News Bulletin

Working Committee of
Peradeniya University Alumni

Message from the Working Committee

We are pleased to present the first news bulletin from the working committee appointed on October 7th at the membership meeting of the Peradeniya Alumni Association.

We would first like to thank you and your spouse for your participation, the ideas and suggestions you put forth, and for your support which all led to a successful meeting. We hope you will share the bulletin with a wider group of Peradeniya alumni and encourage larger group participation at upcoming events.   For anyone who was not able to attend the first meeting, we hope you will be able to join us next time and look forward to your suggestions.

The October 7th general meeting was a pre-cursor to the Inaugural General Membership meeting. It not only helped to clarify and consolidate the big picture of an alumni association, but also renewed the 'Peradeniya Spirit' amongst all of us. The meeting also helped to get your ideas and views on the constitution, highlighted various programs to be initiated during the coming months, and appointed a Working Committee to organize the Inaugural General Meeting with the widest possible participation.

You were also exposed to the pioneering work done by the 'Pera-Canadians' for the past 10 years to form a Peradeniya Alumni Association in Canada. Among their many successes is an annual get-together held every July.

The Working Committee received a mandate from you to action the following:

- Finalize the draft constitution incorporating the suggestions made by the participants on Oct 07, 2012;
- Initiate work program presented at the general meeting; and
- Discuss with the 'Pera-Canadians' to organize the Inaugural General Meeting of Peradeniya Alumni Association.

The progress made by the Working Committee on the above subject matter is elaborated in the next sections.

Your participation and prompt response is the key to conquer the challenges and operate a successful Peradeniya Alumni Association.

We hope you enjoy reading the rest of the bulletin and look forward to hearing from you.

Inside This Issue

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WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'Back to Hantana' – Peradeniya Family Event

We want to take you back to the university days.

'Back to Hantana' will be the first event of its kind that reminiscence the unique Peradeniya culture and sprit. The working committee is busy in recreating your memorable times.

What is 'Back to Hantana'

- **Hanthana Entertainment with your most loved songs sung by Female/Male Sinhalese and Tamil professional vocalists in a unique setting. You and your family get a chance to participate too. Dances and Instruments will spice up it further.**
- **Hanthana Photo Gallery (details below) with your most memorable and treasured pictures at sacred nooks & corners in the university and defining moments; Let us recreate 60 years of lovely memories;**
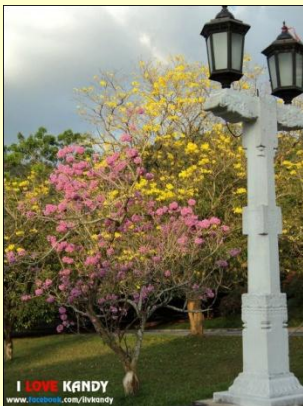
> **Date: February, 2013 (tentative)**
> **Venue: TBA**
> **Duration: 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM**

Food & Soft Drinks will be supplied. Alcohol is permitted, but please do not drink and drive.
Participation: Limited to Peradeniya families and few invitees from other Alumni Associations.

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Hantana Photo Gallery

Working Committee is planning to hold a Photo Gallery together with the 'Back to Hantana' Family gathering.

"Here is how you can help"

Please send in Peradeniya related Images (old/new) to the Photo gallery to PeradeniyaAlumniCanada@gmail.com.

- *Specific location of the photograph (eg. Lovers'Lane, Akbar Bridge, Sarasawiuyana station, Behind Medical Centre, Hanthana Radio station, Sangamiththa Corridor, etc...)*
- *Year it was captured*
- *Name of the owner (only for reference, not for publishing)*

We highly appreciate if you could send photos in your personal collection (only if they are not confidential)

(Note: You can scan all your pictures at 'Wall Mart' or any other departmental store at a nominal price and get them to a disk)

Work Plans - Mandate

The working committee has converted all the big ideas to workable mandates and appointed sub-committees to develop implementable proposals. It is planned to submit the priority proposals to the alumni membership for further refinement before embark on implementation.

1. **Social Gathering**

    Define need, Nature of unique event (Peradeniya theme, appeal to multiple cultures/generations etc), Timing advantages/disadvantages, Duration, Location, Resources, Budgets, Risks/sensitivities

2. **New Immigrants Induction and Settling Down Program**

    Scope of help on key must know, must do before and after arrival as a process from leaving, arrival, interim help, settling down, net-working and other requirements

3. **Employable skills development**

    Employment environment challenges, key disadvantages, past experience of the old immigrants, potential opportunity areas, defining core transition skills, defining core employable skills, defining/recommending relevant programs, Resourcing the programs, Research required, Resources, Budgets , risks/sensitivities etc

4. **Recruiter Day and liaison**

    Recruiter landscape, study of their approach, target group, target Govt. Groups, Common and specific areas of development for Alumni members/spouses, Recognition of development activities, relevant program incl. Peradeniya brand, resource requirements, Budgets, risks/sensitivities

5. **Corporate Benefit Program**

    Define the scope of areas, the requirements to quality, targeted institutes, nature of benefits, minimum requirements to qualify, contact details, Conditions to activate the program, resources, budgets, risks/sensitivities

6. **Academic Internship and Post Graduate sponsorship**

    Define the concept and scope of potential areas, lessons from past, targeted institutes/universities/faculties, targeted decision makers, define value/selling proposition, opportunity for bilateral or unilateral program, program enablers, and program initiation methods

7. **Support Advancement of Academic Scope of Peradeniya University**

    Clarify the current status of Peradeniya academic programs, landscape of modern university education, gap statement, and potential target areas, identify a pilot program/s, developing value propos ion to university authorities, key stake holder list, introduction approach (direct/indirect/Hybrid)

8. **Children's talent Recognition**

    Definition of talents, selection criteria, selection method/categories, selection panel, application method with proper proof, period of recognition, mode of recognition, publication method, awards, awards ceremony or any other method, budgets, resources, risk/sensitivities

9. **Teens skills development and Recognition of Exceptional Talents of Alumni members**

    Proposal to be developed covering the following as minimum: Define the need, target group, core skills, core curriculum aspects, program/s, resources, timing, recognition and validity, follow up program, Budgets, resources, risks/sensitivities

10. **Peradeniya Alumni Website and On Line Magazine**

    Proposal to be developed covering the following as minimum: Define scope of website, structure of website, core content, core features, core controls, administration and security controls, rules of the content, editing panel and their scope.

Things you can do for Strengthening Membership

Many thanks for those who filled the membership form on October 7th, 2012. Others please complete the attached membership form and send to:

PeradeniyaAlunmiCanada@gmail.com

In addition:

- Encourage others to participate;
- Participate in the events organized by the Alumni Association; and
- Get others you know from Peradeniya to fill the membership form (Membership fees are not collected at this time).

From October 2012 General Meeting:

Following are among the other topics discussed at October 07, 2012 General Meeting:

- Name of the association and whether the Association represents whole Canada or only GTA area;
- AGM can be held each year but the term of the office bearers be longer;
- Accommodating past engineering graduates from Colombo University; and
- Relationship with the Peradeniya Alumni Association in Sri Lanka and other Alumni Associations in Canada and other parts of the world.

The above subjects are under consideration and the Working Committee proposals will be tabled at the next General Meeting.

Inaugural General Meeting

Work is underway to call the Inaugural General Meeting

in

March, 2013 (tentative)

We aim following:

- Widest possible participation
- Finalize the draft constitution
- Appoint an executive committee to represent all
- Close the subject of the name for the Association
- Report Progress of sub committees
- Collect any new thoughts

Success of the inaugural General meeting can only be achieved through collective effort of all Peradeniya alumni

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATIO OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA
CANADA

Application for Membership/Renewal of Membership

Name: Dr/Ms/Mr…………………………………….……………………………………………..

Current address: ....

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Contact Telephone: ....E mail: …………………………………………………

[ ] FULL MEMBERSHIP

Faculty: …………………………….…………………….

Year Entered: ....

[ ] ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP

For Associate membership applicants: [ ] Academic/[ ] Non-academic

Years served: ....From: ………...............to: ………..........

Faculty…………………………………….................................

For Associate membership applicants: Spouse of a full member

Name of the Full Member: ....

Signature of the Full Member: ....

I wish to apply for the full/associate membership of The Alumni Association of University of Peradeniya, Canada and agree to abide by its Constitution. I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and agree to accept the Board of Management committee's decision (accept/reject) on my application.

Signature of the applicant: ....

Date: ....

For official use only:

Application Status: [ ] Accepted [ ] Rejected (If Rejected Notify Applicant with reasons)

Membership Status: Full Member / Associate Member

Membership Number: FM/AM …………………… Date Approved: ....