

An aerial photograph of a paved road that curves through a dense, green forest. The road is light-colored with a white line marking. The surrounding trees are lush and green, with some bare branches visible in the upper right. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

# NEWS Bulletin

Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya  
(Greater Toronto Area and Suburbs)

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Kissing Bend



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- June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) - Children for Children Art Exhibition - "Muditha"
- June 24<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - Inter University Alumni Cricket Tournament
- July 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - Annual BBQ organized by 'PeraCanadians'
- August 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - First Alumni Summer Beech Trip
- October - Annual General Meeting

**Let us live Peradeniya Spirit!**

**HURON PARK RECREATION CENTRE**  
(830 Paisley Blvd., Mississauga L5C 3PC)

**Please be present and encourage our Children!**







Young Artists in action - Children



Young Artists - Children



Volunteers - Children



At Reception Desk - Children and Parents

## Children for Children Art Workshops and Exhibition

The above public event was open for children in all communities and we had over 100 enrolments from children aged 4-18 years.

The workshops were held at Mississauga Secondary School on 25<sup>th</sup> March and 08<sup>th</sup> April respectively.

The enthusiasm of both the children and the parents were highly encouraging.

Children separated into 03 age categories, lived up to the challenge of adopting the themes given at the workshop and creating their arts using different type of arts material under the guidance of talented young artists of a special school arts program. It was heartening to see over 90% turning up for the second workshop too.

Special thanks should go to the parents for excellent punctuality of bringing the kids.

The public exhibition is scheduled for:

**Saturday 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 from 2.30 to 6.30 pm**  
(Certificates Awarding Ceremony at 4.00 pm)  
at  
**OJIBWAY Room**  
**Huron Park Community Centre, 830 Paisley Boulevard W.,**  
**Mississauga**

**Join us with your families and friends to encourage younger generation!**



Resource Persons - Children



### **Town Hall Meeting** Brampton, Caledon, George Town....

Keeping in line with our effort to engage with the alumni members at their home city, we held the Brampton Town Hall Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Though started late, the event was well attended and a few new members too turned up.

Good exchange of views, kid's engagement activity and the usual Peradeniya style musical evening were the highlights of the day.

Following the feedback, we are looking to change the format of the Town Hall meetings from the next meeting onwards.

Big thank goes to the alumni spouses and the children, and all those who helped in organizing music and food arrangements.



Thanks for coming



Group Discussion Stage



Kid's at 'Math Fun'



Attention



Singer and Musician

#### **Summary of our Objectives**

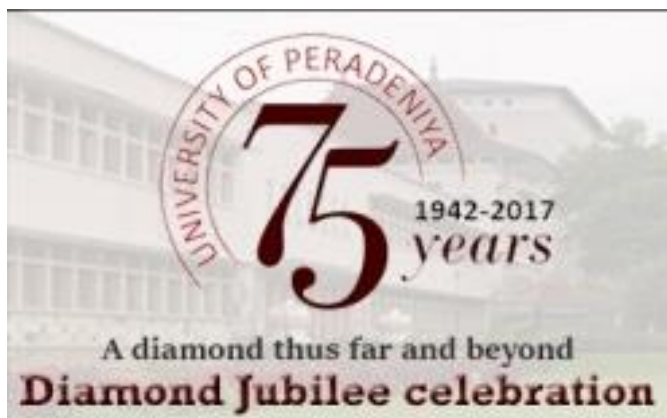
- Renewing university ties and foster networking representing Peradeniya University and work collaboratively with other Peradeniya alumni chapters, promoting mutually beneficial networking with other Sri Lankan and Canadian university alumnus.
- Supporting academic goals of Peradeniya University, creating windows for postgraduate education opportunities and enhancement of standards of education, promoting University of Peradeniya brand
- Supporting professional and personal development of the members, Peradeniya graduate newcomers, collaborate with other similar organizations
- Recognizing and felicitating outstanding achievements of Peradeniya alumni members and promote Sri Lankan culture.

However this principle does not aim at restricting individual choices.





## University News



**University of Peradeniya  
Diamond Jubilee (1942 – 2017)**

### First Research Congress of the PGIHS

The First Research Congress of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS-RC-2017) was held at the PGIHS premises on 31 March 2017.

Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake, the Vice Chancellor graced the inaugural session as the chief guest.



Dr. Samantha Nanayakkara, lecturer in the Department of Education received the Central Province Governor's Award for her excellence in Sport education and research (2017).

Emeritus Professor HPM Gunasena of Faculty of Agriculture has received the "Vidya Nidi" National Honors 2017 for his contributions to the National Development.

The Faculty congratulates him for his achievements. The award ceremony was held on 20th March 2017 at Nelum Pokuna.

A new building in the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering was declared open by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake on January 5, 2017.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Prof. Leelananda Rajapaksha, Head of the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering Dr. C.S. Kalpage and many academic and non-academic staff participated at the occasion.



# What's Coming

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## 'Muditha' Children for Children Art Exhibition

June 3, 2017  
(Saturday)  
(2.30 to 6.30 pm)

Huron Park Community Centre  
830 Paisley Boulevard W.  
Mississauga



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## Pera Canadian BBQ

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
(Saturday)

Location will be Notified Later

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## Inter University Cricket Tournament

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
(Saturday)

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## Alumni Beach Trip

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

This is a family event for Alumni members  
Please expect all information soon....



Annual General Meeting –AAUP (GTA and Suburbs) - October 2017

Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya (GTA & Suburbs)

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