
Sister Link Program
Niigata University - University of Peradeniya

Co Chair of SLJCR recognition for Niigata University in Sri Lanka



Report Of
Activities in 2017 & 2018

Sri Lanka Japan Collaborative Research Conference

The Sri Lanka Japan Collaborative Research Conference (SLJCR) was held on the 1st of September 2018 at the Post-Graduate Institute Science and pre-congress workshops on the 31st of September. The inauguration dinner was sponsored by the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka and was attended by the Vice Chancellor University of Peradeniya, The Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka and the President of Niigata University.



Professor Takahashi Sugata, President of Niigata University addressing the SLJCR conference inauguration as the co chair



At the SLJCR conference

Presentations by Staff and Students of Niigata University



Meeting with Vice Chancellor and Deans

An official meeting was held at the Vice Chancellors office with the participation of President Takahashi and members of his team and the Deans of all faculties. The Deputy vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya also participated and a frank exchange of ideas took place. Prof Sajjiv Ariyasinghe Liaison professor did a presentation on the activities of the Niigata-Peradeniya Sister Link program



Photo taken at Vice Chancellors office, UoP

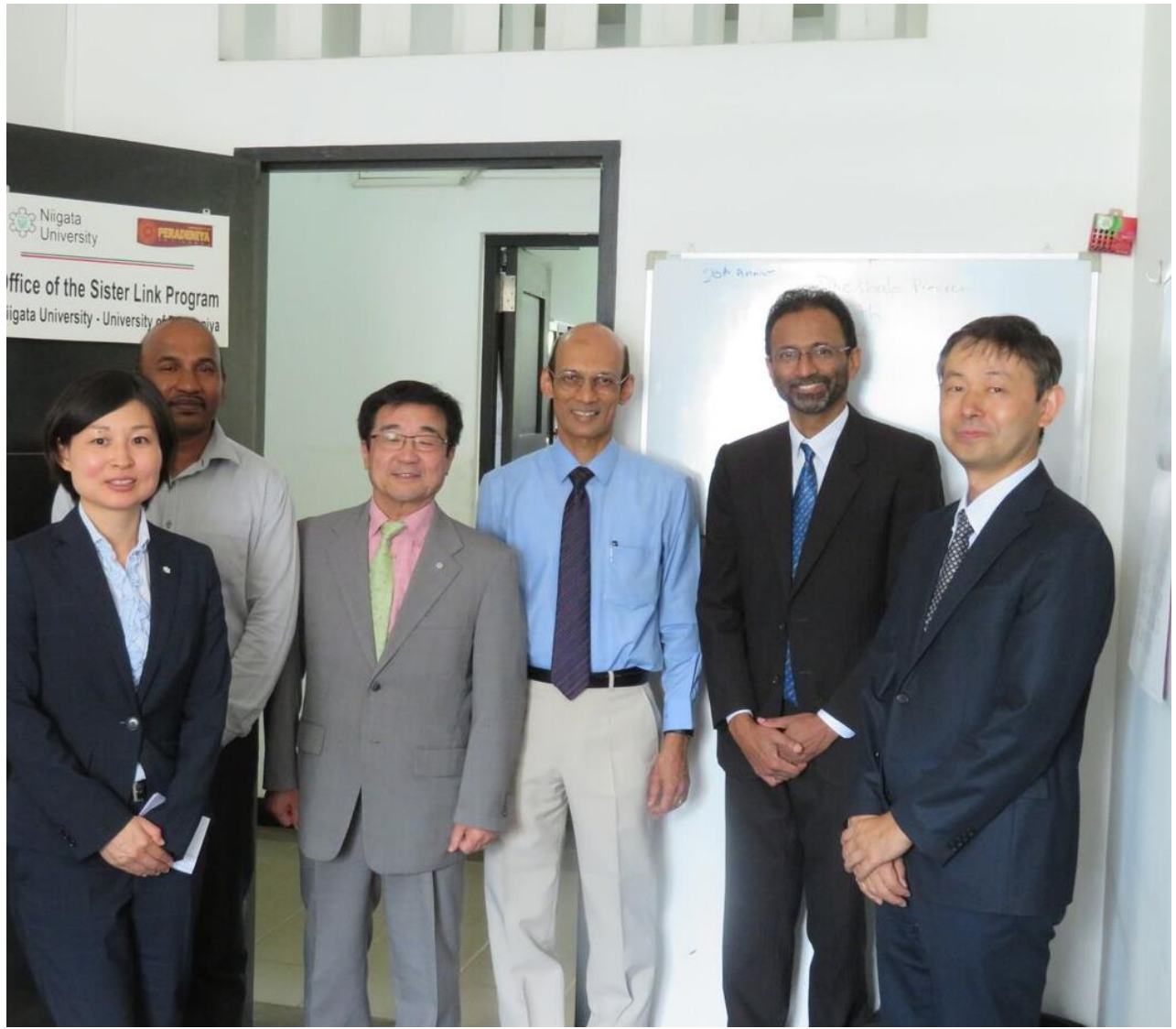


Meeting - Faculty of Medicine



A meeting with President Takahashi and the staff of the faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya including the coordinator of the Medical Faculty Link program Prof Dhammika Disanayake was held on the 31st of August

At the Niigata-Peradeniya Sister Link Office



The Niigata University maintains an office at the University of Peradeniya. The upkeep of the office is done periodically by Niigata University. At present the Liaison Professor of Niigata University manages its functions

Moreover, coordination of all Sister Link related activities are performed from the office. As such visiting students and staff from NU have access to the office.

Visiting the Takahashi tree @ The Lodge



The Takahashi tree which is planted in the lawn of the Vice Chancellors official residence “The Lodge”



The Takahashi tree in 2014



The Takahashi tree in March 2018

Student exchange

- One undergraduate student of the Faculty of Agriculture, Niigata University is with Prof Swarna Wimalasiri for 1 year at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.
- The student exchange program between School of Health Sciences, Niigata University and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya which commenced in 2011 is functioning well with annual exchange of students from NU to UoP and vice versa.

Staff Training Program

The staff training program which commenced in 2011 is functioning well and it will be for the 8th time that 3 officials from the UoP will be attending the program this year. As a recognition to the Faculty of Dental Sciences which commenced the Sister Link program an official from the FDS was selected last year.



Staff training program 2017 At Presidents office.

Collaborative Research Program

Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

As Liaison Professor I helped to contact staff of NU and UoP to facilitate a research project. This was done at the request of Prof Sato of SHS, NU.



Meeting with collaborators of the research project at Niigata and Peradeniya

A collaborative research project was started by two professors from NU namely Prof Yoshida from the Agriculture Faculty and Prof Sato from the School of Health Sciences with Prof Ariyaratne Dean of the Veterinary Medicine Faculty of UoP and Dr. Bimalka.

PhD students studying at Niigata University

One student completed her PhD program under Professor Sadakata at the School of Health Sciences, Niigata University and returned to the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in April 2018

One student commenced her PhD program under Professor Koyama of the School of Health Sciences, Niigata University from October 2017

One student is following the PhD program under Professor Sakamoto at the School of Health Sciences, Niigata University

Opportunities for the future



The present Vice Chancellor was reelected as the new Vice Chancellor for the next three years. Professor Upul Dissanayake is a staunch backer of the Niigata-Peradeniya Sister Link Program. As the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, he has visited Niigata University in November 2011 at the invitation of the School of Health Sciences. Much cooperation can be expected from him during his next tenure of three for the Sister Link Program activities.

Programs on track for 2018

- 1. Student exchange between the School of Health Science and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences**
- 2. Staff Training for 2018**
- 3. Medical Faculty Link activities**
- 4. One year study of an undergraduate student from the Agriculture Faculty, NU at UoP**

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Liaison Professor Niigata University

30th September 2018

