

Think Ahead

ACCA High Achievers 2018



"I never expected that I will be the top in the whole world for ACCA Taxation paper which is not supposed to be an easy paper. The credit for laying the foundation goes to our dearest Shehan sir. I was able to internalise the very basic through his wonderful and systematic teaching. His teaching style was very helpful where he related the subject matter to real life interesting scenarios. The practise of ample questions in the class, really supported me in securing the prize. Also the last month which was the revision session and the CBE training was so helpful."

Dayanijah Srimuruganathan
World prizewinner - Taxation (September 2018)

"I was overjoyed when Dayanijah informed me that ACCA had e-mailed stating that she's got the highest mark in the world for the paper Taxation. Such an achievement from a student of mine was indeed a dream come true. She was a very hard working student who did her work regularly and never stayed till the end. Students need proper, adequate and timely guidance from their lecturers and I think I did my part with my approach."

Shehan Fernando
Senior Lecturer - Mercury Institute



"With every passing day, I am grateful that I chose to follow ACCA. It opened me such a gateway to the corporate world I think nothing else could have done for me."

Pranidhi Manasha Wirthamulla
World prizewinner - Advanced Performance Management
March 2018

ACCA Top Affiliates - Sri Lanka



"December 2017. ACCA has assisted me immensely in my academic knowledge and analytical skills. I'm sure it will open doors to a world of opportunities, to fulfill my dream of becoming a professional in finance."

RUMALI SHENELKA TENNEKOON
DECEMBER 2017



"Inspired by my father; a chartered accountant, my passion for Accounting, and the high esteem in Dubai for ACCA accountants, all led me to choose ACCA and secure four Sri Lankan Prizes. It's an honor to be a part of a well renowned global body."

FATHIMA HAFSA NIZAR
JUNE 2018



"ACCA has always given me an added advantage as it is a globally recognized qualification that has ensured that I have the necessary skills and knowledge in order to add value to any organisation that I am a part of."

GEEGANAGE MINUSHA SANKA WEERASURIYA
MARCH 2018



"As a mean of getting world recognized professional qualification, I moved to ACCA which contains updated, useful & challenging subject matters which supported me to face the challenges in the field of accountancy."

SANDARUWAN NADEESHA PREMARATHNA
SEPTEMBER 2018

Seventeen students from Sri Lanka Top in World Cambridge international exams 2017-18

- Seventeen students score highest marks in world in Cambridge international exams 2017-18
- A total of 163 students have won Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards in Sri Lanka
- Mathematics, chemistry, economics, biology, and Tamil emerged as the most popular subjects among students this year

Colombo, Sri Lanka, November 28, 2018: Seventeen students in Sri Lanka have received Top in the World awards from Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International) for their exceptional performance in Cambridge exams in the academic year 2017-18.

The awards recognize students who have received the highest mark in the world in a Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level or Cambridge International AS&A Level qualification in the November 2017 and June 2018 Cambridge exam series.

The Top in World winners have excelled in subjects like Tamil, Mathematics, Business Studies, English literature, Computer Science and Environmental Management. These award winners from schools across the country will be recognized for their academic achievements with a certificate at the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award ceremony on 1 December 2018 at the Bandaranaika Memorial International Hall, Colombo. They will receive their certificates alongside the winners of other award

NAME	SCHOOL NAME	QUALIFICATION	SUBJECT	SERIES
H W Rashmi P U K S N Heenkenda	British Council Sri Lanka	International AS Level	Mathematics	Nov-17
H W Rashmi P U K S N Heenkenda	Lyceum International School - Wattala	International A Level	Business	June 2018
Fathima Shaznine Sheham Ramiz	Ilma International Girls' School	International AS Level	Environmental Management	June 2018
Jason Warren Faber	Royal Institute - Nugegoda	International AS Level	Mathematics	June 2018
Lakshitha Yasas Wijayarathne	Royal Institute - Nugegoda	International AS Level	Mathematics	June 2018
Senuri Mihisandi Ratnayake	Royal Institute - Nugegoda	International AS Level	Mathematics	June 2018
Ayesha Sarafaraz Mohamed	Ilma International Girls' School	International O Level	Business Studies	June 2018
Karunamuni Nuguth De Silva Chandrasekara	Lyceum International School	International O Level	Computer Science	June 2018
Samiha Ameera Almaz Anzary	Ilma International Girls' School	International O Level	Literature in English	June 2018
Fathima Aashiya Ihsan	Ilma International Girls' School	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Fathima Mariyam Nusky	Ilma International Girls' School	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Gayathri Santhanakrishnan	Royal Institute - Havelock Road	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Janakan Sureshraj	Lyceum International School - Wattala	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Jayandran Remu Antonio	OKI International School	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Pushpanathan Senthoriya	Stafford International School, Sri Lanka	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Rashika Tamilmaran	Stafford International School, Sri Lanka	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Subiksha Jegatheeswaran	Royal Institute - Havelock Road	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018
Tharanees Jasotharan	Wycherley International School	International O Level	Tamil	June 2018

categories, including students who achieved the highest marks in Sri Lanka in a single Cambridge subject. In total, 163 students in Sri Lanka have won Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards.

The ceremony will be attended by Michael O'Sullivan, Chief Executive of Cambridge International, Panchalika Kulatunga, Country Manager (Sri Lanka), Cambridge International, Gill Caldicott, Country Director, British Council and Devprakash Peiris, Acting Country Examinations Manager, British Council, as well as teachers and parents.

The number of Top in World awards in Sri Lanka has grown remarkably, up by 183% on the previous year. The popularity of Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge O Levels continues to grow in Sri Lanka. STEM subjects are popular in Sri Lanka but subjects like Business Studies, Accounting, Computer science, and Cambridge Global Perspectives are also a popular choice amongst students.

Michael O'Sullivan, Chief Executive of Cambridge International, said, "We are delighted to see learners

across Sri Lanka showcase their passion for learning and accomplish their goals. These exceptional results in Cambridge examinations would not have been attainable without the relentless efforts and commitment of teachers and the support of the students' families. Congratulations to all the students and we wish them every success in their future endeavors."

Panchalika Kulatunga, Country Manager, Cambridge International, said, "It gives us immense pleasure to witness our learners achieve outstanding results year on

year. All their hard work was assisted by the constant support of their teachers and parents. Cambridge International equips students with lifelong skills, and so these students can now put their best foot forward and pursue any goal that they desire."

The seventeen Top in World award winners came from nine schools in Sri Lanka. Of the 163 award winners, 39 students won awards for Top in Country, 33 students won awards for High Achievement and 27 students won awards for Best Across in various subjects.



"PGIS RESCON 2018" Successfully Concludes.....

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Technical Sessions of "PGIS RESCON 2018" were held on 10th of November, 2018 at Postgraduate Institute of Science and Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya under five broad themes including, Earth and Environmental Science, Information and Communication & Technology; Mathematics; Statistics, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Science Education.

Established in 1996, the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), University of Peradeniya, offers numerous postgraduate programmes leading to Diploma, MSc, Mphil and PhD degrees. The institute has been striving to become a globally recognized Centre for innovation through outstanding scientific research in a range of disciplines. The PGIS encourages advanced scientific research by providing facilities and a conducive environment for research and teaching so as to achieve the goals of the institute and the society.

The students are facilitated to carry out their research

in a range of laboratories established at the PGIS as well as at the Faculty of science of the University of Peradeniya, the National Institute of Fundamental Studies and several other national universities and research institutes in the country. Currently the PGIS has taken steps to improve technical capabilities of its laboratories by acquiring modern equipment and instruments and the development of new techniques. The PGIS also collaborates with researchers at certain overseas universities and research institutes to help young postgraduate students in Sri Lanka to build up their careers.

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-Kusala Madhusani Premaratne