



Sister Link Program Niigata University - University of Peradeniya

Health Sciences, Agriculture, Medical, Science, Dental and Officials



Report Of
Activities in 2018 & 2019

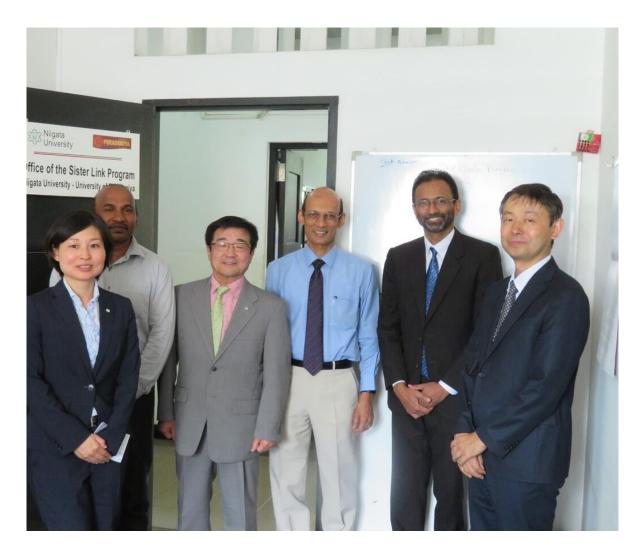
Meeting - Faculty of Medicine



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 2018.

A meeting with Dean elect Prof Asiri Abeygunawardena was held with dinner at the Grand Kandyan Hotel.

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

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

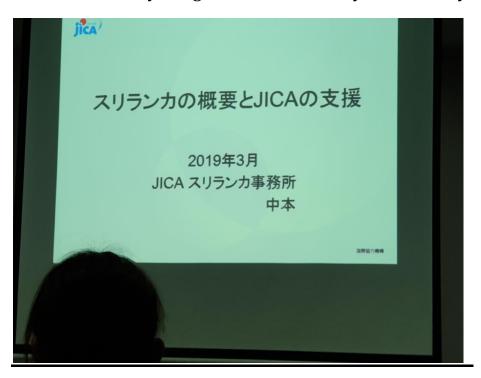
Student exchange- Faculty of Agriculture

One undergraduate student from the Faculty of Agriculture, Niigata University is with Prof Swarna Wimalasiri for 1 year at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.

Student exchange - Faculty of Agriculture



Prof Yoshida and 5 students from the faculty of Agriculture, Niigata University visited the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya in March 2019.



Visit to JICA office in Colombo for a briefing on JICA activities related to the field of Agriculture in Sri Lanka





Meeting with Dean and staff of at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.



At the Niigata-Peradeniya sister link office





Sightseeing in Colombo



At the hotel

Student exchange - Faculty of Medicine



Two students from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya visited the Faculty of Medicine, Niigata University in July 2019. This is the first time that two students attended the summer program. Prof Someya Dean and Prof Olga Razvina played a major role in the program.

<u>Student exchange - Faculty of Allied Health</u> <u>Sciences</u>

The Student exchange program between the two faculties 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 9th time that 4 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 this year.





Collaborative Research Program

Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Dr Bimalka of the Veterinary faculty and Prof Yoshida of the Agriculture faculty are continuing the research collaboration. Dr Bimalka visited Niigata University in 2019.

PhD students studying at Niigata University

Ms. Hansani Abeywickrama commenced her PhD program under Professor Koyama of the School of Health Sciences, Niigata University from October 2017

Ms. Surangika Wadugodapitiya is following the PhD program under Professor Sakamoto at the School of Health Sciences, Niigata University

Upkeep of the Niigata-Peradeniya Sister Link Office

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.



Agriculture Students and staff at the Sister link office 2019



The student from the Faculty of Agriculture, NU preparing for her presentation at the Sister link office 2018

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.



Professor Upul Dissanayake at School of Health Sciences, Niigata University in November 2011

Programs on track for 2019

- 1. Student exchange between the School of Health Science and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences
- 2. Staff Training for 2019
- 3. Medical Faculty Link activities
- 4. One year study by an undergraduate student from the Agriculture Faculty, NU at UoP
- 5. Agriculture students of Niigata University visited UoP on the Bridge program

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