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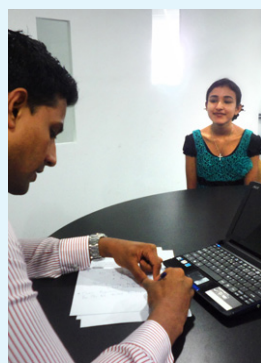
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GRADUATION CEREMONY 2013

“Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best.”

Theodore Isaac Rubin

ACBT's graduates for the year 2013 can no doubt attest to the truth of the above statement. The graduation ceremony, held at the JAIC Hilton on the 2nd of November 2013, saw 104 students receive their Bachelor of Business or Bachelor of Computer Science degrees, and 40 students receive their Master of Business Administration (International) degrees from Edith Cowan University. Additionally, 150 students received their Diploma of Business or Diploma of Computing awards from ACBT.

The Chief Guest at this occasion was Professor Kerry O. Cox, Vice-Chancellor and President of Edith Cowan University Australia, along with the Guest of Honor, Her Excellency Ms. Robyn Mudie. The special guest speaker at the ceremony was Dr. Arul Sivaganathan.

It was a glamorous event which no doubt created some unforgettable memories for those who graduated. The ceremony commenced with the arrival of the chief guest and academic staff accompanied by drummers and dancers. After the lighting of the oil lamp the welcome address was given by Dr. Chandana Aluthge (Principal ACBT).

Certificates were awarded by Her Excellency Ms. Robyn Mudie and Prof. Kerry O. Cox for Diploma, Bachelors and MBA graduates. Following students received gold medals for exceptional academic achievements.

- Vindika Liyanagoda
- Shivani Anandavadivel
- Manoj Palihawadana
- Deranthi Asaratnam
- Himash Hatharasinghe
- Dinushka Arthanayake
- Shewanthi Perera
- Luci fernando
- Emadhrie Galagoda
- Tania Pathirage
- Nilushika Lakmali Wltachchy
- Zeenath Mohideen
- Derani Nathasha Dissanyake

The Graduation speech was given by Dr. Arul Sivaganathan, Managing Director, Hayleys IT, BPO & Shared Services Sector. The ceremony concluded with the closing speech and Charge to Graduates by the Vice-Chancellor and President of, Edith Cowan University, Professor Kerry O. Cox.

Written by : Ms. Hasini Karunatileka





HOW HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT FINALLY PAID OFF

INTERVIEW WITH 2013 GOLD MEDALIST TANIA PATHIRAGE.

Tania Maheshika Pathirage won the gold medal in Diploma in Business at the graduation ceremony held at Jaic Hilton in November 2013, in the presence of distinguished guests from both Australia and Sri Lanka.

She started her studies at Prinston International School Rathnapura and subsequently studied at Good Shepherd Convent in Panadura. She then moved to Sujatha Vidyalaya

Nugegoda for her Ordinary Level and obtained high grades. Tania chose to study at Colombo South International School in the Commerce stream for her London Advanced Levels. She proved herself again by obtaining an A* for Economics (120/120), an A for Business Studies (96/120) and a B for Accounts with (268/300).

Tania has excelled not only in academia but also in sports. She received school colours for both netball and swimming and in recognition of her leadership qualities she was made captain of the netball team.

Tania is currently in her second year at the Australian College of Business and Technology and is majoring in Management and Marketing. She has scored an average of 83 in all eight units obtaining 6 Higher Distinctions and 2 Distinctions. It is her dedication and commitment to her studies have helped her reach her goals.

While pursuing her studies she also teaches Economics and Business Studies at Harcourts International School for Advanced Level students sitting Cambridge Examinations. She discovered a passion for teaching at sixteen when she coached friends and relatives for various exams. She hopes to realize her dream of being a lecturer.

According to Tania, the secret of her success is her ability to effectively manage time, to monitor and evaluate her progress and balance her work and social life. She wishes to thank her parents and lecturers who have helped and guided her. In conclusion, I would like take this opportunity to wish her all the very best in all her future endeavors.



Written by : Mr. Dushyantha Rathnasinghe

BEGINNING THE SEMESTER WITH A BIGGER, BETTER AND A BOLDER LOOK

The purpose of the refurbishment

Since its inception in 1998, ACBT has been in the forefront of the Sri Lankan higher education system producing a large number of business and IT graduates for the workforce. Moreover, many have used the Foundation and Diploma programmes as an entry qualification for foreign universities that have affiliation and credit transfer programs with ACBT.

Our graduates have been sought after by many organizations in Sri Lanka mainly because of their awareness and understanding of business models and practices. It has been the primary objective of ACBT's staff, both academic and managerial, to provide students with the necessary tools to be the best.

Keeping up with changing times and requirements, it was decided that it was time to upgrade, improve and include new facilities that our students deserve. Hence, after six months of painstaking discussions, planning and remodeling, we have a brand new campus.

So what's new?

Apart from obvious changes in the lobby, class rooms and the board room, much has been done to improve student life at ACBT and make it more convenient. This includes increasing internet bandwidth and upgrading computers and other equipment. Let's talk about some of the key benefits that you as a student now have.

New improved library facilities

If a student is to succeed in their academic career, it is essential that they are given access to a well-stocked and well-organized library. ACBT students have always had access to a library that fulfilled this requirement. The library which will be relocated to the 3rd floor of the main building will have space to accommodate over 3000 different

books and journals while providing space for over 50 students to study and carry out research at any given time.

This will, no doubt, make a student's life easier than before. On the one hand, you have access to a wide variety of books spanning many different disciplines while on the other, the pleasant, spacious environment will make it possible for you to do your research and work without any disturbance.

Spacious computer labs

A modern day student needs to think outside the traditional education system and equip himself with a wide array of skill sets. It has been the purpose of ACBT from the beginning to provide its students with the necessary skills. Giving them access to computers and the internet is just one way of achieving this. Understanding the need for more computers and labs, ACBT has three labs with over 100 computers which have internet access for students to do their studies and research.

Parallel to this, a separate printing room has been established to fulfill all requirements such as printing, binding, photocopying etc.

These facilities are available to students 7 days a week from 8.30 am to 6.00 p.m.

Classrooms with multimedia facilities

Classrooms are where the magic takes place - the learning, communication, teaching and discussions. Understanding this, ACBT has upgraded its classrooms to facilitate a better learning experience. All class rooms are now equipped with computers, projectors, speakers and a public address system, making ACBT classrooms one of the most digitally equipped in Sri Lanka.

What's to come?

Apart from this, there are lots more to come. Some of the most anticipated upgrades are, a fully functional gymnasium, a roof-top cafeteria and a student recreation room. All these are provided to ensure that your learning experience at ACBT is a memorable one, it is expected that the students both present and future will use these facilities responsibly to their best advantage.

Written by : Mr. Milinda Mendis



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

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ACBT is also pursuing credit transfer agreements with other Australian universities including the Queensland University of Technology, Deakin University, La Trobe University and Swinburne University. We shall inform you as soon as they are finalized. For more information on the UOW credit transfer facility, please visit: <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/credit/srilanka/UOW074464.html> or you can contact the Students'

Services Department, Marketing Counselors or the Principal of ACBT.

Furthermore ACBT has expanded its undergraduate study programmes to include two new majors, namely Tourism and Hospitality Management and International Business. With these two new undergraduate courses, ACBT offers you four double major options (Marketing, Management, International Business and Tourism and Hospitality Management). Students who have completed the Diploma of Business can enroll in any of the new double majors in the first trimester of 2014. Those who are interested can select units from this trimester in such a way that facilitates the transition to new majors in the next trimester. We strongly encourage them to contact the Principal or the Deputy Principal for assistance.

The first research seminar was successfully conducted on the 19th December 2013. Mr. D.R. Francis presented a research paper on "Correlation between Dengue spreading and climate". Students will be notified on the next research seminar. The first guest lecture is scheduled in January 2014 by a visiting scholar from ECU.

Written by : Dr. Chandana Aluthge

