



CENTRE OF GRAVITY IN ECONOMICS OF SRI LANKA

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ABSTRACT

The Department of Economics and Statistics at the University of Peradeniya celebrates its diamond jubilee in 2017. It was established in 1942 at the same time when the University of Ceylon originated, and moved to Peradeniya in 1952. The Department of Economics and Statistics is one of the oldest and the strongest Departments in the university system of Sri Lanka. The objective of this article is to provide an in-depth analysis on historical evolution, expansion, and current status of the Department using the secondary data sources. Since its inception, the Department has contributed immensely to expand its commendable service locally and globally. With a modest start as the Department of Economics, it encompassed to such other disciplines as Political Science, Commerce and Management at some point of its long history. The Department of Economics and Statistics has been the alma mater to many renowned economists, academia, public servants and researchers in the past and the present. The Department will usher its services through a higher ground in the future as well. Along with its contribution to the creation and dissemination of knowledge in Economics and Statistics in Sri Lanka, the Department at present possesses a highly qualified academic staff with well-known research records who have contributed to establish high academic standards and a strong global reputation.

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