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Call for Papers

Themes

- * Pali Language and Literature
- * Buddhist Philosophy
- * Buddhist Culture & Civilization
- * Meditation
- * Buddhist Psychology and Counseling
- * History and Archeology
- * Any other relevant areas on Pali and Buddhist Studies

REGISTRATION
FREE

Important Dates

**Extended Abstract
Submission**
10th November 2016

**Notification of
Acceptance**
25th November 2016

Conference Date
23rd December 2016

Submission Guidelines

- * Papers can be presented in Sinhala, Pali and English Languages
- * Extended Abstracts should be forwarded to dpbsconferencejpura@gmail.com on or before deadline
- * Extended Abstract should be around two pages

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Ven. Dr. Deniyaye Pannaloka Thero, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya.

Chief Guest :
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The News Letter of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies

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HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies represents one of the oldest departments of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. It was originally formed in 1959 under the name of Vidyodaya University of Sri Lanka. The founder of the University, the most venerable Welivitiye Sri Soratha Nayaka Thera had the objective of making the University a centre of learning on Buddhist Philosophy and Buddhist Civilization. The Department is proud to continue this tradition and provide opportunities for students to study major areas related to the Pali Language and Literature, Buddhist Civilization, Buddhist Philosophy as well as Philosophy and Psychology.

Vision : "Prosper Lives Through Learning"

Mission : To create and disseminate knowledge for the prosperity of the nation, drawing inspiration from our cultural heritage

Theravada –Mulasarvasthivada Abhidhamma Dialogue



An Abhidhamma Dialogue between Tibetans and Sri Lankans on Theravada and Mulasarvasthivada Traditions was held on 07th June 2016, organized by the Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies at the Board Room, FHSS

Message from the Head of the Department



The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies has its own prestige for disseminating knowledge to the world relating to several subjects. It is also recognised as the oldest Department of the University. It is

indeed a great pleasure to me to greet you with a message to this bi-annual newsletter. Through this annual newsletter we are looking forward to maintaining a discourse beyond relationship with academics, students and society. The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura could join hands for a meaningful exchange of news, views and opinions in the subject areas of Pali and Buddhist Studies as well as Philosophy and Psychology. It must be noted that student's body of the Department consists of those who follow Pali, Buddhist Philosophy, Buddhist Civilization and Philosophy and Psychology. It is also part of our aim to bridge the gap between the Department and the wider community as well as the non-university communities who are interested in the activities of the Department. We are willing to share the Departmental views, news, knowledge and skills with all of them through this newsletter. This inaugural issue proves that every meaningful wish could be fulfilled when the right type of people come together. I wish with metta for the continuation of this newsletter to a glorious future.

Venerable Professor Madagampitiye Wijithadhamma Thero

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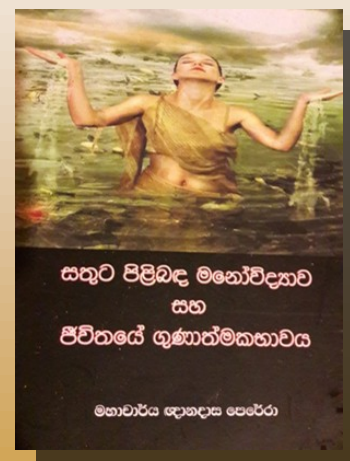
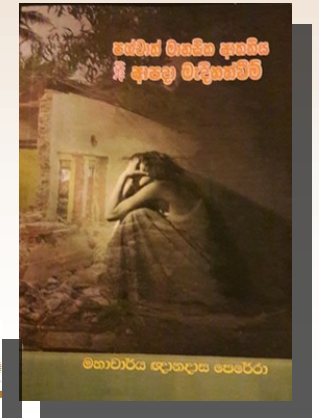
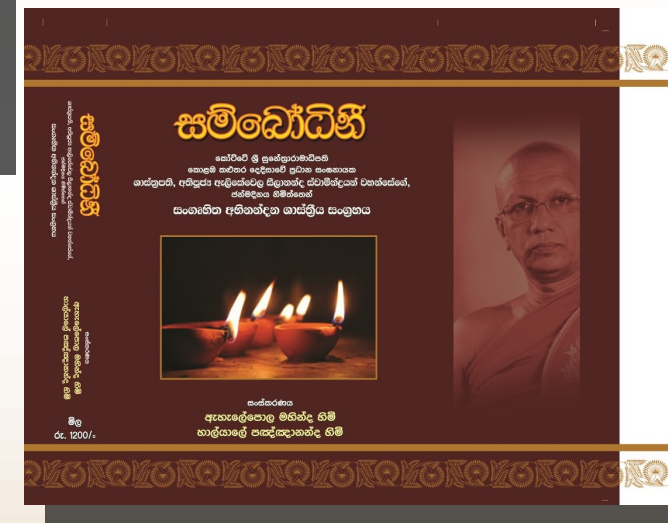
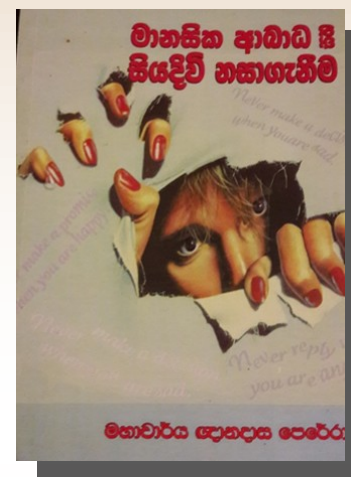
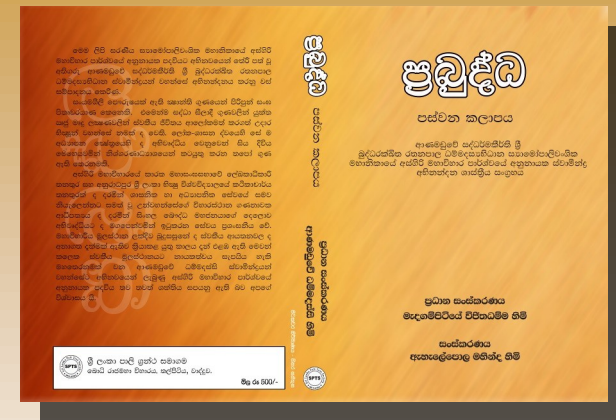
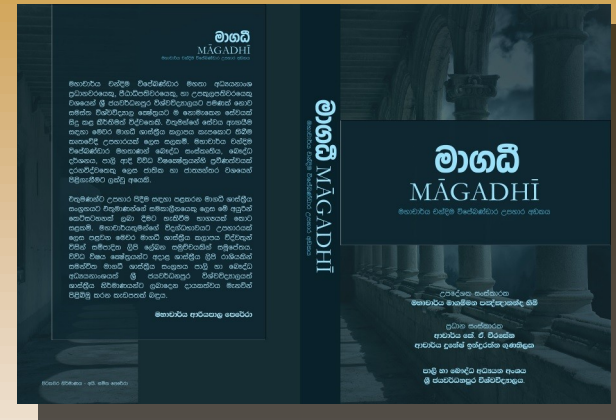


Venerable Professor Madagampitiye Wijithadhamma has been appointed as new head of the Department from 1st of June



Venerable Professor Magamma Pannananda was selected as the Professor in Chair of the Department who is specialized in

Publications



The LMS is Functioning

Workshop in LMS (Learning Management System) has been organised for the students who study Buddhist Philosophy in both mediums. It was held in the Faculty computer centre, conducted by

Venerable Lecturer
Kudakathnoruwe Vineetha



♦ Human Wellbeing was Redefined

Senior Lecturer Dr Y a p a r a t h n a Weerasekara held a special lecture on “Buddhism and regular lifestyle” in February at Godigamuwa temple Neelammahara.

KOKILA UDANAYA 2016

“Awurudu rituals” and “Kokila Uadanaya”, the “Awurudu” celebration festival, organised by the department was held in April 2016.

The Sinhalese and Tamil New Year festival in April is one of the prominent events celebrated delightfully by people. It was a fresh experience for the Department of Pali and Buddhist studies to organise a unique celebration of the New Year festival in April. It was organised under the guidance of Dr Wasantha Mendis of the Dept. held in 8th April 2016 with a massive participation of staff and the students of the Department.



♦ The Buddhism is Disseminated to European Region

Venerable Professor Madagoda Abhayatissa Thero delivered a special discourse related to Vesak celebrations in May at Nevada Buddhist Vihara Inc. Las Vegas, USA. His erudite discourse was appraised by a large gathering at Las Vegas, United States of America.

The Venerable Professor had successfully accomplished an intensive English program in California State University, Fullerton.

The special guest speech was delivered by Venerable Profes at the International Buddhist Meditation centre located in New Hampshire Ave, Los Angeles.

Contribution to Piriven Education

The Sabaragamuwa Provincial Department of Education organised a special training program for “Piriven” teachers. Venerable Professor Madagoda Abhayatissa Thero was the guest speaker at the event which was held in 14.07.2016 at the Meneripitiya Educational Training Research and Development Centre.



♦ Southern School Children Benefited

Mr. G.A Gamini

He held a special Guest lecture at the Sujatha Vidyalaya Matara on 8th July 2016. He was the chief guest at this event which was organised by the Arts Association of Sujatha Vidyalaya.

Vesak Decorations in May, 2016

The Students of PBSSA

The Vesak Full Moon Poyaday was celebrated by the Pali and Buddhist Studies Association of the Department. The students were very much encouraged to hang Vesak Lanterns at the Department lobby to epitomise the Buddhist temperance of spiritual wellbeing.



ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT



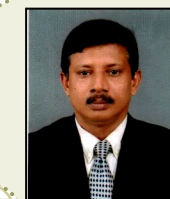
Prof. W. A. G. Perera
Professor in Philosophy & Psychology
BA (Hons);
MA (Kelaniya), PhD(BPU)



Ven. Prof. Magammana Paññananda
Professor in Buddhist Civilization
BA (Hons) (USJP), MA (Kelaniya), PGD in Education (Colombo), PhD (Delhi)



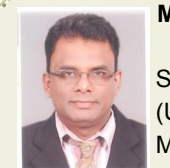
Ven. Prof. Medagoda Abhayatissa
Professor in Pali,
BA (Hons); MA; MPhil (Kelaniya), PhD (Delhi)



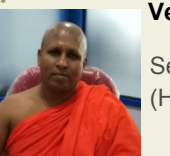
Dr. W. M. Yaparathne
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Senior Lecturer BA (Hons); MA (USJP)



Ven. Prof. Naimbala Dhammadassi
Professor in Buddhist Philosophy
BA (Hons) (USJP),
PhD (Lancaster)



Ven. Prof. Medagampitiye Wijithadhamma
Professor in Pali,
BA (Hons); MA (Kelaniya), PhD (Peradeniya)



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Senior Lecturer BA (Hons);
MA (USJP), PhD (BPU)



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Senior Lecturer BA (Hons); Mphil (USJ), PGD in Archeology; MSc (Kelaniya), PhD (Sichuan)



Ven. Elamaldeniye Sarananda
Senior Lecturer BA (Hons);
MA (USJP)



Dr. Asha Nimali Fernando
Senior Lecturer BA (Hons) (USJP), MA (BPU), MA (Mysore), PhD (ErlangenNuremberg)



Mr. Aruna Shantha Walpola
Senior Lecturer BA (Hons);
MA (USJP)

♦ Venerable Prof Pannananda visited Pakistan as a Government Invitee

Venerable Thera actively participated in a government formal visit to Pakistan with the Speaker of the Sri Lanka Parliament, Minister of Justice and Religious Affairs and other government representatives. The discussion was held in “Panjabi” with the President of Pakistan, Chief Speaker of Pakistan Parliament, Minister of Religious Affairs Pakistan,

governor of Panjabi, Vice Chancellor of the Panjabi University and other academic staff members.

Venerable Professor also engaged in an academic field trip to China and Tibet.

♦ Mr Aruna Walpola on National Activities

Mr Aruna Shantha Walpola contributed his services to the Sri Lanka Air Force Academy as a distinguished lecturer for conducting a lecture series on Philosophy and Psychology for their internal degree program.

He conducted the seminar series for the Advanced Level Logic and Scientific Method at Seevali National School in Rathnapura. He participated as a resource person to conduct a seminar series.

He has represented the Subject Development Committee at the National Institute of Education regarding the compilation of Teacher's Guide and syllabus for Advanced level Logic and Scientific Method.

♦ Donation For Disabled War Heroes

A donation program for the disabled war heroes in “Abhimansala Anurudhapura” was organised by Dr Wasantha Mendis together with his students.

on 06 and 7th of July



Prof Gnanadasa Perera in exquisite National Contribution

Professor Gnanadasa Perera conducted an unique event specially organised for the youth community relevant to Rehabilitation psychotherapy.

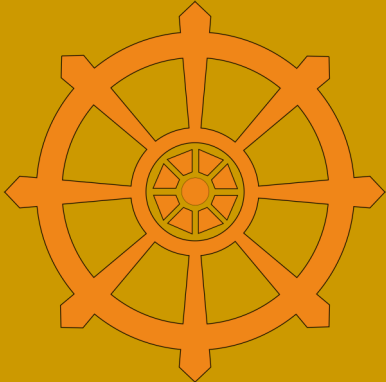
Another special program was conducted by Professor Perera for the tribes in “Sirambiadi” called “Kaperi” / Sri Lankan Kaffirs in Puttalam, north western province of Sri Lanka. Specific research had been conducted by Professor Gnanadasa Perera with the assistance of University students. A Counselling program was also held in their village including Psychodrama.

A Counselling and music therapy program was organised by the family planning institute. This program had been specially scheduled for the wellbeing of HIV infected patients. Professor Perera emphasised the value of considering all HIV infected people as humans and how to induce them to the society.

♦Dr Weerasena Works as the Coordinator of the External Degree Program

Dr K.A Weerasena was appointed as the coordinator of the external Degree program in the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Dr Weerasena has been working as the coordinator of “Daham Sarasavi Diploma” program for many years with his incomparable contributions and attempts.



An event specially organised for youth community relevant to the Rehabilitation psychotherapy.



NEWLY APPOINTED LECTURERS TO THE DEPARTMENT

NEW ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS WERE RECRUITED FOR BUDDIST CIVILIZATION AND PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY



Ven. Dr. Panahaduwe Yasassi
BA (Hons);
MA (Kelaniya),
PhD (BPU)



Ven. Nelliwala Meththananda
Lecturer (Probationary)
BA (Hons) (USJ), MA
(Kelaniya), MPhil
(USJ)

TEMPORARY ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT



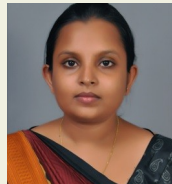
Venerable Matibamiye Dhammasiri
BA(Special) (USJ) MA
(Kelaniya) Royal Pandith



Ven. Ehelepola Mahinda
BA(Special) (USJ)
MA, (Kelaniya) Royal Pandith



Ms W.M Hiruni Chamika Wijethunga
BA(Special) (USJ)



Mrs Duleeka Harshani
BA(Special) (USJ)

Newly Appointed Temporary Lecturers in Philosophy and Psychology



Ms Niromi Gunarathna
BA(Special) (USJ)
Dip in Psy. Coun.
(MHFLSL)



Mr. Sajana Jayasanka
BA (Special) (USJ)
Dip in Psy. Coun.(MHFLSL)
Ad.Psy.T(MHFLSL)
Ex.Dip in HRM(Northampton)

ACADEMIC SUPPORTIVE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT



Mr Buddhika Attanagoda
(CAA)



Mr Shanthasiri Perera
(OAA)

Social welfare contributions of the department

Special aid/donation program for the disabled war heroes was held in Abimansala Anuradhapura.

Accordance with the BUCI 2160 “Buddhism and Social Problems”, 153 students and academic staff members of the Department had participated at a special donation program in Abhimansala, a welfare and hospitality care centre for the disabled soldiers of Sri Lanka, located in Anuradhapura. The lunch was provided to them on 07.07.2016 and a special entertainment program was also presented to them with their warmest pleasure.

A special donation project, called “Humans for Human’s Heartiest contributions” was organised by the Department for helping people who were affected by the floods in Galahitiyawa, Ganemulla. It was held on 13th June 2016 at the Galahitiyawa, Genemulla Purana Viharaya with accompanied by children in Early Childhood Development centres and the villagers.

Chief Organizer; Venerable Kudakathnoruwe Vineetha thero



NEWS TABLE

Pali Talk in Myanmar by Venerable Professor Madagampitye Wijithadamma

Venerable Thera delivered the inaugural speech in Pali meduim at the international seminar on 'Buddhism, Higher Education and Vision' held in the opening ceremony of Shan State Buddhist University (SSBU), Union of Myanmar on 6th February 2016.



Ven. Wijithadhamma on a Vinaya Dialogue in India

The Thera participated in a historic event of 'Dialogue on Vinaya' between Theravada and Mulasarvastivada traditions on 27 February 2016 held in Drepung Monastic University, Mundgod, Karnataka State, India.