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Agenda

Time Event

10.00-12.00 am Inauguration Session

- 10.00 am Arrival of distinguished guests, presenters and participants
- 10.00-10.10am Welcome Speech
- 10.10-10.25am Speech by Professor Prishanta Gunawardhana, Cadre Chair/Senior Professor of Archaeology, Department of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya
- 10.25-10.30am Abstracts Volume Launch
- 10.30 -10.45am Speech by Dr. Keir Strickland, Senior Lecturer, Department of Archaeology and History, La Trobe University, Australia
- 10.45 -10.55am Speech by Dr. Arjuna Thantilage, Director (Acting), Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- 10.55 -11.05am Senior Professor Anura Manathunga, of Archaeology, Department of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya
- 11.05 -11.15am Speech by Prof. A. G. Amarasinghe, Director/Research Centre for Social Sciences (RCSS) University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- 11.15 -11.40am Speech by Professor Jagath Weerasinghe, Emeritus Professor, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya

11.40 am-12.15 pm Tea

12.15 am - 2.30 pm Technical Session

- 12.15-12.30pm Urban Landscape and Planning Strategy of Polonnaruwa Central Urban Area
- 12.30-12.45pm Seeing Beneath the Jungle Tide: Preliminary results from a geophysical survey of the Polonnaruwa Citadel
- 12.45-01.00 pm Drilling into Ancient Urbanism: Preliminary results from an auger survey of the Polonnaruwa Citadel
- 1.00 - 1.15pm Applications of Photogrammetry for Recording & Presenting Archaeological Fieldwork – A Review
- 1.15 – 1.20pm Discussion
- 1.20 - 1.35pm Benchmarking the Social and Economic Impacts of Polonnaruwa World Heritage Site According to Domestic Visitor Survey
- 1.35 - 1.50pm Archaeological Site Maintenance and Archaeological Heritage Management: Polonnaruwa Citadel from a Tourism Perspective

- 1.50 - 2.05pm Benchmarking The Social And Economic Impacts of Polonnaruwa World Heritage Site According To The International Visitor Survey
- 2.05- 2.10pm Discussion
- 2.10 - 2.20pm Certificate Awarding
- 2.30 pm End of the workshop



**Message from the Dean,
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka**

I am pleased to issue this complimentary note to extend my best wishes to the workshop organized by the Department of Archaeology in collaboration with a research team attached to La Trobe University, Australia. As far as I know, the workshop is organized based on the experiences of Archaeologists who have engaged in fieldwork in Polonnaruwa Ancient City.

The Department of Archaeology and the Research Centre for Social Sciences play a commendable role in developing and sharing new knowledge among young researchers attached to the Faculty of Social Sciences by organizing events of this nature.

I congratulate all the presenters and participants for their contribution for making the workshop a fruitful one. Also, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the organizing committee. Moreover, I sincerely thank all national and international researchers and institutions, reviewers, and volunteers for collaborating with us to make this workshop successful.

Wishing you a productive and stimulating workshop.

Prof. M.M. Gunatilake,
Dean,
Faculty of Social Sciences,
University of Kelaniya.