

Report on “Silver Jubilee Celebrations – Faculty of Graduate Studies – 26th of June 2025”

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jaffna, commemorated its Silver Jubilee with a grand celebration held on June 26th at the Kailasapathy Auditorium, University of Jaffna. This momentous occasion was jointly organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association of the Faculty under the leadership of Snr.Prof.T.Velnampy, Dean/ Faculty of Graduate Studies. A significant number of university professors, lecturers, alumni, and officials attended the event and honored the occasion with their presence. The celebration commenced at 2:00 PM with the ceremonial welcoming of guests, who were escorted from the university entrance to the Kailasapathy Auditorium to the resonant sounds of "Innium," performed by students of the Kopay National College of Education, Jaffna.



The events began with the traditional lighting of the auspicious lamp, followed by Tamil greetings. A solemn benediction was delivered jointly by Brahmasri Mr. S.Pathmanathan, Dean of the Faculty of Hindu Studies, and Reverend Father Prof.J.C.Paul Rohan, Head of the Department of Christian Studies.



This was followed by a captivating welcome dance presented by the students of “Ezhisai Mridanga Narthanalaya”. The performance, delivered by young children, left a lasting impression on the audience.



Mr. S. Uthayakumar, Treasurer of the Alumni Association, delivered the welcome address. Subsequently, Dr. (Mrs.) Saratha Ananthasayanan, President of the Alumni Association, delivered the Presidential Address, followed by the opening remarks by Dr. (Mrs.) Abyerami Sivaruban, Secretary of the Alumni Association.



A special congratulatory address was delivered by Emeritus Professor P. Balasundarampillai, who was the Vice-Chancellor of the University at the time of the establishment of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The Dean's Address was delivered by Senior Professor T. Velnampy, followed by an address by the current Vice-Chancellor Prof.S.SriSatkunarajah.



A highlight of the event was the official launch of the Faculty's multi-disciplinary journal of research, "*Manatti*". The launch address was delivered by Professor N. Sathiparan, Chief Editor of the journal.



Following the launch, distinguished former Vice-Chancellors, former Deans, and retired non-academic staff members who had rendered dedicated service towards the development of the Faculty were formally honored. In this regard, former Vice-Chancellors Emeritus Prof.P.Balasundarampillai, Prof.S.Mohanadas, Prof.S.R.H.Hoole, Prof.R.Kumaravadivel (Acting Vice Chancellor), Emeritus Prof.N.Shanmugalingam, Snr.Prof.(Ms.)V.Arasaratnam, Late Prof.R.Vigneswaran, Emeritus Prof.K.Kandasamy (Computer Authority), former Deans Emeritus Prof.A.Sanmugadas, Emeritus Prof.S.K.Sitrampalam, Emeritus Prof.K.Kandasamy, Emeritus Prof.S.Sathiaseelan, Snr.Prof.G.Mikunthan, Prof.S.Kannathasan, and retired nonacademic officer Mr.Sinnathamby Anantharasa (Office Machine Operator) were recognized for their contributions. Further, incumbent Vice Chancellor Prof.S.SriSatkunarajah and incumbent Dean Senior Prof.T.Velnampy were also honored.



As part of the celebratory programme, prizes were awarded to the winners of the interfaculty debate competition held in honor of the Silver Jubilee.



The formal programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. S. Branavan, Senior Assistant Registrar of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In the second session of the events, various cultural events were held.

Additionally, the Faculty's souvenir called "Viththuvam" was officially launched. The inaugural address for the souvenir release was delivered by Mr. R. Sarveswara, Editor of the magazine.



Furthermore, distinguished alumni of the Faculty, Prof.M.B.M. Ismail, Dept.of Marketing Management, FMC, South Eastern University, Mr.K.Kanthavel, Regional Assistant Director, Jaffna Regional Centre, OUSL, Mrs.Kavinja Navajeeva, Principal, J/Kokuvil Hindu Primary School shared their reflections and fond recollections of their time at the Faculty. Their narratives offered valuable insights into how their academic and professional journeys were shaped by the experiences and education they received during their tenure at the Faculty.



The evening concluded with a sumptuous dinner, providing a fitting and memorable close to the day's events.





As a precursor to these Silver Jubilee celebrations and to create awareness among the public and alumni regarding the Silver Jubilee celebrations, an awareness walk and tree planting events were organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 25th May 2025.


