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President's Message

Dear Members,

As we reflect on the first half of 2024, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I address you in this edition of our biannual newsletter. The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) continues to stand as a beacon of excellence and innovation in the ever-evolving field of computing. Our collective achievements over the past six months are a testament to the dedication, creativity, and resilience of our vibrant community.

Our collaborative efforts with academic institutions and industry partners have continued to flourish, resulting in several impactful projects and initiatives. These collaborations are essential in bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that our professionals are well-equipped to meet the demands of the global market.

As we move forward, I urge each one of you to stay engaged and active within our society. Your contributions, whether through volunteering, participating in events, or simply sharing your expertise, are invaluable to our collective success. Together, we can continue to make significant strides in advancing the field of computing and making a positive impact on society.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the CSSL Executive Council, secretariat staff, and all our members for your unwavering support and dedication. Let us continue to work together to achieve our shared vision of a digitally empowered Sri Lanka.

Thank you, and I look forward to another six months of growth, innovation, and success.

Warm regards,
Dr. Ajantha Atukorale
President
Computer Society of Sri Lanka

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CSSL Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka held its 35th Annual General Meeting on January 17, 2024, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Colombo. During this significant event, the reelection of Dr. Ajantha Atukorale as President for the year 2024 was confirmed, and the new executive council for the year was appointed.

Dr. Atukorale, who currently serves as the Director at the Colombo University School of Computing (UCSC), brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his role. He earned his B.Sc. Honours Degree with first-class honors in Computer Science from Colombo University in 1995 and obtained his Ph.D. in Neural Pattern Recognition from the University of Queensland, Australia, in 2002. Renowned in the Sri Lankan IT community, Dr. Atukorale has built a distinguished career in academia and society.

A member of CSSL since 2006, Dr. Atukorale has been on the CSSL Executive Council since 2013. He has played a crucial role in numerous CSSL initiatives, including the Seoul Accord Degree Accreditation Program, CSSL Awards, NSSC, NITC, and the CSSL Research Colloquium. Additionally, he represents CSSL on the University Grants Commission's Standing Committee on Computing and the Standing Committee on Technology.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Atukorale outlined his vision and planned actions for 2024, emphasizing CSSL's commitment to advancing professionalism in computing in Sri Lanka. Key initiatives for 2024 include:

- Tech Talks and Workshops: Offering opportunities for computing professionals to stay updated on the latest trends and technologies.
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs): Facilitating collaboration and knowledge-sharing among professionals with common interests.
- Expansion of GenZ Chapter Activities: Engaging young people in the computing sector to nurture future tech talent.

- National Schools Software Competition (NSSC): Encouraging innovation and creativity among school students.
- National IT Conference (NITC): Providing a platform for computing professionals to network and share expertise.
- Incorporating CSSL with an Act of Parliament: Enhancing CSSL's legal standing to play a more effective role in Sri Lanka's computing sector development.

Dr. Atukorale expressed gratitude to the outgoing Executive Council members Mr.Damith Hettihewa, Commodore Janaka Gunaseela, Dr. Thilina Halloluwa, and Dr. Parakum Pathirana by presenting them with tokens of appreciation for their valuable contributions.

The reelection of Dr. Atukorale and the appointment of the new executive council mark a new chapter for CSSL. With a clear vision and a strong team, CSSL is poised to lead the development of the computing sector in Sri Lanka.

Newly Appointed CSSL Executive Council Members for the Year 2024

The new executive council appointed at the AGM consists of a distinguished group of IT professionals with a wealth of experience from industry and academia. The elected executive council members of the CSSL for year 2024 are as follows:

Seated (from left to right) :
Assistant Secretary: Udesh I W Seneviratna (Additional DG, ITMD, General Treasury),Secretary: Dr. Amal Illesinghe (CIO, NSB),President: Dr. Ajantha S. Atukorale (Director, UCSC),Vice President: Heshan Karunarathne (CEO, SPIL Software),Treasurer: Indika De Zoysa (Strategic Adviser and Vice President, Huawei Technologies Lanka).

Standing (from left to right):
Council Member: Chanaki Mallikarachchi (Director ICT, Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government Ministry),Student Counsellor: Dr. Manjusri Wickramasinghe (Senior Lecturer, UCSC),Council Member: Ruvendra Gunasena (Director Group IT and Processes, Hemas Holdings PLC),Assistant Treasurer: Rasantha Hettithanthrige (CTO, SLT-Mobitel Ltd),Council Member: Dr. Shanta R Yapa (Director, SLIIT Innovate),Council Member: Lakmal Embuldeniya (Vice President, Global Professional Services, Tech One Global Ltd), Publication Secretary: Dr. Nirosha Wedasinghe (Senior Lecturer, KDU).

CSSL Members' Night: A Celebration of Unity and Joy

Following the 35th Annual General Meeting, the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) hosted a vibrant Members' Night on January 17, 2024, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Colombo. The evening was a joyous celebration, bringing members together in a spirit of fellowship and festivity.

Attendees enjoyed a delightful dinner, with a variety of dishes catering to diverse tastes, while lively music set the stage for an evening of dancing and entertainment. The dance floor was filled with colleagues and friends, both old and new, creating cherished memories and strengthening the bonds within the society.

Adding to the excitement, a raffle draw was held, with members winning wonderful prizes, further enhancing the festive atmosphere. The Members' Night was a testament to the unity and joy shared by CSSL members, providing a perfect conclusion to the day's proceedings and setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

National Schools Software Competition (NSSC) Awards Ceremony Celebrates Student Talent

The National Schools Software Competition (NSSC) for 2023 culminated in a grand awards ceremony held on December 15th, 2023, at the Ministry of Education auditorium. This ceremony marked the achievements of Sri Lanka's brightest young minds in software development. The 2023 ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Susil Premajayantha, the Minister of Education.

Organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), the NSSC is a national event held annually in collaboration with the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) division of the Ministry of Education. The competition aims to bring out problem-solving and programming talents in school students with speed, accuracy, and team coordination in a competitive environment at national and international levels.

Since 2009, the Ministry has recognized the NSSC's significance, integrating it into its national school-level ICT Champion Tournament. The tournament also benefits from the collaboration of the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS) and the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC).

CSSL Kicks Off 2024 with Tech talk on Digital Transformation Management

The tech talk series for 2024 was kicked off by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) with a timely and thought-provoking the topic "Digital Transformation Management using Systems Thinking Modeling". This took place on February 1st, 2024, at Trace Expert City, Colombo.

The speaker for the event was Prof. Dr. Siegfried Zurn, MBC, Director of the International Centre and Graduate School at the University of Applied Science Esslingen. Professor Zurn's expertise provided a unique perspective on utilizing systems thinking to effectively manage digital Transformation. The session delved into the complexities inherent in digital transformation initiatives. By applying a systems thinking approach, attendees gained valuable insights and strategies to navigate these complexities. Those who attended the CSSL Techtalk emerged with a deeper understanding of how to leverage systems thinking to optimize their digital transformation journeys. The event proved to be a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and discussion, setting the stage for a stimulating year of tech talks by the CSSL.

CSSL Annual Strategy Workshop

The CSSL Executive Council convened at Hotel Turya, Kalutara, on February 3rd, 2024, for the annual strategy workshop. The primary focus of the workshop was to plan and schedule activities for the year, ensuring a year brimming with initiatives for the CSSL.

Key Discussion Points:

- President's Plan: The CSSL President presented his vision and plan for the year, outlining the organization's goals and direction for 2024.
- Project Planning: The council members delved into discussions around the year's main projects. Actionable plans were formulated, along with tentative timelines for project execution. Responsibilities for each project were clearly defined, ensuring ownership and accountability.
- National IT Conference 2024 Theme: The theme for the National IT Conference 2024 was chosen: "Catalysing a Progressive Future: Towards Society 5.0." This theme underscores the conference's aim to explore and promote advancements propelling us towards a future defined by Society 5.0, a human-centered, technology-integrated society.
- National Recognition: Strategies to elevate CSSL's national profile and gain wider recognition were a central focus of the discussions.
- Budget Planning: The council also addressed the budgetary requirements for 2024, ensuring the financial resources are in place to support the planned activities.

This successful workshop laid a strong foundation for a productive and impactful year for the CSSL. With a clear roadmap and dedicated leadership, the organization is poised to achieve its goals and make significant contributions in 2024.

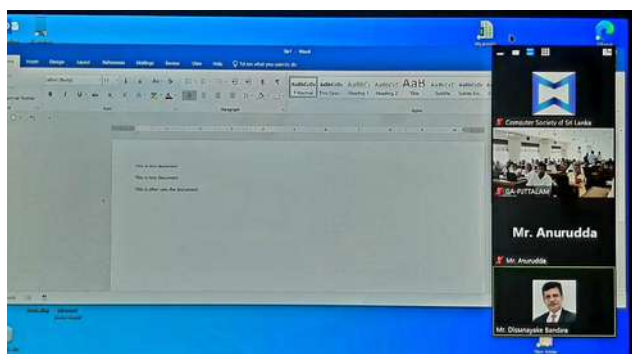# CSSL Strengthens the IT Skills of Grama Niladari in Puttalam District

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs, conducted a series of workshops to empower Grama Niladaris in the Puttalam District with digital literacy.

This initiative aimed to equip Grama Niladaris with foundational knowledge on E-GramaNiladari, a digital system likely designed to streamline their work processes. The program consisted of ten-day program for two batches, starting from 26th March 2024.

Mr. Dissanayaka Bandara was the resource persons for the program.

He also facilitated translation services, allowing the sessions to be conducted in multiple languages to benefit all Gramaniladharis in the district.

This collaborative effort between the CSSL, and the Ministry of Home Affairs demonstrates a commitment to modernizing Sri Lanka's administrative infrastructure and empowering Grama Niladharis with the necessary skills to effectively serve their communities.

Honouring Our Torchbearers

On March 12th, 2024, a ceremony was held to unveil the official portrait of Mr. Damith Hettihewa, who served as the President of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) from 2021 to 2022. The event, which underscored the significance of Mr. Hettihewa's contributions to the organization, was graced by Professor Malik Ranasinghe, the Chairman of the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), as the chief guest.

The ceremony saw the participation of many past presidents, past executive committee members, and fellow members of the CSSL, highlighting the ongoing legacy of leadership and service within the society. The event was a testament to the enduring impact of Mr. Hettihewa's presidency and the strength of the CSSL community.

Past President's Portrait Unveiling

Past President's Honors Board

In conjunction with the unveiling of the portrait, the Past President Board was also updated to include Mr. Hettihewa's name, marking his lasting imprint on the organization. The unveiling of the board was carried out by Mr. Yasa Karunaratane, another past president and Fellow member of the CSSL.
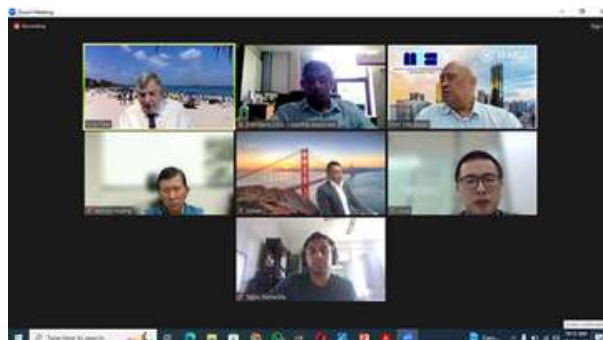
Dr. Ajantha Atukorale Represents CSSL at Seoul Accord Mid-term 2024 Meeting in New Delhi

Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, President of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), recently attended the Seoul Accord Mid-term 2024 meeting held in New Delhi, India, from June 15 to 16. Representing CSSL, Dr. Atukorale took part in this significant event, marking CSSL's role as a Provisional Signatory of the Seoul Accord since 2018. With a strong aspiration to achieve full signatory status, CSSL values this opportunity to elevate Sri Lanka's computing education on a global platform. At the meeting, Dr. Atukorale connected with numerous delegates from member countries, anticipating fruitful collaborations in the near future.

CSSL President Participates in SEARCC Meeting

Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, the President of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), actively participated in the South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) meeting, which took place on March 18, 2024. This significant event brought together leading figures in the field of information and communication technology (ICT) from across the Southeast Asian region to discuss and collaborate on pivotal issues affecting the industry.

NuMind Education Certified UI/UX Developer Certificate Awarding Ceremony.

NuMind Education Centre held a certificate award ceremony on May 19th, 2024, to honor the students in the 3rd and 4th batches who have completed their Certified UI/UX Developer program. The ceremony took place at the BMICH, Araliya Hall, marking a significant milestone for those who successfully completed the program.

This certification program is a collaborative effort between NuMind Education Centre and the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL). The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Damith Hettihewa, the immediate Past President of CSSL. Dr. Ajantha Athukorale, the current President of CSSL, and Mr. Udana Wickremasinghe, representing NuMind, also graced the event with their presence.

The ceremony celebrated the students' achievements in the field of UI/UX development, a field that is becoming increasingly important in today's digital landscape. Earning this certification equips students with a competitive edge in the booming IT job market.

DigiEcon Global Investment Summit 2024

The DigiEcon Global Investment Summit 2024 was held on June 25, 2024, in Colombo, with the esteemed presence of President Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe as the Chief Guest. CSSL served as a Strategic Partner at this global investment summit. This summit aims to bridge domestic and international investors with Sri Lanka's leading tech startups, providing a platform to showcase their innovative products and services. Additionally, it fosters knowledge exchange between the government and the industry, supporting Sri Lanka's vision of becoming a digital-first nation as outlined in the Digital Strategy 2030, a seven-year plan approved by the Cabinet. The event featured various activities, including keynote addresses by subject matter experts, panel discussions with government and industry representatives, and one-on-one interactions between investors and startups.

Safeguarding the Digital Playground: CSSL-Organized Tech Talk on Non-Intrusive Parental Control Innovations for Children's Online Safety

On June 27, 2024, the CSSL Tech Center hosted an insightful Tech Talk organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), featuring Mr. Theekshana Kumara, the visionary Founder and Chairman of vxSafenet. The event, titled **"Promoting Children's Digital Well-Being: Non-Intrusive Parental Control through Advanced Technology,"** began at 6:00 PM and captivated attendees with its forward-thinking approach. Mr. Kumara emphasized the importance of safeguarding children's online experiences without encroaching on their privacy. He showcased cutting-edge technologies developed by vxSafenet that enable parents to monitor digital activities seamlessly and non-intrusively. The discussion highlighted the balance between security and autonomy, focusing on innovative solutions that empower parents to protect their children in the digital age. Attendees left the session inspired and equipped with new strategies to foster a safe and healthy digital environment for young users.

CSSL Announces Country's first ever CIO List

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) announced the country's first-ever National CIO List, a pioneering initiative to identify the best of the best ICT professionals in the country. The ceremony to announce the CSSL National CIO list was recently held on 12th December 2023 at BMICH in partnership with the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Fortinet and E-Guardian.

CSSL National CIO List will add a new dimension and shape the ICT Professional landscape of Sri Lanka. After a stringent evaluation process, following CIOS were inducted in to the Sri Lanka's first ever CSSL National CIO List.

A. K. L. Illesinghe_ National Savings Bank
J. A. A. Jayasinghe –Midas Safety Group
H. P. Senanayake – Union Assurance Ltd
K. A. S. A. Perera — SLTMobitel
K. D. Dayarathne – Ceylon Biscuits Ltd
K.M. Anoja Hemanthi Basnayake – A Baur & Co
N. Ruwanthi S Fernando – Hela Apparel Holdings Ltd
R. C. Gunasena – Hemas Holdings PLC
Sumudu Gunawardhana – Commercial Bank

CSSL President Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, Chairman Rupavahini Corporation Dr. Prasad Samarasinghe, Project Chair Mr. Damith Hettihewa addressed the distinguished gathering to announce the CSSL National CIO List.

After the announcement of the list veteran banker and former MD of Hatton National Bank, Mr. Rajendra Thiagarajah interviewed Mr. Sumudu Gunawardena, CIO of the Commercial Bank.

Recognizing the top performers and highest caliber Chief Information Officers is imperative in raising the professional standards amongst the ICT leadership in the country. CSSL as the apex professional body for ICT practitioners has developed and maintained professional standards as a key object of its mandate. National CIO list is another step in fulfilling our objectives said Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, President of CSSL commenting on this momentous occasion.

In 2022, CSSL has invited reputable business leaders to define the characteristics of a CIO for this worthy initiative. The eminent panel consisted of veteran banker Mr. Rajendra Thiagarajah, SLCERT Chairman Mr. Rohan Muttiah, Deutsche Bank Head of Operations Mr. Prabath Wickramaratne, Lanka Bell Managing Director Dr. Prasad Samarasinghe, ESOFT Chairman Dr. Dayan Rajapaksha, University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) Director and CSSL President Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, Nimbus Cloud Lanka Managing Director and CSSL Immediate Past President/Project Chair of CSSL National CIO List Mr. Damith Hettihewa.

This group of top intellectuals deliberated extensively and came up with a list of 12 characteristics to evaluate the top CIOs in the country. CSSL CIO Model which comprises 12 elements namely Strategic IT Acumen, Transformation Management, Business Mindset, Digital Advocate, Operational Excellence, Performance Orientation, Financial Discipline, Risk Management, Talent Management, Leadership and Professional Excellence, Global Exposure, Legal Compliance will serve as the foundation framework for selecting the top CIOs in the country. This model will also be evaluated against industry practices and evolve further while tracking industry dynamics. As a result, this will be kept on the CSSL agenda.

Having been established in 1976, the CSSL is the apex body for ICT Professionals and the longest standing ICT association in the country. The CSSL is a member of the South–East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC), International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and provisional signatory to the Seoul Accord, an internationally acclaimed degree accreditation program through which CSSL brings international standards on ICT related degrees to Sri Lanka. CSSL became the First Association in South East Asian region to be accredited by Internationals Professional Practice Partnership (IP3).

CSSL Participated at IFIP General Assembly in Slovakia

Immediate Past President of CSSL Mr. Damith Hettihewa represented CSSL President Dr. Ajantha Atukorale at the IFIP General Assembly in Bratsilava Slovakia.

IFIP General Assembly was chaired by IFIP President and Former Australian Computer Society President Mr. Anthony Wong , IFIP General Secretary Professor, Dr. Anatolii Marushchak , IP3 (International Professional Practice Partnership) Chair Moira De Roche and other ICT Professional body leaders from all parts of the world.

IFIP GA 2023 was hosted by Slovak Society for Computer Science and held at Falkensteiner Hotel in Bratisla on 19th and 20th September 2023. The Chief Guest State Secretary of MIRRI Slovakia Mr. Martin Bezek and delegates were welcomed by Chairman, Slovak Society for Computer Science Mr. Branislav Rovan.

IFIP GA 2023 agenda included IFIP Startegy formation for 2024, IFIP Task Force on Digital Education report , IFIP Task Force on Climate Change and Digital Technology Report, IP3 Accreditations, AI for Good and several other key strategic global ICT policy interventions were deliberated over two days and way forward was decided. David O'Leary Award was also announced at IFIP 2023.

International Federation for Information Processing (https://ifip.org/) is the global umbrella body of ICT professional bodies around the world. CSSL is an IFIP member since its early days. IFIP represents ICT professional societies from over 40 countries or regions, covering all 5 continents with a total membership of over half a million. IFIP is recognized by United Nations and other world bodies, has a formal consultative partnership relations with UNESCO, ITU and ECOSOC, links more than 6000 scientists from Academia and Industry, organized in more than 101 Working Groups reporting to 13 technical commitees. IFIP GA 2024 is scheduled to be held in September 2024 in Lisbon Portugal.

Empowering Women in ICT: Bridging the Gender Gap through CSSL WIN ICT Activities

Motivational Session at the NIBM by CSSL WinICT Special Interest Group

A highly inspiring and motivational session aimed at empowering young women in the ICT industry was organized by the CSSL WinICT Special Interest Group. This event was held at the National Institute of Business Management (NIBM) and featured an enlightening speech by Ms. Chanaki Mallikarachchi, a prominent member of the CSSL Executive Council.

Ms. Mallikarachchi, with her extensive experience and profound knowledge in the field of ICT, captivated the audience with her insights and shared valuable advice on navigating and excelling in the tech industry. Her speech focused on the future prospects for women in ICT, highlighting the increasing opportunities and the critical role women can play in shaping the industry.

The session was well-attended by aspiring young women who were eager to learn from Ms. Mallikarachchi's experiences. She emphasized the importance of continuous learning, staying updated with technological advancements, and the need for building a strong network within the industry. Additionally, she discussed the challenges women might face and provided practical strategies to overcome them.

Ms. Mallikarachchi's words resonated deeply with the attendees, inspiring them to pursue their careers in ICT with confidence and determination. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and seek further guidance from Ms. Mallikarachchi.

The CSSL WinICT Special Interest Group's initiative to organize such sessions is a commendable effort towards fostering a supportive community for women in ICT. It serves as a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and empowerment, ultimately contributing to the growth and success of women in the tech industry.

CSSL WINICT Project Chair invited to the Judge Panel in the 10th World Conference on Women Studies – Women in Technology Session

The 10th World Conference on Women's Studies was held from May 30th to 31st, 2024, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, utilizing a hybrid platform. This milestone event explored the latest research, ideas, and solutions related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and social justice. It was a gathering of over 150 international researchers from more than 35 countries, all united under the theme "Change-makers: Women's Studies Scholar-Activism Across the Disciplines."

Dr. Nirosha Wedasinghe was a distinguished member of the judging panel for the Women in Technology session, contributing her expertise and insights to the evaluation of groundbreaking research and initiatives.

Marking the 10th anniversary of the World Conference on Women's Studies (WCWS), the event provided a moment to reflect on the significant progress made in advancing gender equality and women's rights, while also recognizing the challenges that still lie ahead. The conference featured a range of dynamic and engaging sessions, offering a platform for sharing ideas, forging new partnerships, and generating innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges.The CSSL WinICT Special Interest Group proudly joined this exciting and thought-provoking event as a Judging Panel Partner. Their participation underscored their commitment to being part of the global movement towards a more equitable and just society. The conference not only celebrated the achievements of the past decade but also inspired and empowered participants to continue their efforts in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

Innovating for the Future: CSSL GenZ Chapter Activities in Tech and Social Impact

CSSL Appreciation and Networking Day for GenZ Representatives

The CSSL organized a one-day outing trip for representatives from CSSL GenZ chapters of various universities. This event, held on February 4, 2024, at the Turya Hotel Kalutara, aimed to appreciate the contributions of GenZ chapters to the National Information Technology Conference (NITC) and foster networking among GenZ students.

Thirty-five students from the GenZ chapters of KDU, NSBM, Horizon, and UCSC participated in the event, along with CSSL council members and staff. The day began with an address by CSSL President Dr. Ajantha Athukorale, who expressed gratitude and appreciation for the GenZ students' contributions to NITC 23. Each student received a letter of appreciation in recognition of their efforts.

Following the opening address, Mr. Ravendra Gunasena, a CSSL Executive Council member, delivered a motivational speech to inspire students' career development in the ICT field. The remainder of the day was filled with engaging activities and team-building exercises, promoting interaction and collaboration among the GenZ representatives.

Inauguration Ceremony of CSSL GenZ Chapter of NIBM

The School of Computing and Engineering at the National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), Colombo 07, marked a significant milestone with the initiation of the CSSL GenZ Chapter on June 20, 2024. This new chapter of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), the premier organization representing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) professionals in Sri Lanka, provides a dynamic platform for aspiring IT professionals, aiming to offer unparalleled opportunities for personal and professional growth to NIBM students.

Under the supreme guidance and mentorship of the Chapter Patron, Mr. Indunil Daluwatte, the ceremony laid the foundation for the chapter's future endeavors, led by the newly appointed president of the CSSL GenZ Chapter, Mr. Daham Kumarapathirana, and the committee members.

The event featured insightful speeches from the Chief Guest, Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, as well as other key speakers, including Dr. D. M. A. Kulasooriya and Mrs. Chanaki Mallikarachchi. Their words significantly inspired and motivated the audience.

This inauguration marks the beginning of a transformative journey aimed at empowering future leaders in the technology sector. The formation of the CSSL GenZ Chapter at NIBM serves as a strategic initiative to integrate students into the ever-evolving tech industry. Through the CSSL GenZ Chapter, NIBM students now have a dynamic platform to enhance their technical skills, soft skills, and networking opportunities with industry professionals, actively contributing to the growth of Sri Lanka's ICT landscape.

Annual General Meeting of CSSL GenZ Chapter of KDU

The annual general meeting of the CSSL GenZ Chapter of KDU was held on March 20th, 2024, marking a significant event for the student body. The presence of the Vice Chancellor of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University as the Chief Guest underscored the university's strong commitment to fostering a vibrant academic environment that seamlessly integrates industry insights with academic excellence.

Adding further prestige to the event was Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, the president of CSSL and Director of the University of Colombo School of Computing, who attended as the Guest of Honor. His address emphasized the crucial role of bridging the gap between academia and industry, encouraging students to actively leverage the opportunities offered by CSSL for their professional growth and development.

The AGM served as a comprehensive platform for discussions on upcoming initiatives, the chapter's achievements from the past year, and future plans strategically designed to enrich the educational experience and prepare students for successful careers in the IT field. It fostered a vibrant space for networking, collaboration, and inspiration, further solidifying the CSSL GenZ Chapter's central role in nurturing the next generation of IT leaders at KDU.

A key highlight of the event was the appointment of a new executive committee for the year 2024, led by the newly appointed president, Chandraprakash Ramesh. The ceremony also included a heartfelt appreciation for the invaluable service rendered by the outgoing committee, led by Induwara Rupasinghe in 2023. Their dedication and efforts were acknowledged with the presentation of certificates.

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