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Excellence in Humanities Awards 2024

On 20th December 2024
At the Faculty Auditorium
Faculty of Humanities
University of Kelaniya

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Sudath Senarath
Dean – Faculty of Humanities
University of Kelaniya



It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you to the Second Annual Excellence in Humanities Awards Ceremony. This significant event brings our academic community together to honor and celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our most distinguished colleagues.

The Excellence in Humanities Awards continues to be a powerful platform of recognition, highlighting the remarkable talent, unwavering dedication, and exceptional contributions that define our academic community. As we mark our second year of this prestigious event, we reaffirm our commitment to acknowledging the individuals who have demonstrated outstanding excellence in scholarly pursuits, leadership, and service.

Each award recipient embodies the core values of our faculty – intellectual curiosity, academic rigor, and a profound commitment to advancing human knowledge. Their achievements not only reflect individual brilliance but also showcase the collective spirit of excellence that continues to distinguish our humanities community.

As we gather to celebrate these remarkable accomplishments, I am filled with gratitude and excitement. To our award recipients: your work inspires us, your dedication motivates us, and your achievements bring honor to our faculty. To all our colleagues who contribute to the vibrancy and success of the Humanities, this moment belongs to each of you.

I look forward to sharing this extraordinary evening of recognition and celebration.

MESSAGE From the Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee

Excellence in Humanities Awards - 2024

Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya



The Faculty of Humanities of the University of Kelaniya organizes the ‘Excellence in Humanities Awards’ for the first time in the history of the university to honour and celebrate outstanding contributions in the field of humanities by recognizing and acknowledging staff members who have contributed to enhance and develop the discipline in various ways. The activities of the permanent academic staff during the period between the **1st of August 2023 to the 31st of July 2024** will be rewarded in the ‘Excellence in Humanities Awards 2024’.

As members of the organizing committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this event. Our sincere appreciation goes to the honorees for their dedication and passion, the selection committee for their discerning judgment, and commitment and the attendees for their enthusiasm.

Thank you for being a part of this special occasion, and congratulations to all the recipients of the 'Excellence in Humanities Awards'.



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Creativity Excellence

Creativity Excellence

in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer Anuradha Subasinghe
Department of Drama, Cinema and Television



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Scholarly Excellence

Scholarly Excellence

in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer

Dr Amila Kaluarachchi

Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies



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Foreign Relations Excellence

Foreign Relations Excellence

in Humanities 2024



Department of
Pali and Buddhist Studies

Foreign Relations Excellence

in Humanities 2024



Confucius Institute

University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

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Faculty of Humanities

Foreign Relations Excellence

in Humanities 2024



Department of
Drama, Cinema and Television



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Reputational Excellence

Reputational Excellence
in Humanities 2024



Professor
Dilrukshi Rathnayake
Department of Modern Languages



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Coordinating Excellence

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

Certificate Courses - Foreign Category



DEPARTMENT OF **SINHALA**
Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Certificate Course in Sinhala
for Foreign Students
by the Department of Sinhala

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

Certificate Courses - Local Category



Confucius Institute

University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Certificate Course in Chinese

by the Confucius Institute

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

Diploma Courses - Foreign Category



Diploma in Buddhist Studies

for Foreign Students

by the Department of Pali and
Buddhist Studies

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

Diploma Courses - Local Category



DEPARTMENT OF **LINGUISTICS**

Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Diploma in Tamil

by the Department of Linguistics

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

Bachelor's Programmes - Foreign Category



BA Hons. In Buddhist Studies
conducted at the Benhuan Academy
of China by the Department of Pali
and Buddhist Studies

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

PG Programmes - Foreign Category



DEPARTMENT OF **SINHALA**

Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

MA in Sinhala for Foreign Students

by the Department of Sinhala

Coordinating Excellence

in Humanities 2024

PG Programmes - Local Category



DEPARTMENT OF **LINGUISTICS**
Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

MA in Linguistics

by the Department of Linguistics



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in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer
Dr. Vindhya Weerawardhane
Coordinator - Internal Quality Assurance
Cell, Faculty of Humanities

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer
Dr H.S.M.M. Jayawardhane
Coordinator, Strategic Plan and Action Plan,
Faculty of Humanities

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer
Dr Anjalee Wickramasinghe
Director, Research Centre,
Faculty of Humanities

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer
Dr K.M. Udara Iroshini de Silva
Coordinator, Staff Development Centre,
Faculty of Humanities

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer
Dr E. Jani Alwis Samarakoon
Co-Director (for Sri Lanka),
Confucius Institute

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



Senior Lecturer
Dr Amila Kaluarachchi
Unit Head,
Internship and Skill Development Unit

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024

Senior Lecturer
Hasara D. Hirimuthugoda
Director, Inclusivity Centre

Coordination Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024
Lecturer
Mr B.A.N.H. Basnayake
Faculty Representative,
Career Guidance Unit



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Service Excellence

Service Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024
Senior Professor
C.D.S. Wettewe
Director, Career Guidance Unit

Service Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024
Senior Lecturer
Dr E. Jani Alwis Samarakoon
Co-Director (for Sri Lanka),
Confucius Institute
Academic Warden and Student Counsellor



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Contribution Excellence

Contribution Excellence
in Humanities 2024



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Senior Professor
K.L.K. Neelakshi
Department of Modern Languages

Contribution Excellence
in Humanities 2024



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2024
Senior Lecturer
Dr Anjalee Wickramasinghe
Department of Sinhala

Contribution Excellence
in Humanities 2024



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2024

Senior Lecturer
Dr Amila Kaluarachchi
Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies

Contribution Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024

Senior Lecturer
Ven Dewagoda Piyarathana Thero
Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies

Contribution Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024
Senior Lecturer
Gevani Pahalathan
Department of English Language Teaching

Contribution Excellence
in Humanities 2024



2024
Senior Lecturer
W.U.P. Perera
Department of Hindi Studies

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Excellence in Humanities Awards

Honorary Service Awards

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Fine Arts



Retired Professor
B.D. Nandadeva

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Linguistics



Emeritus Professor
Daya Wickramasinghe

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Modern Languages



Emeritus Professor
Hemantha Sirisena

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies



Retired Professor
Ananda Wijerathne

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies



Retired Senior Professor
Ven. Kahapola Sugatharathana Thero

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Sinhala



Emeritus Professor

Ananda Abeysiriwardhane

Honorary Service Awards

Department of Western Classical
Culture and Christian Culture



Emeritus Professor
Shirley Lal Wijesinghe

