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YOURSELF IS THE
BEGINNING OF ALL
WISDOM.”** - ARISTOTLE

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Key News

ONLINE CLASSES 2020

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all the classes of Pre-Foundation, Foundation, Diploma of the different streams in Business Management, Health Science, IT and Engineering were conducted online through Zoom. The online sessions of Zoom created an interactive platform for both lecturers and students. The online classes were designed to cover the syllabus of the units while evaluating the students' performance as well. Further the sessions were recorded and uploaded in order for the students to view the lecturer over and over again. Thus, the online classes were helpful for the students to understand the subject. This ensured that the students were safe at home while learning. A special thanks to the management of ACBT for organizing the new mode of learning.



Examinations conducted Online 2020

The management and the examinations department of ACBT kept its next step as well by initiating to conduct the examinations online via Zoom. All the exams of the different disciplines are conducted via Zoom where expert invigilators are present on the session to ensure integrity of the exam. The exams online were properly executed, organized and coordinated by the management and the coordinators of ACBT.

Microsoft Team Training for Teaching Staff

On the 1st of July 2020, ACBT organized a Microsoft team training workshop for teaching faculty. There were around 60 lecturers that participated the workshop. The main purpose of the Microsoft Team training workshop was to provide an understanding on how to use the Microsoft team for teaching and learning purpose.

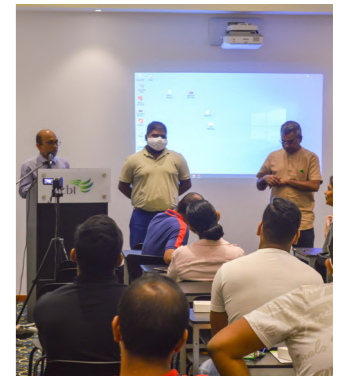


Registration of ACBT Kandy with TVEC

ACBT Kandy has been recognized as a successful education service provider in Sri Lanka over the past years. The ministry of skills development and vocational training certified ACBT Kandy as a Diploma awarding institution. This certification added more value and significance to the programs offered at ACBT. All the ACBT staff are appreciated for the hard work, commitment and support provided in achieving the recognition.

ECU Orientation Programme for Commerce and IT (3rd Year)

The Orientation Programme for semester 02, 2020 for 3rd year (Commerce and IT) students and Cyber Security students was held on 25th July 2020. The programme helped the students to familiarize themselves with ECU and to discover important information about the courses.



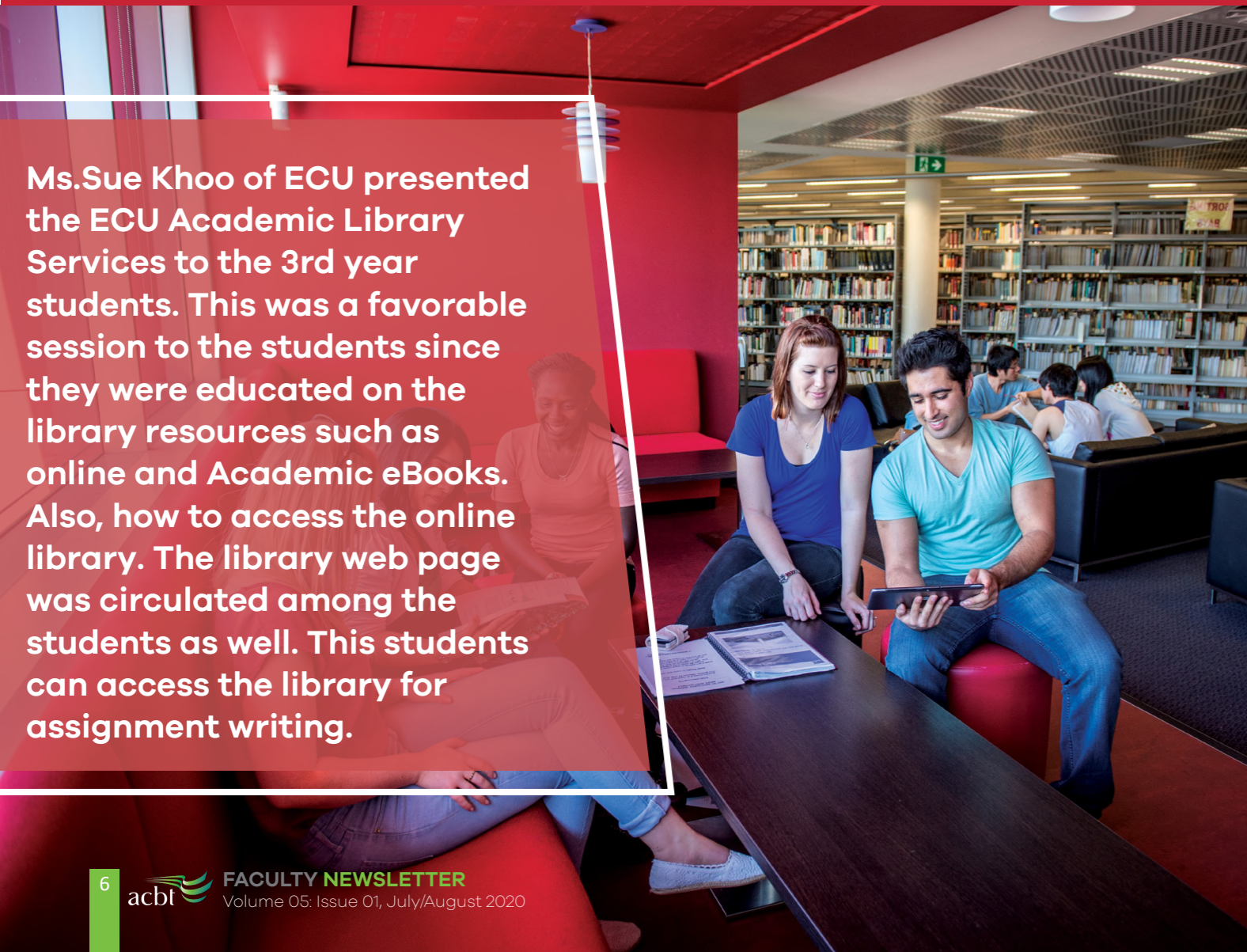


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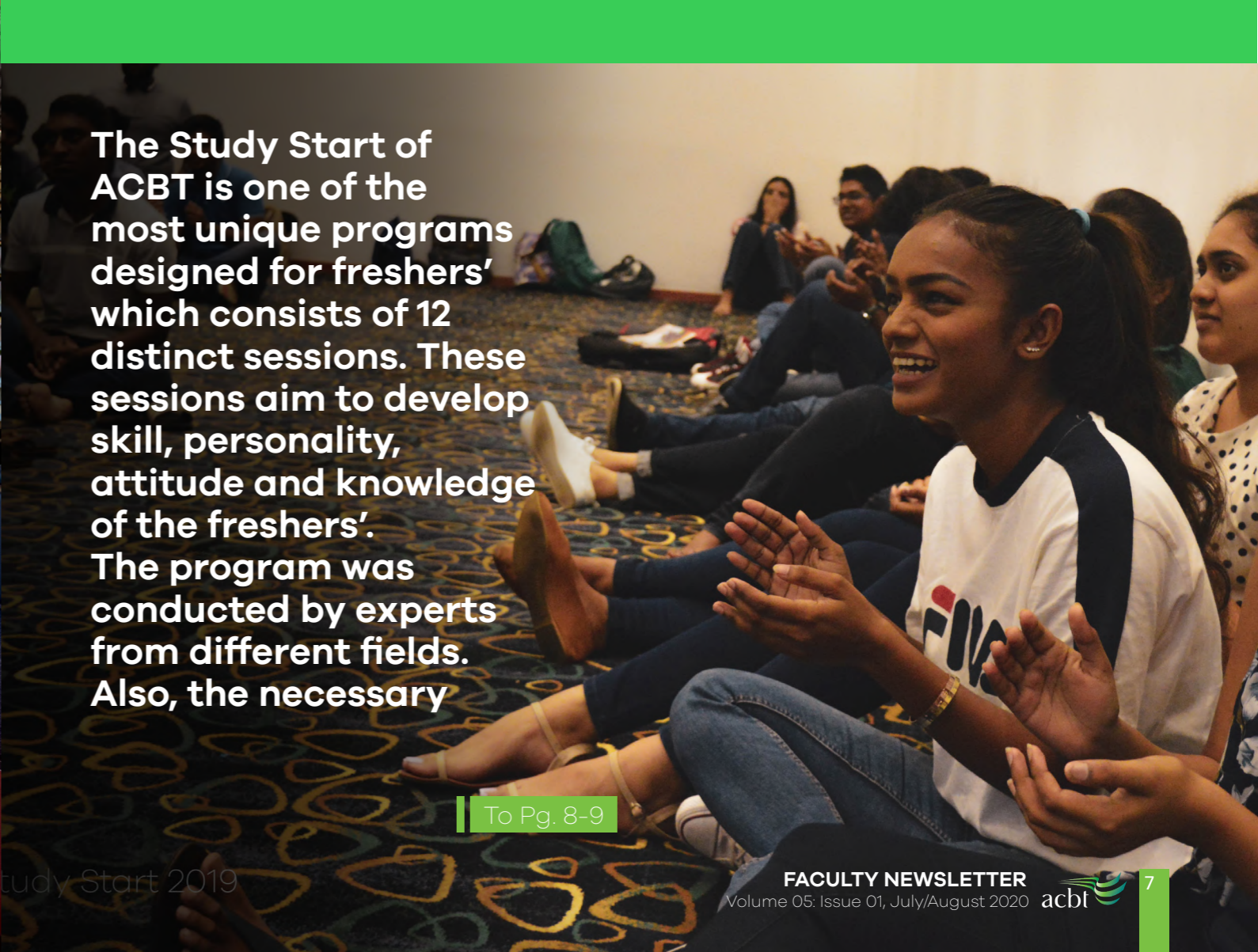


Highlighted Events

Right Path to Right Start- Study Start Program 01 2020



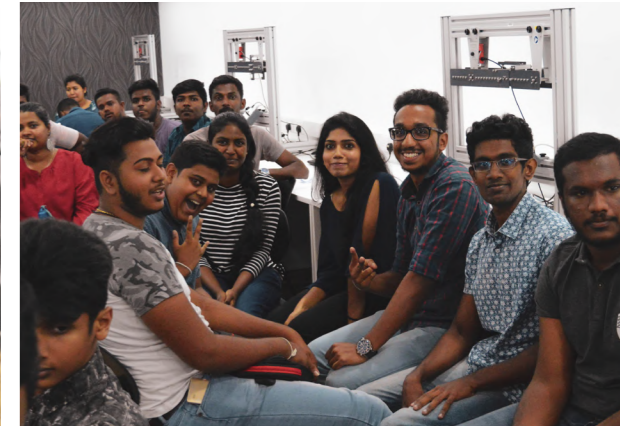
Ms.Sue Khoo of ECU presented the ECU Academic Library Services to the 3rd year students. This was a favorable session to the students since they were educated on the library resources such as online and Academic eBooks. Also, how to access the online library. The library web page was circulated among the students as well. This students can access the library for assignment writing.



The Study Start of ACBT is one of the most unique programs designed for freshers' which consists of 12 distinct sessions. These sessions aim to develop skill, personality, attitude and knowledge of the freshers'. The program was conducted by experts from different fields. Also, the necessary

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and resources were arranged for the students to get the maximum benefit from the sessions. The benefits of the Study Start Program don't stop there but it also became a ground where many bonds were formed. This program was filled with laughter and love. According to the freshers' it was certainly one of the best memories made during the time at ACBT.



Orientation for Semester 02 2020

The orientation program was held for the semester 02 2020. The Orientation days were 29th, 30th June and 1st July 2020 for Foundation, Diploma and Pre-Foundation students at the ACBT Auditorium. This program was designed to welcome all students to ACBT. The students were briefed on the policies of ACBT, the academic programs, the extracurricular activities, etc. Also, at the end the students participated in the enrollment process of subjects.

Induction Program for new lecturers Semester 02 2020

The Induction program was conducted for the new lecturers joining the Semester. There were 16 new lecturers that joined the new academic semester. They were briefed on the policies of ACBT/ECU/ECC-Moderations, Portal and Moodle access. This was organized by the Academic Department and headed by Dr. Chandana Aluthge, Principal of ACBT, Dr. Wasanthi Madurapperuma, Associate Dean of ACBT, Mr. Sunimal Wickremasinghe, Senior deputy Principal of ACBT and the Course Coordinators.



Teaching and Learning 'Brown Paper Bag'

The Teaching and Learning 'Brown Paper Bag' is organized by the School of Business and Law of ECU where presentations were done by Dr. Tom Barratt, Dr. Andrei Lux and Dr. Flavio Macau. It provided the opportunity for the staff to delve further into learning practices. Here everyone is welcome to share thoughts, ideas and questions as well. It was held on 26th of August 2020.



SBL Virtual Session

The School of Business and Law ECU held a virtual session for both ACBT staff and students on 1st of August 2020. This was an information session on how to use the Blackboard and the Student portal. It included tips for study and question and answers as well. Moreover, it covered the importance of LinkedIn and how to make it work for you. Where tricks were included on how to stay connected with ECU.



Opinion Column

Bright Side by Ornella Jayasinghe

COVID-19 is certainly a catalyst for change in many ways. It is true that it has caused immense adversities, challenges and inconvenience globally. It has left thousands unemployed; economies crying for reforms; and many fighting for their lives. Amidst the plight and trauma, it has bestowed on the society, there are a number of positive attributes that has come in disguise. It might sound trivial or peculiar, however, we fail to see its optimism as its negativity has largely overshadowed its bright side.

With the concept of 'work from home', people have become more tech savvy and are comfortable working remotely. This has enabled individuals to have more time for themselves and do things they have been neglecting due to over engagement in work activities.



For instance, people now have the time to attend to their physical and health needs by going for a run, doing exercises at home or even attempting yoga. In a certain way, it has given access to things that was once never in the agenda. Subsequently, this has led to improved work life balance where people have the affordability to spend quality time with their families while



Webinar series by Dr. David Coall

ECU organized a webinar series for health stream students to promote BSc Biomedical Degree program to the current students which was conducted by Dr. David Coall. One was scheduled on the 28th July 2020 and another session on 29th July 2020. Where Dr. David Coall provided an overview of the Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) available. This course provides the knowledge, skills and attributes required to prepare graduates for the field of Biomedical Science.



working at the ease of one's comfort zone. For instance, parents have the opportunity to spend more time with their kids or couples with their partners. It has paved a possibility to reconcile for the times lost and neglected. Thereby, ensuing healthier relationships. Nonetheless, when people work remotely it will give them the liberty to relocate or live in areas of their choice. On the upside, people don't have to sacrifice their preferences or go through the struggle of living in condensed or expensive locations just for the sake of getting to work easily. Certainly, it has changed people's lifestyles by interrupting conventional routines or living patterns. Likewise, it has also caused transformation to business operations. Such as, there have been increasing trends in online buying behaviour with

lockdowns prevailing for several weeks. As studies shows, an activity performed over twenty one days is likely to become a habit. Hence, it is likely that individuals will continue online purchasing which will necessitate businesses to strengthen their e-commerce platforms. It will likely limit the need to operate physically which can result in favourable cost efficacies for businesses. As the old adage goes, 'every dark cloud has a silver lining', COVID-19 has brought some remarkable changes to humanity that is somewhat an eye opener to do things differently bringing about a paradigm shift to our mainstream and monotonous practices.

Student Network

Talent Show Semester 01 2020

SPOTLIGHT 2020 was the talent show organized by the freshers' of semester 01 2020. This enabled the students to showcase their talents in front of the management and staff of ACBT. This was a fun-filled event. The freshers' were appreciated for their hidden talents. There were around 7-10 acts in the talent show which comprised of both solo and group performances. The Student Council of ACBT guided and supported the freshers' in organizing the event as well. This was a memorable day for the freshers'.



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