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Vision

"To be a centre of excellence of national and international repute, building synergies between knowledge, resources, research, education and social activity in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences."

Mission

"Recognizing the need to strengthen and upgrade teaching and research at all Sri Lankan universities, Realizing the need that universities should contribute to the development of the country and society through research and policy inputs, NCAS shall support both theoretical and applied postgraduate, post-doctoral and other research in the Humanities and Social Sciences and promote advance thinking and creative originality by motivating and rewarding academics in that direction. NCAS will be an apex body within Sri Lanka's university system networking with national and International organizations to achieve its objectives."

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

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| NAME OF INSTITUTE | : | NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (NCAS) |
| REGISTERED OFFICE | : | NO. 6A, SUKHASTAN GARDENS, WARD PLACE, COLOMBO 07. |
| STATUS & LEGAL FORM | : | STATE STAUTORY BOARD BY ORDINANCE IN OCTOBER 2005 UNDER SECTION 24A OF THE UNIVERSITIES ACT NO. 16 OF 1978 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS | : | TREASURY FUNDS |
| FINANCIAL PERIOD | : | 01 ST JANUARY 2016 TO 31 ST DECEMBER 2016 |
| DIRECTOR | : | PROFESSOR P S M GUNARATNE |
| AUDITORS | : | EXTERNAL DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR GENERAL, SRI LANKA INTERNAL AUDITORS, UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION |
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INTRODUCTION

The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS) was legally established under Section 24A of the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 by Ordinance No. 02 of 2005 and was promulgated in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1415/17 of 19th October 2005 amended by NCAS (Amendment) Ordinance No. 3 of 2008 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1567 of September 15, 2008.

The NCAS was set up primarily to cater for the emerging needs of the academic community working in the areas of Social sciences and Humanities in the National University system. It was initiated by Professor Senaka Bandaranayake and several senior professors in the relevant fields. A need arises to setup an independent institute outside the existing university system to cater for the academic needs of social sciences and humanities sector of the rapidly expanding national university system. With the change of policy in response to the growing number of students gaining qualifications and seeking entry to the universities during the latter part of 1970's a number of new Universities were opened in several parts of the country. Staff requirements to fill the vacancies of these new institutions were drawn out of the established universities. The ultimate result of the exercise has been the decimation of the academic community and weakening the teaching even in the established universities. The newly established universities lack an experienced and a qualified team of teachers and also the minimum facilities to undertake research and higher studies. A remedial action to fill the vacuum created with the establishment of new universities has been to train new recruits in the fields of humanities and social sciences by encouraging them to undertake post graduate studies. The NCAS was instrumental in preparing some of the young teachers for post graduate studies by exposing them to research methodologies, proposal development, statistical methods required for social science research and developing writing skills required for academic writing.

This requisite and thing distribution of the human resource development and advanced research studies has by the end of the year 2016 offered 465 financial grants through Government funding for academics to pursue their studies locally and overseas. By now the NCAS has gained the status of being the largest human resource development scheme in the university sector.

Professor P S M Gunaratne, Vice Chairman/UGC was appointed as the Acting Director by the University Grants Commission on 15th August 2015. Under his leadership NCAS started a series of new training programs mainly for the benefit of academic staff in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences aiming at increasing their research capacities. The main object of introducing these training programmes was to develop the qualitative research aspects of the social science research using sophisticated software such as Nvivo/AMOS/Eviews.

Further, the NCAS continued to conduct a series of events that it used to do such as Training Programs/Workshops on Research Proposal Development, Social Science Research Methodologies and Statistical Analysis with the use of SPSS etc. Details of the events are enumerated separately. The benefit of the activities carried out by the NCAS during the year under review in relation to the promotion and development of research and higher studies in the Higher Education Sector is not only limited to humanities and social sciences but also in other related fields.

During the year under review, the NCAS has conducted the third Annual Research Symposium under the theme of "Youth and Social Transformation, The Power, Opportunities and Challenges" in order to create an opportunity for NCAS grantees to showcase and publish the findings of their research.

MANAGEMENT

Structures/Meetings



In keeping with the provisions in NCAS (Amendment) Ordinance No. 3 of 2008 published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1567 of September 15, 2008 the Council of Regents and the Council of Management were constituted as follows:-

Council of Regents and Council of Management

The Council of Regents being the principal policy making body and the governing authority of the Centre, meets at least twice a year.

The Council of Management which is the administrative and academic authority of the NCAS and seven regular meetings were held during the year.

Composition of the Council of Management (COM) is given below:-

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|  <p>Professor P S M Gunaratne Director/NCAS Chairman/COM (From 15th August 2015)</p> | <p>Professor P. S. M. Gunaratne, Professor in Finance, has held eminent positions in a number of premier national organizations dealing with education and higher education. Prior to assuming the charge of the Office of the Vice Chairman-University Grants Commission (UGC), Professor Gunaratne served as Head-Department of Commerce (University of Colombo), Coordinator-Postgraduate and Mid-Career Development Unit of the Faculty of Management and Finance (University of Colombo), Dean-Faculty of Management and Finance (University of Colombo), Member of the Governing Board-University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC), Member of the Governing Council-National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), Member of Governing Council-National Institute of Education (NIE), Board member of the National Human Resources Development Council, Member of the Academic Affairs Board of the School of Postgraduate Studies – Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA).</p> <p>Professor Gunaratne holds a B.Sc (Hons) Business Administration Degree from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is a recipient of the prestigious Japanese Government MONBUKAGAKAGAKUSHO scholarship under which he completed a M.Sc. (Finance) and a PhD (Finance) at the Tsukuba University (Japan).</p> <p>A recipient of the Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellowship (UK), Professor Gunaratne was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of the Development Finance, University of Manchester (UK). He is also a recipient of fellowship the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) under which he served as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Yokohama National University, Japan.</p> |
|  <p>Professor J A S K Jayakody (From 19th June 2015)</p> | <p>Dr. J.A.S.K. Jayakody completed his PhD on NCAS grant at Postgraduate institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under the supervision of Dr. Travis Perera, Postgraduate Institute of management, Sri Lanka and Prof. Venkat R. Krishnan, Great Lakes Institute of Management, India. His research study seeks to answer the question why change initiatives in Sri Lankan business organizations decline with the departure of the change agents who initiated and provided leadership for them, the issue known as the issue of routinization of charisma in the leadership literature. His thesis was that as long as the charisma of the leader induces the follower's self discrepancies and thereby creates follower personal identification, the follower makes self-sacrifice, extra-effort and tends to be dependent on the leader; thus, the leader's endeavour continues to be dynamic. Consequently, when charisma dilutes as a result of the leader's departure or otherwise and the self-discrepancies created thereby diminish and, in turn, follower personal identification weakens, the follower withdraws his/her self-sacrifice, extra-effort and dependency, and thus the dynamism of the leader's endeavour weakens. This thesis was, in general, supported empirically.</p> |

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|  <p>Dr. D.P.S. Chandrakumara (From 16th August 2016)</p> | <p>Dr. D.P.S. Chandrakumara, graduated from the University of Peradeniya in 1986 having obtained the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Economics. He obtained his MA Degree in 1993 from the University of Kerala in India. After training in Uppsala and Gothenburg universities in Sweden, he obtained his PhD from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Presently, he is the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.</p> <p>Dr. Chandrakumara has been trained in Gothenburg and Uppsala universities in Sweden, Nicholas School of Environmental and Earth Sciences, Duke University, USA, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan, and Department of Management, Monash University, Australia, under different research and fellowship programs. He is an outstanding researcher especially in development and poverty alleviation issues. In addition, he has been engaging in applied research and teaching research methodology for students ranging from undergraduates to doctoral levels.</p> |
|  <p>Professor I M K Liyanage (From 1st April 2016)</p> | <p>Kamala Liyanage is a Senior Professor (B.A. Honours, M.A. (Peradeniya) & Ph.D. (Keio_Tokyo) attached to the Dept. of Political Science, University of Peradeniya. She has successfully completed more than 25 research studies and has published a number of books, chapters of edited books, articles in refereed and non-refereed journals and monographs mainly on political science, gender issues and education. She was a recipient of several prestigious scholarships and fellowships such as Monbusho Scholarship (1985 – University of Tokyo), Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship (1988 – University of Keio), Kobayashi Setsutaro Memorial Scholarship (1989), Rural Asia Solidarity Foundation Scholarship (1989), Takaku Scholarship (1989), Fukusawa Yukichi Scholarship (1990), Institute of Developing Economies Fellowship – Tokyo (1997), Commonwealth Fellowship (1998 - University of London), Fulbright Fellowship (2004 – American University, Washington D. C.), Japan Foundation Fellowship (2013), and Institute of Developing Economies and Japan External Trade Organisation (2014) and has immense national and international experience in teaching, researching and in university administration.</p> |
|  <p>Professor (Ms.) Samanthi Senaratne (From 19th June 2015)</p> | <p>Samanthi Senaratne is a Professor of Accounting of the Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting with a first class, an MBA and a PhD specializing in finance. She is prolific researcher and has published widely in the areas of corporate governance, sustainability and integrated reporting, and accounting education both locally and internationally. She has also won awards in recognition of her research work in the area of corporate governance and participated as a panelist in forums organized by professional accounting bodies on accounting education and integrated reporting.</p> <p>She actively engages in the curriculum development and quality assurance activities of national universities, higher educational institutions and the World Bank funded projects of the Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka. Presently, she also serves as the Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Unit of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.</p> |
|  <p>Professor Indralal de Silva (From 01st January 2012)</p> | <p>W. Indralal De Silva is a Senior Professor of Demography (Chair) and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo. He is currently serving as a Senior Research Fellow, National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka. He has published a number of books, monographs, presented over 40 research papers in many international conferences and has published over 60 research articles in reputed international journals (for details pl. refer to http://indralal.elanka.net). Professor De Silva obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Development Studies (Statistics) from University of Colombo in 1977. He obtained Master's and Doctoral Degrees from Australian National University, Canberra in 1985 and 1990 respectively. He was a Visiting Professor at the National University of Singapore in 2004, Harvard School of Public Health during 1996-1998 and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University from 1990-1991. He has obtained a number of prestigious awards including Senior Fulbright, Takemi and Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships. He has acted in the capacity of a consultant to umbrella organizations of the United Nations such as ESCAP, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and so on.</p> |



**Professor P C Pakeer
Jaufar**
(From 10th April
2015)

Professor P. C. Pakkeer Jaufar is the Dean of the Faculty of Education, the Open University of Sri Lanka. Out of his 42 years teaching service, he has spent the last 30 years at the Open University as an academic. He was conferred degrees and diplomas from various universities in Sri Lanka and abroad. He obtained the B. Sc. (Hons.) degree from Jaffna University, Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Colombo University with Gold Medal and Distinction Pass, M. Phil. Degree from OUSL and Ed. D degree from Simon Fraser University – Canada. In addition to this, he has undergone various training courses in distance education, applied psychology and special needs education at IGNOU – New Delhi, Open University of Hong Kong and Leipzig University – Germany. He has published a number of Books on education and also research articles.



**Professor O G
Dayaratna Banda**
(From 12th October
2015)

Professor OG Dayaratna-Banda, Dean of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Peradeniya, obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Economics degree with a First Class Honours in 1995 and Master of Philosophy degree in Economics in 2000 from the University of Peradeniya. He obtained a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the National University of Singapore specializing in macroeconomics and monetary economics. He has served as a lecturer, senior lecturer and Professor in the Department of Economics and Statistics since 1995. Currently he is a Professor in Economics in the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya. He has also served as a Visiting Research Professor in the University of Waterloo in Canada from 2006 to 2007. In addition to academic positions, he has held various administrative positions including Dean of the Faculty of Management in the Uva Wellassa University, Chairman of the Postgraduate Programmes of the Faculty of Arts, and Head of the Department of Economics and Statistics in the University of Peradeniya. He has published widely in international refereed journals, as well as a number of books and book chapters as scholarly work. His research has been cited globally in various studies in international economics and macroeconomics. His research interests include applied macroeconomics, financial economics, monetary economics, issues in economic policy, international economic integration, and trade agreements. He is also an active participant at ongoing policy discussions and debates on contemporary issues.



Ms. W I Nanayakkara
(From 19th June
2015)

Ms. W. Indira Nanayakkara is Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. She is LL.B (Hons) and M.Phil degree holder of University of Colombo. She is a Senior Lecturer at University of Colombo and Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

Presently teach Company Law, International Investment Law, Business Law, Commercial Arbitration and Banking Law in undergraduate and postgraduate level. Presented papers in the areas of International Investment Law & Globalization, Corporate law, Consumer Law, Banking law, Competition Law nationally and internationally.



Professor M D A L
Ranasinghe
(From 01st January
2012)

Prof. Athula Ranasinghe is a professor in the department of Economics, University of Colombo. Currently he is the dean of the faculty of arts of the same university. He is a graduate from the University of Colombo, specialized in Econometrics. Upon the completion of his bachelor's degree he joined the department of economics as an assistant lecturer. Then, he completed Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development in University of Colombo. After the completion of the postgraduate diploma program he joined the Master of Economics program at the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand. Prof. Athula Ranasinghe did his PhD in Tinbergen Institute, Faculty of Economics and Econometrics, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. For his PhD he submitted his thesis entitled "A Pearl of Great Price: The Free Education System in Sri Lanka.

Prof. Ranasinghe has served as the head of department in the department of economics for three years and now serving as the dean of the faculty in his second term. He was a "visiting fellow" in University of Fiji and also served as a "honorary professor" in the faculty of arts, Macquarie University, Australia. He has also served as consultant economists to Asian Development Bank. During this period he served as a consultant economist for the deregulation conference and to draft the SME white paper, both were sponsored by ADB and organized by the Ministry of Industries. Prof. Ranasinghe has also served as a consultant economist in Ministry of Vocational Training, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governments, and Information and Communication Technology Institute (ICTA).



Professor A H M H
Abhayaratne
(From 01st January
2012)

Prof. A H M H Abhayaratne is a professor in the department of History, University of Kelaniya and he was appointed as Head of the Department in the same department in December 2005. Since December 2010 he has been served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya. In addition to that he is the Senior Student Counselor Faculty of Social Sciences and Co - Secretary University Teachers Association at University of Kelaniya.

Composition of the Council of Regents (COR) is as follows:-



Left to right : Professor Nayani Melagoda, Professor M D A L Ranasinghe, Professor S Wawwage, Professor Mohan de Silva (Chairman/UGC), Professor P S M Gunaratne (Director/NCAS), Professor Dr. N Gnanakumaran, Ms. W I Nanayakkara, Professor A H M H Abayaratne

Absent : Hon. Lakshman Kiriella/Minister of Higher Education and Highways, Professor Jayadeva Uyangoda, Professor Danny Atapattu, Professor O G Dayaratna Banda

Good Governance of the NCAS

NCAS is committed towards having good governance practices in place and applying highest standards of all functions performed during the year of 2016. This enhance compliance with relevant statutory provisions, improve transparency of transactions and accountability and responsibility for the government funds.

1) Compliance with the Universities Act No. 16 1978 and NCAS Ordinance

Appointment and Composition of the Council of Regent.

Council of Regent has been appointed as policy decision making authority of the NCAS and the composition of the council is as follows.

01) The Minister of Ministry of Higher Education –
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

02) The Chairman of the University Grants Commission
Professor Mohan De Silva

03) The Chairman of the Council of Management NCAS
Professor P S M Gunaratne

04) Six Deans of the Faculties relevant to disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences nominated by respective Standing Committees of the University Grants Commission.

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| Professor S Wawwage | Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna |
| Professor Dr. N Gnanakumaran | Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Jaffna |
| Ms. W I Nanayakkara | Dean, Faculty of Law University of Colombo |
| Professor O G Dayaratna Banda | Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Peradeniya |
| Professor M D A L Ranasinghe | Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Colombo |
| Professor A H M H Abhayaratne | Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kelaniya |

05) Four members appointed by the University Grants Commission

Professor P S M Gunaratne- Vice Chairman/UGC
Professor Jayadeva Uyangoda
Professor (Ms.) Nayani Melegoda
Professor Danny Atapattu

Quorum for meeting is one third of the total membership.

Appointment and Composition of the Council of Management

Council of Management has been appointed as the management decision making authority of the NCAS and the composition of the council is as follows.

1) The Director who will be the Chairman of the Council

Professor P S M Gunaratne

2) Six Deans of the Faculties relevant to disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences nominated by respective Standing Committees of the University Grants Commission

Mr. C L K Nawarathna Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenepura

Dr. D P S Chandrakumara Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenepura

Professor A H M H Abayaratna Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kelaniya

Professor P C Pakeer Jaufar Dean, Faculty of Education Open University of Sri Lanka

Professor O G Dayaratna Banda Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Peradeniya

Ms. W I Nanayakkara Dean, Faculty of Law University of Colombo

Professor M D A L Ranasinghe Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Colombo

03) Four members appointed by the University Grants Commission

Professor Indralal de Silva
Professor I M K Liyanage
Professor J A S K Jayakody
Professor (Ms.) Samantha Senaratne

Quorum for meeting is one third of the total membership.

2) Compliance with the Government Financial Regulations and Government Procedures

Since NCAS is fully funded government statutory body all financial transactions are conducted reported in compliance with government financial regulations, treasury circulars and guideline and circulars issued by the UGC.

3) Government Procurement Guidelines

All goods and services have been acquired during the year in accordance with government procurement guidelines of Sri Lanka. Procurement committee and Technical Evaluation committee were appointed by the Council of Management of NCAS. Members served for the committees as follows.

Departmental Procurement Committee (Minor)

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| Mrs. H P Henegama/Senior Asst. Registrar/NCAS | - | Chairman |
| Mrs. T L Dharmasena/Senior Asst. Bursar/NCAS | - | Member |
| Mrs. B K Sagarika/Senior Asst. Accountant/NCAS | - | Member |

Technical Evaluation Committee

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| Mr. M A Milton/Senior Asst. Librarian/NCAS |
| Prof. Indaral de Silva/Council Member/NCAS |
| Mr. S Chandrasena/Asst. Network Manager/NCAS |
| Mr. D Perera/Works Engineer/ UGC |

4) University Establishment Code and Scheme of Recruitments.

All staff matters including salaries, appointments, promotions, increments and leave have been governed in accordance with the provisions of the University Establishment Code and Scheme of Recruitments. Circulars issued by Ministry of Finance and adopted by the UGC as applicable for the university system also have been applied for salaries and allowances of the staff.

5) Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS), Lanka Accounting Standards (LKAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

Financial Statements of the NCAS are prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS). Lanka Accounting Standards (LKAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) have been applied in reporting the transactions for which Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) have not been introduced.

6) NCAS Guidelines for Selecting Candidates and Offering Postgraduate Scholarships

Candidates are selected for PhD Scholarship as per above guideline. Selection committees have been appointed by the Council of Management.

Permanent candidates with the entitlement for study leave are eligible for the postgraduate scholarship programme of the NCAS. The candidates to be possessed a degree of Masters and valid placement from the university recognized by the University Grants Commission.

The amount of the grants per year per candidate determined as follows:

- In case of applicants registered in local universities, the amount of grant per year determined based on official institutional fee and research expenses.
- In case of candidates registered in foreign universities, the amount of grant per year per person determined based on official institutional fee and a standard living stipend depending on the country. The maximum per year under this category was R. 1.4 million.

STAFF OF NCAS

Director

- Professor P S M Gunaratne - Director

Management Staff

- Mrs. H P Henegama - Senior Assistant Registrar

Mrs Hemanthi Prasangika Henegama is functioning as the Senior Assistant Registrar of the National Centre for Advance Studies (NCAS) from 2012. She is a BSc graduate in Agriculture (special) from University of Peradeniya. Her postgraduate qualifications include an MPhil (University of Peradeniya) and an MBA (Wayamba University). In addition, she has obtained Higher National Diploma in Human Resources Management from National Institute of Business Administration (NIBM).



She has been serving as a University Administrator since 2006, and accounting for 10 years of administrative experience in the Sri Lanka university system. She served as the Assistant Registrar of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka from 2006 to 2012. Upon promoted as Senior Assistant Registrar, she has been posted to NCAS. Mrs. Henegama is in-charge of administrative activities in NCAS including general administration, serving as the Secretary of the Governing Bodies of NCAS (Council of Regent and Council of Management), NCAS Postgraduate Grant Scheme, Human Resources Management, Procurement, etc. She is also serving as the Coordinator of Training Programmes conducted by the NCAS for the administrative staff of the university system.

- Mrs. T L Dharmasena - Senior Assistant Bursar

Mrs Thanuja Lakmali Dharmasena is the Senior Assistant Accountant of the National Centre for Advance Studies (NCAS) since 2011. She has a B Sc Degree in Accountancy from Sri Jayawardanapura University and ACA membership of CA Sri Lanka. Having graduated from Sri Jayawardanapura University, she worked as an Audit Trainee at Wickramasinghe, Dayanande & co., and KPMG, Ford Rhodes, a Company of Chartered Accountants. Having completed her professional training she was employed as an Accountant at the Road Passengers Transport Authority (RPTA) of Sri Lanka. She thereafter joined as Group accountant to Jewel Cave International (Pvt) Ltd and subsequently as Senior Assistant Bursar of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities (NCAS). While working for the NCAS she concurrently held the position of Senior Assistant Accountant at the University Grants Commission (UGC) on acting capacity. Later she was appointed to act as the Finance Manager of the World Bank Funded Project on Higher Education for Twenty First Century (HETC) which functions under the Ministry of Higher Education.



- Mr. M A Milton - Senior Assistant Librarian



Mr. M A Milton is a Senior Assistant Librarian of NCAS. He earlier served as Senior Assistant Librarian at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. He is functioning at NCAS since 2010. He has a BA (Special) degree from University of Sri Jayawardenepura. He has obtained Master degree in Social Sciences & Postgraduate Diploma in Library & Information Science from University of Kelaniya, and Postgraduate Diploma in Writer-ship & Communication from University of Sri Jayawardenepura.

- Mr. Sampath Chandrasena - Assistant Network Manager (Gr. I)



Mr. Sampath Chandrasena holds a MSc. degree in Information Security from the University of Colombo and a BIT degree in Information Technology from University of Colombo School of Computing. Mr. Chandrasena has more than 21 years of information technology experience in serving government and non-government organizations in Sri Lanka and overseas. He also holds a several Diplomas such as Diploma in Management from Open University of Sri Lanka, Diploma and Higher Diploma in Information Technology from University of Colombo. He is full professional member of British Computer Society (MBCS) and Computer Society of Sri Lanka (MCSSL). He has several industry recognized certifications like Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) and Cisco Certified Network Associate.

Mr. Chandrasena is recipient of Indian government scholarships for Reducing Cyber Crime for knowledge exchange and capacity building conducted by Centre for Development Advanced Computing (CDAC) New Delhi, India and 'NUFFIC' (Netherlands Organization for International Corporation in Higher Education) scholarship granted by the Royal Dutch Government. In 2005 he followed Web Application Specialist (WAS) course, conducted by Okinawa International Centre, Okinawa, Japan. He also works as an IT consultant for Cabinet Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Policy (CARP) and National Institute of Social Development (NISD). Presently he is course coordinator for academic short courses conducted by NCAS and Visiting Lecturer for Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo.

Other Staff

- Mr. A L D Perera ~ Library Assistant (Grade - II)
- Mrs. U D Withanage ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade – III)
- Mr. K M G G Dhanushka ~ Book Keeper (Grade - II)
- Mrs. P A H E Dewapriya ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade - III)
- Mr. R K P I Ratnayake ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade – III)
- Mr. Vinoditha Hettiarachchi ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade – III)
- Mr. R G M Sanjeewa ~ Chauffer
- Mr. W A D S Weerakkody ~ Office Attendant



(Left to right) Sitting: Mrs. Henegama, Prof. Indralal, Prof. Gunaratne, Mr. Chandrasena, Mrs. Dharmasena

Standing: Erandi, Salinga, Gayan, Dharmatilake, Prabath, Vinoditha, Sanjeewa, Umanga

Not included: Mr. Milton

WORKSHOPS/COURSES/PRESENTATIONS

The following Presentations, Courses and Workshops were conducted by the NCAs on current issues during the year 2016.

Details of programs conducted are as follows:

Table 1: Summary of workshops/courses/presentations conducted in 2016.

| No | Presentations | Date of Conduct | Target Group | Participation | Remarks |
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| 01 | Seminar on “ The Burden of Debt” Dr. Nimal Sanderatne | 11 th May 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Policy Makers & Researchers | 16 | Completed |
| No | Courses | Date of Conduct | Target Group | Participation | Remarks |
| 02 | “Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena | 12-13, 19-20 March 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 13 | Completed |
| 03 | “Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena | 5,12-19,26 June 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 11 | Completed |
| 04 | “Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena | 17, 24,31 July & 07 th August 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 13 | Completed |
| 05 | “Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena | 24, 25 Sep. & 01 , 02 th Oct, 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 07 | Completed |
| 06 | “Certificate Course on Research Proposal Development” Prof. Indralal de Silva | 20 th December 2016 | University Academic Staff Executive | 07 | Completed |
| No | Workshops | Date of Conduct | Target Group | Participation | Remarks |
| 07 | “Workshop on AMOS” Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawe | 21-22 January 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 14 | Completed |
| 08 | “Workshop on AMOS” Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawe | 15-16 Dec. 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 08 | Completed |
| 09 | “Workshop on AMOS” Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawe | 14-15 July 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 11 | Completed |

| No | Workshops | Date of Conduct | Target Group | Participation | Remarks |
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| 10 | “Workshop on NVIVO” Dr. Dinuka Wijetunga | 27 January 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 15 | Completed |
| 11 | “Workshop on NVIVO” Dr. Dinuka Wijetunga | 02 February 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 15 | Completed |
| 12 | “Workshop on NVIVO” Dr. Dinuka Wijetunga | 29 June 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 16 | Completed |
| 13 | “Workshop on NVIVO” Dr. Dinuka Wijetunga | 30 November 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 11 | Completed |
| 14 | “Workshop on NVIVO” Dr. Prabath Jayasinghe | 27-28 Sep. 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 15 | Completed |
| 15 | “Workshop on NVIVO” Dr. Prabath Jayasinghe | 15-16 Nov. 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | University Academic Staff Executive | 14 | Completed |
| 16 | Microsoft Excel Advanced Workshop Mr. Sumudu Sekarage | 26-27 May 2016 at NCAS Computer Lab | Computer Application Assistants and Book Keepers | 17 | Completed |
| 17 | Microsoft Access Advanced Database Workshop Mr. Sumudu Sekarage | 13-14 June 2016 at NCAS Computer Lab | Computer Application Assistants and Book Keepers | 13 | Completed |
| 18 | Workshop on Presentation, Public Speaking & Writing Skills Mr. K D S N Wijesiri | 11-12 February 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | Administrative Staff | 23 | Completed |
| 19 | Workshop on Business & Administrative Writing Mr. K D S N Wijesiri | 3-4 August 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | Administrative Staff | 34 | Completed |
| 20 | Workshop on Business & Administrative Writing Mr. K D S N Wijesiri | 29-30 September 2016 at NCAS Auditorium | Administrative Staff | 17 | Completed |

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON RESEARCH PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT 2016

National Centre for Advanced Studies organized a workshop on Certificate Course on Research Proposal Development for PhD Studies for Prospective candidates on 20th December 2016 at NCAS. The objective of this workshop is to provide training for prospective postgraduate scholars to formulate their research proposals using advanced social science research methodologies. Accordingly 07 academic staff of university system participated for the above one day workshop.

WORKSHOP ON PRESENTATION, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND WRITING SKILLS 2016

National Centre for Advanced Studies organized a two day workshop on Presentation, Public speaking and Writing skills for the administrative staff of the university system on 11th – 12th February, 2016 at NCAS. The objective of this workshop is to provide training for the administrative staff of the university system to improve their communication skills by English language and also to improve the competencies in presentation, public speaking and writing skills in performing their duties. The resource person was Mr. S Wijesiri, Senior Consultant, NIBM. Accordingly 23 participants including both academic and administrative staff of university system participated for the above training programme.

WORKSHOP ON BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WRITING 2016

National Centre for Advanced Studies organized two workshops on Business and Administrative Writing for the administrative staff of the university system on 04th – 05th August and 29th – 30th September 2016 at NCAS. The objective of this workshop is to provide training for the administrative staff of the university system to improve their writing skills by English language and also to improve the competencies in writing skills in performing their duties. The resource person was Mr. S Wijesiri, Senior Consultant, NIBM. Accordingly 51 participants including both academic and administrative staff of university system participated for the above training programmes.

CERTIFICATE COURSE INTRODUCTION TO SPSS FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The National Centre for Advance Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS) has started certificate course introduction to SPSS for statistical analysis at the NCAS Computer lab, starting from 19th January 2013 on Saturdays. About 15 participants have been enrolled for each course. This course conducted by Recourse person Dr. Nishara Fernando, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo and all courses were coordinated by Mr. Sampath Chandrasena as a Course Coordinator. The course conducted 4 times in year 2013, 5 times in year 2014, 5 times in year 2015 and 4 times in year 2016 found very useful for the academic staff and researches of the university system.

CERTIFICATE COURSES MS ADVANCED EXCEL, MS ACCESS ADVANCED DATABASE MANAGEMENT & MS ADVANCED WORD DOCUMENTATION

National Centre for Advanced Studies (NCAS) has started MS Excel 2010 Advanced Certificate Course on 04th August 2014 and still continuing successfully. NCAS has upgraded MS Excel 2010 to MS Excel 2013 since it has latest formulas and more functions to work with easily to do day to day work with lot of time saving. NCAS has conducted 14 batches and has participated over 180 non-academics of the university system. The main objective of this course is to increase productivity and improve efficiency by streaming the workflow.

Microsoft Access Advanced Database Management Certificate Course is another computer application programme introduced by the NCAS during this year for non-academic staff of the universities. This course has been repeated four times and 49 applicants contributed and successfully accomplished.

This year we will be introducing MS Project Professional 2013 Project management Essentials for academic staff and non-academic staff of the universities. This program structure is to develop the most required and essentials skill on Microsoft Project 2013 version. There are many advantages that have made an obvious difference since implementing a project management software solution such as Improved Estimation, Greater Control of documents relating to project, Easier Tracking on resources and intervene, Better Collaboration, Measuring results and comparing Projects etc.

SEMINAR ON “THE BURDEN OF DEBT”

The NCAS conducted a seminar on “The Burden of debt” by Prof. Nimal Sanderatne and Prof. Indralal De Silva, Professor of Demography (Chair), University of Colombo and Senior Research Fellow, NCAS on Wednesday, 11th May 2016 at the NCAS Auditorium.

ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM-2016 (17-18TH NOVEMBER 2016)

NCAS successfully conducted its third Annual Research Symposium on 17-18th November 2016. Activities of the Symposium were implemented by an organizing committee comprising of 08 office members of NCAS and 15 university academics. The review panel of the symposium comprised with 13 academic staff members. Eight senior academic staff members chaired the technical sessions of Symposium. About 80 abstracts have been published in the symposium proceedings titled “*Youth and Social Transformation, The Power, Opportunities and Challenges*”

On 17th November 2016, the Hon State Minister of the Higher Education attended as a chief guest of the inauguration ceremony. Technical sessions were held under the 8 sub themes with the support of 08 Chair persons. Finally the inauguration ceremony was concluded with a cultural show. The sub themes of the 3rd Annual Research Symposium 2016 and chairpersons are listed below.

| Sub Themes | Chairperson |
|---|----------------------------|
| • Health and Wellbeing | • Prof. Sumedha Wijeratne |
| • Education, Technology & Knowledge Economy | • Prof. Marie Perera |
| • Good Governance, Social Reconciliation | • Mr. V T Thamilmaran |
| • Entrepreneurship & Management | • Prof. J A S K Jayakody |
| • Society, Media & Culture | • Prof. K M P Kulasekara |
| • Environment and Sustainable Development | • Prof. R K L M Dharmasiri |
| • Population & Gender Studies | • Prof. N K Dangalle |
| • Youth Issues & Challenges | • Prof. Indralal De Silva |

Some pictures of 3rd Annual Research Symposium of NCAS.





PUBLICATIONS

PRODUCTION OF MONOGRAPH ON “*SRI LANKA: RE-EMERGENCE OF YOUTH BULGE*”

The purpose of this volume is to draw attention to the possible policy implications resulting for this demographic change. The first three analytical chapters of the volume present trends and dynamics of growth, projected future population and a social-economic profile of youth population, The following four chapters examine school education, higher education, technical and vocational education while chapter nine analyses implications of labour force participation of youth. The monograph was authored by the Prof. Indralal De Silva, Professor of Demography (Chair), University of Colombo and Research Fellow, NCAS. The Monograph was launched on 17th November 2016 at the Annual Research Symposium 2016 of the NCAS.

IT Resources of NCAS

The NCAS has a Computer Lab equipped with 20 Computers and Multimedia facilities. This lab is used for training of University Academics, Executives and Nonacademic staff on several computer applications, Data analysis using SPSS, AMOS for Structural Equation Modeling, EViews for Quantitative Research, NVIVO for Qualitative Research information security etc. Grants Management Database Software is used for monitoring and providing grants management information.

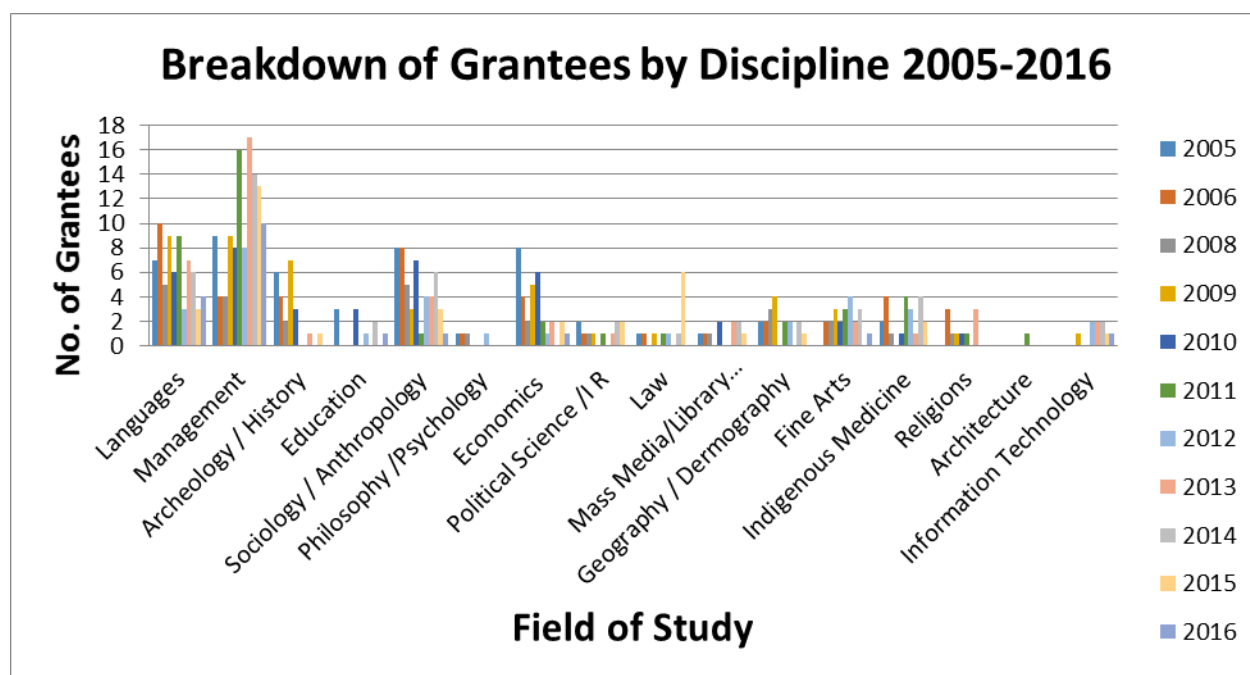
The activities undertaken by the IT Division during 2016 are as follows:

- Developing technical specifications, project proposals and technical reports for the Institute.
- Installation, operation, configuring, management and maintaining Windows Server and LINUX servers and related equipment such as Routers.
- Install and integrate software on Servers and Workstations.
- Server Management - The design and implementation of server related functions such as file and print servers, server virtualization, core operations system standards, operating system upgrades and maintenance, backup/restore, and server hardware configurations.
- Monitoring - Prepares recommendations on monitoring and analysis tools. Designs and implements monitoring tools. Performs Back-Up's & network troubleshooting
- Implement, support and maintain information security requirements; perform system maintenance including security patches, operating system upgrades and hardware upgrades
- Maintains Central Anti-virus Management Applications. Kaspersky Antivirus Software.
- Recommend upgrades, patches, and new applications and equipment
- Analyze business requirements to design and implement an infrastructure solution based on a Windows and Linux platform. Evaluate potential system enhancements.
- Regular Developing Web Site (www.ncas.ac.lk), and Intranet and Library Database for the Institution.
- Implementation and maintenances of the www.ncas.ac.lk domain and email system with the google cloud services.
- Coordinate all Academic quantitative and qualitative data analysis courses and workshops such as SPSS, AMOS, NVIVO, EIEWS etc.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Treasury allocated a total grant of Rs. 65 million for new PhD scholarships and servicing of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years' studies of NCAS scholars who had been awarded funding in 2008 - 2016. During the year under review, the NCAS awarded financial grants for the 48 university academics for their postgraduate studies and 27 grants were allocated by 2016 budget for grantees who have been interviewed and not being submitted required documents for the releasement. Accordingly total beneficiaries of grants are increased up to 75 during the year of 2016.

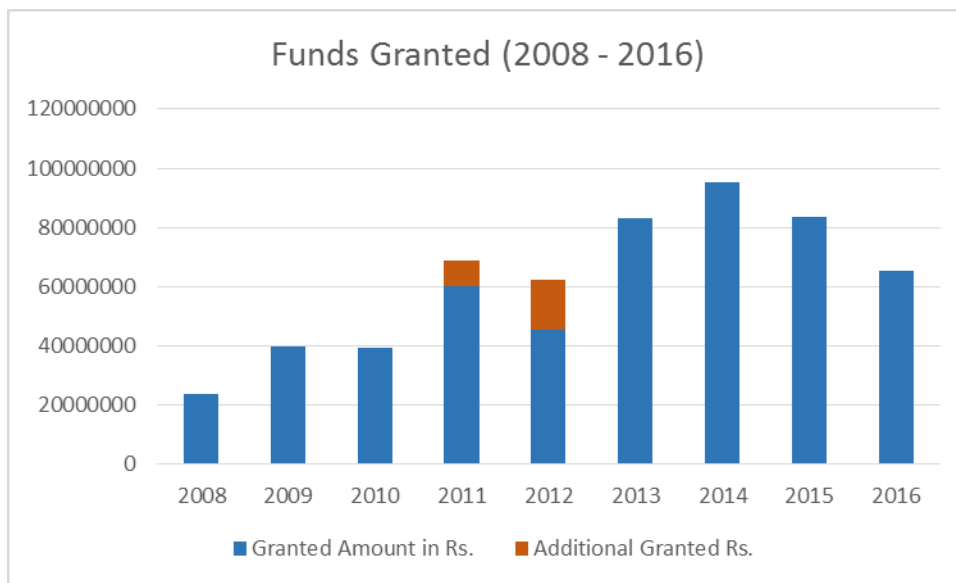
By the end of 2016, about 465 academics selected from the different Universities/Institutions were awarded grants as supplementary funding by the NCAS from its inception. Out of them 248 scholars were completed their postgraduate studies. Grants were given in the fields of management, language studies, sociology, economics, mass media, fine arts, indigenous medicine and so on. Majority of the grantees are from the field of management in 2016.



UTILIZATION OF TREASURY FUNDS FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

Funds Granted (2008-2016)

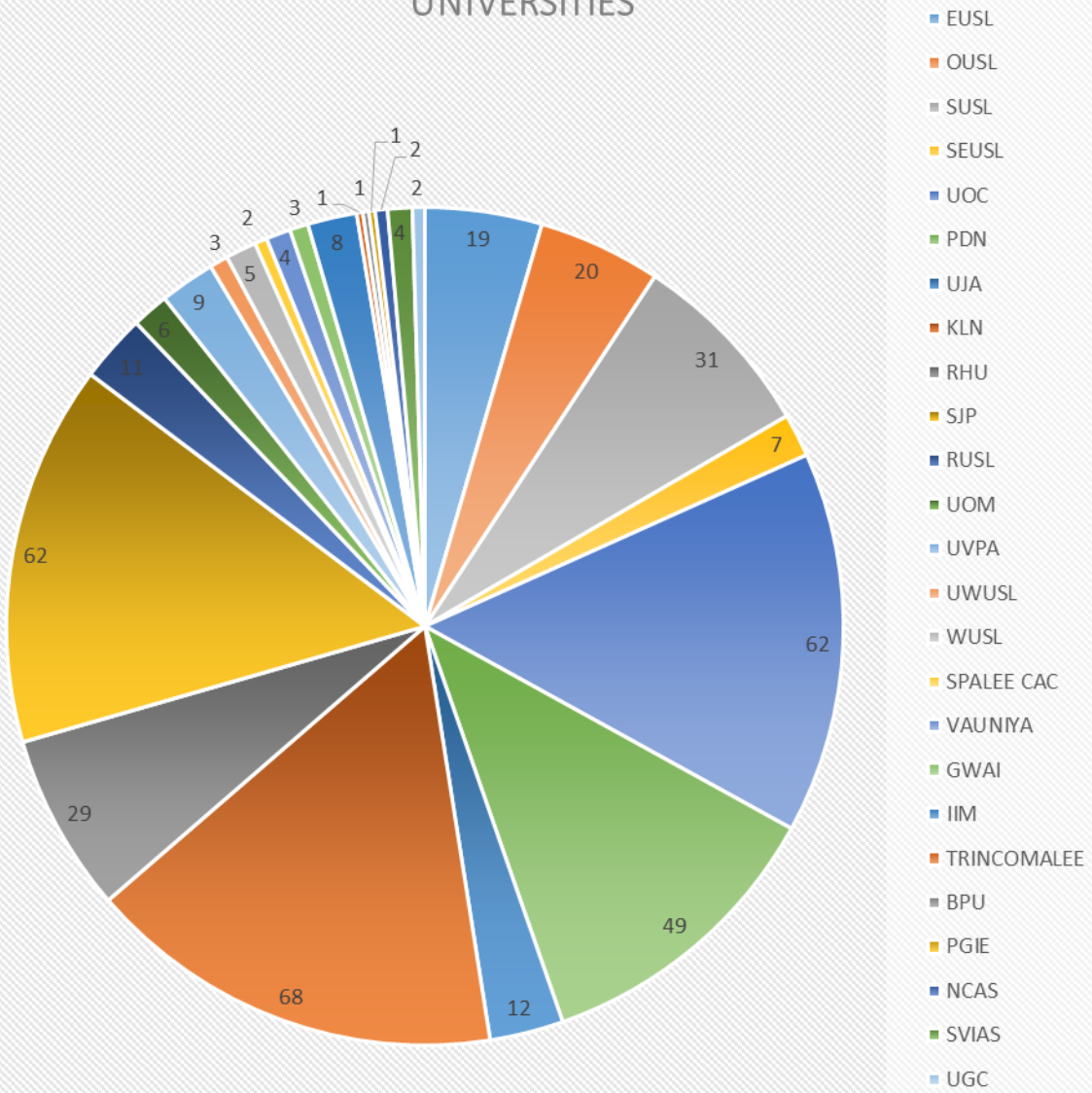
| Year | Granted Amount in Rs. | Additional Granted Amount in Rs. |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2008 | 23,589,220.00 | |
| 2009 | 39,665,659.00 | |
| 2010 | 39,364,958.79 | |
| 2011 | 60,000,000.00 | 8,720,000.00 |
| 2012 | 45,500,000.00 | 16,780,000.00 |
| 2013 | 83,035,817.00 | |
| 2014 | 95,396,122.00 | |
| 2015 | 83,598,118.69 | |
| 2016 | 65,175,755.74 | |



DISTRIBUTION OF PHD SCHOLARS EMPLOYED BY SRI LANKAN UNIVERSITIES

| No | Employed University | 2005 | 2006 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total |
|--------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Eastern University of Sri Lanka | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| 2 | Open University of Sri Lanka | 2 | 2 | | 3 | 5 | | 1 | | 5 | | 1 | 18 |
| 3 | Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 29 |
| 4 | South Eastern University of Sri Lanka | 1 | | | | | 2 | | 4 | | | | 7 |
| 5 | University of Colombo | 11 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 58 |
| 6 | University of Peradeniya | 10 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 48 |
| 7 | University of Jaffna | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 12 |
| 8 | University of Kelaniya | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 66 |
| 9 | University of Ruhuna | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 28 |
| 10 | University of Sri Jayawardenepura | 8 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 61 |
| 11 | Rajarata University of Sri Lanka | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | 10 |
| 12 | University of Moratuwa | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 4 | 2 |
| 13 | University of Visual & Performing Arts | | | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | 9 |
| 14 | Uwa Wellassa University of Sri Lanka | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| 15 | Wayamba University of Sri Lanka | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 5 |
| 16 | Sri Palee Campus | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 17 | Vauniya Campus | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | | | 4 |
| 18 | Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute | | 2 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| 19 | Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM) | | | | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 8 |
| 20 | Trincomali Camps | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| 21 | Buddhist & Pali University | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 22 | Post Graduate Institute of English | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 23 | National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| 24 | Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 4 |
| 25 | University Grant Commission | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 50 | 45 | 28 | 44 | 39 | 41 | 30 | 42 | 45 | 38 | 19 | 402 |

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARS EMPLOYED IN SRI LANKAN UNIVERSITIES



Completed Grants

The following 61 scholars have been successfully gaining their higher degrees with financial support from the NCAS as supplementary funding during the year 2016.

| No | Surname | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree Sought | Registered University |
|----|------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | HMS Priyanath | An empirical study of the problems & potential of SME s in Sri Lanka with special reference to the Ratnapura District | Study of Ratnapura District | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 2 | JKA Kanthi | Land policy of Sri Lanka under the British Region (19th & 20th Centuries) | Modern History | PhD | University of Ruhuna |
| 3 | SP Kahandagamage | A folklore study on Sinhala contemporary language statistics | Folklore | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 4 | DG Dharmaratne | Investor's reactions to corporate announcements and events of public quoted companies in Sri Lanka | Financial Management | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 5 | JKC Dissanayake | Social Anthropological input as a determiner of content in Lankan English literature – A study with reference to the writing of R.L. Spittell | English Literature | PhD | Sabaragamuwa University |
| 6 | MI Manuha | Comparative study on female obesity (sumnah an Niswan) using selected traditional food (Ilaj GilGhza) and selected exercises (Riyazat) in the light of Unani Food Guideline | Unani Medicine and Chemistry | PhD | University of Kelaniya |
| 7 | R Senanayake | Mayura sandesha (Mayura Message Poem Critical Edition) | Classical Sinhala Verse | PhD | University of Sri Jayawardenapura |
| 8 | SAPM Manuratne | The Martyr and the Traitor: Representations of Violence in Global Literature and Cinema | English & Cultural Studies | PhD | University of Buffalo |
| 9 | JWD Chaminda | Learning from Disasters: An Exploration of how corporate responses to Natural Disasters Subsequently inform corporate social responsibility decisions | Business Management | PhD | Swinburne University Technology |
| 10 | MW Indrani | The rule of Management Control Systems in creating true profit centres: A case study from Sri Lanka | Management Accounting | PhD | Victoria University |

| No | Surname | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree Sought | Registered University |
|----|-------------------|---|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 11 | HAKN Surangi | Entrepreneurial Networking, Gender and small business development in Sri Lanka | Entrepreneurship and Gender | PhD | University of Lincoln |
| 12 | DPPG Liyanage | Advertisements and folklore: A comparative study on Indian and Sri Lankan Television Commercials | Cultural Studies | PhD | Tezpur University |
| 13 | RAAS Perera | An Impact of financial information and non-financial information on stock market decisions: A comparative analysis of Sri Lanka and New Zealand | Finance | PhD | University of Lincoln |
| 14 | MBM Amjath | Study on Income Tax Evasion in Sri Lanka | Commerce and Accounting | PhD | Annamalai University |
| 15 | Rev. M Ariyawansa | Influence of other Alphabets on the Sinhala Alphabet (after and around 10th Century A.D.) | Historical Linguistics | PhD | Deccan College |
| 16 | G Thillainathan | Impact of Globalization on the peasant society in Batticaloa – A sociological analysis | Sociology | PhD | Tamil University |
| 17 | KGPK Weerakoon | GIS Modelling Approach for patio temporal transition pattern in urban fringe: Case Study in Colombo Urban Area | Urban planning (Geographical Information System) | PhD | University Sains Malaysia |
| 18 | AGC Gunathilake | Economics Transformation through governance dynamics: The case of emerging economics | Finance | PhD | University of Malaysia Sarawak |
| 19 | MLCP Meddegoda | A critical Analysis of Aesthetics in Western and North Indian Classical Musics | Aesthetics of Music | PhD | University Putra Malaysia |
| 20 | HAU Manel | Emotion as a Cultural Construct: An Ethnographic Study on the cultural based conceptualizations of “Emotion” for the Sinhala community | Cultural Anthropology | PhD | The Australian National University |
| 21 | PDKA Kumara | Alignment ERP with Business Strategy: A study in a Developing Country | Information Systems | MPhil Leading to PhD | Victoria University Wellington |

| No | Surname | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree Sought | Registered University |
|----|--------------------|---|--|----------------------|--|
| 22 | RPPIR Senaratne | Cloud computing adoption in small & medium sized enterprises | Information & Communication Technology | PhD | Deakin University |
| 23 | UGDLDP Abeysekara | Strategic use of electronic commerce in small and medium enterprises in Sri Lanka: An Actor Network Approach in the Tourism Industry | Management Information Systems | PhD | Victoria University of Wellington |
| 24 | KWKMMWI Ferdinando | Creating an Inescapable Theatre Experience by adopting the theatrical potential of Sri Lankan Retail Performance for the Modern Theatre | Directing Theatre (practice – LED) | PhD | Monash University |
| 25 | WS Chandrasekara | The Impact of labelling people as mental patients on development | Mental Health and Development | MPhil leading to PhD | Hauzhong University |
| 26 | DMC Dassanayake | Determinants of Destination Image: Its impact on tourism behaviour | Tourism Management | PhD | University of Waikato |
| 27 | SMAK Samarakoon | Chinese Resurgence in world politics and its implications on the south Asian region with special reference to sino-Sri Lankan relations since the year 2000 | International Politics | PhD | Jawaharlal Nehru University |
| 28 | SDP Iddamalgoda | The “Trigger Role” of speech in second language acquisition in students in higher education | Education | PhD | Dundee University |
| 29 | S Maheswaran | Role of social networks in achieving social innovation: A study of humanitarian organizations in post-conflict situations in Sri Lanka | Social Entrepreneurship | PhD | Norwegian University of Science and Technology |
| 30 | J Robinson | Knowledge sharing commitment & Intention to leave: A study of Sri Lankan Academic repatriates | Management – Human Resource Management | PhD | University of Auckland |
| 31 | BHMW Bohingamuwa | Irrigation in Pre-modern Sri Lanka | (Irrigation) Archaeology | PhD | University of Ruhuna |
| 32 | MH Thowfeek | An analysis of instructor perception on the adoption of e-learning in tertiary education in Sri Lanka | Management Information System | PhD | International Islamic University |

| No | Surname | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree Sought | Registered University |
|----|----------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 33 | M Sunil Shantha | The Impact of Grassroots Organizations on Economic Development of Rural Sector in Sri Lanka: A Case study of Uva Province | Economics | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 34 | S Sivarajasingham | Food Price Dynamics and Inflation in Sri Lanka | Economics | PhD | University Malaya |
| 35 | R A W Ranasinghe | Crisis of Democracy & Ethic Accommodation in Sri Lanka | Political Science | PhD | University of Peradeniya |
| 36 | A S T Rajapakse | Heritage Management and Cultural Tourism | Archaeology | PhD | University of Peradeniya |
| 37 | K A Nishantha | Technical Efficiency of State Universities in Sri Lanka | Economics | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 38 | T S Liyanaarachchi | Trade Liberalization and Poverty in Sri Lanka: A Computable General Equilibrium Micro-Macro Analysis | Economics | PhD | University Griffith |
| 39 | A P A Jayasiri | Taxonomy and Pharmacognostic Properties of Albizia lebbeck and Substitute Plants in Sri Lanka | Botany | PhD | University of Kelaniya |
| 40 | G W J S Fernando | SLCGE-Tourism: A Computable General Equilibrium Model of the Sri Lankan Economy for Tourism Policy Analysis | Economics | PhD | Griffith University |
| 41 | N Kengatharan | Working to Live, not Living to Work: A Study on Work Family Conflict among Sri Lankan Banking Employees | Management | PhD | Kingston University |
| 42 | L N A C Jayawardena | Impact of Strategic EI to Managerial Success | Sociology | PhD | Tomas Bata University |
| 43 | S Vijayakumaran | Corporate Financing Decisions and Corporate Governance in Emerging Markets | Accountancy | PhD | Durham University |
| 44 | P A N S Anuradha | Momentum in Stock Returns and Investor Behavior in Sri Lanka | Behavioral Asset Pricing | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 45 | K O D S Karunanayake | Translation and Intercultural Studies | Languages | PhD | University of Manchester, UK |
| 46 | S S Thrikawala | Corporate Governance and Performance of Microfinance Institution (MFIs): A Comparative Study in Sri Lanka and India | Management | PhD | University of Waikato |

| No | Surname | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree Sought | Registered University |
|----|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 47 | R M C Jayathilake | Bio politics and Postcolonial Theatre: A Comparative Study of Anglophone Plays in South Africa, India and Sri Lanka | Psychology | PhD | Leeds Metropolitan University |
| 48 | S A D I Diwakara | සිද්ධි සමරා කතෘගේ භාෂා සැලසුම්කරණය පිළිබඳ අධ්‍යයනයක් | Sinhala | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 49 | N C Wickramarachchi | Land Fragmentation Tenure Security and Paddy Productivity | Economics | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 50 | Y Lingesiya | Capital Budgeting Theory and Practics | Financial Management | PhD | Universtiy of Kingston |
| 51 | M K L Irangani | Principles in the Indigenous Agricultural Techniques and Management in Sri Lanka: A Historical-Comparative Analysis | History | PhD | Kagoshima University |
| 52 | K R Weerasekara | A Critical Study on Prameha (Urine Abnormalities) with Special Reference to Albuminuria and Its Management with Candraprabha Vati | Ayurveda | PhD | University of Kelaniya |
| 53 | H G S P Hewageegana | A Study of Skin Diseases: Kusdra Kustha Depicted in Sanskrit Original Sources with Special Reference to Vipodika and Its Management | Ayurveda | PhD | University of Kelaniya |
| 54 | W K R R Dias | Harmonic Progressions of Hindi Film Songs Based on North Indian Ragas | Music | PhD | University of Putra |
| 55 | E A G Sumanasiri | An Examination of Business Leadership in Sri Lanka: Cultural Modeling of Sustainability Leadership | Management | PhD | Swinburne University of Technology |
| 56 | L M C S Menike | Determinants of Stock Returns: Empirical Evidence | Accounting | PhD | University of Nottingham |
| 57 | I M Thalib | Islamic Virtues in poem by Sri Lankan Poet Ash Shiek Ajwad | Languages | MA | National University of Malaysia |
| 58 | K A D M S Gunathilake | GIS and Settlement Archaeology | Archaeology | PhD | Sichuan University |
| 59 | T G A Thalwatte | The Origin and Development of Concept of God Natha: A Historical Analysis | History | PhD | University of Kelaniya |

| No | Surname | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree Sought | Registered University |
|----|---------------|---|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 60 | H R D Fonseka | Effects of Heenmadurutala and Selected Yogic Practices in the Management of Madhumeha (Diabetes Mellitus) | Community Medicine | MD | IIM |
| 61 | C L Akurugoda | Expanding Canvass of Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka in Light of United Nations Human Rights Regime | Law | LLM | Exeter University |

Grants Awarded during the year 2016

| | University | Name of the Grantee | Research topics | Research fields | Degree sought | Registered University |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| 1 | University of Sri Jayawardanapura | Mr. A D N Gunarathne | Parallel Development of Accounting with Evolutionary Stage of Environmental Management Strategies | Sustainability Management and Accounting | PhD | Griffith University, Australia |
| 2 | University of Moratuwa | Ms. W M A K Wijekoon | Exploring the Role of Customer Heterogeneity in Innovation Based Competitive Strategy: A Demand - Based Perspective | Management | PhD | QUT |
| 3 | University of Moratuwa | Ms. M B Mufitha | Effect of the Fulfilment of the Training Expectations on the Turnover Intention among IT Professionals in Sri Lanka | Human Resources Management | Mphil | University of Malaya, Malaysia |
| 4 | University of Moratuwa | Mr. K V K D Wasala | Intergrating form Development Principles and CAD Technologies to Develop Key Criteria in Design for Wearing | Creative Industries Faculty | PhD | QUT |
| 5 | University of Moratuwa | Ms. W A D N Wickramarachchi | The Role of Intrapreneurship in Institutionalizing Sustainable Entrepreneurial Culture | Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Strategy.(Business) | PhD | QUT |
| 6 | SUSL | Mr. K R W K H Abeywickrama | Recasts- A Potential Facilitator for L2 Acquisition | Applied Linguistics | PhD | Deakin University, Australia |
| 7 | SUSL | Mr. P K C M Wijewickrama | Collaborative and Content Based Approach for Selecting the most Appropriate Journal Outlet for Manuscript Submission | Information Studies | PhD | Humboldt University of Burlin, Germany |

| | University | Name of the Grantee | Research topics | Research fields | Degree sought | Registered University |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------|--|
| 8 | RUSL | Ms. M G N Dayananda | A Comparative Study on Sentence Structure of Amavathura and Buthsarana | Sinhala | PhD | University of Kelaniya |
| 9 | RHU | Mr. S G S Samaraweeera | Cognitive Impact of L1 Morphological as a Second Language Developing L2 Reading Skills | Teaching English as a Second Language | PhD | University of Canterbury, New Zealand |
| 10 | EUSL | Mr. K Shrikarunakaran | Migration and Selfhood in the Fiction of Michael Ondaatje | English Literature | PhD | English & Foreign Languages University, India |
| 11 | University of Colombo | Ms. N K Jayasiri | Integrated Reporting: A Developing Country Perspective | Accounting in General and Financial Reporting in Particular | PhD | University of Otago, New Zealand |
| 12 | University of Colombo | Ms. I T Jayamanne | Determining Factors Associated with Employment Status of Arts Graduates in Sri Lanka Using Longitudinal Data Models | Statistics | PhD | University of Colombo |
| 13 | University of Colombo | Ms. K P P U Jayawardena | Diaspora's Citizenship and Belonging: A Case Study on Sri Lankan Diaspora in Australia | Diaspora Studies | PhD | Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand |
| 14 | University of Colombo | Mr. B M W U C B Jayasundara | Students' Attitude and Engagement in STEM Subjects: An Exploration through a Randomized Control Trial | Behavioral Economics | PhD | QUT |
| 15 | OUSL | Ms. P L N R Rajapaksha | Promoting Skills for Self Regulation through an Effective Programme Based on Play | Early Childhood Education | PhD | University of Auckland, New Zealand |

| | University | Name of the Grantee | Research topics | Research fields | Degree sought | Registered University |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 16 | OUSL | Ms. A I Irugalbandara | The Application of Drama Therapy for Development of Higher Order Thinking Skills of Junior Secondary School Children in Sri Lanka | Drama Education | PhD | QUT |
| 17 | University of Kelaniya | Ms. W M S K Wanigasekara | Women Managers, Networking and Career Development | Human Resources Management | PhD | QUT |
| 18 | University of Kelaniya | Ms. C L Senarath | Performance Indicators Impact on, Strategic Decision Making, Entrepreneurialism and Value Creation in the Public Sector | Management Accounting | PhD | RMIT University, Australia |
| 19 | University of Peradeniya | Ms. H H A J Gunatissa | Manager's Perception on Business Ethics in Sri Lanka | Business Ethics | PhD | QUT |
| 20 | University of Kelaniya | Ms. Y Alahakoon | Reararticulating Knowledge Management : A Buddhist Epistemological Perspective | Business Management | PhD | QUT |

QUT (Australia) -NCAS PhD Scholarship Programme

The Ministry of Higher Education and Queensland University of Technology, Australia (QUT) has signed a MOU to provide scholarships for qualified university academics to enroll in a designated doctoral programmes at QUT. This agreement will be valid for the period of 05 years. Accordingly the QUT agreed to waived-off annual tuition fee of AU\$ 100,000 per candidate and NCAS will be granted AUD \$ 18,610 to cover the living allowance and AUD \$ 2,451 for overseas health cover per year for three years.

Accordingly, a total no of 08 university academics have been benefited during the year 2016 through this scholarship programme.

Following university academics who have awarded in 2014 and 2015 are continuing their PhD studies at QUT with the financial assistance of NCAS during the year of 2016.

| | Name | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree | Employee University |
|---|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | W A D J Sumanadasa | The Protection of Trade Secrets through Employment Contracts: Towards a New Paradigm | Law | PhD 2014 | University of Colombo |
| 2 | T M N D Thennakoon | Towards a citizen centric public sector in Sri Lanka: leveraging on the Human Resource via the adaption of best practices. | Management | PhD 2014 | University of Colombo |
| 3 | D L F Shamila | International Investment treaties as investments for sustainable development. | | 2015 PhD | University of Colombo |
| 4 | A W J C Abeygunasekara | Role of Management Control system in Business Process Management | Business Process Management | 2015 PhD | University of Colombo |
| 5 | D W C P Kumari | Application of Information accountability measures to healthcare big data. | Computer Science | 2015 PhD | University of Ruhuna |
| 6 | H D Wijesekara | The Impact of Bilingual Education on Social cohesion among students of different ethnicities:A Case Study in Sri Lanka | Education | 2014 PhD | Post Graduate Institute of English |

During the year of 2016 following 08 university academics were selected for the QUT scholarship scheme and have commenced their studies at Queensland University of Technology, Australia.

| | University | Name of the Grantee | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree sought |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| 1 | University of Moratuwa | Ms. W M A K Wijekoon | Exploring the Role of Customer Heterogeneity in Innovation Based Competitive Strategy: A Demand - Based Perspective | Management | PhD |
| 2 | University of Moratuwa | Mr. K V K D Wasala | Integrating form Development Principles and CAD Technologies to Develop Key Criteria in Design for Wearing | Creative Industries Faculty | PhD |
| 3 | University of Moratuwa | Ms. W A D N Wickramarachchi | The Role of Intrapreneurship in Institutionalizing Sustainable Entrepreneurial Culture | Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Strategy.(Business) | PhD |
| 4 | University of Colombo | Mr. B M W U C B Jayasundara | Students' Attitude and Engagement in STEM Subjects: An Exploration through a Randomized Control Trial | Behavioral Economics | PhD |
| 5 | OUSL | Ms. A I Irugalbandara | The Application of Drama Therapy for Development of Higher Order Thinking Skills of Junior Secondary School Children in Sri Lanka | Drama Education | PhD |

| | University | Name of the Grantee | Research Topic | Research Field | Degree sought |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 6 | University of Kelaniya | Ms. W M S K Wanigasekara | Women Managers, Networking and Career Development | Human Resources Management | PhD |
| 7 | University of Peradeniya | Ms. H H A J Gunatissa | Manager's Perception on Business Ethics in Sri Lanka | Business Ethics | PhD |
| 8 | University of Kelaniya | Ms. Y Alahakoon | Reararticulating Knowledge Management : A Buddhist Epistemological Perspective | Business Management | PhD |

LIBRARY /E- RESOURCES

Usage of Library Documents

- 8 books had been borrowed by Senior Assistant Registrar from the library collection on Conflict Management during the year.
- PDF articles download from Academic OneFile on the following subject fields copied and referred by SAR – and some University Academics for their PhD reading.
 - ‘Conflict Management’ – 04 articles
 - Research Methods

New Publications

New Additions

1 no. symposium report, 1 no. journal and 11 nos. of new Thesis were added to the collection and they have been catalogued and accessioned.

Sri Lanka Journal of Advanced Social Studies

- Compiling research articles for the journal – Vol. 4 No. 1 & 2
- Volume 4 no. 1 & 2 of the journal is on printing stage and will be completed soon. The journal will be distributed among the subscribers and Universities.
- Research articles for Volume 5 no.1 are now being collected for reviewing. 2 numbers of research articles yet to be reviewed.

❖ *Senior Assistant Librarian was on sabbatical leave throughout the year.*

Audit and Management Committee Report – 2016

The Audit Committee comprises of four Independent non-Executive Directors. The Representative from the Treasury attends the meetings as the member of Audit Committee. The Internal Auditor UGC also the Internal Auditor of the NCAS participates as an observer. The representative from the Auditor General's Dept. also invited to the meeting as an observer.

Composition of the Audit and Management Committee is given below:-

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Prof. Indralal De Silva | - | Managing Editor /Chairman |
| 2. Prof. P S M Gunaratne | - | Director, NCAS |
| 3. Prof. A H M H Abhayaratne | - | Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kelaniya |
| 4. Mr. C L K Nawaratne | - | Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Sri Jayawardenepura |
| 5. Dr. D P S Chandrakumara | - | Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Sri Jayawardenepura |
| 6. Prof. Samanthi Senaratne | - | Professor, Faculty of Management University of Sri Jayawardenepura |
| 7. Ms. W I Nanayakkara | - | Dean, Faculty of Law University of Colombo |
| 8. Mr. Chathura Mohottigedara | - | Treasury Representative |
| 9. Mrs. B M S Bandara | - | Treasury Representative |
| 10. Mr. J M M R Bogamuwa | - | Chief Internal Auditor/University Grants Commission |
| 11. Mrs. V D Seetha | - | Audit Superintendent/Government Audit Division |

The legal framework for Audit committee has been defined by the Public Enterprises guidelines for Good Governance, PED circulars issued by the General Treasury time to time.

Scope of the Audit Committee

Review and evaluate internal control system of the organization
Ascertain whether statutes, regulations, rules and circulars are complied with
Review financial statements to ensure compliance with applicable Accounting Standards
Review performance of the organization at regular intervals
Liaise with internal/external auditors and follow up on Internal Audit Report and Auditor General's report

Activities of the Audit Committee

For the year under review, the Committee reviewed the progress of postgraduate qualification process of academics who have been granted scholarship for their postgraduate education which were highlighted by the Internal Audit of the UGC. Also reviewed the internal control

system to ensure reasonable assurance that all statutory requirements have been complied with. Auditor General's report for the year has been discussed and the Committee satisfied with the actions taken to rectify the areas highlighted by the Auditor General in his report.

Professor Indralal de Silva
Chairman/Audit & Management Committee



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HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**National Centre for Advanced Studies In
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STATEMENT OF INCOME

For The Year Ended 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|---|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>Note</u> | <u>Rs.</u> | <u>Rs.</u> |
| Recurrent Grants | 1 | 16,600,000.00 | 16,392,000.00 |
| Capital Grants (Rhab. & Acqui.) | 2 | 183,870.19 | 453,311.06 |
| PhD Mphil Grants Funds | | 69,714,275.76 | 83,598,118.69 |
| Knowledge Dissemination Fund | | 800,000.00 | 2,305,892.00 |
| Research Symposium | | 1,193,387.00 | 1,255,833.59 |
| Capital Grants Amortized | 3 | 3,519,193.04 | 3,168,778.70 |
| Set Course & Workshop Income | 4 | 710,034.15 | 950,744.00 |
| Other Income | 5 | 316,293.09 | 246,412.20 |
| Total Income | | 93,037,053.23 | 108,371,090.24 |
| | | | |
| <u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u> | | | |
| Personal Emoluments | 6 | 11,257,616.53 | 10,375,234.56 |
| Travelling Expenses | 7 | - | - |
| Supplies | 8 | 337,038.96 | 503,188.72 |
| Maintenance Expenses | 9 | 785,950.49 | 505,997.27 |
| Contractual Services | 10 | 3,252,734.32 | 3,148,166.83 |
| Other Recurrent | 11 | 2,064,875.16 | 1,791,347.55 |
| Rehabilitation & Improvement Expenses | 12 | 277,603.24 | 465,687.56 |
| Depreciation | 13 | 3,519,193.04 | 3,168,778.70 |
| PhD Mphil Grants | | 68,640,031.50 | 83,598,118.69 |
| Post Doctoral Grant | | 500,000.00 | 825,000.00 |
| Knowledge Dissemination Grant | | - | 1,480,892.00 |
| Reseach Symposium | | 1,190,787.00 | 1,255,833.59 |
| Provision For Staff and Institutional Development Fund | | 1,000,000.00 | 1,000,000.00 |
| | | 92,825,830.24 | 108,118,245.47 |
| Surplus /(Deficit) For The Year | | 211,222.99 | 252,844.77 |

**National Centre for Advanced Studies
In Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS)**



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | Note | Rs. | Rs. |
| Non - Current Assets | | | |
| Property Plant & Equipments | 14 | 62,456,328.23 | 62,233,216.83 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Stocks | 15 | 282,326.96 | 340,077.92 |
| PhD / Mphil Grants Recievables | | 643,518.00 | - |
| General Recievables | | 22,911.17 | 36,378.62 |
| Deposits Advances & Prepayments | 16 | 1,171,285.70 | 600,610.62 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 17 | 64,250,734.43 | 48,099,643.88 |
| | | 66,370,776.26 | 49,076,711.04 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 128,827,104.49 | 111,309,927.87 |
| RESERVES AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Deferred Capital Grants | | 62,446,173.99 | 62,223,062.59 |
| Accumulated Fund | 18 | 2,233,802.63 | 2,022,579.64 |
| Capital Grants Unspent | 19 | 7,998,289.02 | 7,603,932.89 |
| Staff Development Fund | | 1,440,000.00 | 1,158,333.33 |
| Institutional Development Fund | | 2,887,446.74 | 2,316,666.67 |
| | | 77,005,712.38 | 75,324,575.12 |
| Non Current Liabilities | | | |
| Defined Benefit Plan | 20 | 1,222,838.65 | 1,038,473.00 |
| | | 1,222,838.65 | 1,038,473.00 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accrued Expenses | 21 | 352,813.75 | 228,145.08 |
| Payables | 22 | 50,245,739.71 | 34,718,734.67 |
| | | 50,598,553.46 | 34,946,879.75 |
| | | 128,827,104.49 | 111,309,927.87 |

The NCAS is responsible for the preparation of these Financial Statements
Signed on behalf of the NCAS

1.
Director
2.
Board Member
3.
Senior Asst. Bursar

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Date

**National Centre for Advanced Studies In
Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS)**



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

For the Year ended 31st December 2016

| | Deferred Capital Rs. | Unspent Capital Rs. | Accumulated Fund Rs. | Staff And Institutional Dev.Fund Rs. | Total Rs. |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Balance as at 1st January 2014 | 63,303,970 | 477,312 | 1,669,224 | 1,275,000 | 66,725,505 |
| Surplus/(Deficit)For the year | - | - | 100,511 | - | 100,511 |
| Net Movements | (246,634) | 254,020 | - | 1,200,000 | 1,207,386 |
| Balance as at 1st January 2015 | 63,057,335.47 | 731,331.97 | 1,769,734.87 | 2,475,000.00 | 68,033,402.31 |
| Surplus/(Deficit)For the year | - | - | 252,844.77 | - | 252,844.77 |
| Net Movement | (834,272.88) | 6,872,600.92 | - | 1,000,000.00 | 7,038,328.04 |
| Balance as at 1st January 2016 | 62,223,062.59 | 7,603,932.89 | 2,022,579.64 | 3,475,000.00 | 75,324,575.12 |
| Surplus/(Deficit)For the year | - | - | 211,222.99 | - | 211,222.99 |
| Net Movement | 223,111.40 | 394,356.13 | - | 852,446.74 | 1,469,914.27 |
| Balance as at 31st December 2016 | 62,446,173.99 | 7,998,289.02 | 2,233,802.63 | 4,327,446.74 | 77,005,712.38 |

**National Centre for Advanced Studies In
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the Year ended 31st December

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| Cash Flow From / (Used in) Operating Activities | | |
| Surpluses/Dieficit for the year | 211,222.99 | 252,844.77 |
| Prior Year Adjustments | | |
| Adjustments for | | |
| Amortisation of Government Grants | (3,519,193.04) | (3,168,778.70) |
| Depreciation | 3,519,193.04 | 3,168,778.70 |
| Provision for Retirement Benefits | 184,365.65 | 73,584.10 |
| Staff devolopment Fund | 1,000,000.00 | 1,000,000.00 |
| Operating Surplus before changes in working Capital | 1,395,588.64 | 1,326,428.87 |
| Increase / (Decrease) in working capital | | |
| Inventories | 57,750.96 | (71,963.49) |
| Prepayments & Deposits | (1,200,725.63) | 518,568.41 |
| Accrued Expenses | 124,668.67 | 20,093.35 |
| Accounts Payable | 15,527,005.04 | 26,427,699.04 |
| Cash Generated from Operations | 14,508,699.04 | 26,894,397.31 |
| Tax Paid | | |
| Gratuity Paid | - | - |
| Interest Paid | - | - |
| Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities | 15,904,287.68 | 28,220,826.18 |
| Cash Flow From / (Used In) Investing Activities | | |
| Acquisition of Property Plant & Equipment | (2,631,904.68) | (2,334,505.58) |
| Net Cash used in investing Activities | (2,631,904.68) | (2,334,505.58) |
| Cash Flow From / (Used In) Financing Activities | | |
| Net Funds Received during the year | 2,878,707.55 | 9,207,106.74 |
| Net Cash Flow From / (Used In) Financing Activities | 2,878,707.55 | 9,207,106.74 |
| Net Increase / (Decrease) in cash & cash equivalents | 16,151,090.55 | 35,093,427.34 |
| Cash & Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | 48,099,643.88 | 13,006,216.54 |
| Cash & Cash equivalents at the end of the year | 64,250,734.43 | 48,099,643.88 |

Notes to the Financial Statements



For the Year Ended 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Note</u> | <u>Rs.</u> | <u>Rs.</u> |
| <u>Recurrent Grants</u> | | | |
| | 1 | | |
| Personal Emoluments | | 10,800,000.00 | 10,392,000.00 |
| Other Recurrent | | 5,800,000.00 | 6,000,000.00 |
| | | <u>16,600,000.00</u> | <u>16,392,000.00</u> |
| <u>Capital Grants</u> | | | |
| | 2 | | |
| Rehabilitation & Improvements of Capital Assets | | 183,870.19 | 453,311.06 |
| Acquisition of Fixed Assets | | - | - |
| | | <u>183,870.19</u> | <u>453,311.06</u> |
| <u>Capital Grants Amortised</u> | | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Building & Structures | | 1,569,058.34 | 1,569,058.34 |
| Plant Machinery & Office Equipments | | 452,414.71 | 271,458.15 |
| Computers & Software | | 1,213,979.26 | 990,721.54 |
| Furniture & Fittings | | 253,377.67 | 294,073.61 |
| Books & Periodicals | | 30,363.06 | 43,467.06 |
| | | <u>3,519,193.04</u> | <u>3,168,778.70</u> |

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For the Year Ended 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|---|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Note | Rs. | Rs. |
| <u>Other Income</u> | 5 | | |
| Set Course Income | | - | - |
| Application Processing & Workshops Income | | 63,000.00 | 135,000.00 |
| Research Symposium Income | | 49,000.00 | |
| Disposals & Others | | 43,336.22 | 32,824.56 |
| Welfare Income | | 3,425.00 | 3,638.40 |
| Interest Income - FD | | 68,924.99 | 45,841.24 |
| Interest Income - IFRS | | 88,606.88 | 29,108.00 |
| | | 316,293.09 | 246,412.20 |
| <u>Personal Emoluments</u> | 6 | | |
| Salaries & Wages | | 4,376,916.00 | 3,917,461.91 |
| Provident Fund | | 451,477.70 | 439,486.61 |
| Pension | | 373,553.97 | 362,963.28 |
| E.T.F. | | 165,006.37 | 160,489.98 |
| Academic Allowance | | 782,871.20 | 692,868.00 |
| Special Allowance | | 706,519.52 | 667,640.00 |
| Other Allowances | | 538,961.52 | 551,481.00 |
| Cost of Living Allowance | | 1,123,200.00 | 1,127,747.60 |
| Overtime | | 2,708.70 | 115,553.12 |
| Research Allowance | | 311,902.50 | 306,936.00 |
| Additional Allowance | | 704,776.52 | 667,640.00 |
| Interin Allowance | | 1,320,000.00 | 1,262,274.96 |
| Holiday Payment | | 1,848.00 | - |
| Compensation Allowance | | 124,902.00 | - |
| Retirement Benefits | | 184,365.65 | 73,584.10 |
| Staff Cost - IFRS Adjustment | | 88,606.88 | 29,108.00 |
| | | 11,257,616.53 | 10,375,234.56 |
| <u>Travelling Expenses</u> | 7 | | |
| Domestic Travelling Expenses | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| <u>Supplies</u> | 8 | | |
| Stationery & Office Requisites | | 234,262.46 | 248,067.17 |
| Fuel & Lubricants | | 80,209.00 | 220,462.23 |
| Uniform & Tailoring Charges | | 7,671.00 | 4,044.96 |
| Other Supplies | | 14,896.50 | 30,614.36 |
| | | 337,038.96 | 503,188.72 |
| <u>Maintenance Expenses</u> | 9 | | |
| Vehicles | | - | 26,529.54 |
| Plant ,Machinery & Office Equipments | | 742,530.49 | 362,528.95 |
| Building & Stucture | | - | - |
| Others | | 43,420.00 | 116,938.78 |
| | | 785,950.49 | 505,997.27 |

Notes to the Financial Statements



For the Year Ended 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|---|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Note | Rs. | Rs. |
| <u>Contractual Services</u> | 10 | | |
| Transport | | 29,183.00 | 16,670.00 |
| Telecommunication | | 685,680.03 | 805,684.09 |
| Postal Charges | | 32,040.00 | 34,340.00 |
| Electricity | | 603,594.20 | 463,265.09 |
| Security Services | | 561,946.16 | 554,835.45 |
| Water | | 24,055.93 | 33,702.97 |
| Cleaning Services | | 213,950.00 | 197,646.00 |
| Rent & Hire Charges | | 586,800.00 | 480,000.00 |
| Rates and taxes to local authorities | | 153,615.00 | 146,300.00 |
| Printing, Advertising etc. | | 332,400.00 | 251,866.75 |
| Others | | 29,470.00 | 163,856.48 |
| | | 3,252,734.32 | 3,148,166.83 |
| <u>Other recurrent</u> | 11 | | |
| Staff Development | | 60,500.00 | 44,230.00 |
| Holiday Warrants Season Tickets | | 27,400.00 | 17,500.00 |
| Special Services - Councils & Committees | | 806,305.00 | 737,293.00 |
| Workshops, Seminars | | 13,075.00 | 87,137.00 |
| Research & Publications | | - | 30,000.00 |
| Bank Charges | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Contribution & Membership Fee | | 27,363.54 | 25,594.00 |
| Employee Welfare | | 9,779.00 | 9,715.00 |
| Other | | 865,241.91 | 652,789.21 |
| Annual Subs. E - Journal | | - | - |
| Entertainment Expenses | | - | - |
| Property Loan Interest | | 253,210.71 | 185,089.34 |
| Set Course Exp. | | - | - |
| | | 2,064,875.16 | 1,791,347.55 |
| <u>Rehabilitation & Improvement Expenses</u> | 12 | | |
| Buildings & Structures | | 183,870.19 | 465,687.56 |
| Plant, Machinery & Equipments | | 93,733.05 | - |
| | | 277,603.24 | 465,687.56 |
| <u>Depreciation</u> | 13 | | |
| Building & Structures | | 1,569,058.34 | 1,569,058.34 |
| Office Equipments | | 452,414.71 | 271,458.15 |
| Computers & Software | | 1,213,979.26 | 990,721.54 |
| Furniture & Fittings | | 253,377.67 | 294,073.61 |
| Books & Periodicals | | 30,363.06 | 43,467.06 |
| | | 3,519,193.04 | 3,168,778.70 |

Notes to the Financial Statements



Note : 14

Property Plant & Equipment

| <u>Cost</u> | Balance As at 01/01/16 Rs. | Additions Rs. | Disposals Rs. | Balance As at 31/12/16 Rs. |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| Land & Improvements | 40,793,418.00 | - | - | 40,793,418.00 |
| NCAS Building | 31,381,166.78 | - | - | 31,381,166.78 |
| Furniture & Fittings | 3,013,574.91 | 99,565.08 | - | 3,113,139.99 |
| Plant Machinery & Office Equipments | 3,405,748.81 | 2,344,012.00 | - | 5,749,760.81 |
| Computers & Software | 13,037,051.23 | 1,298,727.60 | - | 14,335,778.83 |
| Library Books & Periodicals | 277,230.32 | - | - | 277,230.32 |
| | 91,908,190.05 | 3,742,304.68 | - | 95,650,494.73 |
| | Balance As at 01/01/16 Rs. | Charge for the Year Rs. | Disposals Rs. | Balance As at 31/12/16 Rs. |
| <u>Depreciation</u> | | | | |
| Land & Improvements | - | - | - | - |
| NCAS Building | 15,587,774.86 | 1,569,058.94 | - | 17,156,833.80 |
| Furniture & Fittings | 2,070,454.03 | 253,377.75 | - | 2,323,831.78 |
| Plant Machinery & Office Equipments | 2,817,164.03 | 452,414.08 | - | 3,269,578.11 |
| Computers & Software | 8,977,495.30 | 1,213,979.45 | - | 10,191,474.75 |
| Library Books & Periodicals | 222,085.00 | 30,363.06 | - | 252,448.06 |
| | 29,674,973.22 | 3,519,193.28 | - | 33,194,166.50 |
| Written Down Value | 62,233,216.83 | | | 62,456,328.23 |

Note :- Fixed Assets transfer from the HETC Project has been valued base on the usability and included in the Fixed Assets of the NCAS as 31st December 2016. Estimated value of the Assets as follows

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Computer & Software | Rs. 1,102,000 |
| Furniture & Fitting | Rs. 6,400 |
| Office Equipment | Rs. 2,000 |

Notes to the Financial Statements



For the Year Ended 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|---|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Note | Rs. | Rs. |
| <u>Inventories</u> | | | |
| | 15 | | |
| Stationary | | 212,326.90 | 278,630.95 |
| Printing Documents | | 70,000.06 | 61,446.97 |
| Other | | - | - |
| | | 282,326.96 | 340,077.92 |
| <u>Receivables, Deposits, Advances & Prepayments</u> | | | |
| | 16 | | |
| National Water & Drainage Board | | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Staff Loans | | 1,135,985.70 | 502,860.62 |
| IFRS Adjustment - Staff Loan | | (131,759.54) | (74,801.57) |
| Advance - General | | - | - |
| Advance - Special | | 2,800.00 | - |
| Advance - Festival | | - | - |
| AMOS Income Control | | - | 54,000.00 |
| SPSS Income Control | | - | - |
| Excel Adv. Income Control | | - | - |
| SSRM Income Control | | - | 31,250.00 |
| EVIEWES Income Control | | 30,000.00 | - |
| PPSWS Income Control | | - | 10,000.00 |
| University Of Peradeniya | | - | - |
| Pre Paid Saff Benefit | | 131,759.54 | 74,801.57 |
| | | 1,171,285.70 | 600,610.62 |
| <u>Cash & Cash Equivalents</u> | | | |
| | 17 | | |
| Bank Current A/C No. 3532126 | | 63,405,734.43 | 47,254,643.88 |
| Fixed Deposit | | 845,000.00 | 845,000.00 |
| | | 64,250,734.43 | 48,099,643.88 |
| <u>Accumulated Fund</u> | | | |
| | 18 | | |
| Balance B/F as at 01st January | | 2,022,579.64 | 1,769,734.87 |
| Surplus / Deficit of Income & Expenditure Stmt | | 211,222.99 | 252,844.77 |
| Prior Year adjustment | | - | - |
| Balance C/D as at 31st December | | 2,233,802.63 | 2,022,579.64 |
| <u>Capital Grants Unspent</u> | | | |
| | 19 | | |
| Rehabilitation & Improvement | | 87,740.46 | 113,223.58 |
| Acquisition of Fixed Assets | | - | 30,291.75 |
| Knowledge Dissemination | | 694,108.00 | 694,108.00 |
| Research Symposium | | 850,779.41 | 1,044,166.41 |
| Ph D / Mphill Grants | | 6,365,661.15 | 5,722,143.15 |
| | | 7,998,289.02 | 7,603,932.89 |

Notes to the Financial Statements



For the Year Ended 31st December

| | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2015 |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Note | Rs. | Rs |
| Defined Benefit Plan | | | |
| 20 | | | |
| Retirement Obligations - | | | |
| Balance as at 1st January | | 1,038,473.00 | 964,888.90 |
| Charge for the year | | 184,365.65 | 73,584.10 |
| | | <u>1,222,838.65</u> | <u>1,038,473.00</u> |
| Payments made during the Year | | - | - |
| Prior Year Adjustment | | - | - |
| Balance as at 31st December | | <u>1,222,838.65</u> | <u>1,038,473.00</u> |
| Accrued Expenses | | | |
| 21 | | | |
| Security Charges | | 48,726.42 | - |
| Salaries & Wages | | 56,440.57 | 64,183.25 |
| Telephone Charges | | 58,663.80 | 59,250.24 |
| Water | | - | - |
| Security Service | | - | 47,031.59 |
| Cleaning Services | | 24,046.50 | 15,200.00 |
| Vehicle Hiring Charges | | 117,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Bank Charges | | - | - |
| Maintenance - Plant. & Mach. | | 20,125.00 | - |
| P/Loan Int. - Dec | | 25,111.46 | - |
| News Papers Charges | | 2,700.00 | 2,480.00 |
| Entertainment Exp. | | - | - |
| | | <u>352,813.75</u> | <u>228,145.08</u> |
| Payables | | | |
| 22 | | | |
| Unpaid Salaries | | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Stamp Duties | | 1,860.00 | 1,590.00 |
| Contractors | | 160,580.71 | 37,821.10 |
| Thesis Printing Cost | | - | - |
| PhD Mphil Grants | | 49,695,224.00 | 34,378,174.28 |
| Post Doctoral Grant | | - | - |
| Knowledge Dissemination | | - | - |
| Property Loan Interest | | - | - |
| Course Fee | | - | - |
| UEOA Payable | | 200.00 | - |
| SPSS Income Control | | - | - |
| PPE - Office Equipments | | - | - |
| SSRM Income Control | | - | - |
| Hiring Vehicle Fee | | - | - |
| Maintenance | | - | - |
| Audit Fee | | - | - |
| OT | | - | - |
| PAYE Tax | | 45,402.15 | 18,650.52 |
| Others | | 342,472.80 | 282,498.72 |
| | | <u>50,245,739.71</u> | <u>34,718,734.67</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements



For the Year Ended 31st December

Note : 4

Set Course & Workshop Income

| | 12/31/2016 | | | 12/31/2015 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | Income Rs. | Expenditure Rs. | Net Income Rs. | Income Rs. | Expenditure Rs. | Net Income Rs. |
| Research Proposal Development W/S | 21,000.00 | 17,273.00 | 3,727.00 | 281,000.00 | 157,908.00 | 123,092.00 |
| Public Procurement W/S | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| IFRS W/S | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SPSS Course | 850,000.00 | 687,220.25 | 162,779.75 | 1,180,000.00 | 903,709.00 | 276,291.00 |
| IELTS Course | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| RMTS Course | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Excel Advanced Course | 266,000.00 | 186,771.50 | 79,228.50 | 560,000.00 | 342,004.00 | 217,996.00 |
| Access Advanced Course | 104,000.00 | 85,128.00 | 18,872.00 | 368,000.00 | 198,554.00 | 169,446.00 |
| Office Advanced Course | - | - | - | 112,000.00 | 59,657.00 | 52,343.00 |
| AMOS W/s | 428,000.00 | 348,101.10 | 79,898.90 | 252,000.00 | 149,120.00 | 102,880.00 |
| PPS & WS W/s | 144,000.00 | 120,888.00 | 23,112.00 | 170,000.00 | 128,388.00 | 41,612.00 |
| Eview W/s | 317,000.00 | 215,751.25 | 101,248.75 | 150,000.00 | 133,527.00 | 16,473.00 |
| Nvivo W/s | 340,000.00 | 271,376.25 | 68,623.75 | | | |
| Bus. & Adv. Wrt. W/s | 392,000.00 | 233,830.00 | 158,170.00 | | | |
| SSRM Course | 256,750.00 | 242,376.50 | 14,373.50 | 31,250.00 | 80,639.00 | (49,389.00) |
| | 3,118,750.00 | 2,408,715.85 | 710,034.15 | 3,104,250.00 | 2,153,506.00 | 950,744.00 |

COMPARISON STATEMENT OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES
For The Year of 2016

| | <u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Budgetary</u> <u>Provision</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Personal Emoluments | 11,257,616.53 | 14,000,000.00 |
| Other Recurrent | 6,440,598.93 | 7,000,000.00 |
| <u>Knowledge Enhancement & Institutional Dev.</u> | | |
| PhD Mphil Grants Fund | 68,640,031.50 | 111,940,000.00 |
| Knowledge Dissemination Grant Fund | 500,000.00 | 1,800,000.00 |
| <u>Others</u> | | |
| Research Symposium | 1,190,787.00 | 1,500,000.00 |
| | <u>88,029,033.96</u> | <u>136,240,000.00</u> |



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The Director,

National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year ended 31 December 2016 in terms of Section 108 (1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

The audit of financial statements of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year ended 31 December 2016 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016 and the statement of income, statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, 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 read in conjunction with Sections 107 and 111 of the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978 and Section 26 of the Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences Ordinance No.02 of 2005. My comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Centre in terms of Section 108(1) of the Universities Act appear in this report.

1.2 Management Responsibility for the 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.

1.3 Auditor's Responsibility

My Responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards consistent with International Auditing Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions



(ISSAI 1000-1810). Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessment the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Centre's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Centre's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Section 111 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 give discretionary powers to the Auditor General to determine the scope and extent of the audit.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

2. Financial Statements

2.1 Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences as at 31 December 2016 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.



2.2 Comments on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Non-compliances with Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Management Decisions

Even though the Council of Regents should meet at least twice per a calendar year in terms of Paragraph 7(9) of the Humanities and Social Sciences Ordinance No. 02 dated 19 October 2005, only one meeting had been held during the year under review.

2.2.2 Accounts Receivable

Action had not been taken by the Centre even up to 31 December 2016 to recover a sum of Rs.10,268,419 receivable from 08 grantees whose grants had been cancelled on various reasons.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Result

According to the financial statements presented, the financial result of the Centre for the year under review had been a surplus of Rs. 211,223 as compared with the corresponding surplus of Rs. 252,845 for the preceding year, thus the financial result of the year under review had deteriorated by a sum of Rs. 41,622 as compared to the preceding year. Even though the expenditure of the year under review had increased by a sum of Rs. 15,292,415, the decrease in the income by a sum of Rs. 15,334,037 had mainly attributed to the said deterioration.

An analysis on the financial results of the year under review and 04 preceding years revealed a gradual deterioration in the financial surplus from the year 2012 up to the year 2014, whereas it was observed that the improvement in the surplus occurred in the year 2015, had declined again by the end of the year 2016. However, once the employee remuneration and depreciation had been adjusted to the financial result, the contribution for the year 2012 amounting to Rs. 9,683,075 had continuously improved reaching Rs. 14,988,031 by the end of the year 2016.



4. Operating Review

4.1 Performance

The following observations are made.

- (a.) The following observations are made in connection with the progress of the annual Action Plan of the Centre.
- (i) According to the Action Plan, it had been planned to grant a sum of Rs. 60 million in the year under review to 80 grantees involved in degree studies in order to proceed with their studies. Nevertheless, grants amounting only to Rs. 43.3 million had been awarded to 65 undergraduates.
 - (ii) Despite being planned through the Action Plan for the year 2016 to grant a sum of Rs. 52 million to 50 undergraduates for their degree studies, grants amounting only to Rs. 25.3 million had been granted to 18 grantees.
 - (iii) In comparing the actual data with the number of participants and the course units planned under the methodology to encourage the training programmes required for the University lecturers to conduct researches in accordance with the annual Action Plan, it was observed as per the following data that the performance remained weak.

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Data Planned as per the Action Plan</u> | | <u>Actual Data</u> | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | <u>No. of Course Units</u> | <u>No. of Participants</u> | <u>No. of Course Units</u> | <u>No. of Participants</u> |
| • Certificate Course for the Development of Research Proposals. | 2 | 35 | 1 | 7 |



| | | | | |
|---|---|----|---|----|
| • Short term Course on Research Development and Academic Writing. | 2 | 50 | - | - |
| • Course on Quantitative Data Analysis (SPSS) | 4 | 75 | 4 | 44 |
| • Course for Building up Structural Equations with AMOS | 2 | 50 | 3 | 35 |
| • Eviews Course | 2 | 50 | 2 | 32 |
| • IELTS Course | 1 | 25 | - | - |

- (iv) Under the objective of improving the research capacity at the national level, it had been planned to spend a sum of Rs. 3.5 million on the implementation of a Centralized Repository System for the universities by establishing electronic libraries, but that system had not been implemented even by the end of July 2017.
- (v) Under the activity of financing the dissemination of research findings, it had been planned to spend a sum of Rs. 0.5 million to disseminate 03 publications. However, no action had been taken to disseminate any of those publications in the year under review.
- (vi) According to the activity named Research Symposium included under the second objective in the Action Plan, it had been planned to spend a sum of Rs. 1.5 million on the compilation of 400 tutorials. However, only 80 tutorials had been compiled and a sum of Rs. 1.12 million had been spent thereon.
- (vii) The “IT Security” workshop launched under the training programmes planned with the objective of functional improvements with respect to achieving the overall objectives relating to the activities of the



universities efficiently and productively, had not been held in the said year. Although 05 workshops on Excel and Access had been planned, only 03 workshops had been held.

- (b.) The Centre had granted a sum totalling Rs. 67,347,126 to 40 grantees as MPhil/PhD grants during the period 2005-2015. Despite the lapse of the duration in which the degrees should have been completed, it was observed in audit that degrees had not been completed even up to 31 December 2016.

4.2 Uneconomic Transactions

Although the objectives and activities of the Centre included conducting workshops and courses relating to the areas under the scope of the Centre, a sum of Rs. 243,000 had been paid based on various rates as supporting staff payments with respect to the participation of the officers of the Centre in the workshops and courses conducted on the normal working days in the year 2016.

5. Accountability and Good Governance

5.1 Action Plan

The Action Plan of the Centre had not been prepared by including the matters that should have been included in the annual Action Plan in accordance with Section 4.2.1(a) of the Government Procurement Guidelines – 2006.

5.2 Procurement Plan

A Procurement Plan had not been prepared for the year 2016 in accordance with Section 4.2.1 (a) of the Government Procurement Guidelines -2006.

5.3 Budgetary Control

The following observations are made.

- (a.) The matters that should have been included in the annual budget estimate in accordance with Section 5.2.1 of the Public Enterprises Circular, No. 12, dated 02 June 2003, had not been included in the annual budget estimate.



- (b.) As variances ranging from 20 per cent to 53 per cent were observed between the budgeted expenditure and actual expenditure, the budget had not been made use of as an effective instrument of financial control.

6. Systems and Controls

Deficiencies in systems and controls observed during the course of audit were brought to the notice of the Director from time to time. Special attention is needed in respect of the following areas of systems and controls.

Areas of Systems and Controls

Observation

- | | |
|--|--|
| (a.) Internal Control Relating to Grants and Courses | Failure to take action to ensure that the degrees of the grantees are completed within the specified timeframe, and failure to take proper action to reclaim the grants provided for the grantees failing to comply therewith. |
| (b.) Budgetary Control | Preparation of the budget without a proper forecast. |
| (c.) Control of Operations | Failure to take action in a manner to achieve the relevant objectives by minimizing the deviations of the Action Plan. |

W. P. C. Wickramaratne
Acting Auditor General