rubber Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Malinda Navarathne, Process Manager at Dipped Products Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. MIM Humaid, Production Executive at Lalan Rubbers Pvt. Ltd., generously shared their insights and experiences, demonstrating their commitment to nurturing the next generation of polymer technologists despite their demanding schedules. The event proved to be a valuable opportunity for aspiring students to gain inspiration and direction for their academic and professional journey in the dynamic field of Polymer Technology.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Presenters' and Best Speakers' Competitions



Following the resounding success of the Best Presenters' Competition in 2022, this year the English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) marked another milestone by organizing two competitions aimed at enhancing communication skills of semester 2 students. The 'Best Presenters' and the Best Speakers' Competitions hosted on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 showcased not only outstanding presenters but

also eloquent speakers among the talented first-year NDT students.

After two preliminary rounds, 11 presenters and 8 speakers emerged as finalists out of 800 contestants. The final round organized by the ITUM English Club served as a platform for these budding talents to shine. The competition witnessed intense and closely contested sessions reflecting a rich tapestry of talents in communication and presentation of the student community at ITUM. Mr. R G S D Dharmapriya of the Division of Textile & Clothing Technology secured 1st place with his compelling presentation on 'Way to a Healthy Lifestyle,' while Ms. D N N Liyanage of the Division of Electrical, Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology and Mr. D M J J B Dunukara of the Division of Civil Engineering Technology won the 3<sup>rd</sup> places, respectively.

In the Best Speakers category, Mr. H M N D Senarathna of the Division of Electrical, Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology clinched 1<sup>st</sup> place with his speech on 'Acting is a Life Skill,' which kept the audience spellbound. Meanwhile, Mr. M R C S Bandara of Textile & Clothing Technology emerged as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner and Ms. S. Keerththansana of Information Technology Division secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Other participants with remarkable presentation skills who participated in the Best Presenters' final round included Mr. M G T Dilshan from the Division of Civil Engineering Technology, Ms. E M A P Ekanayake, and Mr. P M Wijesekara from the Division of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology, Ms. RMDAGSD Wijerathna, Mr. W A S D Weerakkodi, and Mr. U A A Isuranga from the Division of Information Technology, Mr. H M P D Rathnayake from the Division of Maritime Studies, and Ms. W A T I Elapatha from the Division of Textile & Clothing Technology.





The Best Speakers category also showcased notable finalists, including Ms. R G W Y Gunasekara from the Division of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology, Mr. S.P. L D Senadheera from the Division of Maritime Studies, and Mr. K G M M M Aqeel, Ms. U W T C Seelarathne, and Mr. T A G D Weerasuriya from the Division of Mechanical Engineering Technology.

The ELTU extends its warmest congratulations to all the winners and participants for their exceptional performances in the 'Best Presenters' and Best Speakers' Competitions and deeply appreciates the efforts of the members of the ITUM English Club in organizing this event which left an indelible mark on all who witnessed the mesmerizing performances of the contestants.



Mr. H.M.N.D. Senarathna



Mr. M.R.C.S. Bandara



Ms. S. Keerththansana



Mr. R G S D Dharmapriya



Ms. D N N Liyanage



Mr. D M J J B Dunukara

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Aesthetic Event for Students to Exhibit their Artistic Prowess



The ITUM premises was alive with creativity and talent on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023, as it hosted the Final Performance Event and Exhibition of semester 2 students. Under the leadership of Dr. (Mrs.) D.D.G.A. D. Saparamadu, Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, and Mrs. Lakni Kumarasiri, the Lecturer-in-Charge of the aesthetic studies module, the event unfolded as a testament to the vibrant artistic spirit of our students. The exhibition and performance were further enriched by the contributions of visiting staff members: Ms. Lakshani Jayathilake, Mrs. Navodya Sewwandi, and Mrs. Durababa Campi and

and Mrs. Dureksha Gayani, who

brought their expertise from the realms of Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Art, respectively.

The days were filled with a series of mesmerizing stage performances alongside a Visual Art exhibition, offering an immersive experience to the assembled audience of Division Heads, Lecturers, and students. The event kicked off amidst high expectations and succeeded in creating a memorable atmosphere that celebrated the artistic achievements of our community.



Designed to serve as a dynamic platform for students to exhibit their artistic prowess, the event emphasized the importance of critical thinking, selfexpression, and creativity. It was not just a display of talent but a celebration of the hard work and dedication of students, highlighting the importance of the arts in fostering a well-rounded education.



# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 INCO Robotic competition – 2023

The INCO Robotics Competition organized by the Industrial Engineering Society (IESL) is an event where teams from various universities and institutions compete in designing and developing robotic systems to solve real-world problems. Participants showcase their innovations in robotics, automation, and related fields, contributing to advancements in technology. This year, the following teams from ITUM claimed the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place positions in the competition.



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- 1. K.P.D.L.Karunawardhana
- 2. U.N.Lakshan
- 3. W.A.T.Nethmini



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> place

- 1. Menuka Heshsn Samaranayaka
- 2. Ayesh Udayanga
- 3. Induala D. Muhamdiram



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- 1. T Prasad Udara silva
- 2. W.Raneesha Malshan Witharana
- 3. P D C Umesh Shavinda

# **OUTREACH**

# **Practical Session on Plastic Technology**

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology conducted a practical session on plastic technology for Level 2 Semester IV Students from the Department of Materials and Mechanical Technology of the Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Ms. Amali Weerakoon coordinated the session with the expertise of Dr. Sudarshana Perera, Ms. Ashani Abeyweera, and Mr. Malinda Premarathne. The aim of the session was to offer hands-on experience in plastic technology to the students. Following the practical session, students' understanding was evaluated through a viva assessment.

# **CULTURAL EVENTS**

# 'Soorya Abhinandana' – 2023



The NDT Students' Union joyously hosted "Soorya Abhinandana - 2023" on 30<sup>th</sup> April. This special event marked the auspicious dawn of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year with an abundance of joy and cultural vibrancy.

NDT students took center stage, enchanting the audience with mesmerizing performances in singing, dancing, compering, and acting. Attendees were treated to a colorful spectacle, immersed in traditional cultural events

and engaging in spirited

traditional games. The festivities captured the essence of the New Year celebration and the joyous moments were shared with a wider audience through a live Facebook post.







# Vesak Poya Day

On the Vesak Poya day, students adorned ITUM premises with radiant Vesak lanterns. The campus, aglow with the gentle hues of these intricately crafted lanterns, transformed

into a breathtaking tapestry of light and colour, creating a serene and enchanting ambiance.



This year, the students went beyond the confines of the ITUM premises to foster a deeper connection with the surrounding villagers. In a heartwarming gesture, they extended the joy of Vesak by distributing these artfully crafted lanterns to the villagers residing in the proximity of the Institution. This act of generosity not only added a touch of splendour to the villagers' homes but also strengthened the bond between the student community and the local residents.





The shared glow of the lanterns symbolized the unity and harmony that transcends boundaries, serving as a luminous reminder of the collective spirit that binds the university and its neighbouring communities.

# "Sarasavi Damsara - Poson Bathi Gee Sandawa"



Following the tradition of NDT students, "Sarasavi Damsara - Poson Bathi Gee Sandawa 2023" was held this year at T.A.G. Gunasekara Multifunctional Auditorium. Students illuminated the multi-functional hall with divine melodies hosting a devotional song concert on the auspicious occasion of Poson Poya.

The event drew a large gathering with the enthusiastic participation of both students and academic staff. Amidst the resonating hymns, the auditorium echoed with reverence, fostering a sense of unity and spirituality. This year's 'Sarasavi Damsara not only upheld cultural legacy but also strengthened the bond within the academic community creating a memorable and harmonious experience for all.





# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 'Thazhumbu' - 2023

'Thazhumbu 2023', an annual extravaganza organized by the Tamil students of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa, unfolded as a grand celebration of unity and culture on 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30 p.m. onwards at the Grand Garden Hotel, Dehiwala in the presence of Ms. M.M.P.D. Samarasekara, former Director of ITUM, Mr. Sanjaya Maduranga, Head of the Division of Civil Engineering Technology, and Ms. Amali Weerakoon, Head of the Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology.

This dynamic event showcased a spirited cricket tournament, a convivial social gathering, and a book launch, drawing enthusiastic participation from all senior batches. The festivities served as a powerful catalyst, fostering not only camaraderie within current cohorts but also strengthening bonds with senior colleagues.

The remarkable success of this grand event was made achievable through the generous sponsorship of Coral Property Developers and Ideal Engineering Pvt. Ltd., along with the collaborative support of various co-sponsors.

As the evening unfolded, participants reveled in the joyous atmosphere, culminating in the delight of a traditional dinner. 'Thazhumbu 2023' with its rich tapestry of cultural celebration, left an indelible mark on the hearts of all those partake in this memorable event.







# **SPORTS NEWS**

# **Breaking Barriers and Making History: Grand-Scale Sports Meet 2023**



The Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa (ITUM), hosted a grand-scale Sports Meet in July 2023, guided by the Director of ITUM, Major

General (Rtd.) S. K. Thirunavukarasu RSP VSV USP, and the Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies Dr. (Mrs.) D.D.G.A.D.S. Saparamadu. The event became a showcase of the

students' exceptional talents and unwavering spirit. The event was led by Ms. Shalini Dissanayake, Lecturer- in -Charge of sports studies, and supported by dedicated sports instructors Mr. Yasiru Wijesinghe, Mr.





Champika Prageeth and Mr. S.M. Safraan. The Lecturer-in-Charge of aesthetic studies, Mrs. Lakni Kumarasiri contributed to a glamorous cultural event at the opening ceremony.

This magnificent event began with a captivating

opening ceremony at Diygama Mahinda Rajapaksha International Stadium, with the participation of Eng. Chanaka Wanniarachchi as the Chief Guest and

the closing ceremony was held with the

participation of the Acting Director of the Physical Education Division



of the University of Moratuwa, Mr. G.L. Wijesooriya as the Chief Guest and Eng. Kusuminda Bandara as a Special Guest.

Champions emerged from various divisions, showcasing exemplary skills. The Maritime Division triumphed in Men's Cricket, Textile Division in Men's Badminton, Electronic and Telecommunication Division in Women's Volleyball, Women's Badminton,



and Women's Athletics. The Civil Division excelled in Men's Football, Athletic Men's, Mixed Netball, and Women's Table Tennis. The Information Technology Division secured Men's Table Tennis. Active participation from students and staff fostered a vibrant and inclusive spirit. Financial support from past sports students of the 2011 NDT batch made the event possible.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG)

The XIV Sri Lanka University Games -2023 held from 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with the participation of 14 state universities. Among them, four students from ITUM secured gold medals, while two students achieved bronze medals, significantly contributing to the University of Moratuwa to emerge as the runners-up of the event.



H.M.G.V.WEERAKOON 20EE0343 BASEBALL



H.W.D.DILSHAN 21ET0369 BASEBALL



P.MANOJAN 19ITMR661 BASKETBALL



H.A.R.THEEKSHANA 20TT0792 TAEKWONDO



A.D.L.S.KARUNANAYAKE 20EE0289 CRICKET



P.T.WANIGASINGHE 21CI0227 CRICKET

The following ITUM students represented the UoM teams at the SLUG 2023.

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE WINNERS

01	O.D.S.PERERA	19ITME617	RUGBY
02	B.C.RAVISHKA	19ITME633	RUGBY
03	E.B.HAPUTHANTHRI	20ME0569	RUGBY
04	W.L.D.AMARABANDHU	20ME0552	RUGBY
05	D.C.JAYASINGHE	19ITME592	WEIGHT LIFTING
06	S.KUGHAJINI	20CI0137	BASKETBALL
07	L.M.RAMADAS	19ITME625	BASKETBALL

5 <sup>TH</sup> P	LACE WINNERS		
01	P.G.S.N.ADITHYA	21EE0251	SWIMMING
02	P.D.I.S.POLWATHTHA	21ET0414	TRACK&FIELD
03	I.S.S.AHAMED	21ET0353	TRACK& <mark>FIELD</mark>
04	S.A.D.P.S.SUBHAWICKRAMA	19ITCI226	TRACK&FIELD
05	M.M.SAKEEL	21CI0195	TRACK&FIELD
06	Y.M.R.C.I.MUTHUGALA	21ME0645	TRACK&FIELD
07	W.S.N.M.ABEYSEKARA	21CI0053	TRACK&FIELD

### QUARTER FINALISTS

Quin			
01	M.D.FERNANDO	21IT0544	CARROM
02	P.K.S.HEMAKANTHI	21IT0471	VOLLEYBALL
03	S.M.A.S.T.SAMMANDAPPERUMA	21CI0197	VOLLEYBALL
04	K.H.A.N.M.H.ARACHCHI	20TT0741	VOLLEYBALL
05	A.R.M.AFRIH	21IT0452	VOLLEYBALL
06	M.R.A.AHAMED	20IT0453	VOLLEYBALL
07	A.JILOSHKARAN	20CI0124	VOLLEYBALL
08	W.D.S.GAYANTHI	20CH0040	BADMINTON
09	K.W.T.S.H.DHARMADASA	21ET0366	BADMINTON
10	B.D.S.SAMINDYA	20CH0029	HOCKEY
11	R.D.D.NAVODI RANDENIYA	20ME0611	HOCKEY
12	W.T.A.FERNANDO	21CI0104	FOOTBALL
13	W.S.S.FERNANDO	20IT0467	FOOTBALL
14	M.S.M.SAKEEF	21CI0194	FOOTBALL
15	W.M.T.N.WEERASINGHE	20CI0240	KABADI
16	H.P.T.NIKESHALA	19ITME613	ELLE
17	D.M.N.M.DISSANAYAKE	20CI0091	ELLE
18	K.C.N.KUMARAGE	20CH0047	ELLE
19	K.A.A.D.PRIYANKARA	19ITME622	ELLE
20	W.R.D.S.WIJESOORIYA	19ITIT542	ELLE
21	M.P.C.K.FERNANDO	21IT0470	ELLE
22	D.L.P.J.OPATHA	21EI0412	ELLE
23	W.G.J.S.AMARASOORIYA	21EE0252	ELLE
24	K.L.AA.DANUSHIKA	21ET0360	ELLE
25	A.K.H.KALPANI	20CI0127	ELLE
26	H.P.K.RATHNAYAKE	19ITCH040	ELLE
27	A.H.M.S.L.UDAYANGANI	19ITCI237	ELLE

# Empreza 2023: Nurturing Leadership and Life Skills through Innovative Learning



Semester II students from the Textile, Chemical and Polymer, Civil Engineering Technology and Maritime Studies Divisions came together to organize "EMPREZA 2023", a leadership event series as their final project for the IS1205 sports studies module on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 on ITUM premises.

As real learning occurs when students are motivated, involved, and actively engaged in their educational process, the event was conducted to provide real-world intensive learning opportunities outside of traditional educational environments.

Through 'EMPREZA -2023', students had the opportunity to develop not only their academic knowledge but also crucial life skills. The event served as a platform for enhancing



leadership skills, fostering teamwork, and nurturing personal attributes. Participants engaged in practical scenarios that challenged them to think critically, communicate effectively, and make decisions under pressure which are considered skills that extend beyond the confines of the classroom.



The Director of ITUM, Major General (Rtd.) S. K. Thirunavukarasu RSP VSV USP, Mr. G G Jayarathne, a BoM member, Heads of the Academic and Administrative Divisions,

and academic and non-academic staff members graced the event.

The Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, Dr. (Mrs.) D.D.G.A.D.S. Saparamadu, and staff members of the Interdisciplinary Division provided immense support for the event while the financial support was granted by ITUM. Ms. Shalini Dissanayake, the Lecturer-in-Charge of sports studies, planned and guided the event, with support from dedicated sports instructors, Mr. Sidath Rasnayake, Mr. Champika Prageeth, and Mr. S.M. Safraan.

Team Patro emerged as the champions of the event, while Team Bravo and Mora Goal Getters secured 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-up positions, respectively.

# Celebrating Sporting Excellence of ITUM participants at Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG)



A felicitation ceremony was held for the winners and for those who participated in Sri Lanka University Games 2023 representing the University of Moratuwa teams on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the U1734 mini-auditorium. This year, University of Moratuwa achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place at SLUG. ITUM showed exceptional commitment and support by sending more than seventy students to represent

University of Moratuwa teams, which was our largest group ever.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Director, Heads of Divisions, academic and nonacademic staff, as well as past NDTians. W.M.G.B. Weerakoon and H.W.D. Dilshan clinched 1<sup>st</sup> place in Baseball, while H.A.R. Theekshana triumphed in Taekwondo (68-74kg) category. P. Manojan led the charge to victory in Basketball, with A.D.L.S. Karunanayaka and P.T. Wanigasinghe securing a commendable 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Cricket.



ITUM Sports Club took a moment to extend gratitude to ITUM staff for their invaluable guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support in advancing sports at ITUM. Awards were presented to the Director of ITUM, Major General (Retd.) S.K. Thirunavukarasu RSP VSV USP, Dr. (Mrs.) D.D.G.A.D.S.Saparamadu, Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, Ms. J.A.S.D. Bandara, Lecturerin-Charge in sports studies, Mr. Champika Prageeth, Mr. M.S. M. Safraan Mr. Sidath Rasnayake, physical education instructors, and supporting staff members in appreciation of their services. Eng. Kusuminda Bandara and Mr. R.K.R. Chathuranga, former NDTians, were applauded for their exceptional

contributions to the development of sports particularly in Elle and Taekwondo at ITUM. The executive committee members and sports coordinators of the ITUM Sports Club were also commended for their relentless efforts in achieving these milestones and organizing this memorable event.

The achievements of the participants will undoubtedly serve as an inspiration for present and future ITUM students, emphasizing the power of hard work and determination.

As the evening concluded, attendees left with a renewed sense of pride in their institution and a deep appreciation for the athletes' accomplishments. The spirit of excellence continues to thrive at ITUM, uniting the ITUM community in admiration and support for these sporting heroes.



Congratulations to the victorious team for their outstanding performance!



# **Carrom Fiesta 2023**



The ITUM Sports Club created history by hosting the first-ever Carrom Tournament, "Carrom Fiesta". This iconic event not only brought together students from various disciplines but also showcased the university's commitment to promoting inclusivity, teamwork, and friendly competition. With enthusiasm running high, participants demonstrated their skills on the carrom board, creating an exhilarating atmosphere throughout the tournament.

The tournament took place in June 2023 at the

Institution with students from the 20/21 and 21/22 batches participating. Participants engaged in matches, including singles and doubles, displaying their talent and competitive spirit. Certificates were awarded to the winners and runnersup to acknowledge their outstanding performances.





The event was attended by the Director of ITUM, Heads of Academic Divisions, the Lecturer-in-Charge of Sports Studies, and other academic staff members, along with the Instructors of the Physical Education Unit of ITUM.







### Sri Lanka Baseball Federation Teams Up with ITUM



The Sri Lanka Baseball Federation organized an insightful coaching camp at the Information Technology University of Moratuwa (ITUM) on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The coaching camp witnessed the presence of key figures in the Sri Lanka Baseball community, including Mr. Theekshana Gammanpila, CEO of the Sri Lanka Baseball Federation; Mr. Malindu Hewage, Head Coach of the Women's National Team; Mr. Damith Mallawaararchchi, Assistant Coach of the National Team; Mr. Chathuranga Ranasinghe, Director of Men's Senior League Sri Lanka Baseball; Mr. Rintaro Tsukamoto, JICA Coach; and Mr. Tilan Gunasinghe, Former Navy Baseball Player. Their collective expertise and experience added immense value to the program.

The preliminary program unfolded within ITUM premises, offering students a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of baseball. Subsequently, action moved to the Diyagma National Baseball Ground, where practical sessions allowed participants to translate theory into practice.



The CEO of the Sri Lanka Baseball Federation shared profound insights into the vision and mission of the Federation. Beyond the formalities, he engaged with participants, providing motivation and encouragement that extends beyond the baseball field.



As part of the coaching camp, the Sri Lanka Baseball Federation generously donated baseball equipment to ITUM. This

thoughtful gesture not only supports continuous student practice but also symbolizes a collaborative partnership between the Federation and the academic institution. The CEO of the Sri Lanka Baseball Federation shared profound insights into the vision and mission of the Federation, engaging with



participants and providing motivation that extends beyond the baseball field.

Mr. G.G. Jayarathne, the Acting Director of ITUM, Heads of the Academic Divisions, and both academic and non-academic staff members actively participated, showcasing the university's commitment to holistic education, embracing sports as a crucial component.

# **COMMUNAL & OTHER EVENTS**





The Mechanical Engineering Technology Division staff organized a get-together on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Achinthya Holiday Resort located in Awissawella. It was a day filled with fun games, team-building activities, and inspiring talks from our members. This event served as an exceptional occasion to reaffirm our unity, celebrate our collective dedication, and strengthen the bonds that make our division a tightly-knit community. The Head of the

Division extends his gratitude to all the staff members of the Division and well-wishers who contributed to make this event a success.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Annual General Meeting of the ITUM English Club

The ITUM English Club convened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Nine dedicated students were elected to serve as Club Officers for the term 2023/2024.

The elected officers are as follows:

President: R G S D Dharmapriya Vice-president: A Saranraj Secretary: B M B S Balasooriya Assistant Secretary: D S R D Sithara Treasurer: A M T Hindagoda Student Representatives: K V J Disara K D S D Wije W A S D Wee



K V J Disara K D S D Wijerathne W A S D Weerakkodi W K A U W Sanathchandra

Senior Treasurer: Mrs. HASL Amarasingha

The ELTU extends heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected officers and expects that the new office bearers will make 2024 a year brimming with exciting activities, learning opportunities, and collaborative endeavours.

# "Thrimana" 2023 - A Visual Symphony



The NDT Students' Union showcased a dazzling array of talents at " Thrimana 2023," a vibrant aesthetics event. The stage came alive with captivating dancing items, dramas

and soulful songs, creating an immersive experience for the audience.

The venue transformed into a masterpiece adorned with eye-catching arts and lights, setting the stage for a visual extravaganza. From intricate performances to elegant



decorations, every detail celebrated the artistic brilliance within the NDT community.



"Thrimana 2023" was a resounding success, a testament to the creativity and collaboration of NDT students. The event not only entertained the audience but left an indelible mark, showcasing the richness of expression and cultural exchange.

# ITUM News | Newsletter | Volume 06 - Issues I & II | January-December 2023 Welcome Reception for the New Head of Divison



The Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology extended a warm reception to the new Head Ms. A.D. Weerakoon on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of the Director of ITUM, alongside the former Director and Deputy Registrar of the Institution. The atmosphere was vibrant, filled with melodious student performances and adorned with the elegance of a traditional tea party, creating a memorable and auspicious



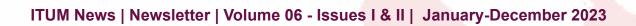
welcome for the newly appointed Head of the Division.



# The Executive Committee of the Staff Welfare Society for the Year 2023 / 2024



The Annual General Meeting of the Staff Welfare Society was held on 20 December 2023. Ms. Amali Weerakoon, the Head of the Division of Polymer and Chemical Engineering Technology, was elected as the President, while Mr. Ruwan Sandamal, Technical Officer in the Division of Electrical, Electronics, and Telecommunication Engineering Technology, was elected as the Honorary Secretary. The Staff Welfare Society, as the sole representative body for all ITUM members, entrusts this dynamic duo with the vital task of advancing welfare-related initiatives. Their mission extends beyond supporting institute-centered duties, aiming to foster personal growth for every member and aligning seamlessly with ITUM's overarching goals.



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