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Annual Convocation – 2018

The Annual Convocation of 2018 was held on 29th March 2018 at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo Committee Room B at 9.30 a.m. with the distinguished patronage of Hon. S.B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare & Kandyan Heritage, Mrs. Shirani Weerakoon, Secretary, Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare & Kandyan Heritage and Chairperson, Governing Council NISD, Dr. Riddley Jayasinghe - Director General, NISD and other distinguished invitees. Convocation keynote address was delivered by Prof.P.S.M. Gunarathne – Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission. Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) & Master of Social Work (MSW) graduands were conferred the Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degrees at this convocation.

ABOUT US

Vision of the NISD

To be a centre of excellence, nationally and globally in Social Work Education, Training and Research

Mission of the NISD

“To enhance human resource for Social Development through the preparation of competent manpower in social work at all levels, generate and disseminate new knowledge and technologies for social work practice, provide specialized services for social welfare and social development”

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Ceremonial beginning of New Year

NISD Family warmly welcomed the New Year on 02nd of January 2018 by hoisting of the National Flag followed by an Oaths Giving of staff of the NISD. Distinguished participants of this event were the Director General of NISD and Additional Director General (academic) as well as four directors of the respective divisions.

New Year Ceremony

New Year ceremony was held on 4th of January 2018. Mrs. Shirani Weerakoon the Secretary of the Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage and Chairperson of the Governing Council of NISD participated as the special invitee. Dr. Riddley Jayasinghe, the Director General of NISD, Mrs. Shamini Attanayake, the Additional Director General (academic), Mr. K.M.Y. Karunaratne, the Director School of Social Work, Mrs. V. Vasudevan, Director Training, Mr. M.S.M. Asmiyas, Director Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division, Mrs. L.K. Pushpakanthi the Director Administration and Finance, all academic and non-academic staff members participated in this memorable event.



Progress of Constructions of New Building Complex of NISD at Seeduwa

Progress review meetings of the constructions of Seeduwa Building Complex were held at the Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage on 09th January 2018. Monitoring and Evaluation Committee was appointed by the MSEW to evaluate the progress of the constructions and submit a progress report.



Implementation of 5s Concept



In line with the Performance Improvement Strategic Plan of the institute, the initial step of implementation of 5S concept was launched on 19th January 2018 with the guidance of National Productivity Secretariat. As the first activity the "Seiri Day" was held on 29th January 2018 following the "Big Cleaning Day" held on 05th April 2018. All Staff of the institute gave their contribution to make the 5S concept a success. The remaining steps of the 5S concept will be implemented throughout the year 2018.

Library

NISD's Library is one of the special libraries in Sri Lanka. The Library consists of a valuable collection of books on Sociology, Social Work, Counseling, Research Methods as well as many more rare collection of books, translated articles and Research Reports.

Moreover, this library is equipped with separate data bases of books, translated articles and Research Reports.



New Recruitment

Vacancies of the National Institute of Social Development were already published on 06th April 2018 Government Gazette.



School of Social Work Rural Camp

Bachelor of Social Work 2015/2019 batch completed a 10 day Rural Camp in Anuradhapura District Nachchaduwa Divisional Secretariat. The main objective of this programme is to develop the skills of the students required to evaluate actual service delivery systems in Sri Lanka. It provides students with an exposure to rural life, problems and issues related Social Development. 88 number of BSW undergraduates were placed in 19 Grama Niladari divisions to study the community needs to implement selected programmes at divisional secretariat level.



Commencement of Higher Diploma Programme in Social Work

Inauguration of Higher Diploma in Social Work 2018/2019 was held on 05th of March 2018 at the National Institute of Social Development (NISD) with the distinguished participation of the Director General, and the Additional Director General (Academic) NISD. This diploma programme will be delivered in Sinhala and Tamil medium. It was designed to cater to the government officers and other professionals related to the field of Social Work to enhance their education and practice in service provisions. Majority of the students are from government, private and non-governmental organizations of Social Work and related sectors. Currently, classroom teaching is in progress.

Applications calling for New Intake for Bachelor in Social Work 2018/2019

Applications are invited for the Bachelor of Social Work Degree conducted by the NISD. The closing date is 30th April 2018. The entry requirement is passing the G.C.E. A/L with the minimum requirements for university admission. Bachelor of Social Work is a 4 year full time course of study conducted in English medium.

Diploma Award Ceremony

Diploma Award Ceremony was held on 21st of March 2018 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH). Majority of the Diploma awardees were government officers. 548 students were awarded Diplomas in Social Work, Counseling, Child protection, Gerontology, Elder Care, Sign Language Interpretation and Community Based Corrections.



Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division

Research Project on Positive Aging; Development of Community-Based Aged Care System in Sri Lanka

For the year 2018 the Social Development Policy, Research and Publications division is conducting a National level research on “Positive Aging; Development of Community-Based Aged Care System in Sri Lanka”, mainly focusing on the Aging population in Sri Lanka. The main objective of this research is to develop a community-based system to encourage the positive ageing to look after their needs and ensure their participation and contribution to the country. The initial discussion with the National Elder Secretariat (NSE) regarding the Research Project 2018 was held on 30th January 2018 to select the sample and to finalize the involvement of the National Secretariat for Elders for this research. Enumerator training programme and pre-test to be conducted at the end of April 2018.



Survey on Job Opportunities of NISD Diploma Holders 2018

The survey on Job opportunities of NISD Diploma Holders is one of our new on-going surveys. The objective is to verify the National & International level job opportunities for the qualified Diploma holders. The Survey will be completed in the first quarter of the year.

Research Study on Development of Bachelor's of Social Work Degree Course in NISD - 2018

This is another important research conducted in 2018. This research aims to find out the opinion of external and internal stakeholders who are aware and interested in Bachelor of Social Work Degree in order to increase the demand for the course.

Consultant Committee Meetings for upcoming Journals

Consultant committee meeting was held on 22nd March 2018 to obtain guidance for the Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work and Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development. Dr. Upali Pannilage, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna, Dr. Riddley Jayasinghe, Director General NISD, Mrs. Shamini Attanayake, Additional Director General (Academic) NISD, Mr. M.S.M Asmiyas, Director Social Development Policy, Research and Publications and Mrs. V. Vasudevan, Director Training of NISD participated in this meeting. Objectives of this meeting were to design the work plan, organize sub themes and edit the proposal.

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Training Division

Short Term Training Programme on 'Stress Management'

Short Term Training Programme on 'Stress Management' is planned to be held in April 2018 targeting 40 Staff Members at Divisional Secretariat Office, Thunukkai. The venue of this programme is Divisional Secretariat Office, Thunukkai. Objective of the programme is to make aware the participants on 'stress' through the awareness programme as well as to increase the resilience level for managing stress. Expected outcomes is to improve stress management skills

Short Term Training Programme on 'Professional Relationship Building Skills'

Short Term Training Programme on 'Professional Relationship Building Skills' to be held in April 2018 at Zonal Educational Office Thunukkai for 40 School Teachers. Objective of the programme is to develop the professional skills of participants. Expected outcome is to develop the capacity of school teachers.

'Yowunpuraya' Programme

This programme was conducted from 28th March to 01st April 2018 in Nikaweratiya. This was a two day training programme and a career guidance programme. Two training programmes were conducted for youth and youth officers (police, teachers, youth officers and other field officers) who work with youth at community level. This programme aimed to give publicity for the programmes conducted by the NISD and to provide carrier guidance for the youth. Programme also aims to enhance communication and leadership skills for youth development, to build self-esteem and personality.



Field Supervisors' Training Programme

Field Supervisors' Training Programme (Sinhala, English and Tamil Medium) will be conducted at NISD, Main Branch, Nawala, for 30 Field Supervisors to provide awareness on field supervision and field modules for field supervisors to supervise the students of higher diploma and diploma in counseling. Expected outcome of this programme is to enhance the quality of field work.

Revision of Bylaws of all diploma programmes

A workshop on revision of bylaws of the Diploma programmes conducted by the institute is planned to be held from January to April 2018. The aim of this workshop is to revise the current bylaws of programmes.

Institutional Affiliations

A number of National and International affiliations have been established by the Institute with the following organizations.

- * International Association of School of Social Work (IASSW)
- * International Consortium on International Social Development (ICISD)
- * International Federation of Social Work Education (APASWE)
- * Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (SLAPSW)

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