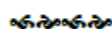


OTTAWA CHAPTER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA



The Ottawa chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya was established on 28th January 2012 at the St. Monica Parish Church, Ottawa. Mr. Priyantha Wijeweera who was the convener and a committee member of the interim organizing committee organized the event under the patronage of Brahmanagama Muditha Thero. At the inaugural session, 36 participants with academic affiliations to the University of Peradeniya joined in electing the first executive committee. Dr. Nimal Ratnayake, was elected unanimously as the President, while Dr. Deepananda Herath was elected as the Vice-President, Dr. Jayananda Weerasinghe, Secretary and Mr. Premartna Tennakoon as the Treasurer. In addition, faculty representatives were also elected to ensure the smooth implementation of activities and functioning of the Association. Dr. Ajith Samarajeewa, Agriculture Faculty, Mr. Saman Jayathilake, Arts Faculty, Dr. Nissanka Pussegoda, Engineering Faculty, Dr. Samudrika Amarakoon, Medical Faculty, Veterinary Science and Dental Science and Dr. Susantha Mohottalage to represent the Faculty of Science. Mr. Priyantha Wijeweera was elected as Director Membership Drive and Ms. Deepani Waidyaratna, as Editor of the Association.

The High Commission wishes all success to the newly formed Ottawa Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya.



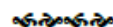
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NEW BUILDING COMPLEX TO TELLIPPALAI MAHAJANA VIDYALAYA JAFFNA



A new three storied building of the Tellippalai Mahajana Vidyalaya - Jaffna was declared open on 24th February 2012.

The Tellippalai Mahajana Vidyalaya of Jaffna has a profound history of 102 years. At present there are 1553 students studying and the school is equipped with 60 teachers. The new building comprises 16 class rooms, 2 office rooms, Aesthetic Section, 02 Indoor Gymnasiums and 02 fully equipped washrooms.



ARMY TO PROBE INTO LLRC REPORT OBSERVATIONS

A five member Court of Inquiry has been appointed on 2nd January 2012 to inquire into the observations, made by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) in its report on alleged civilian casualties during the final phase of the humanitarian operations and probe as regards the Channel-4 video footage irrespective of its authenticity or otherwise.

A Court of Inquiry is an initial fact-finding inquiry, akin to a non-summary inquiry by a magistrate. If there is a prima facie case disclosed against any person from the evidence led before the court of inquiry, a general court martial, is convened to try the alleged offenders. The court of inquiry has already commenced its proceedings.

