A black and white portrait of Brian Herbert, a man with curly hair and glasses, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

**//** The capacity to **Learn** is a **Gift**: the ability to **Learn** is a **Skill**: the willingness to **Learn** is a **choice**.  
**BRIAN HERBERT //**

# FACULTY NEWSLETTER

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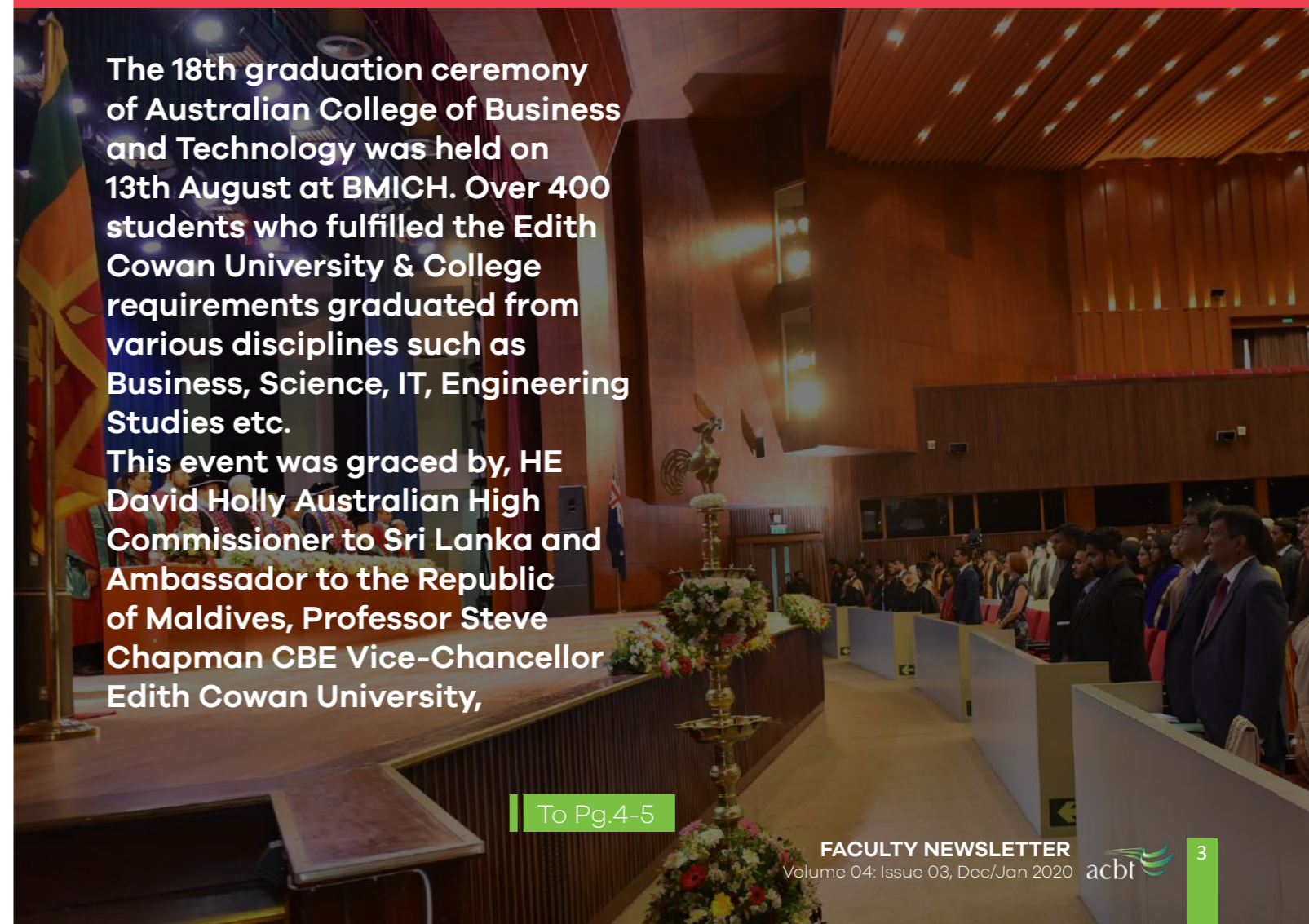
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## Key News

# GRADUATION CEREMONY 2019



The 18th graduation ceremony of Australian College of Business and Technology was held on 13th August at BMICH. Over 400 students who fulfilled the Edith Cowan University & College requirements graduated from various disciplines such as Business, Science, IT, Engineering Studies etc.

This event was graced by, HE David Holly Australian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Professor Steve Chapman CBE Vice-Chancellor Edith Cowan University,

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Professor Simon Ridings DVC International, Professor Daryoush Habibi Executive Dean School of Engineering, distinguished members of the Academic & Executive staff members of ACBT. This is yet another important milestone in the ACBT history of Austrian Higher Education. The event was a moment to reflect upon the commitment of the college to keep its programs and their delivery up to date with the global educational trends. This is deemed important not only because of its long-standing affiliation with Edith Cowan University, a leading university in Western Australia, but also because of its need to provide its student body with the best of knowledge and facilities to prepare them for international corporations and higher education. In view of the changes in the world at large, ACBT has also changed its approach to teaching and learning. Due to ACBT's strong and close collaboration with Edith Cowan College and Edith Cowan University, it benefits with

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access and exposure to most of the novel teaching and learning methods used by its Australian counterpart. The study materials, quality assured by ECC or ECU, are updated and uploaded on LMS for all subjects for students to both prepare for and later revise what they learn at their own pace. Lecturers are closely monitored by ECU with regard to their teaching and academic development while constant training programs are organized with academic trainers from the host university to ensure high quality academic delivery at ACBT. Thereby, lecturers are trained to become facilitators of the learning process rather than teachers in a traditional sense of the world. Students are also made aware of the challenges of learning in a high-tech environment. While being encouraged to read subject related research articles in online databases as well as evaluate the practical

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other group tasks via online platforms to facilitate better participation by all students. Lecturers also utilize mobile applications to encourage student participation during lectures for various tasks such as opinion polls, discussions, open book exams, amidst other things while students are also prompted to maintain blogs and other communication platforms to express themselves on their respective disciplines. ACBT thus encourages students' involvement in learning practices complimented by advanced technological means. As a leading international education institute, it also values its lecturers' constant use of various innovative methods of teaching assisted by modern technology. This is part of the institute's commitment towards enabling its student community's exposure to the modern learning trends of the world while also providing them the most needed awareness on using technology in a sensible manner for their academic

development. The students who graduated at the ceremony now has a clear pathway to Australia to continue their higher studies or find professional employment. are closely monitored by ECU with regard to their teaching and academic development while constant training programs are organized with academic trainers from the host university to ensure high quality academic delivery at ACBT. Thereby, lecturers are trained to become facilitators of the learning process rather than teachers in a traditional sense of the world. Students are also made aware of the challenges of learning in a high-tech environment. While being encouraged to read subject related research articles in online databases as well as evaluate the practical / real world and global relevance of the subject by engaging in internet-based search. Students are also guided to identify authentic documents and information amidst innumerable resources available on the

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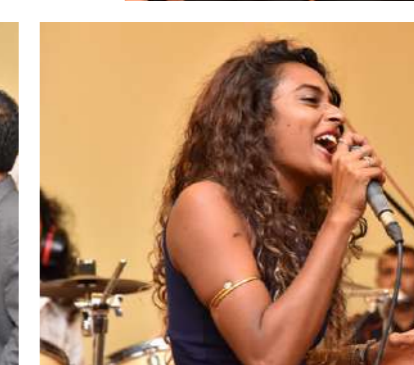
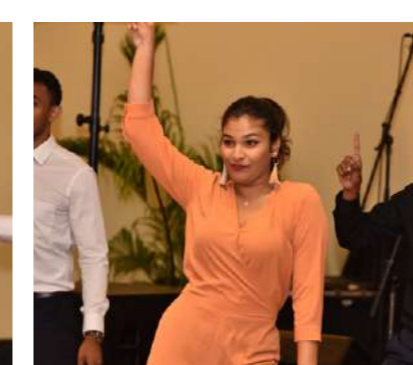
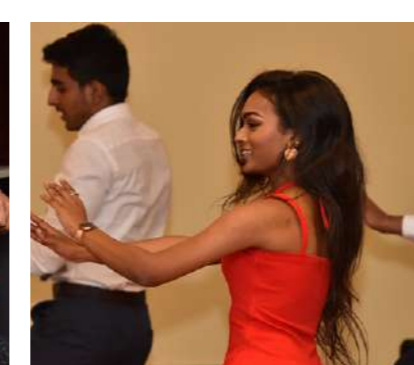
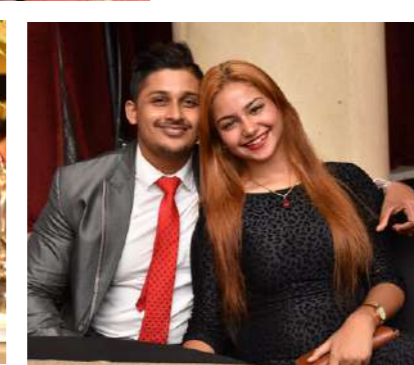
# Alumni Night

The Annual Cocktail of the Alumni Association of ACBT- ECU took place with a full house on 13 August at Sapphire Ballroom, BMICH. Over 200 ACBT Alumni members attended the event together with representatives from Edith Cowan University (ECU) Australia, ACBT's partner University.

This annual event of ACBT that brings together graduates of different batches and degree programs as well as staff from both ECU and ACBT, is an opportunity for ALUMNI members to network with each other as well as to meet their Australian University Professors and ACBT lecturers at an evening of dance, music, celebration and sumptuous Sri Lankan and Western Cuisine. The glamour and glitter of the dinner dance were further illuminated by the outstanding performances by the ACBT students.

During the event, the Vice Chancellor of Edith Cowan University in Perth, Professor Steve Chapman together with other ECU Professors, participated in the networking and other celebrations. While addressing the Alumni members, he emphasized that ECU has over 35 Alumni events all over the world which capture 140,000 Alumni members' and that the ACBT graduates are truly a part of such an extended global community. Mr. Erath Karunaratne, Executive Director of ACBT, Mr. Krishan Senaratne, COO of ACBT and Dr. Chandana Aluthge, Principal of ACBT together with the academic and non-academic staff of the ACBT were also present at the event.

The Alumni event was held following the ACBT Graduation 2019 that took place on the same day at the Auditorium at BMICH, where over 300 Diploma holders of Edith Cowan College and Graduates of Edith Cowan University were awarded by the Vice Chancellor Professor Steve Chapman.



# JBST

## Journal of Business, Science and Technology

August 2019

The ACBT published its 2nd Journal of Business, Science and Technology 2019 in August. The Journal consists of multidisciplinary articles on Engineering, Business, Science and Technology. The Journal is an output of the Academic Research Conference 2019 of ACBT. The best articles of the ARC 2019 were published on the Journal and these were selected by the Review Panel of the Journal.



## SSIE Exhibition

The Student Services International Education Unit of ACBT held the Australian Education Exhibition on the 6th and 7th of Sept 2019 at the ACBT Auditorium. This exhibition followed the theme of Live Study Work in Australia. Also, provided 25% to 30% scholarships for Engineering, Commerce and IT programmes. Moreover, a free application service was provided to the students.





# Family Christmas Party



# New Year 2020



On the 14th of December 2019 ACBT held the Family Christmas Party at Hilton Colombo. This was attended by the management, academic and non- academic staff of ACBT with their families that made the event glamorous and colorful. A special thanks to the Directors, Management and the Organizing Committee for organizing such a lovely event.



ACBT commenced the 'New Year 2020' on the 02nd of Jan under the patronage of the Executive Director - Mr. Erath Karunaratna and COO - Mr. Krishan Senaratna along with the senior management and staff. The New Year commenced with best wishes for its staff and students. The Executive Director addressed the gathering with a vision and a mission to further develop and enhance the performance of ACBT.

# Highlighted Events

## Congratulations to Dr. Viduranga and the students of Kandy ACBT

The research article conducted on REVISITING MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE (MSG): FROM MISUNDERSTOOD MENACE TO IRREPLACEABLE FLAVOUR ENHANCER by Dr. Viduranga the Deputy Principal of Kandy ACBT and the students of Kandy ACBT were officially published on Food and Beverage Asia Dec 2019/ Jan 2020. This is a publication of the Singapore Institute of Food Science and Technology. Congratulations on the achievement. ACBT is a platform that sets the foundation for such valuable work.

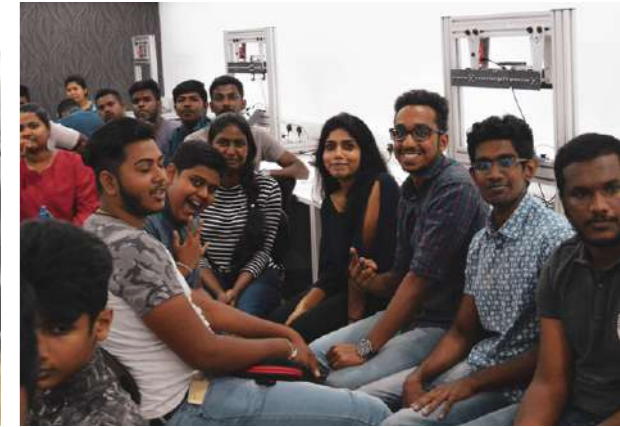


## Right Path to Right Start - The Study Start Program

The study start program organized by ACBT is a series of sessions that was conducted for a period of one month which is designed to enrich and cultivate the skills and abilities of the freshers. It helps to mold the students for academic studies while creating an environment for students to network with each other.

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The twelve sessions comprised of various aspects such as motivation, team building, leadership, creativity, innovation, time management, personal development, presentation skills, communication skills and such like. Each session was conducted by professional individuals in their respective fields.





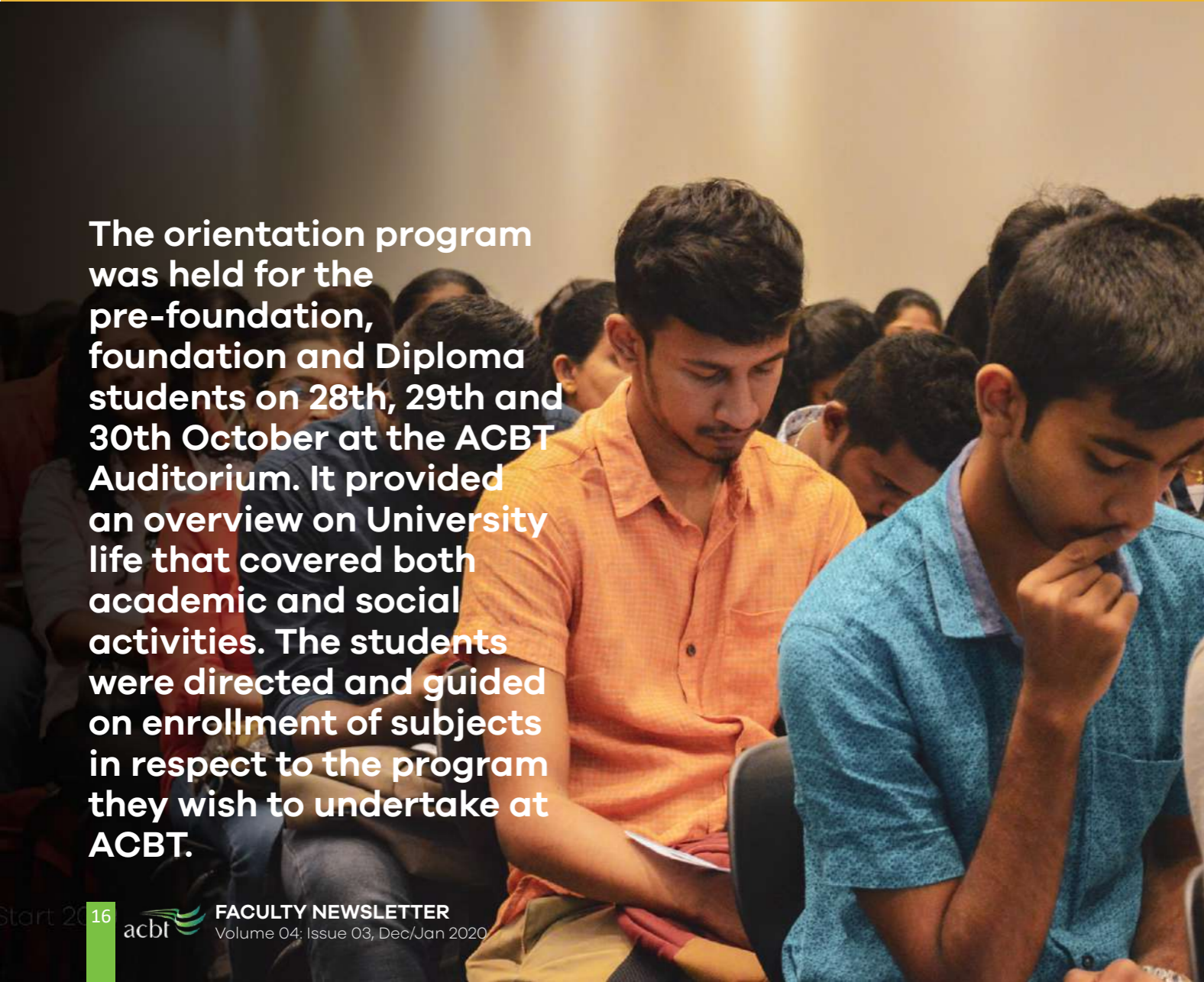


# Orientation

The orientation program was held for the pre-foundation, foundation and Diploma students on 28th, 29th and 30th October at the ACBT Auditorium. It provided an overview on University life that covered both academic and social activities. The students were directed and guided on enrollment of subjects in respect to the program they wish to undertake at ACBT.

## Visit of Associate Dean Paul Haskell

Associate Dean Paul Haskell (Computing and Security) in the School of Science from Edith Cowan University visited ACBT on 29th Oct 2019. He participated in the Orientation Program of the IT students and introduced them about Edith Cowan University and explained why Sri Lankan students should select ECU as a destination for their University Education.





## Start of Bachelor of Cyber Security Degree Program of ECU

## Visit of Edith Cowan College for an Internal Audit

ACBT now offers the Bachelor of Cyber Security to students who are interested in following the program at ECU. This was initiated by the management since Cyber Security is recognized as an important field in the future. Therefore, the students are given the opportunity to explore the subject.



Amanda Peterson the Academic Director of ECC and Natalie Kither the Partnerships Manager of ECC visited ACBT on 10th October 2019 for an internal audit. They were taken on a campus tour and were introduced to the staff of ACBT by the management. Effective meetings were conducted with different departments on important matters like course changes and processes were discussed while solutions were recommended for the key challenges.



# Workshop: Insight to Mental Health and Wellbeing

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## Induction Program for new lecturers

An Induction program for the new lecturers were conducted at ACBT by the Academic Department. This was headed by Dr. Chandana Aluthge, Principal of ACBT, Dr. Wasanthi Madurapperuma, Associate Dean of ACBT and Mr. Sunimal Wickremasinghe, Senior deputy Principal of ACBT. The new lecturers were made aware on the programs, the rules and regulations, unit outlines, systems, moderations and policies of ACBT.





## Seminar on Cyber Security

Mr. Abdul Mallik, Lecturer at ACBT conducted a seminar on Cyber Security. This took place on 15th of October 2019. This provided an opportunity for students to grab knowledge on the importance of being aware of Cyber Security and interesting practical examples were demonstrated. This was a dynamic session since the students actively contributed to the discussion.



## Farewell Lina Ridley the Quality and Compliance Manager of ECC

The management and staff of ACBT thank you for the tremendous support given throughout and wishes continued success in all your future endeavors.



## Warmly Welcome Robert Ellis the Acting Academic Director of ECC

The management and staff of ACBT warmly welcomes Robert Ellis and wishes continued success in all your future endeavors.

# Student Network

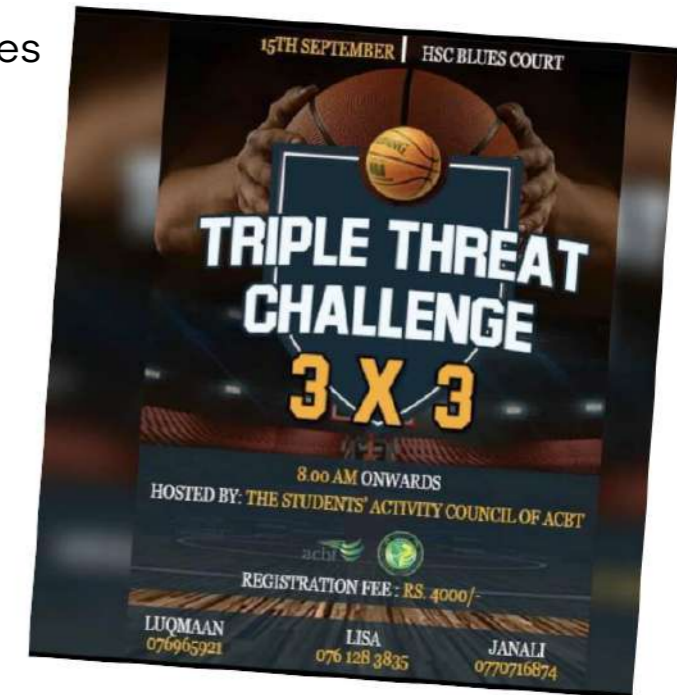
## Baila Bastian

The Students' Activity Council of ACBT partnered with the Management of ACBT organized "Baila Bastian" for the semester of 201901 on the 27th of April 2019 at Havelock City Clubhouse. As it was a public event, students from college as well as outsiders took part in the event. Ultimately, the very purpose of Baila Bastian was to collect funds in order to aid the community which was affected by the Easter Sunday attack.



# Triple Threat 3x3 Basketball Challenge Trophy 2019

Yet another event organized by the Students' Council of ACBT for the second consecutive year, the Triple Threat Basketball Challenge Trophy which was held on the 27th of October 2019 at SLAF Basketball courts from 8:00 AM onwards. This tournament was an inter-university tournament and registration fee for a team was LKR 4,000. 28 teams ranging from government universities to private colleges took part in the tournament.



# Talent show for the Study start students

As every semester begins, we make sure to prepare a good time for the new students commencing at ACBT. Hence, the student council organized a talent show on the 18th Oct 2019. It was fun filled day enjoyed by all students. Moreover, as a result of this talent show many students were encouraged to join the ACBT Student Council as they loved the college environment.



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