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And Statement of Accounts

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

VISION STATEMENT

“To attain excellence in life-changing education by providing equitable learning opportunities.”

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“To provide lifelong learning opportunities through Open, Distance and Flexible Education with a commitment to excellence in teaching and research.”

CORPORATE GOALS

1. Achieve excellence in quality of teaching and learning which support life-changing education.
2. Achieve excellence in research, along with global visibility and recognition.
3. Improve human capital and infrastructure facilities.
4. Widen access to education and enhance opportunities for Life-Changing Education
5. Ensure high quality educational support services.
6. Ensure social and environmental responsiveness.

Message of the Vice Chancellor

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The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is the premier Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institution in Sri Lanka where students can pursue their education from certificate programmes to the doctoral level. It is one of the seventeen national Universities coming under the purview of the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission. The OUSL enjoys the same legal, institutional, and academic status as any other national University in Sri Lanka. Due to the nature of teaching methodology adopted and the infrastructure it possesses, the OUSL serves a large student population spread throughout the country. Currently, there are more than 45,000 students studying at the OUSL and they are served by nine Regional Centers and nineteen Study Centers located around the country.

The mission of the University is to enhance access to high quality, affordable and relevant education through ODL methodologies and ensure life-long learning opportunities to face challenges posed in the 21st century. To achieve this mission, the university adopts many strategies, always keeping its students as central focus. The university offers more than seventy-nine different study programmes through twenty five academic departments operating under six faculties.

Keeping in par with the technological developments that are taking place in the higher education sector, the University has embarked on a concerted effort to provide students with increased learner support through modern day technology, including providing online learner support through Learner Management System (LMS). The OUSL has made significant inroads into higher education field by providing alternative pathways for education to working adults and those who did not get an opportunity to enter conventional Universities.

The Government of Sri Lanka is seriously considering the OUSL as an important partner to provide educational services for the growing demand for quality higher education in the country. In response to the government emphasis for expanding higher education opportunities, the OUSL offers in demand employment-oriented degree programmes. Despite the turbulent economic environment prevailed in the country, University witnessed quantum leaps in the transformation of the OUSL reporting a surplus during the year 2023. University strengthened its international footprint by making articulation arrangements with world renowned universities. Digitalization process is one of the key drivers to achieve greatest heights to reach the goal of internationalization.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P.M.C. Thilakerathne'.

Snr. Prof. P.M.C. Thilakerathne
Vice-Chancellor

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Part 1 – General

1.0 General

1.1 Overview



The Open University of Sri Lanka was established as an Open Distance Learning (ODL) University on 19th June 1980 under Section 23 (1) and Section 18 of the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 and the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) Ordinance No.3 of 1980 which was subsequently amended as the Open University of Sri Lanka Ordinances No.1 of 1983 and No. 12 of 1996. Among the ultimate objectives of this initiative was ‘to ensure life-long education and the right of every citizen to improve life-chances through access to higher education’.

The Open University is one of the seventeen national Universities enjoying the same legal, institutional, and academic status as any other national University in Sri Lanka. However, it differs from the other national Universities because of its dependence on Open Distance Learning (ODL) philosophy to expand opportunities for higher education regardless of age, previous qualifications, income, geographic and employment barriers.

Vision Statement:

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The year 2023 characterises as one of the challenging years due to limited funding and operational restrictions imposed by the government of Sri Lanka. Irrespective of all those obstacles, the OUSL reported significant progress in the year 2023. The Senior Management effectively navigated through all those impediments and challenges by steering the University towards stability. The challenge for us as individuals, society, and as the University community is to adjust ourselves to adhere to the government policy initiatives. In this context all employees committed to develop the university working with limited resources.

The OUSL adopts open admission policy and self-promotion strategies used to attract students to various degree programmes. Student recruitment process encountered

numerous problems due to competition posed by the non-state higher educational institutions. However, segmented promotional strategies adopted by the university resulted to attract target student numbers for the diploma and degree courses offered by the University.

University decided to revise the Strategic Management Plan (SMP) prepared for the 2021-25. This plan envisages where the OUSL want to be in 2028. The year 2023 was a significant year for the OUSL as it has completed forty-three years of service to the nation. Despite the turbulent economic situation of the country, in the year 2023 the OUSL implemented various projects. Construction of the Health Science building is continued despite of curtailing the capital grant by the Government Treasury for the year 2023.

Even though the OUSL has a comprehensive Open University Management Information System (OMIS) to support all academic and management functions and the ICT infrastructure that supports the teaching-learning functions, the OMIS required upgrading. Therefore, the University embarked on a process of enhancing the existing OMIS with the leadership of the internal staff of the IT Division. This project is named the OMIS enhancement project. At the same time, upgraded the Information Technology infrastructure and the University commissioned the hyper converged server system. Commissioning of Hyper Converged server system resulted in increasing the efficiency of IT services of the University. The university purchased a motor coach and converted it to the Mobile lab. This project is fully funded by the AHEAD project of the World Bank.

The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) organized the career fair and it was opened for undergraduates of other universities and non-state higher educational institutions. Parallel to the career fair, CGU introduced an online job portal to create employment and internship opportunities for undergraduates.

The annual research confrence of the University iOURS-2023 was successfully conducted as a fully-online international conference. Parrellel to the iOURS uniersity organised doctoral qualiquim and three minutes theses competition.

Renovation work of the Ratnapura Regioanal Center (RRC) handed over to the Sri Lanka Army. Sri Lanka Army provided free labour for the repair work and materal cost borne by the University.

An important area that needs to be emphasized in any educational institution is ensuring the quality of the study programmes. Centre of Quality Assurance together with the staff development Centre conducted several workshops to enhance the quality and relevance of degree programmes offered by the OUSL. During the year 2023 seven-degree programmes evaluated by the Quality Assurance Council of the University Grants Commission.

The Industry Liaison Centre (ILC) of the University undertook various initiatives and is in the process of entering into partnerships with the industry on collaborative projects, especially in the agriculture and food industry.

There is no doubt that the Open University of Sri Lanka, has made significant inroads into the higher education sector in Sri Lanka by providing alternative pathways for education to working adults and young aspirants who had chosen the opportunity that has been provided by the University. During the year 2023, the OUSL introduced Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology degree programme, Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain

Management and Master of Science in Energy for Circular Economy (MECE). MECE programme is fully sponsored by the European Union and the OUSL act as the main Coordinator. This programme is structured in the way that students registered with the OUSL for first year of studies and the second year is continued as per the specialization areas offered by universities of Peradeniya, Moratuwa and Ruhuna respectively.

Bachelor of Technology Honours degree programme offered by the Faculty of Engineering Technology (FET) is renamed as Bachelor of Science Hounours in Engineering. Proposals submitted to the UGC to establish the Department of Software Engineering and the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) during the year 2023.

It is noted that the Government of Sri Lanka is keen on expanding the higher education sector to cater for all those who are qualified to enter a higher educational institute and considers the OUSL as an important partner to provide for the growing demand for quality higher education in this country. The university believes that the country will be able to fulfil this cherished goal with the active contribution of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

1.2 The Governing Authority

Chancellor of the University: Prof. Dammika A Thantrigoda

Council of the University:

Ex-Officio members

Vice-Chancellor: Snr. Prof. P M C Thilakerathna

Deans of the Faculties

Education: Prof. S Kugamoorthy
Dr. (Mrs.) D V M De Silva (From 09.03.2023)

Engineering Technology: Dr. H G P A Rathnaweera

Health Sciences: Dr. B S S de Silva

Humanities & Social Sciences: Prof. D D A Piyaarathne

Natural Sciences: Snr. Prof. G W A R Fernando

Management Studies: Prof. N Abeysekera

Members nominated by the Senate: Snr. Prof. S R Weerakoon

Snr. Prof. C S de Silva

Member nominated by the Ministry of Higher Education:

Mr. K R Uduwawala

Member nominated by Ministry of State for Information:

Ms. D P U Welaratne

Member nominated by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors:

Snr. Prof. H D Karunaratne

Members appointed by the University Grants Commission

Prof. Ranjith Senarathne

Dr. Prasad Samarasinghe

Dr. Dr. J G L S Jayasekera

Dr. N C Kumarasinghe

Eng. Ranjith G Rubasinghe

Mr. Ruban Wickramaarachchi

Mr. Tissa Nandasena

Mr. Nuwan Vithanage

Mr. Thusantha Wijemanna

Mr. K T K Prasanna Arampath

Ms. Gayani De Alwis

Secretary to the Council

Registrar

Ms. W L Vindya Jayasena

Senate of the University:

Ex-Officio members

Vice-Chancellor:

Snr. Prof. PMC Thilakarathne

Deans of the Faculties

Education: Dr.(Ms)DVM DE Silva

Engineering Technology: Dr HGPA Ratnaweera

Health Sciences: Dr. B Sunil S. De Silva

Humanities & Social Sciences: Prof. DDA Piyaarathne

Management Studies: Prof. N Abeysekera

Natural Sciences: Snr. Prof. G W A R Fernando

Directors

Director/ Post Graduate Institute of English:	Dr. (Ms) Romola Rassool
Actg. Director / Centre for Educational Technology and Media:	Prof. CS de Silva
Actg. Director / Regional Educational Services:	Mr. Anushka Bandara

Head of the Departments

Head /Early Child. & Primary Education:	Prof. T Mukunthan
Head/Secondary & Tertiary Education:	Prof. WMS Wanasinghe
Head /Special Needs Education:	Dr. (Ms) SN Jayasinghe
Head /Educational Leadership & Management:	Mr. WMS Weerakoon
Head/Agricultural & Plantation Engineering:	Dr. (Ms.) AGB Aruggoda
Head/Textile & Apparel Technology:	Dr. DS Wijeratne
Head /Civil Engineering:	Prof. TM Pallewatta
Head of Electrical & Computer Engineering:	Ms. H Pasqual
Head/Mathematics and Philosophy Engineering:	Mr. G Nandasena
Head /Mechanical Engineering:	Dr. (Ms) IU Aththanayaka
Head /Language Studies:	Dr. (Ms.) K Chandramohaan
Head /Social Studies:	Dr. S Pathmanesan
Head/ Legal Studies:	Dr. WAAS Wijesinghe
Head /English Language Teaching:	Dr.SAAK Satharasinghe
Head /Mathematics:	Dr. (Ms.) HOW Pieris
Head /Computer Science:	Dr. M Punchimudiyanse
Head /Physics:	Dr. JVP Fernando
Head /Chemistry:	Ms. M Thayaparan
Head /Botany:	Dr. KAJM Kuruppuarachchi
Head /Zoology:	Dr. TSP Fernando
Head/Medical Laboratory Sciences:	Dr. (Ms.) DT Wijeratne
Head /Pharmacy:	Ms.RBJ Buddhika
Head /Nursing:	Dr. (Ms)KA Sriyani
Head/Psychology and Counselling:	Dr. BGR De Silva
Head /Basic Sciences:	Dr. OKDUP Nishshanka
Head/Marketing Mgmt.	Dr. (Ms.) SJMPU Seneviratne
Head/Organizational Studies	Dr. SSK Edirisinghe
Head/Accounting & Finance	Prof. HDDC Liyanagamage
Head/Human Resource Mgmt.	Mr. KP Nishantha

Senior Professors

Snr. Prof. in Chemistry:	Prof.KSD Perera
Snr. Prof. in Textile and Apparel Technology:	Prof. SA Ariadurai
Snr. Prof. in Physics:	Prof. JCN Rajendra
Snr. Prof. in Legal Studies:	Prof. CE Guneratne
Snr. Prof. in Zoology:	Prof. GRR Ranawaka
Snr. Prof. in Educational Technology:	Prof. SP Karunanayake
Snr. Prof. in Physics	Prof. VPS Perera
Snr. Prof. in Civil Engineering:	Prof. DAR Dolage

Professors

Prof. in Textile & Apparel Technology:	Prof. CN Herath
Prof. in Mechanical Engineering:	Prof. SAMANS Senanayake
Prof. in Management Studies	Prof. V Sivalogathan
Prof. in Environmental Engineering	Prof. BCL Athapattu
& Director /CESSD:	
Prof. in Physics:	Prof. GKR Senadeera
Prof. in Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry:	Prof. SR Hettiarachchi
Prof. in Botany:	Prof. HLD Weerahewa
Prof. in Electrical & Computer Engineering:	Prof. HUW Rathnayake
Prof. in Secondary & Tertiary Education:	Prof. FM Nawastheen
Prof. in Accounting and Finance:	Prof. LPS Gamini
Prof. in Molecular Biology in the Department of:	Prof. (Ms) K Vivehananthan
Basic Sciences	
Prof. in Language Studies in the Department of :	Prof. (Ms.) KRM De Silva
Language Studies	
Prof. in Chemistry in the Department of :	Prof. (Ms.) RMRP Ratnayake
Chemistry	

Librarian

Deputy Librarian :	Dr. IM Nawaratne
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Faculty Representatives

Rep/ Faculty of Education:	Mr. ML Sudarshana
Rep/Faculty of Engineering Technology:	Dr. SDR Perera
Rep/Faculty of Engineering Technology:	Mr. CJ Basnayakege
Rep/ Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences:	Dr. NK Abeysekera
Rep/ Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences:	Dr. TA Wickramasinghe
Rep/ Faculty of Natural Sciences:	Ms. KDVF Siriwardana
Rep/ Faculty of Natural Sciences:	Ms. WC Uduwela
Rep/ Faculty of Health Sciences:	Ms. PWGDP Samarasekara
Rep/ Faculty of Health Sciences:	Dr. MP Dissanayake
Rep./Faculty of Management Studies:	Ms. S Manoshika
Rep./Faculty of Management Studies:	Mr. SAD Senanayake

Secretary

Deputy Registrar /Academic Administration:	Mr. PK Seneviratne
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Officers of the University:

Vice-Chancellor:	Snr. Prof. PMC Thilakarathne
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Humanities & Social Sciences:	Prof. DDA Piyaarathne
Management Studies:	Prof. N Abeysekera
Natural Sciences:	Prof. GWA Rohan Fernando
Actg. Librarian:	Mr. IM Nawarathne
Bursar:	Dr. WMKGA Wickramasinghe
Actg. Director / Centre for Educational Technology and Media:	Prof. CS de Silva
Actg. Director / Regional Educational Services:	Mr. Anushka Bandara

Part 2 – Staff

2.0 Staff

2.1 Organizational Chart

The Organizational Structure of the Open University (*Figure 2*) is very similar to that of conventional Universities except for the additional positions such as Directors/ Regional Educational Services, Centre for Educational Technology & Media and Operations that are exclusive to ODL Universities. The post of the Chancellor is honorary while the Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer and the Accounting officer of the university. The Registrar is responsible for its general administration, custodian of the records and the property of the University. The Registrar shall be the Assistant Accounting officer of the university. The other Officers of the University are the the Deputy vice chancellor Deans of Faculties, the Director/Centre for Educational Technology & Media, Director/Regional Educational Services, the Librarian and the Bursar.

In additionally the university has established several units headed by Senior Academic Staff members as partime Directors of those units in order to expand and monitor the university activities. For instance,

- Regional Educational Services (RES)
- Career Guidance unit (CGU)
- Staff Development Centre (SDC)
- Press and Central Dispatch Unit
- National online Distance Education Service (NODES)
- International Relations Units (IRU)
- Industry Liasion Centre (ILC)
- Centre for Educational Technology and Media (CETMe)
- Consultancy & External Resources Centre -CERC
- Research Unit
- Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (CESSD)
- Centre For Gender Equity/Equality
- Center For IT Educational Services
- Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA)

Organizational Chart - The Open University of Sri Lanka

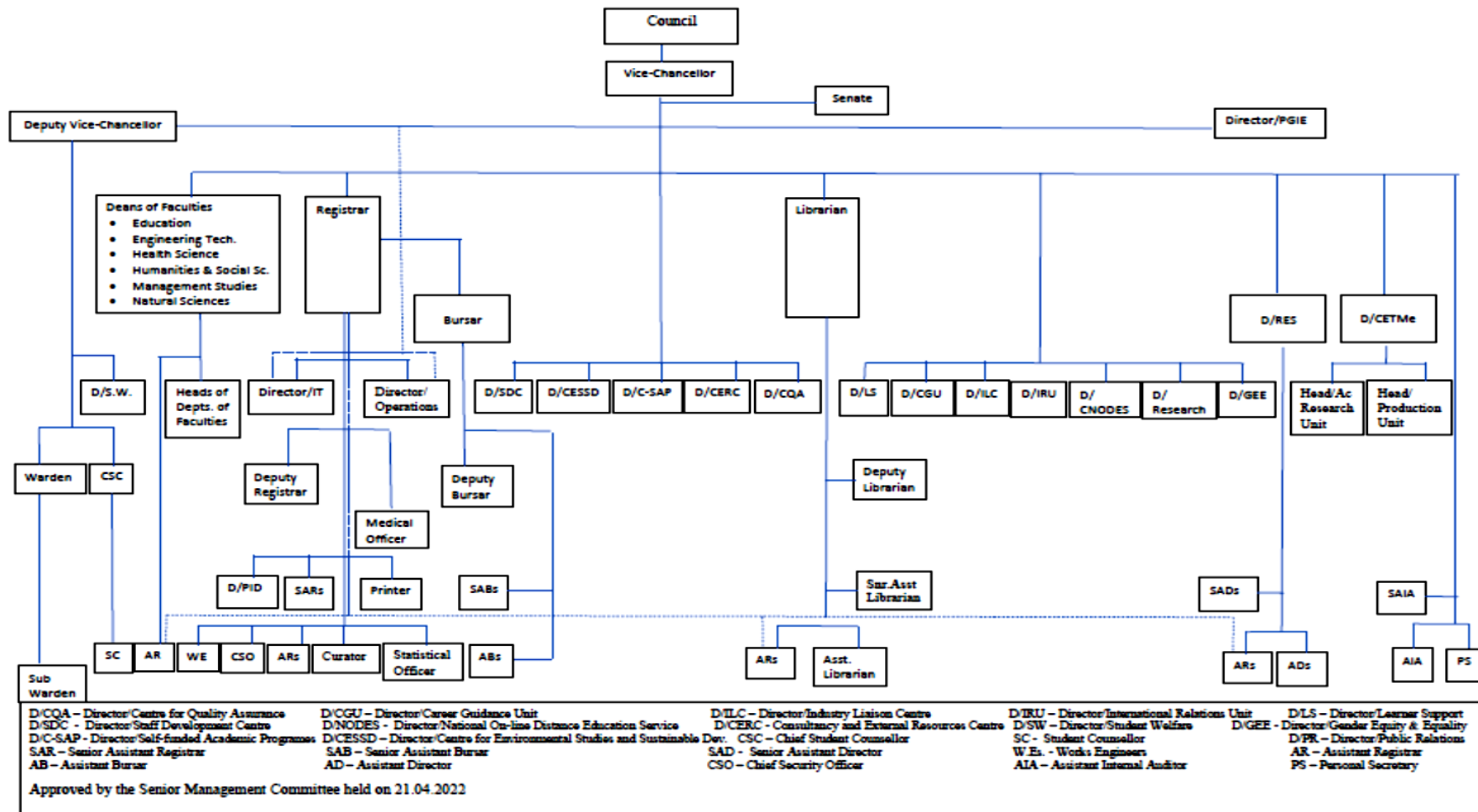


Figure 1 - Organizational Structure of the Open University of Sri Lanka

2.2 Staff Details

The staff strength by the year 2023 stood at **351** Academic staff (permanent) and **65**-non-Academic Administrative (permanent), 14 Academic Support and **606** non-academic non-administrative.

Service Category	Salary Code	Existing Staff		
		Permanent		
		Male	Female	Total
Primary Level				
Primary Grade — Unskilled	PL-1	109	17	126
Primary Grade — Semiskilled	PL-2	30	1	31
Primary Grade- Skilled	PL-3	47	0	47
Secondary Level				
Management Assistant — non— Technical	U-MN I	92	142	234
Management Assistant — Technical	U-MT I	50	13	63
Associate Officers — Segment 2	U-MN2	4	1	5
Associate Officers — Segment 1	U-MN3	8	2	10
Staff Assistant / Supra & Senior Staff Assistant	U-MN4	21	69	90
Tertiary Level				
Academic support — Segment 2	U -AS1	1	0	1
Junior Executive / Managers	U -EX1	25	17	42
Academic support — Segment 1	U -AS2	9	4	13
Senior Level				
Medical officer	U-MO 1			
Chief Medical officer	U-MO 2			
Middle.Level Executives	U-EX2	12	8	20
Middle Level Executives	U-EX 2(a)			
Senior Executives	U-EX3	2	1	3
Lecturer	U-AC 3	123	194	317
Associate Professors	U-AC 4			
Professors / Senior Professors	U-AC 5	19	15	34
Total		552	484	1036

Table 1: Permanent Staff

Part 3 – Student Performances

3.0 Student Performances

3.1 Enrolments

3.1.1 Local Students

The Total number of student enrolment in the year 2023 stands at **40679**.

Level of Enrolment	Faculty							
	Engineering Technology	Education	Humanities & Social Sciences	Management Studies	Natural Sciences	Health Sciences	OUSL	Total
Certificate	43	83	710	956	1351	-	-	3143
Diploma	2	51	153	-	159	-	-	365
Degree	5272	3447	8946	4553	4706	3400		30324
Postgraduate Diploma	-	4396	-	-	-	-	-	4396
Masters	214	542	73	223	17	39		1108
StART@OUSL*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1296	1296
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
M.Phil, PhD	18	6	3	4	15	1	-	47
Total	5549	8525	9885	5736	6248	3440	1296	40679

Table 2 - Student Enrolment in 2023 – Local

3.1.2 Overseas Students:

Faculty	Programme	Number
Humanities & Social Sciences	Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development	02
Management Studies	Commonwealth Exec. Master of Business / Public Admin	01

Table 3 - Student Enrolment in 2023 – Overseas

3.2 Completions

3.2.1 Convocation

The 2023 (i), 2023 (ii) convocation was held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) in Colombo on 13th December 2023, 14th December 2023 and 28th August 2024. A Total of 4016 students graduated obtaining undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. They represented only Six faculties of the university.

Faculty	Ph. D	M.Phil	Masters	Postgraduate Diploma	Degree	Total
Education	-	-	494	36	395	925
Engineering Technology	-	1	73	-	365	439
Health Science	-	-	-	-	591	591
Humanities & Social Sciences	1	-	25	2	1054	1082
Management Studies	-	-	39	31	387	457
Natural Science	1	-	47	1	473	522
Total	2	1	678	70	3265	4016

Table 4- Awards at Convocation by Faculty

3.2.2 Award Ceremonies

Award Ceremony of the Faculty of Engineering Technology has not been held up to now.

Type of Award Faculty	Higher Diploma	Diploma	Advance Certificate	Certificate	Total
Education		55	16	32	103
Engineering Technology					-
Humanities & Social Sciences		40		03	43
Health Science					-
Management Studies	323		123		446
Natural Science	17				17
Total	340	95	139	35	609

Table 5: Awards at Award Ceremonies by Faculty

3.3 Student Achievements

List of Gold Medal & Prizes – Convocation 2023(I)

1. **Placidus Wijeyesekera Memorial Prize for The Best Student in Land Law – 2022**
Mr. Saverimuthu Antanidas
2. **Athulathmudali Prize for Jurisprudence – 2022:**
Mrs. Edirimannage Anusha Dilhani
3. **Krishanthi Wijetunga De Silva Memorial Gold Medal for Law – 2022**
Miss Herath Pathirannahalage Chamodya Dewrangee Wijerathne
4. **Liyanaguruge Assie Annette De Silva Gold Medal for The Best Student in Agriculture in Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours – 2022:**
Hewa Koparage Binori Wathsala
5. **Virtusa Academic Excellence Gold Medal For The Best Student In Bachelor Of Software Engineering Honours - 2022 :**
Mr. Wedippuli Arachchige Himal Sandaruwan
6. **O.P. Kulshreshtha Gold Medal for The Best Student in Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering/Degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering - 2022**
Mr. Weliwaththage Don Kushan Kaveesha Weliwaththa
7. **SM Abeygunesekera De Silva Gold Medal for The Best Student in Mechatronics Engineering in Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering/ Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering - 2022**
Mr. Weliwaththage Don Kushan Kaveesha Weliwaththa
8. **Gold Medal For the Best Student in Civil Engineering in Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering/ Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering - 2022**
Mr. Manage Hasitha Sanjeewa Premasiri
9. **Thurai Rajah Gold Medal for The Best Project in Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering - 2022**
Mr. Vajira Vishvanath Liyanarachchi
10. **Gold Medal For the Best Project in Civil Engineering in Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering - 2022**
Miss. Batubedde Polwattegedara Shasika Agreswari Premachandra
11. **Engineering Research Unit Gold Medal for The Best Technical Paper Based on The Project in Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering - 2022**
Mr. Don Manuel Andradi Mudiyanseelage Shalindu Ruwanga Andradi
12. **D.B. Ellepola Gold Medal for Science – 2022**
Miss. Thajus Safa Fathima Shabnam
13. **JN Oleap Fernando Gold Medal for Excellence in Chemistry – 2022**
Miss. Ali Al Basry Fathima Sakeena
14. **EM Jayasinghe Memorial Gold Medal for Excellence in Physics-2022**
Miss. Harini Shanika Wijeratne
15. **H. Somadasa Gold Medal for Excellence in Pure Mathematics – 2022**
Mr. Buddhika Indeera Dhanapala Gurullagoda
16. **Award of G. David De Silva Memorial Prize in Master of Education - 2022**
Mrs. Aliyar Nusrath Fasloon
17. **Faculty Of Natural Sciences Prize for The Best Performance In Zoology**
Miss. Paragahadeniya Gurunahela Gedara Hisham Imtiaz Asna

Botany

Miss. Fathima Nafla Namees

Chemistry

Miss. Ali Al Basry Fathima Sakeena

Physics

Miss. Harini Shanika Wijeratne

Applied Mathematics

Miss. Mohammed Wajid Zeenathul Finusiya

Pure Mathematics

Mr. Buddhika Indeera Dhanapala Gurullagoda

Computer Science

Miss. Thajus Safa Fathima Shabnam

Faculty of Natural Science

Mr. Harichandra Khalingarajah, a BSc student of JRC graduated on 1st May 2023 got the following three prestigious International Awards at the 8th International Invention Innovation Competition in Toronto, Canada (iCAN 2023) August 26, 2023:

- GOLD MEDAL - Awarded by Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS)
- FIRI AWARD (International special award for best Invention)-GOLD
- MEDAL - Awarded by The First Institute of Inventors and Researchers in I.R. IRAN (FIRI)
- CANADIAN SPECIAL AWARD – TISIAS

LIST OF GOLD MEDAL & PRIZES – CONVOCATION 2023(ii)**GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES HONOURS – 2023**

Miss. Herath Mudiyansele Dinushi Dilhara Karalliyadda

SUDATTA RANASINHE GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH IN THE BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES HONOURS – 2023

Miss. Agalawaththage Dulashani Prasanthima Samarasinghe

NANDANI DE SILVA GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST STUDENT IN BACHELOR OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES HONOURS - 2023

Mrs. Abdul Naseer Fathima Rifna

ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST STUDENT IN BSC HONOURS IN NURSING – 2023

Miss. Waduge Kanchana Hansamali Perera

ROBERTA L CAREY PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING – 2023

Miss. Waduge Kanchana Hansamali Perera

CHANDRA DE SILVA MEMORIAL AWARD IN NURSING – 2023

Miss. Waduge Kanchana Hansamali Perera

TULEY DE SILVA GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST STUDENT IN BACHELOR OF PHARMACY HONOURS - 2023

Miss. Nanlath Gamage Harshani Dishna

GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST STUDENT IN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN PSYCHOLOGY - 2023

Mr. Chithranga Hasith Edirisooriya

SUDATTA RANASINGHE GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH IN COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - 2023

Mr. Kaludura Nadeeshan Thabrew

Part 4 – Reports of Faculties

4.0 Reports of Faculties

4.1 Faculty of Education

4.1.1 Overview



The Faculty of Education offers a wide range of programmes from Certificate to Postgraduate levels in line with its vision to be a leader in the advancement of knowledge and professional practice in education as a fundamental endeavor through Open and Distance Learning in Sri Lanka and the Region. It is one of the largest providers of initial and continuous professional development programmes for teachers in the fields of Preschool, Primary and Secondary and Special Needs Education through the distance mode in Sri Lanka

The student enrolment in the programmes offered by the faculty is over 8000 in each academic year and the pass rate is above 80%. Research is an integral component of the activities within the faculty and the staff members are actively involved in many research projects.

The Faculty of Education presently consists of the following four Departments of Study:

1. Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education
2. Department of Early Childhood and Primary Education
3. Department of Special Needs Education
4. Department of Educational Leadership and Management

Each Department is under a Head and all Departments are collectively responsible for the academic activities of the faculty.

4.1.2 Student Enrolment and Completion in individual Programmes

Programme Name	Level	Medium	New Enrolment	Completed
Department of Special Needs Education				
Bachelor of Education honours in Special Needs Education	Bachelor	S, E	161	70
Postgraduate Diploma in Special Needs Education (PGDSNE)	Postgraduate	S, T, E	42	30
Master of Education in Special Needs Education	Master	S, T, E	59	
Department of Early Childhood and Primary Education				
Advanced Certificate in Pre-school Education Programme	Certificate	S, E	42	16
Certificate in Pre-School Education	Certificate	S, E		32
Diploma in Early Childhood & Primary Education	Diploma	S, T, E		55
Bachelor of Education Honours in Primary Education	Bachelor	S,E	1905	270
Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education				
Short course on Research Methodology Sinhala	Certificate	S		
Short course on Research Methodology English	Certificate	E		
Short Course on Early Childhood Development	Certificate	S, T, E		
Short course on teaching children with learning disabilities- English	Certificate	E		
Short Course on Early Childhood Development	Certificate	E		
Bachelor of Education (Natural Sciences) Programme	Bachelor	S, T, E	08	15
Bachelor of Education Programme	Bachelor		74	
Bachelor of Education Honours in Drama and Theatre	Bachelor	S		40
Postgraduate Diploma in Education Programme	Postgraduate	S, T, E	3320	
Master of Education Programme (Course work)	Master	S, T, E	372	377
Master of Teacher Education	Master	S, T, E		25
Master of Arts in Teacher Education Programme (International)	Master	E	34	3
Master of Education	Master	S, T, E		89
MPhil/PhD	MPhil/PhD	E	01	

S- Sinhala T – Tamil E- English

Table 6: Student Enrolment and Completion in individual programmes – Education

4.1.3 Student Enrolment and Staff in individual Programmes

Programme	Total Students	Total Academic and Academic support Staff	Total Non-Academic Staff
Certificate in Pre-School Education	37	37	28
Advanced Certificate in Pre School Education	46		
Diploma in Early Childhood & Primary Education	51		
Bachelor of Education	143		
Bachelor of Education Honours in Primary Education	2878		
Bachelor of Education Honours in Drama and Theatre	84		
Bachelor of Education Honours In Special Needs Education (B.Ed(Sne))	319		
Bachelor's in education (Natural Sciences)	23		
Post Graduate Dip. In Special Needs Education	57		
Postgraduate Diploma in Education	4339		
Master of Education (Coursework)	387		
Master of Education in Special Needs Education	107		
Master of Teacher Education	48		
MPhil/PhD	06		

Table 7: Student Enrolment and staff in individual programmes – Education

4.4.4. New Courses / Programmes

Course / Programme	Medium	Level
Post graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management (PGDELM) UGC approved 2023	S,T,E	Level 8

Table 8: New Courses / Programmes

4.1.5 Courses Offered Online

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
Department of Special Need Education			
SNPA601	Psychological Foundations of Special Needs Education	10	S/T/E
SNPA602	Sociological and Philosophical Foundations of Special Needs Education	10	S/T/E
SNPA903	Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment in Special Needs Education	10	S/T/E
SNPA904	Managing Special Needs Education within the Existing Education System	10	S/T/E
SNPA605	Transitions for Students with Special Education Needs	10	S/T/E
SNPA606	Assistive and Adaptive Technologies in Special Needs Education	10	S/T/E
SNPA608	Quantitative Research in Special Education	10	S/T/E
SNPA609	Qualitative Research in Special Needs Education	10	S/T/E
SNPAI10	Research Dissertation	10	S/T/E
SNU5535	Psychology for Special Needs Education	5	S/T/E
SNU5336	Philosophical Foundation of SNE	5	S/T/E
SNU5237	Sociological Foundation of SNE	5	S/T/E
SNU5338	Introduction to Exceptionalities & Learning Needs	5	S/T/E
SNU5239	Emerging Trends in Special Needs Education	5	S/T/E
SNU5540	Comparative Education and Educational Problems	5	S/T/E
SNU5341	Educational Guidance and Counselling	5	S/T/E
SNU5242	Inclusive Education	5	S/T/E
SNU5343	Measurement & Evaluation in SNE	5	S/T/E
SNU5244	Curriculum, Theory & practice	5	S/T/E

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
SNE5546	Creating Best Educational Environment for Children in Inclusive Classroom	5	S/T/E
SNE5247	Dealing with Problems of Children in Inclusive Classroom	5	S/T/E
SNU6620	Educational Technology for SNE	6	S/T/E
SNU6221	Primary Education	6	S/T/E
SNU6822	Project	6	S/T/E
SNU6223	Child Rights	6	S/T/E
SNU6224	Educational Management	6	S/T/E
SNU6225	Rehabilitation & Community Based Rehabilitation	6	S/T/E
SNU6826	Teaching Practice	6	S/T/E
SNE6546	Curriculum Development & Adaptation for Children in Inclusive Classroom	6	S/T/E
SNP8340	Psychology for Special Needs Education	8	S/T/E
SNP8341	Philosophical Foundation of Special Needs Education	8	S/T/E
SNP8442	Educational Technology for Special Needs Education	8	S/T/E
SNP8443	Measurement and Evaluation in Special Needs Education	8	S/T/E
SNP8244	Introduction to Exceptionalities and Learning Needs	8	S/T/E
SNP8245	Classroom Management in Special Needs Education	8	S/T/E
SNP8246	Emerging Trends in Special Needs Education	8	S/T/E
SNP8247	Rehabilitation and Community Based Rehabilitation	8	S/T/E
SNP8348	Educational Guidance and Counselling for Children with Special Needs	8	S/T/E
SNP8849	Teaching Practice	8	S/T/E
SNP8350	Action Research Project	8	S/T/E
SNP8247	Rehabilitation and Community Based Rehabilitation	8	S/T/E
SNP8348	Educational Guidance and Counselling for Children with Special Needs	8	S/T/E
Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education			
	Master of Education	9	S/T/E
	Master of Teacher Education	9	S/T/E
	Short Course on Research Methodology		S/T/E
	Post Graduate Diploma in Education	8	S/T/E
	Bachelor of Education Honours in Drama and Theatre	3,4,5,6	S
	Bachelor of Education Honours in Drama and Theatre	3,4,5,6	S/T/E
Department of Early Childhood and Primary Education			
EPU3530	Child Development	3	S,T,E
EPU3331	Perspectives in Early childhood and Primary Education	3	S,T,E
EPU3532	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Language studies (S,T,E)	3	S,T,E
EPU3533	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Mathematics	3	S,T,E
EPU3234	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Aesthetic & Creative Art	3	S,T,E
EPU3236	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Health Nutrition & Safety Measures	3	S,T,E
EPU3337	Integrated Approach in Pre-Primary & Primary Teaching	3	S,T,E
EPU3338	Design and Planning of Early Childhood Institutions and Primary Schools	3	S,T,E
EPU4531	Perspectives in Teaching and Learning	4	E
EPU4232	Field Practicum in Early Childhood & Primary Education	4	E
EPU4533	Adjustment Problems in Early Childhood & Primary Years	4	E
EPU4534	Reflective Learning	4	E
EPU4335	Home- School - Community Relationship	4	E
EPU4337	Teaching Sinhala language early childhood & primary years	4	E
EPU4338	Teaching Tamil language early childhood & primary years	4	E
EPU5550	Educational Psychology for Primary Education	5	E
EPU5551	Foundations of Education for Primary Education	5	E

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
EPU5552	Educational Technology for Primary Education	5	E
EPU5353	Mathematics for Primary Teaching	5	E
EPU5354	Aesthetic for Primary Teaching	5	E
EPU5255	Science and Environment for Primary Teaching	5	E
EPU5256	Child Rights for Primary Education	5	E
EPU5557	First language -sinhala for primary school teachers	5	E
LEU5558	First language -Tamil for primary school teachers	5	E
EPU6230	Inclusive Education in Primary School Setting	6	E
EPU6231	Guidance & Counseling in Primary School Setting	6	E
EPU6332	Contemporary Issues in Primary Education	6	E
EPU6533	Assessment in Primary Education	6	E
EPU6234	Managing Primary Classes	6	E
EPU6835	Teaching practice at primary level	6	E
EPU6836	Project in primary Education	6	E
Department of Educational Leadership and Management			
	Short Course on School Management	-	S,T,E
	Short course in Capacity Development of the officers of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (SLEAS) 100-hours programme	-	S,T,E

S- Sinhala T – Tamil E- English

Table 9: Courses Offered Online– Education

4.2 Faculty of Engineering Technology

4.2.1 Overview



The Faculty of Engineering Technology is one of the six academic faculties of the OUSL. The administrative and academic head of the Faculty is the Dean, and presently Dr. HGPA Ratnaweera serves as the Dean, from 07th July 2021. Mr. K. Wijikumar serves as the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty.

The faculty consists of the following six Academic Departments:

Department of Study	Heads
1. Agricultural and Plantation Engineering	- Dr. AGB Arugoda
2. Civil Engineering	- Prof. T M Pallewatta
3. Electrical and Computer Engineering	- Mrs H Pasqual
4. Mathematics and Philosophy of Engineering	- Mr. G. Nandasena until 31/08/2023 - Dr K.D.N Kumari has been appointed from 01/09/2023
5. Mechanical Engineering	- Dr. I.U. Atthanayake
6. Textile and Apparel Technology.	- Dr. (Mrs.) D.S. Wijerathne

The Faculty Board of the Faculty of Engineering Technology regulates all academic activities in the faculty under the direction of the Senate of the OUSL.

Academic programmes

The Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering [BSchHons (Eng)] degree programme which was previously named as the Bachelor of Technology (BTech Hons) degree programme is offered in the specialisations of Agricultural and Plantation Engineering, Civil, Mechanical, Mechatronics, Electrical, Computer, Electronics and Communication, and Textile and Clothing Engineering. The Bachelor of Industrial Studies (BIS Hons) study programme is offered in Agriculture, Apparel production and management, Fashion design and product development and Textile manufacture. The Bachelor of Software Engineering (BSE Hons.) Programme which is delivered by the Centre for Information Technology Education Services (CITES).

Learners enrolled in the BSchHons (Eng), and BIS Hons programmes can exit with a Higher Diploma level, having fulfilled the requirements for the award. The faculty offers an Advanced Certificate Programme in Apparel Technology. Learners are allowed to take a maximum of 18 course credits per academic year as Stand Alone, without having to enrol in a Programme of study.

The programmes offered by the faculty are recognised by the University Grants Commission and are designed to meet the requirements stipulated in the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework

(SLQF). Our graduates are successful in the public and the private sectors, in Sri Lanka and abroad. Some have pursued post-graduate studies in local universities and abroad. At present, our BTech Hons programme is being re-evaluated by the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL), for its recognition. The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka provides a career path to become a Chartered Engineer, and to apply for the Associate Membership, one requires a minimum 2Cs and a S pass at the GCE Advanced Level Examination, in the Physical Science Stream, obtained during one and the same sitting.

The faculty offers following master's degree programmes.

Civil Engineering	MSc in Structural Engineering
	MSc in Industrial Engineering
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Master of Data Science
	MSc in Data Science
Mechanical Engineering	MSc in Energy for Circular Economy
	Master of Energy Management

The Open University also enrolls learners to Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

The faculty offers its programmes of study in the Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode and the academic coordination is done by competent permanent academics and visiting academics drawn from the academia and the industry. All departments take a keen interest in revising the course material when implementing the revised curriculums.

The faculty uses the Learning Management System (LMS) MOODLE to facilitate online access to all courses. Practicing self-learning, learning in study groups (i.e., Collaborative Learning) and timely completion of learning activities are important to ensure success. The main mode of course delivery is through Self Instructional Course Material. The teachers provide learner feedback and necessary guidance to move forward. Learners are required to attend the Day Schools that are a few face-to-face interactive sessions held during the academic year, conducted via a video conferencing system. Open University is moving towards a proctored online examination system and the faculty may follow the same as per UGC guidelines.

4.2.2 Student Enrolment and Completion in individual Programmes

Programme Name	Level	Medium	New Enrolment	Completed
Short course on effective use of AutoCAD for Engineering drawings	Certificate	E	128	87
Certificate in Professional web design	Certificate	E	9	
Short Course in Graphic design	Certificate	E	122	107
Short course in Revit Architecture	Certificate	E	24	38
Short course in Information and Communication Technology	Certificate	E	60	51
Advanced Certificate in Apparel Technology	Certificate			
Stand Alone Course in Engineering	Certificate	E, S, T		
Advanced Certificate in Apparel Technology	Certificate		38	
Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering	Bachelor	E	511	15

Bachelor of Industrial Studies (Honours)	Bachelor	E	533	101
Bachelor of Software Engineering	Bachelor	E	725	20
Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering	Bachelor	E		229
Master of Energy Management	Master	E	54	67
Master of Structural Engineering	Master	E	20	06
MSc in Energy for Circular Economy	Master	E	121	
MPhil/PhD	MPhil/PhD	E		01

S- Sinhala T - Tamil E- English

Table 10: Student Enrolment and Completion in individual programmes – Engineering Technology

4.2.3 Student Enrolment and Staff in individual Programmes

Programme	Total Students	Total Academic and Academic support Staff	Total non-Academic Staff
Advanced Certificate in Apparel Technology	38	93	73
Stand Alone Course in Engineering	05		
Diploma in Information Systems and Technology	02		
Bachelor of Indust. Studies	1238		
Bachelor of Software Engineering	1777		
Bachelor of Technology (Engineering)	2257		
Master of Structural Engineering	39		
Master of Energy Management	54		
MSc in Energy for Circular Economy	121		
MPhil/PhD	18		

Table 11: Student Enrolment and staff in individual programmes – Engineering Technology

4.2.4 New Courses / Programmes

Course / Programme	Medium	Level
Bridge Engineering	English	07
Ground Improvement Techniques	English	07
Master of Science in Energy for Circular Economy	English	10

Table 12: – New Courses / Programmes -Engineering Technology

4.2.5 Courses Offered Online

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
Department of Textile and Apparel Technology			
TAX6367	Advanced Colouration	6	E
TAY7880	Engineering Research Project (Textile and Clothing Eng)	7	E
TAM6457	Fashion Marketing	6	E
TAZ2587	Mathematics and Science for Textile Technology	2	S & E
TAX3458	Fibre Science and Technology	3	E
TAY2690	Advanced Certificate Project	2	S & E
TAY6883	Research Project (Textile Manufacture)	6	E
TAY6882	Research Project (Apparel Production)	6	E
TAX4462	Pattern Development	4	E
TAX4361	Knitting Technology	4	E
TAX3370	Textile Preparation	3	E
TAY4181	Group Project (Textile & Clothing Engineering)	4	E
TAX4571	Textile Colouration & Finishing	4	E

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
TAI6580	Fashion Show Production	6	E
TAI4371	Concept of Fashion	4	E
TAI4472	Concept of Fashion design	4	E
TAI3332	Garment Accessories	3	E
TAI5277	Computer Aided Fashion Illustration	5	E
TAI5375	Design Through Draping	5	E
TAI5579	Theoretical Aspects of Visual Presentation and Exhibition Design	5	E
TAI5376	Computer Aided Pattern Drafting	5	E
TAI5478	Fashion Design Development	5	E
TAI2289	Introducing Fashion	2	S & E
TAX7369	Engineering Aspects of Weaving	7	E
TAX7368	Speciality Fabrics	7	E
TAX6366	Yarn Manufacture II	6	E
TAI4373	Fashion Illustration II	4	E
TAY5384	Inspiration of Fashion Design	5	E
TAI3270	Fashion Illustration I	3	E
TAY6885	Creating and exhibiting fashion products	6	E
TAX7464	Yarn & Fabric Mechanics	7	E
TAX5547	Plant Utilities	5	E
TAX3459	Yarn Manufacture I	3	E
TAX4540	Garment Manufacture	4	E
TAX6454	Technical Textiles	6	E
TAX6556	Ergonomics	6	E
TAX5648	Fabric structure and analysis	5	E
TAX5349	Nonwoven Textiles	5	E
TAX6455	Fabric Technology	6	E
TAX6263	Textile Product Engineering	6	E
TAI2886	Apparel Technology	2	E & S
TAI3533	Pattern Construction	3	E
TAI4442	Advanced Pattern Construction	4	E
TAJ5353	History and Traditions of Clothing	5	E
TAI5552	Principles of Fashion design	5	E
TAX4441	Knitted Garment Technology	4	E
TAX4539	Quality Assurance for Textile & Clothing	4	E
TAI2488	Laboratory practice and industrial exposure	2	E & S
TAM3535	Management Studies	3	E
TAM5861	Textile Management & Merchandising	5	E
TAK3237	Introduction to Computer Applications	3	E
TAX4560	Woven Fabric Technology	4	E
TAX3331	Garment Analysis and Sewing Machinery	3	E
TAI4344	Industrial Garment Washing and Finishing	4	E
TAX4438	Production Planning and Organization	4	E
TAX2585	Introducing Textiles	2	E & S
TAX3530	Fibre to Fabric	3	E
TAX6265	Advanced Weaving Preparation and Machinery	6	E
TAI4243	Foundation garments	4	E
TAM3234	Basics of Human Resource Management	3	E
TAM4445	Apparel Merchandising	4	E
TAI5246	Current Topics in Textile and Clothing	5	E
TAX5551	Textile Colouration	5	E
TAI4474	Process of fashion design	4	E
TAX6180	Research Methodology Project Identification (Textile & Clothing Engineering)	6	E
TAI6869	Visual Presentation and Exhibition Design	6	E

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
TAX2585	Introducing Textiles	2	E & S
TAY7381	Comprehensive Design Project (Group Project - Textile & Clothing Engineering)	7	E
Department of Mechanical Engineering			
	Master of Energy Management (MEM)		
DMX9201	Energy and Environment	Level 9	English
DMX9402	Thermal Energy Utilities	Level 9	English
DMX9403	Electrical Energy Utilities	Level 9	English
DMX9404	HVAC and Building Lighting	Level 9	English
DMX9405	Renewable Energy Technology	Level 9	English
DMX9106	Energy Policy and Planning	Level 9	English
DMX9307	Energy Management and Auditing	Level 9	English
DMX9208	Combined Energy Systems for Efficient Energy Use	Level 9	English
DMY9509	Research Project	Level 9	English
DMM9210	Planning and Implementation of Energy Projects	Level 9	English
DMM9311	Financial Management	Level 9	English
DMM9112	Human Resources for Energy Sector	Level 9	English
	MECE - 1st Semester		
DMX9301	Circular Economy towards Energy	Level 9	English
DMX9102/MRT9 102	Introduction to Renewable Energy Systems	Level 9	English
DMX9303/PDN9 303	Applied Thermal Engineering	Level 9	English
DMX9104/PDN9 104	Energy Conversion Technologies	Level 9	English
DMX9205/MRT9 205	Professional Ethics and Responsibility	Level 9	English
DMX9106	Information Search and report writing	Level 9	English
DMX9707*	Entrepreneurial and Innovative Challenges in the field of Energy (Phase I)	Level 9	English
DMX9108/PDN9 108	Life Cycle Analysis	Level 9	English
DMX9209	Sustainable Transport Systems	Level 9	English
DMX9110/RHU9 110	Hydrogen Technologies and Fuel Cells	Level 9	English
DMX9111/PDN9 111	Thermochemical Principles	Level 9	English
	MECE 2nd Semester		
DMX9312/MRT9 312	Renewable Energy Systems	Level 9	English
DMX9213	Research Methods and Scientific Writing	Level 9	English
DMX9114/PDN9 114	Computational Tools in Energy Systems	Level 9	English
DMX9215/RHU9 215	Energy Project Planning and Management	Level 9	English
DMX9707*	Entrepreneurial and Innovative Challenges in the field of Energy (Phase II)	Level 9	English
DMX9216/RHU9 216	Operation and Maintenance of Energy Systems	Level 9	English
DMX9117	Nuclear Energy	Level 9	English
DMX9118/RHU9 118	Geothermal Energy	Level 9	English

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
DMX9119/ RHU9118	Ocean Energy	Level 9	English
DMX9120/ PDN9120	Modern Leadership	Level 9	English
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering			
EEX3262	Object Oriented Programming	3	English
EEX3266	Information Systems and Data Management	3	English
EEX3269	Introduction to Mobile Application Development	3	English
EEX3331	Electrical Measurements and Instrumentation	3	English
EEX3372	Programming in Python	3	English
EEI3262	Introduction to Object Oriented Programming	3	English
EEI3266	Information Systems and Data Management	3	English
EEI3269	Mobile Application Development for Android	3	English
EEX3373	Communication and Computer Technology	3	English
EEX3467	Software Engineering Concepts and Programming	3	English
EEI3346	Web Application Development	3	English
EEM 3366	Introduction to Business Studies	3	English
EEX3336	Communications and Computer Technology	3	English
EEX3351	Electronics I	3	English
EEX3410	Introduction to Electrical Engineering	3	English
EEX4330	Communications	4	English
EEX4331	Circuit Theory and Design	4	English
EEX4332	Electrical Power	4	English
EEX4347	Software Engineering Concepts	4	English
EEX4351	Electronics II	4	English
EEX4434	Electrical Installations	4	English
EEX4435	Data Structures and Algorithms	4	English
EEX4436	Microprocessors and Interfacing	4	English
EEX4448	Electrical Machines	4	English
EEX4542	Power Systems I	4	English
EEY4181/EEY4182/EEY4183	Group Project	4	English
EEI4362	Object Oriented Design and Programming	4	English
EEI4366	Data Modelling and Database Systems	4	English
EEX4465	Data Structures and Algorithms	4	English
EEX4373	Data Science	4	English
EEI4267	Requirement Engineering	4	English
EEI4346	Web Technology	4	English
EEI4361	User Experience Engineering	4	English
EEI4369	Mobile Application Development for Android	4	English
EEY4189	Software Design in Group	4	English
EEY4189	Group Project (Software Engineering)	4	English
EEX5150	Electronic Circuit Design	5	English
EEX5467-	Software Testing and Quality Assurance	5	English
EEX5333	Communication Theory & Systems	5	English
EEX5335	Operating Systems	5	English
EEX5338	High Voltage Engineering	5	English
EEX5346	Embedded Systems	5	English
EEX5348	Electrical Machines and Drives	5	English

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
EEX5351	Digital Electronic Systems	5	English
EEX5352	Power Systems II	5	English
EEX5360	Signals and Systems	5	English
EEX5536	Computer Architecture	5	English
EEX5280	Creative Design	5	English
EEX5434	Data Communications & Networking	5	English
EEX5453	Power Electronics	5	English
EEW5811	Industrial Training (Software)	5	English
EEI5270	Information Security	5	English
EEI5280	Creative Design	5	English
EEX5376	Embedded Systems	5	English
EEX5362	Performance Modelling	5	English
EEI5466	Advanced Database Systems	5	English
EEI5467	Software Testing and Quality Assurance	5	English
EEX5563	Computer Architecture and Operating Systems	5	English
EEX6236	Advanced Computer Architecture	6	English
EEX6181/EEX6182	Research Methodology and Project Identification (Computer/Electrical)	6	English
EEX6253	Compiler Design	6	English
EEX6183	Research Methodology & Project Identification (Electronic & Communication)	6	English
EEX6339	Wireless Communication	6	English
EEX6354	Comprehensive Electrical Engineering Design	6	English
EEX6441	Electromagnetism and Wave Propagation	6	English
EEX6450	Analog Electronic Systems & Instrumentation	6	English
EEX6363	Compiler Construction	6	English
EEX6335	Compiler Construction	6	English
EEX6340	AI Techniques & Agent Technology	6	English
EEX6278	Neural Networks & Fuzzy Logic Applications	6	English
EEI6360	Software Project Management	6	English
EEI6567	Software Architecture and Design	6	English
EEM6202	Professional Practice	6	English
EEI6171	Emerging Technologies	6	English
EEX6189	Research Methodology and Project Identification (Computer Engineering)	6	English
EEY	6689 Final Project - Software Engineering	6	English
EEX6363	Compiler Construction	6	English
EEX7231	Advanced Circuit Design and Analysis	7	English
EEX7241	Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic	7	English
EEY7881	Engineering Research Project (Computer Engineering)	7	English
EEY7882	Engineering Research Project (Electrical Engineering)	7	English
EEY7883	Engineering Research Project (Electronic & Communication)	7	English
EEX7333	Microwave Devices and Antennas	7	English
EEX7340	Artificial Intelligence Techniques & Agent Technology	7	English
EEX7432	Power System Planning Operation and Control	7	English
EEX7434	Digital Signal Processing	7	English
EEX7436	Processor Design	7	English
EEX7171	Emerging Technologies	7	English
EEX7337	System Design in Groups	7	English

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
EEX7355	Comprehensive Electronic Design	7	English
EEW4301/4403/ 4502/5403/5501 /6502	Industrial Training (Electrical, Electronics & Communications & Computer Engineering)	4, 5, 6	English
EEX3372	Programming in Python	3	E
EEI3262	Introduction to Object Oriented Programming	3	E
EEI3266	Information Systems and Data Management	3	E
EEI3269	Mobile Application Development for Android	3	E
EEX3373	Communication and Computer Technology	3	E
EEX3467	Software Engineering Concepts and Programming	3	E
EEI	3346 Web Application Development	3	E
EEM	3366 Introduction to Business Studies	3	E
EEI4362	Object Oriented Design and Programming	4	E
EEI4366	Data Modelling and Database Systems	4	E
EEX4465	Data Structures and Algorithms	4	E
EEX4373	Data Science	4	E
EEI4267	Requirement Engineering	4	E
EEI4346	Web Technology	4	E
EEI4361	User Experience Engineering	4	E
EEI4369	Mobile Application Development for Android	4	E
EEY4189	Software Design in Group	4	E
EEY4189	Group Project (Software Engineering)	4	E
EEW5811	Industrial Training (Software)	5	E
EEI5270	Information Security	5	E
EEI5280	Creative Design	5	E
EEX5376	Embedded Systems	5	E
EEX5362	Performance Modelling	5	E
EEI5466	Advanced Database Systems	5	E
EEI5467	Software Testing and Quality Assurance	5	E
EEX5563	Computer Architecture and Operating Systems	5	E
EEX6363	Compiler Construction	6	E
EEX6335	Compiler Construction	6	E
EEX6340	AI Techniques & Agent Technology	6	E
EEX6278	Neural Networks & Fuzzy Logic Applications	6	E
EEI6360	Software Project Management	6	E
EEI6567	Software Architecture and Design	6	E
EEM6202	Professional Practice	6	E
EEI6171	Emerging Technologies	6	E
EEX6189	Research Methodology and Project Identification (Computer Engineering)	6	E
EEY	6689 Final Project - Software Engineering	6	E
EEX6363	Compiler Construction	6	E

4.3 Faculty of Health Sciences

4.3.1 Overview



The nation consistently prioritizes health and healthcare, recognizing the enduring significance of health and allied health professionals on the global stage. The demand for highly skilled personnel in this sector is expected to persist, given that optimal healthcare requires the involvement of trained professionals from various disciplines. Established in 2015, the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the Open University of Sri Lanka stands as a major contributor to healthcare education in the country. Committed to excellence, the FHS offers Honours Degree programs in Nursing, Medical Laboratory Sciences,

Pharmacy, and Psychology. These programs aim to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills needed for advanced practice, leadership, academic, and research roles.

The mission of the Faculty of Health Sciences

To promote lifelong learning by facilitating learner-centered open and distance education opportunities in Health and Allied Health Sciences, with quality teaching and innovative research leading to excellence in collaborative professional practice.

Principal Officers of the Faculty in 2023:

The Dean oversees the administrative and academic leadership of the Faculty, Dr. B. Sunil S. De Silva, who assumed the role on 07th July 2021. Other key officials include Prof. (Ms.) K. Vivehanathan, who served as the Head until 31st January 2023. Dr. O.K.D.U.P. Nishshanka currently holds the position from 01st February 2023, as the Head/Basic Sciences. Ms. R.B.J. Buddhika served as the Head until 31st July 2023 and was subsequently re-appointed as the Head/Pharmacy from 01st August 2023. Dr. (Ms.) B.M.C.R. Wimalasiri Yapa served as the Head until 03rd November 2023. Dr. (Ms.) D.T. Wijeratne assumed the role of Head/Medical Laboratory Sciences from 04th November 2023. Dr. (Ms.) K.A. Sriyani served as the Head of Nursing until 31st December 2023, and Dr. (Ms.) H.M.C.J. Herath served until 30th June 2023. Dr. (Ms.) B.G.R. De Silva is the current Head of Psychology & Counselling, starting from 01st July 2023. Assisting in administrative matters is the Assistant Registrar, Ms. S.A.D.D.N. Samarasinghe.

Staff:

Approximately 97 Academic, Non-Academic & Academic Support Staff (Permanent, Temporary & On Contract) served the faculty in 2023. Twelve (12) permanent academic staff members are currently reading for postgraduate qualifications (09 PhD, 3 MPhil) in local and foreign institutions. Members had published 19 research articles in peer-reviewed journals of which 13 were in indexed journals; 58 abstracts/extended abstracts/posters were published in conference proceedings.



Academic programmes:

Undergraduate Degree Programme

BSc Honours Nursing, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Honours and Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours degrees were offered for those employed as Nurses, MLTs or Pharmacists. BSc Hons Degree in Psychology provided opportunities for fresh A/Level qualified school leavers as well as working professionals.

Following the approval from the University, comprehensive proposals for the implementation of BSc Hons programs in Radiotherapy and Radiography were formally submitted to the University Grants Commission (UGC). Additionally, the initial stages of development for two new degree programs, namely the BSc Hons in Public Health and the BSc Hons in Optometry, are currently underway.

Postgraduate Degree Programmes

The Master of Sciences in Nursing Degree Programme, offered by the Department of Nursing, is designed for graduate nurses specializing in both clinical and public health fields, as well as nursing academics employed in universities and diverse academic institutions. To enhance its global presence, the MSc in Nursing program has gained international recognition through its collaboration with the government of China. This collaboration involves opportunities for Chinese students to enroll in the program, starting in the upcoming academic year of 2024.

Short Courses

A Short Course in Medical Laboratory Techniques offered by the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences for Medical Assistants for the Sri Lanka Navy, a Short Course in Basic Skills in Caregiving who intend to seek Caregiver Jobs (Local/ Foreign) and a Short Course in German Recognition for Sri Lankan Nurses offered by the for Nurses who intend to seek Nursing Career opportunities in German Health Care settings offered by the Department of Nursing.

Other activities: The Counselling Unit has persistently supported University staff and students by offering confidential and professional assistance to the University staff as well as the students. Simultaneously, it has aimed to recognize the significance of promoting mental health and well-being among the student and staff communities through weekly workshops conducted on the Zoom platform. The administration of the OUSL Counselling Unit is overseen by the Department of Psychology & Counselling.

Faculty Alumni Association

As outlined in the Council approved constitution of the Alumni Association for the Faculty of Health Sciences, the primary goals of establishing this association include aiding and offering support to both graduates and undergraduates of the faculty. Additionally, the association aims to advance the overall interests and well-being of both the faculty and the university.

The inauguration ceremony held on 27th October 2023, marked a significant milestone in its establishment.



The Ceremonial Opening of the New Building

The new 5-storey building for the FHS, for which the foundation stone was laid in 2019, the first two floors were completed. The opening ceremony of those two floors was held on 21st September 2023. Concurrently, a strategic office space utilization plan has been developed as a guiding framework to repurpose the existing office space. The objective is to optimize functionality and potentially generate additional value for the Faculty of Health Sciences.



Award Ceremony

The Second Award Ceremony was successfully conducted on 27th September 2023. (**Dean's List Awardees- 59, Course Prizes Winners 114**)

4.3.2 Student Enrolment and Completion in individual Programmes

Programme Name	Level	Medium	New Enrolment	Completed
Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing	Bachelor	English	508	493
Bachelor Medical Laboratory Sciences Honours	Bachelor	English	28	68
Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours	Bachelor	English	86	25
Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology	Bachelor	English	122	05
Master of Science in Nursing Degree	Master	English		
MPhil/PhD	MPhil/PhD	English		

Table 13: Student Enrolment and Completion in individual programmes – Health Sciences

4.3.3 Student Enrolment and Staff in individual Programmes

Programme	Total Students	Total Academic and Academic support Staff	Total Non - Academic Staff
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences Honours	302	31	18
Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours	295		
Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing	2518		
Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology	285		
Master of Science in Nursing	39		
MPhil/PhD	01		

Table 14: Student Enrolment and staff in individual programmes – Health Sciences

4.3.4 New Courses / Programmes

Course / Programme	Medium	Level
Basic Skills in Caregiving (Short Course)		

Table 15: New Courses /Programmes- Health Sciences

4.3.5 Courses Offered Online

Course Code & Title	Level	Medium
Department of Nursing		
NGU5300 Theoretical Orientation in Nursing	5	English
NGU5303 Research Methods in Nursing	5	English
NGU5405 Paediatric Nursing	5	English
NGU5406 Psychiatry & Mental Health Nursing	5	English
NGU5401 Teaching & Learning in Nursing	5	English
NGU5302 Professional Development in Nursing	5	English
NGU5404 Maternal, Neonatal & Gynaecological Nursing	5	English
NGU5207 Critical Care Nursing	5	English
NGU5208 Healthcare Informatics	5	English
NGU5910 Primary Health Care I	5	English
NGU6304 Gerontological Nursing	6	English
NGU6305 Palliative Care Nursing	6	English
NGU6311 Research in Nursing	6	English
NGU6400 Trends & Issues in Nursing	6	English
NGU6601 Management and Leadership in Nursing	6	English
NGU6602 Public Health Nursing	6	English
NGU6910 Primary Health Care II	6	English
NGU6307 Forensic Nursing	6	English

Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences		
MDU4501 Haematology II	4	English
MDU4302 Diagnostic Bacteriology	4	English
MDU4303 Clinical Biochemistry II	4	English
MDU4405 Work Based Training II	4	English
MDU4406 Histopathology	4	English
MDU4307 Virology & Mycology	4	English
MDU4208 Ethics & Professional Development	4	English
MDU4209 General Pathology	4	English
MDU5401 Advanced Haematology	5	English
MDU5202 Vector Borne Diseases	5	English
MDU5303 Immunology & Serology	5	English
MDU5304 Laboratory Management	5	English
MDU5305 Work based Training III	5	English
MDU5206 Cytology	5	English
MDU5407 Laboratory Automation & Instrumentation	5	English
MDU5308 Research Methodology	5	English
MDU5209 Advanced Techniques in Medical Laboratory Sciences	5	English
MDU5210 Special Topics in MLS	5	English
MDU5211 Healthcare Informatics	5	English
MDU5212 Literature Review	5	English
MDU6800 Research Project	6	English
MDU6301 Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics	6	English
MDU6302 Public Health Microbiology	6	English
MDU6503 Clinical Biochemistry III	6	English
MDU6404 Medical Laboratory Quality Management & Accreditation	6	English
MDU6705 Work Based Training IV	6	English
MDE3208 Refresher Course for Medical Laboratory Technologists	3	English
Department of Pharmacy		
FME3200 Refresher Course for Pharmacy	3	English
FME4408 Internship I	4	English
FME5410 Internship II	5	English
FME6409 Internship III	6	English
FMU3203 Pharmaceutics I	3	English
FMU3204 Pharmaceutical Microbiology I	3	English
FMU3205 Health Communication	3	English
FMU3206 Essential Mathematics for Pharmacy	3	English
FMU3300 Biochemistry	3	English
FMU3302 Physical Pharmacy	3	English
FMU3401 Pharmacognosy I	3	English
FMU4205 Community Pharmacy	4	English
FMU4300 Pathophysiology	4	English
FMU4302 Pharmacognosy II	4	English
FMU4303 Pharmacology I	4	English
FMU4304 Hospital Pharmacy	4	English
FMU4306 Pharmaceutical Microbiology II	4	English
FMU4307 Pharmaceutical Analysis I	4	English
FMU4501 Pharmaceutics II	4	English
FMU5202 Laws and Ethics for Pharmacy	5	English
FMU5205 Pharmaceutical Analysis II	5	English
FMU5208 Literature Review	5	English
FMU5209 Advanced Seminars	5	English
FMU5210 Research Methodology	5	English
FMU5400 Pharmacology II	5	English
FMU5403 Pharmaceutical Technology I	5	English
FMU5406 Pharmaceutical Marketing, Management and Pharmacoeconomics	5	English
FMU5501 Pharmacology III	5	English

FMU5504 Pharmaceutical Technology II	5	English
FMU6207 Drug Development	6	English
FMU6208 Special Topics in Pharmacy	6	English
FMU6300 Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering	6	English
FMU6301 Biopharmaceutics	6	English
FMU6302 Therapeutics	6	English
FMU6303 Clinical Pharmacy I	6	English
FMU6304 Clinical Pharmacy II	6	English
FMU6505 Medicinal Chemistry	6	English
FMU6806 Research Project	6	English
Department of Psychology and Counselling		
PLU3301 Introduction to Psychology	3	English
PLU3302 Personality & Individual Differences	3	English
PLU3303 Motivation & Emotion	3	English
PLU3204 Ethics in Psychology	3	English
PLU3205 Academic Writing in Psychology	3	English
PLU3206 Communication & Study Skills in Psychology	3	English
PLU3307 Lifespan Development	3	English
PLU3308 Social Psychology	3	English
PLU3309 Introduction to Counselling Psychology	3	English
PLU3310 Biological Psychology	3	English
PLU3311 Cognitive Psychology	3	English
PLU4301 Child Psychology	4	English
PLU4302 Abnormal Psychology	4	English
PLU4303 -Statistics in Psychology	4	English
PLU4304 Brain & Behaviour	4	English
PLU4305 Language & Cognition	4	English
PLU4306 Schools of Thoughts in Psychology	4	English
PLU4307 Health Psychology	4	English
PLU4308 Industrial Organisational Psychology	4	English
PLU4309 Research Methods in Psychology	4	English
PLU4310 Educational Psychology	4	English
PLU5301 Adolescence in Psychology	5	English
PLU5302 Mental Health and Psychosocial Well being	5	English
PLU5303 Learning Theory & Behaviour Modification	5	English
PLU5304 Research Project Management	5	English
PLU5305 Advance Research Methods & Statistics in Psychology	5	English
PLU5306 Clinical Psychology	5	English
PLU5307 Psychology of Aging & Death	5	English
PLU5308 Cross Cultural Psychology	5	English
PLU5309 Consumer & Media Psychology	5	English
PLU5310 Neuropsychology	5	English
PLU5311 Psychology & Law	5	English
PLU5312 Occupational Health Psychology	5	English
PLU6901 Research Dissertation	6	English
PLU6303 Applied Psychology	6	English
PLU6306 Current Trends in Psychology	6	English
PLU6307 Behavioural Genetics	6	English
PLU6310 Psychology of Addiction	6	English
Department of Basic Sciences		
BSU3230 Human Anatomy	3	English
BSU3340 Pharmaceutical Chemistry I	3	English
BSU3341 Pharmaceutical Chemistry II	3	English
BSU3431 Human Physiology	3	English
BSU4230 Basic Statistics	4	English
BSU4340 Pharmaceutical Chemistry III	4	English
BSU5230 Applied Statistics	5	English
BSU5335 Health Statistics	5	English

Table 16: Courses Offered Online- Health Sciences

4.4. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

4.4.1 Overview



The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) is one of the largest faculties in The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL), providing quality educational opportunities for professional advancement, excellence in scholarship and research in contemporary disciplines in Humanities and Social Sciences.

The faculty consists of four academic departments representing major fields within Humanities and Social Sciences such as Social Studies, Legal Studies, Language Studies and English Language Teaching. Furthermore, Information Studies Unit which was established under the Dean's office offers Higher Diploma and Degree programme in the field of Library

and Information Studies. The faculty of HSS has paved numerous ways to provide multiple opportunities to pursue higher education from certificate level to postgraduate level study programmes. Most of our undergraduate programmes are offered in all major regional centers of OUSL, enabling access to higher education to a considerable number of students in the regions.

The total enrolment in the faculty of HSS is over 10,000. Moreover, the faculty provides English language courses to all undergraduates at OUSL through the Department of English Language Teaching. In line with the mission of OUSL to increase access to education for all, the faculty has introduced Certificate programmes in Social Sciences and Languages as alternative qualifications to enter the degree programmes offered by the faculty. This is a significant feature of openness, a key philosophy of OUSL. The flexibility and openness practiced by the faculty has helped in attracting diverse student populations including a large number of employed students. This diversity makes learning extremely productive for both the students and the faculty. The faculty has also introduced courses for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in the areas of tourism operations, labour migration and language learning.

The faculty continued its operations in 2023 by introducing new degree and diploma programmes to broaden its spectrum. HSS was able to sustain the operations because of the commitment of its staff and the cooperation of the students. The faculty conducted academic programmes both onsite and online, catering to the learning requirements of mature and employed students. Thus, the Faculty was discovered its great potential in reaching out to a large number of students by adopting more flexible policies and practices in administering our study programmes. HSS believes in its ability to garner the support of the new learning technologies in taking educational services to even greater student population in the future.

The faculty members bring with them extensive training and expertise in a variety of fields, making it a robust and a diverse center of learning. We attracted highly qualified individuals representing greatly sought-after areas of study and specialisations. This will certainly help broaden the scope of learning for HSS students. The Faculty of HSS is committed to creating an environment where all students can reach their full potential through dynamic participation in the related learning processes. The faculty has established a learner support mechanism through which students receive ample pedagogical support, career identification, and enhancement of entrepreneurial skills.

Department of Legal Studies
Department of Language Studies
Department of Social Studies
Department of English language Teaching

4.4.2 Student Enrolment and Completion in Individual Programmes

Programme Name	Level	Medium	New Enrolment	Completed
Short course in Listening and Speech	Certificate	E	6068	5885
Short course in Tourism and Hotel Operation	Certificate	E		
Short course on Korean Language- Basic	Certificate	E		
Short course on Korean Language- Intermediate	Certificate	E		
Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences	Certificate	S, T, E	297	
Advanced Certificate in Sinhala as a Second Language	Certificate	S, T, E	42	
Advanced Certificate in Tamil as a Second Language	Certificate	S, T, E	6	
Certificate in Sinhala as a second language	Certificate	S, T	9	
Certificate in Tamil as a second language	Certificate	S, T	20	
Certificate in Basic Tamil	Certificate	T, E		01
Certificate in Basic Sinhala	Certificate	S, E		02
Advanced Certificate in English for Business & Professional Communications I	Certificate	E	130	
Advanced Certificate in English for Business & Professional Communications II	Certificate	E	73	
Diploma in English Language & Literature	Diploma	E	52	24
Diploma in Tourism operation	Diploma	E	31	16
Higher Diploma in Youth in Development Work	Diploma	E		
Bachelor of Laws	Bachelor	S, T, E	727	473
BA in Social Sciences	Bachelor	E	1086	530
BA in Library Information Studies	Bachelor	E		
Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development	Bachelor	E	49	
BA Honours in English & English Language Teaching	Bachelor		102	51
Bachelor of Arts Honours in Tamil and Tamil Language Teaching	Bachelor	T, E	1453	
MA in Development Studies & Public Policy	Master	E	16	01
PGD in Criminal Justice Administration	Postgraduate	E		01
PGD in Development Studies and Public Policy	Postgraduate	E		01
Mater of Law in Criminal Justice Administration	Master	E	39	23
MPhil/PhD	Postgraduate	E		01

Table 17: Student Enrolment and Completion in individual programmes – Humanities and Social Sciences

4.4.3 Student Enrolment and Staff in individual Programmes

Programme	Total Students	Total Academic and academic support Staff	Total Non-Academic Staff
Basic course in Sinhala	1	52	16
Advanced Certificate course in Social Sciences	366		
Advanced Cert. in English for Business & Professional Communications stage I	142		
Advanced Cert. in English for Business & Professional Communications stage II	124		
Advanced Certificate in Tamil as a Second language	6		
Advanced Certificate in sinhala as a Second language	42		
Certificate in Tamil as a Second language	9		
Certificate in sinhala as a Second language	20		
Diploma in English Language and Literature	102		
Diploma in Tourism operation	35		
Higher Diploma in Youth in development work	16		
Bachelor of Laws	3394		
Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences	2883		
BA Honours in English & English Language Teaching	299		
Bachelor of Arts Honours in Tamil and Tamil Language Teaching	2264		
Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development	106		
MA in Development Studies & Public Policy	34		
Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration	39		
MPhil/PhD	03		

Table 18: Student Enrolment and staff in individual programmes – Humanities and Social Sciences

4.4.4 New Courses / Programmes

Course / Programme	Medium	Level
BA in Social Sciences	English	3,4,5
BA in Youth & Community Development	English	3,4,5
Short Course in English for Employment	English	--

Table 19: New Courses / Programmes– Humanities and Social Sciences

4.4.5 Courses Offered Online

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Medium
Department of Social Studies			
DSU4323	Communication in Disaster Mitigation	4	English
DSU4325	Creative Communication	4	English
DSU5323	Corporate Communication & Image Building	5	English
DSU5325	Communication Campaigns	5	English
DSU4324	Advertising & Promotions	4	English
DSU4327	Appreciation of Film & Theatre	4	English
DSU5322	Media Occupations and Professions	5	English
DSU4333	Development Economics	4	English
DSU4335	Monetary Economics	4	English
DSU5333	Comparative Economic Systems	5	English

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Medium
DSU4334	International Economics	4	English
DSU4332	Health Economics	4	English
DSU4336	Public Finance	4	English
DSU5332	Agricultural Economics	5	English
DSU5336	Urban Economics	5	English
DSU4345	Political Participation, Representation & Government	4	English
DSU5345	State, Society and Citizens: Normative Dimension of Political Life	5	English
DSU4344	International Organizations & Transnational Governance	4	English
DSU4346	Public Policy & Administration	4	English
DSU5346	Cyber Politics	5	English
DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges	5	English
DSU5347	Law and Politics	5	English
DSU4353	Kinship, Family & Marriage	4	English
SSD4355	Religion, Society & Culture	4	English
DSU5353	Gender and Social Inquiry	5	English
DSU5355	Education and Social Mobility	5	English
DSU5357	Globalization, Migration and Social Change	5	English
DSU4356	Politics & Social Movements	4	English
DSU5354	Health and Society	5	English
DSU5356	Ethnicity in Everyday Life	5	English
DSE4207	Nonviolent Communication	4	English
Department of English Language Teaching			
LTE3406 – LTE3413	English for General Academic Purposes (EGAP) (Fully/Partially Online)		
	EGAP-Cycle 1	3	E
	EGAP-Cycle 2	3	E
	EGAP-Cycle 3	3	E
	EGAP-Cycle 4	3	E
	EGAP-Cycle 5	3	E
	EGAP-Cycle 6	3	E
	EGAP-Cycle 7	3	E
LSC0207	English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies)	3	E
LEE3604		3	E
LEE3605		3	E
LEE1602/LTE1605	English for Social Sciences	3	E
--	Short Course in English for Employment	--	E

Table 18: Courses Offered Online– Humanities and Social Sciences

4.5 Faculty of Management Studies

4.5.1 Overview



Faculty of Management Studies (FMS) was established as the sixth Faculty of the Open University of Sri Lanka on 08th May 2019. It was the first ever open and distance learning (ODL) based Faculty of Management Studies in Sri Lanka.

Currently the Faculty of Management Studies consists with 04 Academic Departments

01. Dept. of Organizational Studies
02. Dept. of Accounting and Finance
03. Dept. of Marketing Management
04. Dept. of Human Resource Management.

At present the faculty conducts 04 degree programmes, Bachelor of Management studies Honours, Bachelor of Management studies Honours in Accounting and Finance, Bachelor of Management studies Honours in Human Resource Management and Bachelor of Management studies Honours in Marketing Management. The faculty has around 4000 no. of students enrolled with. In addition to the above undergraduate programmes, Faculty conducts three Master's Degree programmes.

01. CEMBA/CEMPA – Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration and public administration
02. MBA in HRM – Master of Business administration in Human Resource Management
03. Master of Science in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management

Further there are some other short courses as follows.

01. Short course in Human resource management
02. Short course in Computerized accounting and finance

The Faculty of Management Studies intends to introduce some more Masters, Undergraduate, short courses and other programmes in future.

4.5.2 Student Enrolment and Completion in individual Programmes

Programme Name	Level	Medium	New Enrolment	Completed
Short course in Human Resource Management	Certificate	S, T, E	1096	1131
Short Course in Marketing management	Certificate	S, T, E	20	125
Short course in Human Resource Training & Development	Certificate	E	-	22
Short course in Computerized Accounting	Certificate	E	70	159
Short course in Financial Accounting	Certificate	E	30	46
Advanced Certificate in Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management	Certificate	E	511	123
Higher Diploma in Management Studies	Diploma	S, T, E		323
Advanced Certificate in Human Resource Management	Certificate	E	248	
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree	Bachelor	S, T, E	529	387
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree in Accounting and Finance	Bachelor	S, T, E	530	
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree in Marketing Management	Bachelor	S, T, E	387	
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours in Human Resource Management	Bachelor	S, T, E	398	
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration	Postgraduate			01
Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management				30
Commonwealth executive MBA/MPA	Master	E	45	25
MBA in Human Resource Management	Master	E	27	15
MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management.	Master	E	31	
MPhil/PhD	MPhil/PhD	E		

Table 20: Student Enrolment and Completion in individual programmes – Management Studies

4.5.3 Student Enrolment and Staff in Individual Programmes

Programme	Total Students	Total Academic and Academic Support Staff	Total non-Academic Staff
Advanced Cert. in Entrepreneurship & Small Business Mgt.	708	25	05
Advanced Certificate in Human Resource Management	248		
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree	2622		
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree in Accounting and Finance	944		
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree in Marketing Management	517		
Bachelor of Management Studies Honours in Human Resource Management	470		
Commonwealth executive MBA/MPA	116		
MBA in Human Resource Management	76		
MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management.	31		
MPhil/PhD	4		

Table 21: Student Enrolment and staff in individual programmes – Management Studies

4.5.4 New Courses / Programmes

Course / Programme	Medium	Level
MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management	E	10
Bachelor of Management studies Honours in Marketing Management	E	3/4
Bachelor of Management studies Honours in Accounting and Finance	E	3/4
Bachelor of Management studies Honours in Human Resource Management	E	3/4
Advance Certificate in Human Resource Management	S/E/T	2

Table 22: New courses/Programmes– Management Studies

4.5.5 Courses Offered Online

Course Code	Title	Level	Medium
	Advance Certificate in Human Resource Management	2	S/E/T
	Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management	10	E

S- Sinhala T – Tamil E- English

Table 23: Courses Offered Online– Management Studies

4.6 Faculty of Natural Sciences

4.6.1 Overview



The Faculty of Natural Sciences at OUSL has over thirty-five (35) years of experience delivering Science degree programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) methodologies. It consists of six (06) Departments, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology. The faculty has a task to accomplish the university's Vision, reflecting.

Its commitment to attaining excellence in Open and Distance Learning (ODL). The programme curriculums are carefully structured to suit ODL while incorporating core and elective courses for imparting knowledge, developing a wide range of skills, and enriching attitudes among the learners.

In compliance with the approved guidelines of the UGC and the University Standard Operational Practices (SOPs), the faculty has an efficient administrative structure to deliver the academic programmes of study effectively. In keeping with the mission and the faculty objectives, Faculty currently offers Thirty-Two academic programmes of study in various subject areas ranging from short courses, stand-alone courses, and Certificate to Postgraduate, Master and PhD level.

The faculty implements the good practices recognized by the OUSL for ODL, and the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell (FQAC) monitors their implementation and progress by obtaining feedback from stakeholders. FQAC has an annual action plan. Its progress is monitored bi-monthly by the IQAU/CQA at its BOM and reported to the Faculty Board under a separate agenda item for necessary. action. The FQAC shares the output of the data analyzed from the learner feedback sought on the course material, course delivery, availability of library resources and accessibility of staff with the respective academic departments.

Currently, the Faculty has a permanent Ninety-Six (96) academics (Four (04) academic vacancies) on the Central campus and other Regional Centres and Thirty-Seven (37) non-academic staff on Central Campus. Besides, there are temporary/contract staff and visiting staff who contribute to the teaching-learning process.

Programmes of Study offered by the faculty.

1. Master of Science in Environmental Sciences
2. Master of Science in Medical Entomology and Applied Parasitology
3. Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Entomology and Applied Parasitology
4. Bachelor of Science Honours Degrees in Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Zoology
5. Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Natural Sciences (Levels 3 and 4)
6. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
7. Bachelor of Science in (Honours) in Information Technology
8. Bachelor of Science Degree – NS1
9. Bachelor of Science - S1
10. Higher Diploma in Science
11. Diploma in Laboratory Technology

12. Diploma in Microbiology
13. Diploma in Natural Resources and Ecotourism
14. Diploma in Food Science
15. Advanced Certificate in Science
16. Advanced Certificate in Wildlife Conservation and Management
17. Advanced Certificate in Laboratory Technology
18. Short Course in Computer Networks and Security
19. Short Course in Professional Computer Applications
20. Short Course in Plant Breeding Techniques
21. Short course in Soil-less A agricultural Techniques for Urban Gardening
22. Short course in Professional Web Development using Joomla and Word Press
23. Short course in Python for Beginners
24. Short course in Enhancing Teacher Capacities in Teaching ICT
25. Short course in PHP MySQL Web Development
26. Stand-Alone Courses in Science
27. Continuing Education in Science
28. Diploma in Environmental Science
29. Diploma in Microbiology
30. Diploma in Information Technology
31. Master of Philosophy
32. Doctor of Philosophy

Enrolling to the BS Degree programme in the Faculty of Natural Sciences enables students to make a choice at the end of Level 4 (second year) to continue in the OUSL or join up with the BSc Degree in the University of Essex, UK through progression link. At the completion of Level 5 (third year) if student is eligible to register for a Special (Hons.) a degree in the OUSL, student will be able to gain.



4.6.2 Student Enrolment and Completion in individual Programmes

Programme Name	Level	Medium	New Enrolment	Completed
Continuing Education in Science	Certificate	E	04	
Advanced Certificate in Wildlife Conservation & Management	Certificate	E	87	
Advanced Certificate in Science	Certificate	E	841	
Diploma in Natural Resources & Eco-Tourism	Diploma	E	31	
Diploma in Food Science	Diploma	E	51	
Diploma in Laboratory Technology	Diploma	E	55	
Diploma in Environment Science	Diploma	E		
Higher Diploma in Science	Diploma	E		17
Bachelor of Science	Bachelor	E	1593	470
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	Bachelor	E	449	
Bachelor of Science/Special	Bachelor	E		03
Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies	Postgraduate	E		01
Master of Environmental Science	Master	E		42
Master medical Entomology & Applied Parasitology	Master	E		
MPhil/PhD	MPhil/PhD	E		01

Table23: Student Enrolment and Completion in individual programmes – Natural Sciences

4.6.3 Student Enrolment and Staff in individual Programmes

Programme	Total Students	Total Academic and Academic Support Staff	Total non-Academic Staff
Advanced Certificate in Science	5	90	38
Advanced Certificate in Wildlife Conservation & Management	88		
Continuing Education in Science	4		
Advanced Certificate in Science	1254		
Diploma In Laboratory Technology	57		
Diploma In Natural Resources and Eco Tourism	41		
Diploma in Food Science	61		
Bachelor of Science	4224		
Bachelor Of Science Honours in Mathematics	02		
Bachelor of Science Honours in Physics	12		
Bachelor of Science Honours in Zoology	07		
Bachelor of Science Honours in Botany	03		
Bachelor of Science Honours in Chemistry	09		
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	449		
M.Sc in Medical Entomology and Applied Parasitology	17		
MPhil/PhD	15		

Table 24: Student Enrolment and staff in individual programmes – Natural Sciences

4.6.4 New Courses / Programmes

Course / Programme	Medium	Level
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	English	3,4 & 5
Bachelor of Science in (Honours) in Information Technology	English	3,4,5, & 6
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Degree	English	3,4,5
Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology Degree	English	5,6

Table 25: New courses/Programmes– Natural Sciences

4.6.5 Courses Offered Online

Course	Course Title	Level	Medium
Department of Botany			
	Soilless agricultural techniques for urban gardening	Short course	
Department of Chemistry			
CYU3300	Basic Principles of Chemistry I	3	S/E/T
CYU3201	Basic Principles of Chemistry II	3	S/E/T
CYU3302	Basic Practical Chemistry	3	S/E/T
LLU3261	Introduction to the laws of Sri Lanka	3	S/E/T
CYE3200	Mathematics for Chemistry and Biology	3	S/E/T
CYU4300	Inorganic Chemistry	4	E
CYU4301	Concepts in Chemistry	4	E
CYU4303	Organic Chemistry	4	E
CYU4302	Practical Chemistry II	4	E
CYU5300	Organometallic Chemistry	5	E
CYU5301	Concepts in Spectroscopy	5	E
CYU5302	Analytical Chemistry	5	E
CYU5303	Organic Chemistry II	5	E
CYU5304	Chemistry of Biomolecules	5	E
CYU5306	Biochemistry	5	E
CYU5307	Chemical Aspects of Food Chemistry	5	E
CYU5308	Instrumental Methods of Chemistry Analysis	5	E
CYU5309	Environmental Chemistry	5	E
CYU5310	Literature Project in Chemistry	5	E
CYU5311	Research Project in Chemistry	5	E
CYU5312	Industrial Chemistry	5	E
CYU5313	Polymer Chemistry	5	E
CYU6606	Advanced Experimental Chemistry	6	E
CYU6304	Inorganic Spectroscopy and Structural Chemistry	6	E

S- Sinhala T – Tamil E- English
Table 26: Courses Offered Online– Natural Science

Part 5 – Research and Publications

5.0 Research and Publications

5.1 Research Projects / Papers

Faculty / Centre	Department	Research Projects	Papers Published	Papers Presented
Education	Special Need Education		06	
	Early Childhood & Primary Education		04	
	Secondary & Tertiary Education		04	03
	Educational Leadership and Management		01	
Engineering Technology	Agricultural & Plantation Engineering	08	11	
	Civil Engineering	65	11	05
	Electrical & Computer Engineering		07	05
	Mathematics & Philosophy of Engineering		01	
	Mechanical Engineering		02	03
	Textile & Apparel Technology	64	03	06
Health Sciences	Basic Sciences	04	01	03
	Medical Laboratory Sciences	04	0	0
	Nursing	01	15	0
	Pharmacy	01	02	0
	Psychology & Counselling	01	05	05
Humanities & Social Sciences	Language Studies			
	Legal Studies			
	English Language Teaching (DELT)	03		
	Social Studies	03	08	
Faculty of Management Studies	Department of Human Resource Management		07	
	Department of Marketing Management		03	
	Department of Organizational Studies		02	
	Department of Accounting and Finance		02	
Natural Sciences	Botany		14	06
	Chemistry		18	15
	Computer Science		01	
	Mathematics		11	12
	Physics			
	Zoology		21	17
Centre for Educational Technology & Media				
Library			06	
CESSD				

Table 27: Research Projects / Papers
Details of publications are given in Annexure.

5.2 Books / Patents

Faculty / Centre	Chapters in Books	Complete Books	Patents Published
Education	-	-	-
Engineering Technology	-	07	02
Health Sciences	04	-	-
Humanities & Social Sciences	-	-	-
Faculty of Management Studies	-	-	-
Natural Sciences	01	01+01	-

Table 28: Books / Patents

5.3 Awards

Faculty / Centre	University Awards	National Awards	International
Education	-	-	-
Engineering Technology	02	06	-
Health Sciences	01	02	01
Humanities & Social Sciences	-	-	-
Faculty of Management Studies	-	-	-
Natural Sciences	17	04	-

Table 29: Awards

Part 6 – Centres and Units

6.0 Centres and Units

6.1 Regional Educational Services (RES)

state univerRegional Educational Services (RES) is considered as one of the key pillars of the OUSL.

While most of the other state universities are centrally operated, the OUSL as a pioneering Open Distance Learning (ODL) institute, operates with island wide network to offer higher education opportunities for all citizens.

RES provides extensive support required by the six faculties of the university to conduct their academic programmes and reaching the unreached who aspire life-long education.

The Colombo Regional Centre is located at Nawala at the central campus and the other eight regional centres are situated in Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, Matara and Ratnapura. Apart from these, the university also has 19 study centres around the country. This network of centres ranges to almost all districts in Sri Lanka. There are nine Regional Centres (RC) established at each province (see Figure 1). Colombo RC has highest student populations and Kandy RC has the second highest student population.



Figure 1: Regional and Study Centres of the OUSL

Functions of the RES

In order to deliver the academic programs, Regional Educational Services (RES) division provides many support services. Some of such services are providing information, collection and submission of applications, registration, and re-registration of students, providing student counselling, distribution of course material, coordinating day classes / practical classes and conduct both continuous assessments and final examinations. Further to these routine functions, In the present of current pandemic RES has extended its services to external entities such as other sites to conduct their academic activities.

Highlights of year 2023

There were several highlights of the year 2023 amidst all calamities.

- “Naththandiya Study Centre” which is the 19th Study Centre of the OUSL was ceremonially opened on 22nd May 2023 with the participation of the Vice Chancellor of the Open University of Sri Lanka, senior management staff of the university and other government officials.
- “The open day” promotional campaign was successfully conducted in Regional and Study centres of RES with the participation of huge number of students and their parents. It was a great opportunity for the students to get the latest updates about our academic programs and students were able to obtain necessary guidance and support in selecting the best educational program that suits their wishes and aspirations.
- 3rd Issue of the RES e – magazine – “OURESTalk” was published with the purpose of raising awareness among the university community and the students regarding the activities conducted by the Regional Educational Services (RES).

6.2 Library



Library network of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) consists of nine libraries, the main library at the main university premises at Nawala and eight regional libraries at OUSL regional centres in Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, Matara and Ratnapura.

The total book collection belonging to the main library is 107,076, out of which 768 books have been accessioned to the main library during 2023 in both printed and electronic format. In addition to that, an e-books collection titled “Wiring Regulations BS7671 Digital” that comprised of 31 electrical engineering e-

books was accessioned. Total periodical titles subscribed is 04, and audio-visual resources 2,428. Access to 02 electronic databases, namely Emerald and Oxford Academic has been provided through UGC consortia. Trail access was obtained for several e-databases namely SpringerLink, Springer Nature, Science Direct, British Medical Journals, Reaxys, and APA PsycNet. Apart from these collections, there are several free access web-based collections that support the teaching, learning, and research activities of the staff and students of the University. These collections include Past question paper digital collection, research article repository, Theses abstract collection, university publications, Open access e-journal collection, and open education resources. All these online resources are accessible through the OUSL Web Portal (<http://lib.ou.ac.lk/>).



6.3 Staff Development Centre (SDC)



Staff Development Center (SDC) of The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) was established to promote and support training to enhance capabilities of all staff categories at our university. Specifically SDC, designs and facilitate training programmes, workshops, awareness sessions to develop skills and competencies required to function as an effective employee. In addition to the work-related capabilities, these programmes and workshops span to encompass attitudes as well as personal development as well.

Annually, we conduct the flagship programme of Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) to the newly recruited Lecturer (probationary) staff. The CTHE programme is a UGC recognized programme and a mandatory requirement for their confirmation. Senior Induction programme is also conducted for newly recruited Senior Lecturers which attracts participants from other national universities in Sri Lanka. In addition, demand based induction programmes for other staff categories, technical writing, online course design and development, motivational programmes, language and skill enhancement programmes were also conducted during 2023.



6.4 Career Guidance Unit (CGU)

The Main objective of the Career Guidance Unit is to facilitate the undergraduates of the Open University of Sri Lanka to be socially responsive members of the future workforce. The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the OUSL plays a crucial role in preparing students to undergo training as undergraduates to be employable and to ensure career progression as employed undergraduates.

The Unit is in the New CRC Building of OUSL at Nawala. In Collaboration with the faculties Career Guidance Unit conducts workshops & seminars to help undergraduates to develop their skills & abilities required for coping with the needs of world of work.

Talentlyft'23 – OUSL Career Fair (TalentLyft: Talent is the vehicle of innovation for Life; you are the focus of this timely opportunity)

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) hosted a successful career fair on March 30th, 2023, in adjacent to the Talentlyft'23 event; an innovative and student-centered career opportunity platform to take the first step towards a successful career. The event was a major milestone for

the university, as it marked the first-ever career fair of its kind, specifically tailored to meet the needs of undergraduates and fresh graduates.

Against the backdrop of the ongoing crisis in the country, the OUSL Talentlyft'23 - Career Fair was an important opportunity for students to explore internships and job opportunities, and to advance their careers. The Career Guidance Unit of the university has truly proven its worth in organizing this event successfully.

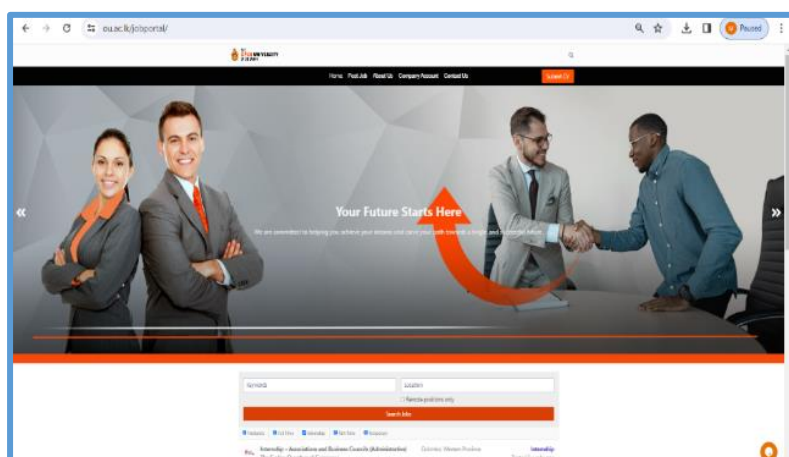
Platinum sponsor was MAS Holdings, Gold sponsor was CR British Academy, Silver sponsor was ACCA, and beverage sponsor American Water with other partners including British Council, and a range of industry leaders such as Dilmah Ceylon Tea, Sampath Bank, Data Capture Experts, Union Assurance, Unilever (Pvt) Ltd, Green Building Council of Sri Lanka, Spa Ceylon, Sri Lanka Insurance, Amana Bank, Australian Migration Centre, Asiri Hospitals and Fairtrade International. The opening ceremony of the career fair was inaugurated by the CEO of Dilmah Ceylon Tea, Mr. Dilhan C. Fernando, and the Vice Chancellor of the Open University, Sri Lanka, Prof. P.M.C. Thilakarathne, who announced the launch of the university's online job portal during the ceremony.

The event featured panel discussions and workshops on various topics such as interview skills, personal grooming and branding, presentation skills, leadership skills and teamwork, resume writing, awareness on LinkedIn platform, career exploration and trends in the world of work.



OUSL Job Portal

launch of the university's online job portal
<https://ou.ac.lk/jobportal/>



6.5 Press and Central Dispatch Unit

Printing Press



Introduction

The Printing Press of the Open University of Sri Lanka was founded in the year 1982 as a UNDP funded project. It was founded to provide required course material to registered students of the OUSL. Having commenced its functions with minimum equipment, the University Press has gradually developed into a fully-fledged Printing Press with latest machinery provided from time to time by the Asian Development Bank under the ADB – DEMP project aimed at improving Distance Teaching Education.

Duties and Functions at Present, the Press of the OUSL supplies course material for over forty thousand (40,000) students who follow various study programmes in six faculties in the University. Apart from providing printing material to registered students, the press provides following services to the OUSL community,

Type of Printing

- ❖ **Digital duplicating.**
Short Run and Quick Printing
Photocopy, Colour Print out.
Visiting Cards, Invitation cards
- ❖ **Offset printing.**

1.Course Material

- Textbooks
- Student guidebooks

2. Promotional and Publication Material

- Leaflets and Posters
- Brochures, Flyers, Booklets, Newsletters

5. Any kind of Commercial Printing

Apart from the above-mentioned printing processes which can be termed as academic related Activities, material needed by various Administrative Divisions are also printed at the University Press.

Printing of Material by the Press of the OUSL-2023

Name of the Faculty	No. of Copies of Course Materials
Faculty of Education	33416
Faculty of Health Science	61
Faculty of Humanities & Social Science	53681
Faculty of Management	56229
Faculty of Natural Science	74723
Faculty of Engineering	70737
Total	288,847

Month	No. of Copies of Other Materials
January	667,444
February	86,238
March	265,083
April	3,755
May	13,630
June	26,874
July	115,235
August	10,686
September	73,613
October	18,800
November	26,845
December	311,026
Total	1,619,229

The Central Dispatch Unit (CDU)

The Central Dispatch plays a key role in the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) in warehousing and dispatching course materials and ensuring availability of course materials when conducting registration at regional and study centres in time. It is the service provider for all six faculties for warehousing and dispatching course materials for the registered students. The volume of the CDU encompassed with 576 sub racks, volume of one sub rack is 1.5 m³ each to store course materials properly.

Objectives:

- Collect all course materials from press of OUSL immediate just after completing of printing.
- Dispatch course materials to 09 Regional Centres and 18 Study centres.
- Functions: The Central Dispatch Unit is responsible for the following:
 - Warehousing of every printed course material.
 - Courierring course materials to registered students through contracted courier service.
 - Issuing course materials to the students whenever needed.
 - Dispatching course materials to Island wide regional and study centre via CGR, OUSL lorry and contracted courier service.
 - Receive any course materials return from regional and study centres.
 - Provide each copy of new course materials to main Library.

Facilities/ infrastructure/ resources:

- 45x20 m² capacity building for warehousing of course materials with good environment condition.
- Twelve staff attached to CDU to accomplish the mentioned objectives.
- 576 sub racks, volume of one sub rack is 1.5 m³.
- It is adjoined to the OUSL press.
- Three permanent staff (Management Assistants - 03)
- Nine contract staff (Project Assistants - 03 & Operation Assistants - 06)

6.6 Centre for National Online Distance Education Service (CNODES)

CNODES was established as a part of Distance Education Modernization Project (DEMP) in the year 2013 under the Ministry of Higher Education. This was handed over to the Open University in March 2015. Our vision is to be a leading facilitator and provider of on-line distance education in Sri-Lanka.

With that vision, CNODES in the OUSL has the facilities to support to on-line education in following ways.

- Conducting workshops/training programs physically/online mode as per their requirements with our resources
- Organizing and provide the facilities for conducting physical examinations in physically / online mode
- Provide the training about the learner assessment methods & evaluations and methods of conducting online examinations
- Online learning material development/ transforming learning materials into online mode and also hosting through our servers
- Providing OUSL lecture room and exam hall facilities for outside organisations
- Or any other service requirements intended by out side organasations, which is possible to do by OUSL)

6.7 International Relations Unit (IRU)

The International Relations Unit (IRU) was established in October of 2013. It operates under the OUSL By-law Number 9 of 2016, made by the Council of the Open University of Sri Lanka under Section 135 of the University Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended to be read with Section 19 of the Open University of Sri Lanka Ordinance No. 01 of 1990 as amended.

The IRU functions under the direct purview of the Vice-Chancellor and is managed by a director. Its administrative and financial activities are governed by a Board of Management. The Director of IRU shall be an academic appointed by the Council of the OUSL on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

The IRU provides expert advice and guidance to the university on the development of international relations strategies and the establishment of formal relationships and partnerships with universities and other entities around the world.

The following are the objectives of the IRU:

- (a) Make strategies and country-specific recommendations to Institutes, Faculties, the Senate and the Council of the OUSL.
- (b) Facilitates the development and review of the OUSL's formal bilateral and multilateral Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU) with overseas entities.
- (c) Coordinate and promote international collaborative research and academic programmes for staff and students of the OUSL.
- (d) Secure opportunities for OUSL staff to develop as internationally recognized researchers and teachers.
- (e) Assist OUSL staff to contribute to the development of Sri Lanka by engaging in international projects and other activities.
- (f) Provide opportunities for OUSL staff and students to collaborate, disseminate and contribute globally.
- (g) Facilitate OUSL graduates to explore overseas career advancements.
- (h) Provide necessary assistance to overseas students, teachers, and other visitors during their stay at OUSL.
- (i) Promote OUSL programs overseas and forge partnerships.
- (j) Coordinate relations with key international government and non-government agencies, diplomatic missions in Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan missions in overseas.

In achieving the above objectives, the IRU actively engaged in many activities during the last ten years from 2013 to 2023. The following is a summary of the activities.

1. Facilitating the bilateral and multilateral partnerships
MOUs signed by the OUSL

S No	Name of the Institute	Country	Validity period
01	University of Essex	United Kingdom	5 years
02	Shanghai Open University	China	5 years
03	Workforce Europe GMBH	Germany	5 years

Progression Agreement with the University of Essex, UK

The visit of a high-level delegation from the University of Essex, UK, took place on 23rd October 2023. Essex delegation consists of Dr Annecy Lax, Dean of Partnerships (Education), Ms Vanessa Potter, Global Vice President, Mr Sandeep Sharma, Director-Indian Subcontinent Region, and Ms Thanuja Raveendren for Sri Lanka and Mauritius. Prof. Anthony Forster, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex, addressed the gathering virtually. OUSL and the University of Essex discussed the future of plans for extensive collaborations and also inked the document that extended the linked agreement to the Bachelor of Management Studies degree programmes.

OUSL has now completed the attainment into a progression agreement with the University of Essex, UK to link the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Management Studies degree programmes widening the scope of learning and field of specialization. These progressive linked programmes enable students who completed second or third years of learning in the OUSL to enrol in bachelor's degree and master's degree programmes in the University of Essex. Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Management Studies programmes are linked to relevant undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at the University of Essex. The OUSL students will be benefited through the following incentives,

- A scholarship of 20-% to OUSL students at their entry at level 4 of Essex.
- Brought down the GPA value to 2.7 for the enrolment to Essex.
- IELTS waiver for the students enroll for Master's degree in Essex.

IRU developed the webpage for the Bachelor of Science and Management studies degree programmes with a downloadable brochure to provide necessary information to the prospective students.

The special educational loan scheme with the Commercial bank of Sri Lanka

- The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the special educational loan scheme with the Commercial Bank of Sri Lanka took place on October 23, 2023. Mr. Sellathurai Prabagar, Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Delakshan Hettiarachchi, Deputy General Manager - Personal Banking of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC signed the MOU.
- The website for the special educational loan facility for OUSL students was launched on the same occasion by The Vice-Chancellor of the OUSL. This website is linked to the OUSL at <https://ou.ac.lk/educational-loans/>
- **Shanghai Open University, China**
The OUSL signed an MOU and a tri-party agreement with Shanghai Open University (SOU), China and Bank of China Ltd on 12th December 2023. The focus is to establish of Chinese Language Centre at OUSL. It was officially established on 7th July 2023 with the participation of the SOU delegation headed by Ms. ZHANG Jin, Vice President of SOU. The Department of Language Studies has planned to introduce Chinese language courses to Sri Lanka in collaboration with the SOU. Meanwhile, the SOU is planning to offer the Sinhala language in China.
- **Collaboration with Workforce Europe GMBH, Germany**
The OUSL signed an MoU with the Workforce Europe GMBH, Germany with the following objectives.
 - Promotion of nursing education by establishing nursing academies in Sri Lanka. Through the program 'German Recognition of Sri Lankan Nurses' to be obtained.
 - Qualifying Nurses for the German Market by providing them with German language courses and guiding them in the recognition process.

- Working for accreditation of Sri Lankan nursing qualifications for the German Employment Market.
- In the year 2023, 5 batches consisting of 100 nurses were enrolled for the German language course conducted under this programme.

LOIs signed by the OUSL

S No	Name of the Institute	Country	Validity period
01	End of Life Care Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)	India	3 years
02	CNNC London Private Limited	United Kingdom	3 years

- **Collaboration with End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium, India**

End of Life Care Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC), India is affiliated to American Association of College of Nursing (AACN) offer palliative care nursing courses for undergraduate nurses. ELNEC is interested in establishing a partnership with OUSL and LOI was signed on 18th April 2023. Train the Trainer (ToT) program was conducted in the year 2023.

- **Collaboration with CNNC London Private Limited, UK**

The OUSL signed a Letter of Intent with CNCC London Private Limited, UK on 27th March 2023, to develop a short course on caregiving for those who intend to seek foreign caregiver jobs. In the year 2023, 3 batches consisting of 121 students were enrolled for the programme.

MOUs and agreements – pending approvals

S No	Name of the Institute	Country	Validity period
01	National Science Foundation	Sri Lanka	
02	Innopolis University	Russia	5 years
03	Tomorrow Technology Education Services Centre	China	5 years
04	RMIT	Australia	

- **National Science Foundation (NSF)**

The program, developing a road map to harness the Global Digital Platform (GDP) of NSF to upgrade and expand the academic scope of the OUSL was initiated at a meeting with the Vice-chancellor of the OUSL and Chairman of the National Science Foundations. Several activities have already been conducted under this initiative. This includes the meetings and guest lectures conducted by the expat Sri Lankan scientists. An MOU with the NSF has been finalised and awaits signing. It is envisaged to enrich the academic environment in the OUSL through the active engagement of the expatriate scientists registered in the GDP) of NSF.

- **Innopolis University, Russia**

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) received a proposal for cooperation from the Innopolis University through the Ambassador of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in the Russian Federation. The Innopolis University is an autonomous non-profit organization of higher education located in Innopolis city, which is a Russian Special Economic Zone for IT.

Innopolis University specializes in education and research in the field of Information Technology and Robotics.

Two academics from Innopolis Ms. Maria Obraztsova, Director of the Institute of Additional Education and Mr. Iskander Bariev, First Vice Rector -Deputy Director and contributed to OUSL OURS 2023 as a Keynote Speaker and resource person for pre-conference workshop. More collaborative projects are progressing with the Innopolis and MoU to be signed soon. Presently, the OUSL and Innopolis are working to develop several collaborative projects.

- **Collaboration with Tomorrow Technology Education Service Center (TTEC), China**

TTEC will be partnering with the OUSL to promote designated programmes of the OUSL. They will also act as the relevant cooperating agency in the recruitment, consultation, application

assistance and other support services regarding the admission of students from mainland China.

With these objectives in mind, an MOU and Agreement between OUSL and TTESC is progressing. OUSL is screening Chinese applicants for Master's in Nursing Degree programme at the OUSL.

2. Coordinate and promote international collaborative research and academic programmes for staff and students of the OUSL.

- **MOU and credit agreement with the RMIT Australia.**

The Open University of Sri Lanka has been working closely with RMIT since early 2022 to develop a productive partnership. We have so far achieved a few milestones towards it. The OUSL sent a comprehensive proposal for linking the academic programmes in the fields of engineering and health sciences in November 2022. Two of the proposed degree programmes have completed their mapping to the RMIT programmes by mid-2023. Meanwhile, several meetings and visits by the RMIT staff took place led to the development of a very good understanding between the two institutes. A RMIT delegates consist of Prof. Sujeewa Setunga, Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation and Prof. Kevin Zhang, Head of Civil Engineering are to be arrive in the OUSL on November 28 to discuss about the future collaborations. MOU and related credit agreements are at the final stage of review.

3. Providing opportunities for OUSL staff for collaborative research and academic programmes

IRU has taken a few steps to facilitate the initiation of collaborative work for the OUSL staff overseas.

- **AAOU Inter-University Staff Exchange Fellowship 2023**

	Associated Overseas University	Country	Name of the AAOU Scholar	Duration in OUSL
01	Allama Iqbal Open University	Pakistan	Prof. Munazza Jabeen	1 month (Nov- Dec 2023)
02	Shanghai Open University	China	Prof. Sun Chuanyuan	1 month (Nov- Dec 2023)

- **Meeting with researchers in life sciences**

IRU arranged a one-to-one meeting between the researchers in the OUSL and the University of Essex, UK on 17th October 2023 Faculty members from the natural Sciences and School of life sciences in Essex exchange views on their research interests.

- **Meeting Dr Aneta Hayes is Dean of Internationalisation of Keele University UK.**

Dr Aneta Hayes from the Keele University in the UK visited OUSL on November 27, 2023. The faculty of Education conducted discussions about future collaborations including introducing a joint postgraduate degree programme and the student mobility programme in the field of Education.

4. Create awareness in OUSL staff and students with opportunities to collaborate, disseminate and contribute globally.

- **Diplomatic skills Programme for Academics**

A two-day workshop titled "Diplomatic Skills Programme for Academics" was held on 6th-7th June at the Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute (BIDTI). This programmewas designed and developed jointly by the BIDTI with IRU and SDC of the OUSL. Invitations were sent to all faculties and a few units of OUSL by the SDC. IRU sent out invitations to other universities offering a limited number of seats, as a gesture upholding the cooperation between state universities. A total of 28 Academics representing OUSL including 5 invitees from the Universities of Kelaniya, Sri Jayawardenepura, Moratuwa and Wayamba University of Sri Lanka participated.

The resource persons of this programme were Academics who served in foreign missions, Ambassadors and heads of missions, Chief negotiators of bilateral and multilateral agreements of Sri Lanka and Cooperative leaders.

Certificates were awarded to all the 28 participants who devoted their time to the two full-day workshops. It was the first time that BIDTI conducted such a programme to university academia, and they especially appreciated the conduct of university academics during the programme.

- **Facilitating the Conference held at OUSL**
- **Webinars organized by the IRU**

Name of the Workshop/ Conference	Delegate	Affiliated Institution
Open University Research Sessions 2023	Mr. Iskander Bariev, First Vice Rector -Deputy Director as a Resource person for pre-conference workshop and Ms. Maria Obraztsova, Director of Institute of Additional Education as a Keynote Speaker	Innopolis University, Russia

5. Promote OUSL programs overseas and forge partnerships

CSCSE Recognized OUSL

IRU successfully lodged the application to the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange website of the Ministry of Education in China to make OUSL recognised in China.

Overseas ready' programmes

Under the overseas ready guidelines, the Department of Zoology developed a short course "Tropical Biodiversity and Ecotourism Field Course" to be offered to overseas students. A parallel programme titled Engineering and Natural Heritage of Sri Lanka has already been developed by the CESSD. Both programmes will be launched in the mid-2024.

6. Facilitate OUSL graduates to explore overseas career advancement

• Travel to Farm, Denmark

Travel to Farm (T2F) was founded in 1912 in Denmark. It arranges practical training stays within agriculture for young foreign farmers in Denmark and young Danish farmers in other countries. T2F have approximately 40 different co-operation partners in more than 30 different countries located in all parts of the world. Travel to Farm has its office in the secretariat of The Danish Agriculture & Food Council (Farmers organization) in Copenhagen. After having several successful discussions with T2F, the OUSL signed an MoU and agreement for student exchange. OUSL initiated a student mobility programme to Denmark where students get paid internships in the field of horticulture mainly.



7. Coordinate relations with key international government and non-government agencies, diplomatic missions in Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan missions overseas.

- **Meeting with Diplomatic missions:**

- Several meetings were held with the Sri Lankan Embassy in Russia for academic collaborations with Russian Universities.
- A meeting was held with the cultural Officer of the Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka for establishing the Chinese Language Centre and for the possible assistance.

8. Partnership Projects

Commonwealth Lifelong Learning for Farmers (COL L3F):

A joint project proposal submitted on an e-extension solution with the Department of Export Agriculture (DEA) was successful and COL approved funding for the first phase of the project. The project, titled Lifelong Learning for Farmers Project in Export Agriculture in Sri Lanka by the OUSL and the DEA, aims at building a sustainable model based on which the DEA will be able to enhance their reach to farm families to enhance the income, to improve the quality and quantity of the export crops to achieve operational excellence and to safeguard the environment. OUSL will play a key role in supporting DEA in building the sustainable model of L3F. The first phase was completed successfully and the funds for the second phase were approved.

9. Fostering partnerships with foreign universities and entities

A. Overseas Research Students facilitated by IRU – 2023

S. No	Country	Student	Research Topic	Affiliated Institution
01	Belgium	Ms. Ellen Allaerts	Developing a sustainable & responsible tourism project	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
02	Belgium	Ms. Esme Sterckx	Health education	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
03	Belgium	Ms. Fien Smets	Nutritional education – local products	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
04	Belgium	Ms. Helena Torfs	Focus on improving nutrition, and possibly agriculture	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
05	Belgium	Ms. Jade Eijckmans	Behavioral guidance for children in the probation system	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
06	Belgium	Ms. Jade Tresignie	Possibilities regarding inclusive education	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
07	Belgium	Mr. Joren Reynders	A psycho-social approach to labour market integration of vulnerable groups	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
08	Belgium	Ms. Lien De Bruyn	Socio-medical care & gender-based violence	University College of Leuven and Limburg (UCLL)
09	Netherland	Mr. Hugo Thiery de Rembau	Changes and prospects of sustainable rice farming in Sri Lanka	University of Utrecht



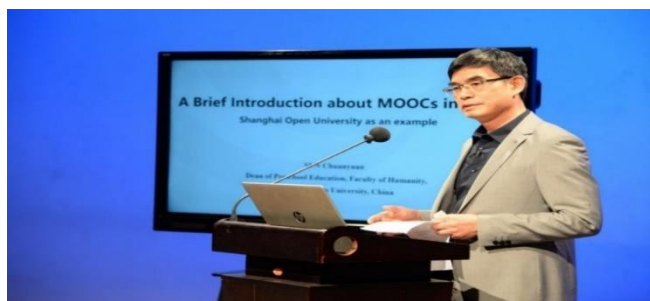
Registration of 7th batch of Overseas Research Students from UCLL and meeting with OUSL supervisors

B. Popular Lectures organized (All these lectures could be viewed at the OUSL website): 2023

S. No	Distinguished Lecture Topic	Presenter	University
01	Transformation from Manual Operations to Digitalization at Allama Iqbal Open University Pakistan: A success story with the highlights of the research project on Accessing Quality Assurance Dimensions of ICT Technology in Online Library Services: A Distance Learning Perspective	Prof. Munazza Jabeen	Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), Pakistan
02	A Brief Introduction about MOOCs in China Shanghai Open University as an example	Prof. Sun Chuanyuan	Shanghai Open University (SOU), China



Popular lecture by Prof. Munazza Jabeen on “Accessing Quality Assurance Dimensions of ICT Technology in Online Library Services: A Distance Learning Perspective in Asian Open Universities



Popular lecture by Prof. Sun Chuanyuan on “A Brief Introduction about MOOCs in China; Shanghai Open University as an example



Fellows of AAOU Inter – University Staff Exchange fellowship 2023

6.8 Industry Liaison Centre (ILC)

1. Intellectual Property (IP) Protection

Following trademarks, industrial designs and patent applications were submitted to the National Intellectual Property office (NIPO) by the ILC.

Table 1: Summary of IP Protections

No	Title	Status		
		File	Amendment	Granted
Trademark				
1	“ImFirst” - the logo designed to use in electronic game show buzzer system	✓		
2	“Neo” - the logo designed to use in the electronic demonstration kit	✓		
3	“NEOMAC-Next Level Machinery” - the logo designed to use in the products designed in NeoSpace Lab.	✓		
4	“STEMbox-Joy of Learning” - the logo designed to be used in the educational experiment kit designed for kids to make learning fun, engaging and memorable.	✓		
Industrial Design				
1	Game Show Buzzer System	✓		
Patent				
1	Canistel Ice Cream Sundae	✓		

2. Product Commercialisation

The Industry Liaison Centre had initiated the following commercialization activities with industries in the year 2023.

Table 2: Commercialization activities

Invention	Inventor	Commercialization partner	Current Situation
Gameshow Buzzer system	NeoSpace team of the Department of Physics	Telimac (Pvt) Ltd.	Commercialized
Sticker Labelling Machine	NeoSpace team of the Department of Physics	Telimac (Pvt) Ltd.	Commercialized
Fruit Flap	Dr. Nimsha Weerakkody	Growthex Marketing	Commercialized

2.1 Licensing agreements with Telimac Private Limited.



The Open University signed an MOU with Telimac Private Limited on 27th February, 2023 to collaborate in providing automated machinery solutions and systems for the development of Sri Lanka.

Figure 2-1 Signing the MOU with Telimac Private Limited.

Two Technology Transfer Agreements signed under this MOU.

"ImFirst" Gameshow Buzzer system

"ImFirst " is a reliable and affordable electronic game show buzzer system developed by the NeoSpace team of the Department of Physics. The device has a unique circuit which makes it fast and reliable. The product has an ergonomic design and comes as 8 or 16 participant unit models with customizable branding for the buyer.

Sticker Labelling Machine developed by the NeoSpace team.

The sticker labeling machine, an affordable, portable and made with stainless steel to apply stickers or labels into round glass and PET bottles that can be used in the bottling and packaging industry to label and identify products for sale. The product also comes with the features such as print and cut labels as well as to apply multiple labels to a single bottle.



ILC launched a Sticker labelling machine developed by the NeoSpace team on 16th January 2023. The machine can be used to apply stickers or labels into cylindrical glass and PET bottles. The machine is specifically designed for small and medium-scale industries to label and identify products for sale.

Figure 2-2 Launching the Sticker Labelling Machine.

2.2 Licensing Agreement with Growthex Ceylon Private Limited.



The Open University signed a Technology Transfer Agreement with Growthex Marketing for the Fruit Flap - the natural fruit snack developed by Dr. Nimsha Weerakkody and team.

Figure 2-3 Signing the Technology Transfer Agreement with Growthex Ceylon Private Limited.

3. Research and Development

The Industry Liaison Centre endeavours to create innovative research results that can be turned into useful products and services for society and the economic growth of the country that will benefit people by enhancing their quality of life. The Industry Liaison Centre has taken steps to develop innovative products that are capable of creating startups using OUSL students or commercializing to another company partner to take these products to the market.

Summary of the research and innovations carried out by some staff members and students in 2023 is as follows.

Table 3: Various stages of the projects are under development.

Research Outcome	Faculty	Status		
		Prototyped	Developed	Commercialised
Fruit leather	Natural Sciences	✓	✓	✓
Sticker Labelling Machine	Natural Sciences	✓	✓	✓
Gameshow Buzzer System	Natural Sciences	✓	✓	✓
Herbal Tea from Vernonia cinerea as an immunity Enhancer	Natural Sciences	✓	✓	
Encapsulated ready to use Prebiotic and Probiotic Pearls	Natural Sciences	✓	✓	
Banana fibre-based materials	CESSED	✓		
Laulu Ice Cream	CESSED	✓	✓	
Hybrid cleaning machine	Natural Sciences	✓		
Natural Weedicide	Natural Sciences	✓		
Low-cost Multi-purpose Colorimeter	Natural Sciences	✓		
Energy-saving Iron mat	Natural Sciences	✓		
Attachment to Rice cooker	Natural Sciences	✓		
Computerised Telescope Mount	Natural Sciences	✓		
Eco-friendly packaging material	Engineering	✓		
STEM Science kit	Natural Sciences	✓		
Green Pepper Ketchup	CESSED	✓		
AI-based Tea processing system	Engineering	✓		
Animal tracking system	Natural Sciences	✓		

3.1 Fruit leather and fruit slices

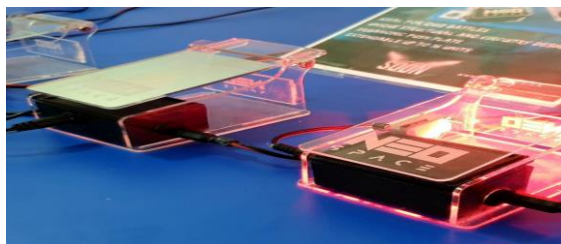


The “Fruit Flap” is 100% natural healthy delicious fruit snack with no added preservatives developed as an effective way to preserve seasonal fruits. It is made from natural fruit puree of juice concentrate with other ingredients which are cooked and dried on a non-sticky surface. The product is a rich nutritional supplement and is a value-added natural fruit substitution for artificial sweets in the market.

Figure 3-1 Fruit Flap

3.2 “ImFirst” Gameshow Buzzer System

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NeoSpace team of the Department of Physics. The device has a unique circuit which makes it fast and reliable. The product has an ergonomic design and comes as 8 or 16-participant unit models with customizable branding for the buyer.

Figure 3-2 GameShow Buzzer System

3.3 Sticker Labelling Machine



The sticker labelling machine, an affordable, portable and made with stainless steel to apply stickers or labels into round glass and PET bottles that can be used in the bottling and packaging industry to label and identify products for sale. The product also comes with the features such as print and cut labels as well as to apply multiple labels to a single bottle.

Figure 3-3 Sticker Labelling Machine

3.4 Herbal Tea from *Vernonia cinerea* as an Immunity Enhancer

Out of many herbs used for porridge, *Vernonia cinerea* is used to treat various diseases on folklore levels in Sri Lanka. *V. cinerea* is an herb having several medicinal properties such as antidiabetic, antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and anti-carcinogenic and therefore could be developed as herbal tea or a value-added product in the market. The present study shows that the plant parts of *V. cinerea* possess a significantly high antioxidant activity. Therefore, the active compounds responsible for the increased anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activities of plant parts of *V. cinerea* are promising alternatives to existing health beverages, and this project aimed to develop a potential value-added commercial product, including herbal tea using *V. cinerea*.

3.5 Encapsulated ready-to-use Prebiotic and Probiotic Pearls

Bubbles or pearls made from cassava starch have become a trending food product consumed with milk tea or other beverages around the globe and capture a high demand in the high-end markets. Cassava contains nearly 90% starch on a dry basis. Therefore, we wish to enhance its bioavailability and nutrition by adding prebiotics and probiotics. In addition, pearl's structure and properties will be modified to suit several diverse applications. The developed pearls can be used as a dessert or topping in desserts rather than in beverages.

3.6 Banana fibre-based materials



The aim of developing banana fibre-based sanitary napkins and tea bags is to produce affordable, eco-friendly and value-added products to recycle the huge amount of agricultural waste of banana stems produced during the harvesting season. In contrast to the commercial products containing synthetic fibres that are not biodegradable and collected in landfills, the new products are compostable and are absolutely zero with chemicals hence will not create any pollution at disposal.

Figure 3-4 Eco-friendly papers made with Banana fibre.

3.7 Laulu Ice Cream

The aim of this project is to prepare a fruit-based ice cream incorporating the Lawulu fruit. Lawulu is an underutilised fruit with high nutritional value including beta-carotene. Due to its off flavour, most people do not prefer to consume it. Our target is to prepare Lawulu-based ice cream with good flavour, attractive colour and high nutritional value.

3.8 Hybrid cleaning machine

The objective of this project is to design and develop a hybrid cleaning mechanism using air and vibration for removing dust, sand and other impurities from pepper. This machine will replace the

traditional manual process of cleaning pepper, which can be time-consuming and labour-intensive. The hybrid cleaning machine will be easy to operate and maintain, energy-efficient, and made of durable materials. The machine will also be designed to meet safety standards and have a sleek and modern appearance.

3.9 Natural Weedicide

This is an outcome of a research project that has been carried out for three years in OUSL. This research project investigated potential plant-derived weedicides as an alternative to the chemical weedicides to be used in rice cultivation. Tests carried out at laboratory and semi-field levels proved that there are two candidates with promising effects. A full-scale field trial is underway at present. One of these promising candidates is outstanding and we would like to start the commercialisation process with it. Meantime, we also like to consider this claim for an IP. I would request that ILC to allocate the required funding for these purposes.

3.10 Low-cost Multi-purpose Colorimeter

It is evident that the number of diabetes patients in Sri Lanka is growing rapidly. To prevent or control this disease, early-stage identification is very important. By changing the colour of the LED (wavelength), the device can be switched to use for other types of clinical measurements such as lipid profiles. Glucometers are imported and the cost of disposable strips which are used to collect the blood sample is significantly high and not affordable for people mainly in rural areas in Sri Lanka. This project suggests low-cost Multi-purpose Colorimeters that can be used for Clinical Measurements in place of Glucometers.

3.11 Energy saving Iron mat.

A revolutionary solution designed to conserve energy while ensuring efficient ironing. This innovative mat harnesses heat-retention technology to optimize ironing performance, reducing energy consumption and saving you money. The first model of the product was completed. Designing the base of the mat is in progress.

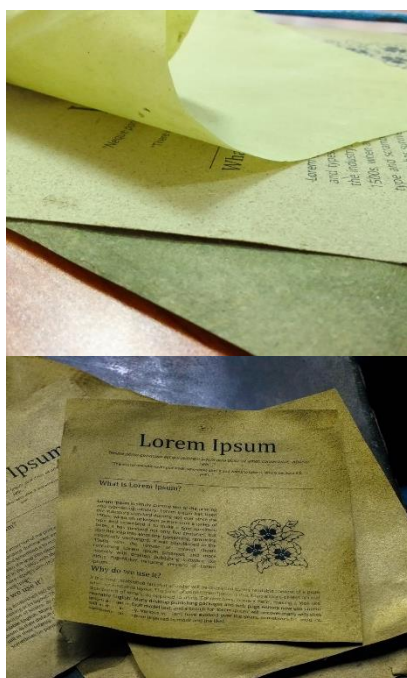
3.12 Attachment to Rice Cooker

This is an instrument that was designed to remove the hot water during the cooking process and refill the cooker with a new stock of hot water. This is a design that aims to enhance the healthfulness of cooked rice and cereals by removing impurities. The designed attachment includes a reservoir that fits into the cooker in place of its lid, a motor and a solenoid valve. If ILC can deploy its expertise to fabricate this designed attachment into two main prototypes we spoke of at today's meeting and, then, carry out necessary evaluations leading to the optimisation of this product would be greatly helpful to transform this invention into a viable commercial product. This also requires funding support from ILC.

3.13 Computerised Telescope Mount

Astronomy is one of the oldest and fun sciences. However, pointing a telescope at a celestial object is hard for armature astronomers. Provided the rotation of the earth, the location also changes with time. There are computerized telescope mounts that solve this problem. But they are expensive and out of the reach of most Sri Lankans. Our objective is to build an affordable telescope mount. We have already signed an MOU and tech transfer documents with the Institute of Astronomy for this.

3.14 Eco-friendly packaging material



The eco-friendly packaging material is derived from a creative amalgamation of water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) and guinea grass (*Megathyrsus maximus*). As both water hyacinth and guinea grass exhibit a propensity for rapid growth and regeneration, the cultivation of these plants for packaging material serves to alleviate pressures on natural habitats and supports a sustainable agricultural cycle. This ingenious combination harnesses the rapid regrowth of water hyacinth and guinea grass, making it an eco-friendly alternative to traditional packaging materials. Also, this remarkable fusion creates exceptional organic food safety packaging that not only safeguards the environment but also ensures the utmost purity and freshness of the enclosed food items.

Figure 3-5 Eco-friendly packaging material made with fibres extracted from Water Hycinth.

3.15 STEM Box Science kit

Science Technology Education and Mathematics are subjects that need to be enjoyed through hands-on experience. But in Sri Lanka, they are mostly taught as rote subjects. One reason for this is the lack of resources as a lack of knowledge. We wish to change this by building a find-it-yourself kit for students. STEM box will contain all the necessary tools and components, except for common household items, to carry out a set of experiments making STEM education more fun and engaging.

3.16 Gel electrophoresis

The objective is to develop a cost-effective automated gel electrophoresis device. MOU and Tech transfer documents are already signed with e gravity solutions Pvt Ltd.

3.17 Green Pepper Ketchup

This project aims to prepare a spicy ketchup made from pure and fresh green pepper and garlic. The ketchup is free of discolouring, free of off-flavour, free of preservatives and includes a proper spicy peppery and garlic taste combined with a sweet taste and a nutritive food supplement which can be consumed with short-eats, burgers and other bakery products.

3.18 AI-based Tea Processing System

This is an IoT and AI-based Tea Processing monitoring system which will be developed for tea Factories to improve the quality of production and reduce the cost of production. This system helps factory administration and officials monitor environmental conditions and all the steps in Tea Processing automates some steps in Tea Processing and collects real-time data. The system uses AI algorithms to analyze oxidation levels, assess tea quality, and provide alerts if parameters deviate from optimal ranges. It enables remote monitoring and control, offers insights through data analytics and ensures traceability. The target market for this system will be all types of Tea Factories established in all over the country which focus on improving the quality of the production and reducing the cost of production. Before implementing this system in a Tea Factory, we will inspect the entire factory process and make necessary customizations to the prototype we built based on client requirements.

3.19 Animal tracking system

In rural areas of Sri Lanka, it is a common practice to release cows, goats and other grazing animals to the nearby pastures in the morning and herd them back in the evening. However, owners do not have a way to identify the location of these animals. The objective is to develop a tracking system for these animals.

4. Collaborations

The following table shows the collaborations and links created with other entities.

Table 4: Collaboration with External Organizations

No.	Collaborator	Collaboration
1	Ceylona Green Natural Foods Private Limited	MOU and two Technology Transfer agreements signed
2	MAS Innovations	NDA (Pending)
3	Rancrisp Marketing Private Limited	Negotiations in progress

4.1 Ceylona Green Natural Foods Private Limited

The Open University signed an MOU with Ceylona Green Natural Foods Private Limited on 26th April 2023 to collaborate in providing automated machinery solutions and systems for manufacturing process improvements.



The first Technology transfer agreement under that MOU was signed on 24th November 2023. The university received an amount of LKR 375,000.00 for the technology of the “Hybrid cleaning mechanism using air and vibration for removing dust, sand and other impurities from pepper”.

Figure 4-1 MOU signing with Ceylona Green Natural Foods Private Limited.

4.2 MAS Innovations



The ILC has initiated discussions with MAS Innovations to develop collaborative partnerships to drive innovations and find solutions and develop new solutions that can positively impact the society.

Figure 4-2 Initiated Discussion with MAS Innovation

4.3 Rancrisp Marketing Private Limited



ILC initiated discussions with Rancrisp Marketing to commercialise Probiotic pearls developed by Dr. Nimsha Weerakkody in the Department of Plantation Engineering. Company representatives visited ILC on 5th January 2024 for the sensory analysis of the product.

Figure 4-3 Initiated Discussion with Rancrisp Marketing Private Limited.

5. Industry Visits

Table 5: Summary of the industry visits conducted by ILC in 2023.

No	Company Name	Participants	Faculty
1	Beam Hela Osu Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Dr Dusantha Alwis and the team	Department of Chemistry
2	Island Food Expo (Pvt) Ltd	Dr. Nimsha Weerakkody Dr. Dusantha Alwis	Departments of Chemistry & Plantation Engineering
3	Ceylon Paper Pottery (Pvt) Ltd	Dr. Chamila Dias and the team	CESSED

5.1 Beam Hela Osu Lanka Private Limited Industry Visit

ILC visited Beam Hela Osu Lanka Private Limited together with Dr Dusantha Alwis and the team as a part of the herbal tea project to get a comprehensive overview of the manufacturing process of herbal products. and to initiate the commercialisation of the invention. ILC initiated discussions on the possibility of future collaborations and interactions with Beam Hela Osu Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

5.2 Island Food Expo (Pvt) Ltd Industry Visit

ILC organized an industrial visit to Island Food Expo (Pvt) Ltd. Homagama to provide technical consultation on ready-to-eat curry preservation methods for export purposes. Dr. Nimsha Weerakkody from the Department of Plantation Engineering and Dr. Dusantha Alwis from the Department of Chemistry participated in the visit.

5.3 Ceylon Paper Pottery Private Limited

The research team visited Ceylon Paper Pottery Private Limited in Wattala to develop a commercial prototype of banana fibre papers. Explored avenues for advancing the banana fibre paper's development. The team has prototyped a composite banana fibre sheet aiming to substitute PVC panels. Further development of the product is in progress.

Knowledge Sharing and Publicity

Table 6: Summary of the knowledge sharing, and publicity events conducted by ILC.

No	Event/Activity
1	ILC Website Launch
2	Participated in Ruhuna Invention and Innovation Exhibition (RIIE) 2023
3	Participated in "Innovation Arena" National Industry Exhibition
4	Participated in Profood/Propack 2023 Exhibition
5	Conduct Guest Lectures
6	Launch OUSL Mobile Innovation Laboratory
7	Draft Start-up Policy
8	Conduct mini-Exhibition at SLASS annual scientific sessions

6.1 Website

The new ILC website is launched and now anyone can access it through the main university website.

6.2 Ruhuna Invention and Innovation Exhibition (RIIE) 2023

ILC showcased the open university products at Ruhuna Invention and Innovation Exhibition (RIIE) 2023 on 5th June 2023 held at the University of Ruhuna. The exhibition has been organized by the University of Ruhuna in collaboration with the Southern Province Industrial Development Authority (SPDIA), the Southern Province Education Department, and the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission (SLIC). The exhibition was opened for staff and students of all universities, schools and other inventors from the Southern province to encourage creativity and innovation in young minds. The ILC showcased an Electronic demonstration kit, Buzzer, labelling machine and several food products such as fruit flap & Pepper ketchup and all received positive feedback from the visitors and evaluations committee.



Figure 6-1 Ruhuna Invention and Innovation Exhibition

6.3 National Industry Exhibition

ILC showcased the Open University products in the National Industry Exhibition, Industry 2023 at BMICH from 22nd-25th June 2023. The exhibition has been organized by the Industrial Development Board of the Ministry of Industries. We, the ILC exhibited the electronic demonstration kit, Buzzer, labelling machine and several food products such as fruit flap & Pepper ketchup. The OUSL mobile innovation laboratory was also exhibited, and several workshop sessions were conducted inside the lab on 3D modeling. Many of the students from schools and the kids were allowed to participate in the introductory sessions to 3D modelling organized by the NeoSpace Laboratory of the Department of Physics.



Figure 6-2 National Industry Exhibition

6.4 Profood/Propack 2023



The Open University showcased its innovative food products in the Profood/Propack 2023 exhibition at BMICH from 4th to 6th August 2023. The exhibition has been organized by the Sri Lanka Food Processors Association. The event is used by the food industrialists for networking to launch innovative products and to meet its end consumers as well as to get first-hand feedback from the market.

Figure 6-3 Profood/Propack 2023 exhibition.

This year the Department of Plantation Engineering played the key role in organizing the Open University stall together with PIO and ILC.

The Open University developed innovative food products; TomoTiny Greens, O-calorie concentrate, and Coco whey iced coffee, packaging materials; Cogon-Hyacinth sheet as well as food processing technologies; AI-powered IoT based app for tea processing were showcased at the exhibition.

6.5 Guest Lecture

The Industry Liaisons Committee of the Faculty of Natural Sciences together with the Industry Liaisons Centre organised a guest lecture on "Bridging the Gap between University and Industry through Innovations from Biotechnology" 8th September 2023 online. A successful and informative speech was given by Dr. Siyam Subair is a Professor at SETAS, Centennial College, Toronto, Canada and a Research Lead at WIMTACH.

6.6 OUSL Mobile Innovation Laboratory launch

The OUSL Mobile Innovation Laboratory launched on 9th June 2023 at the faculty premises of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. The lab was designed and developed as a part of the AHEAD RIC grant coordinated by Dr. Gayan Illeperuma and Prof. Susira Perera of the Department of Physics who had been the pioneers of working to make the project a reality. The laboratory is the very first and the only mobile innovation lab in Sri Lanka designed for conducting research and practicals at remote locations and will facilitate transforming science teaching and learning remotely other than the main university campus. The lab was handed over to the Vice Chancellor of the Open University by the project team with the presence of distinguished guests.



Figure 6-4 Launching the Mobile Innovation Laboratory, OUSL.

6.7 Start-up Policy Drafting

ILC has initiated drafting the Start-up policy of the OUSL to support OUSL staff and students to establish startups based on the research project works in the University and to develop Entrepreneurship for Innovation and Startup in the University.

6.8 Showcasing OUSL products at SLASS Scientific sessions.



ILC exhibited Open university inventions at the 79th Scientific sessions of SLAAS held from 11th-15th December 2023 at OUSL and received positive feedback from the participants.

Figure 6-5 Mini exhibition at SLASS scientific sessions at New Faculty complex of Health Sciences, OUSL.

7. Other activities

Table 7: Summary of the other activities performed by ILC during the year 2023.

No	Event/Activity
1	UBL Phase 4 evaluation.
2	A modified version of my SMART FAUCET"
3	CLDP Consultation Programme for UBL Directors.
4	AHEAD concluding ceremony.

7.1 UBL Phase 4 evaluation.

The ILC completed UBL Phase 4 actions and faced evaluation on 11.08.2023 with distinguished guests including the Vice Chancellor, AHEAD directors and representatives from the private sector. Around 50 participants participated in the event including evaluators, industry partners, administration and OUSL academics. Upon the completion of Phase 4, the Open University received seven million funds to continue the UBL work. Based on the applications received by ILC, 12 research projects have been approved for AHEAD funding support considering the technology readiness level, commercialisation potential, innovation and the potential impact of the proposed projects.



Figure 7-1 UBL Phase 04 Evaluation / Mini-Exhibition

7.2 “A modified version of my SMART FAUCET”

“A modified version of my SMART FAUCET” invented by Mr. Harichandra Khalingarajah, a final year student of Jaffna regional centre of OUSL has received three international awards at the 8th International Invention Innovation Competition held in Toronto, Canada (iCAN 2023) on August 26, 2023. The competition was conducted by the Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS) and supported by Innovation Initiative Co-operative Inc., International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), and World Invention Intellectual Property Associations (WIIPA).

The three awards are as follows.

Gold medal awarded by Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS)

Gold medal for FIRI, International special award for best Invention awarded by the First Institute of Inventors and Researchers in I.R. IRAN (FIRI)

Canadian special award – TISIAS

7.3 CLDP Consultation Programme for UBL Directors.

The Director/ILC attended the U.S. Consultation on Technology Transfer and Commercialization organised by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) from 5th-16th December 2023 in Washington, D.C., Ithaca, New York and Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Figure 7-2 U.S. Consultation Program

7.4 AHEAD concluding ceremony.

The ILC of the Open University of Sri Lanka received recognition at the Accelerating Invention and Valorization of Research in Universities for its notable success and achievements on December 15th 2023, at the Kingsbury, Colombo.



Figure 7-3 AHEAD concluding ceremony.

6.9 Centre for Educational Technology and Media (CETMe)

The Educational Technology (ET) division {Centre for Educational Technology and Media (CETMe) since 2011}, is one of the most important divisions in the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) that enables the delivery of study programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) methodology. The self-instructional material is the main teaching component, unlike traditional face-to-face lectures in a conventional university. Thus, the centre plays a key role in designing, developing/producing and maintaining the quality standards of study material/learning resources provided to learners thereby maintaining the quality standards of all the OUSL study programmes. The centre is also accountable for formulating quality assurance guidelines and standards for the OUSL study material/learning resources (print, audio-visual and online) and monitoring of all study material including online courses. Furthermore, it is also responsible for developing the capacity of the academics to deliver study programmes using ODL methodology especially with respect to writing/designing/producing learning resources to suit the distance learners thereby enabling them to develop high quality learning resources for the diverse learners who are scattered across the country. It currently serves all six Faculties in developing study material/learning resources including online courses.

The expansion of the CETMe starting from an audio-visual cell in 1980 to a CETMe in 2011 is illustrated in Figure 1.

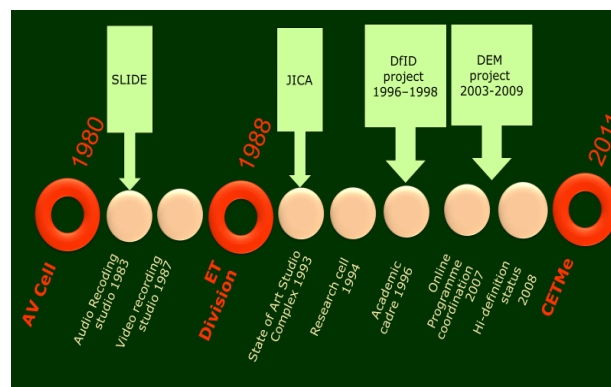


Figure 1: Strengthening of audio-visual cell in 1980 to a Centre in 2011

The next section will discuss the initiatives, accomplishments and activities conducted by the CETMe during the year 2023.

1. Initiatives taken in the year 2023

- Initiated to offer short courses in the Centre and obtained approval from the senate. The following short courses have already commenced.
 - Short Course in Video Production (initiated by Dr Sandya Doluweera) – 1st cycle already completed; 2nd cycle is ongoing.
 - Short Course in News and Feature Article Writing (Initiated by Ms Dinithi Ranasinghe) – 1st cycle is ongoing.
 - Short Course in Screen Performance (DR Sameera Tilakawardena) – 1st cycle is ongoing.
- The programme ‘Prismawalokanaya’ was produced with the intention of making the dream of carrying the Centre for Educational Technology and Media (CETMe) forward from the new media era to infinite media space a reality. It was live streamed as part of the inaugural series of the ‘OUSL Life’ YouTube Channel which was launched by the CETMe. ‘Prismawalokanaya’ paved way to promoting CETMe’s technical and human resources among other institutes that may be interested in producing educational programmes. This programme also provided knowledge, entertainment and a novel experience to the OUSL Staff.

2. Accomplishments in the year 2022

The production unit of the Centre carried out the following:

- Designed and produced promotional videos were made for all 06 faculties of the University. They are uploaded to the OUSL YouTube channel and are being shared on other social media platforms.
- Designed and produced promotional videos for several departments and study programmes
- Provided live video coverages of two major research conferences (one international and one local) hosted by the OUSL in 2023.
 - 2nd International Conference on Management and Entrepreneurship (ICOME 2023) held on 15th May 2023. The CETMe supported the event to the fullest accommodating all the requests related to banners, leaflets, invitation cards, cover page of the conference proceedings, animations, video coverage.
 - Open University Research Sessions 2022 (OURS) which was held on 09th and 10th November 2023 at the OUSL. The CETMe supported the event to the fullest accommodating all the requests related to banners, leaflets, invitation cards, cover page of the conference proceedings, animations, video coverage, etc. Some of the examples are illustrated below.



Figure 3a: OURS 2023 leaflet designed by Mr S Daladawatta; CETMe Illustrationist



Figure 3b: Invitation card designed by Mr S Daladawatta; CETMe Illustrationist

3. Activities conducted by the Academic and Research Unit

One of the mandates of the academics in the CETMe is to provide capacity building training programmes for the OUSL academics to transform them to become effective ODL practitioners so that they have the capacity to deliver OUSL study programmes effectively. These training programmes are introduction to ODL, writing self-instructional material, producing audio-visual learning resources, online learning etc.

In addition, the academic staff members rendered their services as resource persons to the following CPD programmes conducted by the Staff Development Centre (SDC) for the year 2022 (Table 2).

- Induction/Orientation on ODL – conducted for new recruits (academic/non-academic of the OUSL)
- CTHE programmes - awareness on ODL, course writing, online course development etc. Two academic members serve as module coordinators for the module on Educational Technology and Course Design and Development.
- Senior induction programme - awareness on ODL, course writing, online course development etc
- Communication Skills Programme – English (Advance Level)

4. Language and Copyediting

Currently, two academic staff members of the CETMe are responsible for language and copy editing of the OUSL course material and other OUSL publications (Figure 5a and 6b). Table 1 and 2 illustrate the number of copyedited sessions of the OUSL course material in English and Sinhala respectively.



Figure 5a – Language and copy editing of English course material of the OUSL by Ms Mayanthi Kulatunga Jayakody



Figure 5b – Language and copy editing of Sinhala course material of the OUSL by Ms Dinethi Ranasinghe

Table 1: Number of copyedited sessions of the OUSL course material (English) in 2023

Faculty	No. of Sessions
Humanities & Social Studies	29 sessions
Education	24 sessions
Management Studies	31 sessions
Health Sciences	126 sessions and others

Table 2 illustrates the number of copyedited sessions in Sinhala.

Table 2: Number of copyedited sessions of the OUSL course material (Sinhala) in 2023

Faculty	No. of Sessions
Education	70

5. Quality assurance of the OUSL course material (print)

Table 3: List of the OUSL course material that have obtained ISBN for the year 2023

	Faculty & Department	Course Title & Course Code	Academic Incharge / CETMe	The date obtained ISBN
1	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Contemporary Issues in Youth Development – Block I (DSU4566)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	02.03.2023
2	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Contemporary Issues in Youth Development – Block II (DSU4566)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	08.03.2023
3	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Conflict Resolution: Strategic and Skills	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	08.03.2023
4	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Promoting Enterprise and Economic Development (DSU4561)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	03.04.2023
5	Dept. of Law Fac. of HSS	Equity and Trusts Law (LLU3505)	Prof. B.G. Jayathilleke	17.04.2023
6	Dept. of Botany Fac. of Nat. Sci.	Advanced Ecology (BYU6308) Unit II	Prof. B.G. Jayathilleke	11.05.2023
7	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Promoting Enterprise and Economic Development -Unit II (DSU4561)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	11.05.2023
8	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Youth Governance and participation – I (DSU4368)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	17.05.2023
9	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	Project Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation -II (DSU4562)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	25.05.2023
10	Dept. of Social Science Fac. of HSS	New directions in the Humanities and social sciences	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	10.08.2023
11	Dept. of English Language & Teaching Fac. of HSS	English for academic purposes - elementary	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	13.11.2023
12	Dept. of Botany Fac. of Natural Science	Laboratory Manual (FND 3606)	Ms. Mayanthi Jayakody	06.12.2023

The above course material were reviewed before obtaining the ISBN and ensured that the OUSL course material were up to the OUSL quality standard.

6. Online Course design, development, quality assurance and uploading to the official online platform “LearnOUSL”

The CETMe is assigned all the tasks related to online course development such as programme co-ordination of all the OUSL online courses, online course design, development, quality assurance and uploading to the official online Platform (“LearnOUSL”) since 2007. The CETMe assists the academics to develop their online courses with the assistance of 10 demonstrators attached to the CETMe.

Table 4 illustrates the progress of the OUSL online courses uploaded to the “LearnOUSL” after undergoing the process of designing, developing and quality assurance for the year 2022.

Table 4: Progress Report of the Online courses uploaded to the “LearnOUSL” after reviewing by the CETMe academics.

Academic year	No of Courses offered by 30 th November 2023	No of Courses offered by 31st December 2023
2023/2024	380	406
2022/2023	760	764
2021/2022	690	690
2020/2021	707	707
2019/2020	586	586

7. Research Presentations/Publications

Activities conducted by the Production Unit

The **Production Unit** of the CETMe is responsible for producing audio visual study material/learning resources for the six faculties, promotional video for faculties/departments/study programmes, undertaking audio visual coverages of OUSL events of the university including annual convocations and award ceremonies (Figure 6a & 6b).



Figure 6a: Studio recording in the studio complex

Figure 6b: Studio recording in the control studio

In addition, the Visual Art section of the CETMe is responsible for designing graphics/illustrations and animations for both print and electronic media. They also design props for video productions.

8. Income generation projects

Income generation for the OUSL

- SLT Mobitel Video Documentary
- CVCD Excellence Award 2022
- Technical College Final Examination 2022
- Technical College Final Examination 2023

9. Future direction

The positive impacts of the current initiatives taken by the CETMe for enhancing the overall effectiveness of its services will take some time to surface. However, based on its solid foundation and achievements in the past and the new initiatives taken at present, the CETMe will be able to provide direction, guidance, and facilitation to enhance the OUSL branding to the fullest through OUSL course material/learning resources. This mission will be achieved through collaboration of all the stakeholders of the OUSL in line with its vision of “Education for all through life-long learning”.

6.10 Centre for Self-Financing Activities [C-SFA]

Accordingly, amounts carried forward in CERC and C- SAP funds will be transferred to C-SFA fund with effect from the date of implementation of By-Law for Centre for Self-Financing Activities (CSFA) with effect from 1st July 2023. The Centre for Self-Financing Activities [C- SFA] is a division established by the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) to facilitate and enhance the collaboration between the University and the Sri Lankan community according to the UGC circular 4/2016. Also, through the C-SFA, the university can utilize its human and physical resources, when available, to the betterment of the country. The C-SFA is managed by a Board of Management comprising the Vice-Chancellor who is the chairman of the board, director and nominated member of both academic and administrative staff with one Council representatives.

The C-SFA undertakes assignments such as post graduate and undergraduate programmes, research programmes, short courses, consultancy services, extension courses, training and continuing professional development courses. The academics of respective academic

departments and divisions could undertake such assignments without prejudice to the primary commitments to the OUSL. The C-SFA assignments are developed by the academic department after analysing the current trends and needs of the society. Also, there are many assignments which are tailor-made to suit the requirement of the client who is an external institution. A C-SFA project can commence once the approval has been granted by the university council. The OUSL will offer the required physical and human resources to conduct and complete the assignment successfully.

C-SFA always welcomes Sri Lankan Community, especially public sector and private sector institutions, government authorities, fellow academic institutions, etc., to utilize the extensive human and physical resources of the OUSL to achieve their goals, and at the same time C-SFA extends its fullest support and encourage active participation of OUSL staff in CERC assignments.

In 2022, OUSL has provided Consultancy Services and CPD programmes to many public & private organizations and all the faculties are start CPD courses. Furthermore, C-SFA has more than 40 ongoing short courses which cater for thousands of students all over Sri Lanka in the disciplines of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Management, Language Studies, Social Sciences, Health Sciences and Education.

6.11 Research Division

OUSL established the Research Division in February 2014 to serve as a vehicle to spearhead its research mandate. This Division is headed by the Director, Research.

The Division of Research will advance the academic and research mission of the university while promoting a culture that exemplifies excellent service, transparency, collaboration and innovation.

The Division of Research promotes faculty, staff and student success by facilitating collaborative and innovative research, scholarship and creative activities. The Division strives to expand research and national development, integrate research with instruction and public service, and foster cross disciplinary collaboration.

Following activities/tasks were completed in year 2023

1. Organized Open University Research Sessions 2023 (OURS 2022) from 09th to 10th November 2023 as a hybrid conference.
2. Organized six Panel Discussions and conducted parallelly with the Technical Sessions of OURS 2023.

Titles of Panel Discussions:

Sustainable utilization of Natural Resources to reinforce the Sri Lankan Economy
Advocating STEM Education: Significance, Challenges and Lessons Learnt
Empowering tomorrow: cost effective, innovative and integrated engineering solutions

Multidisciplinary Approach to the Health of the Nation
Financial Literacy Landscape in Sri Lanka : Issues, Challenges, and Way Forward
Story of Plastics: Past, Present and Future trends

3. Organized pre-conference lectures and workshops on 07th and 08th November 2023.
 Workshop – *Artificial Intelligence for Academic Research*
 Workshop – *The experience of using artificial intelligence technologies in Russian agro-industrial enterprises*
 Workshop – *Exploring Natural Sciences Through Data - Introduction to R for Statistical Data Analysis*
 Workshop – *How to complete a PhD successfully*
 Lecture – *How to become an effective academic*
 Lecture – *Mental Health and Suicide Prevention*

Lecture - *How Artificial Intelligence can be used for Open Distance Learning*
 Lecture - *Innovative/sustainable technologies in building Construction*
 Lecture - *Narrative Inquiry*

4. Organized eleven monthly Webinars as follows:

Relationship Marketing Model for Academic Partners by Prof. Nalin Abeysekera
Tips to write a High Impact research Paper by Prof. Methika Vitanage
Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer by Dr Hasareli Fernando
Winning back the lost Paradise by Prof. Nilwala Kottegoda
How to bring Research Evidence into Policy? By Dr Amila Abeynayake
Measurement Assurance by Mr R. G. Perera
Development of Instruments for Measuring Social Capital in Higher Education by Prof. Mohd Mahzan Bin Awang

Insights into the process of international publication in linguistics: Q & A Session by Dr. Brooke R. Schreiber
Citing and Referencing with MENDELEY Reference Management Tool by U. D. Hiruni Kanchana
Our Blue Future a 550,000 sqkm² of Opportunity by Prof. Sampath Senevitatna
The Legal and Illegal Trade in Wildlife – Legal and Policy Issues by Prof. Camena Gunaratne

5. Compiled Research Publications of OUSL staff Database - 2022.
6. Compiled Research Grants for OUSL staff Database - 2022.
7. Developed the curriculum of the “Short Course in Research Methodology and Scientific/Scholarly Writing” to be offered for MPhil and PhD students. Obtained Senate approval.
8. Distributed the allocated fund of Rs. 15 million of Faculty Research Grants 2023 among the applicants of selected Research Proposals.
9. Distributed Rs. 2.8 million for Competitive Research Grants among three (03) OUSL academic staff members of selected Research Proposals.
10. Evaluated the following applications received to the Ethics Review Committee for Ethical approval.
 Postgraduate/Research - 06
 Fac. of Education – 20 (through ER Sub-Committee of Fac. of Education)
 Faculty of Health Sciences – 65 (through ER Sub-Committee of Fac. of Health Sc.)
 PGIE – 12 (through ER Sub-Committee of PGIE)
11. Evaluated twenty-nine (29) Research Allowance 2023 applications received from the eligible staff members of CETMs, CESSD, RES, Library and Administrative Staff of OUSL.

Open University Research Sessions 2023

Important events of the OURS 2023 conference





Welcome address by Director/Research



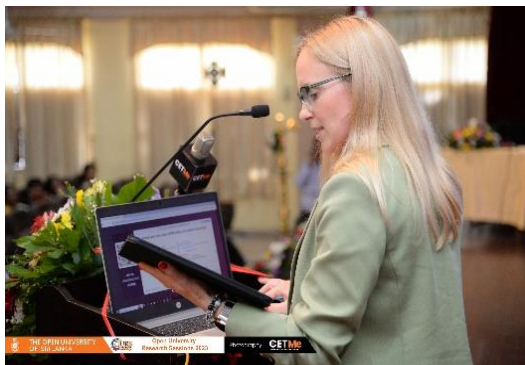
Vice-Chancellor's speech



Chief Guest - Prof. R.M.G. Rajapakse
Topic - Sustainable Development Through
Responsible Utilization of Natural Resources



Keynote speaker - Prof. M. Sornarajah
Topic – Sri Lanka as a Battlefield of
International Law



Keynote speaker – Prof. Maria Obraztsova
Topic - Methodology of Distance Learning.
Increase in Quantity Without Loss of Quality.
The Experience of Innopolis University



Keynote speaker - Prof.
Gunther Paul
Topic - Digital
Transformation in
Ergonomics
through Digital Human
Modelling to the Digital
Twin

6.12 Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (CESSD)

The Centre for Environmental Studies & Sustainable Development (CESSD) at The Open University of Sri Lanka is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness, research, and sustainable development practices in Sri Lanka. Established with a vision to create a greener and more sustainable future, CESSD serves as a center of excellence in environmental education and research. The principle aim of the CESSD is to carry out a comprehensive programme of teaching, research and scholarship leading to technology development and capacity development to address environmental problems in Sri Lanka. Also, the primary objective of CESSD is to foster a deep understanding of environmental issues and equip individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to address and mitigate environmental challenges.

Furthermore, CESSD engages in community outreach programs, aiming to raise awareness about environmental conservation and sustainable practices among the university community. Through these initiatives, CESSD strives to promote environmental stewardship, encourage sustainable lifestyles, and empower individuals to make a positive impact on their surroundings.

Plastic Free OUSL

In an effort to reduce plastic waste and promote sustainability, the “Plastic Free OUSL” Program was held on 23rd of February 2023 at the Open University of Sri Lanka. The event was organized by the university’s Green Committee in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development. The aim of the program was to raise awareness about the negative impact of plastic on the environment and encourage participants to adopt more eco-friendly habits.



Sahana Malla Programme

The Sahana Malla Programme, is a special initiative organized by the Centre for Environmental and Sustainable Development (CESSD) of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) to support the cleaning service staff who work tirelessly to keep our surroundings clean and hygienic. As a part of the Sahana Malla Programme, we recently launched a special initiative to provide groceries to the cleaning service staff.



Less Plastic Movement National Campaign 2023 Phase I

“Less Plastic Movement National Campaign 2023” was organized by the Center for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (CESSD), Open University of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Central Environmental Authority, Marine Environment Protection of Public Administration, Home Affairs, provincial councils, and the government. With their immense support, this program was successfully completed from May 10th to June 5th, 2023.



In the first stage of the program, a nationwide education and awareness campaign was conducted from May 10th to June 4th, 2023. Subsequently, in the second stage, an activity day was scheduled for June 5th, aligning with World Environment Day. On the activity day, a comprehensive initiative was undertaken to collect waste plastics across the entire island.”

Soba Seya Art & Photography Exhibition

The Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development of the Open University of Sri Lanka organized an island-wide art and photography exhibition in July 2023 regarding the celebration of University Day along with University Green Day in collaboration with the Young Zoologist Association and the Central Environmental Authority. The exhibition was held in Colombo and other regional centres, open to the public under two categories as school children and open. Themes of the exhibition are Wildlife, Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Pollution and Climate change.



Sri Lanka Counter Wildlife Trafficking Awareness, Capacity & Empowerment Program

A series of Workshops has been organized with the collaboration of Environmental Foundation Limited (EFL). 1st workshop was successfully completed on the 19th to 23rd of June 2023 at the Galle Face Hotel Colombo. This workshop convened legal professionals mandated with prosecuting wildlife trafficking cases, providing them with essential knowledge and skills to effectively combat this criminal activity.

The second workshop of the programme was completed on the 1st to 3rd of July 2023, at the Heritance Negombo Hotel. The workshop focused on key areas related to environmental conservation and wildlife protection, aiming to address critical issues and explore effective strategies for sustainable development.



Second Workshop of the Sri Lanka Counter Wildlife Trafficking Awareness, Capacity & Empowerment Program

The third workshop of the programme was completed on the 2nd of September 2023, at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo. This workshop is a one-day Awareness & Sensitization Workshop for High Court Judges. The program focuses on raising awareness, sharing knowledge, strengthening legal frameworks, capacity building, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders to combat this multi-billion-dollar criminal industry.



Third Workshop of the Sri Lanka Counter Wildlife Trafficking Awareness, Capacity & Empowerment Program

International Conference on Mangrove for Ecological and Economic Sustainability

The International Conference on Mangroves for Ecological & Economic Sustainability is a significant event that aims to highlight the critical role of mangroves in achieving sustainable development goals. The conference covered various aspects of mangrove ecosystems and their potential benefits for ecological and economic sustainability, including mangroves for climate change mitigation, mangroves to sustain coastal environments and biodiversity, mangroves for economic development, mangrove conservation, rehabilitation, and enrichment, and mangroves and ecotourism. This conference was held on 26th of July 2023, at the Open University of Sri Lanka.



I am Eco- smart Programme

The Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development of the Open University of Sri Lanka organized a one-day activity-based program on sustainable development during the August school holidays for children whose parents (academic or non-academic) work at the OUSL. This programme aims to development knowledge and skills of children on Natural Environment, Water Conservation, Environmental Impacts and Pollution, Composting and Gardening, Alternative Energies, Value of Foods, Reusing and Recycling, Resource Efficiency, and the Importance of Volunteering. This programme has successfully implemented on the 23rd of August 2023.

Teachers Training Workshop on Science & Technology Research for Science Teachers in Western Province

The Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development, in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) and the Ministry of Education, successfully organized a Teachers Training Workshop. The workshop, held on the 14th and 15th of September, focused on the theme "Inculcating Science and Technology Research in School Education." It witnessed active participation from many teachers across the Western province.

Less Plastic Movement (LPM) National Campaign 2023 Phase II

As an initiation, a press conference was held on 10th of November 2023 at the Senate house with the participation of Dr. Anil Jasinghe – Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Prof. P.M.C. Thilakarathne -Vice Chancellor of OUSL, Prof. Bandunee Athapattu - Director/ CESSD, Prof. Rangika Bandara - Conceptualizer of LPM, and Dr. Yohan Mahagamage – National Coordinator of LPM.

Portrait Unveiling Ceremony

The Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (CESSD) organized a portrait unveiling ceremony in honor of the former director's distinguished contribution to the Centre. This event, which took place on the 8th of December 2023, was executed with great success.

Furthermore, the Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (CESSD) took the initiative to apply for the UI Green Metric World University Rankings in 2023. The Open University achieved a ranking of 651 out of 1183 universities, securing 5760 points. Additionally, the Open University attained the 5th position among universities in the country.

Item	2023	2022	2021
World Ranking	651	566	725
Island Ranking	5	6	7
Total Score	5760	5600	4200
Setting & Infrastructure	600	950	875
Energy & Climate Change	1050	1050	425
Waste	900	750	750
Water	350	350	300
Transportation	1210	1250	925
Education & Research	1650	1250	925
No of the countries Participated	1183	1050	956

Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development is currently organizing an International Conference on Plastic and Environmental Sustainability, focusing the themes of pollution, human health, and alternatives. The conference will be held on the 7th and 8th of March 2024, at the Waters Edge hotel.

International Conference on Plastics & Environmental Sustainability 2024

Conference theme:
**Pollution, Human
Health and Alternatives**

Conference Tracks

- Track 1: Microplastics
- Track 2: Environmental impacts of plastics
- Track 3: Health Impacts of plastics
- Track 4: Socio-economic impacts of plastics
- Track 5: Plastic waste management
- Track 6: Plastic production and legal aspects
- Track 7: Alternatives for plastics

Conference Dates
7th – 8th March 2024

Venue:
**The Waters Edge hotel
Battaramulla, Sri Lanka**

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 Registration deadline: **20th February 2024**

Registration fee

Local participants: Rs. 2500
Early bird participants: Rs. 1500

Foreign participants USD 75
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6.13 Centre for Gender Equity/Equality



- Special awareness session for the Higher management of the OUSL in January 2023 on 23rd about the LLWD course
- IWD Film Festival was conducted successfully on 25th April 9.30-12.30 at the New Auditorium screening 4 short films and a documentary by four female film makers lead by Ms Anoma Rajakaruna and a moderate panel discussion conducted with them.



- A guest talk session for the Faculty of Management Studies conducted successfully on 18th May 10.00am – 12.00pm at the faculty board room of the HSS discussing the topic “Transformational leadership – is it gender sensitive?” delivered by Prof. Nalin Abesekara, Dean Faculty of MSD OUSL.
- A guest talk session for the Faculty of Engineering Technology conducted successfully on 14th June 10.00am – 12.00pm at the faculty board room of the FET discussing the topic “University as our workplace – Reflection on duties and rights” delivered by Prof. Deepika Udugama, Head, Faculty of Law, University of Peradeniya

- An awareness session of half a day in Colombo CRC for staff members (academic and nonacademic) focusing Learning to Live with Diversity (LLWD) was conducted on 23rd June from 1.00pm-4.00pm at the SDC OUSL with a resource panel consisting of Dr Anoma Satharasinghe, Dr Renuka Perera, Dr Kanchana Bulumulle, Mr. M L Sudharshana and Mr. Kethiswaran.



- A panel discussion session for the Faculty of Natural Sciences was conducted successfully on 01st September 10.00am – 12.00pm at the faculty board room of the FNS discussing the topic “Gender equity and science: Context of the higher education, possibilities and nuances” delivered by Dr. Manoj Fernando (Sen. Lecturer, Faculty of applied Science, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka), Dr. Nadeeka Chandraratne (Sen. Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo) Dr. Kanchana Bulumulle (Director – CGEE).
- Awareness session (Half Day) in Hatton study centers for staff members (academic and non- academic), students, teachers and officials of the area focusing the Learning to Live with Diversity (LLWD) was conducted successfully on 14th September with around 120 participants.



- A session was conducted by the director for the CTHE program by SDC on 21st, and for the orientation program for the new students by the Faculty of Health Sciences on 26th September.

- A guest talk session for the Faculty of Humanities and social sciences was conducted on 22nd November 2023 at 10.30am to 12.00pm at the Faculty Boardroom of the FHSS discussing on “Comprehensive and affective policies to prevent and response to sexual harassment in Sri Lanka by Ms. Naushalya Rajapakshe. Attorney at Law, Founder “Yeheliya Foundation”



Survey on the workplace-based experiences on gender inequality and SGBV is ongoing, and data will be analyzed, and the results will be finalized soon in a report.

6.14 Centre for Quality Assurance

The objectives of the Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA)

The objective of the Centre for Quality Assurance is to develop and implement mechanisms and procedures to maintain and enhance the quality of all activities of the Open University of Sri Lanka towards achieving the goal of developing and delivering Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Professional Development Courses and Programmes of Study in conformity with the Open Distance Learning pedagogy. The quality assurance activities encompass all administrative functions and the regional educational services in addition to the academic functions performed by Faculties and Departments of study, and other academic entities.

The functions of the CQA is governed by the provisions of By-Law No. 14 of Center for Quality Assurance of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

The Assistant Registrar CQA is the Convener and Secretary of the Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance.

The Director- CQA shall be a Professor or a Senior Lecturer of the OUSL with substantial experience and knowledge in the discipline of Quality Assurance. He/she is appointed for a period of three years by the Council of the OUSL on the recommendation of the Senate.

The QA Standing Committee shall meet as and when it is deemed necessary but at least once in two months. The quorum for such a meeting shall be half of the full membership.

Functions and responsibilities of the CQA

The functions and responsibilities of the CQA shall include amongst others, the following activities:

- i. Coordination of all Quality Assurance related activities within the University.
- ii. Liaising with the Quality Assurance Council (QAC) of the UGC and other external Quality Assurance agencies.
- iii. Preparation of operational guidelines for CQA in accordance with the general guidelines developed by QAC of the UGC.

- iv. Reporting university quality assurance activities at the UGC Standing Committee on Quality Assurance
- v. Developing a three-year strategic plan for CQA and obtaining the approval of the Senate and the Council, and implementation with the concurrence with the QAC of the UGC.
- vi. Developing annual work plan for the CQA and obtaining approval from the University Senate and the Council.
- vii. Implementation of Quality Assurance reviews / Audits and follow up action.
- viii. Provision of advice on Quality Assurance to all Faculties, Academic Departments and Administrative Divisions.
- ix. Assisting manual preparation on quality assurance aspects in Faculties.
- x. Monitoring and providing guidance for Faculty level Quality Assurance activities, including preparation of Self Evaluation Reports for Programme Reviews
- xi. Monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Management plan of the OUSL.
- xii. Reviewing staff performance and identifying training needs for different categories of staff at OUSL.
- xiii. Facilitation of identification and sharing of good practices between Academic Departments.
- xiv. Preparation of Quality Assurance related guidelines and manuals for use within the OUSL.
- xv. Conducted with the support of Staff Development Centre of the OUSL, Faculty level and administrative level Quality Assurance related awareness programmes among staff members.
- xvi. Establishment of Faculty and Administration level Quality Assurance cells and defining their duties and responsibilities.
- xvii. Formulating and conducting self-evaluation of the staff and entities of the University
- xviii. Developing relationships and liaising with international agencies and universities on quality assurance activities.
- xix. Making available to all staff and stakeholders the results of external and internal reviews, including student surveys.

Part 7 – Future Plans

7 Future Plans - 2024

Given below are some of the future programmes that are envisaged to be implemented to improve the services of the Open University of Sri Lanka in meeting the objectives of its mission as the premier Open and Distance Learning higher educational institution in Sri Lanka. While proposing these projects, aspects of sustainable development are/ would be taken into consideration.

1. Learners of the OUSL are diverse and represent all regions. To address the various queries raised by the students University is envisaged to provide efficient learner support services through developing Artificial Intelligence (AI) based AI chatbot and web-based portal.
2. Universities around the world are benefitting from industry micro credentials and seeing a rise in enrollments, rankings and reputation of the University. Therefore, micro credentials will be introducing by establishing the OUSL career academy.
3. Curriculum revision/restructuring of degree programmes across all faculties are envisaged to meet the employment demands of the year 2028 and beyond. Steps will be taken to introduce employment-oriented new degree programmes and increase the student intake for all programmes offered by the OUSL.
4. Upgrading the Main Campus and the Regional and Study Centres are being planned and are expected to be completed during the year 2024. These include;
 - a. Continuing with the construction work of the 5-storied building for the Faculty of Health Science
 - b. Construction of Student study area in Colombo Regional Centre
 - c. Construction of Temporary Examination Halls for Gampaha, Amparai, Mannar, Batticaloa, Kandy, Bandarawela Study Centres.
 - d. Enhancement of Open University Management Information System will be continued. This system will encompass automating all processes from student registration to graduation.
 - e. To enhance the visibility and image of the OUSL, existing building facilities will be refurbished at Nawala and other regional centres.
5. Increased collaborations with local and international partners in offering joint Study Programmes through the ODL mode including the possibility of offering the OUSL programmes in other countries.
6. Restructuring of Regional Educational Services to handle most of the academic, administrative, and financial activities under decentralized system of administration.
7. Encourage academic staff members to publish research articles in reputed peer review indexed journals targeting the University ranking. University will establish the research Council and look forward to entering into the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking.
8. Development of partnerships with the public libraries to enhance library services to OUSL students in the towns where Study Centers of the OUSL are situated.
9. Expansion of the activities of the Industry Liaison Centre (ILC) to engage more research and commercialization of products.
10. The University website would be revamped to be more user-friendly than the present one.

11. Expanding the student reach of the university by offering new study programmes. Bachelor of Science in Nursing Honours degree programme will be offered for A/L students and Bachelor of Science Honours in Radiography and Radio Therapy will be introduced.
12. Record Management Policy of the University to be finalized and a more systematic record management system to be implemented.
13. Updated computerized Human Resource Module to be implemented before the end of 2024.
14. Enhance quality of study programmes to reach national and international quality assurance benchmarks.
15. Upgrade and develop learning resources including open education resources.
16. Enhance programme/course delivery and evaluation mechanisms to complete degree programmes in time.
17. Steps will be taken to broad base activities of the Career Guidance Unit (CGU). Central Industry Liaison center and entrepreneurship center will be established to provide internship opportunities and to inculcate entrepreneurial skills of undergraduates across all faculties.
18. Strengthen the mechanisms to augment research and innovation and improve the quality of research publications.
19. Improve postgraduate research student enrolments with international participation and achieve regional and global recognition.
20. Promote transnational education in collaboration with foreign universities. University is envisaged to attract foreign students.
21. Increase opportunities for continuous professional development and strengthen opportunities for inter-disciplinarily education.
22. Broad based activities of the Staff Development Centre and its training activities to cover all categories of university staff to increase efficiency and productivity.
23. Increase the staff and student welfare facilities.
24. University is continuously engaged in actions to reduce the escalating electricity bill by commissioning solar energy system.
25. Green university initiatives will be continued in collaboration with Government, Non-governmental organizations and international donor agencies.

Part 8 –Finances

8 Finances

8.1 Recurrent Expenditure:

Subject		2022in LKR	2023 in LKR
a.	Personal emoluments	2,674,315,636	2,775,780,953
b.	Travelling	5,177,720	5,958,506
c.	Supplies	80,463,468	113,295,098
d.	Maintenance	59,182,098	141,801,081
e.	Contractual services	407,123,606	460,150,899
f.	Other	274,402,665	358,211,462
Total		3,500,665,193	3,855,197,999

8.2 Capital Expenditure:

Subject		2022 in LKR	2023 in LKR
a.	Acquisition of furniture & other Office Equipment	49,023,430	183,330,445
b.	Acquisition of Machineries	9,715,380	16,201,692
c.	Acquisition of Building & Structures	12,546,761	75,924,255
d.	Other (Library Books, Cloaks and Motor Vehicles)	23,963,751	13,662,004
Total		95,249,322	289,118,396

8.3 Details of Project Income & Expenditure (Local / Foreign Funded)

Name & Details		Funding Agency	Total Cost Estimated [TCE] Rs.	Exp. In 2021	Exp. In 2022	Cumulative Exp. As at 31.12.2023	% of Physical Progress
1	Collaborative Open Educational Resources (OER) ICT Skills	Commonwealth of Learning	1,008,467.37	-	-	906,070.69	90%
2	E-learning Course Development- Instructional Video Production For Teaching And Learning (C17-054)	Commonwealth of Learning	2,773,144.06	-	-	1,907,392.74	69%
3	E-Library Automation Project	Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government	15,000,000.00	-	-	11,898,293.00	79%
4	Offering Short Course On Research Methodology For Teacher Educators In Collaborative With The Ministry Of Education	Ministry of Education	1,925,000.00	782,780.00	-	1,645,146.00	85%
5	Funds For Centre Of Gender Equity	UGC	770,000.00	-	-	58,908.22	8%
6	Curriculum Development Of Short Term Training Package For Trainers Of ECD Teacher Trainers And ECD Teachers, Under The ECD Project Of The Government Of Sri Lanka	Ministry of Women & Child Affairs	956,425.00	-	-	582,134.00	61%
7	Women Empowerment To Promote Mobile Learning Among Rural Women Farming Community	Commonwealth of Learning	1,423,245.94	-	-	821,277.41	58%
8	Upscaling Lifelong Learning For Farmers By The Open University Of Sri Lanka In Collaboration With The Ministry Of Telecommunication And Digital Infrastructure (A.No. Cr18-299).	Commonwealth of Learning	1,207,392.74	-	-	731,492.73	61%
9	Adoption Of The Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training In Action (C-Delta) Programme By Teacher And Students Of Higher Secondary School Level In Sri Lanka (A.No C-19-008) - Phase 02	Commonwealth of Learning	2,846,298.39	1,878,492.79	117,370.35	2,846,298.39	100%

10	Adoption Of The Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training In Action (C-Delta) Programme By Teacher And Students Of Higher Secondary School Level In Sri Lanka (A.No C-19-008) - Phase 03	Commonwealth of Learning	2,027,000.00	-	2,027,000.00	2,027,000.00	100%
11	Imprest For Encourage University Students "Engagement In Extracurricular Activities"	Ministry of Higher Education	4,500,000.00	-	-	3,766,709.00	84%
12	Contessa	University of Graz	13,294,850.89	1,644,691.32	6,950,553.00	9,265,062.69	70%
13	Col-Lifelong Learning For Farmers-Phase 1 (C20-318)	Commonwealth of Learning	406,595.56	-	-	-	0%
14	Preliminary Studies For Constructing Rural Pedestrian / Narrow Vehicle Bridges	State Ministry of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure	3,704,370.00	18,686,300.00	18,357,400.00	3,704,370.00	100%
15	Development Of A Public E-Library Centre & The Nodal Point	Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government	9,949,575.00	2,440,000.00	-	9,949,575.00	100%
16	Col-L3f Project In Export agriculture In S/L(C22-289)	Commonwealth of Learning	1,091,460.30	-	982,000.00	1,055,400.00	97%
17	Durability Aspects & The Performances Of Existing Rural Roads Constructed	State Ministry of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure	625,800.00	-	417,187.50	417,187.50	67%
18	Association Of Functional Peripheral Blood NK Cell Responses – OWSD Project - Dr.D.T.Wijerathne	UNESCO	4,273,902.68	-	100,000.00	4,065,749.94	95%
19	Short Course On Irregular Migration, Human Smuggling & Hu.Trafficking	Department of Immigration & Emigration	720,000.00	10,000.00	204,775.00	455,000.00	63%
20	Design & Supervision Of The Proposed Eco-Friendly Treatment Unit -Vavuniya Campus	Vavuniya Campus	530,000.00	-	180,000.00	180,000.00	34%
21	Short Course On Advanced Spoke Language Skills	Commercial Bank	1,476,800.00	-	-	179,796.00	12%
22	Col-L3f Agreement (C24-192)	Commonwealth of Learning	237,957.97	-	-	-	0%
23	Col-Teacher Education Via ODL (C24-083)	Commonwealth of Learning	781,410.74	-	-	176,095.02	23%
24	Development Of Hybrid Cleaning Machine	Ceylon Green Natural Foods (Pvt) Ltd.	375,000.00	-	-	46,400.00	12%

8.4 Details of Financial Progress (Expenditure):

Subject		Provision in 2023(Rs.)	Exp. in 2023 (Rs.)	Savings/ Excess (Rs.)
a.	Recurrent except Project	3,787,250,000	3,907,015,363	(119,765,363.00)
b.	Capital except Project	877,749,000	465,082,784	412,666,216.00
Total		4,392,954,000	3,674,054,658	

❖ Including Depreciation & Impairment of Receivables (Students)

8.5 Details of Financial Progress (Generated Income):

Source of Revenue		Provision in 2023(Rs.)	Collection in 2023 (Rs.)	Deficit/ Surplus (Rs.)
a.	Undergraduate Studies	1,520,738,372.26	1,844,909,717.00	324,171,344.74
b.	Postgraduate Studies	154,261,627.74	34,914,344.00	(119,347,283.74)
d.	Other	322,350,000.00	423,401,577.00	101,051,577.00
Total		1,997,350,000	2,303,225,638.00	

8.6 Financial Performance Analysis - 2023:

Subject		Formula	Exp. Per Student (Rs.)
a.	Recurrent Expenditure per Student	Recurrent Expenditure /No of students	97,889.90
b.	Capital Expenditure per Student	Capital Expenditure /No of students	7,341.19

8.7 Financial and Physical progress of the OUSL

The period from January to December 2023 presented an exceptionally challenging external environment for the University due to the moratorium of staff recruitment imposed by the government and competition posed by the non-state sector higher educational institutions. As a university, repeated and prolonged energy shortages had a severe impact on all our normal operations. However, due to personal commitments of staff university operations continued and academic programmes conducted as usual including examinations. During the year 2023 University introduced five new degree programmes. Despite these extensive challenges, prudent and timely management decisions, and quick responses, operational flexibility and teamwork ensured that the University achieved a strong financial performance for the year. Total revenue of the University has increased by Rs. 39.2 million and reported the overall surplus Rs. 753.9 million.

We recorded an overall growth in revenue is LKR 39,204,991 against the previous financial year, for a total revenue of LKR 4,908,565,068 for the year, compared to the total revenue of LKR 4,516,515,077 recorded in 2022. University reported a surplus LKR 753,999,135 during the financial year 2023 which is the highest surplus reported since inception of the University. The reported surplus in the financial year 2022 was LKR 617,359,771.

The total number of student enrollment in the year 2023 stands at 40679. During the year 2023 University Grant Commission approved three new degree programmes for the Faculty of Management Studies. For the first intake nearly 1800 students registered for those degree programmes. In addition to that the Faculty of Natural Sciences introduced a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology degree programme. The university adopted the Transnational Education model and implemented articulation arrangements with Essex University in the UK. Successfully completed the Europe Sri Lanka Energy (EUSL) for circular economy project in collaboration with three European universities (University of Twente, Netherlands, Central Superlac, France, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden) and with the Engineering faculties of University of Peradeniya, Moratuwa and Ruhuna.

During the year conducted two international conferences and published many research papers in indexed journals targeting the higher ranking for the University in the future. Career guidance unit organized career fair and implemented job portal for undergraduates. Provided all required facilities to the Industry Liaison Centre (ILC) to commercialize research and as a result of that four products have been commercialized. Steps were taken to upgrade the Open University Management Information System and enhanced the MOODLE-LMS version from 3.11 to 4.1. In addition to that, commissioned the hyper converged server system to initiate the project for digitalization of university operations. During the year the OUSL declared open the two floors of faculty of Health Science building and commenced the refurbishment of buildings in regions. To cater to the growing demand for higher education the OUSL established 19th study center at Nattandiya. Despite economic hardships and socio-economic problems of the country, the University continued with all staff and student welfare activities. Provided subsidized transport facilities for staff and continued with the participatory medical welfare scheme. The OUSL entered the competition of UNESCO green metric ranking and reserved the 651st place in the world and 6th place in Sri Lanka. The OUSL declared itself as a green university and implemented less plastic movement in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment.

Part 9 – Final Accounts

9 Final Accounts

9.0 Statement of Financial Position as at 31.12.2023

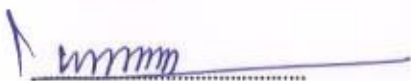
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31.12.2023

	NOTE	31.12.2023 (Rs.)	31.12.2022 (Rs.)
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	1	232,902,238	81,219,612
Cash in Hand			
Receivables	2	916,109,430	877,420,262
Inventories	3	429,294,466	327,451,814
Advances & Pre Payments	4	22,262,556	11,992,214
Loans & Advances to Staff	5	89,089,706	80,362,259
Investments	8	493,529,752	458,558,276
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,183,188,149	1,837,004,437
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	6	14,520,469,489	14,438,336,373
Intangible Assets	6.1	18,780,970	12,744,012
Capital Work in Progress	7	430,379,405	260,938,639
Investments	8	1,771,058,323	1,057,849,706
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		16,740,688,187	15,769,868,731
TOTAL ASSETS		18,923,876,335	17,606,873,168
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deposit Payables	9	57,461,678	55,593,808
Payables	10	113,289,785	99,508,370
Advances from Customers -			
University Press	11	1,204,594	1,204,594
Short Courses Income Received in Ad	12	318,054,632	273,199,764
Tuition Fees Received in Advance		309,139,094	165,437,666
Accrued Expenditure	13	236,834,729	168,072,159
Gratuity Provision - Current Year		37,384,321	73,538,625
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,073,368,834	836,554,985
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
C-SFA Fund		25,651,823	24,025,679
Specific Funds (Restricted)	14	835,891,434	681,121,856
Provision for Gratuity	15	1,114,893,120	947,867,592
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,976,436,377	1,653,015,126
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,049,805,210	2,489,570,111
NET ASSETS		1,125	15,117,303,057

ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES

Accumulated Fund - Recurrent	16	1,683,690,559	717,938,164
- Capital		213,695,541	422,679,869
Revaluation Surplus		13,976,685,025	13,976,685,025
TOTAL NET ASSETS/EQUITY		15,874,071,125	15,117,303,057

Prepared and Certified by;



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Secretary of the Council

Date: 22/02/2024

9.1 Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31.12.2023

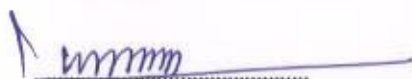
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

	NOTE	2023 (Rs.)	2022 (Rs.)
Revenue			
Revenue from Non exchange transactions			
Library Fine		366,180	104,550
Exchange Rates Difference			376,943
Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditure		2,605,000,000	2,484,000,000
Government Grant for Capital Expenditure			15,000,000
		2,605,366,180	2,499,481,493
Revenue from exchange transactions			2,032,033,585
Total Revenue		2,605,366,180	4,531,515,077
Operation Results			
Recurrent Revenue			
Revenue from Non exchange transactions		2,605,366,180	2,484,481,493
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Interest from Investments	19	217,319,982	121,221,816
Interest from Loans & Advances		3,590,999	3,275,711
Registration Fees		20,620,724	19,246,638
Income from Students	20	1,836,216,426	1,720,679,953
Examination Fees/Certificate Fees		22,906,911	12,025,403
Hostel Fees		1,498,500	924,150
Supplementary Fees		80,000	120,000
Income from Violation of Bonds		25,462,920	18,713,974
Income from Short Courses & Other Sources	21	87,208,335	63,222,705
Sale of Publications		702,614	576,027
Sale of Applications		72,163,529	64,471,948
Hiring of Vehicles		131,710	125,306
Rent from Properties		2,950,535	2,732,469
Sale of Obsolete Items		1,213,952	31,500
Miscellaneous Income	22	11,158,502	4,665,986
		2,303,225,638	2,032,033,585
Total Revenue - Recurrent		4,908,591,818	4,516,515,077
Operating Expenses -Current			
General Administration & Staff Services		596,177,468	499,118,590
Disposal of Non Circulation Course Materials		8,050,365	1,065,551
Impairment of receivable (Students)		43,766,998	10,487,725
Academic Services		2,779,232,450	2,530,045,369
Teaching Resources		167,007,348	155,735,019
Health Services		6,069,696	6,727,842
Maintenance of Land & Buildings		106,629,188	83,597,120
Ancillary Activities		200,081,849	225,441,255
Disbursement of Short Courses Funds	23	35,525,743	18,397,734
Exchange Rates Difference		298,316	
Total Operating Expenses		3,942,839,422	3,530,616,204
Current surplus/(deficit) for the period		965,752,396	985,898,873

ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES

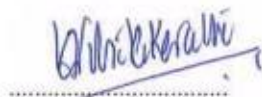
Accumulated Fund - Recurrent	16	1,683,690,559	717,938,164
- Capital		213,695,541	422,679,869
Revaluation Surplus		13,976,685,025	13,976,685,025
TOTAL NET ASSETS/EQUITY		15,874,071,125	15,117,303,057

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Note- 1

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023
CASH AT BANK

Bank	Account No.	Amount (Rs.)
Bank of Ceylon - Nugegoda Branch	0000227983	4,249,548
Peoples Bank - Nugegoda Branch	174-1001-9-0350224	2,497,335
Peoples Bank - Katugastota	089-1001-0-2649549	4,504,301
Peoples Bank - Matara Branch	152-1-001-8-000012	887,169
Peoples Bank - Nugegoda Branch	174-1001-7-0350215	69,335,931
Peoples Bank - Nugegoda Branch	174-1001-9-0347378	211,464
Peoples Bank - Nugegoda Branch	174-1001-5-1189657	1,000
Peoples Bank - Nugegoda Branch	174-1001-7-0005333	954,947
Peoples Bank - Nugegoda Branch	174-1002-8-0347378	199,769
Peoples Bank - Anuradhapura Branch	008-1001-5-0029147	732,553
Peoples Bank - Batticaloa Branch	075-1001-8-0045847	78,246
Peoples Bank - Jaffna Branch	162-1001-1-0350215	993,080
Savings Account - P/B, Nugegoda(investment)	174-2001-5-0350215	4,739,918
Savings Account - P/B, Nugegoda	174-2002-4-1189656	105,992,573
Savings Account - BOC, Nugegoda	7417821	4,073,371
Savings Account - P/B - Kegalle	027-2-001-4-0350215	10,319
Savings Account - P/B - Kalutara	039-2-001-2-0032651	30,727
Savings Account - P/B - Gampaha	026-2-001-4-0017807	6,330
Savings Account - P/B - Jaffna	0162-2-00140040862	53,563
Savings Account - P/B - Vavuniya	040-2-001-3-0044275	49,047
Savings Account - P/B - Bandarawela	037-2-001-2-0350215	75,088
Savings Account - P/B - Ambalangoda	035-2-001-2-0015984	7,364
Savings Account - P/B - Ambalantota	072-2-001-8-0350215	2,528
Savings Account - P/B - Ratnapura	088-2-001-0-0350215	4,273
Savings Account - P/B - Puttalam	009-2-001-3-0018643	70,304
Savings Account - P/B - Galle	0343-2-001-0-001316	1,097
Savings Account - P/B - Polonnaruwa	232-2-001-5-0350215	75,089
Savings Account - P/B - Kurunegala	334-2-001-3-0083924	50,089
Savings Account - P/B - Ampara	015-2-001-8-0350215	50,012
Savings Account - P/B - Matara	152-2-001-1-0350215	54,382
Savings Account - P/B - Badulla	010-2-001-4-0028466	75,087
Savings Account - P/B - Killinochchi	048-2-001-9-0350215	50,111
Savings Account - P/B - Trincomalee	255-2-001-7-0350215	50,003
Savings Account - P/B - Monaragala	068-2-001-4-0350215	54,186
Savings Account - P/B - Mullaitivu	020-2-001-1-0350215	50,111
Savings Account - P/B - Hatton	186-2-001-1-0350215	50,809
RFC Account - P/B -Nugegoda	174-4-022-6-0350215	549,870
Debit Card - P/B -Nugegoda	174-1-002-6-0350215	79,664
Credit Card - P/B -Nugegoda	4183-5701-10000018	500,000
Student On-line - P/B -Nugegoda	174-2-001-3-1189657	31,450,976
Total	Rs.	232,902,238

Note - 2**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023****RECEIVABLES**

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Interest Receivables	114,009,471
Money Due from Other Universities	5,817
Stamp Fees - Contractors	41,270
Receivables - P.G.I.E.	63,166
Receivables - Others	517,152
Receivables from Students	801,136,623
Recoveries from UPF Releasement	335,932
Total	916,109,430

Note - 3

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023
INVENTORIES

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Stocks-General Stores	15,602,243
Drawing Instrument Stock	510,996
Raw Material - Press	28,195,963
Working Progress - Press	2,722,846
Finish Goods-Press	64,808
Stock-Maintenance	47,562,314
Stocks-CETME	545,593
Stocks (Stationery) -Kandy	415,997
Stocks- Mechanical Workshop	1,334,672
<u>Stocks - Publication</u>	
Dispatch	246,800,405
Ambalangoda	905,461
Ambalantota	1,761,358
Ampara	1,845,623
Anuradhapura	5,495,290
Badulla	3,907,700
Bandarawela	1,867,565
Batticaloa	7,011,204
Colombo	4,414,895
Galle	2,170,293
Gampaha	2,880,787
Hatton	2,673,203
Jaffna	5,337,216
Kalutara	1,774,036
Kandy	15,982,687
Kegalle	1,786,858
Kilinochchi	1,089,887
Kurunegala	7,124,956
Mannar	894,265
Matara	6,762,479
matale	844,667
Monaragala	1,240,675
Mullaitivu	590,948
Polonnaruwa	2,146,421
Puttlam	643,032
Rathnapura	2,190,836
Trincomalee	1,720,097
Vavuniya	476,192
Total	429,294,466

Note - 4

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023**

ADVANCES AND PRE PAYMENTS

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Miscellaneous Advances	688,770
Purchase Advances	6,171,339
Cheque Advance Miscellaneous	30,000
Capital Advances	2,398,572
Project Advances	30,000
Other Project Advance	81,310
Pre Payments	8,452,843
Deposits for House Rents	1,600,000
Deposits for Services	2,617,599
Gas Cylinder Deposits	139,725
Acquisition of Land for the Study Centre - Monaragala	52,398
Total	22,262,556

Note - 5

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023**

LOANS AND ADVANCES TO STAFF

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Staff Loans	205,570
Vehicle Loans	2,437,024
Distress Loans	85,899,152
Computer Loans	10,000
Festival Advances	282,500
Salary Advances	219,843
Special Advances	13,500
Travelling Advances	22,117
Total	89,089,706

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023
PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Description	Land	Lease Lands	Building	Office Equipment	Plant & Machinery	Lab & Teaching Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Library Books	Motor Vehicles	Cloaks	Sports Good	Total
Balance as at 01/01/2023	11,108,733,500	3,065,625	3,259,894,522	649,057,474	127,175,426	333,293,005	180,602,391	325,087,324	174,210,000	6,228,705	2,398,703	16,169,746,674
Additions												
Generated Funds	-	-	75,924,255	160,890,258	16,201,692	3,979,092	18,461,095	6,476,754	-	6,750,000	435,250	289,118,396
Other Grants	-	-		1,926,310	668,562	-	193,613	-	-	-	-	2,788,484
Donations	-	-		176,053,146	1,877,634	19,496,631	5,050,285	1,037,046	4,939,000		-	208,453,742
Disposals During the Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31/12/2023	11,108,733,500	3,065,625	3,335,818,777	987,927,188	145,923,314	356,768,727	204,307,383	332,601,124	179,149,000	12,978,705	2,833,953	16,670,107,297
Rate of Depreciation	-	99 yrs	5%	20%	20%	20%	10%	20%	20%	20%	20%	
Accumulated Depreciation balance as at 01/01/2023	-	715,790	760,784,423	477,172,110.58	100,756,868	274,242,478	76,517,175	-	34,060,356	5,098,504	2,068,841	1,731,416,545
Prior year Adjustment											-	-
Depreciation for the year	-	-	164,840,973	92,561,592.27	14,422,840	26,040,862	18,861,481	65,476,350	34,842,000	812,868	362,297	418,221,263
Accumulated Depreciation balance as at 31/12/2023	-	715,790	925,625,395.83	569,733,702.85	115,179,708	300,283,340	95,378,656	65,476,350	68,902,356	5,911,372	2,431,138	2,149,637,808
Net Value as at 31/12/2023	11,108,733,500	2,349,835	2,410,193,381	418,193,486	30,743,607	56,485,388	108,928,726	267,124,774	110,246,644	7,067,333	402,815	14,520,469,489

Note - 6.1

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023**

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

(Rs.)

Description	Amount	Useful Lives Indefinite / Finite	Remaining Useful Lives	Gross Carrying Amount	Amortization For the Year	Written Down Value as at 31/12/2023
Network System	15,000,000	Finite	06 Years	6,176,471	882,353	5,294,118
Antivirus Software	3,179,218	Finite		1,059,739	1,059,739	-
Antivirus Software	148,528	Finite	01 Years	99,019	49,509	49,509
E- Books and Barcode software	4,847,854	Indefinite		4,847,854		4,847,854
Software- Microsoft Windows 10	68,450	Finite	04 years	68,450	13,690	54,760
Software (life time licenses)	492,480	Indefinite		492,480		492,480
Antivirus Software	8,042,249	Finite	03 years	8,042,249		8,042,249
Total					2,005,291	18,780,970

Note - 7

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023**

CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS

(Rs.)

Description	Opening Balance as at 01.01.2023	Spent for the year	Total
Five Storied Building for Faculty of Health Science	236,742,357	137,261,481	374,003,838
Library Extension	232,900	-	232,900
Building for Ratnapura Study Centres	8,108,637	7,347,600	15,456,237
Green House - Department of Botany	1,912,358	652,191	2,564,549
Thermodynamic Laboratory	3,164,279	6,520,647	9,684,926
Water Tank	4,254,487	-	4,254,487
Modification of Admin Building Ground Floor	-	10,936,089	10,936,089
Renovation of Kandy Hostel	-	3,130,620	3,130,620
Modification of HSS Building Ground Floor	-	8,041,104	8,041,104
Modification of Admin Building First Floor	-	2,074,655	2,074,655
Total	254,415,017	175,964,388	430,379,405

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

INVESTMENTS

Description		Amount (Rs.)
Investments - Current	493,529,752	
Investments - Non-Current	1,770,998,323	2,264,528,075
- Employee Security		60,000
Total		2,264,588,075

Note - 8.1

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

EMPLOYEES SECURITY INVESTMENTS

#	Name	Designation	Date	F.D.A. No.	Amount (Rs.)
01	W.M.U.T.B. Wijekoon	Store Keeper	05.02.88	00450	5,000
02	D.C.Edirisinghe	Store Keeper	06.04.09	69781	5,000
03	G.A.M. Sudamsiri	Store Keeper	08.06.00	33061	5,000
04	R.H.U. Ratnayake	Store Keeper	08.06.00	33052	5,000
05	K.P.S.I. Jayaratne	Shroff	14.07.04	33070	5,000
06	O.D.A. Wijesinghe	Shroff	04.11.04	26783	5,000
07	K.V.D.N.Pushpakumara	Store Keeper	11.03.10	85361	5,000
08	G.D.R.S.Gunawardana	Store Keeper	11.03.10	85370	5,000
09	S.A.D.J. Gunasekara	Store Keeper	14.11.13	36721	5,000
10	M.G.V.S. Dayaratna	Store Keeper	21.10.14	46425	5,000
11	C.S.Wanniarachchi	Shroff	02.07.19	10603	5,000
12	H.I.Dhananjaya	Shroff	22.10.19	15052	5,000
Total					60,000

Note - 8.2

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023
INVESTMENTS - 2023

#	Investment	Fixed Deposit	Bank	Amount (Rs.)	Period		Rate	Interest				Period for the new deposited		New Rate of the Invest.	Value of New Deposit (Rs.)	
					From	To		Interest Received in the Year (Rs.)	Interest Received for the year (Rs.)	Interest Receivable		Interest for the year (Rs.)	From			To
										Previous year (Rs.)	Current Year Portion (Rs.)					
GENERAL FUNDS																
1	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00029807-0	PB	56,248,059.22	26.10.22	26.01.23	15.00%	2,128,638.95	656,586.72	1,470,052.23		656,586.72	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	58,374,698.17
				58,374,698.17	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	2,159,064.18	2,159,064.18			2,159,064.18	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	60,533,762.35
				60,533,762.35	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	2,150,607.03	2,150,607.03			2,150,607.03	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	62,684,369.38
				62,684,369.38	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	1,725,138.62	1,726,138.62		1,106,449.00	2,832,587.62	26.10.23	26.01.24	10.00%	64,410,508.00
2	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00029809-8	PB	27,597,261.34	26.10.22	26.01.23	15.00%	1,043,403.30	294,874.84	748,528.46		294,874.84	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	28,640,664.64
				28,640,664.64	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	1,059,312.25	1,059,312.25			1,059,312.25	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	29,699,976.89
				29,699,976.89	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	1,055,162.88	1,055,162.88			1,055,162.88	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	30,755,139.77
				30,755,139.77	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	848,903.86	846,903.86		542,862.50	1,389,766.36	26.10.23	26.01.24	10.00%	31,602,043.63
3	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00029615-2	PB	32,446,064.60	22.10.22	22.01.23	15.00%	1,225,727.92	293,347.98	933,379.94		293,347.98	22.01.23	22.04.23	15.00%	33,672,792.52
				33,672,792.52	22.01.23	22.04.23	15.00%	1,245,432.05	1,245,432.05			1,245,432.05	22.04.23	22.07.23	15.00%	34,918,224.57
				34,918,224.57	22.04.23	22.07.23	15.00%	1,240,553.63	1,240,553.63			1,240,553.63	22.07.23	22.10.23	11.50%	36,158,778.20
				36,158,778.20	22.07.23	22.10.23	11.50%	995,703.78	995,703.78		376,924.12	1,672,627.90	22.10.23	22.01.24	10.00%	37,154,481.98
4	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00029806-1	PB	28,522,535.35	26.04.22	26.07.22	15.00%	1,078,386.27	304,761.34	773,624.93		304,761.34	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	29,600,921.62
				29,600,921.62	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	1,094,828.61	1,094,828.61			1,094,828.61	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	30,695,750.23
				30,695,750.23	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	1,090,540.11	1,090,540.11			1,090,540.11	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	31,786,290.34
				31,786,290.34	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	875,298.64	875,298.64		561,063.46	1,436,362.10	26.10.23	26.01.24	10.00%	32,661,588.98
5	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00029808-9	PB	40,220,510.50	26.10.22	26.01.23	15.00%	1,520,985.88	429,753.40	1,090,912.48		429,753.40	26.01.23	26.04.23	15.00%	41,741,176.36
				41,741,176.38	26.01.24	26.04.23	15.00%	1,543,851.73	1,543,851.73			1,543,851.73	26.04.23	26.07.24	15.00%	43,285,028.11
				43,285,028.11	26.04.23	26.07.23	15.00%	1,537,804.39	1,537,804.39			1,537,804.39	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	44,822,832.50
				44,822,832.50	26.07.23	26.10.23	11.50%	1,234,285.72	1,234,285.72		791,172.96	2,025,458.68	26.10.23	26.01.24	10.00%	46,057,118.22
6	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00030003-0	PB	21,630,709.73	29.10.22	29.01.23	15.00%	817,818.61	257,790.65	560,027.96		257,790.65	29.01.23	29.04.23	15.00%	22,448,528.34
				22,448,528.34	29.01.23	29.04.23	15.00%	788,773.63	788,773.63			788,773.63	29.04.23	29.07.23	15.00%	23,237,301.97
				23,237,301.97	29.04.23	29.07.23	15.00%	825,560.86	825,560.86			825,560.86	29.07.23	29.10.23	11.50%	24,062,862.83
				24,062,862.83	29.07.23	29.10.23	11.50%	662,618.72	662,618.72		405,430.16	1,068,048.88	29.10.23	29.01.24	10.00%	24,725,481.55
7	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00030380-3	PB	54,506,256.33	17.11.22	17.02.23	15.00%	2,060,784.49	1,075,191.91	985,592.58		1,075,191.91	17.02.23	17.05.23	15.00%	56,567,040.82
				56,567,040.82	17.02.23	17.05.23	15.00%	1,965,510.95	1,965,510.95			1,965,510.95	17.05.23	17.08.23	15.00%	58,532,551.77
				58,532,551.77	17.05.23	17.08.23	15.00%	2,102,360.97	2,102,360.97			2,102,360.97	17.08.23	17.11.23	11.50%	60,634,912.74
				60,634,912.74	17.08.23	17.11.23	11.50%	1,669,702.76	1,669,702.76		713,515.87	2,383,218.63	17.11.23	17.02.24	10.00%	62,304,615.50
8	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00029805-2	PB	166,355,182.76	26.10.22	26.04.23	14.75%	12,235,081.87	7,793,184.05	4,436,897.82		7,798,184.05	26.04.23	26.10.23	14.75%	178,590,264.63
				178,590,264.63	26.04.23	26.10.23	14.50%	12,546,761.18	12,543,761.18		3,119,199.16	15,365,960.34	26.10.23	26.04.24	9.50%	191,137,025.81
9	Generated Funds	88651693	BOC	45,712,578.70	26.04.22	26.04.23	14.50%	6,296,907.71	59,958.62	6,236,949.09	4,044,770.63	4,104,729.25	26.04.23	26.04.24	12.00%	52,009,486.41

#	Investment	Fixed Deposit	Bank	Amount (Rs.)	Period		Rate	Interest					Period for the new deposited		New Rate of the Invest.	Value of New Deposit (Rs.)
								Interest Received in the Year (Rs.)	Interest Received for the year (Rs.)	Interest Receivable		Interest for the year (Rs.)				
										From	To					
10	Generated Funds	88851698	BOC	93,952,528.69	26.04.22	26.04.23	14.50%	12,941,960.83	123,232.26	12,818,728.57	8,313,169.81	8,436,402.06	26.04.23	26.04.24	12.00%	106,894,489.52
11	Generated Funds	88851703	BOC	36,328,310.34	26.04.22	26.04.23	14.50%	5,004,224.75	47,649.80	4,956,574.95	3,214,425.59	3,262,075.40	26.04.23	26.04.24	12.00%	41,332,535.09
12	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00030670-2	PB	25,000,000.00	25.05.22	25.05.23	24.00%	5,700,000.00	2,083,561.64	3,616,438.36	2,548,941.10	4,632,502.74	25.05.23	25.03.24	14.50%	30,700,000.00
13	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00031935-1	PB	25,000,000.00	22.08.22	22.02.23	25.00%	3,150,684.93	907,534.25	2,243,150.68		907,534.25	22.02.23	22.08.24	14.50%	28,150,684.93
				28,150,684.93	22.02.23	22.08.23	14.75%	1,956,096.62	1,956,096.62		975,191.65	2,931,288.27	22.08.23	22.02.24	9.50%	30,106,781.55
14	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00032400-5	PB	25,000,000.00	20.09.22	20.09.23	29.25%	6,981,797.75	4,938,304.60	2,043,493.15		4,938,304.60				FD CLOSED
15	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00032789-6	PB	50,000,000.00	14.10.22	14.10.23	29.25%	13,893,750.00	10,768,407.53	3,125,342.47		10,768,407.53				FD CLOSED
16	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00033040-9	PB	30,000,000.00	26.10.22	26.10.23	29.50%	8,407,500.00	6,807,226.03	1,600,273.97	593,790.47	7,401,016.50	26.10.23	26.10.24	9.00%	38,407,500.00
17	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00033339-9	PB	100,000,000.00	10.11.22	10.11.23	30.25%	28,737,500.00	24,510,787.67	4,226,712.33	1,537,972.24	26,048,759.91	10.11.23	10.11.24	9.00%	128,737,500.00
18	Generated Funds	2-0111-03-48350	NSB	14,001,387.34	25.04.22	25.04.23	16.50%	2,310,228.86	727,880.29	1,582,348.57	1,093,259.01	1,821,139.30	25.04.23	25.04.24	12.00%	14,001,387.34
19	Generated Funds	2-0111-03-68016	NSB	20,000,000.00	23.11.22	23.11.23	26.00%	4,940,000.00	4,398,630.14	541,369.86	209,666.82	4,608,296.96	23.11.23	23.11.24	8.50%	24,940,000.00
20	Generated Funds	2-0111-03-68687	NSB	17,500,000.00	06.12.22	06.12.23	26.00%	4,322,500.00	4,010,856.16	311,643.84	113,596.58	4,124,452.74	06.12.23	06.12.24	8.00%	21,822,500.00
21	Generated Funds	89961468	BOC	17,000,000.00	04.12.22	04.12.23	26.00%	4,222,008.22	3,895,049.32	326,958.90	119,308.39	4,014,357.70	04.12.23	04.12.24	8.00%	21,222,008.22
22	Generated Funds	90076636	BOC	20,000,000.00	29.12.22	29.12.23	26.00%	4,940,000.00	4,911,506.85	28,493.15	10,385.97	4,921,892.82	29.12.23	29.12.24	8.00%	24,940,000.00
23	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00033992-7	PB	30,000,000.00	29.12.22	29.12.23	26.00%	7,410,000.00	7,367,260.27	42,739.73	15,578.96	7,382,839.23	29.12.23	29.12.24	8.00%	37,410,000.00
24	Generated Funds	2-0111-03-76566	NSB	50,000,000.00	08.05.23	08.11.23	21.00%	4,987,500.00	4,987,500.00		720,599.89	5,708,099.89	08.11.23	08.05.24	9.50%	54,987,500.00
25	Generated Funds	2-011-03-74768	NSB								2,156,239.73	2,156,239.73	12.04.23	12.04.24	21.00%	15,000,000.00
26	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00036168-8	PB								12,343,232.88	12,343,232.88	06.06.23	06.06.24	19.00%	120,000,000.00
27	Generated Funds	2-0111-03-78984	NSB								6,949,315.07	6,949,315.07	06.07.23	06.07.24	15.00%	100,000,000.00
28	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00036820-8	PB								2,436,164.38	2,436,164.38	09.08.23	09.08.24	13.00%	50,000,000.00
29	Generated Funds	91569875	BOC								1,811,506.85	1,811,506.85	08.08.23	08.08.24	12.00%	40,000,000.00
30	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00037914-3	PB								827,671.23	827,671.23	08.11.23	08.11.24	12.00%	50,000,000.00
31	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00037946-5	PB								796,438.36	796,438.36	10.11.23	10.11.24	12.00%	50,000,000.00
32	Generated Funds	174-60-01-00038130-9	PB								849,534.25	849,534.25	29.11.23	29.11.24	12.00%	85,000,000.00
Total				1,027,021,384.90				188,728,943.51	134,028,709.49	54,700,234.02	59,597,377.09	193,626,086.57				1,627,564,551.80
RESTRICTED & Other FUNDS																
33	Sursary Fund	174-60-01-00029811-4	PB	220,524,000.00	26.04.22	26.04.23	18%	39,694,320.00	12,615,181.15	27,079,138.85	20,723,063.20	33,338,244.35	26.04.23	26.04.24	14.50%	220,524,000.00

#	Investment	Fixed Deposit	Bank	Amount (Rs.)	Period		Rate	Interest					Period for the new deposited		New Rate of the Invest.	Value of New Deposit (Rs.)
					From	To		Interest Received in the Year (Rs.)	Interest Received for the year (Rs.)	Interest Receivable		Interest for the year (Rs.)				
										Previous year (Rs.)	Current Year Portion (Rs.)					
34	Bursary Fund	88851687	BOC	20,661,127.89	26.04.22	26.04.23	14.50%	2,846,070.36	27,100.03	2,818,970.33	1,828,151.59	1,855,251.62	26.04.23	26.04.24	12.00%	23,507,198.25
35	Bursary Fund	174-60-01-00030992-3	PB	14,626,000.00	02.06.22	02.06.23	18%	2,501,046.00	971,927.75	1,529,118.25	1,170,200.21	2,142,127.97	02.06.23	02.06.24	14.50%	14,626,000.00
36	Bursary Fund	2-0111-03-48368	N.S.B	40,311,950.48	25.04.22	25.04.23	16.50%	6,651,471.75	2,095,669.13	4,555,802.62	3,667,006.94	5,762,676.07	25.04.23	25.04.24	12.00%	46,963,422.23
37	Bond Deposit	174-60-01-00029810-5	PB	133,497,387.27	26.04.22	26.04.23	18%	24,029,529.71	7,636,782.05	16,392,747.66	12,545,005.50	20,181,787.55	26.04.23	26.04.24	14.50%	133,497,387.27
38	Bond Deposit	174-60-01-00030991-4	PB	9,420,000.00	02.06.22	02.06.23	18%	1,610,820.00	625,978.36	984,841.64	753,677.42	1,379,655.78	02.06.23	02.06.24	14.50%	9,420,000.00
39	D.D. Athulathmudali	2-0001-05-01182	N.S.B	5,000.00	06.05.22	06.05.23	14.50%	688.75	214.02	474.73	373.23	587.26	06.05.23	06.05.24	12.00%	5,000.00
40	O.P. Kulasektra Gold Medal	2-0001-05-02910	N.S.B	20,000.00	29.05.22	29.05.23	13.50%	2,565.00	967.19	1,597.81	1,349.26	2,316.45	29.05.23	29.05.24	12.00%	20,000.00
41	D.B. Ellepola Gold Medal	2-0001-05-44779	N.S.B	41,000.00	05.03.22	05.03.23	5.50%	2,255.00	395.40	1,859.60	3,854.45	4,249.85	05.03.23	05.03.24	12.00%	41,000.00
42	Krishanthi de Silva Wijethunga Gold Medal Fund	2-0001-05-44752	N.S.B	25,000.00	05.03.22	05.03.23	5.50%	1,375.00	241.10	1,133.90	2,350.27	2,591.37	05.03.23	05.03.24	12.00%	25,000.00
43	Dr.Anura Goonasekara Memorial Fund	174-60-01-00010276-2	PB	212,233.40	27.03.22	27.03.23	7.50%	15,917.50	3,750.42	12,167.08	22,346.87	26,097.29	27.03.23	27.03.24	14.50%	212,233.40
44	Prof. Sriyananda Fund	2-0111-01-72626	N.S.B	33,062.00	28.05.22	28.05.23	13.50%	4,240.20	1,586.63	2,653.57	2,240.79	3,827.42	28.05.23	28.05.24	12.00%	33,062.00
45	Prof. J.N.O. Fernando excellence in chemistry Fund	2-0111-01-80467	N.S.B	150,000.00	09.11.22	09.11.23	5.50%	17,100.00	15,924.66	1,175.34	1,725.62	17,650.27	09.11.23	09.11.24	8.50%	150,000.00
46	S.M.Abeygunas ekara De Silva Memorial Fund	2-0111-01-36816	N.S.B	100,000.00	10.04.22	10.04.23	7.50%	7,125.00	1,679.79	5,445.21	8,276.71	9,956.51	10.04.23	10.04.24	12.00%	100,000.00
47	Kandaiah Memorial Scholarship Award	174-60-01-00014078-4	PB	211,715.54	30.12.22	30.12.23	14.50%	29,163.81	29,079.70	84.11	44.08	29,123.79	30.12.23	30.12.24	8.00%	211,715.54
48	Liyanaguruge Assie Annette De Silva Gold Medal Fund	2-0111-01-43545	N.S.B	50,000.00	22.10.22	22.10.23	12.00%	5,700.00	4,549.32	1,150.68	774.32	5,323.63	22.10.23	22.10.24	8.50%	50,000.00
49	Flag Day Collection	2-0111-01-50061	N.S.B	31,696.17	10.12.22	10.03.23	15.00%	1,129.17	855.63	273.54		855.63	10.03.23	10.06.023	15.00%	
					10.03.23	10.06.23	15.00%	1,129.17	1,129.17			1,129.17	10.06.23	10.09.23	13.00%	
					10.06.23	10.09.23	13.00%	978.61	978.61			978.61	10.09.23	10.12.23	10.00%	
					10.09.23	10.12.23	10.00%	752.78	752.78		155.92	908.70	10.12.23	10.03.24	9.00%	31,696.17

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50	D.S. Wijesekara Gold Medal Fund	2-0001-02-28435	N.S.B	15,000.00	07.12.22	07.12.23	12.00%	1,710.00	1,591.64	118.36	74.96	1,666.60	07.12.23	07.12.24	8.00%	15,000.00
51	Nalani Rathnasiri Scholarship Fund	174-60-01-00014075-7	PB.	338,921.03	30.12.22	30.12.23	14.50%	46,686.37	46,551.73	134.64	70.57	46,622.30	30.12.23	30.12.24	8.00%	338,921.03
52	BA/ELT Programme Gold Medal Fund	2-0001-15-81988	N.S.B	143,231.27		23.12.23	12.00%	16,328.33	15,951.61	376.72	265.79	16,217.40	23.12.23	23.12.24	8.00%	159,559.60
53	BA/ELT Programme Gold Medal Fund	174-60-01-00010277-1	PB	148,563.37	27.03.22	27.03.23	7.50%	11,142.25	2,625.30	8,516.95	15,642.81	18,268.10	27.03.23	27.03.24	14.50%	148,563.37
54	Nalani Rathnasiri Award for Excellence in Zoology Fund	174-60-01-00014076-6	PB.	116,401.15	30.12.22	30.12.23	14.50%	16,034.26	15,988.02	46.24	24.24	16,012.26	30.12.23	30.12.24	8.00%	116,401.15
55	J.E.Jayasooriya Gold Medal Fund	2-0111-01-94581	N.S.B	273,284.71	25.10.22	25.10.23	12.00%	31,154.49	25,134.74	6,019.75	4,050.79	29,185.53	25.10.23	25.10.24	8.50%	273,284.71
56	G.David de Silva Memorial Prize Fund	2-0111-01-94514	N.S.B	140,999.29	25.10.22	25.10.23	12.00%	16,073.89	12,968.04	3,105.85	2,089.98	15,058.02	25.10.23	25.10.24	8.50%	140,999.29
57	Excellence in Research ODL & Multimedia Project	2-0111-01-94506	N.S.B	1,682,740.48	25.10.22	25.10.23	12.00%	191,832.36	154,765.97	37,066.39	24,942.59	179,708.56	25.10.23	25.10.24	8.50%	1,682,740.48
58	Faculty of Natural Science Prize Fund	174-60-01-00019468-1	PB	501,831.57	09.11.22	09.11.23	14.50%	69,127.30	58,760.70	10,366.60	6,112.72	64,873.42	09.11.23	09.11.24	9.00%	501,831.57
59	CERC Funds	2-0111-01-94484	N.S.B	19,448,395.60	25.10.22	25.10.23	12.00%	2,217,117.14	1,788,719.60	428,397.54	321,139.29	2,109,858.89	25.10.23	25.10.24	8.50%	21,665,512.74
60	CERC Funds Interest	2-0111-01-94476	N.S.B	2,275,462.10	25.10.22	25.10.23	12.00%	259,402.67	209,280.16	50,122.51	37,573.29	246,853.46	25.10.23	25.10.214	8.50%	2,534,864.77
61	Asia Foundation Gold Medal Fund	174-60-01-00014077-5	PB	240,020.42	30.12.22	30.12.23	14.50%	33,062.81	32,967.46	95.35	49.98	33,017.44	30.12.23	30.12.24	8.00%	240,020.42
62	E.T.Fund	174-60-01-00019076-5	PB	34,199,010.34	23.08.22	23.08.23	14.50%	4,710,913.67	2,944,745.60	1,766,168.07	1,184,887.14	4,129,632.74	23.08.23	23.08.24	9.00%	38,909,924.01
63	Environmental Studies Fund	2-0111-01-55667	N.S.B	5,000,000.00	18.07.22	18.01.23	14.75%	350,312.50	14,901.54	335,410.96		14,901.54	18.01.23	18.07.23	14.75%	
64					18.01.23	18.07.23	14.75%	350,312.50	350,312.50		226,828.77	577,141.27	18.07.23	18.01.24	10.50%	5,000,000.00
65	Dept. Fund-Electrical	2-0111-01-55624	N.S.B	1,000,000.00	18.07.22	18.01.23	14.75%	70,062.50	2,980.31	67,082.19		2,980.31	18.01.23	18.07.23	14.75%	

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66					18.01.23	18.07.23	14.75%	70,062.50	70,062.50		45,365.75	115,428.25	18.07.23	18.01.24	10.50%	1,000,000.00
67	Dept.fund-Education	2-0111-01-72618	N.S.B	1,000,000.00	28.05.22	28.05.23	13.50%	128,250.00	47,989.73	80,260.27	67,775.34	115,765.07	28.05.23	28.05.24	12.00%	1,000,000.00
68	UNESCO	174-60-01-00014079-3	PB.	2,649,401.69	30.12.22	30.12.23	14.50%	364,955.08	363,902.58	1,052.50	551.66	364,454.23	30.12.23	30.12.24	8.00%	2,649,401.69
69	Engineering Faculty Research Fund	2-0111-02-46719	N.S.B	5,829,810.00	25.10.22	25.10.23	12.00%	664,598.34	536,182.80	128,415.54	86,412.96	622,595.76	25.10.23	25.10.24	8.50%	5,829,810.00
70	Mahaweli Authority	174-60-01-00015732-9	PB	5,383,827.17	28.08.22	28.08.23	14.50%	741,622.19	474,274.61	267,347.58	179,358.19	653,632.80	28.08.23	28.08.24	9.00%	6,125,449.36
71	prof.kolita weerasekara gold medel fund	174-60-01-00017422-0	PB	150,000.00	07.10.22	07.10.23	14.50%	20,662.50	15,597.43	5,065.07	2,986.64	18,584.07	07.10.23	07.10.24	9.00%	150,000.00
72	Prof.H.A.De.S. Gunasekara	174-60-01-00018296-1	PB	150,000.00	04.04.22	04.04.23	7.50%	11,250.00	2,897.26	8,352.74	15,341.20	18,238.46	04.04.23	04.04.24	14.50%	150,000.00
73	Gold medel in BMS	174-60-01-00018470-9	PB	250,000.00	05.05.22	05.05.23	14.50%	34,437.50	10,601.88	23,835.62	22,643.84	33,245.72	05.05.23	05.05.24	14.50%	250,000.00
74	Umarany Comaraswamy gold medel for Botnony	174-60-01-00018779-7	PB	150,000.00	07.07.22	07.07.23	14.50%	20,662.50	10,115.24	10,547.26	6,910.27	17,025.51	07.07.23	07.07.24	10.00%	150,000.00
75	Virtusa Award	174-60-01-00018780-4	PB	150,000.00	07.07.22	07.07.23	14.50%	20,662.50	10,115.24	10,547.26	6,910.27	17,025.51	07.07.23	07.07.24	10.00%	150,000.00
76	Prof.Gannath Obeysekara	174-60-01-00018469-2	PB	150,000.00	05.05.22	05.05.23	14.50%	20,662.50	6,361.13	14,301.37	13,586.30	19,947.43	05.05.23	05.05.24	14.50%	150,000.00
77	H.Somadasa Gold Medel	174-60-01-00028903-5	PB	268,000.00	24.03.22	24.03.23	7.50%	20,100.00	4,570.68	15,529.32	28,522.18	33,092.86	24.03.23	24.03.24	14.50%	268,000.00
78	Gold medel in Civil Eng.	174-60-01-00020735-6	PB	150,000.00	31.07.22	31.07.23	14.50%	20,662.50	11,545.38	9,117.12	5,973.29	17,518.66	31.07.23	31.07.24	10.00%	150,000.00
79	Tuley De Silva Gold Medel	174-60-01-00020848-0	PB	250,000.00	15.08.22	15.08.23	14.50%	34,437.50	20,732.02	13,705.48	8,979.45	29,711.47	15.08.23	15.08.24	10.00%	250,000.00
80	Athabasca university gold Medel	174-60-01-00021790-6	PB	2,908,909.28	18.02.22	18.02.23	5.50%	159,990.01	21,478.11	138,511.90	346,909.35	366,387.46	18.02.23	18.02.24	14.50%	2,908,909.28
81	Roberla L Carey	174-60-01-00021792-4	PB	2,908,909.28	18.02.22	18.02.23	5.50%	159,990.01	21,478.11	138,511.90	346,909.35	366,387.46	18.02.23	18.02.24	14.50%	2,908,909.28
82	E.M.Jayasinghe Medel	174-60-01-00022424-8	PB	150,000.00	11.06.22	11.06.23	14.50%	20,662.50	8,565.92	12,096.58	7,925.34	16,491.27	11.06.23	11.06.24	10.00%	150,000.00
83	Gold Medel for Best overall performance B.ED.Drama& Theater	174-60-01-00023403-1	PB	150,000.00	25.11.22	25.11.23	14.50%	20,662.50	18,517.29	2,145.21	1,264.93	19,782.23	25.11.23	25.11.24	9.00%	150,000.00
84	Nandani De Silva Gold Medel	174-60-01-00020849-9	PB	250,000.00	15.08.22	15.08.23	14.50%	34,437.50	20,732.02	13,705.48	8,979.45	29,711.47	15.08.23	15.08.24	10.00%	250,000.00

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85	Chandra De Silva Gold Medel	174-60-01-00028904-4	PB	150,000.00	24.03.22	24.03.23	7.50%	11,250.00	2,558.22	8,691.78	15,963.90	18,522.12	24.03.23	24.03.24	14.50%	150,000.00
86	G.M.K.B.Gunah erath Gold Medel for Chemstry	174-60-01-00024120-1	PB	250,000.00	12.03.22	12.03.23	7.50%	18,750.00	3,647.26	15,102.74	27,738.70	31,385.96	12.03.23	12.03.24	14.50%	250,000.00
87	Faculty of Health Science award Fund	174-60-01-00024123-8	PB	9,933,705.98	12.03.22	12.03.23	7.50%	745,027.95	144,923.25	600,104.70	1,102,192.31	1,247,115.55	12.03.23	12.03.24	14.50%	9,933,705.98
88	S.Ranasinghe mgt.studies	174-60-01-00025958-5	PB	250,000.00	01.01.22	01.01.23	5.50%	13,750.00	37.67	13,712.33	34,343.15	34,380.82	01.01.23	01.01.24	14.50%	250,000.00
89	S.Ranasinghe cemba	174-60-01-00025957-6	PB	250,000.00	01.01.22	01.01.23	5.50%	13,750.00	37.67	13,712.33	34,343.15	34,380.82	01.01.23	01.01.24	14.50%	250,000.00
90	Prof.Chandra Gunawardena Gold Medel	174-60-01-00028902-6	PB	150,000.00	24.03.22	24.03.23	7.50%	11,250.00	2,558.22	8,691.78	15,963.90	18,522.12	24.03.23	24.03.24	14.50%	150,000.00
91	Bursary Fund	174-60-01-0036059-0	PB								7,224,742.19	7,224,742.19	30.05.23	30.05.24	21.00%	61,480,000.00
92	Bond Deposit	174-60-01-00036060-7	PB								2,199,151.36	2,199,151.36	30.05.23	30.05.24	21.00%	18,714,000.00
Total				539,326,597.48				89,197,196.93	31,542,470.04	57,654,726.89	54,412,093.73	85,954,563.77				636,963,523.59
Grand Total				1,566,347,982.38				277,926,140.44	165,571,179.52	112,354,960.92	114,009,470.81	279,580,650.34				2,264,528,075.39

Note - 9

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

DEPOSIT PAYABLES

Name of the Deposit	Amount (Rs.)
Tender Deposits	243,000
Hostel Deposits	3,321,700
Miscellaneous Deposits	988,746
Deposit from Contractors (Performance Bond)	2,234,937
Alumni Association	68,067
Bid Bonds of Contractors	1,487,013
Refundable Students Deposits	40,483,040
Refundable Students Deposits - Foreign	1,175,627
Staff Security Deposits	60,000
Refundable Deposits for Cloak	693,125
Security Deposits	12,942
Library Deposits	6,304,300
Payable Bond Deposit	21,182
Canteens Security Deposits	368,000
Total	57,461,678

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PAYABLES

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Retentions (Fixed Assets & Capital Assets)	51,755,079
Payable Insurance Deposit (Staff)	2,638,276
Special Advance from UGC	30,000,000
Insurance Deposit	16,040
Stamp Duty (Payable)	119,050
Provision for Student Fees Refunds	198,714
Inland Revenue/General Treasury	1,800
Inland Revenue/General Treasury-Kandy	9,340
Flood Relief Advances	132
Cost of Living Arrears - UGC	1,134,625
Payable - VAT	14,023,270
Stamp Duty Receipt & Discharges (Payable)	3,700
Payable - Other Universities (10% Contribution)	11,905
Construction Of Foot Path to University of Colombo	43,402
Payable - Others	13,334,452
Total	113,289,785

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ADVANCE FOR CUSTOMERS - UNIVERSITY PRESS

Receipt No.	Name	Amount (Rs.)
REC2013002828	VV/COM/PTG/UVA/ANSWER/2010/J003 G.A.S.D.Perera	4,545
REC2014002797	VV/COM/PTG/UEOA/2010/J007 G.A.S.D.Perera	997
REC2015015248	VV/COM/PTG/RAJ/2014/J003	22,600
REC2016017856	VV/COM/PTG/Ruhuna/2016/J002	125,850
REC2017015971	VV/COM/PTG/CUCTA/2016/J008	77,800
REC2019005607	VV/COM/PTG/Eastern/2018/J0001	461,856
REC2019007784	VV/COM/PTG/Ruhuna/2018/J002 & J003	156,057
	A.W.A.D.K. Sewwandi	868
	M.P.T.Fernando	1,054
	D. S. K. Peiris	118
JNL2020000584	VV/COM/PTG/EDU/SNE/2019/J009	22,504
REC20200009846	VV/COM/PTG/UOK/2020/J001	48,110
REC2020010263	VV/COM/PTG/UGC/2020/J008	135,555
REC2021001699	VV/COM/PTG/UGC/2020/J004	36,087
REC2021001603	VV/COM/PTG/UGC/2020/J005	10,647
REC2021001029	VV/COM/PTG/OUR/2020/J002	5,635
REC2021001205	VV/COM/PTG/SLUCMA&TSA/2019/J012	82,210
REC2021001602	VV/COM/PTG/CUCTA/2020/J003	12,102
Total		1,204,594

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**INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE - SHORT COURSES &
OTHER SOURCES**

GL/Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2121	Civil Engineering Practical Classes	13,940
2123	Electrical & Computer Engineering Practical Classes	243,961
2254	CETMe Programmes	660,865
2306	Workshop on Library Mgt. System using Koha Software	392,000
2308	Workshop on "Autism"- C-NODES	123,200
2309	Workshop on English for Employment-C-NODES	3,204,185
2310	Sri Lanka Counter Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) Awareness	2,072,531
2314	M.Sc. In Energy Circular Economy	4,493,509
2316	Short Course In Introduction to Workshop	254,950
2364	Workshop	1,588,670
2320	M.Sc./Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Entomology & Applied Parasitology	2,584,294
2323	Training Course for Untrained Teacher (CERC)	9,000
2324	Advanced Certificate in Graphic Designing	1,068,000
2325	Short Course on Professional Web Designing	2,477,950
2334	Short Course In Screen Performance	329,455
2338	Certificate in Dynamic Graphic Design	1,006,485
2345	Printing Certificates - CERC (Short Course)	1,847,750
2348	Automobile Engineering Laboratory(CERC)	1,968,866
2350	Textile & Apparel Technology Laboratory (CERC)	82,000
2361	Certificate in Computer Network and Security (CCNS)	241,799
2362	Certificate in Professional Computer Application	1,310,131
2367	Certificate Course in Tourism & Hotel Operation	1,031,660
2368	Certificate Course in Desktop Publishing & Graphic	56,000
2374	Short Course on Advanced Web Development	838,859
2378	Short Course in ICT for Beginners	10,000
2384	Physics Practical Workshop	896,000
2385	Short Course on Research Methodology - Ministry of Education	329,854

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2386	E-Library Automation Project	3,158,707
2388	Certificate Course In Computer Aided Drafting (2D & 3D)	1,313,427
2408	Auto CAD 2D and 3D Modelling Course	2,354,564
2422	Short Course on Research Methodology	7,169,866
2429	Short Course on Teaching Children with Learning	2,190,414
2430	MBA in HRM	34,468,897
2431	Short Course in Plant Breeding Techniques	44,389
2433	M.Ed Degree Programme under C-SAP	89,484,176
2434	M.A. in Development Studies & Public Policy (Marga Inst.)	290,549
2434	Certificate in Accounting Packages	690,000
2435	Certificate Course In Human Resources	16,371,277
2436	Master of Energy Management (MEM)	29,434,474
2436	Master of Law (LLM)	19,223,811
2437	M.Sc. In Structural Engineering Programme	11,256,714
2437	Differed Income from Short Courses	50,000
2439	Short Course on Korean Language	1,063,350
2440	Short Course in Listening and Speech	27,224,378
2441	Convocation Photographs	4,197,881
2443	Short Course on Android Development & Python Program.	180,000
2444	CETME Convocation Photograph	746,450
2445	Award Ceremony - Photographs	990,661
2446	Certificate in Database & Network Management	304,300
2445	Computer Assembling Activity at the Workshop	233,250
2448	Short Course in Special Education	222,827
2449	Workshop on Supporting Children with Speech & Language Difficulties - 2018	66,000
2459	Short Course in Human Resource Training & Development	250,500
2460	Short course in Financial Accounting	519,500
2464	Master Of Science In Public Procurement & Supply Chain Mgt.Programme	2,745,824
2471	Short Courses on Arounding Based System Design	167,000
2472	Short Courses on Information & Communication Technology	3,784,400
2473	Short Course on Early Childhood Development	4,882,100
2474	Short Course on Irregular Migration, Human Smuggling	278,750
2480	Short Course On Certificate In Marketing Management	559,000
2481	Medical Laboratory Services	63,348

GL/Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2482	Short Course on Involuntary Land Acquisition	1,066,264
2483	Short Course of Certificate in Revit Architecture	797,000
2487	Durability Aspects & The Performances Of Existing Rural Roads Constructed	270,563
2488	Design & Supervision Of The Proposed Eco-Friendly Treatment Unit -Vavuniya Campus	350,000
2489	Short Course On Environmental Management & Assessment	286,800
2490	Short Course On Environmental Education & Awareness	258,000
2491	Short Course On Waste Management	262,800
2492	Short Course On Pollution Control	260,400
2493	Advanced Spoken Language Skills	1,297,004
2496	Short Course On School Management	1,277,649
2441	Conducting External Examination of Other Universities	8,342,869
2497	Short Course In German Recognition For S/L Nurses	3,700,000
2498	Short Course In Basic Skills In Caregiving	872,575
2499	Short Course On Soilless Agricultural Techniques For Urban Gardening	116,510
2500	Short Course In Digital Learning	120,000
2501	Short Courses In Digital Marketing	1,200,000
2504	Short Course In Video Production 2023	210,500
2460	International Conference On Mgt. & Entrepreneurship (ICOME)2022	1,943,001
2506	Pharmacy Department Lab Practicale(C-SFA)	156,000
2507	Short Course In News & Feature Article Writing	150,000
Total		318,054,632

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ACCRUED EXPENDITURE

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Salary Control Account	13,754,692
Creditors Provision for Audit Fees	4,252,160
Accrued Expenses	191,982,135
Gratuity Payable	2,335,303
Creditor-Procurements	1,142,927
With Holding Tax	284,302
PAYE Tax	15,096,801
Incentive Scheme to Reward Performance of Faculties	7,986,409
Total	236,834,729

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RESTRICTED FUNDS

GL/Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
Awards and Scholarship Funds		
2112	Tuley de Silva Gold Medal Fund	373,521
2113	Prof. Nandani de Silva Gold Medal Fund	350,546
2114	Virtusa Academic Excellence Award - B.Sc. Programme	159,391
2115	Dr. Anura Gunasekara Memorial Gold Medal Fund	273,395
2116	Prof. H.A. de S. Gunasekara Gold Medal Fund	241,516
2117	J.E. Jayasooriya Gold Medal Fund	322,373
2117	D.B.Ellepola Gold Medal Fund	97,097
2117	D.D.Athulathmudali Prize Fund	3,800
2117	Excellence in Zoology - N. Rathnasiri Scholarship	202,231
2117	G.David De Silva Memorial Prize Fund	157,914
2117	Gold Medal Fund- L.L.B- D.S.Wijesekara(Placidus Wijesekara)	25,286
2117	Kandalah Memorial Scholarship Award	335,250
2117	Krishanthi de Silva wijethunga Gold Medal Fund	84,708
2117	L.A.A. de Silva Gold Medal Fund	114,495
2117	Nalani Rathnasiri Scholarship	595,671
2117	O.P.Kulasethra Gold Medal Fund	59,982
2117	Mahawali Authority	6,201,197
2118	C.De Silva Memorial Prize Fund	233,763
2119	S.M.A.De Silva Memorial Prize Fund	242,451
2120	Prof.Sriyananda Award Fund	287,967
2121	Prof. Kolita Weerasekara Gold Medal Fund (Civil Engineering)	233,611
2124	Umarani Coomaraswamy Gold Medal for Excellence in Botany	238,858
2125	Prof.J.N.O.Fernando- Gold Medal for Excellence in Chemistry	252,562
2126	Prof. G. Obesekara Gold Medal for Excellence in Sociology	251,348
2127	Gold Medal for Best Performance in BMS	387,441
2128	Gold Medal for Best Student in Civil Engineering (Prof. Kolitha Weerasekara)	226,394

GL/Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2129	Gold Medal for Excellence in Pure Mathematics (H. Somadasa)	352,959
2130	Gold Medal for Excellence in Physics (Prof. E.M. Jayasinghe)	184,815
2131	Prof.B.A.Abeywickrama & Mrs.P.Abeywickrama Gold Medal	508,277
2194	Natural Science Prize Fund	748,451
2195	Faculty of Health Sciences Awards Fund	12,305,013
2205	Asia Foundation Gold Medal Fund	354,296
2211	Bursary Fund	367,100,620
2212	Interest Earned on Bursary Fund	104,358,009
2213	M.Sc In Energy for Circular Economy Composite	11,778,039
2103	Thusitha Jayasooriya Gold Medal For Best Student in BSC	200,000
2104	Prof.Chandra Gunawardena Gold Medal Fund	177,214
2105	Prof. S. Ranasinghe Gold Medal in Excellence in Research	307,239
2106	Prof. S. Ranasinghe Gold Medal in Excellence in Research	299,914
2107	Prof. G.M.K.B. Gunaherath Gold Medal in Excellence in Organic Chemistry	331,489
2319	UNICEF Scholarship Fund-Diploma In Youth Development	192,700
2346	SAF Madanjeet-South Asia Foundation Learning Initiative	1,548,821
2401	Scholarship- South Asia Foundation	4,097,886
2417	Postgraduate Research Scholarship Fund	14,321,152
2109	Robeta L. Carey Prize Fund	3,521,254
2110	Athabasca University Gold Medal Fund	3,546,554
2111	Gold Medal - Bachelor of Education (Hons.in Drama & Theatre)	201,563
Faculty / Department Funds		
2108	ILC Development Fund	699,431
2255	ET Fund	46,909,327
2260	NODES Centre	371,770
2287	VC Fund	2,516,304
2302	Faculty Fund - HSS	6,378,515
2303	Department Fund - Jaffna R.C.	527,464
2304	Department Fund - Accounting & Finance	658,559
2308	Department Fund -Trincomalee Study Centre	203,818
2309	Department Fund -Puttalam Study Centre	636,658

GL/Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2310	Department Fund -Special Needs Education	1,475,892
2311	Faculty Fund -Management Studies	7,753,517
2312	Department Fund -Career Guidance	1,396,114
2313	Department Fund -Physics	210,157
2314	Faculty Fund - Health Science	160,862
2315	Dept. Fund-Rathnapura Study Centre	925,563
2316	Dept. Fund - Kegalle Study Centre	1,005,623
2318	Dept. Fund - Monaragala Study Centre	1,022,169
2319	Dept. Fund - Bandarawela Study Centre	1,059,305
2320	Department Fund-Library	3,058,454
2321	Department Fund - Legal Studies	9,967,673
2326	Department Fund - Gampaha S.C.	2,582,175
2327	Department Fund - Killinochchi S.C.	399,415
2331	Faculty Fund- Education	4,828,125
2331	Department Fund - Polonnaruwa Study Centre	1,212,520
2332	Faculty Fund - Engineering Technology	1,494,892
2332	Department Fund - Badulla Regional Centre	1,344,383
2334	Department Fund - Secondary & Tertiary Education	5,666,360
2335	Department Fund - Batticaloa Regional Centre	31,442
2342	Dept. Fund -Mathematics & Philosophy Of Engineering	27,400
2347	Dept. Fund -Hatton Study Centre	108,884
2355	Dept. Fund -International Relations Unit	38,882
2356	Department Fund- Matara Regional Centre	1,258,605
2357	Dept. Fund - Vavuniya Study Centre	283,581
2369	Finance Division Fund	3,605,004
2381	Dept.Fund - CRC (Colombo Regional Service)	1,121,822
2383	Dept.Fund- Mullaitivu	1,729
2384	Department Fund - Social Studies	1,383,842
2385	Department Fund-Civil Engineering	461,983
2386	Department Fund-Staff Development Centre	723,309
2387	Department Fund-Early Childhood & Primary Education	2,089,501
2391	Department Fund - Botany	1,043,147

GL/ Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2392	Faculty Fund - Natural Science	138,720
2392	Department Fund- Zoology	219,865
2393	Department Fund -Galle Study Centre	1,145,682
2393	Department Fund- Mechanical Engineering	5,157,087
2394	Department Fund- Textile & Apparel Technology	147,248
2395	Department Fund- Electrical & Computer Eng.	2,092,909
2396	Department Fund- R.E.S.	432,999
2397	Department Fund- Press	1,171,848
2398	Department Fund -Hambantota Study Centre	1,037,930
2398	Department Fund- Language Studies	6,716,359
2399	Department Fund - Agriculture	12,660
2400	Dept. Fund-Kurunegala Study Centre	1,198,635
2401	Dept.Fund- Kalutara Study Centre	2,365,553
2402	Dept. Fund- Kandy Regional Centre	5,082,682
2404	Department Fund- Students Affairs	404,078
2407	Registrar's Fund	9,039,191
2409	Dept. Fund - Anuradhapura Regional Centre	1,048,930
2412	Dept. Fund- Mathematics & Computer Science	1,604,339
2424	Department Fund -Chemistry	23,795
2425	Department Fund - IT Division	4,885
2453	Dep.t Fund - Organizational Studies	389,720
2454	Dep.t Fund - Marketing Management	462,814
2455	Dep.t Fund - Human Resource Management	3,566,396
2458	Dept.Fund - Amapara Study Centre	311,419
2461	Dept. Fund- Ambalangoda Study Centre	244,972
2459	Dept.Fund - NODES	109,979
2457	Dept.Fund - Kuliyapitiya Study Centre	415,346
2486	Dept.Fund - Medical Laboratory	61,749
2495	Dept.Fund - Matale Study Centre	195,393
2502	Dept.Fund-Educational Leadership Management	721,713
2502	Dept.Fund Nursing	491,507
Other Funds		
2117	BA/ELT Programme	345,431
2117	Excellence in Research ODL and Multimedia Project	2,132,658

GL/Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2117	Flag Day Collection	73,223
2117	Foreign Ministry of Korea	9,460
2117	UNESCO Grant	327,734
2191	Bond Deposit	88,900,952
2196	Child Education & Research Fund	500,000
2200	NARESHA Research Grant	91,474
2257	Child Study Centre	383,800
2258	Engineering Research Fund	9,706,080
2258	COL Consultancy on E Learning Course Development	865,751
2276	UNESCO Fund	4,591,083
2277	COL-Upscaling Life Long Learning For Farmers (C-18299)	476,000
2278	COL-L3F PROJECT IN EXPORTAGRICULTURE IN S/L(C22-289)	40,560
2426	COL-Upscaling Life Long Learning For Farmers-Phase-1 (C20-318)	406,596
2283	Welcome Trust Grant (T. Jayasooriya)	21,576
2295	Environmental Studies Fund	4,076,694
2317	University Students Engagement in Extra Curricular Activities	733,291
2322	Funds for Centre of Gender Equity	711,092
2323	F.A.O. Grant	914,537
2323	Early Childhood Development Project	374,291
2324	Module Development-IMM Online	656,730
2330	UNICEF Fund	76,702
2341	Asia Foundation	88,355
2343	COL-Colaborative Open Educational Resources (OER) ICT Skills	102,397
2350	Commonwealth Secretariat	1,832,742
2367	Principals Mgt.& Leadership	25,000
2375	Sports Council of OUSL (Student)	2,468,403
2378	Seasonal Closure of Coastal	1,387,157
2382	COL-Digital Education Leadership Training in Action (C-19)	39,021
2388	COL/OUSL Workshop On Research Methodology	28,337
2388	COL Capacity Development Initiative (18-EDI-262)	2,909
2390	COL/ODL Initiative For Attainment Of MDG	298,616
2392	COL/Women Empowerment in Farming Co.	601,969

GL/ Acc #	Name	Amount (Rs.)
2394	Chemistry Laboratory Development Fund	85,000
2396	COL-(CA14-051) Capacity Building of Teacher Education-Phase2	215,156
2435	COL-Teacher Education Via ODL(C24-083)	605,316
2437	COL-L3F Agreement (C24-192)	237,958
2400	Support Centre For Children & Adolescent	536,772
2401	NSF - NTRP/2013/FS/PG-02/P-02(H.L.D. Weerahewa)	48,661
2406	Equal Access To Justice Project UNDP	275,300
2409	PhD Research Grant - From UGC	352,603
2410	NCAS Grants - UGC	262
2425	NSF -PSF/ICRP/2017/HS/02(K.B. Gunaherath)	109,927
2431	Model Farm- Dept. of Agriculture & Plantation	75,733
2432	Sustainable Energy Centre	363,091
2435	Student Academic Conference	82,244
2436	Inspire Research Grant	1,316,000
2114	CONTESSA Project	4,029,788
2451	University Staff Welfare	463,325
2452	University Student Welfare	1,531,676
2461	Radiography & Radiotherapy Dept. At OUSL	180,000
2462	Emergency Relief Fund	213,785
2465	Association Of Functional Peripheral Blood NK Cell Responses	208,153
2443	Proposed Interventions & Mechanisms for Combating Ragging (SGBV)	133,120
2470	Green Activities - CESSD	487,335
Total		835,891,434

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PROVISION FOR GRATUITY

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Balance as at 01.01.2023	1,021,406,217
Add : Provision for the year	223,309,609
	1,244,715,826
Less : Paid during the year	92,438,384
Balance as at 31.12.2023	1,152,277,442

Current Portion of Provision for Gratuity	37,384,321
Non Current Portion of Provision for Gratuity	1,114,893,120
	1,152,277,442
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FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Description	2023	2022
Accumulated Funds - Recurrent		
Accumulated Surplus/(deficit) at the beginning of the year	717,938,164	(267,960,710)
Current surplus/(deficit) for the year	965,752,396	985,898,873
Total accumulated Fund - Recurrent	1,683,710,111	717,938,164
Accumulated Funds - Capital (Note 16.1)		
Accumulated Surplus/(deficit) at the beginning of the year	422,679,869	778,312,290
Contribution to Capital outlay from other Grants	2,788,484	12,906,682
Capital surplus/(deficit) for the year	(211,772,812)	(368,539,103)
Total accumulated Fund - Capital	213,695,541	422,679,869

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ACCUMULATED FUNDS - CAPITAL (DETAILED REPORT)

Description	Capital Surplus as at 01/01/2023	Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions	Capital Surplus as at 31/12/2023
Capital Grant Spent	432,337,089		432,337,089
DEMP Project	381,065,167		381,065,167
HETC Project	3,081,029		3,081,029
AHEAD Project	101,381,884	207,416,696	308,798,580
New Hostel - Ministry of Education	164,999,184		164,999,184
Vehicles received from Treasury	8,650,000		8,650,000
Library Books	3,602,765	1,037,046	4,639,811
	1,095,117,117	208,453,742	1,303,570,859
Depreciation and Amortisation	(705,616,492)	(420,226,554)	(1,125,843,046)
Capital Outlay from Outside Grants (Note 17)	33,179,243	2,788,484	35,795,127
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Total	422,679,869	(208,984,328)	213,695,541

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CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FROM OUTSIDE GRANTS

Department	Fund	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount (Rs.)
Opening Balance as at 01/01/2023					33,179,243
Mechanical Engineering	MSc in Energy for Circular Economy Consortium Budget Fund	Laptop Computer	1	329,345.00	329,345
Mechanical Engineering	MSc in Energy for Circular Economy Consortium Budget Fund	Desktop Computer	1	172,600.00	172,600
Mechanical Engineering	MSc in Energy for Circular Economy Consortium Budget Fund	Multifunction Printer	1	98,900.00	98,900
Mechanical Engineering	MSc in Energy for Circular Economy Consortium Budget Fund	Desktop Computer	1	206,150.00	206,150
Kandy Regional Centre	Centre Fund - Kandy R.C	Portable Audio System	1	89,500.00	89,500
Gampaha Study Centre	Centre Fund - Gampaha S.C	Reception Counter	1	190,612.50	190,613
Matara Regional Centre	Centre Fund - Matara R.C	Preasure Washer	1	23,740.50	23,741
Matara Regional Centre	Centre Fund - Matara R.C	Refrigerator	1	89,999.00	89,999
CETMe	ET Fund	Air Conditioner	1	323,989.99	323,990
CETMe	ET Fund	Air Conditioner	1	344,572.20	344,572
CETMe	ET Fund	White Board	1	3,000.00	3,000
CETMe	ET Fund	Studio Lamp	10	9,775.00	97,750
CETMe	ET Fund	Capacitor Multimeter	1	9,990.00	9,990
CETMe	ET Fund	Multimeter	1	1,390.00	1,390
Human Resource Management	MBA in HRM Budget Fund	Laptop Computer	1	305,000.00	305,000
Mechanical Engineering	Master of Energy Management Budget Fund	Laptop Computer	1	329,345.00	329,345
Total					35,795,127

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DONATIONS

Item	Donated By	#	Qty.	Unit Price	Amount (Rs.)
Library Book 2023 January	OUSL Library				33,108
Library Book 2023 February	OUSL Library				23,952
Library Book 2023 March	OUSL Library				11,774
Library Book 2023 April	OUSL Library				8,350
Library Book 2023 May	OUSL Library				84,373
Library Book 2023 June	OUSL Library				24,725
Library Book 2023 July	OUSL Library				14,061
Library Book 2023 August	OUSL Library				13,990
Library Book 2023 September	OUSL Library				75,384
Library Book 2023 October	OUSL Library				169,394
Library Book 2023 November	OUSL Library				232,922
Library Book 2023 December	OUSL Library				345,014
Spectrum Analyzer	AHEAD Project	202300034	1	5,690,000.00	5,690,000
High-end Lap top Computer	AHEAD Project	202300035	30	428,000.00	12,840,000
High-End Laptop Computer	AHEAD Project	202300035	5	469,000.00	2,345,000
Computer Numerical Controller	AHEAD Project	202300062	1	8,058,142.00	8,058,142
Multimedia Projector	AHEAD Project	202300089	10	317,000.00	3,170,000
High Back Chair	AHEAD Project	202300211	12	20,907.00	250,884
High Back Chair-Executive	AHEAD Project	202300211	3	25,725.50	77,177
Office Cupboard	AHEAD Project	202300211	5	87,975.00	439,875
Computer Table	AHEAD Project	202300210	55	30,218.55	1,662,020
Staff Desk	AHEAD Project	202300210	3	50,855.30	152,566
Ultrasonic Washing Bath	AHEAD Project	202300128	1	189,750.00	189,750
Visitor Chair	AHEAD Project	202300300	5	8,625.00	43,125
Portable Audio System	AHEAD Project	202300305	1	54,999.00	54,999
Visitor Chair A	AHEAD Project	202300335	1	40,575.00	40,575
Visitor Chair B	AHEAD Project	202300335	6	37,275.00	223,650
AA Rechargeable Batteries	AHEAD Project	202300379	40	2,600.00	104,000
Rechargeable Battery charger	AHEAD Project	202300379	10	3,400.00	34,000
Temperature, Humidity and other	AHEAD Project	202300379	20	1,200.00	24,000
Vacuum cleaner	AHEAD Project	202300385	1	23,750.00	23,750
Wall fan	AHEAD Project	202300384	4	11,650.00	46,600
Ice Flake Maker	AHEAD Project	202300520	1	1,064,555.00	1,064,555
Deionized Water Plant	AHEAD Project	202300521	1	1,108,870.25	1,108,870

Item	Donated By	#	Qty.	Unit Price	Amount (Rs.)
Spectrophotometer	AHEAD Project	202300521	1	1,388,411.00	1,388,411
Pedestal Fans	AHEAD Project	202300562	6	12,340.50	74,043
Deep Freezer	AHEAD Project	202300561	1	119,999.00	119,999
Footed Agate Mortar & Pestle	AHEAD Project	202300423	4	48,300.00	193,200
Laboratory Benchtop Centrifuge	AHEAD Project	202300424	1	398,004.65	398,005
Air Conditioner - 24000BTU/hr	AHEAD Project	202300507	1	297,735.00	297,735
Wireless Mic	AHEAD Project	202300607	1	9,950.00	9,950
Bench Vice	AHEAD Project	202300608	1	24,750.00	24,750
Clamp Set	AHEAD Project	202300603	5	2,900.00	14,500
Bearing Puller	AHEAD Project	202300604	1	7,500.00	7,500
Air Pressure Gauge	AHEAD Project	202300606	1	7,000.00	7,000
Pin Punch Set	AHEAD Project	202300605	1	10,500.00	10,500
Computer Chair	AHEAD Project	202300630	55	17,135.00	942,425
Microwave Oven	AHEAD Project	202300654	1	69,990.00	69,990
Vacuum Sealer	AHEAD Project	202300655	1	34,500.00	34,500
Hot Plate & Stirrer	AHEAD Project	202300587	1	369,748.00	369,748
Construction and installation	AHEAD Project	202300466	4	195,000.00	780,000
50 Lrs Plastic Waste water tank	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	98,000.00	98,000
Wiring for Plug points	AHEAD Project	202300466	22	9,500.00	209,000
Modification of emergency Exit	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	155,000.00	155,000
Vinyle Floor Carpeting	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	138,000.00	138,000
Air conditioners with installa	AHEAD Project	202300466	2	340,000.00	680,000
LED TV	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	110,000.00	110,000
TV Bracket with installation	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	23,000.00	23,000
Modification for a space for	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	48,000.00	48,000
Mini refrigerator with install	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	90,000.00	90,000
Roof upholstering of inside	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	550,000.00	550,000
Fixed Seats - Warranty 86" 02 Ye	AHEAD Project	202300466	7	93,000.00	651,000
18 W LED Roof Lights	AHEAD Project	202300466	10	7,600.00	76,000
Partitioning of the bus	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	345,000.00	345,000
Branding (Refer Specification)	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	255,000.00	255,000
Rotatable chairs	AHEAD Project	202300466	12	26,000.00	312,000
Chemical and thermal Resistance	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	125,000.00	125,000
Three-way Laboratory	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	40,000.00	40,000
Pressure Pump	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	92,000.00	92,000
LP Gas Tap	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	49,000.00	49,000
2.5 Kg Gas cylinder	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	15,000.00	15,000
50 Ltr Plastic Water tank	AHEAD Project	202300466	1	98,000.00	98,000
Air Conditioner - 24000BTU/hr	AHEAD Project	202300467	1	295,000.00	295,000
Laboratory Oven	AHEAD Project	202300639	1	641,700.00	641,700
CNC accessories (Machine Vice)	AHEAD Project	202300667	1	55,000.00	55,000
Work Station	AHEAD Project	202300595	2	377,251.75	754,504
Development board with all acc	AHEAD Project	202300664	20	98,600.00	1,972,000

Item	Donated By	#	Qty.	Unit Price	Amount (Rs.)
Other related electronic compo	AHEAD Project	202300664	5	85,376.00	426,880
FPGA development board	AHEAD Project	202300664	5	387,950.40	1,939,752
FPGA development board	AHEAD Project	202300664	2	527,150.40	1,054,301
Texas DSK board with all acces	AHEAD Project	202300664	2	113,680.00	227,360
Breadboardable EPGA module	AHEAD Project	202300664	2	62,176.00	124,352
Vacuum cleaner	AHEAD Project	202300650	1	91,900.00	91,900
Tablet PCs with pen for teachi	AHEAD Project	202300585	15	122,000.00	1,830,000
Tablet PCs with pen for teachi	AHEAD Project	202300586	12	122,000.00	1,464,000
Electric Blower	AHEAD Project	202300651	2	17,116.00	34,232
Video Conferencing system	AHEAD Project	202300683	1	4,391,409.55	4,391,410
Wi-Fi Modules	AHEAD Project	202300628	50	2,880.00	144,000
Air Conditioner - 24000BTU/hr	AHEAD Project	202300668	2	348,359.73	696,719
Air Conditioner - 18000BTU/hr	AHEAD Project	202300668	2	288,614.93	577,230
High End Desktop Computers	AHEAD Project	202300690	30	445,000.00	13,350,000
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	2	462,875.00	925,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	4	462,875.00	1,851,500
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	4	462,875.00	1,851,500
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	4	462,875.00	1,851,500
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	2	462,875.00	925,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	10	462,875.00	4,628,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	2	462,875.00	925,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	2	462,875.00	925,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	2	462,875.00	925,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	8	462,875.00	3,703,000
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	1	462,875.00	462,875
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	10	462,875.00	4,628,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	1	462,875.00	462,875
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	16	462,875.00	7,406,000
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	10	462,875.00	4,628,750
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	12	462,875.00	5,554,500
Desktop Computer Type I - Highend	AHEAD Project	202300406	5	462,875.00	2,314,375
UPS 1.2KVA	AHEAD Project	202300648	3	29,950.00	89,850
High End Desktop Computers - 5	AHEAD Project	202301071	2	445,000.00	890,000
Laminating Machine	AHEAD Project	202301303	1	35,000.00	35,000
Nonstick Saucepane	AHEAD Project	202301304	1	9,990.00	9,990
Computer Table	AHEAD Project	202301296	1	32,694.50	32,695
Executive Chair	AHEAD Project	202301296	1	23,724.50	23,725
Executive Table	AHEAD Project	202301296	1	81,075.00	81,075

Item	Donated By	#	Qty.	Unit Price	Amount (Rs.)
Filling Cabinet-Steel	AHEAD Project	202301296	1	51,370.50	51,371
Computer Chair	AHEAD Project	202301276	1	16,100.00	16,100
Laptop Computer	AHEAD Project	202301277	1	295,000.00	295,000
All In One Multifunction Print	AHEAD Project	202301327	1	113,850.00	113,850
Desktop Computers	AHEAD Project	202301278	1	224,000.00	224,000
Multimedia Projector	AHEAD Project	202301275	1	140,000.00	140,000
Multimedia Projector Screen 8'	AHEAD Project	202301275	1	35,000.00	35,000
Exhaust Fan	AHEAD Project	202301392	1	12,200.00	12,200
Coconut Oil Extracting Machine	AHEAD Project	202301444	1	20,000.00	20,000
Data Safety Locker	AHEAD Project	202301451	1	258,520.00	258,520
HPLC Column	AHEAD Project	202301453	1	165,000.00	165,000
Sonicator	AHEAD Project	202301453	1	165,000.00	165,000
Headphone	AHEAD Project	202301459	2	4,250.00	8,500
LED Monitor	AHEAD Project	202301466	2	23,000.00	46,000
Four Jar Grinder	AHEAD Project	202301468	1	23,464.00	23,464
High Speed Blender 5L	AHEAD Project	202301469	1	50,000.00	50,000
Drawing Pad	AHEAD Project	202301471	1	17,900.00	17,900
Heavy Duty Paper Cutter A3+Siz	AHEAD Project	202301473	1	56,500.00	56,500
Paper Shredder	AHEAD Project	202301473	1	22,500.00	22,500
Soldering Slat Hot Gun	AHEAD Project	202301472	1	10,950.00	10,950
Good Planning Display Unit 10'	AHEAD Project	202301474	5	9,600.00	48,000
Hyper Converge Server Solution	AHEAD Project	202300419			70,000,000
Total					208,453,742

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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

INTEREST FROM INVESTMENTS

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Interest from Fixed Deposits	193,626,087
Interest on Savings Accounts	23,693,895
Total	217,319,982

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

INCOME FROM STUDENTS

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Tuition Fees	1,612,054,255
START @ OUSL Income	16,453,067
Facility Fees	110,525,500
Library Facility Fees	1,262,200
Late Registration Fee	447,600
Fees for Chemical Usage	11,624,228
Supplication Fees	20,209,850
Exemption Fees	6,615,187
Computer Awareness Programme	53,387,250
Other Course Fee	340,600
Student Fees Refund Income	2,406,588
Field Visit Fee	27,600
Lab Facility Fees	862,500
Total	1,836,216,426

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INCOME FROM SHORT COURSES & OTHER SOURCES

Course Name	Amount (Rs.)
Short Course in Advanced Web Development	137,500
Short Course in Effective Use of AutoCAD for Engineering Drawings	1,575,500
Short Course in Basic Skills in Caregiving	1,100,000
Short Course in Computerized Accounting	500,000
Convocation Photography	5,295,800
Short Course in Early Childhood Development	4,230,000
Short Course in Financial Accounting	720,000
Short Course in Graphic Designing	975,000
Short Course in Human Resource Management	8,274,000
Short Course in Information & Communication Technology	1,025,000
Short Course in Korean Language	266,000
Automobile Lab Practicals	830,000
Library Automation	4,749,900
Short Course in Listening and Speech	21,937,300
LLM in Criminal Justice	18,393,488
Short Course in Marketing Management	490,500
MBA in HRM	7,832,700
Short Course in Medical Laboratory Techniques	396,000
Short Course in Plant Breeding Techniques	360,000
Short Course in Professional Computer Applications	2,500,700
Short Course in Professional Web Development using Joomla & Wordpress	850,000
Short Course in School Management	1,850,000
Short Course in Soil Less Agricultural Systems for Urban Gardening	340,000
Studio Recording	192,750
Testing Concrete Cubes	21,700
Short Course in Tourism & Hotel Management	2,030,000
Short Course in Video Production	200,000
Workshop on Autism	54,000
MSc in Medical Entomology and Applied Parasitology	80,497
Total	87,208,335

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FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Miscellaneous Income	3,863,012
Tender Fees	870,250
Student Records Books	20,850
Sales of University Ties	46,500
Pre-School Tuition Fees	1,165,800
Liquidate Damage	34,179
Day Care Charges	105,000
Registration of Suppliers	1,298,000
One Month Salary in Lieu of Notice	3,754,911
Total	11,158,502

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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DISBURSEMENT OF SHORT COURSES FUNDS

Name of the Fund		Amount (Rs.)
Printing Certificates (CERC)		933,300
C-SFA Fund		575,070
CERC Fund		677,189
C-SAP Fund		790,927
VC Fund		1,017,165
Finance Division Fund		1,017,165
Registrar's Fund		2,599,018
University Student Welfare		610,299
University Staff Welfare		406,866
Faculty Fund-Faculty of Natural Sciences		107,418
Faculty Fund-Faculty of Engineering Technology		189,537
Faculty Fund-Faculty of HSS		2,251,012
Faculty Fund-Faculty of Management Studies		780,930
Faculty Fund-Faculty of Education		444,334
Faculty Fund-Faculty of Health Sciences		92,209
ET Fund		1,052,730
Department Fund Library		455,910
Department Funds	Language	2,161,989
	Social Studies	459,214
	Legal Studies	6,350,387
	Mechanical Engineering	381,857
	Civil Engineering	2,111
	Electrical & Computer	213,155
	Marketing Management	452,471
	Accounting & Finance	541,754
	Human Resource Management	1,263,378
	Organizational Studies	389,720
	Educational Leadership & Management	721,713
	Early Childhood & Primary Education	1,944,294
	Adolescent	23,331
	Botany	248,754
	Computer Sciences	395,757
	Nursing	491,507
	Medical Laboratory Sciences	61,749

Name of the Fund		Amount (Rs.)
Department Funds -RES	R.E.S.Fund	520,143
	Ambalantota (Hambantota)	194,319
	Ambalangoda	110,298
	Anuradhapura	404,428
	Ampara	110,317
	Badulla	220,680
	Bandarawela	249,173
	Colombo	694,246
	Galle	137,311
	Gampaha	246,065
	Kalutara	381,471
	Hatton	57,628
	Kilinochchi	61,790
	Kandy	633,023
	Kegalle	155,173
	Kurunegala	107,340
	Kuliyapitiya	48,025
	Matara	263,438
	Monaragala	114,263
	Polonnaruwa	225,264
	Puttalam	153,135
	Matale	147,150
	Rathnapura	110,411
	Trincomalee	76,433
Total		35,525,743

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRILANKA

FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

PROGRAMMEWISE EXPENDITURE

Object	Object Title	General Admin & Staff Service	Academic Service	Teaching Resources	Health Services	Maintenance Of Land & Buildings	Ancillary Activities	Total
		PROG. 1	PROG. 2	PROG. 3	PROG. 4	PROG. 5	PROG. 6	(Rs.)
Personal Emoluments – Academic								
50104101	Salaries & Wages	5,654,681	512,828,995	20,928,447	-	-	-	539,310,123
50104102	J.P.F	554,993	103,154,949	4,405,484	-	-	-	108,112,426
50104103	Pension	10,865	51,801,057	1,900,782	-	-	-	53,712,654
50104104	E.T.F	356,773	32,553,112	1,293,488	-	-	-	34,203,383
50104105	Acting Pay	247,860	3,552,958	93,677	-	-	-	3,820,494
50104106	Interim Allowances(10%)	-	603,484	-	-	-	-	603,484
50104108	Academic Allowances(25%)	8,192,485	528,577,087	21,174,089	-	-	-	558,903,679
50104110	Other Allowances	14,021	1,368,435	13,791	-	-	-	1,396,247
50104112	Gratuity	2,508,726	140,583,185	2,750,249	-	-	-	146,242,159
50104114	Allowances	781,445	71,567,716	2,831,135	-	-	-	75,242,296
50104116	Cost Of Living Allowances	333,528	47,452,002	2,107,501	-	-	-	50,093,031
50104117	25% Research Allowance	1,347,529	113,351,345	4,600,609	-	-	-	119,319,459
50104118	DD & 15 AB Arrears	-	41,052	-	-	-	-	41,052
50104119	EFF	37,152	6,518,418	145,312	-	-	-	6,695,061
50104120	Transport & Fuel Allowance(9/2015)	604,070	6,938,152	506,700	-	-	-	7,648,922
50104122	Monthly Allowance (2/2022)	842,005	80,481,945	1,850,962	-	-	-	82,126,912
50104123	Telecommunication (Fin. 1/2022)	72,000	740,847	-	-	-	-	812,847
Total		(L)	19,278,141	1,651,799,313	63,793,232	-	-	1,734,782,686
Personal Emoluments - Non -Academic								
50104201	Salaries & Wages	115,699,481	238,907,590	26,902,454	2,146,106	28,444,443	40,755,632	448,035,713
50104202	J.P.F	15,632,845	26,744,992	5,788,818	207,538	3,102,765	4,344,965	51,769,919
50104203	Pension	8,848,037	18,688,562	2,227,021	92,068	2,855,223	8,862,868	35,571,768
50104204	E.T.F	5,068,437	10,637,818	1,280,529	122,245	1,147,702	1,758,808	19,895,549
50104205	Acting Pay	-	498,144	-	-	-	-	498,144
50104207	M.C.A	41,396,464	83,532,573	10,943,087	540,305	5,899,073	14,243,669	160,475,183
50104208	Over Time	16,870,702	18,408,051	1,800,587	-	7,214,046	4,029,393	48,812,789
50104209	Holiday Payments	62,277	872,306	26,814	-	15,000	20,528	972,326
50104210	Other Allowances	20,783	218,436	175,927	-	3,799	393	419,339
50104212	Gratuity	18,358,472	42,040,886	7,045,988	157,101	4,286,483	5,178,330	77,067,479
50104214	Allowances(A-800)-	18,243,627	37,116,065	4,894,786	240,136	4,375,762	6,326,174	71,846,549
50104216	Cost of living Allowances	16,801,560	34,192,934	4,421,594	256,394	4,667,168	5,625,285	65,764,174
50104217	Research Allowance	3,233,859	-	-	-	300,584	305,991	3,840,434
50104218	DD & 15 AB Arrears	-	151,406	-	-	-	-	151,406

Object	Object Title	General Admin & Staff Service	Academic Service	Teaching Resources	Health Services	Maintenance Of Land & Buildings	Auxiliary Activities	Total
		PROG. 1	PROG. 2	PROG. 3	PROG. 4	PROG. 5	PROG. 6	(Ru.)
50304219	E.P.F.	2,297,228	6,304,731	261,130	262,797	356,501	508,160	10,096,506
50304220	Transport & Fuel Allowance(3/2015)	2,808,242	284,550	-	-	-	-	3,092,792
50304222	Monthly Allowance (2/2022)	10,661,897	21,918,188	2,834,555	384,333	2,091,774	3,606,952	42,158,522
50304223	Telecommunication (FNL/2022)	586,742	838,282	24,000	-	72,000	24,000	1,478,874
	Total	274,418,454	541,896,895	66,544,896	4,194,005	64,325,120	90,419,894	1,092,998,264
	Total Personal Emoluments (3+2)	293,696,595	2,192,896,250	180,249,322	4,194,005	64,325,120	90,419,894	2,775,780,952
Travelling & subsistence								
5010501	Domestic	757,673	3,468,389	7,000	-	625,982	8,310	4,869,364
5010502	Foreign	-	1,098,200	-	-	-	-	1,098,200
	Total	757,673	4,566,589	7,000	-	625,982	8,310	5,958,566
Supplies								
5010601	Stationery & Office Requisites	9,481,073	55,809,124	1,051,154	25,256	400,802	1,515,575	68,293,863
5010602	Fuel & Lubricants	7,980,615	5,547,978	924,289	177,259	3,554,981	141,140	17,526,252
5010603	Uniform & Tailoring Charges	1,221,371	1,344,045	163,168	4,800	482,883	119,020	3,336,387
5010604	Mechanical & Electrical Goods	86,390	2,033,312	1,801	750	82,088	27,962	2,232,303
5010605	Chemicals & Glassware	9,600	7,347,606	-	81,875	-	4,104	7,442,485
5010606	Medical Supplies	3,580	-	-	251,518	-	2,859	257,892
5010607	Other Supplies	2,044,620	4,149,761	894,896	1,818,419	915,204	447,815	14,268,215
	Total	20,777,250	81,231,627	1,934,798	1,858,951	5,238,958	2,258,514	113,295,098
Maintenance								
5020701	Vehicles	10,805,824	1,171,568	-	3,200	144,893	1,240	12,126,523
5020702	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	17,879,211	88,996,619	455,020	-	1,595,507	7,788,087	106,254,455
5020703	Building & Structure	81,786,901	15,512,167	-	-	28,892,818	535,043	126,106,929
5020704	Furniture	(84,500)	458,800	19,900	-	-	19,600	413,700
5020705	Others	5,938,279	2,784,795	-	-	-	-	8,723,074
	Total	114,280,714	100,923,850	474,920	3,200	30,575,821	8,343,981	254,508,486
Contractual Service								
5030801	Transport	4,896,512	2,217,855	400	-	59,350	6,529	7,174,146
5030802	Telecommunication	27,701,100	8,028,880	-	-	-	17,881,984	43,611,964
5030803	Postal charges	19,839,574	8,635,159	30,530	3,250	290	181,300	28,509,823
5030804	Electricity	12,971,458	63,117,874	33,467,700	-	-	4,606,416	114,163,468
5030805	Security Service	5,455,521	96,742,808	-	-	-	-	102,198,329
5030806	Water	436,820	12,149,638	-	-	-	-	12,586,458
5030807	Cleaning Service	35,952,009	41,555,255	-	-	217,833	-	77,503,105
5030808	Rents & Hire charges	241,585	8,243,481	-	-	610,150	-	8,495,216
5030809	Rates & Tax To Local Authorities, Insurance	330,504	2,625,088	24,551	-	-	16,000	2,996,143
5030810	Printing Charges	2,119,805	(54,884,788)	49,248	-	-	85,148,250	10,942,562

Object	Object Title	General Admin & Staff Service	Academic Service	Teaching Resources	Health Services	Maintenance Of Land & Buildings	Auxiliary Activities	Total
		PROG. 1	PROG. 2	PROG. 3	PROG. 4	PROG. 5	PROG. 6	(94.)
5010811	Others Services	52,106,309	6,325,233	99,874	11,250	4,279,660	12,089,544	74,871,872
5010812	Advertising	3,564,254	4,346,942	-	-	-	-	8,511,075
	Total	165,855,991	158,000,845	88,652,804	15,540	5,167,783	97,980,497	460,150,899
Other Recurrent Expenses								
5010901	Travel Grants To LW	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
5010902	Special Service-Council & Committees	5,890,322	1,506,589	-	-	-	-	6,896,711
5010903	Special Service-Professional & Other Fees	6,721,448	3,727,964	-	-	-	38,500	10,487,912
5010904	Workshop, Seminars	304,168	1,225,479	4,464	-	-	-	1,534,111
5010905	Academic Research	1,104,760	7,528,127	-	-	-	-	8,432,887
5010906	Administrators and Other Employees)	1,586,721	852,925	96,000	-	-	-	1,975,026
5010907	Grants to Other Organization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5010908	Holiday Warrants & Season Tickets	4,171,000	3,790,650	345,400	-	607,800	645,600	9,560,450
5010909	Entertainment Expenses	1,582,020	5,986,481	28,871	-	145,605	30,520	7,580,697
5010910	Bank Charges	20,909,651	17,948	2,640	-	-	-	20,929,634
5010911	Awards & Indemnities	1,174,500	174,725	82,500	-	55,000	7,500	1,404,225
5010912	Contribution & Members	890,333	236,994	24,000	-	5,072	-	1,156,400
5010913	Concocation	45,684	15,728,738	-	-	-	-	15,774,402
5010914	Examination Expenses	-	129,108,451	-	-	-	-	129,108,451
5010915	Others-Newspapers & Magazines	551,750	256,590	76,000	-	-	-	884,080
5010916	Visiting Lecturs Fee	-	52,742,813	5,400	-	-	-	52,748,211
5010917	Salaries Outside the Cadre	58,531	833,909	-	-	36,688	290,500	1,289,628
5010918	Postgraduate Research	436,000	3,929,286	-	-	-	-	4,465,286
5010919	Industry Internships, Practical & Career	44,947	789,542	-	-	-	-	834,489
5010920	Employee Welfare and Medical Assistance	14,035,000	363,219	20,000	-	5,000	3,000	14,428,219
5010921	Students Development Initiative	1,434,863	65,045,200	-	-	-	-	66,480,063
5010922	University Sports Account	280,316	-	-	-	-	-	280,316
5010923	Student Welfare, Student Councils and Social Harmony	436,508	152,250	-	-	-	-	588,758
5010924	Corporate Planning, Governance & Outreach	5,800	-	-	-	-	-	-
5010925	Course Materials For Students & Learning Quality	229,910	9,701,880	-	-	-	-	9,931,790
5010926	Interest Subsidy on Property Loan	516,475	1,028,571	134,492	-	72,381	43,831	1,885,529
	Total	51,896,903	894,218,783	709,597	-	905,326	1,876,851	358,211,467
	Total Expenditure	596,177,468	3,779,282,450	587,007,348	6,669,696	504,629,188	200,681,849	3,855,167,999

9.3 Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Description	2023 (Rs.)	2022 (Rs.)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus / (Deficit) from ordinary activities	963,752,396	983,298,873
Non Cash Movements		
Provision for Gratuity	223,309,609	91,955,336
Interest Income	(217,319,982)	(121,221,816)
Operating Profit before working capital changes	971,742,023	956,632,393
(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories	(101,842,652)	(134,863,895)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade & Other receivables	(52,788,815)	(370,259,019)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	272,968,152	105,580,483
Operating Profit after working capital changes	1,090,077,709	557,089,962
Payment of Gratuity	(92,438,384)	(90,378,694)
Net Cash Flows from operating Activities	997,639,325	466,711,268
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property, Plant & equipment	(293,419,264)	(108,224,454)
Work in Progress	(175,964,388)	(66,586,596)
Increase in Investments	(823,180,093)	(1,419,833,401)
Decrease in Investments	75,000,000	909,043,545
Interest from Investments	212,422,839	60,360,766
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(1,005,140,906)	(616,240,140)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Government Grant for Capital Expenditure		15,000,000
Funds received for Specific Purposes	159,184,207	88,176,407
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	159,184,207	103,176,407
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	151,682,625	(46,352,465)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the period	81,219,612	127,572,076
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the end of the period	232,902,237	81,219,611

9.4 Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31.12.2023

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2023

(Rs.)

Description	General Reserve	Capital					Revaluation Surplus	Total
		Capital Grant Spent	Capital Grant Unspent	Accumulated Fund - Capital	Accumulated Fund - Recurrent	Donations & Other Grants		
Balance as at 31st December 2021 (Restated)	(530,638,913)	392,547,770	24,789,318	-	-	623,653,404	13,534,993,286	14,045,344,866
Reclassification as per SLPSAS 11 - Accumulated Fund - Capital	-	(392,547,770)	(24,789,318)	1,040,990,493	-	(623,653,404)	-	-
Reclassification as per SLPSAS 11 - Accumulated Fund - Recurrent	530,638,913	-	-	(262,678,203)	(267,960,710)	-	-	-
Adjusted balance as at 01st January 2022	-	-	-	778,312,290	(267,960,710)	-	13,534,993,286	14,045,344,866
Capital Outlay from Outside Grants	-	-	-	12,906,682	-	-	-	12,906,682
Revaluation Surplus/Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	441,691,739	441,691,739
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	-	-	-	(368,539,103)	985,898,873	-	-	617,359,771
Balance as at 31 st December 2022	-	-	-	422,679,869	717,938,163	-	13,976,685,025	15,117,303,057
Capital Outlay from Outside Grants	-	-	-	2,788,484	-	-	-	2,788,484
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	-	-	-	(211,772,812)	965,752,396	-	-	753,979,584
Balance as at 31 st December 2023	-	-	-	210,907,057	1,683,690,559	-	13,976,685,025	15,874,090,675

9.5 Notes to the Financial Statements

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Corporate Information

1.1 General

The Open University of Sri Lanka is incorporated and domiciled in Sri Lanka. The registered office and the principal place of business is situated at Nawala, Nugegoda. The regional centers are located at Colombo, Kandy, Anuradhapura, Matara, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Badulla, Kurunegala and Rathnapura. Further 19 Study Centers are established island wide.

1.2 Date of Authentication for Issue

The financial statements of the University for the year ended 31st December 2023 were authorized for issue in accordance with the approval of the Council held on 22nd February 2024.

2. General Accounting Policies

2.1 Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except that Fixed Assets at fair value are based on the revaluation as at 31.12.2017, vehicle revalued on 01.01.2022 and Library books revalued on 31.12.2022.

2.2 Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS). Format of Financial Statements were changed incorporating amendments to SLPAS 11 with effect from 2022.

2.3 Comparative Information

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the university and are consistent with previous year. The previous year's figures and phrases have been rearranged wherever necessary to confirm to the current year presentation.

2.4 Functional and Presentation Currency

All the foreign currency transactions are converted to Sri Lankan Rupees, which is the reporting currency, at the rates of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction and closing rate.

3. Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of Financial Statements in conformity with Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS), requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Judgments and estimates are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations

that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Hence, actual experience and results may differ from these judgments and estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised if the revision affects only that period and any future periods affected.

Information about significant areas of uncertainty and critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have most significant effects in the accounts recognize the financial statements is included in the following notes.

4. Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below are consistent with those used in the previous year.

4.1 Cost of providing utilities and expenses on common facilities extended to the Post Graduate Institute of English have been accounted as dues from the Post Graduate Institute of English.

4.2 The income from the self-funded Academic Programmes, Consultancy projects and several external assignments conducted by academic departments, faculties and other entities of the university under Centre for Self-Financing Activities (C-SFA) was accounted as over the period of time it has generated. As per the C-SFA guidelines a part of the C-SFA surplus has been transferred to appropriate development funds.

4.3 Amount due on Violation of Bonds & Agreements is Rs. 177,019,581.86.

4.4 Capital grant considered as non exchange revenue in total in the statement of financial performance instead of showing it as deferred revenue and amortizing the same during the useful life of the assets acquired under the grant, while the assets acquired under the grant gets depreciated during the useful life.

4.5 Property Plant & Equipment

4.5.1 Valuation of Assets

- i. All assets purchased during the year are recorded at cost of purchase with incidental expenses.
- ii. The value of Property, Plant & Equipment purchased out of various project funds were transferred from project funds account to Contribution to Capital Outlay from Outside Grants (Note -17)
- iii. The value of Property, Plant & Equipment received as Donations were capitalized and recorded as revenue from non-exchange transaction. (Note - 6)
- iv. Property, Plant & Equipment are shown at cost/revalued value less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on straight line method as per UGC Circular No. 649 of 05.10.1995 at the following rates per annum.

Buildings	05%
Furniture	10%
Office Equipment	20%
Library Books	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Laboratory & Teaching Equipment	20%
Cloaks	20%
Plant & Machinery	20%
Sports Goods	20%

Depreciation is charged from the date of purchase.

- v. The valuation of Land and Building was completed by the Valuation Department as at 01.01.2018. Accordingly, Land and Building was adjusted in accounts as at 01.01.2018.
- vi. Revaluation surplus of the previous year was adjusted according to corrections made in the values of assets.
- vii. Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Ampara and Gampaha lands are under operating lease. The values of Anuradhapura and Ampara lands are Rs.39 Million and Rs. 11.55 Million respectively.
- viii. Colombo, Batticaloa and Rathnapura (New Land), Kalutara, Kandy, Matara and Kegalle lands are legally owned by the University. The revalued amount of such lands were shown in the accounts as Lands.
- ix. Assets that were revalued for Rs.596,581,941.27 as of 31.12.2017 have been fully depreciated by 31.12.2022. These assets will be revalued in the year 2024. Breakdown of the assets value is given below.

Assets	Value (Rs.)
Office Equipment	317,781,105.31
Plant & Machinery	61,476,232.58
Lab Equipment	212,701,128.38
Cloaks	4,623,475.00
	596,581,941.27

x. **Valuation of Lands**

- The policy of the university is to value the lands belongs to it every 5 years.
- Lands under operating lease are valued and shown as notes to the Accounts.
- Lands under Finance lease are shown as lease lands and amortize over the lease period.
- Lands that are not legally transferred to the Open University of Sri Lanka but occupied were taken into accounts under the lands. The values of those lands are given below.

Centre	Land Value (Rs.)
Ambalantota	4,000,000.00
Bandarawela	17,000,000.00
Galle	59,452,000.00
Ratnapura(Old)	24,525,000.00
Jaffna	62,000,000.00
Monaragala	16,000,000.00
Polonnaruwa	16,000,000.00
Puttlam	4,179,000.00
Vavuniya	27,900,000.00
Killinochchi	17,600,000.00

4.5.2 Transfer of Land

The University at its 385th meeting of the Council had allocated 15 perch land to PGIE. Further, the Council at its 408th meeting had allocated 4.8 perch land to the PGIE.

According to MOU signed by three parties (OUSL, University of Colombo and University Grants Commission), OUSL agreed to allow students of University of Colombo to access their hostel in Kalinga Mawatha through OUSL foot path. An Agreement need to be extended by annually with the consent of OUSL.

4.7 Capital Work-In Progress

Capital work in progress is transferred to the respective asset account at the inception of utilization of the asset.

4.8 Intangible Assets

Based on the useful life of the Intangible Assets, they are identified as indefinite/Finite and such assets were amortized over the useful life. (Note – 6.1)

4.9 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

The cost incurred in bringing inventories to its present location and conditions is accounted using the following formula.

- Raw materials - cost determined on the first in first out (FIFO) basis.
- Finished Goods – At the cost of direct material, direct labour and appropriation of fixed production overheads at normal operating capacity.

Outdated course materials amount into Rs.5,343,190.25 to be discarded for the year 2023. This will be adjusted in the year 2024 with the approval of the Council.

4.10 Investments

Short-term investments are categorized under Held to Maturity Financial Instruments. (HTMFI)

4.11 Receivables

The University policy to cancel the receivables of students who did not renew their registration during the last 5 years and charged to income statement in the current final year in which five year is over.

4.12 Provisions for Gratuity

Full provision is made in accounts for the retiring gratuity payable to all the employees from the year which they completed 01 year in the service. This provision is not externally funded.

4.13 Liabilities & Provisions

4.13.1 All known liabilities have been accounted for in preparation of the financial statements.

4.13.2 Contingent liabilities on cases pending at the Court / Labour Tribunal were not provided.

4.13.3 Provision for student fees refund calculated based on the 2023 refunds related to the 2022 student fee income as average.

4.13.4 The provision of the 4% of the students fees transferred to the bursary fund and recognized as expenditure for reporting period.

4.14 Income & Expenditure

4.14.1 Revenue Recognition

Revenue consists of government grant, grants from UGC, course fees and income generated through internal sources. Interest on investment is accounted on accrual basis. The government grant was accounted on receipt basis. Course fees charged from students are recognized as income in the reporting period in which the service are rendered according to section 19, 20 & 39 of SLPSAS 10. Tuition Fees are recovered on installment basis. Generally, 60% of the credit value to be paid at the registration. Balance 40% within the next six months.

4.14.2 Expenditure Recognition

The expenditure has been analyzed by projects / objects and classified according to the different expenditure headings based on guidelines given by the University Grant Commission and the common format reporting system.



Dr. W.M.K.G.A. Wickramasinghe
Bursar

22nd February, 2024

9.6 Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amount

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FINAL ACCOUNTS - 2023

Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts

Description	Budgeted Amount		Actual Amount	Difference Final Budget & Actual
	Original	Final		
	(Rs.)	(Rs.)		
Revenue				
Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditure	2,605,000,000	2,605,000,000	2,605,000,000	-
Interest from Investments	40,000,000	225,000,000	217,319,982	(7,680,018)
Interest from Loans & Advances	4,000,000	4,000,000	3,560,999	(409,001)
Registration Fees	25,000,000	25,000,000	20,630,724	(4,379,276)
Income from Students	1,650,000,000	1,650,000,000	1,836,216,426	186,216,426
Examination Fees/Certificate Fees	10,000,000	10,000,000	22,906,911	12,906,911
Library Fines	100,000	350,000	366,180	16,180
Hostel Fees	1,000,000	1,500,000	1,408,500	(1,500)
Sale of Publications/Application	30,000,000	30,000,000	72,839,393	42,839,393
Rent from Properties/Hiring of Vehicles	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,082,245	82,245
Miscellaneous & Other Income	32,500,000	48,500,000	125,123,709	76,623,709
Total Revenue	4,400,600,000	4,603,350,000	4,908,565,068	306,215,068
Expenses				
Personal Emoluments	2,700,000,000	2,710,000,000	2,775,780,952	65,780,952
Traveling & Subsistence	7,000,000	4,500,000	5,958,506	1,458,506
Supplies	92,750,000	109,250,000	113,295,098	4,045,098
Maintenance	94,000,000	138,500,000	141,801,081	3,301,081
Contractual Services	614,500,000	549,500,000	460,150,899	(89,349,101)
Other Recurrent Expenses	279,000,000	292,250,000	358,211,462	65,961,462
Total Expenses	3,787,250,000	3,804,000,000	3,853,197,999	53,197,999


 Dr. W.M.K.G.A. Wikramasinghe
 Bursar
 Date: 22/02/2024

9.7 Financial Highlights in the Preceding 5 Years

(Rs.)

Description	2019 (Restated)	2020	2021 (Restated)	2022 (Restated)	2023
Income					
Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditure	1,600,000,000	1,920,000,000	2,280,000,000	2,484,000,000	2,605,000,000
Capital Grant for Research	9,000,000	-	-	-	-
Interest on Investments	93,743,600	40,531,326	23,863,338	121,221,816	-
Interest from Loans & Advances	3,376,124	3,458,172	3,233,012	3,275,711	3,590,999
Rent From Properties	1,953,813	2,827,241	958,841	2,732,468	2,950,535
Sale of Old Stores	783,820	4,100	-	31,500	1,213,952
Miscellaneous Income	12,540,349	11,914,685	18,344,085	4,665,986	-
Registration Fees	25,354,799	7,560,100	17,679,366	19,246,638	20,620,724
Income from Students	1,214,557,500	739,787,584	951,801,361	1,720,679,953	-
Examination Fees	4,754,172	4,332,170	1,106,996	12,025,403	22,906,911
Sale of Publications/Applications	14,199,170	50,422,798	24,657,224	65,047,975	72,866,144
Library Fines	280,520	91,770	11,438	104,550	-
Supplementary Fees	3,500	-	75,000	120,000	80,000
Hostel Fees	1,633,500	504,350	45,450	924,150	1,498,500
Income from short courses & other Sources	29,136,288	51,397,032	82,125,354	63,222,705	-
Hiring of Vehicles	105,674	64,747	-	125,306	131,710
Income from Violation of Bonds	8,427,337	22,386,910	9,420,072	18,713,974	25,462,920
Exchange Rate Difference	-	-	17,085	376,943	-
Amortization of Donations & Capital Outlay	121,416,738	81,752,918	83,562,992	90,230,424	-
Amortization of Capital Grants - Spent	82,823,152	80,328,867	63,874,828	47,074,110	-
Total	3,224,090,058	3,017,364,771	3,560,776,443	4,653,819,611	2,756,322,394
Expenditure					
General Administration & Staff Services	459,503,554	415,057,866	431,588,220	499,118,590	596,177,468
Add: Depreciation	345,022,489	381,587,113	406,673,931	462,313,133	-
	804,526,043	796,644,979	24,914,288	36,805,457	596,177,468
Disposal of Non Circulation & Staff Services	-	-	2,891,380	1,065,551	8,050,365
Impairment of receivable (Student)	37,827,384	40,655,161	-	-	43,766,998
Amortization of Intangible Assets	2,382,353	2,382,353	3,442,092	3,491,601	-
Impairment of receivable (Staff/Students)	-	-	43,729,298	10,487,725	-
Exchange Rate Difference	11,706	-	-	-	298,316
Academic Services	2,540,839,811	2,397,981,360	2,256,130,720	2,530,045,369	2,779,232,450
Teaching Resources	158,260,681	146,332,728	137,930,943	155,735,019	167,007,348
Health Services	5,510,585	6,220,381	6,641,971	6,727,842	6,069,696
Maintenance of Land & Buildings	66,606,729	60,435,254	58,542,667	83,597,120	106,629,188
Ancillary Activities	124,669,971	98,229,330	121,139,264	225,441,255	200,081,849
Total	3,740,635,263	3,548,881,546	2,655,362,624	3,978,023,204	3,907,313,678

Part 10– Audit Report

10.0 Audit Reports

10.1 Auditor General's Report

Vice- chancellor
The Open University of Sri Lanka

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Open University of Sri Lanka for the year ended 31 December 2023 in terms of section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of financial statements of the Open University of Sri Lanka for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statements, notes to the financial statements for the year then ended and a summary of a significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and provisions of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018. My report will be tabled in parliament in terms of the Article 154(6) of the Constitution in due course.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the section Qualified Opinion of my report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the University as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

- (a) In the year 2022, the University disbursed Rs. 4,098,592 to the Electricity Board to secure three-phase electricity connections for two of its buildings and the defect of accounting it as a recurrent expenditure has not been retrospectively rectified in the year under review.
- (b) During the period from the year 2018 to 2023, the amount of Rs. 241,336,414 received from the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project for the purchase of buildings and equipment and for the payment of salaries, allowances and other expenses have not been accounted.
- (c) Without correctly recognizing the student income receivable for the year under review, the difference of Rs. 801,136,623 between the balance of student income control account and balance of unrecognized student income account has been accounted as receivable student income and its time analysis has also not been presented.
- (d) As of December 31, 2023, intangible assets with a total value of Rs. 13,382,583 had not undergone amortization since their initial acquisition up to the year being evaluated.
- (e) Due to over accounting the value of Course Material Stock of Rs. 123,405,203 as on the last date of the year under review, surplus of the year and current assets of the statement of financial position had been overstated.
- (f) Stationery and computer accessories amounted Rs. 5,976,835 received to the stores in December of the year under review has not been accounted.

- (g) The accrued expenditure overstated in the accounts in the preceding year amounted to Rs. 27,962,527 was subtracted from the expenses for the year under review and it led to an overstatement of the surplus. Further, as a result of not correcting the accrued expenditure of Rs. 30,282,945 in the year 2022 which was over accounted in the year 2021, Rs. 58,245,472 of accrued expenditure has been overstated and a time analysis has not been presented for the balance of accrued expenditure amounting Rs. 191,982,135 as of December 31 in the year under review.
- (h) Due to accounting a sum of Rs.14,023,270 as value added tax payable to the contractors and suppliers who have not submitted the VAT invoices during the period from the year 2018 to 2023, payable tax value has been overstated.
- (i) The existing internal road system of the University situated within the 34 acre territory was not assessed and accounted.
- (j) The amount of Rs.175,405,241 received by the University from Curriculum Development on Europe Sri Lanka Capacity Building in Energy Circular Economy from December 2019 to June 2023 and the expenditure incurred were not accounted.

I have conducted the audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Audit Standards. My responsibility under the audit standards has been further described in the section of responsibility of the auditor regarding the audit of financial statements of this report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the University.

Information that are not included in Financial Statements and my Audit Report even though included in the Annual Report 2021 of the University which I obtained prior to this audit report are defined as other information. The Management has to be responsible for this other information.

I do not cover any other details in my opinion regarding financial statements and do not state any kind of assurance or opinion in this regard.

My responsibility regarding my audit about financial statements is to read the other information recognized above and in doing so, consider whether other details are quantitatively inconsistent with my knowledge of financial statements, audit or obtained otherwise.

If I conclude that this other information is quantitatively incorrect based on other information I obtained prior to the date of this audit report and the work I have done, I need to report that fact. I have nothing to report related to this.

1.4 Responsibility of Management and Administrative Parties on financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

It is the responsibility of the management to decide the possibility of the institution to persist, when preparing financial statements and it is the management's responsibility to disclose the matters related to the accounting and persistence of the institution on the basis of going concern except for the management's wishes to liquidate the institution or terminate the operations when there is no alternative.

Responsibility for the financial reporting process of the institution is borne by the administrative parties.

In terms of the Sub- section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, books and reports on their income, expenses, assets, liabilities should be maintained properly to be able to prepare the annual and temporal financial statements of the institution.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibility in relation to the auditing of financial statements.

My objective as a whole is to give a reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error and issue the audit report which includes my opinion. Even though reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, when auditing in terms of the Sri Lanka Audit Standards, it will not be an assurance that it will always disclose the material misstatements. Material misstatements may occur due to the individual or collective effect of fraud and error. It is expected that materiality may depend on the effect on economic decisions taken by the users based on these financial statements.

Audit was carried out by me in terms of Sri Lanka Audit Standards with professional judgement and professional scepticism. Further,

- Appropriate audit procedures were planned and implemented from time to time to identify and assess the risk of material misstatements in financial statements due to fraud or errors in formulating the basis for the stated audit opinion. Effect of a fraud is more dominant than the effect of material misstatements due to error and collusion, preparation of false documents, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.
- A perception relevant to the internal control of the institution had been obtained in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Reasonableness of accounting estimates and appropriateness of accounting policies which have been used and competency of the correlated disclosures done by the management had been evaluated.
- It had been decided the relevancy of using the basis on the persistence of the institution for accounting based on the evidence obtained related to whether there is a material irresolution on the persistence of the institution due to circumstances or situations. If I concluded that there is material irresolution, attention of my audit report should be drawn to the disclosures in the financial statements related in this regard and my opinion should be modified if those disclosures are not adequate. However, persistence may end based on future circumstances or situations.
- The transactions and events underlying the structure and content of the financial statements are appropriate and reasonably included and the overall presentation of financial statements which includes disclosures were appreciated.

Administrative parties will be informed about the important audit findings, deficiencies of main internal control and other matters identified in my audit.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements.

2.1 Special grants related to following requirements have been included in the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

- 2.1.1 Except the effect of the facts explained in qualified opinion in my report, as per the requirements of the section 12(A) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, I have obtained all the information and explanations required for audit and according to the observations of my assessment, financial reports have been properly maintained by the institution.
- 2.1.2 As per the requirement mentioned in section (iii) (d) 6(1) of National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, financial statements of the institution correspond with the previous year.
- 2.1.3 As per the requirement mentioned in the section (iv) (d) 6(i) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, except the effect of the facts explained under (e) and (f) in qualified opinion of my report, recommendations given by me in the previous year has been included in the financial statements presented.
- 2.2 Based on the actions followed and the evidence obtained limit material information, nothing had been subjected to my attention enough to state the following.
- 2.2.1 As per the requirement mentioned in the section 12(d) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, that a member of the Council of the University has an affiliation with the University, directly or otherwise in connection with any contract outside the normal business situation.
- 2.2.2 As per the requirement mentioned in the section 12(f) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, and have not acted in compliance with any applicable written law or any other general or special directives issued by the Council of the University other than following.

	<u>Reference to Laws and Rules</u>	<u>Description</u>
(a)	Section 11(a), 9 (2)(f) and 10(5)(1) of Finance Act No.38 of 1971.	Without obtaining the prior approval of the concerned Minister and the Minister in charge of Finance, the University had invested Rs. 2,238,763,138 in fixed deposits, by December 31, 2023.
(b)	Code of Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	
	(i) Financial Regulations 102, 103, 104 and Public Finance Circular no. 01/2020 dated 28 August 2020, Public Enterprises Circular no/ PED/01/2021(i) dated 16 May 2023.	Damaged and outdated course materials of Rs. 39,122,656 from 2018 to 2023 has been written off based on the approval of the Council without obtaining of the Treasury.
	(ii) Section 371(2) of Financial Regulations	Printing Press Advances of Rs. 1,204,594 which were given in 18 occasions during the period from the year 2013 to 2021 had not been settled by the end of the year under review.
	(iii) Financial Regulations 571	A total of Rs.55,295,904 of expired holds, bond security and performance security had not been regulated.
	(iv) Financial Regulations 756	Board of survey has not been conducted regarding library books amounting Rs. 332,601,124 and course materials, drawing equipment and other stocks of the 27 regional centres amounting Rs. 85,538,631.

(c)	2.7.5 of the Government Procurement Guidelines and additional 35 dated 25 March 2020	In order to avoid exceeding the limit of the Department Procurement Committee, 3 building modification procurement tasks amounting Rs.53,694,380, Rs. 70,045,252 and Rs.58,804,931 had been divided into level 2 and 3 and procurement had been done to commence and complete the work within the same period.
(d)	Section 3.1 of the Public Finance Circular no. 02/2013 dated 31 January 2013	Credit cards with a maximum limit of Rs.500,000 were started and transactions are being done since 2021 without obtaining the approval of the Treasury.
(e)	Treasury Circular no. 842 dated 19 December 1978	As of December 31,2023, no fixed assets register had been prepared for property, plant and equipment valued at Rs. 2,043,340,394 nor for intangible assets valued at Rs. 18,780,970.
(f)	(i) Section 7.6 of Chapter V of the Establishment Code for the University Grants Commission and Institutions of Higher Education.	The sum of Rs. 177,019,582 which should be recovered from 39 officers for violating bonds and agreements during the period from the year 1989 to 2023 had not been recovered as of December 31,2023.
	(ii)Chapter 5 of Secretary to the Treasury's letter no. BD/HRD/126/214/19/20 23 dated 18 January 2023	The sum of Rs. 26,187,720 recovered in the year under review due to violation of bonds and agreements had not been remitted to the Treasury.
(g)	Section 3.1 of Chapter XX of the Establishments Code for the Universities and Higher Educational Institutions and University Grants Commission circular no. 10/2017 dated 10 th July 2017.	Salaries and allowances amounting to Rs. 1,734,792,688 had been paid to 347 Academic Staff Members without confirming their arrival and departure for the year under review.
(h)	Section 2.3 of the Public Enterprises Circular no. (01/2021) Operational Manual dated 16 November 2021.	Action plan 2023 including the activity schedule of courses and activities of all the divisions of the University had not been prepared as per the instructions of the circular.
(i)	Financial Regulations 756 and Chapter II of Public Enterprises Circular no. 01/2020 dated 20 August 2020	Inventory documents of the Information Technology Division of the Open University had not been properly maintained. Also, there was a deficiency in 4 server machines at the time of physical evaluation on 11 March 2024 and necessary actions had not been taken in this regard.
(j)	Department of External Resources no. SC & PMU/Grant/20 dated 14 August 2020.	Without obtaining the approval of the Department of External Resources, Open University had directly obtained 5 foreign grants amounting Rs. 25,719,472 for research and foreign grants amounting Rs.193,888,96 for Development Projects from persons and institutions.

(k)	Paragraph 04 (III) of Management Services Circular no. 02/2014 dated 24 August 2020	Research allowance had been paid during the period from 2018-2022 to 113 officers and 281 officers in Research Division and Faculty of Social Sciences of the University respectively based on submitting the Final Research Report without submitting the relevant research to the Evaluation Committee and obtaining its approval.
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2.2.3 As per the requirement mentioned in the section 12(g) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, that the work has not been complied with the authority, duty and tasks of the University.

2.2.4 As per the requirement mentioned in the section 12(f) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, resources of the University has not been procured and used economically, efficiently and productively complied with the relevant rules within the periods.

2.3 Other Matters

- (a) 129 Academic staff on contract basis and 269 non-academic staff have been recruited and a sum of Rs.137,402,969 has been paid as allowance in the year under review based on the approval of the Council of the University without obtaining the approval of the Department of Management Services and 21 academic staff on temporary basis have been recruited and allowance have been paid.
- (b) Even though a sum of Rs.48,864,381 has been spent to establish the new OMIS since the year 2018 due to the defects of the OMIS which was established as modules regarding the activities of 05 divisions of the University costing Rs.58 million, the management has been failed to establish a new management information system in the year under review.
- (c) The mobile laboratory bus which was completed work after spending Rs.5,234,000 by 28 April 2023 under the grants of Accelerate Higher Education Development Expansion and Development Project (AHEAD) remained underutilized at the end of the year under review.
- (d) The University had paid Rs. 82,511,730 for the applications of medical welfare scheme of the employees based on recommendations of the committee which was internally appointed through an insurance account payable for the medical welfare scheme established in the University by applying an amount of Rs. 44,000,000 and Rs.39,872,693 as Government Grants and employee contribution respectively from the years 2020 to 2023 without obtaining approval from the Treasury.

WPC Wickremaratne
Auditor General

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10.2 Reply to the Auditor General's Report

21st of August 2024

Auditor General,
Auditor General's Department,
No.306/72, Polduwa Road,
Battaramulla.

Sir,

Auditor General's Report in terms of section 12 of the National Audit Act.19 of 2018 in respect of the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the OUSL for the year ended 31st of December 2023.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

(A) The electrical wiring system installed by the Electricity Board is not an asset of the University and is an asset of the Electricity Board. Therefore, the service charge paid for the power line system has been accounted for as a recurrent expenditure.

(B) I have observed that no amount has been left off the books. The expenses including postgraduate degree programs, salary and allowances, building and laboratory were incurred by the AHEAD project. I believe that those expenses have been stated in the accounts of that project.

Only the value of the goods received by us has been accounted as it will be difficult to find them if we wait until the transfer at the end of the project. Action has been taken to account at the time of receiving the goods as some issues arose regarding the DEMP project in the past.

(C) Due to difficulties in the OMIS computer system, it has not been possible to get an accurate time analysis related to student income. The new computer system is expected to correct those deficiencies in the future.

(D) Cannot be agreed. Since the lifetime of E-books and software amounting Rs.5,340,344.00 cannot be predicted, those assets have been disclosed as intangible assets of indefinite lifetime and all other intangible assets have been amortized based on their lifetime.

(E) Cannot be agreed. The course material stock has been valued at cost by the Board of Survey and action has been taken to account those expenses.

(F) Although a stock of stationery and computer accessories were received by the stores at the end of December 2023, the invoices of those goods were handed over to the stores by the relevant suppliers in the year 2024. In the year 2023, the storekeeper could not inventory the goods due to non-receipt of invoices and they had to be inventoried in the year 2024. Accordingly, the finance division has taken steps to account the goods as received in the year 2024.

- (G) When making payments for the accrued expenses related to the year 2022, the expenses have been debited to the relevant expenses account instead of debiting the expenses to the accrued expenses account, action has been taken to deduct from the relevant expenses account in the year 2023 in order to correct it. Accordingly, it cannot be acknowledged that the expenditure of the year under review has been under-reported.
- (D) The university will proceed as per the instructions of the Inland Revenue Department. Accordingly, the University has taken steps to withhold the payment related to the VAT amount of the suppliers who have not submitted a valid clearance certificate until their clearance certificate is received. Accordingly, the payable amount has been accounted as a payable expense.
- (E) The financial policy of the University is to conduct a revaluation of property, plant and equipment every 05 years. The revaluation of land and building is conducted by the Department of Valuation and we believe that the valuation has been conducted considering the existing internal road system of the University. Further, a verification related to land and buildings has been conducted by the University in the year 2023 with the assistance of the Government Valuation Department. Also, the Open University has carried out a verification of vehicles related to the year 2023.
- (F) ERASMUS+CBHE is a project operated outside the University accounts. Therefore, there is no need to disclose the bank account balance of the ERASMUS+CBHE project in the financial statements of the University.

1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the University.

1.4 Responsibility of Management and Administrative Parties on financial statements.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibility in relation to the auditing of financial statements.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements.

2.2.2

<u>Reference to Laws and Rules</u>		<u>Description</u>
(a)	Sections 11(a), 9(2)((f) and 10(5) of the Finance Act no.38 of 1978.	Given the urgency of short-term investments, treasury approval letters are simultaneously submitted to the Treasury when making fixed deposits, following the guidance of the Treasury Officer.
(b)	Code of Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	
(i)	Financial Regulations 102, 103, 104 and Public Finance Circular no. 01/2020 dated 28 August 2020, Public	The University publishes academic publications based on the number of students enrolled annually. This is a normal cost of the university. But during the academic years, due to reasons such as students

		Enterprises Circular no/ PED/01/2021(i) dated 16 May 2023.	dropping out of courses, syllabus changes, etc., the printed books sometimes have to be removed. This is a common situation that can occur in a university that offers online education. Accordingly, removal from use of printed books cannot be termed as stock loss. Accordingly, upon the approval of the Council, the course materials have been accounted as an expense for the relevant year.
	(ii)	Section 371(2) of Financial Regulations	The amount of Rs. 1,204,594 is not an advance and it is a collection of the income received for the printing work carried out by the Printing Press for outside stakeholders. So far, although the relevant work has been completed, the income has not been distributed. Action will be taken to distribute the income in this year as per the C-SFA guidelines and settle the accounts as soon as possible.
	(iii)	Financial Regulations 571	The answer is attached herewith.
	(iv)	Financial Regulations 756	The course materials of the Regional centres of the University are physically checked and stock calculation is carried out by the committees consist of the Assistant Directors of Regional Centres. Accordingly, it cannot be acknowledged that the course materials (printed books) have not been physically checked. A survey has been conducted in the year 2019.
(c)	2.7.5 of the Government Procurement Guidelines and additional 35 dated 25 March 2020		As per the procurement guidelines 4.4, bids can be called according to packaging and slicing contracts. Therefore, instructions have been given to the University Works Engineer by the Planning and Development Committee to prepare bidding documents in phases as it was practically difficult to use temporary places to maintain office activities when renovating the office space of the administration building (first and the ground floor) and Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (ground floor) and the University did not have financial allocations.

		Later, the renovation of the first floor of the administration building was carried out simultaneously in phases and as the financial allocation of the university was adequate for the renovation of the remaining administration building and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (ground floor), the Planning and Development Committee proposed to conduct this contract work simultaneously in phases. Therefore, it was pointed out that the bids should be called by the Planning and Development Committee in phases and the contract can be obtained at a very competitive price under the competition of small contractors and the entire contract work can be completed within a short period of time if it is carried out in separate phases. Therefore, the relevant contracts were awarded to the contractors subject to the approvals of the Department of Procurement Committee – Minor after calling bids separately under National Competitive Bidding in phases by the Capital Works Division as per these instructions. As a result of this decision, the University was able to complete this renovation within a short period of time up to the required standard as expected by the University.
(d)	Section 3.1 of the Public Finance Circular no. 02/2013 dated 31 January 2013	The relevant documents have already been sent to the Treasury for approval upon the approval of the University Finance Committee and Council.
(e)	Treasury Circular no. 842 dated 19 December 1978	The value of property, plant and equipment of Rs. 14,176,191,934 which the Auditor General's Department stated in the final accounts of the year 2020 under note no.6 includes information such as costs, depreciations purchased and removed values during the year. From this value, the value of lands, lease lands, lands and buildings is Rs. 13,737,776,913 and it is 96.90% as a percentage from the value of all fixed assets. The details belong to 3.10% can be verified by checking the accounts annually. Even though the fixed assets register of the computer system does not operate, all the details of the accounts reports can be obtained from the detailed schedules of the accounts.

		Further, the relevant officials have been instructed to correct the fixed assets module of the OMIS computer system for calculate the correct depreciation values. The work has already been started and I would like to mention that the restrictions of recruitment, employees leaving for abroad, shortage of Information Technology workers have also affected this task.
(f)	Section 7.6 of Chapter V of the Establishment Code for the University Grants Commission and Institutions of Higher Education.	Circulars have been issued by the University Grants Commission regarding the actions to be taken on the income receivable from breach of bonds.
(i)		Accordingly, the University has taken actions as per the provisions mentioned in the University Grants Commission Circular 737.
(ii)	Chapter 5 of Secretary to the Treasury's letter no. BD/HRD/126/214/19/2023 dated 18 January 2023	
(g)	Section 3.1 of Chapter XX of the Establishments Code for the Universities and Higher Educational Institutions and University Grants Commission circular no. 10/2017 dated 10 th July 2017.	Academic Staff performs academic activities according to a timetable under the supervision of Head of the Department and Dean in accordance with Work Norm. Although the provisions of the Establishment Code and Public Administration Circular have been made, academic staff in the university do not mark their attendance (on and off time) using finger print machines. It has been noticed that this is happening not only in this university but in every university.
(h)	Section 2.3 of the Public Enterprises Circular no. (01/2021) Operational Manual dated 16 November 2021.	The Strategic Management Plan of the University is designed to cover a wide range in order to reach the vision and mission of the Open University and it consists of 6 goals. The activity schedules prepared by the Director Operations contribute to achieve its' goal 1, Achieve Excellence in Quality of Teaching and Learning which Support Life-Changing Education. The dates related to the courses of the University are included in the activity schedules. The action plan is prepared relevant to the Strategic Management Plan of the University. The dates mentioned in the activity schedules are not included in the Action Plan.

		I will instruct the relevant officials to study the Action Plan again and correct if there are any defects and carry out a progress review within the relevant period of time.
(i)	Financial Regulations 756 and Chapter II of Public Enterprises Circular no. 01/2020 dated 20 August 2020	Proper maintenance of the inventory register of the IT department has been commenced and as soon as the ongoing trade union action of the non-academic staff is over, a physical inspection will be carried out and actions are being taken to update the inventory register again after finding out the facts about the server machines which have shown deficiency.
(j)	Department of External Resources no. SC & PMU/Grant/20 dated 14 August 2020.	Before the circular issued on 14 August 2020, 4 of 5 projects were implemented in the year 2018. 3 projects out of the 4 projects have been implemented under Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training in Action for the secondary level school teachers and children. This has been implemented as a hosting service of the Faculty of Education of the Open University of Sri Lanka and the value of all the 3 projects is \$34,470. CONTESSA is the other project implemented in 2018 with a value of USD67,145 and this is also a project for teacher training. The project which has been implemented in 2021 is an amount received by the Department of Chemistry for research. The value is USD 17,265. Since the inception of the Open University, it has carried out various research and educational programs under the sponsorship of foreign institutes and these are not foreign monetary grants and covering the costs of the programs conducted on behalf of foreign institutes. These projects are proposed by the lecturers of the University to foreign institutes and obtain the approval of those institutes and provide money for the expenses of the programs. Therefore, I declare that none of the money for the aforesaid projects are directly received by the Open University of Sri Lanka from foreign grants. The Open University has acted as an intermediary institution in the exchange of funds between the

		foreign institutes and our lecturers. Therefore, it is my opinion that it is not relevant to the scope of the SC & PMU/Grant/19 circular mentioned by you.
(k)	Paragraph 04 (III) of Management Services Circular no. 02/2014 dated 24 August 2020	Management Services Circular no. 02/2014 is issued for all government officers. As per the no.3.1 of the circular these officers are, (i) Government officers appointed on permanent basis for the "Senior level" positions as per the definition of the Public Administration Circular no.06/2006. (ii) The following officers who are belonged to the permanent staff of the Universities and University Grants Commission, • Lecturers and other lecturers in above level and officers receiving salaries under the salary scales of (U-Ac3, U-Ac4, U-Ac5) and U-Ac3, U-Ac4, U-Ac5 other • Medical officers (U-MO) • Executive officers in medium level and in above level. (iii) As per the definition in the Management Services Circular no. 30, the officers that belong to the service category of Academic and Research (AR) or Management (MM) or in above levels serving in a permanent position attached to state corporations and statutory boards and fully Government owned companies. Also, as per the 5.1 of the circular, "Research proposals submitted by the Staff of University Grants Commission, Universities and Higher Educational Institutes – can be approved by the Research Committees accepted by the Senate of the relevant University or Research Committees accepted by University Grants Commission." Accordingly, it is a practice in all universities that the above Research Management Committee itself performs the functions of the Research Supervision Committee. As you have mentioned, it is not practical to supervise the research of the University by the Research Supervision Committee. The reason for that is, the following officers including the Secretary in charge of technology and research should be

		contacted for the chairmanship of the Research Supervision Committee that should be established. • Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of Health • Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of Environment • Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of Higher Education • Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of Public Management Reforms • Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies • Director, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration This is highly impractical and it was confirmed when inquired that no University follows this. Therefore, to confirm the activities of the Research Supervision Committee was done by the Research Management Committee itself, in Annexure 1 the research carried out by each researcher has been mentioned in detail and whether they have given the final reports or not.
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2.3 Other Matters

- (a) Recruitment of academic and non-academic staff has been done on temporary basis for maintaining the daily academic and administrative activities of the Open University without any obstacle with the temporary suspension of the recruitment of staff by the Government.

Council approval has been obtained for these recruitments and the following circulars and letters has been used as the guidance in this regard.

- (1) Public Enterprises Circular no. 04/2022 – 08.08.2022
- (2) Finance Circular no. 07/2022 – University Grants Commission
- (3) Letter no. U.G.C/DA-F/Bond dated 09.01.2022
- (4) Letter no. U.G.C/HR/10/01 dated 06.06.2023

- (b) This new OMIS system has been updated and is being installed for accepting and registering applications through online method for short term courses and its basic quality assurance and testing have been completed.

- (c) Cannot be acknowledged. I would like to state that the bus has been used for various awareness programs/ various workshops since April 2023.

(d) The University Medical Welfare Scheme was maintained based on Council approval and from the years 2013 to 2019, money was paid to Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation for the maintenance of University Medical Welfare Scheme. A letter was sent to the Ministry of Higher Education to obtain approval of the Treasury in this regard and in response the Chairman of the University Grants Commission further informed in the letter dated 24.10.2023 that a medical welfare scheme can be maintained at the Open University with its generated income and an employee contribution fund as per the University Act and Commission circular no.718. Based on those instructions, the medical welfare scheme is maintained in the Open University of Sri Lanka with the annual approval of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Snr. Prof. P.M.C Thilakarathne
Vice- Chancellor

Copies - Secretary/ Ministry of Education

Secretary/ Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Chairman/ University Grants Commission

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Annexure of the Audit reply

FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES Audit Query on Faculty Research Grant

Serial No.	Name of Principle Investigator	Names of Co-Investigators & Collaborators	Department	Title	Amount Granted SLR	Annual Research Forum	Final Report
2018-12	Prof. G.W.A.R. Fernando	-	Physics	<i>Pressure-Temperature-Time (P-T-t) and Fluid Evolution of Calc Silicate rocks in the Southern and Southwestern Highland Complex of Sri Lanka</i> Extended from 2017 to 2018 to 2019	93,750.00	Presented	Submitted
2020-1	Dr. U.K.G.K. Padmalal (Retired)	Co-Investigator – Mr. T.S.P. Fernando	Zoology	The aspects of behavioural response of Red Wattled Lapwing (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>) in different environmental conditions: urban, semi-urban and natural	444,000.00		Justification submitted
2020-2	Dr. N. Karthikeyan	Co-investigator – Prof. S.R. Weerakoon Collaborator- Dr. S. Somaratna	Physics	Growth and yield performances of rice under SMART – Nano Micronutrient fertilizers: A case study of Nano-CuO, Nano-MnO and Nano-ZnO	879,350.00	Presented	Submitted
2020-3	Dr. H.L.D. Weerahewa	-	Botany	The investigation on effect of partially burnt rice hull on growth of immature rubber plants, soil properties and the cost effectiveness of the application Transferred to 2021	423,980.00		submitted
2020-4	Dr. A.K.L.A. Wijenayake (Resigned)	Co-investigator – Dr. H.L.D. Weerahewa	Chemistry	Rice-hull Mediated Preparation of Si Nanoparticles as a Novel Nano-fertilizer for <i>Oryza sativa</i> (rice): From 'Waste' to 'Sustainable Agronomy' Transferred to 2021	600,000.00	Presented	Not submitted
2020-5	Dr. K.O.L.C. Karunanayake	Co-investigator – Dr. W.H.M.A.T. Herath	Botany	Morphological and molecular identification of foliar disease causing fungal agent of rubber <i>Hevea brasiliensis</i> ; with special emphasis on identifying the newly recorded foliar disease causing agent	252,000.00	Presented	submitted
2020-7	Dr. M.G.Y.L. Mahagamage	Co-Investigators- 1. Dr. Amila	CESSD	Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), Heavy Metals and Microplastics in Surface water of the Kelani	999,375.00		submitted

		Abeynayake 2. Prof. M.M. Pathmalal		River Basin, Sri Lanka Transferred to 2021			
2020-8	Dr. D.D.D.H. Alwis		Chemistry	Carotenoid analysis, phytochemical screening and Proximate analysis of Clausena Indica (Meegon Karapincha) Transferred from 2019	360,000.00	Presented	submitted
2020-9	Dr. N. Nilakarawasam		Zoology	DNA barcoding of selected anti-hypercholesterolemic plants of family Euphorbiaceae Transferred from 2019	631,000.00		Justification submitted
2021-1	Prof. S.R. Weerakoon	Co-Investigator- Dr. S.A. Chandrika N. Perera, UoPeradeniya Collaborator- Mr. Lakshman Dissanayake, Manager- Research Development, Oasis Marketing	Botany	Molecular and Agro-morphological characterization and Molecular screening for Bacterial Wilt in Brinjal (<i>Solanum melongena</i>) varieties cultivated in Sri Lanka	993,050.00	Presented	Submitted
2021-2	Dr. H.B.P. Sandani	Co-Investigator: Prof. H.L.D. Weerahewa	Botany	Preliminary study on the potential of biological control of tomato anthracnose using native bioagents	483,800.00	Presented	Submitted
2021-3	Dr. K.H. Jayawardena	Co-Investigators: Dr. C. Ranasinghe Chemistry Prof. G.M.K.B. Gunaherath	Zoology	Investigation on the expression of proteins and/or cytokines during cell migration assay conducted with wound healing active medical plant extracts and chemical constituents using Madin-Darby Canine Kidney (MDCK) cells Extended to 2022	308,000.00	Presented	Not submitted
2021-4	Dr. C.D. Jayasinghe	Co-Investigators: Dr. T.S.P. Fernando	Zoology	Eco-immunological investigation of mite-induced responses in Red-vented bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>) in semi-urban environment	300,000.00	Presented	submitted

		Dr. U.A. Jayawardena					
2021-5	Dr. D.D.G.L. Dahanayake	-	Zoology	Development of integrated coastal and marine spatial planning (MSP) for Sri Lanka	842,000.00	Presented	submitted
2021-6	Dr. N.U.S. Yapa	Co-investigator- Prof. G.K.R. Senadheera	Physics	Synthesis and Characterization of conducting polymer films for applications in smart windows	300,000.00		Not submitted
2021-7	Dr. Prasad Senadheera	-	Botany	Genome-wide association mapping to discover quantitative trait loci / genes that confers salt tolerance in rice at the reproductive stage in Sri Lankan rice diversity panel	1,000,000.00	Presented	Not submitted
2022-1	Prof. S.R. Weerakoon	1. Dr. C. Ranasinghe, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry 2. Ms. Y.A.S. Samithri, Senior Lecturer in Botany	Botany	Geographical mapping of <i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i> in different locations of Sri Lanka and comparison of Phytochemical composition of anti-hypercholesterolemic methanolic fractions Extended to 2023	997,850.00		
2022-2	Prof. R. Senthilnithy	No	Chemistry	Exploring novel therapeutic compounds to inhibit human DNA Methyltransferase using some selective compounds in Sri Lanka Flora Database: <i>In-Silico</i> approach Extended to 2023	984,000.00		
2022-3	Prof. G.K.R. Senadheera	Collaborators: Prof. M.A.K.I. Dissanayake,	Physics	Synthesis and applications of navel quasi solid polymer electrolytes based on polymeric nano fibres and their applications in Dye/Qdot Sensitized Solar Cells Extended to 2023	350,000.00		
2022-4	Ms. M.D.J.S. Saparamadu	Co-Investigators: 1. Ms. M. Thayaparan Senior Lecturer in Chemistry Mr. V.	Chemistry	A field trial on Application of research findings on prevention of colour formation in tube well water of Chavakachcheri area (OURS, 2020 Paper no. 66) Extended to 2023	265,050.00		

		Vithathagan Workshop Engineer, Dept. of Mechanical Eng.					
2022-5	Dr. S.K. Rodrigo	Collaborators: 1. Dr. D. Udayanga, UoSJP Dr. I. Munaweea, UoSJP	Chemistry	Sustained release of anti-dandruff natural compounds via a nano/microparticle formulation as a possible cosmeceutical product Extended to 2023	397,375.00		
2022-6	Ms. S.M.M.P.K. Seneviratne	Co-Investigators: 1. Prof. T.K. Weerasinghe, Associate Professor in Botany, Dr. J.J. Wewalwela, Dept. of Agri. Tech, UoC	Botany	Effect of prolong drought followed by rewetting on soil microbial activity and soil nutrient availability	483,430.00		Not submitted
2022-7	Dr. N. Nilakarawasam	Collaborators: Prof. S.R. Weerakoon, Dept. of Botany, OUSL	Zoology	<i>In vitro</i> study of possible hypocholesterolemic mechanisms, cytotoxic and genotoxic activity of <i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i> L Extended to 2023	995,042.00		
2022-8	Dr. T.S.P. Fernando	Co-Investigators: 1. Dr. Ruwan Illeperuma Senior Lecturer in Zoology Collaborators: 1. Dr. Wipula Yapa, Retired Professor Mr. Sahan Siriwardana, UoC	Zoology	Roosting ecology, morphometrics and genetic affinities of <i>Pteropus giganteus</i> (Indian flying fox) in Sri Lanka	904,000.00	Presented	Progress Submitted

Details of Research, Innovation and Publications Annexures

A.1. Faculty of Education

Department of Secondary & Tertiary Education

Conference Proceedings (Extended Abstract):

- 1) Weerakoon, W.M.S., Nawarathne, N.M.R.K., Sandamali, K.A.D., (2023). Teaching Practicum: Building A University -School Partnership, Extended Abstract, Open University Research Session, November 9th, and 10th.

Department of Special Need Education

Full papers - indexed:

- 1) Ketheeswaran, K. (2023). Factors Influencing the Practices of Special Education Units (SEUS) System in Regular Schools in Sri Lanka. *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science*, 7(10), 1019-1027.

Conference Proceedings (Full Paper):

- 1) Jayasinghe, S. N., Ketheeswaran, K., Priyadharshani, H. D. C., Jenorge, R. S., & Ranasinghe, D. M. G. (2023). *An Evaluation of the Quality of Action Research Project Reports in Bachelor of Education Honours in Special Needs Education Degree Programme*. Open University Research Symposium.
- 2) Ketheeswaran, K., & Nawastheen, F. M. (2023). *Exploring Postgraduate Students' Perspectives Towards Zoom-based Online Teaching in M.Ed Degree Programmes*. 36th Asian Association of Open Universities Annual Conference (AAOU 2023), Istanbul, Türkiye.
- 3) Ketheeswaran, K., & Nawastheen, F. M. (2023). *Inclusive Education in the Batticaloa District: Analyzing Practices, Strengths, and Challenges*. Annual Research Session, Eastern University of Sri Lanka.
- 4) Ketheeswaran, K., & Nawastheen, F. M. (2023). *Assessing Learners' Satisfaction with ZOOM – Based Course Delivery*. Conference: Proceedings of the Open University Research Sessions (OURS 2023), The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.

Conference Proceedings (Extended Abstract):

- 1) Priyadharshani, H. D. C., & Alwis, K. A. C. (2023). Use of Assistive Technology Tools for Students with Dyslexia: A Systematic Review.

Educational Leadership and Management

Conference Proceedings (Extended Abstract):

- 1) Weerakoon, W.M.S., Nawarathne, N.M.R.K., Sandamali, K.A.D., (2023). Teaching Practicum: Building A University -School Partnership, Extended Abstract, Open University Research Session, November 9th, and 10th.

A.2 Faculty of Engineering Technology

Department of Textile & Apparel Technology

Full papers – non-indexed:

- 1) Malki. N. C., Herath, C. N., (2023) Mechanical Properties of Screw Pine Fiber Reinforced Epoxy and Polyester Resin Based Composites, Journal of Engineering and Technology , The Open University of Sri Lanka, Vol 11 No. 1, Pge.31-44.

Conference Proceedings (Full Paper):

- 1) Medagedara, M.H., Peiris, T.S., & Wansekara, N.D., (2023). Analyzing the viability of a real-time sweat analysis system utilizing electrospun textiles, Proceedings of the Textile Engineering Research Symposium 2023 (pp. 31-33). Department of Textile and Apparel Engineering, University of Moratuwa. <http://dl.lib.uom.lk/handle/123/21699>

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- 1) Perera M.E.R, Perera. E.R.K.T (2023): Design and development of suitable yarn combinations and fine gauge high cut level industrial glove to protect human beings from Injuries during industrial work Open University Research Sessions, 2022.
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