



**UNIVERSITY OF VAVUNIYA**

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2023**

The Annual Report of the University of Vavuniya provides an institutional overview of the University's performance in 2023. This report follows the standard format and guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Education (Higher Education), the University Grants Commission, and the University of Vavuniya.

## VISION

*“To be a leading centre of excellence in knowledge advancement and dissemination for sustainable change”*

## MISSION

*“To excel in the quality of education, innovative research and active collaboration for empowering the graduates and for the sustainable development of the region and nation”*

## GOALS

- *Enhancing Quality and Relevance of All Academic Programmes to Achieve International Recognition in Higher Education*
- *Increasing the number of Globally Employable Graduates*
- *Enhancing good Governance through effective and efficient management of resources and systems*
- *Ensuring the Physical & Human Resources offer a Conducive teaching and Learning Environment*
- *Dissemination of Knowledge for Regional and National Development*
- *Ensuring Justice and Equity concerning Gender, Ethnicity and Religion diversity*

## OBJECTIVES

- *To ensure Quality Assurance and Enhancement of programs*
- *To obtain National/ International accreditation for the degree programs*
- *To enhance students' competency in English Language, soft skills, IT and Management skills*
- *To enhance students centred and blended learning and Outcome Based Education methods in all degree programmes*
- *To ensure implementation of management information system*
- *To increase the competency of staff*
- *To ensure the provision of basic infrastructure facilities and human resources*
- *To make Digital and e-resources accessible to all staff and students*
- *To promote research spirit and motivation to undertake quality research*
- *To organize national and international conferences*
- *To ensure equal opportunities irrespective of gender, language, ethnicity and religion*
- *To enhance harmony among the students*

## VALUES

- ***Excellence:*** *We aspire to reach the highest standards of our staff and students to exploit their full potential.*
- ***Integrity:*** *We maintain a set of professional and ethical standards in all we do.*
- ***Equity & Equality:*** *We ensure equity and equality in all aspects and promote diversity.*
- ***Responsiveness:*** *We commit to be innovative and creative and contribute to the regional and national development.*
- ***Diffusion:*** *We disseminate knowledge through learning, teaching, and research.*

## Vice-Chancellor's Review

I am proud to share the 2023 Annual Report from the University of Vavuniya. This year, through united efforts, we have reached significant milestones, advancing our goals of educational excellence, pioneering research, and community service.

Since becoming Sri Lanka's 17<sup>th</sup> State University on August 01, 2021, we have upheld academic superiority across our three faculties: Applied Science, Business Studies, and Technological Studies. We plan to add five more faculties to meet regional and national development needs, starting with the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences and Medicine.

Our education, deemed 'outstanding' by our students, leads to highly skilled jobs and further education. Our graduates are noted for their innovative contributions in their fields, supported by robust internship programs in collaboration with industries.

This year, we launched the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education, offering a range of courses to external students. Our research has a national and global impact, and our teaching methods transform lives. We have nurtured vital partnerships, enhancing our approach to local and global challenges. The Harmony Center successfully hosted the inaugural International Conference on Harmony and Reconciliation 2023, focusing on "Harmony and Development through Knowledge and Innovation towards Nation Building".



We have signed over 25 MOUs with local and international partners, including collaborative projects with Indian and Russian universities. A notable MOU with the Foundation of Goodness aims to boost sports development in Northern Sri Lanka, establishing the Vavuniya University Multi Sports Centre.

For the first time, our students competed in the Sri Lanka University Games 2023 and hosted the Interuniversity Championship on Elle. Forty-three students represented us at the University International Sports Festival in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

Our University Business Linkage (UBL) program continues to support entrepreneurs, industrialists, and farmers. As the year ends, I am grateful for the dedication of our council members and look forward to further elevating our university as a beacon of academic excellence.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'T. Mangaleswaran'.

**Prof. T. Mangaleswaran**

Vice Chancellor

### **Highlights of Performances and Events 2023**

- The SLUSA Interuniversity Elle Championship was hosted at our university, featuring teams from fourteen universities.
- Harmony Centre signed MOUs with The Gate Foundation and Centre for Media, Human Rights, and Peace Building, UK.
- The First International Conference on Harmony and Reconciliation was hosted, focusing on “Harmony and Development through Knowledge and Innovation towards Nation Building”.
- Council Member Dr. M. Malaravan donated an ECG machine to the Health Centre.
- The Faculty of Business Studies partnered with UNDP to enhance youth leadership in rural Northern and Eastern provinces.
- The Centre for Russian Language and Culture was opened in collaboration with Chuvash State Pedagogical University, Russia.
- The UOV signed a training agreement with MAG for an English Programme.
- Established the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education.
- “SED Mini Fair” was organized by the University Business Linkage and the Marketing Management Department.
- Discussions on future collaborations with SK Farm Directors were held.
- The Higher Diploma in English at the CDCE was inaugurated.
- Launched the Advanced Certificate in Empowering Women in Politics.
- The Vavuniya Toastmasters and Gavel Clubs were introduced.
- An MOU with the Foundation of Goodness for developing the Multi Sports Centre was signed.
- Forty-three students participated in the University International Sports Festival in Ekaterinburg, Russia.
- Prof. Ankuran Dutta visited to collaborate on the Cultural Centre.
- In partnership with UNDP, the Youth Leadership and Community Action Conference took place.
- The grand opening of the gym was celebrated and supported by the Foundation of Goodness.
- The Russian Language program was inaugurated, and Chuvash State Pedagogical University officials were in attendance.
- The Faculty of Technological Studies launched the Examination Information System.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Faculty Annual Research Session was held under the theme “Exploring Scientific Innovations for Global Well-Being”.
- The Indoor Stadium and Basketball Courts were opened, supported by the Foundation of Goodness.
- The Second International Research Conference was held, themed “Converging Research Scopes for Liveable Initiatives and Paradigm Shifts”.

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## **University at a Glance**

This institution has steadfastly served the nation for over thirty years, successfully traversing through conflict and peace in the region. As a result of its remarkable achievements and contributions, it was elevated to the status of the University of Vavuniya on August 1, 2021. The inaugural annual report specific to the University of Vavuniya was released in 2022, marking a significant milestone in its history. We are now presenting the second annual report of the University of Vavuniya for the year 2023, continuing the tradition of transparency and excellence.

Our university has three Faculties: Faculty of Applied Science, Faculty of Business Studies, and Faculty of Technological Studies. Together, our ten Academic Departments offer fourteen-degree programs. Around three thousand students are following these degree programs.

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

The University of Vavuniya, strategically located in Vavuniya District, spans over an expansive 160 acres. The university's evolutionary journey towards becoming a beacon of higher education in Sri Lanka's periphery is progressing.

Currently, the university offers fourteen-degree programs across three faculties and ten departments. This structure facilitates comprehensive education and promotes social harmony and cultural diversity, drawing students from all corners of Sri Lanka and fostering a community of inclusivity and understanding.

In 2023, the university created more national and international networks with overseas governments and international bodies. New extension courses were initiated as a part of the university's community outreach agenda, benefitting the deprived rural youth in this region. Students' clubs were formed to develop the leadership and soft skills of the undergraduates.

The University of Vavuniya is committed to overcoming the unique challenges of regional development while cultivating a modern and international ethos, embracing its role as a national university. Its accessible location is a hub for students and staff across the island. A state-of-the-art IT infrastructure enhances it, ensuring seamless connectivity to global resources and a serene forested environment promoting a nature-integrated academic experience.

The university is progressing steadily towards its objectives through innovative, economically sustainable teaching, research, and community service methodologies.

The diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds of its student and staff community enrich the university, promoting social harmony, inclusivity, and unity. This vibrant ecosystem has fostered an uninterrupted and conducive teaching, learning, and research atmosphere across its faculties and centres.

In 2023, the university expanded its horizon by establishing the CDCE, etc. These additions enhance educational and research opportunities, cultural engagement, welfare, and commercial endeavours.

The University has ambitious plans to introduce Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences and Medicine to meet regional and national development needs.

This expansion is geared towards accommodating a wider array of academic disciplines and research areas.

## 1.2 Organogram

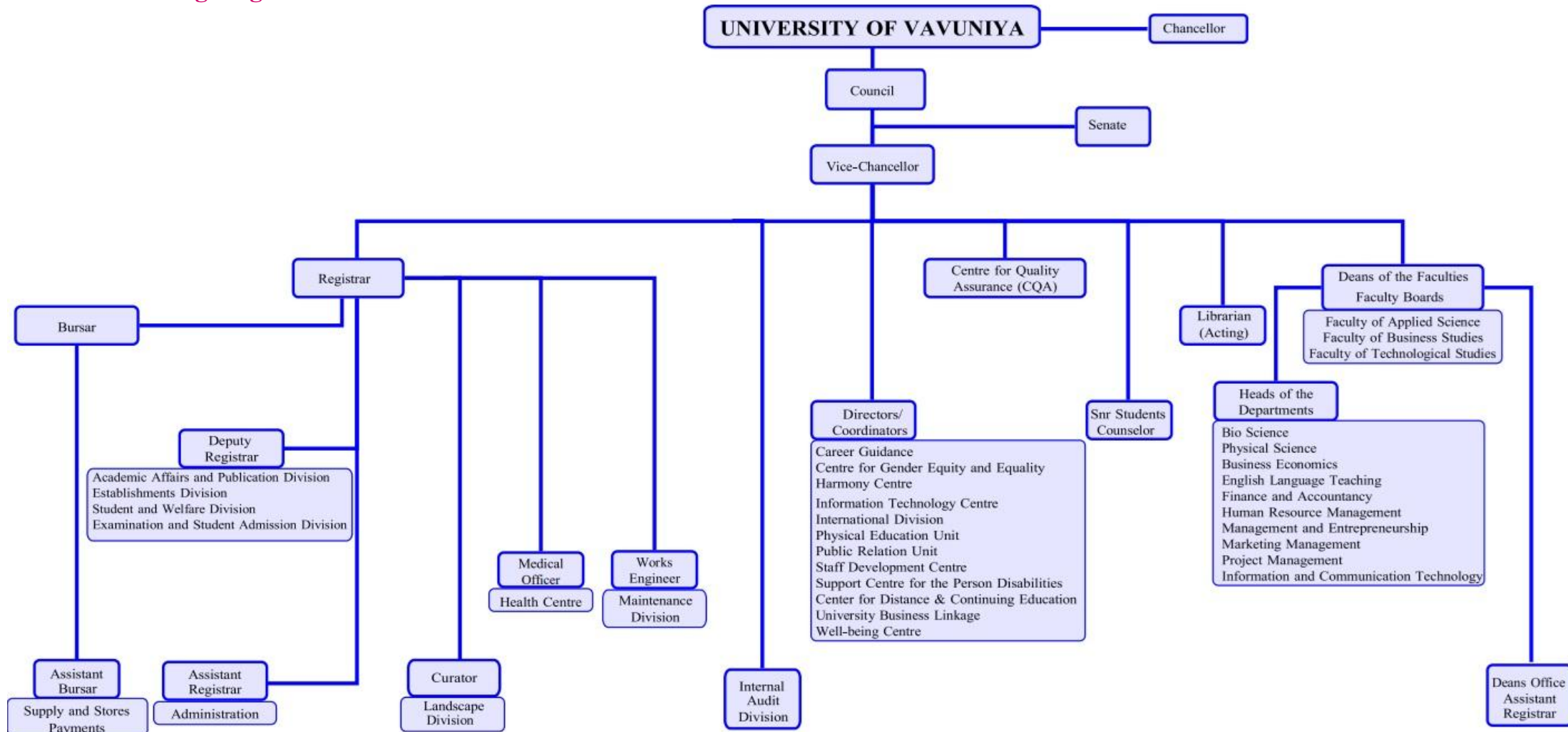


Figure 1-1 Organogram

## 1.3 Governing Authority

### 1.3.1 The Council

The University Council was established following Section 44 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, as later amended by Section 24 of the Universities (Amendment) Act, No. 07 of 1985. Throughout the year 2023, the Council comprised the following members:

Table 1-1 The Council

|                                      |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Chairperson</b>                   | Prof. T. Mangaleswaran   | Vice-Chancellor  |
| <b>Secretary</b>                     | Mr. N. Rajavisahan   | Registrar  |
| <b>Deans of the Faculties</b>        | Dr. (Ms.) J. Nimalan   | Dean, Faculty of Applied Science                                       |
|                                      | Dr. Y. Nanthagopan   | Dean, Faculty of Business Studies                                      |
|                                      | Mr. S. S. S. Suthaharan (up to 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2023)<br>Mr. V. Senthuran (from 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023) | Dean, Faculty of Technological Studies                                 |
| <b>Representatives of the Senate</b> | Dr. S. Wjeyamohan  | Senior Lecturer Gr.II, Dept. of Bio Science                            |
|                                      | Prof. A. Pushpanathan  | Professor in Management, Dept. of Entrepreneurship and Management      |
| <b>UGC Appointed Members</b>         | Eng. Gnanasena Goonapinuwala   | Past District Governor, Lions Clubs International                      |
|                                      | Dr. S. N. Thanigasalampillai   | Retired Provincial Director of Education, Northern Province            |
|                                      | Mr. K. Gnanasiri Britto (up to August 2023)  | Former Registrar of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura              |
|                                      | Ms. S. Jayasooriya (from October 2023)   | Former Bursar of the University of Colombo                             |
|                                      | Prof. Gamini Senanayake  | Professor Emeritus, Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna |
|                                      | Dr. M. Malaravan   | Consultant Ophthalmologist, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna                  |
|                                      | Mr. B. M. Hisham   | Attorney-at-Law / Notary Public Commissioner of Oath                   |
|                                      | Eng. N. Sriskandarajah   | Former Director / Irrigation   |

### 1.3.2 The Senate

The Senate of the University is established under Section 46(2) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, which the Universities further amended (Amendment) Act No. 7 of 1985. In the year 2023, the Senate was composed of the following members:

Table 1-2 The Senate

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Vice-Chancellor</b>                                 | Prof. T. Mangaleswaran   |
| <b>Deans of the Faculties</b>                          |  |
| Applied Science  | Dr. (Ms.) J. Nimalan   |
| Business Studies                                       | Prof. Y. Nanthagopan   |
| Technological Studies                                  | Mr. S. S. S. Suthaharan (until July 28)<br>Mr. V. Senthooran (from July 29)  |
| <b>Librarian</b>                                       | Mr. S. Shanmugathan (Acting)   |
| <b>Heads of Departments</b>                            |  |
| Department of Bio Science                              | Dr. S. Wijeyamohan   |
| Department of Physical Science                         | Dr. S. Kirushanth  |
| Department of Business Economics                       | Ms. P. M. Godwin Philip (until October 07)<br>Dr. N. Ravinthirakumaran (from October 11)   |
| Department of English Language Teaching                | Dr. G. Jeyaseelan  |
| Department of Finance and Accountancy                  | Dr. (Ms.) K. Kalainathan (until August 02)<br>Mr. C. Larojan (from August 03 to October 07)<br>Dr. (Ms.) K. Kalainathan (from October 11)                      |
| Department of Human Resource Management                | Mr. S. Harikaran   |
| Department of Management & Entrepreneurship            | Dr. A. Rukshan (until August 28)<br>Prof. A. Jahufer (from August 29)  |
| Department of Marketing Management                     | Mr. S. A. Jude Leon  |
| Department of Project Management                       | Mr. S. Thirugnanasampanthar (until October 07)<br>Ms. S. Mathivathany (from October 11)  |
| Department of Information and Communication Technology | Mr. V. Senthooran (until July 28)<br>Mr. V. Vinoharan (from July 29)   |
| <b>Professors</b>                                      |  |
| Applied Science  | Prof. (Ms.). A. Nanthakumaran  |
| Business Studies                                       | Prof. A. Pushpanathan  |
| <b>Members Elected</b>                                 |  |
| Applied Science  | Dr. R. Nagulan<br>Mr. B. Yogarajah   |
| Business Studies                                       | Mr. A. Thayaparan<br>Ms. J. S. Thevaruban (until May 14)<br>Mr. C. Larojan (from May 15 to August 02)<br>Ms. S. Mathivathany (from September 12 to October 10) |
| Technological Studies                                  | Ms. P. Rukshani<br>Mr. V. Vinoharan (until July 28)<br>Ms. P. Premisha (from July 29)  |
| <b>Registrar- Secretary to the Senate</b>              | Mr. N. Rajavisahan   |

### 1.3.3 Meetings of Governance Committees

Throughout the review period, the governing authorities and various committees within the University convened regularly. The frequency of meetings for each governing authority and committee is detailed as follows:

Table 1-3 Meetings of Authorities

| Meetings                           | Regular | Special |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Council                            | 12      |         |
| Senate                             | 11      |         |
| Finance Committee                  | 12      | 1       |
| Leave & Awards Committee           | 10      |         |
| Audit and Management Committee     | 4       | 1       |
| Faculty Boards                     |         |         |
| • Faculty of Applied Science       | 10      | 5       |
| • Faculty of Business Studies      | 9       | 2       |
| • Faculty of Technological Studies | 10      | 2       |

## 1.4 Student Community

In 2023, the University's student body totalled 2696 individuals. During this period, the University welcomed 743 new students across its three faculties, distributing them among 14-degree programs offered in the English medium. Furthermore, 375 students completed their studies and graduated within the same year.

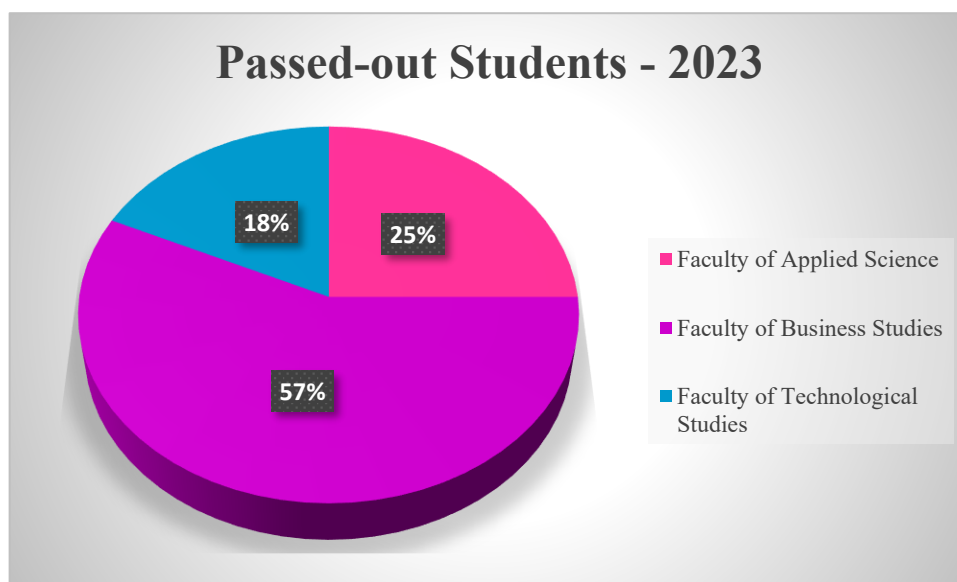


Figure 1-2 Passed-out Students

The distribution of graduates from three faculties is as follows: The Faculty of Applied Science accounts for 25% of the graduates. The Faculty of Business Studies has the most significant proportion, with 57% of the graduates. The Faculty of Technological Studies represents 18% of the graduates.

Table 1-4 Details of the Passed-out Students

| Faculty                                 | Departments                              | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|--|------|------|------|
| <b>Faculty of Applied Science</b>       | Physical Science (AMC and IT)            | 97   | 90   | 77   |
|   | Bio Science                              | 19   | 31   | 18   |
| <b>Faculty of Business Studies</b>      | Finance and Accountancy                  | 42   | 48   | 76   |
|   | Human Resource Management                | 12   | 10   | 33   |
|   | Business Economics                       | 24   | 03   | 27   |
|   | Marketing Management                     | 02   | 17   | 09   |
|   | Project Management                       | 34   | 38   | 52   |
|   | Management and Entrepreneurship          | 25   | 18   | --   |
|   | BBM General                              | --   | --   | 17   |
| <b>Faculty of Technological Studies</b> | Information and Communication Technology | --   | 52   | 66   |
| <b>Total</b>                            |  | 255  | 307  | 375  |

Table 1 presents the details of passed-out students from various departments within three faculties in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The total number of passed-out students across all faculties and departments was 255 in 2021, 307 in 2022, and 375 in 2023.

Table 1-5 Degree programmes conducted by the faculties

| Campus/<br>Faculty      | Degree Programme   | SLQF<br>Level | Medium  |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|---------|
| <b>Undergraduate</b>    |  |               |         |
| <b>Applied Science</b>  | Bachelor of Science in Information Technology                        | 5             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology                | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Science (Applied Mathematics and Computing)              | 5             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science                      | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)                          | 5             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Science                 | 6             | English |
| <b>Business Studies</b> | Bachelor of Business Management                                      | 5             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Accounting and Finance    | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Business Economics        | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Human Resource Management | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Marketing Management      | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Business Management in Project Management                | 5             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Project Management        | 6             | English |
|                         | Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology Honours         | 6             | English |



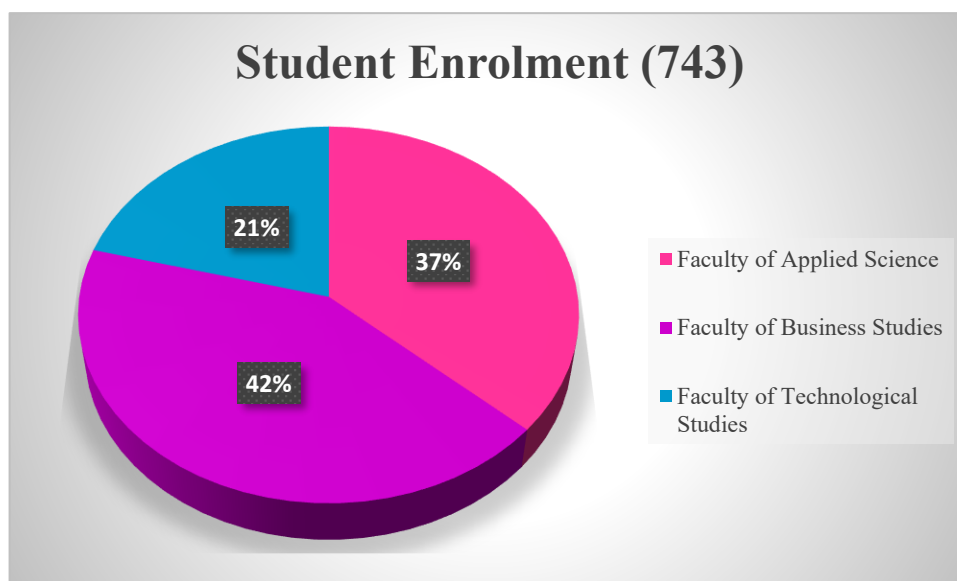


Figure 1-3 Student enrolment

The chart illustrates the enrollment numbers and percentages for 743 students across three faculties. The Faculty of Applied Science enrolled 272 students, constituting approximately 36.6% of the total enrollment. The Faculty of Business Studies had the highest enrollment, with 316 students, accounting for about 42.5% of the total. The Faculty of Technological Studies enrolled 155 students, roughly 20.9% of the total enrollment. This data provides a clear comparison of the student distribution among the different faculties regarding numbers and percentages.

Table 1-6 New entrants to the degree programmes - Local entry

| Faculty   | Degree Programme                         | Potential Intake | Enrolment  |
|---|--|------------------|------------|
| <b>Applied Science</b>                                    | Applied Sciences (Physical Science)      | 117              | 70         |
|   | Applied Sciences (Bio Science)           | 121              | 77         |
|   | Information Technology                   | 143              | 125        |
| <b>Business Studies</b>                                   | Management Studies (TV)                  | 216              | 184        |
|   | Project Management                       | 101              | 93         |
|   | Banking and Insurance                    | 50               | 39         |
| <b>Technological Studies</b>                              | Information and Communication Technology | 175              | 155        |
| <b>Total New Enrolment – Undergraduates – Local Entry</b> |  | <b>923</b>       | <b>743</b> |

Table 2 presents data on new entrants to various degree programs through local entry for the current academic period.

In the Faculty of Applied Science, the Applied Sciences (Physical Science) program had a potential intake of 117 students but enrolled 70. The Applied Sciences (Bio Science) program had a potential intake of 121 students with an actual enrollment of 77. The Information Technology program had a potential intake of 143 students, enrolling 125. In the Faculty of

Business Studies, the Management Studies (TV) program had a potential intake of 216 students, with 184 enrolled. The Project Management program had a potential intake of 101 students, enrolling 93. The Banking and Insurance program had a potential intake of 50 students, with 39 enrolled. In the Faculty of Technological Studies, the Information and Communication Technology program had a potential intake of 175 students, and 155 were enrolled.

Overall, the total potential intake across all faculties and programs was 923, with an actual enrollment of 743 students.

Table 1-7 Total Enrolment based on the different Level of Study.

| Faculty               | Degree Programme                         | 1 (2020/2021) |     | 2 (2019/2020) |     | 3 (2018/2019) |     | 4 (2017/2018) |     | Total |      | Grand Total |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------|------|-------------|
|                       |  | M             | F   | M             | F   | M             | F   | M             | F   | M     | F    |             |
| Applied Science       | Applied Sciences (Physical Science)      | 40            | 30  | 51            | 40  | 45            | 54  | 03            | 14  | 139   | 138  | 277         |
|                       | Applied Sciences (Bio Science)           | 16            | 61  | 12            | 66  | 21            | 66  | 14            | 36  | 63    | 229  | 292         |
|                       | Information Technology                   | 56            | 69  | 57            | 64  | 46            | 77  | 13            | 15  | 172   | 225  | 397         |
| Business Studies      | Management Studies (TV)                  | 34            | 150 | 58            | 150 | 54            | 159 | 55            | 79  | 201   | 538  | 739         |
|                       | Project Management                       | 16            | 77  | 23            | 86  | 20            | 76  | 16            | 55  | 75    | 294  | 369         |
| Technological Studies | Information and Communication Technology | 12            | 27  | --            | --  | --            | --  | --            | --  | 12    | 27   | 39          |
| Grand Total           |  | 285           | 458 | 297           | 462 | 311           | 491 | 164           | 228 | 1057  | 1639 | 2696        |

Table 3 presents the total enrollment based on different levels of study across various faculties and degree programs from the academic years 2017/2018 to 2020/2021. The data is broken down by gender and aggregated into overall totals and grand totals for each level and faculty.

In the Faculty of Applied Science:

- ⊙ Applied Sciences (Physical Science) had a total of 277 students, comprising 139 males (50.2%) and 138 females (49.8%).
- ⊙ Applied Sciences (Bio Science) had a total of 292 students, with 63 males (21.6%) and 229 females (78.4%).
- ⊙ Information Technology had 397 students, 172 males (43.3%) and 225 females (56.7%).

In the Faculty of Business Studies:

- ⊙ Management Studies (TV) had a total of 739 students, with 201 males (27.2%) and 538 females (72.8%).
- ⊙ Project Management had 369 students, comprising 75 males (20.3%) and 294 females (79.7%).

In the Faculty of Technological Studies:

- ⊙ Information and Communication Technology had a total of 39 students, with 12 males (30.8%) and 27 females (69.2%).

The overall total for all faculties and levels is 2696 students, with 1057 males (39.2%) and 1639 females (60.8%).

Table 1-8 Undergraduate Output – Internal Graduates 2023

| Faculty                      | Programme of Study   | Total Number Graduated |          |              |           |              |           |           |           |            |            |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                              |  | First Class            |          | Second Upper |           | Second Lower |           | Pass      |           | Total      |            |
|                              |  | M                      | F        | M            | F         | M            | F         | M         | F         | M          | F          |
| <b>Applied Science</b>       | Bachelor of Science in Information Technology                        | --                     | --       | 1            | 2         | 1            | 5         | 3         | 6         | 5          | 13         |
|                              | Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology                 | --                     | --       | --           | --        | --           | --        | 4         | --        | 4          | --         |
|                              | Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology                | 1                      | --       | 2            | 5         | --           | 1         | 1         | --        | 4          | 6          |
|                              | Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Computing             | --                     | 1        | --           | 2         | 4            | 7         | 15        | 5         | 19         | 15         |
|                              | Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science                      | --                     | 1        | 4            | 4         | 2            | --        | --        | --        | 6          | 5          |
|                              | Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science                         | --                     | --       | --           | --        | --           | --        | 2         | 6         | 2          | 6          |
|                              | Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Science                 | --                     | 3        | --           | 7         | --           | --        | --        | --        | --         | 10         |
| <b>Business Studies</b>      | Bachelor of Business Management in Project Management                | --                     | --       | 1            | --        | --           | 1         | 6         | 2         | 7          | 3          |
|                              | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Project Management        | --                     | 2        | --           | 12        | 4            | 16        | 1         | 7         | 5          | 37         |
|                              | Bachelor of Business Management                                      | --                     | --       | 1            | --        | --           | --        | 4         | 12        | 5          | 12         |
|                              | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Marketing Management      | --                     | --       | --           | 1         | 2            | 2         | 1         | 3         | 3          | 6          |
|                              | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Accounting and Finance    | 1                      | 2        | 3            | 17        | 2            | 18        | 13        | 20        | 19         | 57         |
|                              | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Human Resource Management | --                     | 1        | 2            | 5         | 2            | 8         | 4         | 11        | 8          | 25         |
|                              | Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Business Economics        | --                     | --       | --           | 7         | 4            | 4         | 6         | 6         | 10         | 17         |
| <b>Technological Studies</b> | Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology Honours         | --                     | --       | 1            | 1         | 3            | 2         | 34        | 15        | 47         | 19         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>           |  | <b>2</b>               | <b>8</b> | <b>15</b>    | <b>51</b> | <b>20</b>    | <b>48</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>144</b> | <b>231</b> |

Overall, the total for all faculties and programs shows that 375 students graduated in 2023, with 144 males (38.4%) and 231 females (61.6%). The distribution includes ten students with a First Class (2.7%), 66 with a Second Upper (17.6%), 71 with a Second Lower (18.9%), and 228 with a

Pass (60.8%). The 2023 undergraduate output data reveals significant gender disparities and varying levels of academic achievement across different faculties and programs. Overall, 375 students graduated, with females (61.6%) outnumbering males (38.4%). The Faculty of Business Studies had the highest number of graduates, particularly in the Accounting and Finance program, dominated by female graduates. A substantial portion of the graduates, 60.8%, received a Pass, indicating a need for improvement in achieving higher classifications. The data underscores the importance of targeted interventions to balance gender representation and enhance academic performance across all programs.

## 1.5 Human Resources

Throughout 2023, the University of Vavuniya continued conducting its academic operations across three faculties, encompassing ten departments. The university steadily advanced towards its objectives with a dedicated team of 73 academic staff, 14 administrative staff, 10 academic support staff, and 78 non-academic staff members. Following the transition from the Vavuniya Campus to the University of Vavuniya, a proposal was made to add 240 new positions to bolster the institution's capabilities. However, only 16 of these requested positions were approved.

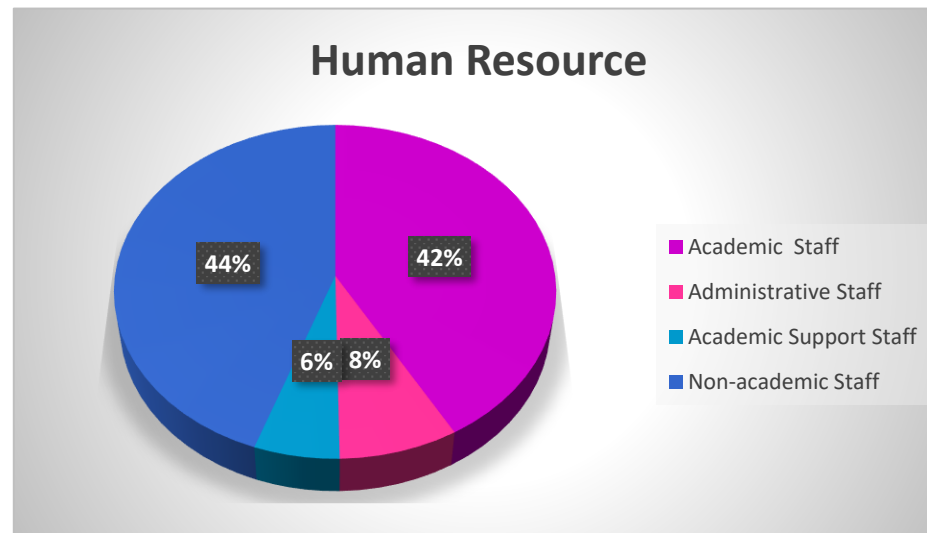


Figure 1-4 Human Resource

Figures 1-4 provide a breakdown of the human resources within the organization, which are categorized into four groups. The Academic Staff comprises 42% of the total human resources, emphasising academic personnel. The Non-academic Staff represents the largest segment, accounting for 44%, highlighting the importance of non-academic roles. Administrative Staff comprise 8% of the total, while Academic Support Staff constitute 6%. This distribution underscores the substantial presence of academic and non-academic staff, with smaller proportions dedicated to administrative and support roles.

### 1.5.1 Approved cadre and the existing staff

Of the 310 approved staff positions, 175 have been permanently filled, while 10 are occupied temporarily, leaving 137 vacancies. As a recently established university, filling these roles to meet its complete service requirements presents a significant challenge, with the institution currently operating at 56% of its necessary staffing capacity.

Table 1-9 Approved cadre and the existing staff

| Service Category | Staff category                                  | Salary Code | Approved Cadre | Existing Staff |        |       |           |        |       |          |        |       |            |        |       | Permanent Cadre Vacancies | Actual Cadre Vacancies |
|------------------|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-------|------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|------------------------|
|                  |   |             |                | Permanent      |        |       | Temporary |        |       | Contract |        |       | Assignment |        |       |                           |                        |
|                  |   |             |                | Male           | Female | Total | Male      | Female | Total | Male     | Female | Total | Male       | Female | Total |                           |                        |
| Primary Level    | Primary Grade - Unskilled                       | U – PL 1    | 75             | 08             | 04     | 12    | 02        | 01     | 03    | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | 63                        | 60                     |
|                  | Primary Grade – Semi-skilled                    | U – PL 2    | 13             | 08             | -      | 08    | -         | -      | -     | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | 05                        | 05                     |
|                  | Primary Grade – Skilled                         | U – PL 3    | 09             | 08             | -      | 08    | 01        | -      | 01    | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | 01                        | -                      |
| Secondary Level  | Management Assistant – non - Technical          | U – MN 1    | 55             | 12             | 20     | 32    | -         | -      | -     | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | 23                        | 23                     |
|                  | Management Assistant - Technical                | U – MT 1    | 12             | 04             | -      | 04    | -         | 01     | 01    | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | 08                        | 07                     |
|                  | Associate Officers – Segment 2                  | U – MN 2    | 02             | 01             | 01     | 02    | -         | -      | -     | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | -                         | -                      |
|                  | Associate Officers – Segment 1                  | U – MN 3    | 05             | 02             | 02     | 04    | -         | -      | -     | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | 01                        | 01                     |
|                  | Staff Assistant/ Supra & Senior Staff Assistant | U – MN 4    | 05             | 03             | 02     | 05    | -         | -      | -     | -        | -      | -     | -          | -      | -     | -                         | -                      |

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|-----------------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| <b>Tertiary Level</b> | Academic Support – Segment 2                         | U – AS 1    | 08         | 03         | 02        | 05         | 01        | 02        | 03        | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | 03         | -          |
|                       | Junior Executive/ Managers                           | U – EX 1    | 13         | 05         | 03        | 08         | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | 05         | 05         |
|                       | Academic Support – Segment 1                         | U – AS 2    | 09         | 05         | -         | 05         | 02        | -         | 02        | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | 04         | 02         |
| <b>Senior Level</b>   | Medical Officer                                      | U – MO 1    | 01         | 01         | -         | 01         | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | -          | -          |
|                       | Chief Medical Officer                                | U – MO 2    | -          | -          | -         | -          | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | -          | -          |
|                       | Middle-Level Executive                               | U – EX 2    | -          | -          | -         | -          | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | -          | -          |
|                       | Middle-Level Executive                               | U – EX 2(a) | 06         | 03         | -         | 03         | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | 01        | -        | 01        | 03         | 02         |
|                       | Senior Executives                                    | U – EX 3    | 02         | 02         | -         | 02         | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | -          | -          |
|                       | Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer/<br>Senior Lecturer | U – AC 3    | 86         | 38         | 34        | 72         |           |           |           |          |          |          | 02        | -        | 02        | 14         | 12         |
|                       | Associate Professors                                 | U – AC 4    |            |            |           |            |           |           |           |          |          |          |           |          |           |            |            |
|                       | Professors/ Senior Professors/<br>Professors         | U – AC 5    |            |            |           |            |           |           |           |          |          |          |           |          |           |            |            |
|                       |  | U – AC 5    | 05         | -          | -         | -          | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | 05         | 05         |
|                       | Vice Chancellor                                      | U – AC 5    | 01         | 01         | -         | 01         | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | -          | -          |
|                       | Senior Assistant Librarian/<br>Assistant Librarian   | U – AC 3    | 02         | 01         | -         | 01         | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | 01         | 01         |
|                       | Librarian  | U – AC 5    | 01         | -          | -         | -          | -         | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -         | -        | -         | 01         | 01         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    |  |             | <b>310</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>06</b> | <b>04</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>03</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>03</b> | <b>137</b> | <b>124</b> |

Overall, the approved cadre totals 310 positions, with 186 existing permanent staff (60%), ten temporary staff (3.2%), and 3 on assignment (1%), leaving 137 permanent cadre vacancies (35.8%).

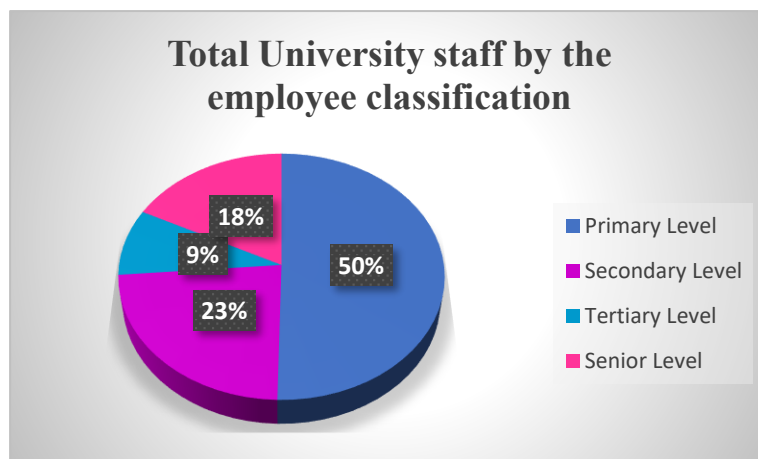


Figure 1-5 Total University staff (177) by the employee classification

Figures 1-5 provide a breakdown of the total university staff, classified into four employee levels, with 177 staff members. Primary-level employees comprise 50% of the total staff, with 69 individuals. Secondary Level employees account for 23% of the total staff, with 32 individuals. Tertiary-level employees represent 9% of the total staff, consisting of 12 individuals. Senior Level employees constitute 18% of the total staff, with 24 individuals.

This distribution highlights that half of the university's staff is at the primary level, followed by a significant portion at the secondary level. The senior level also has a notable presence, while the tertiary level comprises the smallest percentage of the staff.

### 1.5.2 Academic Staff and Academic Support Staff

The University of Vavuniya had a sanctioned strength of 123 academic positions. Of these, 80 have been filled with permanent appointees, while the remaining positions have been supplemented by individuals on temporary contracts. Senior staff constitute most of the filled academic positions, accounting for 37% of the permanent academic workforce. Additionally, the university has utilized all 32 approved temporary academic positions to support its academic operations further. The pie chart displays the composition of the academic and academic support staff: Senior Academics represent 37%, Junior Academics make up 22%, Academic Support Staff constitute 6%, and Temporary Academics account for 35%.

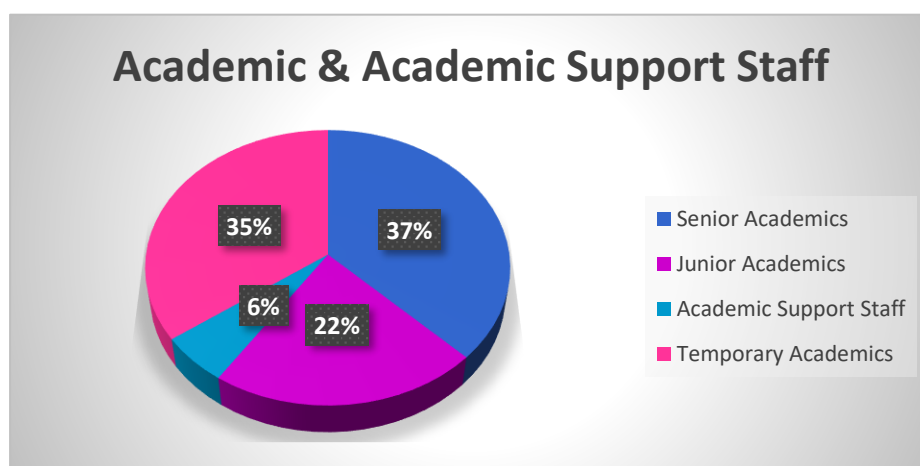


Figure 1-6 Academic & Academic Support Staff



Figures 1-6 provide a breakdown of the university's academic and academic support staff, categorized into four groups. Out of the total 123 staff members, Senior Academics comprise 37.4% of the total staff, with 46 individuals. Junior Academics account for 22% of the total staff, with 27 individuals. Academic Support Staff represent 5.7% of the total staff, with seven individuals. Temporary Academics constitute 35% of the total staff, with 43 individuals. This distribution highlights the significant presence of Senior Academics and Temporary Academics, who comprise more than 70% of the staff. Junior Academics also have a notable presence, while Academic Support Staff make up a minor portion of the staff.

Table 1-10 Academic and Academic Support Staff in Faculties and Library

| Category   | Salary Scale   | Approved Cadre | Existing Care |           |           | Vacancies |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |                |                | Female        | Male      | Total     |           |
| Senior Professor (Chair)                               | U AC 5 (I)     | 5              | -             | -         | -         | 5*        |
| Professor (Chair)                                      | U AC 5 (II)    |                | -             | -         | -         |           |
| Senior Professor                                       | U AC 5 (I)     |                | -             | -         | -         |           |
| Vice Chancellor  | U AC 5 (II)    | 1              | -             | 1         | 1         | -         |
| Professor  | U AC 5 (II)    | 86             | 1             | 2         | 3         | 17*       |
| Associate Professor                                    | U AC 4         |                | -             | -         | -         |           |
| Senior Lecturer (Grade I)                              | U AC 3 (I)     |                | 6             | 6         | 12        |           |
| Senior Lecturer (Grade II)                             | U AC 3 (II)    |                | 6             | 20        | 26        |           |
| Senior Lecturer (Transitional)/ Lecturer (Unconfirmed) | U AC 3 (III)   |                | 1             | 2         | 3         |           |
| Lecturer   | U AC 3 (IV)    |                | 3             | 1         | 4         |           |
| Lecturer (Probationary)                                | U AC 3 (IV)    |                | 17            | 6         | 23        |           |
| Librarian  | U AC 5 (I)     | 1              | -             | -         | -         | 1         |
| Senior Assistant Librarian (Grade I)                   | U AC 3 (I)     | 1              | -             | 1         | 1         | -         |
| Assistant Librarian                                    | U AC 3 (IV)    | 1              | -             | -         | -         | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>   |                | <b>95</b>      | <b>34</b>     | <b>39</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>22</b> |
| Academic Support Staff                                 | U AS 2         | 9              | -             | 4         | 4         | 5         |
|  | U AS 1         | 8              | 1             | 2         | 3         | 5         |
|  | U AS 1 (II)    |                |               |           |           |           |
| <b>Total</b>   |                | <b>17</b>      | <b>1</b>      | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| Temporary Asst. Lecturer                               | U AC 2 (fixed) | 7              | 19            | 5         | 24*       | -         |
| Temporary Demonstrator                                 | U AC 1 (fixed) | 24             | 14            | 5         | 19        | -         |
| Temporary Instructor                                   | U AC 1 (fixed) | 1              | -             | -         | -         | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>   |                | <b>32</b>      | <b>33</b>     | <b>10</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>-</b>  |

In summary, the total approved cadre for academic staff is 95, with 73 existing staff (34 females and 39 males), resulting in 22 vacancies.

The approved cadre is 17 for academic support staff, with seven existing staff (1 female and six males), leaving ten vacancies. Temporary positions have 43 existing staff (33 females and ten males). This breakdown highlights that many positions, especially at higher academic ranks, remain vacant.

### 1.5.3 Administrative and Finance Staff

In the administrative and finance sector of the University, there were 22 sanctioned permanent cadre positions. Of these, 14 have been filled with permanent staff, and four have been temporarily occupied on a contractual/Acting basis, leaving eight positions currently vacant.

Table 1-11 Administrative and Finance Staff

| Staff                                       | Salary Scale | Cadre | Existing Staff |        |       |                                  |        |       | Permanent<br>Cadre<br>Vacancies |
|---|--------------|-------|----------------|--------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|
|   |              |       | Permanent      |        |       | Temporary (Part time/Sabbatical) |        |       |                                 |
|   |              |       | Male           | Female | Total | Male                             | Female | Total |                                 |
| Registrar                                   | U-EX 3 (I)   | 1     | 1              | -      | 1     | -                                | -      | -     | -                               |
| Bursar                                      | U-EX 3       | 1     | 1              | -      | 1     | -                                | -      | -     | -                               |
| Deputy Registrar/Senior Assistant Registrar | U-EX 2       | 4     | 3              | -      | 3     | -                                | -      | -     | 1                               |
| Deputy Bursar/Senior Assistant Bursar       | U-EX 2       | 1     | -              | -      | -     | -                                | -      | -     | 1                               |
| Director/ Physical Education Unit           | U-EX 2       | 1     | -              | -      | -     | -                                | -      | -     | 1                               |
| Assistant Registrar                         | U-EX 1       | 6     | 1              | 3      | 4     | -                                | -      | -     | 2                               |
| Assistant Registrar (Legal & Documentation) |              | 1     | -              | -      | -     | -                                | -      | -     | 1                               |
| Assistant Bursar                            | U-EX1        | 2     | 2              | -      | 2     | -                                | -      | -     | -                               |
| Assistant Internal Auditor                  | U-EX 1       | 1     | -              | -      | -     | -                                | -      | -     | 1                               |
| Works Engineer                              | U-EX 1       | 1     | 1              | -      | 1     | -                                | -      | -     | -                               |
| Chief Security Officer                      | U-EX 1       | 1     | -              | -      | -     | -                                | -      | -     | 1                               |
| Curator                                     | U-EX 1       | 1     | 1              | -      | 1     | -                                | -      | -     | -                               |
| University Medical officer                  | U-MO 1       | 1     | 1              | -      | 1     | -                                | -      | -     | -                               |
| Grand Total                                 |              | 22    | 11             | 3      | 14    | -                                | -      | -     | 8                               |

Out of an approved cadre of 22 positions, 14 are filled (11 males and three females), accounting for 63.6% of the total positions. There are eight vacancies, making up 36.4% of the total positions. This distribution shows that a significant portion of the administrative and finance staff positions are currently filled, with a notable number of remaining vacancies.

#### 1.5.4 Non-academic Staff

The University has been sanctioned for a certain number of non-academic staff positions, of which many have already been filled. The remaining vacancies remain open due to constraints imposed by UGC (University Grants Commission) Circular No. 876 and existing directives from the finance ministry. These restrictions present significant challenges to the smooth operation of daily activities within the University.

Table 1-12 Non-academic Staff

| Faculty/Branch/Division/Unit/Centre | Clerical and Allied Staff | Technical Staff | Primary Staff |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| General Administration              | 23                        | -               | 15            |
| Financial Administration            | 7                         | -               | 1             |
| Internal Audit Unit                 | 1                         | -               | -             |
| Faculty of Business Studies         | 4                         | 1               | 2             |
| Faculty of Applied Science          | 4                         | 3               | 4             |
| Faculty of Technological Studies    | 1                         | 1               | 1             |
| Library                             | 3                         | -               | 3             |
| Physical Education                  | -                         | -               | 1             |
| Career Guidance Unit                | -                         | -               | -             |
| Staff Development Centre            | 1                         | -               | -             |
| Health Centre                       | -                         | -               | -             |
| Information Technology Centre       | -                         | -               | 1             |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>45</b>                 | <b>5</b>        | <b>28</b>     |

Overall, the total non-academic staff comprises 45 clerical and allied staff (61.6% of the total non-academic staff), five technical staff (6.8%), and 28 primary staff (31.5%). This distribution highlights that most non-academic staff are in clerical and allied roles, followed by primary staff, with technical staff representing the smallest group.

## 1.6 Collaboration with other organizations

### Summary of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

- MOU with People's Bank for Internship
- MOU with ACCA for partnership between the Department of Finance and Accountancy

## 1.7 Community outreach

- ☉ Dr B. Sivayoganathan and his team conducted a workshop on Silage Production Techniques under the AHEAD operation of the Faculty of Applied Science on 24th May

2023. The workshop involved various entrepreneurs and real-world inventors. More than 106 participants benefited from the training session.

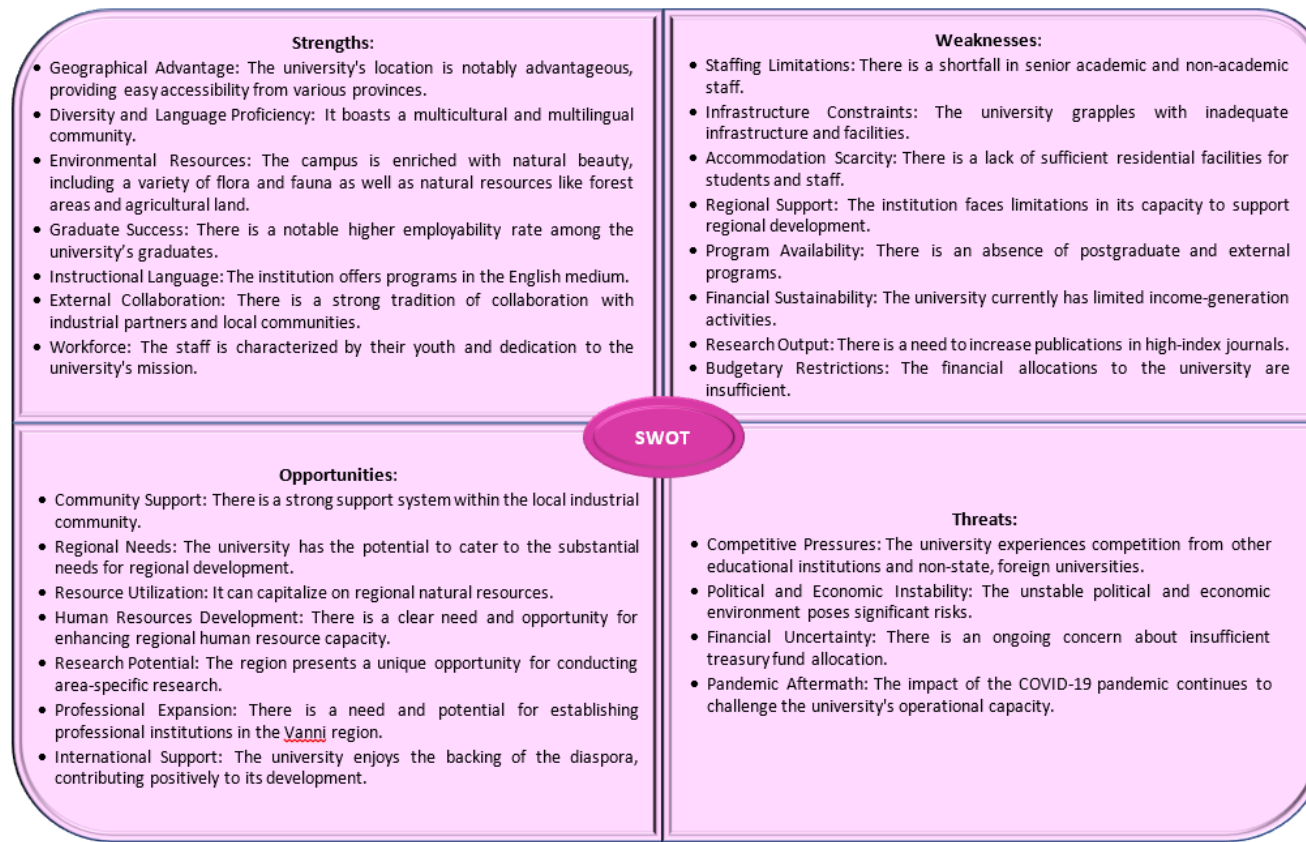
- ⊙ Dr.(Ms.) J.Nimalan and Dr.(Ms.) P.Malathy were the resource persons for a practical session on Microbiology, Plant Biology and Chemistry on 23rd June 2023 for the College of Education Teachers.
- ⊙ Dr. (Mrs.) J. Nimalan, Senior Lecturer and Dr. (Mrs.) P. Malathy demonstrated the functions/uses of lab equipment and facilitated lab experiments based on the curriculum for the second-year students of Sri Lanka School of Agriculture, Vavuniya, on 08th September 2023.
- ⊙ Dr.S.Wijeyamohan was assigned as a consultant for Scientific Mapping Delft Island, Jaffna District, from 30th August 2023 to 01st September 2023.
- ⊙ Prof. T. Mangaleswaran delivered keynote speeches at various international conferences in India, Malaysia, and Mauritius on global business challenges to school psychology and the Tamil diaspora.
- ⊙ Prof. A. Pushpanathan contributed as a visiting lecturer, supervisor, panel reviewer, and workshop chairperson in subjects related to agro-enterprise, entrepreneurship, and HRM across various institutions.
- ⊙ Prof. Y. Nanthagopan engaged in dissertation supervision visiting lectureships, and was a resource in strategic planning, soft skills development, and other training programs.
- ⊙ Dr. P. Selvarajan was a reviewer, resource person, and adjunct professor focusing on gender sensitivity, management, and business education.
- ⊙ Dr. K. Kalainathan held positions as chief editor, resource person, visiting lecturer, and adjunct professor specializing in financial and business management.
- ⊙ Dr. G. Jeyaseelan participated in various committees, served as a seminar resource person, and contributed to language education at the national level.
- ⊙ Dr. N. Ravinthirakumaran supervised research delivered keynote addresses, and participated in panels and workshops on economic development and sustainable goals.
- ⊙ Dr. A. Rukshan supervised MBA theses, was a visiting lecturer, and was a member of technical programming committees for international conferences.
- ⊙ Mr Aruppillai Thayaparan was a visiting lecturer and supervised undergraduate students, contributing to open education and entrepreneurship.
- ⊙ Mrs. P. Godwin Phillip was a leadership and commerce education resource at various levels, including community and school programs.

- ⊙ Ms. Subajana Jeyaseelan contributed as a language education reviewer, examiner, and coordinator, focusing on ESL and women's marginalization topics.
- ⊙ Mr. S. Thirugnanasampanthar engaged in the UNDP Youth Leadership Program, focusing on curriculum preparation and facilitation.
- ⊙ Mr. C. Larojan contributed as a resource person, editor-in-chief, and chief examiner, focusing on participatory budgeting and accounting education.
- ⊙ Mr. S. Harikaran was a workshop resource on various topics, including preschool teacher skills, conflict resolution, and employability improvement.
- ⊙ Mrs. V. Kajanthy was a resource person in marketing and operations management and reviewed research papers in green supply chain management.
- ⊙ Mr. J. Leon delivered workshops on digital marketing, investment opportunities, and marketing mix, focusing on youth and school students.
- ⊙ Mrs. S. Mathivathany was a resource in disaster management, entrepreneurship, and women empowerment, participating in various workshops and training programs.
- ⊙ Mr. S. Sivanenthira focused on leadership, motivation, and digital marketing as a resource person, contributing to youth and MAG staff training programs.
- ⊙ Ms. K.P.W.D.R. Weerasinghe developed course outlines and was a marketing and service marketing education resource.
- ⊙ Ms. P. Sarmatha was a trainer, assistant trainer, and resource person in English language education, leadership programs, and communication skills workshops.
- ⊙ Ms. M.R.F. Aqeela Ijas contributed as a resource person in human resource planning and emotional intelligence training.
- ⊙ Ms. Prasheenaa Abenayan and Mr. N. Pratheepan engaged in conflict management and resolution training and served on conference committees.
- ⊙ Mr. Soosaipillai Douglas and Mr. A. Sebarajah served as visiting lecturers in English and conducted workshops on exam preparation and soft skills.
- ⊙ Ms. S. Anithra was a resource for communication and soft skills training for science and technology students.
- ⊙ Mr.S.Shanmugathaasan conducted two awareness and library management programs at the regional level at the Zonal Education office and Public Library.
- ⊙ Mr.V.Senthooran, Senior Lecturer from the Department of ICT, served as a Resource Person for the Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (CESBM) conducted by the Career Guidance Unit.

- ⊙ Mr V.Senthooran served as a Resource Person in the Seminar to prepare ICT modules for improving ICT skills for non-IT teachers in Sri Lanka in Tamil Medium conducted by the Ministry of Education in Northern Provincial IT Center.
- ⊙ Mr.V.Senthooran and Ms.P.Rukshani were resource persons for the Career Guidance Unit's "University Admissions 2023 " seminar.
- ⊙ Ms P. Amrithaa, Ms P. Rukshani, Ms G. Saliny, Mr K. Mathanakaran, and Mr T. Abiramithan conducted a seminar on the past papers of the GCE Advanced level for the ICT Subject to 70 students on October 9th and 10th in the Vadamarachchi Education Zone located in Point-Pedro.
- ⊙ Rukshani Puvanendran, Saliny Gobishangar, S. Ragumenon, and T. Abiramithan, conducted the Advanced Level ICT Seminar at C/Ramanathan Hindu Ladies College, Bambalapitya to the 60 students from Ramanathan Hindu Ladies College, Hindu Ladies College, and Hindu College for two days.

## 2 Strategic Review

The university meticulously formulated a five-year Strategic Management Plan from 2023 to 2027, alongside a detailed Action Plan for the initial year. Despite careful planning, the university encountered significant hurdles in executing the 2023 Action Plan, predominantly due to the disruptive consequences of the accompanying economic downturn.



## **2.1 SWOT Analysis**



## 2.2 Future Action Plan

### **Goal - 01: Enhancing Quality and Relevance of All Academic Programmes to Achieve International Recognition in Higher Education.**

To realize this ambitious goal, the University initiated the Center for Quality Assurance (CQA), a strategic move to bolster the quality of all academic offerings. Recognizing that the calibre of academic staff is pivotal to the excellence of academic programs, the University has actively encouraged faculty to pursue doctoral studies abroad and seek international accreditations. This effort has been supported through strategic partnerships with overseas institutions, facilitated by signing MOUs to enrich staff and student experiences and foster global academic exchange.

In response to the tech-driven shift in education, the University has committed to ensuring that all its members have access to a rich array of digital and electronic resources. This commitment extends to empowering library staff to enhance their collections proactively, with a keen focus on resources that drive student engagement and knowledge advancement. In parallel, curricular reforms have been implemented to sharpen students' academic prowess, cultivate soft skills and fortify the foundations of social harmony.

The University has strongly emphasised fostering a culture of high-calibre research and community engagement, aiming to elevate social and educational standards across the country. To this end, premier national and international professional bodies have organised collaborative research conferences. Further incentivizing

scholarly excellence, a research award scheme has been established to motivate publications in reputable, indexed journals.

### **Objectives**

- Augment the number of academic staff with PhDs or equivalent qualifications by 2026.
- Secure national and international accreditation for all degree programs.
- Ensure universal access to digital and electronic resources for the University community.
- Expand and enhance the utilization of the library's collection.
- Provide comprehensive access to ICT facilities for the student body.
- Elevate the use of Learning Management Systems (LMS) and Virtual Learning Environments (VLE) among faculty and students.
- Integrate soft skills development and social harmony into co-curricular activities.
- Upgrade facilities to support a broad spectrum of extracurricular engagements.
- Stimulate academic and student research to address regional and national challenges.
- Establish collaborative programs with leading national and international universities and institutes.
- Increase the enrolment of international undergraduate students.
- Implement robust quality assurance and enhancement mechanisms for all programs.

## **Goal - 02: Increasing the number of Globally Employable Graduates**

Employability serves as a crucial metric of success for the University. Despite the noteworthy achievements of its graduates in securing national and international positions, enhancing employability remains a priority. The University has responded by launching new degree programs tailored to the evolving demands of the global job market. Collaborative MOUs have been established with key industry players to bolster graduate employability prospects.

The curriculum is subjected to periodic review and refinement, ensuring alignment with global employment trends and demands. The University is also proactive in crafting proposals for innovative degree programs and postgraduate and distance learning options.

In today's competitive job landscape, attributes such as attitude, practical experience, and soft skills are highly valued by employers. The University has thus taken significant steps to nurture these qualities through enhanced language programs, student-centred learning, and practical exposure via internships and industrial visits. Focusing on maintaining high educational standards through quality assurance measures further assists undergraduates in capitalizing on emerging opportunities.

### **Objectives**

- Develop new faculties to address the knowledge needs of the future.
- Launch innovative degree programs within these faculties.
- Create new departments to spearhead specialized academic disciplines.

- Revamp the curriculum of undergraduate programs to boost employability and meet international standards.
- Establish centres for postgraduate and professional studies.
- Introduce advanced postgraduate degree programs.
- Roll out distance learning and continuous education initiatives.
- Foster student competency in soft skills.
- Promote student-centred and blended learning methodologies across all degree programs.
- Aim to include internships in at least 85% of degree programs.
- Enhance educational quality through regular institutional and program reviews, integrating feedback for continuous improvement.
- Aim to increase the intake of internal undergraduate students by 20% annually.

## **Goal - 03: Enhancing good Governance through effective and efficient management of resources and systems.**

Good governance, characterized by transparency, legal adherence, inclusive participation, and accountability, is a cornerstone of the University's ethos. To underpin this goal, a comprehensive Management Information System (MIS) is being developed to streamline decision-making processes, coordination, evaluation, and information visualisation.

Administrative and non-academic staff are pivotal in managing resources and systems efficiently. The University emphasizes their educational and professional advancement to strengthen their capacities, encouraging participation in postgraduate programs and providing targeted training and workshops

through the Staff Development Center (SDC). The University also focuses on enhancing its resource capabilities to foster an environment of exemplary governance.

### **Objectives**

- Implement the MIS across all faculties, the library, and administrative sectors.
- Ensure that 90% of administrative staff attain postgraduate or professional qualifications.
- Increase the participation of administrative staff in SDC-led training, workshops, and inter-university exchange programs.
- Expand training opportunities for non-academic staff through the SDC.
- Bolster administrative efficiency by supplying the necessary physical resources.

### **Goal – 4: Ensuring the Physical and Human Resources offer a Conducive teaching and Learning Environment.**

A conducive environment supported by adequate physical and human resources is imperative for teaching and learning to thrive. The University has plans to increase academic, administrative, and non-academic cadre positions in the coming years. In response to the challenges posed by the pandemic, efforts are underway to expand hostel and infrastructure facilities, addressing the accommodation concerns of the student body.

Smart lecture halls equipped with the latest facilities are being established to adapt to the digital shift in education. There are also plans to construct new lecture theatres and an auditorium and to update all lecture halls with modern teaching aids. Transportation and maintenance facilities are being upgraded, and the University is

spearheading initiatives to cultivate a green environment through student-led organizations.

### **Objectives**

- Expand academic, administrative, and non-academic cadre positions per the University's requirements by 2026.
- Provide all students with hostel facilities by 2026.
- Construct modern lecture theatres for each faculty.
- Update all lecture halls with state-of-the-art teaching facilities by 2026.
- Build a university auditorium.
- Establish new laboratories and modernize existing ones by 2026.
- Construct Postgraduate Institutes and Research Centres with comprehensive facilities.
- Annually, new buildings and other infrastructure are added to the university.
- Ensure the provision of adequate transportation and general machinery.
- Promote a green campus environment.
- Provide basic infrastructure to cater to differently-abled persons in 80% of existing buildings by 2026.

### **Goal – 5: Dissemination of Knowledge for Regional and National Development**

The University takes pride in its mandate to foster regional and national development. This involves encouraging students and staff to engage in community outreach projects, development-focused research, and participation in international conferences. Workshops and seminars are frequently conducted for school students to guide their career choices, and collaborations with community organizations help to implement outreach

programs that benefit the wider society. Additionally, student organizations actively participate in various outreach activities contributing to regional and national advancement.

### **Objectives**

- Increase the production of indexed and peer-reviewed publications to address regional and national challenges.
- Engage actively in industry and national development programs.
- Enhance the skillsets of private and public sector employees through specialized training programs.
- Amplify community-based activities via established community interaction cells.

### **Goal – 6: Ensuring Justice and Equity concerning Gender, Ethnicity and Religion**

A spirit of equity and equality pervades the University, with staff and students from diverse backgrounds working together harmoniously. To bolster this inclusive culture, specialized cells and centres like the Gender Cell and Harmony Centre have been established. The University celebrates cultural and religious diversity through

shared events and gatherings, showcasing its commitment to inclusivity.

Recognizing the importance of communication in fostering unity, the University has addressed language barriers by offering integrative language courses, aiding Sinhala and Tamil students in learning each other's languages, thus bridging communication gaps and fostering mutual understanding.

### **Objectives**

- Provide financial and social support to economically or socially challenged students by 2026.
- Create an environment conducive to harmony among all ethnoreligious communities.
- Promote equal opportunities in all University activities, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or religion.
- Foster a sense of harmony within the faculties.
- Offer language courses to facilitate communication and understanding across linguistic divides.
- Ensure infrastructure facilitates gender equity and equality.

### 3 Faculties, Centres and Cells

#### 3.1 Faculty of Applied Science

##### Dean of the Faculty



**Dr. (Ms.) Jeyagowri Nimalan, Dean**

##### Introduction

Since its establishment in 1997, the Faculty of Applied Science (FAS) at the University of Vavuniya has produced renowned graduates who have empowered science to be more applicable in real life. The faculty encompasses two departments: the Departments of Bio-science and Physical Science, which offer undergraduate degree programs in Environmental Science, Information Technology, Applied Mathematics and Computing, and Computer Science.

FAS is located in Pambaimadu, Vavuniya, exploring natural scenes and surroundings nested with forests, tanks, and rice fields, which fosters a conducive atmosphere for effective teaching, learning, and research, complemented by various extracurricular activities.

FAS offers a flexible, friendly, and favourable internal environment that encourages the students to engage in sports, recreational pursuits, religious activities, cultural events, and community service, which are supported

by various centres and units within the University of Vavuniya.

The students develop their knowledge and skills through learning course modules for their degree program. Along with academic programs, they are emphasized to develop well-rounded communication, soft, and IT skills needed to excel in various professional settings.

Good Interaction between the students and teachers leads to strong mentorship relationships. Further, the Faculty has solid ties with the community of Vavuniya and is seen as a key and prominent player in the advisory capacities of all development endeavours taking place in the locality.

##### Achievements

##### Faculty:

The concept was developed to establish a Business Incubation and Innovation Cell (BIIC) to foster the entrepreneurial skills of undergraduates, develop innovative products through research, and achieve sustainability. BIIC consists of two daughter cells: BIIC for the Department of Bio-science (BIIC-DB) and BIIC for the Department of Physical Science (BIIC-DP).

##### AHEAD grant

Units for yoghurt production, eco-friendly plate making, silage production, Mushroom production, aquaculture, and apiculture were further operationally enhanced under the AHEAD grant.

Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Laboratory was made to be fully functional to enhance English Language skills.

In addition, the following research laboratories were further equipped and enhanced to strengthen the research capabilities of students and staff.

- Manuscript Writing Lab
- Embedded Systems Lab
- Multimedia Lab
- Computer Vision Lab
- High-Performance Computer Lab

### **STHRD Project**

Rs. 20 Million was allocated by the UGC through the STHRD Project for the procurement of furniture and equipment for additional student intake.

### **Outcome of Programme Review – 2020**

The following grades were obtained for each degree programme at the faculty:

- ⊙ BSc in Applied Mathematics and Computing / Computer Science – Grade B
- ⊙ BSc Honours in Information Technology - Grade B
- ⊙ BSc Honours in Environmental Science – Grade B

### **Academic Programmes:**

- A certificate course on “Good Hygiene Practices for Food Handlers” and a Short course on Good Practices for food manufacturing Businesses were developed in connection with PTB.
- A concept for pilot cocoa (*Theobroma cacao L.*) cultivation at the University of Vavuniya was developed in collaboration with Cocoa Research Centre, Trinidad.
- The Manual on “Good Practices of Food-Manufacturing Businesses” was published by the University of Vavuniya and developed by PTP, Germany’s National Metrology Institute.

- The Curriculum for the BSc Honours in Environmental Science degree program was revised under the AHEAD Project.

**Academic Achievements:** Dr. (Ms.) S. Vijitharan has completed her PhD in Natural Resources Management at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

### **Resource Person for Training and workshops**

The staff from FAS served as resource persons for conducting workshops (01), awareness programs/seminars (02) and practical sessions (02).

### **Research Achievements:**

**Publications:** Members have published 13 Journal Articles and presented 23 research papers/abstracts at local and international conferences.

**Vavuniya Journal of Science:** Volume 2, Issue 1 was launched in August 2023. It was included in Sri Lankan Journals Online (SLJOL).

**Annual research conference:** The fourth Faculty Annual Research Session (FARS 2023) of the Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, was held on October 25, 2023, on the theme “Exploring Science Innovations for Global Well-being”. Undergraduates from Sri Lankan universities are encouraged to contribute to ASRC-2023 by submitting their research works as abstracts and posters.

### **Innovations and intellectual properties:**

- Installation of the world's first “I” – shaped electric fence at the Mannakkandal, Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka.

- Nannari Incorporated symbiotic yoghurt was developed.



### **Training Programs / Workshops:**

The faculty organized 02 training sessions and 14 workshops relevant to the faculty of Applied Science staff and students.

### **Students' Achievements:**

- Faculty award was awarded to three students based on the criteria.
- Loganathan Memorial Gold medal was awarded to 02 students who got highest OGPA in General and Special degree in Environmental Science.

Four students participated in the "Skill Up Project" as Coding Instructors at WCWW Foundation through AIESEC Global Volunteering Opportunities. They have been awarded valuable international certificates for global volunteering.

### **Failures and Justification:**

- The construction of the first floor of the Dept. of Physical Science building was delayed. Signing an MOU between the Ministry of Higher Education and the High Commission of India is a process in progress.
- Unable to fill the approved cadres due to government policies.

### **Future Plans**

- Develop a Master's Degree Program in the field of Environmental Science.
- Develop a new Bachelor's degree Programme in Data Science.
- Introducing Specializations for Existing Degree Programs.
- Bifurcate the Department of Physical Science into the Department of Computer Science & IT and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
- Develop curriculum to initiate Diploma/Short/certificate courses.
- Collaborate with local and international institutions and industries.



## 3.2 Faculty of Business Studies



**Prof. Y. Nanthagopan, Dean**

### Introduction

The Faculty of Business Studies commenced its academic activities in 1997 by establishing the Department of Economics and Management and the Department of Accountancy and Finance. Later on, the Gazette Notification on March 21, 2021, allowed the faculty to create more departments.

The faculty comprises seven departments: Business Economics, Marketing Management, Project Management, Management and Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Accountancy and Finance and English Language Teaching.

The faculty offers diverse undergraduate degree programs targeting 1000 students at a given time. The Bachelor of Business Management (BBM) Hons degree program is offered to students who enter the Faculty of Business Studies after passing the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination in the Commerce and Arts stream.

A batch of 216 students is admitted to this program annually for four areas of specialization: the Bachelor of Business Management (BBM) Honours degree programme in Accounting and Finance, Marketing Management, Business Economics, and Human Resource Management.

Further, the Faculty introduced a new degree programme - BBM in Project Management (BBM in PM), which commenced in the Academic Year 2014/15. The degree programme was upgraded to Honours in Project Management in the Academic Year 2017/2018. Currently, 101 students from all streams are admitted to this degree program. Our degree programmes provide a good foundation for undergraduates to qualify and compete in professional examinations and inculcate positive attitudes, ingenuity, and self-confidence.

The faculty has a talented pool of 32 academics and nonacademic and administrative staff. In addition, the faculty possesses four buildings along with one IT Lab. These buildings have been used in total capacity for academic and administrative purposes.

The Staff Publications and Communications across different departments are as follows:

- ⊙ Total Journal Publications: 21
- ⊙ Total Communications: 16
- ⊙ Overall Contributions (Publications): 37

This showcases the faculty's active engagement in research and dissemination across various fields of study.

### Club Activities:

Marketing Club – 11 Activities, HR Club – 9 Activities, Econ Club – 9 Activities, Accounting and Finance Club – 10 Activities, PM Club – 9 Activities, and Student Union – 6 Activities.

### Awards

- Research Excellence Award (27<sup>th</sup> September 2023): Mr. Aruppillai Thayaparan at the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Ceremony of the Faculty of Business Studies.

- The Best Paper Award (16<sup>th</sup> August 2023): Mr. Aruppillai Thayaparan received this award at the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.
- Best Poster Presentation: Mrs K.P.W.D.R. Weerasinghe was recognized for her paper at the SDG Youth Summit, 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Business and Information, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
- Scholarship for Certificate Programme: Awarded by the Indian Government for adapting to new blended teaching and learning eras.

#### **Programs, Workshops, and Seminars**

20 Activities



*An MOU signed with the MAG to conduct staff transition training programs in the north*

#### **Failures and Justifications**

- Faculty Building Complex: The plan to build a new faculty building complex approved by the National Planning was halted due to the country's economic crisis.
- Student Facilities: A failure to provide adequate student facilities for learning and teaching was attributed to poor treasury fund allocation.

#### **Future Plans**

- Commencement of Certificate in English
- Commencement of Advanced HRM Program
- Commencement of Diploma in Personal Financial Management
- Hosting an Undergraduate Symposium on Project Management
- Conducting Research Conference on Business Studies-2024 (RCBS)

### 3.3 Faculty of Technological Studies



**Mr. V. Senthuran, Dean**

#### **Introduction**

The Faculty of Technological Studies is in Pampaimadu, Vavuniya (Northern Province). The Faculty of Technological Studies produces graduates with the understanding of fundamental knowledge and skills to perform the role of an efficient Technological professional with a positive attitude and ethics necessary in fulfilling the responsibilities towards the clients and society. They will have intellectual openings to engage in research and be innovative through independent learning to develop the required skills. Graduates with appropriate technology disciplines could face development challenges and meet the nation's development goals. The Faculty of Technological Studies has one academic department offering undergraduates a highly theory- and practical-oriented bachelor's degree programme in information and communication honours technology.

#### **Achievements**

- Faculty of Technological Studies of the University of Vavuniya completed and presented its AHEAD grant under the World Bank project at the Conference on Enrolment Expansion in STEM Disciplines on 13.12.2023.

- Completion of TCL-2 (Computer Lab) under the UGC special grant.
- Dept. of ICT conducted an Advanced Level ICT Seminar at National Schools in Colombo, held on 30.11.2023 and 01.12.2023. Three advanced-level students from the school participated in the seminar.
- Department of ICT completed the A/L past paper revision seminar for the third consecutive year for the Vadamardchi education zone held at Computer Resource Center, Vadamardchi, on 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- The MOU Signing with Iykons Business Service Pvt Ltd happened on 03.05.2023. Also, the founder and managing director of Iykons initiated the APPRENTICESHIP HUB at the Faculty of Technological Studies, intending to provide part-time jobs and skills development to the students.

#### **Training programmes/workshops/conferences:**

- Mr.V.Vinoharan, Lecturer (Unconfirmed) from the Department of ICT and Ms P.Niroshi, Lecturer (Prob) from the Department of ICT, attended and presented the completion report of the AHEAD grant under the World Bank project at the Conference on Enrolment Expansion in STEM Disciplines on 13.12. 2023.
- Academic Staff of the Faculty of Technological Studies participated in the Programme Review and SER writing workshop conducted by the Staff Development Center of the University of Vavuniya on 15.11.2023.
- SLASSCOM Sri Lanka conducted a leadership session in person and a data analytics session via Zoom for the

University of Vavuniya students on 31.10.2023.

- Yar! Geek Challenge (YGC) introductory season 12 is a gateway for students to kickstart the technology-based, innovative, and entrepreneurial journey, which will be held on 28.08.2023.
- Intro to Cloud Technologies - An industrial session was organised by the Department of ICT, Faculty of Technological Studies, University of Vavuniya, conducted by Mr T. Athavan on 31.05.2023.
- HUEX conducted a session for final-year students about UI/UX, Front-end, and Back-end development 19.05.2023.
- Mozilla Campus Club UOV organized the Salesforce Basics & Apex Programming workshop in partnership with Yar! Salesforce Ohana.
- G2C Program organized by Virtusa Sri Lanka - Campus Reach Initiative | Life at Virtusa Sri Lanka and SLASSCOM Sri Lanka for the final year students on 24.02.2023.

- LSEG in Sri Lanka conducted a workshop regarding intern recruitment for final-year students on 07.02.2023.

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#### **Dissemination of Knowledge**

- Ms. P. Premisha (Lecturer (Probationary) – Department of ICT) initiated a Tech-meetup committee among Faculty of Technological Studies students to encourage leadership and knowledge-sharing skills.
- ICT Expo 2023: Third-year students showcased their innovative technical solutions to fellow students and stakeholders.

#### **International Division / Physical Education**

- Life at Virtusa Sri Lanka awarded a one-time scholarship to the selected faculty at Virtusa Women's Day Program students held at Shangri LA Colombo on 09. 03. 2023.
- Dhamith Kumara developed a Telegram BOT to share past BICT(Hons) papers.

### 3.4 Library

#### Introduction

The Library of the University of Vavuniya is vital in enhancing the staff and students' teaching, learning, and research experience, providing them with all the information they need to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The library was established in 1992 with the inauguration of Northern Province Affiliated University College. The library functioned with one senior assistant librarian in an academic cadre capacity and four cadres in a managerial assistant cadre capacity.

#### Service

The library was committed to empowering the university community to achieve its mission by providing quick and timely access to relevant, up-to-date, quality information resources. The library continued its services to the readers (approximately 1,900).

The library collection comprised 16,672 books, scholarly journals and magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, electronic resources (e-books and e-journals) and audio-visual materials. The library received 303 books valued at Rs.2,635,428.00 from the well-wishers.

The Authenticate software for similarity check was used to benefit the academic community. In addition, a photocopying service was provided at a nominal rate.

#### Infrastructure Development

A new three-storied library building which can simultaneously serve the needs of the students and staff was in progress. In addition, it has an E-resource unit accommodating 150 students simultaneously in progress. Further, it has a seminar room accommodating 200 students, a video conference room, a section for rare collections, and a museum.

#### Electronic Resources

Emerald Insight, Oxford University Press, and Taylor & Francis databases were available.

#### Institutional Digital Research Repositories

Focused on building the Institutional Digital Research Repositories with the scholarly publications of the faculty members to enhance the institution's visibility:

Faculty of Applied Science [292]; Faculty of Business Studies [530]; Faculty of Technological Studies [39]; Library [33]; University Publications [151]

Conducted information literacy programs to improve the students' information-handling skills.

#### Meetings

The six library committee meetings were held during this year.

### 3.5 Centre for Quality Assurance

#### Introduction

The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA) of the University of Vavuniya was established on October 01, 2021, in compliance with Commission Circular No. 09/2019. A standing committee of the Senate of the University of Vavuniya manages CQA's academic, administrative, and financial controls. The faculty level Quality Assurance activities are managed by the Faculty Quality Assurance Cells as per the Quality Assurance By-Laws.

The CQA looks up to achieve excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes, creates and activates a concrete quality assurance system in all the components of the higher education system, and sustains the process of continuous improvements for all teaching, learning and student support axes and institutional development based on local and international academic standards.

#### Workshops/Training programmes/Activities

- A workshop on Handling Plagiarism Detection Tools and Research Evaluation Metrics was conducted on February 25 for Assistant Lecturers and Special Degree Students of the Faculty of Applied Science (Under the AHEAD Grant).
- A workshop on Quality Parameters for Higher Education was conducted on May 04 for Deans, Heads, and Academic Staff.
- A workshop on Self-Evaluation Report Writing for Programme Review was conducted on November 15 for the Dean, Head, Assistant Registrar and

Staff of the Faculty of Technological Studies, University of Vavuniya.

#### Action plans for implementation of recommendations in external review reports

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Computing – The final version of the review report was received on 14.09.2023. The preparation of the Action plan is in progress.

#### Any other activities/highlights for the year

- The Cultural Centre signed an MOU with the I.Y.Yakovlev Chuvash State Pedagogical University, Russia, on 15.03.2023 and opened a Centre for Russian Language and Culture at the University of Vavuniya. The Centre was ceremonially opened on 15.03.2023.
- The Harmony Centre had signed a MOU with the GATE Foundation and Centre for Media, Human Rights and Peace Building. The MOU was signed on 18.01.2023.
- The Harmony Centre conducted the first International Conference on Harmony and Reconciliation (ICHR 2022) on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. A total of 30 research findings were presented and published.
- The internal programme review of the Bachelor of Business Management degree programme was done, and the review team submitted a report.
- Guidelines for Moderation and Second Marking of Examination Papers were prepared and approved by the 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting of the University of Vavuniya held on 27.05.2023.

- A workshop was organized by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality to develop a policy for the CGEE of the University on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2023. The 24th Council of the University of Vavuniya approved the developed policy on 07.10.2023.
- Support Centre for Persons with Disability prepared a “University Handbook of Disability”. It was approved by the 26<sup>th</sup> Council of the University of Vavuniya, held on 25.11.2023.
- Staff Development Centre organized eleven workshops for academic, executive, and non-academic staff to enhance knowledge for quality education this year.
- The academic workload reporting model of the academic staff of the Faculty of Applied Science, University of Vavuniya, is recommended at the special meeting of the Senate Standing Committee of the Centre for Quality Assurance held on 14.09.2023 and recommended at the 24th meeting of the Senate of the University of Jaffna held on 18.09.2023 and approved by the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of University of Vavuniya held 07.10.2023.
- The University of Vavuniya handed over the World’s First Vertically Hanging “I” shaped Trial Electric Fence to Mannakandal Village at Mullaitivu District on 6th October 2023.

### 3.6 University Research Committee (URC)

#### Introduction

The name of the ‘University Research and Ethics Committee’ has been changed to ‘University Research Committee’ after forming a separate and independent committee, the ‘Research Ethics Committee’, to deal with the research ethics review. Council approval was obtained for the Name change of the URC at its 22nd meeting on 29.07.2023.

#### Award of Research Grants:

Research Grants of the University of Vavuniya was offered to two Senior academics of the University of Vavuniya in STEM discipline in 2023. The title of the research is as follows.

- i. Title: Towards the Gamification of Training: Investigating Hotel Employees' perceptions of game elements. Researcher: Dr. A. Rukshan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, Faculty of Business Studies.
- ii. Title: A comparative study on bioethanol production from selected weeds: Researcher: Dr P. Malathy, Senior Lecturer, Department of Bioscience, Faculty of Applied Science.

#### ‘Vice Chancellor’s Award for Research Excellence’ Award:

- Guidelines and a marking scheme for the award were initiated. Three awards were introduced:
  - i. Award 1: Most Outstanding Young Researcher award (age <35 years old)
  - ii. Award 2: Most Outstanding Senior Research award (age > 35 years old)
  - iii. Award 3: Most Outstanding Inventor award.

#### Research Ethics:

Guidelines for the Ethical Review of Research and application form were developed, and council approval was obtained. Three ethical clearance certificates were issued for undergraduate research.

#### Eligibility criteria for Research allowance:

- Eligibility criteria for Research allowance were developed considering the facts and the circulars – Higher Education Circular No. 01/2011 and Management Service Circular No. 45 & 02/2014. This is to ensure an unbiased review of applications received for research allowance from the eligible staff of the University of Vavuniya.

### 3.7 Health Centre

#### Introduction

The health centre is in the middle of the university and functions in a prefabricated facility. A permanent medical officer (UMO), a nursing officer, and a Psychosocial counsellor are on a contract basis, two minor employees are daily, and a trainee is the staff working in the centre.

#### Services provided:

- Annual screening for non-communicable diseases (NCD) is conducted every March for all staff members who are 30 years and above. Anyone diagnosed with NCDs is referred to General Hospital Vavuniya for further evaluation, and a monthly clinic is conducted for those for whom continuous care is required.
- Dental and oral health services are provided in the centre by a visiting dental surgeon weekly.
- The eye clinic is conducted monthly, and patients are referred to GH Vavuniya if needed.
- The qualified counsellor provides a mental health clinic/counselling service weekly, and referrals are given to the general hospital Vavuniya mental health unit if necessary.
- Food handlers working in the canteens are checked annually to ensure food safety and hygiene.
- Health promotion programs are organized for staff and students with the support of the university's Staff Department Centre (SDC), and cleaning campaigns are conducted if necessary.

#### Future Plans:

- Provision of reproductive and sexual health services.
- Training of advanced first aid to those who had previously trained in basic first aid by us.
- Formation of Health promoting student clubs.

#### 2023 Yearly Summary of Dental Eye Clinic and Mental Health Clinic

Number of patients treated at the health centre (dental clinic) (eye clinic) and (mental health) at the University of Vavuniya

Dental clinic - 178

Mental health - 33

Eye clinic - 180

Number of days attendance at health centre dental doctor and counsellor in the University of vavuniya

Dental doctor - 56 hours (28days)

Counsellor - 30 days



Table 3-1 Year-end summary of diseases

| Month            | Diseases    |                             |                             |                |            |               |             |                |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
|                  | Viral fever | Upper respiratory infection | Lower respiratory infection | Aches and pain | Dysentery  | Gastric ulcer | Others      | Total patients |
| <b>January</b>   | 19          | 141                         | 46                          | 35             | 8          | 21            | 191         | <b>461</b>     |
| <b>February</b>  | 9           | 174                         | 55                          | 37             | 21         | 23            | 223         | <b>542</b>     |
| <b>March</b>     | 24          | 80                          | 27                          | 25             | 11         | 15            | 160         | <b>342</b>     |
| <b>April</b>     | 20          | 141                         | 32                          | 28             | 9          | 13            | 194         | <b>437</b>     |
| <b>May</b>       | 34          | 150                         | 51                          | 9              | 8          | 1             | 148         | <b>401</b>     |
| <b>June</b>      | 17          | 44                          | 32                          | 28             | 4          | 27            | 240         | <b>392</b>     |
| <b>July</b>      | 38          | 211                         | 83                          | 38             | 10         | 22            | 284         | <b>686</b>     |
| <b>August</b>    | 38          | 197                         | 76                          | 25             | 14         | 19            | 139         | <b>508</b>     |
| <b>September</b> | 18          | 116                         | 62                          | 20             | 11         | 26            | 218         | <b>471</b>     |
| <b>October</b>   | 31          | 109                         | 56                          | 39             | 18         | 36            | 253         | <b>542</b>     |
| <b>November</b>  | 35          | 85                          | 84                          | 65             | 52         | 40            | 285         | <b>646</b>     |
| <b>December</b>  | 17          | 68                          | 39                          | 25             | 15         | 9             | 197         | <b>370</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>300</b>  | <b>1516</b>                 | <b>643</b>                  | <b>374</b>     | <b>181</b> | <b>252</b>    | <b>2532</b> | <b>5798</b>    |

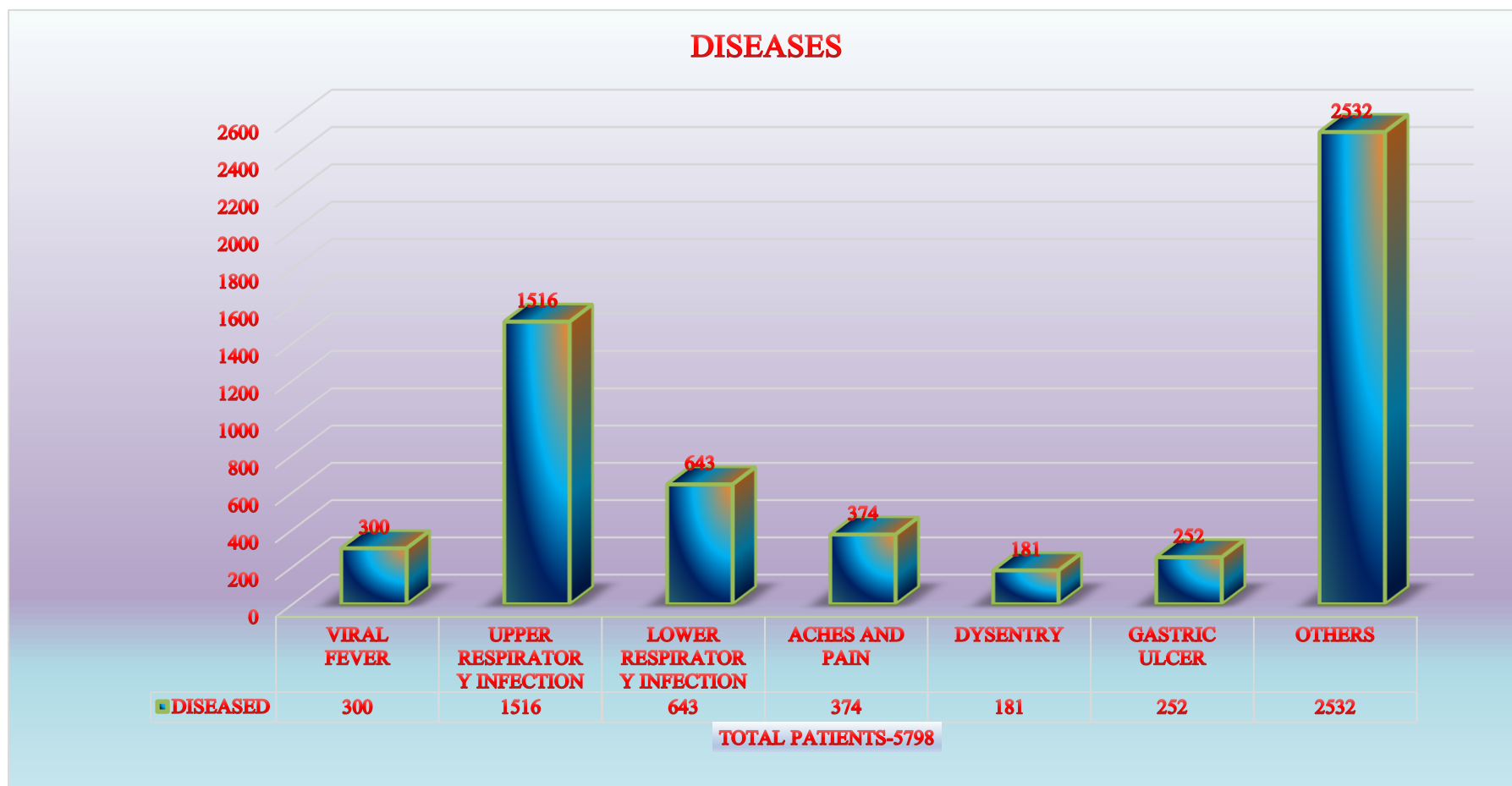


Figure 3-1 Year-end summary of diseases

### 3.8 Staff Development Centre

#### Introduction

The Staff Development Centre undertakes activities that provide opportunities for the growth and career development of all categories of staff. In addition, it facilitates the acquisition of post-recruited qualifications for confirmation and promotion, service-specific advanced knowledge and skills through in-service training and the knowledge of current global trends towards their sustainability in the career, which would uplift the nation's quality.

#### Workshops

- Training Programs to Implement 5S System on January 25.
- Audit Practices on February 15.
- Paper setting and conducting Examination on February 23.
- Communication Skills on April 19.
- Current Tax System in Sri Lanka on August 09.
- Training Session on Mental Health August 23.
- Positive Parenting on September 13.
- Occupational Health & Safety on October 18. (English Medium)
- Occupational Health & Safety on October 19. (Tamil Medium)
- The training session on self-evaluation report writing for program review will be held on November 15.
- Research and Publication on December 13.

### 3.9 International Division

#### Introduction

The International Division of the University of Vavuniya was established in October 2021 to enrich the academic, economic, and cultural dimensions of the University by establishing international collaborations with individuals and institutions. It is expected to develop long-term and sustainable collaborative activities for all disciplines of the University. It is responsible for planning, managing, and promoting international relations with foreign universities, research institutes, Consulates/Embassies, industries, and other networks. This division is also in charge of welcoming international students, delegations, and guests.

It engages in research, teaching, and student activities. Regarding research, the division

expects to develop collaborative research programs and global student group projects with foreign universities. Concerning teaching, the International Division prepares students for careers in the global economy through international collaborative training programmes, workshops and student exchange programmes. From the student's perspective, the proposed Division exposes the student's talents and promotes their ideas with other universities and industries. In addition, the Division facilitates international students' activities at the University of Vavuniya. In future, the International Division will enable collaborative degrees such as joint and split undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes.

### 3.10 Harmony Centre

#### Introduction

The Harmony Centre, a non-profit academic entity at the University of Vavuniya, was established to foster scholarly collaboration, international partnerships, cultural interaction, research programs, and knowledge exchanges. It supports educational, professional, and cultural activities among students, staff, and communities. The Centre is dedicated to promoting peaceful living and inter-ethnic, intercultural, and interreligious understanding and providing comprehensive education in post-conflict Sri Lanka. Officially inaugurated on September 25, 2021, the Harmony Centre was opened by His Excellency the President on February 11, 2022, following directives from the University Grants Commission (UGC) to establish Social Reconciliation Centers (SRCs) as per Circular No. 10/2021. The University of Vavuniya's Harmony Centre, the first SRC in Sri Lanka's higher education sector, aims to enhance social cohesion, understanding of diverse cultural and religious beliefs, and governance through community engagement.

#### Seminars/Workshops/Training/Activities

- MOU signing event with the GATE Foundation on January 20, 2023.
- MOU signing event with the Centre for Media, Human Rights and Peacebuilding on January 20, 2023.
- International Conference on Harmony and Reconciliation (ICHR 2022) conducted on January 19-20, 2023.
- THAI PONGAL ceremony was celebrated with the Students' Union on January 27, 2023.



- Peace Education Program, a series of video-based workshops in collaboration with the Prem Rawat Foundation from March 20-29, 2023.
- Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebration organized with the Students' Union on April 29, 2023.
- Workshop on social media for Reporting and Peace Building for all students of the Advanced Certificate Course in Media Literacy and Journalism on July 22, 2023.
- 2nd Anniversary and Harmony Day Celebration 2023 held on September 20, 2023.



- Celebration of “Vani Vizha” of the Saraswathy Pooja with the Hindu Student Union on October 24, 2023.
- Workshop on Digital Media Literacy scheduled on November 4, 2023.



- Workshop on Mobile Photography conducted on November 19, 2023.

These activities highlight the Harmony Centre's commitment to fostering cultural

understanding, academic growth, and social cohesion through various educational and cultural initiatives.

### 3.11 Support Centre for Persons with Disability

#### Introduction

The Centre has been providing remarkable services to staff and students with disability and would like to expand its services to other community members with disability in the region.

#### Objectives

The Centre has the following specific objectives.

1. To operate a well-equipped special services centre for staff, students, and community members with disabilities.
2. To successfully run such an established centre and the university's day-to-day operation.

#### Workshop

- Workshop on Technical Accessibility on June 06
- Awareness Workshop on Disabilities on September 20

#### Future Plans

- Conduct Awareness Workshop on Disabilities
- Conduct a Workshop on Basic Computer knowledge
- Celebration of International Disable Day
- Purchase of assistive devices for disabled students.

### 3.12 Cultural Centre

#### Introduction

The Cultural Centre of the University of Vavuniya was established to facilitate students' learning about culture and arts through events, festivals, and workshops. In addition, the entire community would benefit from the centre as a great way to understand others within the Community.

#### Objectives

Sri Lankan culture is an adynamic, challenging, and independent force based on the freedom of expression. Therefore, everyone should have the opportunity to have a cultural life and develop society in the creative, diverse, and artistic qualities integral to arts and culture. Therefore, this will develop and promote the rich diversity

and uniqueness of various art pieces in the Zone and upgrade and enrich the people's consciousness about their cultural heritage. The main objectives of establishing the Arts and Cultural Centre

#### Workshops/ Seminar/ Training/ Activities

- Prof. Ankuran Dutta, Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, visited on August 24.
- Cultural Centre Opening Ceremony on September 06.
- Inauguration Ceremony of the Russian language programme on September 21.

#### Future Plans

- Conduct the Cultural Programmes
- Conduct the IMTC Conference

- Conduct the Certificate, Diploma, Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses
- Purchasing the equipment (Musical instruments, etc.)
- Construct the Cultural Hall, Auditorium, and Circuit Room for the visiting delegate outside the University premises.

### 3.13 The University Business Linkage (UBL)

#### Introduction

Universities are a source of knowledge, invention and innovation. Research can create valuable products and services and solve society's problems. Based on this, the UBL-Vavuniya was established to facilitate the business community in the region.

#### Workshops

- Workshop on the role of innovation in entrepreneurship for University Staff members and Advisory Board Members on March 02.
- Meeting with traders, entrepreneurs and industrialists on March 02.
- Workshop on the role of innovation in entrepreneurship for University Staff members and Advisory Board Members on March 02.
- The opening ceremony of the Business Clinic and an awareness secession for small and medium enterprises on university research and future collaboration with business communities will take place on April 04.
- Mini Fair jointly organized by UBL and District Secretariat, Vavuniya on May 24.
- Handing over ceremony of the World's first vertically hanging "I" shaped trial electric fence, which was fabricated by Dr S. Wijeyamohan and students of the Department of Bio-Science using the fund received from AHEAD operation

to Mannakandal GTM school on October 06

#### Training Programmes in paragraphs

Commercial Law Development Programme (CLDP) Prof. T. Mangaleswaran, Vice Chancellor, UoV, attended a training session on the Commercial Law Development Programme (CLDP). Further, he joined the Tech transfer tour on Dec 7-15, 2023, in Washington, DC, Ithaca, NY, Ann Arbor, MI.

In 2023, the AHEAD operation, World Bank, funded Rs 5 million to accomplish the phase 3 activities of the scorecard. This grant identified and supported the following seven research projects using the received grant.

Project 1: Healthy Yogurt, principal investigator – Dr. (Mrs.) G. Nimalan

Project 2: An IoT-Based Smart House Concept for Disabled People Using Dry Electrode Surface Electromyography (SEMG) Sensor, principal investigator – Dr. S. Kirushanth

Project 3: Fingerprint verification by the fusion of optical and conductivity sensors, principal investigator – Dr. S. Kirushanth

Project 4: A vertical electric fence to curb wild elephant intrusions, principal investigator – Dr. S. Wijeyamohan

Project 5: IoT-Enhanced Vermicompost Automation: Bridging Sustainable Agriculture and Technological Innovation, principal investigator – Ms. P. Shorubiha



With further additional financial assistance received from the AHEAD operation, a national patent was filed for Project 6.

#### **Future Plans**

A commercial partner for Project 4 is identified, but for other research works, commercial partners must be found to market the research outcome.

Planning to conduct workshops for students, especially with the Inventors Commission, to raise awareness of innovation and entrepreneurship and student exhibitions to promote research ideas to find solutions for existing societal problems.

### **3.14 Physical Education Unit**

#### **Introduction**

The Physical Education Unit is a service Unit that promotes sports and recreational activities among Students and Staff at the University of Vavuniya. The Physical Education Unit has facilities for all sports and recreational activities. Also, it provides services to the community by offering sports venues.

#### **Workshop**

- First Aid workshop on May 17 for sports students.
- First Aid workshop on May 24 for staff

#### **Organised Activities**

- Inter-University Elle Championship 2022 on January 06 - 09.
- Late Gnaneshwaran Memorial Tournament on February 22.
- Inter-Faculty Freshers' Meet 2023 on April 21-May 02.
- Rugby first Anniversary on March 11.
- Staff Cricket tournament on March 21 – June 20.
- Friendly Rugby match with Wayamba University on June 02.
- 2nd Anniversary Chess tournament on August 01.

- MOU Signing with Foundation of Goodness for University Ground development on August 16.
- Open Badminton tournament on September 23-30.
- Inauguration of Ground development work by the Foundation of Goodness on August 28.
- The gym was opened on September 20.
- Badminton court and Basketball court opening ceremony on October 31.

#### **Participation**

- Inter-University Chess Championship 2022 on January 06-08.
- Sri Lanka National Novices Division Chess Championship 2023 on February 9-10.
- Sri Lanka National Major Division Chess Championship 2023 on February 15-18.
- Rugby World Cup trophy display on February 21.
- Vavuniya District Badminton Clubs League Championship 2023 on February 27 – May 01.
- The Sri Lanka University Colours Awarding Ceremony on May 10.
- Sri Lanka University Games Rugby Championship 2023 on July 08 – August 12.

- Sri Lanka University Games Cricket Championship 2023 on July 15 – August 18.
- Sri Lanka University Games Carrom Championship 2023 on August 05 - 06.
- Sri Lanka University Games Table Tennis Championship 2023 on August 12 - 13.
- University International Sports Festival 2023, Russia on August 18 - 31.
- Sri Lanka University Games Track & Field Championship 2023 on August 19 - 20
- Sri Lanka University Games Badminton Championship 2023 on August 25- 27.
- Sri Lanka University Games Swimming Championship 2023 on August 28-29.
- Sri Lanka University Games Football Championship 2023 on September 02-04.
- Sri Lanka University Games Weightlifting Championship 2023 on September 02-03.
- Sri Lanka University Games Chess Championship 2023 on September 02-04.
- Sri Lanka University Games Karate Championship 2023 on September 03-04.
- Sri Lanka University Games Elle Championship 2023 on September 05-07.
- Sri Lanka University Games Beach Volleyball Championship 2023 on September 05-07
- The Jaffna International Rating Chess Championship on December 08-12

### 3.15 The Centre for Distance and Continuing Education.

The Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE) was established at the University of Vavuniya in 2023 as per the UGC Circular No. 932. Mr. S. A. Jude Leon was appointed as the director for one year by the University Council. The CDCE started to commence four new courses in the year 2023. Those are,

- Higher Diploma in English
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
- Advanced Certificate in Women Empowerment in Politics
- Advanced Certificate in Media Literacy & Journalism

Further details of this course:

| COURSE NAME  | Regd. Students | Date of Commencement | Course duration |
|--|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Higher Diploma in English                                      | 26 Nos.        | 27.05.2023           | Two years       |
| Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management. | 30 Nos.        | 20.05.2023           | Six Months      |
| Advanced Certificate in Women Empowerment in Politics          | 22 Nos.        | 11.06.2023           | Six Months      |
| Advanced Certificate in Media Literacy & Journalism            | 38 Nos.        | 27.05.2023           | Six Months      |



### 3.16 Career Guidance Unit (CGU)

#### Introduction

University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka, established the Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka. The CGU, functioning under the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Vavuniya and Director CGU, is responsible for the career guidance programmes, seminars and workshops based on the needs of the undergraduates. The university's CGU plays a critical role in preparing students for the work by equipping them with the skills to remain competitive in the global economy and lead meaningful and productive lives. Our University Career Guidance Unit programmers can positively impact our university students' educational career decisions and academic performance.

#### Workshops / Seminars

- The “Substance Misuse and its Impact on the Community” workshop was held on February 15.
- Career Guidance Work Shop and awareness session on April 27.
- Workshop on Creativity and Leadership on May 5.
- Inauguration ceremony of Certificate in Entrepreneurship and small management programme batch -1 on May 20.
- Career Guidance Work Shop and awareness session on May 29.
- Inauguration Ceremony of Vavuniya Toastmasters Club and Gavel Club on July 12.
- The session will be on the annual recruitment program placement process to Mitsogo Technology for 2024 on August 17.
- Occupational Career Guidance Session on August 23.
- Seminar on University Admissions-2023 on September 23.
- The advanced-level subject selection and career guidance session was held on October 13.

### 3.17 Centre for Gender Equity and Equality (CGEE)

#### Introduction

The objective of this Centre is to bring equal opportunities among staff and students without discrimination based on gender.

#### Activities in the year 2022

- We received two complaints from staff, and the inquiry process is ongoing.
- We Received complaints from the UGC ragging complaint portal, inquired, and sent the report to UGC.
- Received complaints from students, and an inquiry was conducted.
- ToT workshop was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Learning to live with diversity. Fifteen staff members from the University participated.
- Complete the Gender Policy document, and Council approved.

## 4 Research, Innovation and Publication

### 4.1 Introduction

Despite the national economic crisis, this newly established university managed to conduct all regular academic programs. Amidst staff shortages due to a temporary suspension in hiring, the university completed all academic, research, and administrative duties. Teaching was carried out both in-person and online. The university's community contributed significantly to academia by publishing 84 research papers presented at various local and international conferences. Additionally, two new academic journals and three annual research conferences were launched.

Three faculty members secured research grants; two started and completed postgraduate studies. The AHEAD grant further supported the university's achievements, which facilitated various activities.

The university also expanded its global reach by signing Memoranda of

Understanding with four international institutions, six professional organizations, and eighteen corporate entities.

#### Research Grants

Prof. (Mrs.) A. Nanthakumaran, Dr. S. Wijeyamohan, and Mrs. S. J. Thevaruban were awarded research grants in 2022.

Table 4-1 Number of Publications National/International, 2022

| No | Publication National/International | Number |
|----|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1  | Journals Papers                    | 37     |
| 2  | Conference Papers                  | 47     |
| 3  | Books                              | 0      |
| 4  | Book Reviews                       | 1      |

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## 5 Capital Works and Planning

### 5.1 Introduction

The Capital Works and Planning Unit provides buildings and other infrastructure facilities to ensure an environment conducive to teaching, learning and research activities. In addition, it ensures the development and rehabilitation projects are planned and implemented within the agreed time frames and fund allocations while maintaining the quality of work.

The primary function of the Capital Works and Planning branch is planning, procurement, and monitoring of Capital building projects of the University of Vavuniya according to the user department requirements. These functions include carrying out the relevant pre- and post-procurement activities, monitoring the construction works, maintaining projects' documentation and contract communication, certifying and issuing interim payment certificates, settling bills, handling disputes and coordinating testing, commissioning and taking over successful project completion. In addition, there is one ongoing construction.

#### Ongoing construction project

The Design, Construction and Commissioning project of Three Storied Buildings, Services and Related Structures for the Library was awarded to M/S Central Engineering Services (PVT) Ltd for Rs.312 million in 2019. The project was in progress in 2023.

#### Approved new construction projects

1. Completion of Construction of the First floor of the Department of Physical Science Building, Faculty of Applied Science, for Rs.84 million.
2. Construction of Administrative Building for Rs.584 million.
3. Construction of a three-storied Staff residence block (10 units) for Academic and Executive Staff and two-storied staff residence block for Non- Academic Staff / Bachelor's and Spinster's units building for Rs.350 million.
4. Construction of Building and other related structures for the Faculty of Business Studies - Phase II for Rs.926 million.

#### Proposed Infrastructure Development Projects

1. Construction of an Auditorium Building for Rs.600 million.
2. Construction of a sewage treatment plant for residential areas, including male hostels, female hostels, and staff quarters, for Rs.60 million.
3. Construction of a two-storied Building for Students Complex for Rs.244 million.
4. Construction of a Four Storied 100 rooms Hostel building for 400 students for Rs.400 million.
5. Construction of a Building for the Faculty of Technological Studies - Stage II for Rs.978 million.
6. Construction of a Two Storied Building for the Guest House for Rs.45 million.
7. Construction of a Three Storied building for the Physical Education Unit for Rs.92 million.
8. Construction of an Administrative Building for the Faculty of Applied Science for Rs. 571 million.

## 5.2 Major Rehabilitation and Improvement Works

The university completed major rehabilitation and improvement works amidst the limited funds and crisis.

In Paragraphs

| Name of the Works  | Contract Price (Rs.Cts.) |
|--|--------------------------|
| Modification of the old library building for units and centres                 | 2,602,138.86             |
| Road Work at the Faculty of Business Studies                                   | 2,756,181.50             |
| Establishment of a Computer Laboratory at the Faculty of Technological Studies | 9,184,048.39             |
| Electrical Installation of Main Distribution Board                             | 4,056,419.40             |
| Replacing the Washroom Door at Women's hostel A & C                            | 1,519,290.96             |
| Hiring Motor Grader, JCB and Tractor   | 1,153,741.90             |

## 6 Student Welfare

### 6.1 Introduction

The Student Welfare Division provides the following services to the students.

- Providing accommodation facilities.
- Coordination of Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship and other Scholarships.
- Selection and facilitating the Payment of Bursaries.
- Handling Canteen facilities for Students and Staff Members.
- Facilitating the formation of student's Unions.
- Facilitating obtaining approval for events organised by the students.

### 6.2 Financial Assistance

#### 6.2.1 Mahapola Scholarships

The monthly breakdown of Mahapola Scholarships of Rs.5000.00 (Treasury contribution of Rs.2450.00 and Mahapola trust contribution of Rs.2550.00 for each student per month) granted to new entrants and senior students during the year 2023.; The total amount given to the students was Rs. 7,663,600.00.

#### 6.2.2 Bursaries

The monthly breakdown of the bursary is Rs.4000 for each student per month, which is granted to new entrants and senior students during the year 2023. The total amount given to the students was Rs. 39,264,000.00.

- Issuing studentship confirmation letters and recommendations to obtain a laptop loan.

#### 6.1.1 Student Unions of the Faculties

##### Election Date for each faculty

- Faculty of Applied Science Students Union – 01.12.2022
- Faculty of Business Studies Students Union – 01.12.2022
- Faculty of Technology Studies Students Union – 01.12.2022
- Vavuniya University Common Students Union – 09.12.2022

#### 6.2.3 Hostel Accommodation for Undergraduates

The university provided the hostel accommodation to the first year and final year students due to the limited space. The total students accommodated in this was 992 in which 396 were males rest were females.

## 7 Audit and Management Committee Report

### Introduction

The New University Governing Council appointed the new Audit & Management Committee at its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on 25.09.2021 after establishing the new government. The Committee comprises three non-Executive Governing Council Members of the University and a member representing the General Treasury under the provisions made in paragraph 7.4.1 of the Public Enterprises Guideline for Good Governance. In the year 2023, Four (04) Audit & Management Committee meetings were held with the participation of Prof. Gamini Senanayake, Mr K. Gnanasiri Britto, Dr S. N. Thanigasalampillai, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Bursar and Superintendent of Audit of the National Audit Office who is the representative of the Auditor General of Sri Lanka.

The Audit & Management Committee performs its duties according to the scope specified in the Public Enterprises Guidelines for Good Governance, University Grants Commission Circulars, and Ministry of Higher Education Circulars and makes recommendations to strengthen the Internal Control Systems on the operations of Finance, Academic, Non-Academic, activities and improve the Administrative Procedures of the University of Vavuniya.

The Internal Audit Unit should directly report to the Vice-Chancellor to enforce their observations and recommendations.

### Progress

During the year, the Audit & Management Committee has made several recommendations, directions, and

proposals, which have paved the way for internal control and auditing improvement.

### Internal Audit Unit

The Internal Audit Unit has made the following recommendations by issuing 6 number of Internal Audit and observation Reports and upgrading the internal control systems of the University even under one acting Assistant Internal Auditor and one Audit Assistant with the guidance of the Audit and Management Committee can be summarized as follows:

1. Reviewed, evaluated, and recommended obtaining the Vesting Certificate for the land belonging to the University of Vavuniya.
2. Reviewed, evaluated and made recommendations to Maintain the standard format for the Constitution for establishing and maintaining the Clubs/Societies in the University.
3. Reviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations to maintain the fixed assets, register, and computerize them.
4. Reviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations to initiate a foreign research grant or any other to the University as it is valuable to the University.
5. Reviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations to develop 'Accountability Model Software' to monitor their academic works by uploading their semester works as lecturer conducting, paper setting, and paper marking to the software.
6. Reviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations to initiate the open-source software for examination results with the modification as per the

university requirements with the support of the academic staff and students at the university.

7. Reviewed, evaluated and made recommendations to issue an internal circular to all Deans/Directors/Heads of departments/divisions/units to prepare the payment vouchers by the relevant departments.
8. Reviewed, evaluated, and recommended upgrading the systems and internal controls to verify fixed assets.
9. Reviewed, evaluated and made recommendations to upgrade the systems and internal controls on human resource development, attendance of the employees, inventory and stock verification, contract administration, revenue, expenditure, investments, procurement, payroll management, financial management, assets management, contractual services, recruitments, promotions, payment of retiring benefits, vehicle maintenance, violation of bonds & agreements, environmental management, cash management etc.

The Internal Audit Division has covered almost all of its annual internal audit plans using the Sample Audit technique. In addition, the above division targeted monitoring the recovery process of

violation of Bond Agreements, monitoring the replies forwarded about audit queries and their follow-up actions.

The Internal Audit has performed the compulsory routine pre-auditing activities, and the activities done in 2023 are summarized as follows.

Table 7-1 Pre-Auditing Activities

| No | Pre-Auditing Activities               | Numbers |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 01 | University Provident Fund (Permanent) | 9       |
| 02 | University Provident Fund (Temporary) | 41      |
| 03 | Retirement Gratuity                   | 5       |
| 04 | Pension                               | 5       |

#### Future Plans

The Audit & Management Committee is planning to extend its objectives further to review the systems and controls and make its recommendations to strengthen the internal control systems for upgrading the financial and administrative procedures of the University of Vavuniya. Further, human resource allocation has been requested to be increased so that the Internal Audit Unit can fully perform its duties and functions without interruption.

## 8 Sustainable Development Goals

Aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) formulated in 2015, our institution has integrated the 17 goals into our sustainability initiatives and operations. We strive to exemplify these goals in practice, enhancing our educational environment and societal impact.

In pursuit of SDG 4, which emphasizes quality education, we have established The University Research Committee (URC) and the Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA) to oversee academic excellence at university and faculty levels. The Director of CQA reports progress to the Management Committee, Senate, and Council. Our Strategic Plan and Action Plan reflect these efforts, confirming our commitment to educational quality and lifelong learning opportunities.

Financial support mechanisms, such as the Vice-Chancellor Fund, are in place to assist students in managing their educational expenses. The University's cafeteria offers nutritious food at affordable rates, promoting health and well-being within our community. The CQA upholds academic standards across all degree programs, while the faculty management and Centre for gender equity and Equality vigilantly address any discrimination issues, ensuring an inclusive environment.

Our campus infrastructure includes state-of-the-art water purification units providing clean drinking water, and we are committed to further improving our sanitation services. In anticipation of potential energy shortages, the University has prepared to allocate additional funds to secure clean and affordable energy. We recognize the dignity of work and are devoted to providing decent work opportunities to support the nation's economic growth.

Innovative strategies and action plans are underway to integrate industry connections and build a resilient infrastructure. Our administration actively works to diminish inequalities, fostering a community where everyone can exercise their rights and responsibilities equally.

To bolster our educational impact, we are developing a township concept to encourage a communal living atmosphere among the academic population. The Department of Bioscience is at the forefront of championing eco-friendly practices, promoting responsible consumption and production, and spearheading research initiatives in climate action. Efforts to sustain aquatic life in nearby irrigation tanks and preserve terrestrial life through micro-projects indicate our environmental stewardship.

In line with our Strategic Plan, we have committed to fostering peace and justice within our institution, forming numerous partnerships to advance sustainable development across multiple domains.

**Quality of Education:** Our institute, though new, is dedicated to fulfilling SDG 4 by providing inclusive, equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning for a diverse student body, including those from different ethnic backgrounds and with varying abilities.

**Sustainable Development Goal in the Annual Report:** SDG 4 has been substantiated in our annual report, detailing access to higher education, the quality and relevance of higher education (section 3.5), and the efficacy of our management systems (sections 1.6 and 2.1). Innovation in research and the transformative power of knowledge are discussed in sections 3, 4, and 8.

**Biodiversity and Environment:** Our campus is a testament to biodiversity in a forested region with a rich ecosystem. We have balanced infrastructural development with environmental conservation, preserving a vast 25-acre land area. The local flora and fauna, including rare medicinal plants, are treasured and protected.

**Activities for Environmental Preservation:** The "Environmental Society - ENSOC" leads initiatives like reducing polyethylene use and turning our campus into a living laboratory for environmental science students. Ecotourism projects further emphasize the value of biodiversity, engaging the local community in conservation efforts.

**Impact and Mitigation Measures:** The University is proactively expanding its environmental programs, aspiring to establish a sanctuary to set a precedent as the first of its kind within a Sri Lankan university. Disaster risk assessments have created firebreaks and constructed wetlands for water purification, demonstrating our commitment to safeguarding our natural habitat.

Through these various endeavours, the University of Vavuniya contributes to the global sustainable development agenda and sets a benchmark for other institutions. Our commitment to sustainability is not confined to policy but is actively embodied in our institution's physical and communal fabric.



## 9 Financial Reports

### 9.1 Overview

The University of Vavuniya was established as the 17th State University in Sri Lanka on 1st August 2021. However, Financial Operation of the University began with the opening balance as of 1st January 2022, handed over by the University of Jaffna in line with the direction of the University Grant Commission.

Under the recurrent fund, The University incurred around LKR 114Mn for contractual services including Electricity, Internet, Security, Cleaning, etc. Increasing trend of expenses and reduction in recurrent allocation drive the University to take steps to control the expenditure in line with the National Budget Circular No.01/2023 to control the Public Expenditure in the Year 2023. University has taken several measures to control the expenditures by analyzing the cost element and controlling cost drivers for each expenditure lines. In the extreme situation, the activities have been prioritized on the basis of urgent and important criteria. Based on that, there are activities have been postponed in line with the available funding.

#### Internal Income

The University has received internal income of around LKR 14.4Mn for this year. This income is used to breach the gap between the recurrent expenditure and recurrent grant.

#### Capital Grants

The University has received LKR 200Mn as a capital grant for the treasury for 2023. Out of this amount, we have allocated and spent LKR 130Mn for the library building project.

In addition to that, University has received LKR 9.5Mn for technology steam from UGC, LKR 4.9Mn to enhance sports facilitates and LKR 1Mn for social reconciliation from AHEAD.

#### Structure of the Financial Administration Department

The Financial Administration department has two divisions, Supply and Payment led by two Assistant Bursars. Assistant Bursar Supply is handling Stores, Supply, Services and non-treasury transactions, and Assistant Bursar Payment is handling Salary and all other payments. Accounts division is with Bursar.

Assistant Bursar Payment is on leave for preparatory to retirement from mid of November, therefore, Bursar is handling the payment division too.

#### Software Applications

Financial Administration Department is currently using PACK software for Salary and Accounts. There is a requirement to upgrade the software is currently being used by the store function for the consumable inventory at stores.

Fixed Assets Register is maintained in the advanced excel sheet.

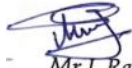
As a supporting function, the Financial Administration Department of the University provides service to the core function of the University of Vavuniya to achieve its Vision, Mission and Goal.

## 9.2 Financial Statements

### Statement of Financial Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

| Descriptions                         | Notes | 31st December 2023 |                         | 31st December 2022 |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                                      |       | Rs<br>.            | Rs.                     | Rs<br>.            | Rs<br>.                 |
| <b>Assets</b>                        |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| Cash and Cash equivalents            | 04    | 28,431,179.54      |                         | 17,936,336.15      |                         |
| Trade & Other Receivables            | 05    | 76,992,859.33      |                         | 69,563,086.89      |                         |
| Inventories/Stocks                   | 06    | 14,811,217.15      |                         | 9,235,200.79       |                         |
| Short term Investments               | 07    | 16,815,115.69      |                         | 17,411,734.82      |                         |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>          |       |                    | <b>137,050,371.71</b>   |                    | <b>114,146,358.65</b>   |
| <b>Non Current Assets</b>            |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| Long Term Investments                | 08    | 20,010,243.00      |                         | 15,446,323.64      |                         |
| Property, Plant & Equipment          | 09    | 1,660,022,530.72   |                         | 1,711,628,659.44   |                         |
| Work in Progress                     | 10    | 357,280,091.66     |                         | 216,418,835.37     |                         |
| <b>Total Non Current Assets</b>      |       |                    | <b>2,037,312,865.38</b> |                    | <b>1,943,493,818.45</b> |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                  |       |                    | <b>2,174,363,237.09</b> |                    | <b>2,057,640,177.10</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                   |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>           |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| Payables                             | 11    | 19,260,828.03      |                         | 22,777,997.73      |                         |
| Accrued Expenses                     | 12    | 1,280,199.99       |                         | 8,667,599.39       |                         |
| Self-Financing Courses & Projects    | 13    | 12,270,651.63      |                         | 6,581,915.60       |                         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>     |       |                    | <b>32,811,679.65</b>    |                    | <b>38,027,512.72</b>    |
| <b>Non Current Liabilities</b>       |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| Payables                             | 14    | 2,197,339.11       |                         | 2,321,493.10       |                         |
| Provisions for Gratuity              |       | 129,379,660.97     |                         | 114,589,112.25     |                         |
| Restricted Fund                      | 15    | 25,072,278.62      |                         | 25,630,299.77      |                         |
| <b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b> |       |                    | <b>156,649,278.70</b>   |                    | <b>142,540,905.12</b>   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>             |       |                    | <b>189,460,958.35</b>   |                    | <b>180,568,417.84</b>   |
| <b>Total Net Assets/Equity</b>       |       |                    | <b>1,984,902,278.74</b> |                    | <b>1,877,071,759.26</b> |
| <b>Assets/Equity</b>                 |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| Accumulated Fund(Capital Grant)      | 16    | 694,653,297.69     |                         | 694,653,297.69     |                         |
| Accumulated Surplus / Deficit        | 16A   | 101,719,976.97     |                         | 27,112,150.78      |                         |
| <b>Total Assets/Equity</b>           |       |                    | <b>796,373,274.66</b>   |                    | <b>721,765,448.47</b>   |
| <b>Reserve</b>                       |       |                    |                         |                    |                         |
| General Reserve                      | 17    | 1,142,959,589.04   |                         | 1,137,220,300.52   |                         |
| Bond Obligation Reserve              | 18    | 45,569,415.04      |                         | 18,086,010.27      |                         |
| Net Revaluation - Reserve            | 18A   | -                  |                         | -                  |                         |
| <b>Total Reserve</b>                 |       |                    | <b>1,188,529,004.08</b> |                    | <b>1,155,306,310.79</b> |
| <b>Total Net Assets/Equity</b>       |       |                    | <b>1,984,902,278.74</b> |                    | <b>1,877,071,759.26</b> |

I certify that these financial statements have been prepared and presented in compliance with the University Act No. 16 of 1978, applicable Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS), and other rules and regulations prevailing in the University System.



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**Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

| Descriptions   | Note | Year ended<br>31 st Dec. 2023 | Year ended<br>31 st Dec. 2022 |
|--|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>Revenue</u></b>  |      | <b>Rs.</b>                    | <b>Rs.</b>                    |
| <b><u>Revenue from Non Exchange Transaction - Current</u></b>      |      |                               |                               |
| Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditures                        | 19   | 632,000,000.00                | 544,000,000.00                |
| UGC Grants for Student Bursaries                                   | 22   | 44,540,000.00                 | 31,916,000.00                 |
| <b>Total Revenue from Non Exchange Transaction - Current</b>       |      | <b>676,540,000.00</b>         | <b>575,916,000.00</b>         |
| <b><u>Revenue from Exchange Transaction - Current</u></b>          |      |                               |                               |
| Other Income   | 21   | 14,352,638.51                 | 10,784,457.31                 |
| Net Income / (Expenses) from other Activities<br>(Restricted Fund) | 20   | -                             | -                             |
| University Development Fund  |      | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Total Revenue from Exchange Transaction - Current</b>           |      | <b>14,352,638.51</b>          | <b>10,784,457.31</b>          |
| <b>Total Revenue - Current</b>                                     |      | <b>690,892,638.51</b>         | <b>586,700,457.31</b>         |
| <b><u>Revenue from Non-exchange Transaction - Capital</u></b>      |      |                               |                               |
| Government Grant for Capital Expenditures                          | 19A  | 215,032,905.00                | 146,025,004.20                |
| Gift & Donations   | 19B  | 20,542,037.45                 | 34,369,962.96                 |
| <b>Total Revenue from Non-exchange Transaction - Capital</b>       |      | <b>235,574,942.45</b>         | <b>180,394,967.16</b>         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   |      | <b>926,467,580.96</b>         | <b>767,095,424.47</b>         |
| <b><u>Operating Expenses - Current</u></b>                         |      |                               |                               |
| Personnel Emoluments   | 23   | 450,926,816.40                | 434,332,179.32                |
| Travelling   | 23   | 1,386,280.75                  | 437,005.41                    |
| Supplies and Consumables   | 23   | 30,432,248.22                 | 13,944,141.05                 |
| Repair & Maintenance   | 23   | 15,512,983.04                 | 7,879,707.30                  |
| Contractual Services   | 23   | 113,645,225.14                | 69,413,107.76                 |
| Other Operating Expenses   | 23   | 29,035,834.21                 | 23,283,642.78                 |
| Financial Assistance to Student Bursaries                          | 24   | 44,540,000.00                 | 31,916,000.00                 |
| Net Losses and Write off   | 25   | 107,652.77                    | 11,926.86                     |
| Provision for Gratuity   | 23   | 14,790,548.72                 | 15,436,979.11                 |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>                                    |      | <b>700,377,589.25</b>         | <b>596,654,689.59</b>         |
| <b><u>Non-operating Expenses</u></b>                               |      |                               |                               |
| Depreciation   | 23   | 148,819,582.78                | 143,328,584.10                |
| <b>Total Non-operating Expenses</b>                                |      | <b>148,819,582.78</b>         | <b>143,328,584.10</b>         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  |      | <b>849,197,172.03</b>         | <b>739,983,273.69</b>         |
| <b>Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>                        |      | <b>77,270,408.93</b>          | <b>27,112,150.78</b>          |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit) from Operating Activities - Current</b>     |      | <b>(9,484,950.74)</b>         | <b>(9,954,232.28)</b>         |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit) from Operating Activities - Capital</b>     |      | <b>86,755,359.67</b>          | <b>37,066,383.06</b>          |

The Accounting policies and notes are integral part of the Financial Statements.

**Cash Flow Statement for The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

| Descriptions  | Notes  | 2023                    | 2022                    |
|---|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u></b>        |        |                         | <b>Rs.</b>              |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period                          |        | <b>77,270,408.93</b>    | <b>27,112,150.78</b>    |
| <b><u>Adjustment for the Non-cash Items</u></b>           |        |                         |                         |
| Depreciation  | 9      | 148,819,582.78          | 143,328,584.10          |
| Gift & Donation   | 19 B   | (22,901,509.95)         | (33,236,092.32)         |
| Provision for Gratuity                                    | 23     | 14,790,548.72           | 15,436,979.11           |
| Prior Period Adjustment                                   | 17     | (965,489.87)            | (1,348,495.99)          |
| Net Losses and Write off                                  | 25     | -                       | 11,926.86               |
| Disposal of Plant and Equipment Profit/(Loss)             | 25     | 107,652.77              |                         |
| Transfer to Restricted Fund                               | 20     | -                       | -                       |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Stock                              | 06     | (5,576,016.36)          | (2,706,887.49)          |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables                        | 05     | (7,429,772.44)          | 2,683,461.97            |
| Transfer to University Development Fund                   |        |                         |                         |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Payables                           | 11,12  | (10,904,569.10)         | 10,980,802.69           |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposit                 | 14     | (124,153.99)            | 463,500.00              |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>           |        | <b>193,086,681.49</b>   | <b>162,725,929.71</b>   |
| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u></b>        |        |                         |                         |
| Addition of Plant and Equipment                           | 09     | (74,429,596.88)         | (100,217,859.43)        |
| Opening Balance Adjustment for Retention Money            | 17     | 4,042,195.65            |                         |
| Sale of plant and Equipment                               |        | 10,000.00               |                         |
| (Increase)/Decrease in work in progress                   | 10     | (140,861,256.29)        | (59,085,647.87)         |
| Investments   | 07, 08 | (3,967,300.23)          | (22,553,507.60)         |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>           |        | <b>(215,205,957.75)</b> | <b>(181,857,014.90)</b> |
| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u></b>        |        |                         |                         |
| Government Grant for Capital Expenditures                 | 16     | -                       | -                       |
| Restricted Funds  | 15     | (588,021.15)            | 17,758,096.37           |
| Self-Financing Courses & Projects                         | 13     | 5,688,736.03            | 3,348,575.34            |
| Bond Obligation Fund                                      | 18     | 27,483,404.77           | 4,765,361.04            |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>           |        | <b>3,614,119.65</b>     | <b>25,872,032.75</b>    |
|   |        |                         |                         |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalent           |        | 10,494,843.39           | 6,740,947.56            |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year    | 4      | 17,936,336.15           | 11,195,388.59           |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period</b> | 4      | <b>28,431,179.54</b>    | <b>17,936,336.15</b>    |

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets for The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****Amount in Sri Lankan Rupees**

| <b>Descriptions</b>                                | <b>Capital Grant</b>  | <b>Accumulated Surplus / Deficit</b> | <b>General Reserve</b>  | <b>Revaluation Reserve</b> | <b>Bond Obligation Reserve</b> | <b>Total</b>            |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance as at 31st December 2021                   | 694,653,297.69        | -                                    | 1,253,923,033.48        | (115,354,236.97)           | 13,320,649.23                  | 1,846,542,743.43        |
| Surplus / (Deficit) (Note 26)                      |                       | 27,112,150.78                        |                         |                            |                                | 27,112,150.78           |
| Transfer from Restricted Fund                      |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| Prior Year Adjustments                             |                       |                                      | (1,348,495.99)          |                            |                                | (1,348,495.99)          |
| Prior Year Provision for Depreciation adjustment   |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| Bond Obligation/Increase in Other Reserve          |                       |                                      |                         |                            | 4,765,361.04                   | 4,765,361.04            |
| Revaluation Adjustment During the Period           |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| Capital Grant Received                             |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| <b>Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</b> | <b>694,653,297.69</b> | <b>27,112,150.78</b>                 | <b>1,252,574,537.49</b> | <b>(115,354,236.97)</b>    | <b>18,086,010.27</b>           | <b>1,877,071,759.26</b> |
| Surplus / (Deficit) (Note 26)                      |                       | 77,270,408.93                        |                         |                            |                                | 77,270,408.93           |
| Transfer from Restricted Fund                      |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| Prior Year Adjustments                             |                       |                                      | (965,489.87)            |                            |                                | (965,489.87)            |
| Adjustments from Restricted Fund                   |                       |                                      | 4,042,195.65            |                            |                                | 4,042,195.65            |
| Prior Year Provision for Depreciation adjustment   |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| Bond Obligation / Increase in other Reserve        |                       |                                      |                         |                            | 27,483,404.77                  | 27,483,404.77           |
| Prior Year Provision for Depreciation adjustment   |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| Revaluation Adjustment During the period           |                       | (2,662,582.74)                       |                         | 2,662,582.74               |                                | -                       |
| Capital Grant Received                             |                       |                                      |                         |                            |                                | -                       |
| <b>Balance as 31<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>    | <b>694,653,297.69</b> | <b>101,719,976.97</b>                | <b>1,255,651,243.27</b> | <b>(112,691,654.23)</b>    | <b>45,569,415.04</b>           | <b>1,984,902,278.74</b> |

**Statement of Comparison of Budget & Actual Amounts for the year ended 31st December 2023**

| Descriptions  | Budget                | Actual                |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                      |                       |                       |
| Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditure          | 672,000,000.00        | 632,000,000.00        |
| Internal Income                                     | 13,000,000.00         | 14,352,638.51         |
| Total Revenue                                       | <b>685,000,000.00</b> | <b>646,352,638.51</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                           |                       |                       |
| Personal Emoluments                                 | 492,000,000.00        | 450,926,816.00        |
| Travelling Expenses                                 | 1,465,000.00          | 1,386,281.00          |
| Supplies and Consumables                            | 31,265,000.00         | 30,432,248.00         |
| Minor Repairs and Maintenance                       | 15,870,000.00         | 15,512,983.00         |
| Contractual Services                                | 114,545,000.00        | 113,645,225.00        |
| Other Recurrent Expenses                            | 29,855,000.00         | 29,035,834.00         |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses before Depreciation</b> | <b>685,000,000.00</b> | <b>640,939,387.00</b> |

The National Budget Department allocated Rs. 492 Mn for 2023 to the University of Vavuniya to meet the Personal Emoluments expenses. The University fully utilized the received imprest of Rs.452 Mn against Personal Emolument. The following are the justifications for the unutilized allocation for Personal Emoluments.

- We have budgeted Visiting Lecturer Fee including travelling claim for more hours. But only a limited Visiting Staff were appointed due to difficulties in finding Visiting Staff.
- At the prevailing situation of the economy, we have recruited Assistant Lectures, against the budgeted Professor Carders.
- We had utilized the Management Trainees and paid them the trainee's salary to cover shortage of Management Assistant.
- We have budgeted expecting to fill some Academic and Executive carder vacancies on Sabbatical assignment. But there is a gap between the budgeted and actual appointment made.
- The Study Leaves of some Academics were extended with No- Pay.
- Some Academic and Non-Academic staff have resigned from their posts to migrate to other counties

We expected to fill the carder vacancies created due to resignations/ VOP within the duration of 2022/2023. But we were unable to fill some vacancies since those vacancies occurred before and after that period

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 1. General Information

#### Legal and Domicile Form

University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka is a Government University which was established under the Universities Act No 16 of 1978 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 by the Gazette notification No. 2231/5 and located at Pambaimadhu, Vavuniya, Sri Lanka. Currently, the University has 03 Faculties. Financial operations of the University of Vavuniya were accounted for and reported under the University of Jaffna as the Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 since 1997. Even though the University of Vavuniya was established on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021, financial operations for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 were reported under the University of Jaffna in line with the direction of the University Grant Commission letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with the reference number of UGC/SAA-BF/F4/JFN/2021. Therefore, the University of Jaffna handed over the opening balances of the University of Vavuniya as of 1st January 2022.

#### Purpose

The University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka was established to provide, promote and develop higher education in the branches of learning of Business Studies, Applied Science and Technology Studies.

#### Basis of Preparations

The Financial Statements of the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka are prepared in conformity with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) and are applied in consistently on a historical cost basis subject to fixed assets being brought into books on revaluation with computerized fixed assets register handed over by the UOJ. The Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 are presented in the formats specified by University Grants Commission specified in accordance with the Sri Lankan Public Sector Accounting Standard (SLPSAS).

#### Financial Period

The Financial period of the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, represents twelve months from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

#### Date of Authorization for Issue

The Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 of the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, was approved and authorized to issue by the Council of the University of Vavuniya at its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Accounting for Student Fees

The Student Registration Fees, Tuition Fees and Medical Fees are accounted for on cash basis.

#### Grant for Bursary

The Grant for Bursary is shown as income under the Recurrent Grant, and the payment of Bursary is shown as Expenditure of the Welfare Services as directed by the University Grants



Commission by its letter No UGC/F/BUR/87 dated 14/10/1987 and classified as a separate item as Financial Assistance to students in the statement of Financial Performance. The Mahapola is fully handled by the University Grants Commission and Mahapola Scholarship Trust Board.

### **Provision for Gratuity**

Provision for Gratuity is made regarding payment of Gratuity Act No 12 of 1983. The Provision for Gratuity is not represented by the investment since the Treasury does not provide financial allocation to make investment externally. As per the University Grants Commission Circular number 05/2019 dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Academic allowance and MCA (Monthly Compensatory Allowance) paid for the staff are considered for the Gratuity calculation in terms of the Gratuity Act number 12 of 1983 with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower cost and net realizable value after making due adjustment based on the First In First Out (FIFO) method. The cost includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to the existing location and condition. The Inventories of the University include stationeries, consumables, chemicals, maintenance and medical items.

### **Expenditure of Capital Nature**

Expenditure incurred to extend or improve assets of the permanent nature of this University is treated as Capital Expenditure.

### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue comprises gross inflows of economic benefits or services potentially received and receivable by University during the year and represents an increase in net assets/equity. University recognizes revenue following the established criteria of SLPSAS 10 (Revenue for exchange transactions) and SLPSAS 11 (Revenue for non-exchange transitions). The Income and Expenditure of Self-Financing courses have been shown on a cash basis. The net Income from other activities has been shown in the statement of Financial Performance, and the balances have been added to the opening balance of the respective activities and shown under current liabilities as self-financing courses.

### **Expenditure Recognition**

The expenditure has been analyzed by a Programme/Project/Object wise and analysis was classified under different expenditure heading based on UGC guide line to comply with the Common reporting format during the period of which they incurred. All expenses incurred in respect of under graduate education have been recognized on accrual basis and charged to the Statement of Financial Performance.

### **Statement of Cash Flow**

The statement of Cash flow has been prepared following SLPSAS- 02 Cash Flow Statement under the indirect method.

## Depreciation

Depreciation is recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance on a Straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the Property. Plant and Equipment items from the date that they were purchased. Lands are not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at the following rates per the University Grants Commission Circular No 649 of 05/10/95 and Commission Circular No. 09/2022.

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Building                        | 05% |
| Office Furniture                | 10% |
| Office Equipment & Sports Goods | 20% |
| Lab & Teaching Equipment        | 20% |
| Books and Periodicals           | 20% |
| Vehicle                         | 20% |
| Cloaks                          | 20% |
| Telephone                       | 20% |
| Plant and Machinery             | 10% |
| Sports Utensil/ Equipment       | 25% |

## Liability and Provisions

All known liabilities as at the reporting date are included in the Financial Statements and adequate provisions are made for liabilities known to exist other than the amount of which cannot be determined accurately.

### 3. Other Notes Related to the Financial Statements

#### Depreciation and Provision for Gratuity

The Net Deficit from Operating Activities - Current for the year 2023 is Rs.9,484,850.74, includes then non-cash item of Gratuity amounting to Rs.14,790,548.72. Therefore, the Operating Surplus - Current is Rs.5,305,597.98

The Net Surplus from Operating Activities - Capital for the year 2023 is Rs.86,755,359.67, includes the non-cash item of Depreciation amounting to Rs.148,819,582.78. Therefore, the Operating Surplus - Capital is Rs.235,574,942.45.

#### Losses & Write off

The following losses were written off with the approval of the Council during the year 2023

Losses & write off     Rs.107,652.77

#### Excess Income over Expenditure

The Income over Expenditure is Rs. 77,270,408.93 occurred due to the inclusion of following non-cash items.

- 1) Depreciation for Non-Current Assets Rs. 148,819,582.78
- 2) Provision for Gratuity Rs. 14,790,548.72

### **Assets and basis of their valuation**

All asset categories other than Books & Periodicals received from the University of Jaffna as the opening balance and provision for depreciation as of 31.12.2021 had been adjusted based on verification and revaluation on assets made by MIS Carter De Costa Corporate Services (Pvt) Ltd who, was assigned with the preparation of Fixed Assets Register at 31.12.2014 based on their Verification and revaluation of the Assets. Further, additions during 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 had been taken into the University of Jaffna accounts and handed over to the University of Vavuniya and Additions during the year 2022 and 2023 have been taken into accounts.

### **Events after the reporting date**

No material events subsequent to the financial year require additional disclosure in the Financial Statements.

### **Related Party transaction**

There is no related party transactions with the staff or council members of the University of the Vavuniya.

### **Contingency Assets**

A contingent Assets are possible assets that arises from past events those existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non- occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the University. University of Vavuniya as the Campus of the University of Jaffna had engaged with the agreement with SLT Mobitel to put up a Mobitel Tower in the University premises in 2013 with the rental agreement for 10 Years. The agreement has completed by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. There are steps has been taken to renew the agreement with the revise rate from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is under way, even though the agreement has not been signed off with SLT Mobitel and still the Mobitel Tower is operating under the University Premises. Therefore, expected income of LKR 600,000.00 for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 has been recognized as income receivable.

|   | 2023                  | 2022                   |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Notes to the Financial Position</u></b>   |                       |                        |
|   | <b>Rs.</b>            | <b>Rs.</b>             |
| <b>Note 04 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>        |                       |                        |
| Bank Balance: Restricted Fund                   | 26,597,720.34         | 16,966,516.96          |
| Bank Balance: Treasury Fund                     | 1,765,519.20          | 707,154.19             |
| Imprest Balances and Stamp in hand              | 67,940.00             | 262,665.00             |
|   | <b>28,431,179.54</b>  | <b>17,936,336.15</b>   |
| <b>Note 05 Trade and Other Receivable</b>       |                       |                        |
| Sundry Debtors                                  | -                     | -                      |
| Loans and Advances to Staff                     | 17,234,856.90         | 16,043,571.97          |
| Advance to Supplies and Services                | 21,115,860.15         | 31,988,310.69          |
| Advance to Buildings                            | 6,866,994.23          | 13,766,994.23          |
| Others  | 31,775,148.05         | 7,764,210.00           |
|   | <b>76,992,859.33</b>  | <b>69,563,086.89</b>   |
| <b>Note 06 Inventories / Stocks</b>             |                       |                        |
| Inventories Main Stores                         | 11,584,319.42         | 8,291,418.48           |
| Inventories in Departments                      | 3,226,879.73          | 943,782.31             |
|   | <b>14,811,217.15</b>  | <b>9,235,200.79</b>    |
| <b>Note 07 Short Term Investments</b>           |                       |                        |
| National Savings Bank - Retention Fixed Deposit | 16,815,115.69         | 17,411,734.82          |
|   | <b>16,815,115.69</b>  | <b>17,411,734.82</b>   |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) for the year</b>         | <b>596,619.13</b>     | <b>(17,411,734.82)</b> |
| <b>Note 08 Long Term Investments</b>            |                       |                        |
| N.S.B.Balakrishnan Memorial Fixed Deposit       | 600,000.00            | -                      |
| Security Deposit Investment                     | 230,289.11            | 274,343.10             |
| Breach Contract (Boad)                          | 19,029,953.89         | 15,021,980.54          |
| Vice Chancellor's Welfare Fund                  | 150,000.00            | 150,000.00             |
|   | <b>20,010,243.00</b>  | <b>15,446,323.64</b>   |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) for the year</b>         | <b>(4,563,919.36)</b> | <b>(5,141,772.78)</b>  |

**Property, Plant & Equipment Notes to The Financial Statement - 2023**
**Note 09 Property, Plant & Equipment Cost of the Property, Plant & Equipment**

| Assets                       | Opening Balance<br>as at 01.01.2023 | Addition             | Gift &<br>Donations  | Addition<br>from<br>Work in<br>Progress | Addition from<br>Rehabilitation | Disposal of<br>Assets | Closing Balance<br>as at 31.12.2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lands                        | 85,500,000.00                       | -                    | -                    | -                                       | -                               | -                     | 85,500,000.00                       |
| Buildings                    | 1,742,563,575.64                    | -                    | -                    | -                                       | 38,007,070.19                   | -                     | 1,780,570,645.83                    |
| Sports Equipment             | 3,230,366.25                        | 2,015,550.00         | 6,233,015.00         | -                                       | -                               | 12,000.00             | 11,466,931.25                       |
| Office Furniture             | 76,547,950.22                       | 11,300,392.75        | 1,770,870.00         | -                                       | -                               | 295,817.56            | 89,323,395.41                       |
| Office Equipment             | 100,838,084.64                      | 12,705,382.83        | 1,530,300.00         | -                                       | -                               | 244,965.00            | 114,828,802.47                      |
| Lab & Teaching<br>Equipment  | 300,429,704.77                      | 7,871,725.63         | 11,066,124.95        | -                                       | -                               | 1,903,519.11          | 317,464,036.24                      |
| Plant & Machinery            | 21,235,450.00                       | 2,038,605.00         | 2,301,200.00         | -                                       | -                               | -                     | 25,575,255.00                       |
| Books & Periodicals          | 28,276,860.58                       | 840,870.48           | -                    | -                                       | -                               | 5,191,.64             | 29,112,539.42                       |
| Motor Vehicles               | 26,235,509.98                       | -                    | -                    | -                                       | -                               | -                     | 26,235,509.98                       |
| Cloaks, Medals               | 154,750.00                          | -                    | -                    | -                                       | -                               | -                     | 154,750.00                          |
| IT System/Software           | 350,000.00                          | (350,000.00)         | -                    | -                                       | -                               | -                     | -                                   |
| Telephone<br>(Communication) | 474,590.00                          | -                    | -                    | -                                       | -                               | 48,250.00             | 426,340.00                          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>2,385,836,842.08</b>             | <b>36,422,526.69</b> | <b>22,901,509.95</b> | <b>-</b>                                | <b>38,007,070.19</b>            | <b>2,509,743.31</b>   | <b>2,480,658,205.60</b>             |

**Accumulated Depreciation of Property, Plant & Equipment**

| Assets                      | Opening<br>Balance<br>as at 01.01.2023 | Addition              | Adjustment          | Closing Balance<br>as at 31.12.2023 |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lands                       | -                                      | -                     | -                   | -                                   |
| Buildings                   | 355,411,012.36                         | 81,628,136.67         | -                   | 437,039,149.03                      |
| Sports Equipment            | 2,748,188.31                           | 716,586.23            | 12,000.00           | 3,452,774.54                        |
| Office Furniture            | 32,649,560.28                          | 7,978,583.89          | 200,797.92          | 40,427,346.25                       |
| Office Equipment            | 65,744,519.98                          | 11,935,246.84         | 223,649.18          | 77,456,117.64                       |
| Lab & Teaching Equipment    | 158,081,072.90                         | 42,247,728.94         | 1,902,201.80        | 198,426,600.64                      |
| Plant & Machinery           | 11,585,191.94                          | 2,275,460.25          | -                   | 13,860,652.19                       |
| Library Books & Periodicals | 23,046,948.33                          | 1,063,507.15          | 5,191.64            | 24,105,263.84                       |
| Motor Vehicles              | 24,499,012.76                          | 918,456.29            | -                   | 25,417,469.05                       |
| Cloaks, Medals              | 51,131.09                              | 30,950.00             | -                   | 82,081.09                           |
| IT System/Software          | -                                      | -                     | -                   | -                                   |
| Telephone (Communication)   | 391,544.69                             | 24,926.52             | 48,250.00           | 368,221.21                          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>674,208,182.64</b>                  | <b>148,819,582.78</b> | <b>2,392,090.54</b> | <b>820,635,674.88</b>               |

**Net Book Value of Property, Plant & Equipment**

| <b>Assets</b>               | <b>Opening Balance<br/>as at 01.01.2023</b> | <b>Closing Balance<br/>as at 31.12.2023</b> |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Lands                       | 85,500,000.00                               | 85,500,000.00                               |
| Buildings                   | 1,387,152,563.28                            | 1,343,531,496.80                            |
| Sports Equipment            | 482,177.94                                  | 8,014,156.71                                |
| Office Furniture            | 43,898,389.94                               | 48,896,049.16                               |
| Plant & Machinery           | 9,650,258.06                                | 11,714,602.81                               |
| Library Books & Periodicals | 5,229,912.25                                | 5,007,275.58                                |
| Motor vehicles              | 1,736,497.22                                | 818,040.93                                  |
| Cloaks                      | 103,618.91                                  | 72,668.91                                   |
| IT System/Software          | 350,000.00                                  | -   |
| Telephone                   | 83,045.31                                   | 58,118.79                                   |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>1,711,628,659.44</b>                     | <b>1,660,022,530.72</b>                     |

**Note 10 Work in Progress**

|                                     |                       |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Opening Balance                     | 200,730,424.77        | 141,644,776.90        |
| Additions during the year           | 140,861,256.29        | 59,085,647.87         |
| Rehabilitation- Work in Progress    | 15,688,410.60         | 15,688,410.60         |
| Transfer during the Year (Building) | -                     | -                     |
|                                     | <b>357,280,091.66</b> | <b>216,418,835.37</b> |

**Note 11 Payables**

|                    |                      |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Retention Payables | 18,527,645.69        | 22,032,048.80        |
| Others             | 733,182,.34          | 745,948.93           |
|                    | <b>19,260,828.03</b> | <b>22,777,997.73</b> |

**Note 12 Accrued Expenses**

|                         |                     |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Accrued Expenses        | 980,199.99          | 8,367,599.39        |
| Provision for Audit Fee | 300,000.00          | 300,000.00          |
|                         | <b>1,280,199.99</b> | <b>8,667,599.39</b> |

**Note 13 Self Financing Courses & Projects (Payable)****13.a. Self-Financial Activities**

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Higher Diploma in English 2023 Income                            | 937,001.12 | -          |
| Teaching English to MAG's Operation Staff                        | 442,765.00 | -          |
| Certificate in Entrepreneurship & Small Business Mgt.            | 393,400.00 | -          |
| Adv. Certificate in Media Literacy & Journalism                  | 502,739.50 | -          |
| Adv. Certificate in Women Empowerment                            | 291,184.50 | -          |
| UOV Sprots Council   | 338,353.87 | -          |
| Adv. Certificate in Sports Coaching & Phy. Edu. Prog.            | 134,000.00 | -          |
| IT centre – Short Course in Networking                           | 12,500.00  | -          |
| CDCE (Centre for Distance & Continuing Edu.) Income              | 170,616.06 | -          |
| Certificate Course on 'Good Hygiene for Practices Food Handlers' | 500.00     | -          |
| Certificate Course in English Language Teaching for Teachers     | -          | 367,083.00 |

**13. b. Projects**

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Industry Community Interaction Cell     | 6,053,035.81 | 1,551,847.82 |
| Vavuniya Campus Annual Research Session | -            | 16,768.50    |

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|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| Vavuniya Campus International Research Session      | -                    | 414,200.79          |
| Research Conference – F/ Business Studies (RCBS)    | -                    | 24,160.17           |
| UOV Harmony Centre Receipts                         | -                    | 464,820.00          |
| Vanni Career fair 2018 income                       | -                    | 25,000.00           |
| Interventions for Combatting Ragging & SGBV         | -                    | 28,900.26           |
| VUIRC -Vav.Uni. International Research Conference   | 519,509.29           | 61,495.00           |
| M.E.D. (Dev. Fund – Batch IV) Income                | -                    | 170,616.06          |
| Endowed Scholarship Programme – UGC                 | 575,000.00           | (50,000.00)         |
| Career Guidance Receipts                            | -                    | 233,680.00          |
| Scholarship to Deserving Students - UOV             | 350,796.48           | 252,015.00          |
| Development of Land Scape & Green Environment - UOV | 260,000.00           | 135,000.00          |
| Establish Herbal & Natural Park Project             | 391,950.00           | 391,950.00          |
| Silver Jubilee Celebration FAS                      | -                    | (34,190.00)         |
| Support Centre for Disabilities – Receipts          | 177,300.00           | 576,000.00          |
| M.E.D (Development Fund – Batch VI (Income          | -                    | 1,851,200.00        |
| FARS 2022- (F /As Research Conference) Income       | -                    | 7,769.00            |
| RCAICT 2022 (F /TS Research Conference Income       | -                    | 93,600.00           |
| Australian Society – Uni fund Project Sponsorship   | 520,000.00           | -                   |
| ECO Tourism Income                                  | 200,000.00           | -                   |
|   | <b>12,270,651.63</b> | <b>6,581,915.60</b> |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) for the Year</b>             | <b>5,688,736.03</b>  | <b>3,348,575.34</b> |



**Note 14 Payable****Refundable Deposit**

|                            |                     |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security Deposit (Staff)   | 239,339.11          | 280,993.10          |
| Lab. Deposit               | 1,828,000.00        | 1,900,500.00        |
| Refundable Canteen Deposit | 130,000.00          | 140,000.00          |
|                            | <b>2,197,339.11</b> | <b>2,321,493.10</b> |

**Note 15 Restricted Fund and Specific Fund**

|   |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Development Fund                        | 4,593,938.23         | 1,652,062.30         |
| Swept Savings Investment Interest       | 1,435,836.21         | 1,336,662.64         |
| Gifts and Donations                     | 4,640,911.64         | 4,640,911.64         |
| Vice Chancellor's Welfare Fund          | 1,032,053.37         | 588,928.37           |
| Restricted Fund (Retention) 15.1        | 13,369,539.17        | 17,411,734.82        |
|   | <b>25,072,278.62</b> | <b>25,630,299.77</b> |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) for the year</b> | <b>(558,021.15)</b>  | <b>17,758,096.37</b> |

**15.1 - Restricted Fund (Retention)**

Construction of building was handled by the University of Jaffna up to 2021. Retention payable money for the ongoing projects was handed over as cheque value LKR 17,411,734.82 by the University of Jaffna. And It was not included in the Trial Balance as at 31.12.2021 handed over by University of Jaffna. Therefore, University Vavuniya has made entries in the books of accounts via Restricted fund to accept the retention money. This retention amount consist of mainly two Buildings, namely IT Centre building and Library Building. University has released retention for the IT Centre building amounting to LKR 4,042,195.65 for the year 2023. The released amount is transferred back to General Reserve.

**Note 16 Accumulated Fund (Capital Grant)**

|   |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital Grant Spent                     | 571,212,955.03        | 571,212,955.03        |
| Unspent Capital Grant                   | -                     | -                     |
| Contribution to Capital Outlay          | 66,711,175.30         | 66,711,175.30         |
| Capital Receipts                        | 56,729,167.36         | 56,729,167.36         |
|   | <b>694,653,297.69</b> | <b>694,653,297.69</b> |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) for the year</b> | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>              |

**16A Accumulated Surplus /(Deficit)**

|   |                       |                      |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Opening Balance   | 27,112,150.78         | -                    |
| Current Year Balance  | 77,270,408.93         | 27,112,150.78        |
| Capital Reduction Value for disposed assets during the period | (2,662,582.74)        | -                    |
| Transferred to Restricted Fund                                | -                     | -                    |
|   | <b>101,719,976.97</b> | <b>27,112,150.78</b> |

|   |                         |                           |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Note 17 General Reserve</b>                                |                         |                           |
| Opening Balance   | 1,252,574,537.49        | 1,253,923,033.48          |
| Excess of Income/ Expenses (Surplus)                          | -                       | -                         |
| Opening Balance Adjustment for Retention                      | 4,042,195.65            | -                         |
| Prior year adjustments  | (965,489.87)            | (1,348,495.99)            |
| <b>Closing Balance Before Adjustment</b>                      | <b>1,255,651,243.27</b> | <b>(1,252,574,537.49)</b> |
| Capital Reduction - 17.2                                      | (115,354,236.97)        | (115,354,236.97)          |
| Capital Reduction Value for Disposed assets during the period | 2,662,582.74            |                           |
|   | <b>(112,691,654.23)</b> | <b>(115,354,236.97)</b>   |
| <b>Closing Balance</b>  | <b>1,142,959,589.04</b> | <b>1,137,220,300.00</b>   |

## 17.2 - Capital Reduction

There is no revaluation reserve to disclose for the capital deduction resulted from the revaluation made in the year 2015 under Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna. This Capital Reduction amount of LKR 115,354,236.97 have no break up by assets, therefore 27th Council of the University of Vavuniya approved to apportion to the individual assets based on the proportionate to the revalued assets which was held in 31st December 2016 and then while disposing those assets, respective capital reduction value also be removed from the books of accounts.

### Note 18 Bond Obligation - Reserve

|   |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Received                                | 14,097,660.81        | 14,097,660.81        |
| Received during the year                | 996,799.15           |                      |
| Receivable                              | 21,682,325.75        | -                    |
| Interest Received                       | 8,792,629.33         | 3,988,349.46         |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) for the year</b> | <b>45,569,415.04</b> | <b>18,086,010.27</b> |
|   | <b>27,483,404.77</b> | <b>4,765,361.04</b>  |

### Note 18A Revaluation - Reserve

|                             |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Revaluation Surplus Opening | - | - |
| Revaluation net deficit     |   |   |
|                             | - | - |

**Notes to the Statement of Financial Performance**

|  | <b>2023<br/>Rs.</b> | <b>2022<br/>Rs.</b> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|--|---------------------|---------------------|

**Note 19 - Recurrent Grant**

|                                 |                       |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Grant from Treasury - Recurrent | 632,000,000.00        | 544,000,000.00        |
|                                 | <b>632,000,000.00</b> | <b>544,000,000.00</b> |

**Note 19 A Capital Grant**

|   |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Additional Student intake                               | -                     | 54,811,091.20         |
| Capital grant   | 199,590,000.00        | 77,500,000.00         |
| Grant of Strengthening of the Art Library Facility & IT | -                     | 13,713,913.00         |
| Special Allocation: Technological Stream                | 9,500,000.00          | -                     |
| Special Allocation: Enhance Sports Facilities           | 4,942,905.00          | -                     |
| Special Allocation: Social Reconciliation Centres       | 1,000,000.00          | -                     |
|   | <b>215,032,905.00</b> | <b>146,025,004.20</b> |

**Note 19 B – Donation**

|  |                      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Capital Expenditure met from Australian Medical Aid Foundation | -                    | 2,004,397.50         |
| Donation of Books from Well - wishers                          | -                    | 286,705.00           |
| Donation of Equipment from Well-wishers                        | -                    | 50,000.00            |
| Donation From Australian Medical Aid Foundation                | -                    | 1,315,000.00         |
| Donation of Lab & Teaching Equipment from Well-wishers         | -                    | 46,500.00            |
| Donated from AHEAD – Assets                                    | 15,013,177.45        | 30,667,360.46        |
| Donation of Assets from Foundation of Goodness                 | 4,440,360.00         | -                    |
| Donation of Equip. by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre        | 538,500.00           | -                    |
| Donation of Equip. by Dr.M. Malaravan                          | 177,000.00           | -                    |
| Donation of Bicycle by Students                                | 18,000.00            | -                    |
| Donation for Library Books                                     | 40,000.00            | -                    |
| Donation from Upcountry Development Society                    | 315,000.00           | -                    |
|  | <b>20,542,037.45</b> | <b>34,369,962.96</b> |

**Note 20 - Net Income/(Expenses) from other Activities**

- -

**Note 21- Other Income**

|                                       |                      |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Interest from Loans & Advance         | 657,918.18           | 635,375.57           |
| Rent from Properties                  | 1,556,725.00         | 1,009,840.00         |
| Miscellaneous Receipts                | 3,968,118.33         | 4,320,536.74         |
| Registration Fees – Undergraduate     | 786,150.00           | 455,250.00           |
| Medical Fees                          | 657,600.00           | 654,650.00           |
| Examination Fees – Undergraduate      | 1,049,300.00         | 821,750.00           |
| Library Fine                          | 808.00               | 4,510.00             |
| Sale of old Stores                    | 6,000.00             | 82,745.00            |
| Rent Hostel                           | 5,496,300.00         | 2,799,800.00         |
| Interest for Security Deposit (C.E.B) | 71,379.00            | -                    |
| Sale of Unserviceable Article         | 102,340.00           | -                    |
|                                       | <b>14,352,638.51</b> | <b>10,784,457.31</b> |

**Note 22 Grant for Financial Assistance to Students**

|                             |                       |                      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Bursary                     | 44,540,000.00         | 31,916,000.00        |
| Mahapola Treasury Component | -                     | -                    |
| Mahapola Trust Component    | -                     | -                    |
|                             | <b>44,540,000 .00</b> | <b>31,916,000.00</b> |

**Note 23 Operating Expenses (Details Shown in 23A)**

|                          |                       |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Personnel Emoluments     | 450,926,816.40        | 434,332,179.32        |
| Travelling               | 1,386,280.75          | 437,005.41            |
| Supplies                 | 30,432,248.22         | 13,944,141.05         |
| Maintenance              | 15,512,983.04         | 7,879,707.30          |
| Contractual Services     | 113,645,225.14        | 69,413,107.76         |
| Depreciation             | 148,819,582.78        | 143,328,584.10        |
| Provision for Gratuity   | 14,790,548.72         | 15,436,979.11         |
| Other Operating Expenses | 29,035,834.21         | 23,283,642.78         |
|                          | <b>804,549,519.26</b> | <b>708,055,346.83</b> |

**Note 24 Payment of Financial Assistance to Students**

|                             |                      |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bursary                     | 44,540,000.00        | 31,916,000.00        |
| Mahapola Treasury Component | -                    | -                    |
| Mahapola Trust Component    | -                    | -                    |
|                             | <b>44,540,000.00</b> | <b>31,916,000.00</b> |

**Note 25 Losses and Write off**

|   |                   |                  |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Write off                                     | -                 | 11,926.86        |
| Disposal of Plant and Equipment Profit/(Loss) | 107,652.77        | -                |
|   | <b>107,652.77</b> | <b>11,926.86</b> |

**Note 26 Surplus/(Deficit)**

|                             |                      |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Surplus / (Deficit)         | 77,270,408.93        | 27,112,150.78        |
| Transfer to Restricted Fund | -                    | -                    |
|                             | <b>77,270,408.93</b> | <b>27,112,150.78</b> |

**Actual Expenditure by Object - 2023**

| <b>Object Code</b> | <b>Object Title</b>                          | <b>Actual Expenditure-2023</b> | <b>Actual Expenditure-2022</b> |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>           | <b>PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS</b>                   | <b>450,926,816.40</b>          | <b>434,332,179.32</b>          |
| 1101               | (I) Salaries & Wages                         | 180,148,120.90                 | 169,425,400.92                 |
|                    | (II) Pension 08%                             | 18,607,013.90                  | 18,135,456.25                  |
|                    | (III) UPF Contribution                       | 24,777,667.59                  | 24,159,948.08                  |
|                    | (IV) ETF Contribution 03%                    | 8,679,311.99                   | 8,458,330.24                   |
|                    | (V) Gratuity Payments                        | 2,292,324.37                   | 3,475,547.88                   |
| 1102               | Overtime & Holiday Payments                  | 1,658,102.26                   | 1,602,935.39                   |
| 1103               | (I) 20% Special Salary Allowance             | 24,449,021.55                  | 24,182,639.04                  |
| 1103               | (II) Additional Monthly Allowance            | 13,102,411.74                  | 12,942,561.07                  |
| 1106               | Visiting Lecture Fees (including Travelling) | 1,849,534.58                   | 1,475,768.04                   |
| 1108               | Monthly Compensative Allowance (MCA)         | 24,120,766.39                  | 24,519,560.14                  |
| 1109               | (I) Other Allowances (Heads Allow.)          | 947,710.31                     | 868,297.55                     |
|                    | (II) Entertainment Allowance                 | 1,514,300.08                   | 1,657,810.80                   |
| 1112               | (I) Cost of Living Allowance (CLA)           | 20,405,492.44                  | 20,205,491.75                  |
|                    | (II) Acting Pay                              | 599,202.77                     | 357,688.71                     |
| 1115               | Academic Allowance                           | 97,864,035.64                  | 94,418,951.83                  |
| 1117               | 35% Research Allowance                       | 23,256,450.37                  | 22,123,359.64                  |
| 1128               | Transport Allowance                          | 5,846,801.12                   | 5,556,875.00                   |
| 1131               | Communication Allowance                      | 808,548.40                     | 765,556.99                     |
| <b>2</b>           | <b>TRAVELLING EXPENSES</b>                   | <b>1,386,280.75</b>            | <b>437,005.41</b>              |
| 1201               | Travelling Expenses (Domestic)               | 1,386,280.75                   | 256,343.11                     |
| 1202               | Travelling Expenses (Foreign)                | -                              | 180,662.00                     |
| <b>3</b>           | <b>SUPPLIES &amp; CONSUMABLES</b>            | <b>30,432,248.22</b>           | <b>13,944,141.05</b>           |
| 1301               | Stationery & Office Requisites               | 6,887,861.43                   | 3,589,629.81                   |
| 1302               | Fuel & Lubricants                            | 7,609,992.26                   | 5,597,574.57                   |
| 1303               | Uniform (include tailoring charges)          | 533,512.95                     | 266,795.10                     |
| 1304               | (I) Mechanical & Electrical goods            | 1,548,882.70                   | 1,481,763.50                   |
|                    | (II) Chemicals & Glass wares                 | 2,554,711.65                   | 265,555.07                     |
| 1305               | Medical Supplies                             | 1,145,821.84                   | 1,074,266.00                   |
| 1309               | Other Supplies                               | 10,151,464.69                  | 1,668,557.00                   |
| <b>4</b>           | <b>MINOR REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>       | <b>15,512,983.04</b>           | <b>7,879,707.30</b>            |

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|      |                                    |              |              |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1401 | Minor Repairs & Maintenance        |              |              |
|      | (I) Vehicles                       | 3,221,719.55 | 1,635,417.97 |
|      | (II) Plant, Machinery & Equipments | 2,196,192.71 | 2,467,589.28 |
| 1402 | Minor Repairs & Maintenance        |              |              |
|      | (I) Buildings & Structure          | 9,505,123.78 | 3,712,750.05 |
|      | (II) Furniture                     | 488,980.00   | 41,320.00    |
|      | (III) Others                       | 100,967.00   | 22,630.00    |

| Object Code | Object Title | Actual Expenditure- 2023 | Actual Expenditure- 2022 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|

|          |                                     |                       |                      |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>5</b> | <b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>         | <b>113,645,225.14</b> | <b>69,413,107.76</b> |
| 1501     | Transport                           | 30,960.55             | -                    |
| 1502     | <b>Communication</b>                |                       |                      |
|          | (i) Telecommunication               | 12,616,792.14         | 10,811,386.34        |
|          | (ii) Postage                        | 506,706.09            | 405,706.09           |
| 1503     | <b>Utilities</b>                    |                       |                      |
|          | (i) Electricity                     | 45,023,471.51         | 17,470,396.50        |
|          | (ii) Water                          | 52,337.20             | 40,517.50            |
| 1504     | Rental & Hire Charges               | 760,500.00            | 1,651,588.00         |
| 1505     | Rates & Local Taxes                 | 597,578.02            | 519,828.64           |
| 1506     | <b>Printing &amp; Advertisement</b> |                       |                      |
|          | (i) Printing                        | 3,182,420.00          | 2,173,040.00         |
|          | (ii) Advertisement                  | 956,903.50            | 755,167.10           |
| 1507     | <b>Other Contractual Services</b>   |                       |                      |
|          | (i) Security Services               | 21,208,648.08         | 22,120,067.20        |
|          | (ii) Cleaning Services              | 27,826,895.89         | 12,907,960.39        |
|          | (iii) Other Services                | 881,970.00            | 557,450.00           |

|          |  |                      |                      |
|----------|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>6</b> | <b>OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b>             | <b>29,035,834.21</b> | <b>23,283,642.78</b> |
| 1601     | Subscription, Contribution & Memb. Fees-Local  | 100,000 .00          | 100,000.000          |
| 1602     | Subscription Contribution & Memb. Fees-Foreign | 138,070.00           | 144,818.00           |
| 1607     | Academic Research & Publications               | -                    |                      |
| 1608     | Staff Development-Workshops & Seminar          | 331,660.00           | 392,000.00           |
|          | -Seminars                                      | -                    |                      |
| 1609     | Grants to other Org. (Other Recur. Grants)     | 786,150.00           | 316,965.00           |
| 1610     | Awards & Indemnities                           | -                    | 10,000.00            |
| 1611     | Losses & Write - off                           | -                    |                      |
| 1612     | Holiday Warrants & Season Tickets              | 186,250.00           | 293,990.00           |

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| 1613   | Special Services  |                       |                       |
|  | (I) Audit Fees  | -                     | 300,000.00            |
|  | (II) Council Members Fees etc.,                                       | 2,101,935.00          | 2,215,968.00          |
| 1614   | (I) Convocation   | -                     |                       |
| 1615   | Entertainment Expenses  | 1,149,580.00          | 1,813,125.00          |
| 1616   | (I) Other Recurrent Expenses  | 2,861,261.00          | 6,087,696.66          |
|  | (II) Bank Charges   | -                     | -                     |
| 1617   | Examination Expenses  | 14,499,500.00         | 8,401,835.00          |
| 1618   | Post Graduate Research & Scholarships                                 | 9,000.00              | -                     |
| 1619   | Course Material for Students & Learning Quality improvement           | -                     | -                     |
| 1620   | Industry Internships, Practical & Career Guidance                     | 52,000.00             |                       |
| 1621   | Staff Dev. -Training for Teachers, Administrator & Other Employees    | 180,000.00            | -                     |
| 1622   | Student Development initiatives & Community Relations                 | 27,000.00             | 1,857,915.000         |
| 1623   | University Sports Activities  | 6,382,443.00          | -                     |
| 1624   | Student Welfare, Employees Welfare, Student Councils & Social Harmony | 69,740.00             | 1,130,900.00          |
|  | Employees Welfare & Medical Insurance                                 | -                     | -                     |
| 1625   | Corporate Planning, Governance & Outreach                             | -                     | -                     |
|  | Interest subsidy on Property loan                                     | 161,245.21            | 218,430.12            |
| <b>Expend. from University Sub-imprest &amp; Revenue</b> |   | <b>640,939,387.76</b> | <b>549,289,783.62</b> |
| <b>Other Recurrent</b>                                   |   | <b>190,012,571.36</b> | <b>114,957,604.30</b> |





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## தேசிய கணக்காய்வு அலுவலகம்

### NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE



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Date

25 November 2024

Vice Chancellor,

University of Vavuniya.

**Report of the Auditor General on the affairs of the University of Vavuniya including the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

The above report has been tabled in Parliament on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in 3 languages and the relevant soft copies have been made public on the website of the National Audit Office.

W.M.P.A. Fonseka

Deputy Auditor General

For Auditor General



**1. Financial Statements**

**1.1 Opinion**

The audit of the financial statements of the University of Vavuniya (“University”) for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy 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 provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Finance Act No. 38 of 1971. My comments and observations which I consider should be report to Parliament appear in this report.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the University as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

**1.2 Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

**1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the University’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the University or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the University’s financial reporting process.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the University is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the University.

## 1.4 Audit Scope

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 University's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the University's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the University to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The scope of the audit also extended to examine as far as possible and as far as necessary the following;

- Whether the organization, systems, procedures, books, records and other documents have been properly and adequately designed from the point of view of the presentation of information to enable a continuous evaluation of the activities of the University, and

whether such systems, procedures, books, records and other documents are in effective operation;

- Whether the University has complied with applicable written law, or other general or special directions issued by the governing body of the University
- Whether the University has performed according to its powers, functions and duties; and
- Whether the resources of the University had been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.

## **1.5 Accounts Receivable and Payable**

### **1.5.1 Receivables**

| <b>Audit Issue</b>  | <b>Management Comment</b>   | <b>Recommendation</b>                            |
|---|---|--|
| One of the academic staff of the University who had gone overseas on scholarship programmes had not reported for duty after completion of the scholarship, However, University had not taken remedial action to recover the bond value amounting to Rs.20,186,636 | The University requested the academic staff to settle Rs.14 million bond dues within 12 months from May 2023. The University will pursue legal action if the remaining balance is not paid by May 2024. | Actions should be taken to recover dues on time. |

## **1.6 Non-Compliance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards**

|     | <b>Reference to Laws, Rules Regulations etc.</b>   | <b>Non-compliance</b>  | <b>Management Comment</b>   | <b>Recommendation</b>   |
|-----|--|--|---|---|
| (a) | Section 3 of Chapter XX of the Establishment Code of the University Grants Commission and Higher Educational Institutions. | A sum of Rs.281,364,692 had been paid as salaries and allowances for the academic staff during the year under review without confirming the arrival and departure of the academic staff. | It is the general practise in the state University system that academic staff are not signing the attendance register. However, the Heads of the Department certificate is obtained regarding the work done by each academic staff member before paying the salary. | Action should be taken to comply with the E-code of the University. |
| (b) | Establishment Circular Letter No.15/2015 dated 17 November 2015 of University Grants Commission.                           | Even though the results should be released within 3 months after conducting the examination, it had taken a period ranging from 04 months to 08  | The delay was caused by lack of senior academic staff and delay in second marking, Action will be taken to release the results within 3 months.   | Action should be taken to comply with of the Circulars.             |

months in 03 Faculties  
in the University, during  
the year under review.

## **2. Financial Review**

### **2.1 Financial Result**

The operating result of the year under review amounted to a surplus of Rs.77,270,409 and the corresponding surplus in the preceding year amounted to Rs.27,112,151. Therefore, an improvement amounting to Rs.50,158,258 of the financial result was observed. The reasons for the improvement are the increase in the recurrent grant and the capital revenue from non-exchange transactions.

## **3. Operational Review**

### **3.1 Delays in Projects or Capital Work**

| <b>Audit Issue</b>   | <b>Management Comment</b>  | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
|--|--|--|
| A sum of Rs. 341,591,680 was paid for the construction of a library building, which was scheduled to be completed by 24 October 2021 as per the construction agreement. However, it was observed that the construction had not been completed to date. | Due to the pandemic, subsequent economic crises, and unexpected increases in the cost of construction materials, more than 85% of the work has been completed to date. | Action should be taken to complete the work without further delay. |

## **10.1 Observation of the Governing Authority in respect of the issues highlighted in the report.**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Auditor-General, National  
Audit Office, No. 306/72,  
Poldoowa Road,  
Battaramulla,  
Sri Lanka.

**Ref: The report of the Auditor General on the financial statement and other legal and regulatory requirements of the University of Vavuniya for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 in terms of section 12 of the National Audit Act No 19 of 2018.**

The clarification with reference to No NPCG/VN/D/UOV/1/23 dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Audit report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 are presented as follows

### **2.2.2 Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

#### **a) Establishment code of the University Grants Commission and higher educational institutions.**

##### **Section 3 of chapter XX**

- It is the general practice in the state University system that academic staff are not signing the attendant register. However, the Heads of the Department certification is obtained regarding the work done by each academic staff member before paying their salary. University has already established the work norm for academic staff and University is in the process of developing the accountability model to monitor the work done by academic staff in accordance with the work norm.

#### **b) Circular No. 15/2015 dated 17 November 2015, results should be released within three months after the examination**

- The delay was caused by lack of senior academic staff and delay in second marking. Action has been taken to release the results within 3 months in the future.

### **2.2 Other matters**

#### **a) One of the academic staff of the university who had gone overseas on a scholarship programme had not reported for duty after completion of scholarship. However, University had not taken remedial actions to recover the bonds amounting Rs. 20,186,636.**


- Mrs.Lavan Thusyanthy was vacated from her post w.e.f 22.11.2022 due to violation of bond and agreement on her study leave and she was requested to settle all the dues amounting to Rs22,183,434.90



- She gave her consent to recover the amount lying in her UPF gratuity and 3 month's salary amounting to Rs.3,740,645.00 and the relevant application is in the process at UGC to refund it to UOV. She has been requesting to allow her to settle the dues in 5 year time on installments basis as the total dues is very much high. The Council of the UOV did not accept her request and stucked on the decision that she should settle the dues within a year as per UGC internal audit circular 03/2022. Thereafter she has settled Rs 4,000,000 in two installment by 03.11.2023 and 30.04.2024 respectively and the balance dues is Rs.14,442,789.00
- The 32 nd Council of the UOV held on 27.07.2024 noted that one year period was over and decided to obtain legal opinion on subsequent steps to be taken to recover the balance dues from her.

b) A sum of Rs 341,591,680 had been paid to construct the library building as per the agreement the construction should be completed on 24 October 2021. However, it was observed that construction was not completed up to now.

- The Library project was carried out by the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd (CESL). It is a three storied building. The ground floor and the second floor were already taken over by the University last year. On the ground floor, the library has been functioning since February 2023. On the second floor, the Cultural Center, Quality Assurance Centre, University Business Linkage, lecture halls etc. have been functioning from November 2023. The first floor works were also completed in August 2024. The entire building will come under usage from September 2024 onwards. The main reasons for the delay are Covid -19 pandemic situation, and the country's economic crisis such as not getting the allocated money on time, sudden rise in the price of building materials and non availability of building materials in the market.

  
 Prof. Arulampalam Atputharajah  
 Vice Chancellor,  
 University of Vavuniya

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 Vice - Chancellor  
 University of Vavuniya  
 Sri Lanka.