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This Newsletter contains all significant happenings of CINEC Campus, Malabe from the 1st of July to the 30th of September 2024.

Key News

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CINEC Campus Wins Sri Lanka Education Leadership Award

On September 5th 2024, CINEC Campus (Pvt.) Ltd., was awarded the Skill Development Leadership Award at the Sri Lanka Education Leadership Award. The event was held at Taj Samudra, Colombo.

The Sri Lanka Education Leadership Awards is intensely researched. The award body's research cell consists of Post Graduates in History & Management with over 7 years research experience posts their studies. It is an iconic job of the research cell to produce a shortlist of Individuals who are doing extraordinary work and track the record of their achievements. The shortlist is then reviewed by a Jury comprising of senior professionals from across the globe.

The criteria and competencies benchmarked are:

- Educational Achievement
- Placements
- Leadership
- Best in Class Infrastructure
- Student Impact (Internal to the Organisation)
- Future Orientation

Suffice it to say that this is not the first award the campus won for this year. The campus was awarded the Presidential Export Awards for Best Exporter in the Education Service Sector for the fiscal years 2022-2023, 2021-2022, and 2018-2019. The campus was also awarded the Best University of the Year 2023 by the Business World International Organization in the form of a Large Platinum award.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to CINEC Campus, the senior management of the institution, and all who worked hard to make this achievement possible.

Education

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Flavor Fiesta'24: A Moment of Flavor and Fun



Flavor Fiesta'24, organized by the Faculty of Health Sciences was successfully held on the 30th of August 2024, brought a sense of delight to all present.

Declared open by Professor Menik Hettihewa, the faculty's dean, Flavor Fiesta'24 opened up an avenue for delicious food which included the ever popular 'achcharu' and 'pol roti', captivating mehendi designs which were quite in demand. The gaming stall which had a number of thrilling and competitive games brought even more joy to the participants.

Concluding successfully, Flavor Fiesta'24 was a delightful and festive event which brought excitement and glee to all present.



Inauguration Ceremony Welcomes New Batches to Faculty of Health Science

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the Faculty of Health Science (FHS) welcomed its newest students on June 11, 2024. Held at the CINEC Auditorium, the inauguration ceremony marked the beginning of a new academic journey for students entering the Bachelor in Science (Honors), Higher Diploma, Higher National Diploma programs. This included specializations in Biomedical Science, Industrial Pharmaceutical Science, Nursing, Applied Sciences and more.

The event, organized to introduce students to the faculty, was attended by faculty members and dignitaries, including Captain Ajith Peiris, President of CINEC Campus, Senior Consultant Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Project & Planning Mrs. Tharanga Gamage, Vice President of Maritime Affairs, International Cooperation & Foreign Projects Captain Peshala Madagama, Consultant in Academic Affairs and Research Dr. Ajith Madurapperuma, Dean of the Faculty of Health Science Senior Professor Menik Hettihewa, other department heads, faculty deans and notable guests. Proud family members joined the incoming students for the memorable occasion, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere.

The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp, followed by the CINEC anthem, setting a tone of reverence and unity. Following this, several guests took the podium, including the Dean of Faculty of Health Science Senior Professor Menik Hettihewa, Consultant Dr. Ajith Madurapperuma, Senior Consultant Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe and the President of CINEC Campus, Captain Ajith Peiris, each delivering inspiring speeches to motivate the new students.

In a formal introduction to their academic journey, Mrs. Suhashini Silva, Head of Biomedical Science Department, introduced the program followed by other department heads Mrs. Shehara Gunawardena, Deputy Head of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, Dr. Kalpani Rathnayake, Head of Cosmetic Science Department and Ms. Pawani Kuragama, Deputy Head of Health and Medical Science Department. Their words provided insights to each program and emphasized the importance of dedication and excellence in healthcare studies.

Adding to the excitement Ms. Sachini Fernando representing the FHS Student Society and Ms. Hirushi Jayawardena, captivated the audience with a heartfelt speech and an engaging presentation. Afterward, FHS Dean Senior Prof. Menik Hettihewa personally handed offer letters to the new intake, a ceremonial gesture that marked their official entry in to the FHS family.

The event concluded on a grateful note with Ms. Vishwani Bodhinayaka, 8th Batch lecturer of Department of Biomedical Science delivering the vote of thanks, followed by the national anthem, closing the ceremony with a sense of pride and unity. This memorable day set the stage for the journey ahead, inspiring students as they embark on their academic pursuits in healthcare.



Inauguration Ceremony of the Faculty of Humanities and Education

The inauguration ceremony of the Faculty of Humanities and Education concluded successfully on the 4th August 2024.

The event began with the auspicious lighting of the oil lamp by the esteemed faculty members. The students present were briefed by the lecturers and thoroughly informed of their relevant programs, ending the event on a high note.

We wish all the students the very best in their academic endeavours.



Empowering Students: Self-Care, Mental Health, and Sexual Health Awareness Program

On July 25, 2024, The CINEC Students' Medical Unit organized a transformative Self-Care, Mental Health, and Sexual Health Awareness Program. It was held at the CINEC auditorium from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., aiming to equip students with essential knowledge and skills to manage their health and well-being more effectively.

The program covered a range of critical topics for students, including basic first aid, mental health awareness, stress release and time management, sexual health awareness of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

A distinguished panel of experts including Senior Prof. Menik Hettihewa, Dean of Faculty of Health Science, Dr. Hiruni Gunathilake from the STD Unit of Colombo South Teaching Hospital – Kalubowila, Mr. Kelum Prabhath Hettige, COO, Community Emergency Responder's Force (CERF), Ms. Pawani Kuragama and Ms. Ishari Wijesinghe, lectures from the Faculty of Health

Science. Each speaker brought unique insights from their field, fostering a well-rounded understanding of these vital topics. The event concluded with a dynamic Q&A session, where the students eagerly engaged with the panel, addressing personal concerns and seeking expert guidance.

The program received a warm response from students across the campus, who found the sessions to be both enlightening and enjoyable. This successful event is a testament to the CINEC Students' Medical Unit's commitment to fostering a supportive and informed student community.

Clubs and Associations

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Gallantria 2024

On the 19th of September 2024, the Leo movement was officially initiated within the CINEC Campus. Lead by Sadesh Nayodya, a student of CINEC Campus and the additional assistance given by the Management, including Capt. Ajith Peiris, Capt. Peshala Medagama, Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe, Mr. Nalin Samarawickrama and Ms. Shannon Wijerathne, the Leo Club of CINEC Campus was brought to light. Sponsored by the Gothatuwa New Century Lions Club, the ceremony reached to its successive threshold. The participation of Leo club members, Leo club directors, Executive Committee members, Visiting Leo club presidents and members, District Leo Council officers, Regional Leo officers, Lions club presidents and Leo club advisors ignited the occasional atmosphere. The event commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest—First Vice District Governor of Leo District 306C1, Lion Mahesh Boralugoda PMJF PMAF JP; Guest-of-honour—District President of Leo District 306C1, Leo Nisal Dulmith; Special Guests—Club Chairperson of Leo District 306C1 PMDP PDP Leo Lion Dilruk Thisera and Senior Consultant of CINEC Campus Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe.



The event took an outset upon the Leoistic traditions and significantly focused on recognizing the Executive committee and the board members of the Leo Club of CINEC Campus, followed by the induction of Leo club members. The oaths took place, and vows echoed through the walls as students acknowledged their positions and stipulated responsibilities. The official banner was presented amid the applauding audience. Leo Ovinu Rupasinghe was pronounced as the chartered club president. The event created mesmerising memories as

visiting Leo club presidents concluded the occasion by delivering felicitations and heartfelt wishes towards the prosperity of the club and its future endeavours.

The Leo Club of CINEC Campus was established as a community service organization, working towards the betterment of the society. Working under the wing of Leo District 306C1, the Leo Club of CINEC Campus aims to empower the youthful leadership excellence and create opportunities for striving youths towards personal and communal development. The vision is to encourage providence and eloquence followed by collaboration and active participation. The club would also elevate the reputation of the CINEC Campus as a leading non-state university that contributes towards the empowerment of such social enlightening movements. As a chartered club, the organization aims to prosper inspiring heights of leadership and humanity.

Annual Blood Donation Campaign 2024: “Donate Blood and Save Lives”



The Annual Blood Donation Campaign, one of the most anticipated events on the CINEC Students’ Medical Unit calendar, took place on September 2, 2024, at the Zenith 1st floor of CINEC Campus, Malabe, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The campaign embodied the spirit of giving back, uniting over 100 students and staff under the guidance of Senior Professor Menik Hettihewa, Dean of the Faculty of Health Science.

With an impressive turnout, more than 170 donors contributed to this noble cause, providing essential blood donations for the Colombo South Teaching Hospital – Kalubowila.

The campaign was made possible through the support and expertise of the staff from the Central Blood Bank - Narahenpita, who worked tirelessly alongside campus volunteers to ensure a seamless experience for all participants.

Thanks to the generous sponsors and the campus, refreshments and souvenirs were provided to every donor, creating a welcoming atmosphere that recognized and celebrated their contributions. Beyond student involvement, the event also saw active participation from the campus executives, academic, and non-academic staff, highlighting the campus’s collective commitment to making a difference.





This year's campaign was a resounding success, showcasing the power of community and the importance of saving lives through blood donation. It served as a reminder of the Medical Unit's dedication to creating a compassionate and responsible community, inspiring many to continue this tradition of selfless giving.

Fearflix 2024: A Week of Thrills and Chills

Organized by the CINEC Students Media Circle in association with the CINEC Student's Association, Fearflix movie week was a resounding success. Held from September 9th to September 13th the movie week was an event of thrilling moments and guaranteed the spooks for all those present.

The movie week kicked off with the adrenaline-pumping movie *Kill*, an Indian action thriller, which had the audience present, on the edge of their seats enjoying the high-stakes action. The next film was *Exhuma*, a South Korean supernatural horror film which offered the viewers an insight to some eerie rituals and folklore which is seamlessly blended with cultural themes. The third successive movie was *Fall*, a survival thriller which definitely gave the viewers a feeling of gripping fear and helplessness.



Following *Fall*, *Evil Dead Rise*, a supernatural horror film gave out an authentic feeling of horror and immersed the audience in a suspenseful and intense atmosphere. The final film, *The Impossible*, a dramatic disaster film was based on real-life experiences of Spanish family who survived the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. The resilience, the strength of family bonds and their

survival against all the odds made it quite emotional for the audience.



Fearflix was certainly a memorable week of chills and thrills bringing on a cinematic experience to CINEC. The movie week created a space for students to experience diverse genres and themes contributed to the immersive atmosphere which was enjoyed and appreciated by many.

Sports

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CINEC Emerges Victorious in the Clash of Titans



The CINEC Cricket team managed to witness a significant victory against SLINTEC when they faced off against each other in the Clash of Titans Cricket tournament held on July 14th 2024.

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