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***“MANAGEMENT IS,  
ABOVE ALL, A  
PRACTICE WHERE  
ART, SCIENCE, AND  
CRAFT MEET.”***

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***–Henry Mintzberg***

A business and management academic and author, Henry Mintzberg, has studied management and has found that there is not one magic bullet that shoots through all the skills needed to run a successful project.

**MESSAGE FROM  
SENIOR ADVISOR**



Welcome to the Project Management Newsletter!

I'm pleased to announce that the Project Management Club is releasing its first leaflet. "Actions speak louder than words," and "a picture is worth a thousand words," as the adage goes. With action, photos, and words mixed, it's the ideal way to highlight our achievements over the last two semesters.

The Project Management Students' Club (PM Club) merges Project Management students' objectives in the field of Project Management and other associated disciplines, as well as helping them develop interpersonal and intrapersonal communication skills and capacities. In addition, the club's activities encourage students to develop problem-solving skills, critical thinking skills, time management skills, analytical thinking skills, entrepreneurship skills, community concern and good governance skills, sustainability skills, event management skills, and emotional intelligence skills in order to achieve success in both personal and professional lives. I'm hoping that by doing so, I'll be able to promote employment options, raise knowledge of the PM degree program, prepare for professional tests, and engage with the community and industry.

I like to thank Dr. Y. Nanthagopan, Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, and Mr. S. Thirugnanasampanthar, Head, Department of Project Management, for their innovative ideas and contributions to this leaflet. I also want to express my gratitude to the PM Club's Executive Committee and members for their honest commitments. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the leaflet's editorial board, whose tireless efforts have resulted in today's publication.

Have a wonderful and productive fall semesters and I hope you enjoy the leaflet.

My best wishes for the entire endeavor.

**Mrs.S.Mathivathany**  
Senior Lecturer  
Department of Project Management  
Faculty of Business Studies  
University of Vavuniya

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**MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT**

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It's been a great pleasure and an honor to my pen down this message to the annual newsletter published by the Project management club. since the first ever president of the inaugural project management club of department of project management of university of Vavuniya This biannual newsletter would be a glimpse of the academic as well as the non academic successes that have been achieved by the faculty.

This club was initiated in order to fulfill the vision of nurturing the students as employable good citizens for social and economic development and we strive hard to make the students who study project management

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the editorial board, staff, and students whose untiring efforts made the publishing of this newsletter a reality

**Mr. Chanuka Thimira**  
president/  
Project Management Club  
3rd year  
Project Management specialozation

# Tree

## PLANTATION PROGRAMME

On 17th of June 2021 Project Management Club of Department of Project Management of University of Vavuniya carried its first program. Tree plantation program in order to celebrate **"THE WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DECESTRIFICATION AND DROUGHT"**.

According to UNDP The 2021 Desertification and Drought Day on 17 June will focus on turning degraded land into healthy land. Restoring degraded land brings economic resilience, creates jobs, raises incomes and increases food security. It helps biodiversity to recover. It locks away the atmospheric carbon warming the Earth, slowing climate change. It can also lessen the impacts of climate change and underpin a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, Project Management Club decided to carry on its first activity on 17th June, 2021. on this day it was expected to plant 2021 trees all over the country. Our Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies Dr.Y. Nanthagopan has initiated the event by planting a tree in his home garden. Followed by Mrs.S. Mathivathany, Senior Advisor/ Treasurer, and Mr. Thirugnanasampanthar, Head, Department of Project Management also planted trees in their gardens.

All the Project Management students actively participated on this holy event actively by taking photographs and short videos of their tree plantation, including their family members. They cooperatively joined hand with us to lead this event successfully. We hope that through this effective initiation by the PM Club, will be an eye opener to the society about the importance of planting trees to create a beautiful world for our future generation. You can observe many beautiful smiling faces of kids when they plant the trees with their soft hands. This event has provided them to be a part of this milestone in this small age, moreover it will motivate them to do such things in future.

Additionally Through the implementation of this plantation program, the project management club gained great motivation to implement more valuable programs and provided huge awareness to the people regarding the climate change and environmental problems such as decertification and drought through this tree plantation program.



## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION DAY

The Project Management Club of Department of Project Management of University of Vavuniya carried a webinar (series-03) under the topic of **"DISASTER RISK REDUCTION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS"** for project management students on October 2021 at 3.30pm via zoom platform.

**Mr.K.Sugunathas** , (Bsc in Biology, Msc in Environmental Science) , Assistant Director Disaster Management Centre, Trincomalee invited as Guest speaker of this virtual session. Dr.Y.Nanthagopan, Dean faculty of Business Studies, University of Vavuniya, Mr.Thirugnanasampanthar, Head of the Department of project management and Mrs.S.Mathivathany, Senior Advisor/ Treasurer of the PM Club played a huge role on this webinar.



**MR.K.SUGUNATHAS** , (BSC IN BIOLOGY, MSC IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE) , ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE, TRINCOMALEE

Further, a question and answer session was carried at the end of the webinar. Project management students are the group who mostly benefited from this session. The 3rd webinar was successfully completed with more than 100 participations. This valuable webinar has provided a huge approach to the students to gain their knowledge on the topic of Disaster Management and Risk Reduction. Especially this webinar was helpful to the students to understand that, how exactly the disaster risk reduction activities practically applied to real life projects..

## LAND PERFECT INTERNSHIP



The Project Management Club of Department of Project Management in Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna conducted a webinar under the topic of **LAND PERFECT INTERNSHIP** for Project Management students on 27th June 2021 at 9.30 am via Zoom .

**Mr.M.F.Marikkar**, Secretary General, RAHAMA/FORUT, **ENG. Vijayabalan**, Regionala Manager, National water supply and Drainage board, Vavuniya and Mannar and **Dr.Y.Nanthagopan**, Dean Faculty of Business Studies, invited as Guest speakers for this virtual session. The titles they discussed were , **"Impact of Internship on Students' Outcomes"** , **"Strategic Partnership for the Internship"** and **"Employers' Expectations from Intern Students"**, presented by the speakers respectively. **Mrs.S.Mathivathany**, Senior Advisor/ Treasurer of the PM Club played a huge role as coordinator and moderator for this webinar.

Especially this webinar was helpful to the students to understand the internship program, expectation from employees' perspective and its strategic partnership which seemed to provide much assistance and it was most interesting via virtual platform during the pandemic crisis.

Following passed out students were contributed their role with following topics.

- Mr.L.Pratheepkanth - "How to Select Internship Organizations"
- Ms.Ashinika M.M.D.M.W. - "Prepared to be Hired (Qualifications and Skills)"
- Mr.N.M.Hafis - "Practices and Performance Review"
- Ms.S.F.Shafna - "Challenges and Overcoming Strategies"

These experience sharing was the highlight of the webinar session and also students got clear understanding about internship program and the strategies. The first webinar was successfully completed with more than 200 students' participations. This valuable webinar provided a huge assistance to the students by providing their stimulating speech and sharing experiences.

# Mother Nature

## Photography Competition 01

### Season 1

As the 2nd step of our Project Management Club we organized an open photography competition to celebrate **World Youth Day**.

World Youth Day (WYD) is an event for young people organized by the Catholic Church that was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Its concept has been influenced by the Light-Life Movement that has existed in Poland since the 1960s, where during summer camps Catholic young adults over 13 days of camp celebrated a "day of community".

Project Management Club decided to celebrate this day virtually by keeping a photography competition for youths. In this competition the winners were selected by the audience, which means voting through likes. Committee announced that who get the most like will be the winners.

Our team decided to reward the winners with reload, the reward details are as below.

- 1st place – Rs.1000/= reload
- 2nd place – Rs.500/= reload
- 3rd place – Rs.300/= reload

We conducted a huge campaign to make people aware about our competition. Committee believes this is a huge success since the campaign created a road to make the people conscious about the Project Management Club and it's services.

Our committee collected all the photos which was sent by the competitors using Email on 10th of August 2021. Once collected the photos we uploaded it on our Facebook page and commenced the voting process until the midnight of 11th of August 2021. Afterwards we announced the winners 12th of August 2021 those who gained more votes (likes) comparing to other participants.



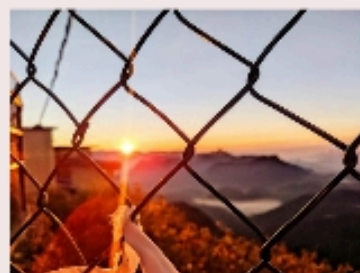
VOTES- 589



VOTES- 451



VOTES- 285



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PARTICIPANTS PHTOS WITH DEPTH MEANING OTHER THAN THE WINNERS

# Pandemic & Daily life

## Photography Competition 01 season 2

Second season of photography competition commenced on January 12th 2022. We launched our official flyer on 12th January and mentioned to send the photos through Whatsapp or Email on or before 20th January.

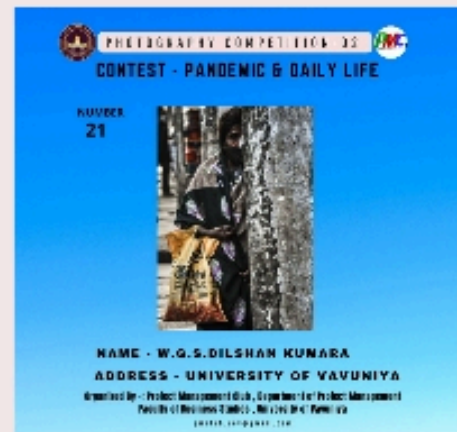
Specialty of this season was the theme. The theme was **"Pandemic and Daily life"** since many of our lives are changed due to the pandemic we wanted to know the changes as creativities of talented photographers. Exco members believed that the photography competition provides a great platform to showcase the hidden talents of photographers around the country.

Total number of Participants was 35, among them we decided to choose three persons to provide rewards. for this process we had Mr. Ishaq (specialized in photography and videography) as the judge of the competition.

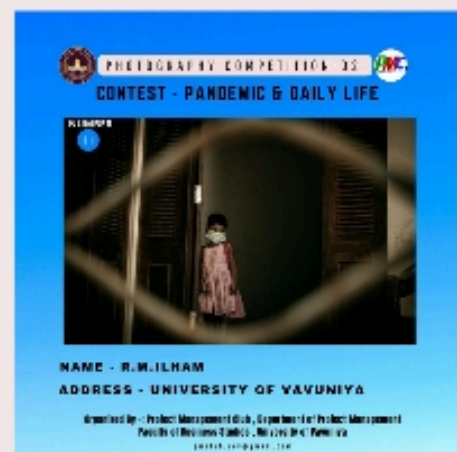
According to his statement he says, he mainly looked for the theme and meaning of the photos, composition and angled setup of the photos. He chose the winner in this regard.

The winners are about to receive valuable certificates for their dedication and excellent perform on the photography competition carried by Project Management Club, University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka.

Exco members of the club believe that this is a great achievement since most of the people participated from out side of the university for this season than the previous one.



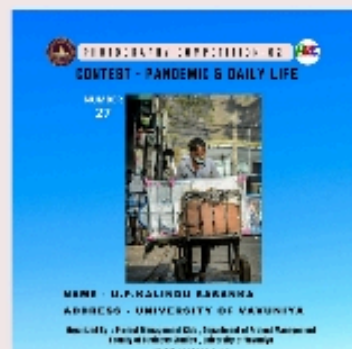
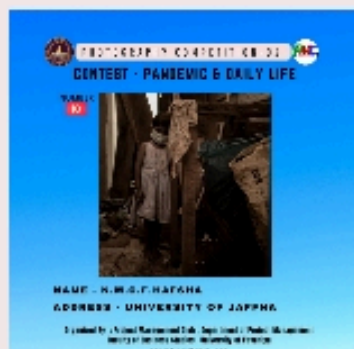
1ST PLACE



2ND PLACE



3RD PLACE



PARTICIPANTS PHTOS WITH DEPTH MEANING OTHER THAN THE WINNERS



The Project Management Club of Department of Project Management of University of Vavuniya conducted a webinar under the topic of "HOW TO BE AN ONLINE ENTREPRENEUR" for undergraduate students on 12th September 2021 at 10.30 am via zoom platform.

Mr. Madushka Dissanayake, Entrepreneur, Director/Shareholder at Proximo and AUKOD, Mr. Chamin Dias, BSc (1st class honors) in Computer Science, Moderator of Online Entrepreneurs Club, Sri Lanka and Mr. Lasantha Wickramasinghe, Online Entrepreneur, Shareholder at Outsmart Hub HQ, Founder of Built apps, Former management Assistant at Department of Agriculture, Sri Lanka had invited as Guest speakers for the event.

# BE AN ONLINE ENTREPRENEUR

They discussed about starting an online business under the topics of "Introduction to Online Entrepreneurship", "How to Start Your Online Business Journey", and "Why You Should Become an Online Entrepreneur".

There was a question and answer session at the end of the webinar to clarify the doubts of the participants. More participants actively stated their opinions and questions. It was created a greater value to the webinar series and participants also got clear idea about online entrepreneurship.

The 2nd webinar was successfully completed with more than 300 participations. This valuable webinar has provided a huge support to the students to identify their skills to be an entrepreneur. Especially this webinar assist the students to understand what exactly meant by online entrepreneurship?, how to develop as an entrepreneur step by step? and so on. This webinar carried by Project Management Club was a huge support to the students who is willing to do a business in online platform during pandemic.





# NATIONAL SAFETY DAY

The Project Management Club of Department of Project Management, Harmony Center of University of Vavuniya and Friendly ASIA conducted a webinar on NATIONAL SAFETY DAY 2021 for undergraduate students and other community on 26th December 2021 at 3.00pm (Sri Lankan Time) via zoom platform.

Professor Dilanthi Amarathunga, BSc (Hons), PhD, FHEA, FRICS, FRGS, CMGR FCMI, Professor of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Head, Global Disaster Resilience Centre and Ms. Anoja Seneviratne, Director, Mitigation, Research and Development Division, DMC invited as guest speakers by Mr. S. Ravi, Founder & Director of Friendly ASIA.



**Professor Dilanthi Amarathunga,**  
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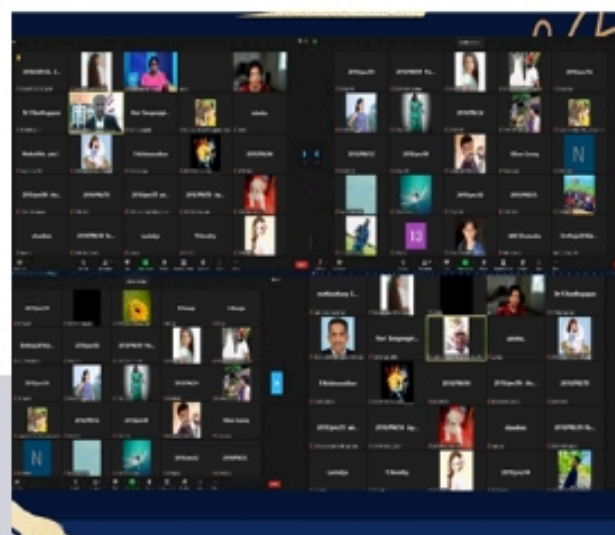


**Ms. Anoja Seneviratne,**  
Director, Mitigation,  
Research and  
Development Division,  
DMC

The titles was “**Risk-Informed Decision Making on Development Agenda in Pandemic Crisis**” and “**Mainstreaming DRR in development projects in Sri Lanka**” was presented by guest speakers respectively.

Further, a question and answer session was conducted to clarify doubts regarding the topic discussed. It provided a higher value to the webinar session and specially Project management students were the persons mostly benefited through it.

The 4th webinar was successfully completed with more than 150 participations. This valuable webinar has provided a huge approach to the students to gain a perfect view on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction. Especially this webinar was helpful to the students to understand that how exactly the disaster risk reduction programs practically applied. Moreover, students were able to know how to make suitable development decisions especially in pandemic crisis.



**Time is scarcest resources and unless it is managed nothing else can be managed**

*-Peter drucker*

The very first community engagement of Project Management Club was hold on 28th January 2022. This was the first activity of Project Management club in 2022. We decided to provide some learning materials to AI/ Aysha Vidyalayam primary school which includes one to five grade students. we provided them with learning materials worth of 5000rs.



Event was started by a welcome speech of one of our exco members Mr. Mohamed Manasir. He gave an introduction to the Project Management Club and started to explain the purpose of the event. Further he explained how the Project Management Club has planned to serve more for the AI/ Aysha Vidyalayam school as well as the other community in future.

## The Life of Giving

After the speech of Manasir school principle Mr. M. Faizel delivered his thought about service of PMC. He thanked the Project Management Club for it services. Afterwards distribution of the study materials started by Mr. Chanuka Rajapaksha president of Project Management Club.

The purpose of the event was to serve the poor students who are the future of our country and teach them the concept of "Life of Giving". Mrs. s. Mathivathany, senior adviser of Project Management Club declared, the community service under the topic of "Life of Giving" is a great initiative of Project Management Club, that should carry on forever.



Engaging in community service as the first activity of this year, was the best experience of our exco members. We named the community service activity as "Life of Giving " as we planned to conduct more of these activities in future as series.



Trying to manage a project without project management is like trying to play a football game without a game plan

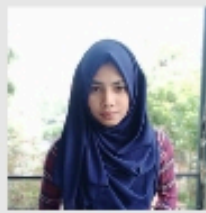
*-Karen Tate*

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SUCCESS IS TRULY  
MEASURED IN HOW  
FAR YOU CAN GO  
AND NOT THE  
NUMBER OF BIG  
WINS IN A SHORT  
AMOUNT OF TIME.

# Upcoming Events of PMC



## Agenda

10.00 AM	- Lighting the Oil Lamp
10.10 AM	- Welcome Dance
10.15 AM	- Welcome speech by Senior Treasurer Mrs.S.Mathivathany
10.20 AM	- Official Launching video clips and T-Shirt
10.25 AM	- Address by the Vice-Chancellor/ University of Vavuniya
10.30 AM	- Launching the Leaflet of PM Club
10.35 AM	- Address by the Dean, Faculty of Business Studies
10.40 AM	- Launching the "Pages of Reminiscence"
10.45 AM	- Address by the Head, Department of Project Management
10.48 AM	- Address by the President, Project Management Club
10.55 AM	- Prize giving and winners announcement
11.15 AM	- Sinhala & Tamil Song
11.20 AM	- Poster Exhibition
11.30 AM	- Guest speech by Dr. Madhu Fernando, Consultant , Trainer, and Chairperson of Global Institute of Project Management
12.00 PM	- Vote of Thanks by Duwindya Hewage

**International Project Management Day 2021 ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION**

**29th of January 2022**

**3.00 PM - 4.00 PM**

Questions will be selected from your relevant course content respectively.

Tease your brain & win the valuable certificate

Organized by: Project Management Club, Department Of Project Management, Faculty Of Business Studies, University Of Vavuniya.

**POSTER COMPETITION FOR INTERNATIONAL PM DAY IN 2021**

**COVID 19 CHALLENGE**  
**Theme**  
Let's Challenge with COVID -19

Present your arguments for the above statement in poster format in the context of the current global pandemic.

Send us your poster as images;  
Through the WhatsApp : 076-8043302

Should be considered

- \* Topic - How do we successfully deal with covid 19?
- \* Mention that how we contact you.
- \* Use A4 sheet for your designing.
- \* Open for every age groups.

Challenge your inner artist

DEADLINE OF THE COMPETITION  
23RD OF JANUARY 2022

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