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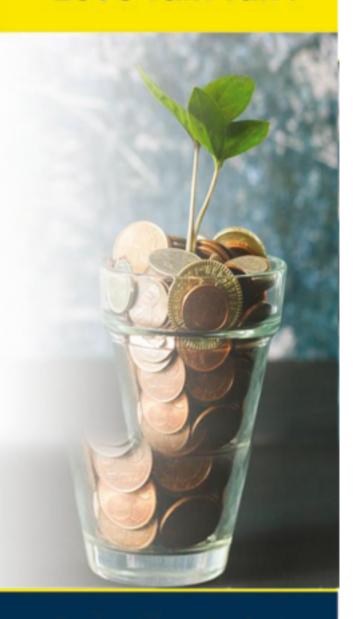


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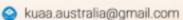


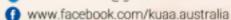


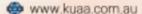




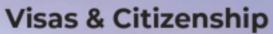
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Message from the Vice-Chancellor University of Kelaniya Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva

It is with great pleasure that I send this message of felicitation to the Kelaniya University Alumni Association in Australia on the occasion of celebrating your 15th Anniversary.

The University of Kelaniya is now among the largest of the state universities in Sri Lanka, with a proud history of over 60 years. Over this period, we have produced many graduates in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences, Social Sciences, Medicine, and Commerce & Management Studies. At present we have an undergraduate student population of about 14,500 registered in six different Faculties scattered in 3 different campuses in Dalugama, Ragama and Peliyagoda.

The turbulence brought about by the COVID19 pandemic and the acute political crisis of 2022 have now somewhat subsided, but as a state-funded national university, we still feel the dire impact of the economic collapse that precipitated last year's political crisis. Our students, especially those from remote areas and underprivileged families, struggle to make ends meet and continue with their education.

Amongst the many activities that we have launched to address student welfare, this year, the university administration initiated a project to renovate and refurbish the student cafeteria in the Gymnasium building, as it is used by students from all four Faculties in Dalugama. It is in a dilapidated condition, but the funds sent to us by the Treasury are woefully inadequate to meet the cost of repair and refurbishment. We are therefore particularly appreciative of the generosity of our Alumni Associations that have come forward to support the University of Kelaniya in numerous ways, especially those relating to student welfare.

The Kelaniya University Alumni Association in Australia has been one of the most supportive, and I have every confidence that you will continue to support your alma mater in the future too. I hope that the KUAA might consider some fund-raising activities that will help the university to find the necessary financial resources for renovation and refurbishment of the Gym canteen

Professor Nilanthi de Silva Vice-Chancellor University of Kelaniya



Message from current KUAA leadership on its 15th anniversary celebration

15 years ago in year 2008, a group of pass pupils of University of Kelaniya had a casual gathering at Jells Park to share the spirit of friendship. This day, a strong foundation was laid by these pioneers to establish one of the most prestigious Sri Lankan Alumna association in Australia. Since then, KUAA has grown from strength to strength and has contributed immensely to the betterment of Australian and Sri Lankan societies through a variety of vibrant endeavours.

Today, KUAA proudly celebrates its 15th anniversary with more than 350 alumna members, their families and friends in Australia.

The brilliant minds of KUAA always have had the agility to accept change and challenges and then to overcome them through innovativeness. During the pandemic, the world was challenged at every level of the common life when KUAA launched a series of support services including legal, medical and advisory bundled with distribution of free food and dry rations to hundreds of Sri Lankan students living in Australia. KUAA played a key role during one of the most successful fund raisers in Australia to donate medical supplies worth millions to Sri Lankan hospitals which helped to save thousands of lives during the pandemic. KUAA has gone above and beyond in many occasions to support its members in need during its 15 years of history.

As you may all have experienced, the real strength of KUAA is its deep-rooted friendship and unity. This unity has been a key element in continues resilience against many challenges which KUAA has successfully overcome during its 15 years of history. Therefore, it is our to preserve and continue this unity which is the foundation that holds this amazing organization together.

Finally, the current KUAA leadership would like to thank and appreciate the KUAA membership and their families for the undying support provided throughout the years towards the success of this wonderful association.

We wish you all the best and looking forward to strengthening our unity and friendship in the years to come.





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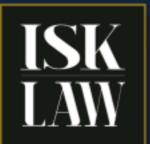












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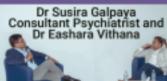
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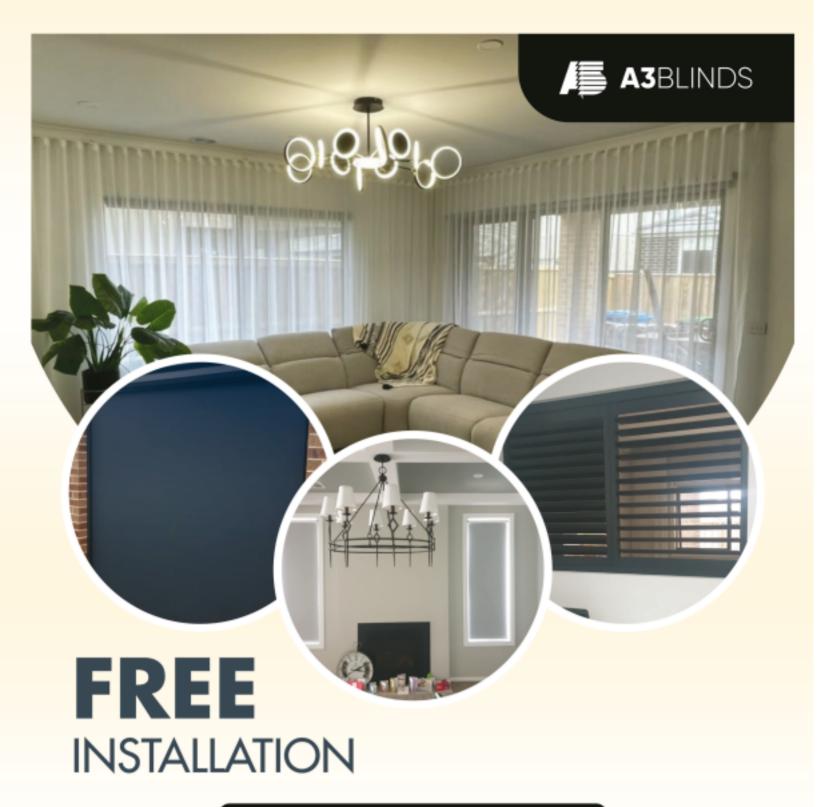
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n September 2022, a mental well-being symposium was held at the Federation University Australia in collaboration with the Cardinia City Council. The project aimed to provide support for people who suffer from mental health issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, and other problems caused by post-COVID emotional strain and tension.

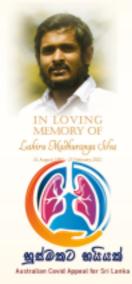


KUAA Disability Support Project (Phase II) University of Kelaniya (March 2022):

As part of the KUAA Disability Support scheme, hearing equipment worth over Rs 508,000 was donated to the students who required them. KUAA 2022 President Rohan Withanarachchi and acting Vice Chancellor Prof Narada Fernando were present at the handover ceremony



COVID 19 KUAA Response: KUAA and Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery joined hands to deliver 16,000 dry food rations to the international students living in Victoria who were struggling during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic



Remembering Lahiru with love: Lahiru De Silva, a young Kelaniya University alumnus who had recently migrated to Australia, passed away in a tragic road accident. KUAA came forward to help Lahiru and his young family by asking our members to support them. We gave Lahiru a respectful farewell ceremony at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery and shared the sorrow with his loved ones as one family.

Husmakata Hayyak: KUAA is proud to be a key partner of Husmakata Hayyak, the largest fundraiser by Sri Lankan expatriates living in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic to support Sri Lanka's struggling health system. Husmakata Hayyak is a COVID-19 relief project initiated by the Australian Covid Appeal for Sri Lanka. KUAA members helped the project in coordination, strategic sourcing, fund raising, digital marketing support, and logistics.





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Dear Esteemed Members of KUAA,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. On behalf of the Kelaniya University Alumni Reunion, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you all for organizing a successful event. Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we are proud to have such a strong and vibrant Kelaniya University alumni community Melbourne, Australia

During my last visit to Melbourne in March 2023, I had the pleasure of meeting some of you, and it was a memorable evening. Your passion for our alma mater and your commitment to the Kelaniya University Alumni Association Australia (KUAA) is truly inspiring.

As we celebrate our 5th anniversary, I would like to extend a special invitation to all of you to join us for our upcoming Gala Dinner Dance on 16th September 2023 at Avenra Gardens Hotel Negombo, It promises to be a night of celebration, and camaraderie as we come together to reminisce about our time at Kelaniya University and renew old friendships and networks.

Once again, congratulations on a successful event, and I look forward to seeing you all in Sri Lanka.

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