



News Bulletin

Working Committee of the University of
Peradeniya Alumni – GTA & Suburbs

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**Await General
Meeting in
September 2015**

**Please send your
comments!**

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Message from the Working Committee

Though the summer is not yet warm, we hope you are out in the sun to rejuvenate for the next seasons. Winter passed quietly and we are back again with some activities.

- We have invited 10 new members to the working committee
- PeraCanadian's BBQ was on 11th July
- Markham/Scarborough Town Hall Meeting on 18th July
- Website and Face Book page in August
- Annual Inter University Alumni Cricket Tournament on 08th August.
- General Membership meeting on Saturday 19th September
- Dharmasena Pathiraja's latest movie 'Sakkarang' presented by us on 24/25 October
- We thanked all our well wishers in a special way
- Engagement with other alumni organizations moving well

Following a heavy 2014 we were little slow on the last six months. However, as you can see we are active once again. Next few months will be busy for us. We like to finish the above activities and plan the next phase following the General Meeting in September.

We look forward to your continued support and participation at all our events

Let us live the Peradeniya Spirit!

NEWS FLASH

**Next Local Meeting & Family Get-together-
Markham/Scarborough/Richmond Hill etc.
Saturday 18th July at 83, Borough Drive, Toronto**

**We plan to screen the newest movie of Dr. Dharmasena Pathiraja -
'Sakkarang'on 24/25 October 2015**

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Appreciating Our Well Wishers



There were over 200 people and organizations who have helped us in our journey. We decided to show our gratitude in our small way through a personal greeting from us. The above is a sample.

New Arrivals!

Committee is pleased to announce that following Peradeniya Graduates were recently arrived in Canada in Permanent Residency Status.

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Jeevan (Science 2006) and Malani (MSc 2008)

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Additional Working Committee Members:

In order to continue the activities, we have added the following members to the working committee. The current working committee with new members will function until the next general meeting in September 2015.

Name	Faculty	Entrance Year
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We continue to invite those who are interested in serving in the committee to contact **Kamal – 416-626-0205** or **Vijenthira – 416-877-8409**.

Annual Inter University Alumni Cricket Tournamanet and Family Gathering- 2015

On behalf of all the Sri Lankan University alumni associations, the above exciting event this year will be organized in rotation by the NDT Association

It will be held on **Saturday 8th August 2015 at Creditview Play ground in Brampton** (Creditview/Sandlewood Intersection) from 0830 am onwards. Fun events for the kids too

Please join us to cheer our team and meet the other university families.

Pera Canadian's BBQ

On July 10th, 2015, Pera Candian's BBQ -2015 held in Toronto. Represenatation from the working committee attended the meeting. Gathering was colourful and participated by a consederable percentage of children.

Local Meeting - Etobicoke

Keeping in line with our desire to engage with the alumni members in their own locality, we will hold the 5th engagement get-together on Saturday 18th July, 2015 from 06.30 – 1100 pm at **83, Borough Drive, Toronto** (One block from North of Ellesmere Road –Omni Drive and East of Brimly Road)

Invitations have been sent to all known alumni members and you are kindly requested to invite those who have not joined us before. Please send us their contact details to send the formal invitation.

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**Dharmasena Pathiraja
Creation**

At Albion Cinema, Etobicoke
October 24th, 2015 (Saturday) 06.30 pm
October 25th, 2015 (Sunday) 3.30 pm

We have made arrangements to screen 'Sakkarang', the latest cinematic creation of acclaimed Sri Lankan Director, Dr Dharmasena Pathiraja, based on award winning novel authored by Chaminda Welagedara.

The Movie: 'Sakkarang is about a community of traditional dancers during the colonial era in Sri Lanka. Their story charts the struggle of this marginal and oppressed caste community for their roots and heritage and for a place in society, even as the country goes through the tortuous transformation from feudalism to modernity.'



The Director:

Dr. Dharmasena Pathiraja who obtained his BA and MA from the **University of Peradeniya**, completed the PhD in Monash University, Australia.

He served in the language department in the Jaffna University. Apart from Sakkarang, his outstanding cinematography includes;

Swarupa (2014), Mathu Yam Dawasaka (2001), Vasuli (1994), Soldadu Unneha (1981), Para Dige (1980), Bambaru Avith (1978), Ponmani (Tamil -1978). Eya Den Loku Lamayek (1975), Ahas Gawwa (1974)



Cast:
Bimal Jayakody, Prashadini Athapatthu, W. Jayasisri, Nita Fernando, Cyril Wickramage and others

Music: Nadeeka Guruge

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University News

The newly appointed University council conducted the election to recommend three candidates to the President for the position of Vice Chancellor. The new Vice Chancellor is expected to be in place for the next 03 years from 1st August 2015.

The recommended names are:

1. Prof. Upul Dissanayake (Dental)
2. Prof. Athula Senarathna (Science)
3. Prof. Buddhi Marmbe (Agriculture)

Prof. Senarathna is the out going VC

Obituaries



Somalatha Subasinghe - Alumna of Peradeniya

Award winning actress, playwright, directress and theatre educationist Somalatha Subasinghe passed away this morning at the age of 79.

She entered the Peradeniya University in 1958 and came on stage in dramas "Elova Gihin Melowa Ava" and "Raththaran", directed by Prof. Ediriwera Sarathchandra in 1960. She earned a name as a dramatist for her role in "Moodu Puththu", a stage drama directed by Gunasena Galappaththi.

An award winning actress, Subasinghe's later years had been dedicated to revolutionising children's and youth theatre in the country. She founded Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation and produced children plays including Thoppi Welendha, Hima Kumariya and Vikurthi.

An actress and playwright Somalatha Subasinghe who entered the field in the sixties during the time of Professor Ediriweera Sarathchandra contributed to a number of renowned stage performances such as Moodhu Puththu, Nari Bana and Elova Gihin Melowa Awa.

She obtained her Master of Arts Qualified in Drama and Theatre in 1983. "I studied Sinhala, Economics and Literature for the Arts degree," she said.

Her passing away will create a vacuum in the stage drama scene specially meant for children. I express my deepest sympathies to the renowned Administrative Officer, Lionel Fernando, her husband and to Kaushalya and Shamlika.

See more at: <http://www.dailynews.lk/?q=local/doyen-sinhala-drama-bids-farewell-nation#sthash.ICa7nzuH.dpuf>

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What's Coming Next...

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Next Local Meeting July 18th (Saturday)

Markham – Scarborough – Richmond Hill etc

Next Local meeting and Family get-together
Alumni of the University of Peradeniya
GTA and Suburbs
will be held
At 83 Borough Drive, Toronto
on
Saturday 18th July
06.30 pm onwards

Keep the Date and Time Free.

**Alumni of
University of Peradeniya**
GTA and Suburbs

General Meeting
September 2015

It is time to:

- review the past;
and
- look at the next
important steps.

Working committee is currently
planning the event.

Await Details.
Peradeniya Alumni

MOVIE – 24 and 25 October, 2015

Dr.Dharmasena Pathiraja's 'Sakkarang''on Saturday 24th and
Sunday 25th 2015

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Summary of our Objectives

- Renewing university ties and foster networking representing Peradeniya University and work collaboratively with other Peradeniya alumni chapters, promoting mutually beneficial networking with other Sri Lankan and Canadian university alumnus.
- Supporting academic goals of Peradeniya University, creating windows for postgraduate education opportunities and enhancement of standards of education, promoting University of Peradeniya brand
- Supporting professional and personnel development of the members, Peradeniya graduate newcomers, collaborate with other similar organizations
- Recognizing and felicitating outstanding achievements of Peradeniya alumni members and promote Sri Lankan culture.

In order to ensure sustenance of Peradeniya alumni work, we as Peradeniya University Alumni group, shall not engage or promote or participate in any political or religious activities or any social activity that can directly or indirectly lead to engagement, promotion or participation of any political or religious activity and/or in conflict of the above objectives. Any exception will be evaluated based on merits.

However this principle does not aim at restricting individual choices.

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