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PEFAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 2025



The Thirty Fourth (34) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Peradeniya Engineering Faculty Alumni Association (PEFAA) was held at the E.O.E. Pereira Theatre, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya on November 15, 2025.

The outgoing president Eng. Ravi Theaver welcomed all the participants at the event including the members who joined the session via zoom. He extended his thanks to all the members who actively contributed to the PEFAA events conducted during the past year.

The Dean, Prof. Lilantha Samaranyake addressing the meeting thanked the PEFAA for the very generous contributions made to the Faculty Jubilee event in both infrastructure development and learning process developments.

The following office bearers were elected for the year 2025/26.

Position	Proposed Name
President	Eng. T.L.Chandrasiri
General Secretary	Eng. (Mrs.) Lekha Bakmeedeniya
Treasurer	Dr. Isuru Dassanayake
Vice President	Eng. Ashoka Bandara
Assistant Secretary	Eng. (Mrs.) T.Ariyaratna
Assistant Secretary	Eng. Sampath Somarathna
Assistant Treasurer	Eng. Udeni Wickramarathna
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	Eng. Richard Pitawala
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	Prof. Kamalanath Samarakoon
	Eng. W.A.A.W.Bandara
	Eng. Nimal Thilakarathna
	Eng. L.Bogahapitiya
	Eng. P.H. Sarath Gamini
Ex-officio	
Dean	Prof. Lilantha Samaranayake
Past President	Eng. Ravi Theaver
Past Secretary	Eng. Dharshana Athauda
Faculty Board Representative	Dr. Isuru Bandara

The same auditors (LM Associates, Kandy) were re-appointed as the auditors for the year 2025/2026 as proposed by Prof. Manjula Sandirigama.

The newly elected President Eng. T L Chandrasiri addressed the gathering and thanked the membership for electing him as the President and he vowed that he will do his utmost efforts to continue the work of the previous committee and make more contributions during his tenure.

The meeting was adjourned around 1 pm, The vote of thanks was delivered by the newly elected Secretary Eng (Ms) Lekha Bakmeedeniya. A fellowship lunch was followed at Royal Mall.

A Message by the New President Eng. T. L. Chandrasiri



It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility that I present this message in the first newsletter published during my tenure as President of the Peradeniya Engineering Faculty Alumni Association (PEFAA).

I extend my sincere gratitude to the general membership for the confidence placed in me by nominating and electing me as President for the term 2025/2026. I consider this appointment not merely an honour, but a solemn responsibility to serve the Association with integrity, dedication, and commitment.

The primary focus of my tenure will be the faithful fulfilment of the objectives of PEFAA, which I regard as my foremost obligation as President. I am committed to working collaboratively with the Executive Committee and the wider membership to further strengthen the role of our Association in supporting our alma mater and its stakeholders.

I am pleased to acknowledge with appreciation the invaluable contributions made by previous Presidents and their respective committees, whose visionary leadership has elevated PEFAA to remarkable heights. During the past year, the Faculty successfully hosted an Alumni Day and a Grand Public Exhibition, in which PEFAA played a significant and commendable role. Furthermore, PEFAA has facilitated faculty development initiatives amounting to more than Rs. 200 million, with contributions received through various batch reunions, as documented in previous newsletters. These achievements stand as a testament to the collective strength, generosity, and commitment of our alumni.

The Executive Committee will formulate the Annual Action Plan at its meeting scheduled for January, and the finalized plan will be published for the information of all members. This plan will serve as a roadmap to guide our activities and priorities for the year ahead.

I wish to draw the attention of the membership to an ongoing challenge faced by the Association, namely the difficulty in maintaining effective communication with alumni due to the absence of updated contact information. I kindly seek your fullest cooperation with the Membership Drive Committee when they approach you, as strengthening our alumni database is essential for enhancing engagement and participation.

Once the Annual Action Plan is presented in this newsletter, I earnestly invite your active support and constructive involvement in its implementation. Together, through unity of purpose and shared responsibility, we can further advance our alumni community, contribute meaningfully to the development of our alma mater, and nurture the enduring bonds of friendship that define PEFAA.

I look forward to your continued guidance, cooperation, and unwavering support as we work collectively towards a productive and impactful year.

Eng. T.L. Chandrasiri
President (2025/2026)

Executive Committee: 2026



PEFAA New Sub-committees

In order to carry out PEFAA activities more effectively, PEFAA EXCO formed the following sub-committees at the EXCO meeting held in the month of January.

Sub committee	Convener Members
1. Alumni welfare/Membership Drive	Eng. Deepthi Sumanasekara Eng. Udeni wickramarathna Eng. Palitha Abeykoon Eng. Richard Pitawala Eng. Lakshman Bogahapitiya Eng. Sampath Somarathna Dean/Prof. Lilantha Samaranayake
2. Faculty development/Student Requests	Dean/Prof. Lilantha Samaranayake Eng. Ravi Theaver Eng. (Ms) Thushari Ariyaratna Eng. Dharshana Athauda Dr. Isuru Bandara

3. Fund Raising/Financial management	Dr. Isuru Dassanayaka Eng. (Ms) Lekha Bakmeedeniya Eng. Nuhuman Marikkar Eng. Ananda Bandara Eng. Nimal Thilakarathna Dr. Nuwan Herath
4. Social/Publicity/Web Development	Dr. Nalin Harishchandra Prof. Manjula Sandirigama Eng. Sarath Gamini Eng. Asoka Bandara Prof. Kamalanath Samarakoon

PEFAA Calendar : 2026

EXCO meetings are held every second Sunday of the month. In concurrence, the following special activities were planned with the regular meeting.

Date	Activity
08/02/2026	Implement a talk series at FOE
08/03/2026	Membership drive in Galle
12/04/2026	Sinhala and Tamil New Year Activities for Academic Staff and Alumni
10/05/2026	Membership drive and annual trip in Anuradhapura
14/06/2026	FOE/Cricket match for alumni groups
09/08/2026	Members night/in a suitable venue
11/10/2026	Techno Exhibition Visit
November	AGM

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