

# **Volume I**

# **Organizational Profile**

## **Abbreviations**

SIBA	Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy
BOS	Board of Studies
Ind.	Individual
O	Optional
C	Compulsory
NC	Non Credit
SLQF	Sri Lanka Qualification Framework
UGC	University Grant Commission
BSc	Bachelor of Science

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## 01. Pioneers



Most Venerable Thibbutuwawe Sri Sidhartha  
Sumangala Mahnayake Thero  
Malwatte Chapter



The most venerable Warakagoda Dhammasidhhi  
Sri Pagnnananda Gnanarathanabhidhana Maha  
Nayaka Thero, Asgiriya Chapter



Hon. Dr. Pradeep Nilanga Dela  
Chairman of SIBA Board of Directors & the Diyawadana  
Nilame of the Sri Dalada Maligawa

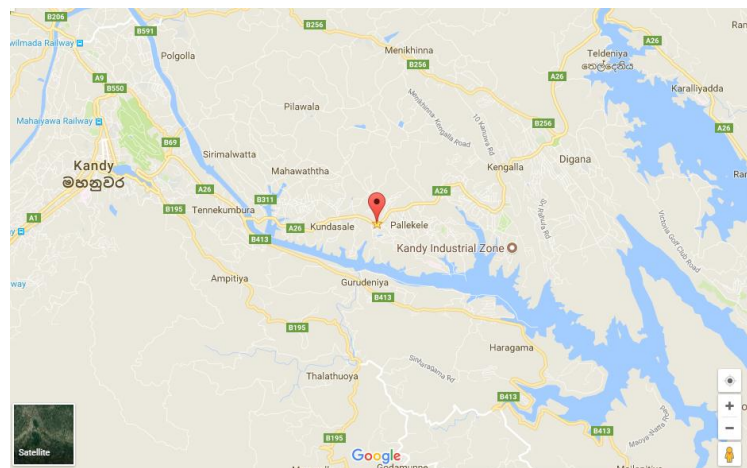
SIBA was a concept of Dr. Pradeep Nilanga Dela, the Chief Lay Custodian (*Diyavadana Nilame*) of Sri Dalada Maligawa, Kandy, Sri Lanka. SIBA was initiated in February 2009 as the higher educational Institute of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic with the blessings of the Most Venerable Prelates of both *Malwatta* and *Asgiriya* Chapters of *Siyam Nikaya* of the Buddhist *Sangha* in Sri Lanka.

## 2. Location



SIBA is located at Kundasale, Palkelele, 08 kilometers away from Kandy, and located on a picturesque 27 acre extent of land at Palkelele bordering Kandy-Teldeniya main road, setup within a Monastic and eco-friendly Environment.

SIBA Campus Websites: <http://www.sibacampus.com>, <http://www.siba.edu.lk>



### 3. Establishment



The academic programme was launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 with the official acceptance of the first batch of students by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakshe, the former President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

## **4. Vision and Mission**

### **Vision**

To be a leading International Buddhist University of Buddhist learning providing guidance to leadership based on the development of wisdom and inculcation of moral values.

### **Mission**

Providing and promoting education and training to interested laypersons and members of the monastic community in Sri Lanka and abroad by creating opportunities and facilities to learn teach and apply the knowledge acquired. This will help one to realize for oneself the veracity of the teaching of the Buddha to enable them to create such understanding in others and thereby serve humanity in general.

## 5. Aims and Objectives

**SIBA** is both national and international in scope, grounded on Buddhist principles and, designed to produce local, national, and international religious, social, and political leaders who are simultaneously practitioners of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Its educational programme aims at producing graduates who are:

- knowledgeable and equipped with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in their subject of study through study, practice and experience;
- Dynamic global citizens;
- conversant in both humanities and social science disciplines;
- fluent in English and any other languages the student wishes to acquire;
- equipped with management, communication and IT skills;
- unbiased, unprejudiced, exemplary, positive, active, creative, and dynamic in character;
- Mastery in skills to learn to respect others, make them diplomatic, tolerant, sympathetic, empathetic and accountable in their dealings;
- enthusiastic in maintaining a proper balance between moral and material development;
- Committed to maintain law and order, and discipline in society and enhance social, economic, political, and religious well-being of all individuals and social groups and communities.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

At the core of the academic programme of SIBA is a philosophy of active and co-operative learning, skilled in communication, equipped with critical thinking and critical analysis, for finding viable solutions to the world-wide human and environmental problems and ethical crises in a spirit of collaboration, enquiry and multicultural understanding. This philosophy asserts that knowledge is not acquired merely through passive reading of texts or listening to lectures, but requires students to be actively engaged in reading, reflecting, writing, discussing, and problem-solving, project work, presentations, group work, case studies, exposure visits and service projects. Through active learning, students develop higher-order knowledge

and thinking skills that enable them to analyze, synthesize, evaluate, personalize and create. Opportunities are created for the practice of soft skills, enhance creativity and release stress practicing meditation or/and Yogi as a mandatory requirements for graduation.

Academic activities at SIBA emphasize Buddhist perspectives, yet open to all religious denominations and ethnic identities and are also designed to help students achieve social cohesion. The students explore new avenues and methods to become socially engaged in the task of a desirable social transformation and development both at home and abroad. SIBA also prepares students to engage in self-directed learning and employ critical thinking skills with equal facility in English, one's own mother language, Sinhala and Tamil (in the Sri Lankan context, Tamil for those whose first language is Sinhala and Sinhala for those whose first language is Tamil) and one or more foreign languages. It is hoped that when equipped with such linguistic and other skills the graduates of the Academy would work as leaders in corporate, governmental, or non-profit environments in Sri Lanka or in other countries and continue their academic or professional training further at postgraduate level at home or abroad.

The Academy will serve as an international higher educational institution for Buddhist learning and research aimed at producing educated monks, nuns, laymen and laywomen. It is not intended to be an institute which merely provides book learning and theoretical knowledge but aims at giving an education based on the sublime teachings of the Buddha that will be conducive to the emergence of future leaders who give proper moral direction to the community for the amelioration of the human predicament in all aspects of living such as economic, social, political and religious. The fundamental philosophy on which the Academy is based is the Buddhist principle that ignorance and confused thinking is the root cause of most social problems and moral crises. Hence an effective education leading to the practical consequence of transformation of human behavior through the development of understanding and insight will be the primary objective of the Academy.

The main educational programme of the Academy is aimed at young people to become leaders with positive thinking to make a difference in the religious, social,

political, and economic institutions in Sri Lanka and abroad to achieve better social cohesion and learn conflict resolution; mitigate stress and anger. SIBA expects that its young graduates will give leadership to an active process of a desirable transformation of the institutional structures of society and their actual operation in the coming decades. This would be possible only if a real inner change at the psychomotor level of personality and behavior takes place in those who are trained to play leadership roles. As a preparation for this change, SIBA also expects to prepare the ground by educating the existing leaders and inculcate new values in them. It is for this reason that SIBA expects to organize various short term training courses and workshops for school teachers, principals of schools, youth leaders, and professionals and even for tourists, pilgrims, explorers, researchers, and spiritual seekers.

## 6. UGC and MOHE Accreditations



SIBA is an Accredited and Recognized Degree Awarding Institute by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Higher Education of Sri Lanka under the Government Extraordinary Gazette Notifications of 1798/62, dated 22nd February 2013, 1948/11 dated 6th January 2016 and 1979/21 dated 9th August 2016.

The following Degrees are accredited by the University Grants Commission and the Higher Education Ministry of Sri Lanka.

01. BA (Special) Degree in Buddhist Leadership
02. BA (General) Degree
03. BSc in Information Technology
04. BTech in Information Technology & Communication
05. BA (Special) Degree in Pali

SIBA has also been approved as a training institute under Ref No. A05698 by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission of Sri Lanka.

## 7. International Affiliations



### **Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU)- Thailand**

The Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University of Bangkok, Thailand which under Ministry of Higher Education in Thailand have granted affiliated status to the SIBA. The Degree of B.A. in Buddhist Leadership, MA in Buddhist Studies and PhD in Buddhist Studies are awarded by the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok, Thailand.



### **Dhurakij Pundit University- Thailand**

SIBA has a link with Durakij Pandit University of Thailand to exchange students, staff and materials which could help to improve our academic work at SIBA.



### **International Buddhist College - Thailand**

SIBA signed an MOU with International Buddhist College in 2012 to implement student and academic staff exchange program. Negotiations being processed to introduce a Ph.D degree programme at SIBA with IBC.



### **Hamburg University- Germany**

SIBA has a link with University of Hamburg of Germany to exchange students, staff and materials which could help to improve our academic work at SIBA and to conduct online lecture series for bot undergraduates and Postgraduate students of SIBA.



### **Virginia Polytechnic and State University - USA**

As per the agreement signed with the Virginia Polytechnic and State University of U.S.A, student exchange program was initiated. Students from Virginia Polytechnic State University come to SIBA in special summer session which falls July – August of each year and interact with our students to exchange their ideas and knowledge.



### **Dhammachai Institute -Thailand**

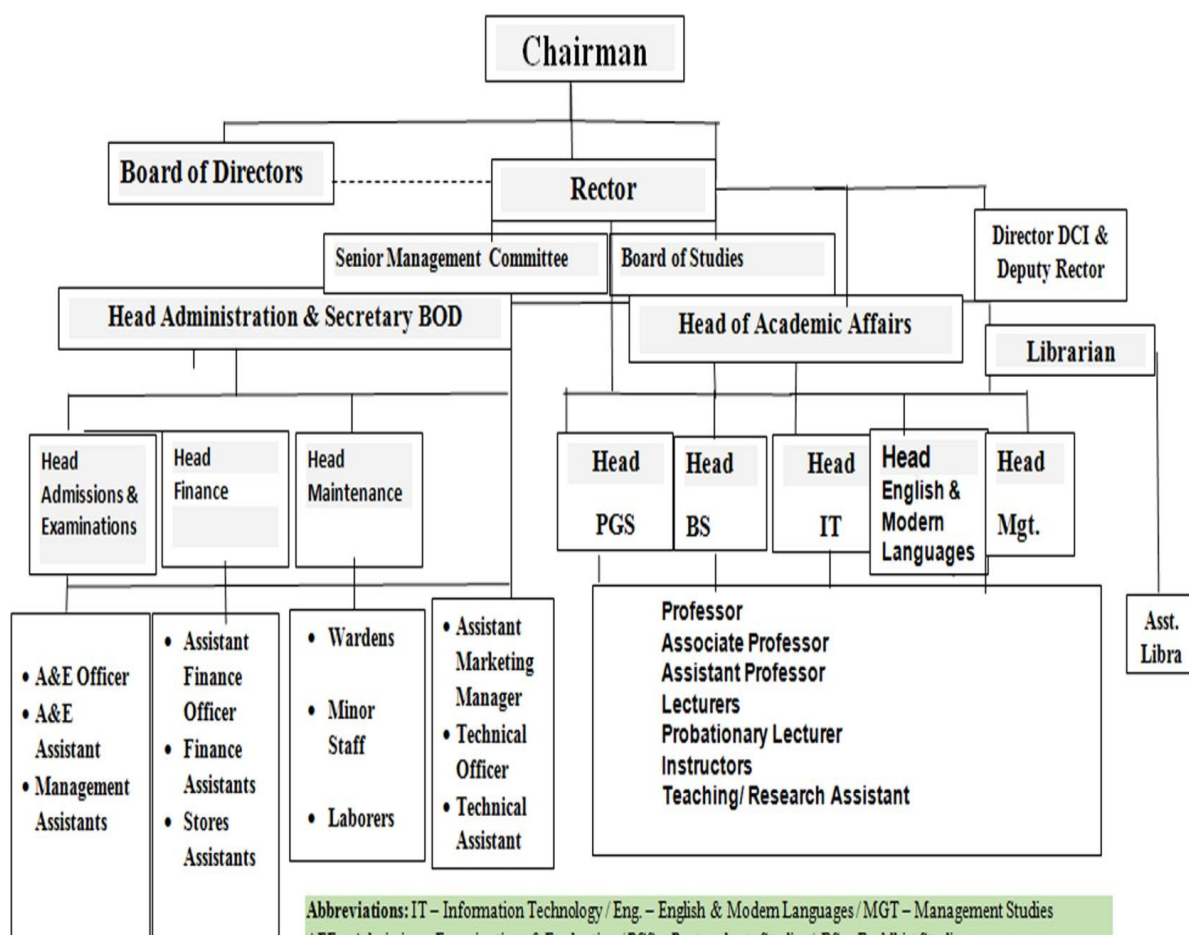
Dhammacchai Institute Thailand entered with an MOU with us in the year 2010. SIBA- DCI Research Centre a Tipitaka Translation Project was established under this MOU.



### **Northern Kentucky University - USA**

SIBA entered an MOU with Northern Kentucky University (NKU) in year 2014 and this has brought Professors of the NKU to come in the summer with NKU groups of students for summer study programs as well as the NKU Professor to join the English and Modern languages Department. In the year 2017 Fulbright Program supported the NKU Professor to serve in the English and Modern Language Department.

## 8. SIBA Organogram



**Abbreviations:** IT – Information Technology / Eng. – English & Modern Languages / MGT – Management Studies  
 AEE – Admissions, Examinations & Evaluation / PGS – Postgraduate Studies / BS – Buddhist Studies

## **9. Present Board of Directors (BOD)**

01. Dr. Pradeep Nilanga Dela, Hon. Diyawadana Nilame, Sri Dalada Maligawa (Chairman)
02. Dr. Upali M. Sedere (Rector, SIBA)
03. Ven. Anamaduwe Dhammadassi Anu Nayaka Thero , Asgiri Maha Viharaya, Kandy
04. Ven. Doranegama Rathanapala Nayaka Thero , Malwathu Maha Viharaya, Kandy
05. Mr. C.W. Karunartne, Secretary General, Sri Dalada Maligawa, Kandy
06. Mr. Gamini Ranjith Bandara, Director, Foreign Affairs, Sri Dalada Maligawa, Kandy
07. Mr. Thilak Devagiri Bandara, former Deputy Public Trustee, former secretary to the Chief Government Whip
08. Mr. H.M.P Hitisekera, G.A/District Secretary, Kandy
09. Mr. M.S. Premawansa, Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council, Kundasale
10. Mr. T. M. Ratwatte, Basnayake Nilame, Sri Vishnu Devalaya, Kandy
11. Mr. T. R. S. Meetiyagoda, The Principal, St. Sylvester's College, Kandy
12. Ms. I. Withanachchi, The Principal, Mahamaya Girls College
13. Dr. Palitha Kohona, the former Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations (UN)
14. Mr. Jagath Kulathunga (Secretary to BOD)

## 10. Rector of SIBA



### **Dr. Upali M. Sedere**

Fulbright Scholar, Former World Bank and UN Employee, the Director General of Education of Ministry of Education and a Senior Don of University of Peradeniya

- Ph.D. - The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, USA (1973-76)  
Field of Study: Educational Measurement, Evaluation, and Statistics
- M.A. - The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, USA, Field of Study  
Educational Psychology, Measurement and Statistics
- B. Ed. Honors (First Class), the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya, (1965-69)  
Field of Study: Academic Subjects: Economics, Geography & Sinhala,  
Professional Subject: Education

### **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS**

- Best Performer of General Certificate of Advanced Level 1965
- Best Performer Exhibition Award at General Arts Qualifying Examination, University of Ceylon, 1966
- Maiden First Class Holder in the Bachelor of Education Degree of University of Ceylon, 1969
- Fulbright Scholar (1973/1976) to read for the PhD Degree at University of Iowa, USA

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Institutional Development Specialist; International Consultant on Education, Health and Social Sector Program Development Teacher Training and Institutional Capacity Building, Program Management and Implementation; Social Sector Policy Formulation & Appraisal; Sector Program Development for SWAp; Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation; Program Coordination, Program Quality Improvement, Institutional Capacity Building, International Training & Capacity Building, Vocational and Technical Education, Participatory Methods & Community Capacity Building, Project Appraisal & Supervision, Non-Formal Education and Child Labor.

<http://upalisedere.blogspot.com/>

## **11. Board of Studies (BOS)**

1. Dr. Upali M. Sedere, Rector (Chair)
2. Prof. Dr. Udaya Meddegama, Deputy Rector
3. Prof. Dr. P.D. Premasiri, Emeritus Professor of Pali and Buddhist Studies
4. Prof. Dr. E.M.N. Ekanayake, Senior Professor of Electrical Engineering
5. Dr. B.M.K. Perera, Adjunct Professor of Management Studies
6. Asst. Prof. Dr. Iromi Ariyaratne, Head/ Academic Affairs & Department of Postgraduate Studies (Secretary to the BOS)
7. Asst. Prof. Ms. Hasanthi Dahanayake, Head/ Department of Information Technology
8. Asst. Prof. Mr. Sarath Chandrasekara, Head/ Department of Buddhist Studies
9. Ms. Buddhi Ariyaratne, Head/ Department of English & Modern Languages
10. Ms. Chameli Somaratne Head/ Department of Management Studies
11. Mr. A.B. Mediwake, Lecturer
12. Ms. Thilina Bandara, Lecturer
13. Mr. Sandaruwan Herath, Lecturer
14. Ven. K. Wimaladhamma, Lecturer
15. Ms. Bhagya Thilakarathne, Lecturer
16. Ven. Polgolle Kusaladhamma, Lecturer
17. Ms. Shivanthie Bambaradeniya, Lecturer
18. Ms. Manel Abeygunawardhane, Lecturer
19. Ms. Ruvini Wickramarathne, Lecturer
20. Ms. Thilini Dissanayake, Lecturer
21. Ms. Nadheera Karunanayake, Instructor
22. Ms. Umayangani Chandrasoma, Instructor
23. Ms. Anuththara Senanayake, Lecturer
24. Ms. Narmada Mutghugala, Instructor
25. Ms. Anuthzara Wickramasinghe, Instructor
26. Ms. Kaushalya Karunasagara, Instructor
27. Ven. V. Pagnnaloka, Instructor (Probationary)
28. Ms. D. M. S. Lakmali, Instructor (Probationary)
29. Ven. Nguyen Khac Tin, Temporary Instructor

### **13. Higher Degrees Committee (HDC)**

1. Dr. Upali M. Sedere, Rector (Chair)
2. Prof. Dr. Udaya Meddegama, Deputy Rector
3. Prof. Dr. P.D. Premasiri, Emeritus Professor of Pali and Buddhist Studies
4. Prof. Dr. Daya Edirisinghe, Professor of Philosophy
5. Prof. Dr. E.M.N. Ekanayake, Senior Professor of Electrical Engineering
6. Prof. Silvy Senadheera, Senior Professor of Education
7. Dr. B.M.K. Perera, Adjunct Professor of Management Studies
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9. Asst. Prof. Ms. Hasanthi Dahanayake, Head/ Department of Information Technology
10. Asst. Prof. Mr. Sarath Chandrasekara, Head/ Department of Buddhist Studies

### **13. Senior Administrative Staff**

1. Dr. Upali M. Sedere, Rector and the CEO
2. Mr. Jagath Kulathunge, Head/ Administrative Affairs and the Secretary to the BOD
3. Ms. Naomi Subasinghe, Head/ Admissions & Examinations
4. Ms. Mirani Werellagama, Head/ Accounts & Finance
5. Mr. Sarath Ariyawanse, Head/ Maintenance

## **14. Faculties and Departments**

### **Faculty of Buddhist Studies**

01. Departments of Postgraduate Studies
02. Department of Buddhist Studies
03. Department of Counseling Psychology

### **Faculty of Humanities and Social Science**

01. Department of English & Modern Languages
02. Department of Educational Science

### **Faculty of Information Technology and Management**

01. Department of Information Technology
02. Department of Management Studies

### **Faculty of Kandyan Dancing**

01. Department of Kandyan Dancing

### **Administrative Departments**

01. Department of Administration
02. Department of Admission & Examinations
03. Department of Finance & Accounts
04. Department of Maintenance

## **15. Academic Programmes**

### **Postgraduate Programmes**

SIBA offers the following Postgraduate Degrees in affiliation with the MCU, Thailand.

- 1. PhD in Buddhist Studies**
- 2. Master of Arts Degree in Buddhist Studies**

### **Undergraduate Programmes**

The following Degree Programmes are attuned with the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework.

- 1. BA (Special) Degree in Buddhist Leadership.**

Credits: 120

Semesters: 08

- 2. BA (Special) Degree in Pali:**

This is a 120 Credit hour Special Degree Program.

- 3. BSc Degree in Information Technology**

Credits: 90

Semesters: 06

- 4. BTech Degree in Information Technology & Communication**

Credits: 90

Semesters: 06

- 5. BA (General) Degree**

Credits: 90

Semesters: 06

## **Higher Diploma Programmes**

Credits: 30

Semesters: 02 (450 hours)

SIBA offers Higher Diplomas following the guidelines established in the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework. The Higher Diplomas are considered as the first year of degree programmes. The followings are the current Higher Diploma Programmes of SIBA.

1. Higher Diploma in Management
2. Higher Diploma in English
3. Higher Diploma in Information Technology
4. Higher Diploma in Buddhist Counseling Psychology
5. Higher Diploma in Pali

## **Diploma Programmes**

Credits: 30

Semesters: 450 hours

The followings are the current Diploma programmes of SIBA.

1. Diploma in Management
2. Diploma in Information Technology
3. Diploma in Counseling psychology
4. Diploma in Dhamma Preaching
5. Diploma in Yoga Meditation
6. Diploma in Pali
7. Diploma in English
8. Diploma in Japanese
9. Diploma in Chinese
10. Diploma in French
11. Diploma in Sanskrit
12. Diploma in Sinhala
13. Diploma in Tamil

## **16. Entry Qualifications for Academic Programmes**

### **PhD in Buddhist Studies**

- A Two Year Master's Degree from a recognized Local/International educational institute
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Proven interest to pursue PhD studies in Buddhism
- Proficiency in English as the medium of instruction is English
- Willing to attend Course Work where the Candidate is deficient in Buddhist Studies requirement (Particularly students who have no major studies in Buddhist Studies at Undergraduate or Master's Degree level)

### **MA in Buddhist Studies**

- A four year bachelor's degree from a recognized or an accredited Local/International tertiary institute, with a minimum GPA of 2.75 (out of 4). Preference will be given to those students who hold a degree majoring in Buddhist Studies.
- Proficiency in English is essential for the pursuit and successful completion of graduate programmes at the Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy as the medium of instruction is English.
- Willing to attend Course Work where the Candidate is deficient in Buddhist Studies requirement (Particularly students who have no major studies in Buddhist Studies at Undergraduate Degree level)

### **BA in Buddhist Leadership**

- G.C.E. (A/L) Examination with passes in three subjects or intermediate level of oriental examination (Pirivena) in three subjects.
- Intermediate or equivalent to the G.C.E. (A/L) examination or University entrance examination in the country concerned for foreign Students.
- G.C.E. (A/L) Examination with at least 30% marks for the General English paper.

- A Higher Diploma in the relevant field with 30 credits and minimum GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 with minimum 6 passes in the G.C. E (O/L) Examination.
- A 30 Credit Diploma in the relevant field or its equivalent, and willing to follow the Higher Diploma in the relevant field and continue on to Bachelor's Degree at the completion of the Higher Diploma as the foundation course.

### **Higher Diploma Programme**

- G.C.E. (A/L) Examination with minimum passes or intermediate level of oriental examination in three subjects. Or
- Minimum 6 passes in the G.C. E (O/L) Examination and a Diploma with 30 credit hours.
- With adequate knowledge and competence in English

### **Diploma Programmes**

- Minimum 6 passes in G.C.E.(O/L ) Examination.

## 17. Annual General Convocations

SIBA hold its annual convocation since 2013.

### Convocation 2013



### Number of Graduates

Programme	Number
MA in Buddhist Studies	03
BA in Buddhist Leadership	28
Diploma in English	108
Diploma in IT	82
Diploma in Pali	16
Diploma in Sutta Reading	01
Diploma in Sanskrit	04
Diploma in Buddhist Counseling	08
Diploma in Sinhala	01
Diploma in Tamil	02
Total	253

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation: 2014



### Number of Graduates

Programme	Number
MA in Buddhist Studies	04
BA in Buddhist Leadership	29
Diploma in English	294
Diploma in IT	91
Diploma in Pali	01
Diploma in Sutta Reading	02
Diploma in Buddhist Counseling	16
Diploma in Yoga Meditation	12
Diploma in Tamil	01
Total	450

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation 2015



### Number of Graduates

Programme	Number
MA in Buddhist Studies	01
BA in Buddhist Leadership	09
Higher Diploma in Buddhist Counseling	07
Higher Diploma in IT	08
Diploma in English	172
Diploma in English Speaking Skills for Professionals	40
Diploma in IT	147
Diploma in Hardware Networking	01
Diploma in Pali	01
Diploma in Buddhist Counseling	25
Diploma in Yoga Meditation	01
Diploma in Sinhala	01
Diploma in Tamil	06
Total	419

## 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation 2016



### Number of Graduates

Programme	Number
MA in Buddhist Studies	01
BA in Buddhist Leadership	26
Higher Diploma in English	19
Higher Diploma in IT	18
Diploma in English	320
Diploma in English Speaking Skills for Professionals	06
Diploma in Management	26
Diploma in IT	138
Diploma in Pali	02
Diploma in Buddhist Counseling	74
Diploma in Sinhala	01
Diploma in Tamil	03
Diploma in Chinese	19
Diploma in Japanese	02
Total	654