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**Sister Link Program**  
**Niigata University - University of Peradeniya**

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*2004 to 2024 - two decades of collaboration*



**Report Of Activities in 2024**

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# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration of Niigata University

The most important event for 2024 was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Niigata University which was celebrated at the ANA Crown Plaza hotel Niigata on 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 in the midst of a distinguished gathering from MEXT, Governor of Niigata Prefecture, Mayor of Niigata city, President of Niigata University, Executive Vice Presidents, Professors, Alumni and representatives from partner universities. The ceremony was followed by a reception too. As a prelude to the event the foreign delegates were taken to Nikko Hotels International Observatory followed by a cruise on the Shinano river by water shuttle, shopping at Niigata local products center, Furusato Mura and lunch at Niigata Grand Hotel.



Professor USHIKI TATSUO, President of Niigata University speaking at the ceremony





The reception that followed the ceremony – Sake Barrel Opening (Kagami Biraki)



River cruise on Shinano river on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Chance of meeting many senseis

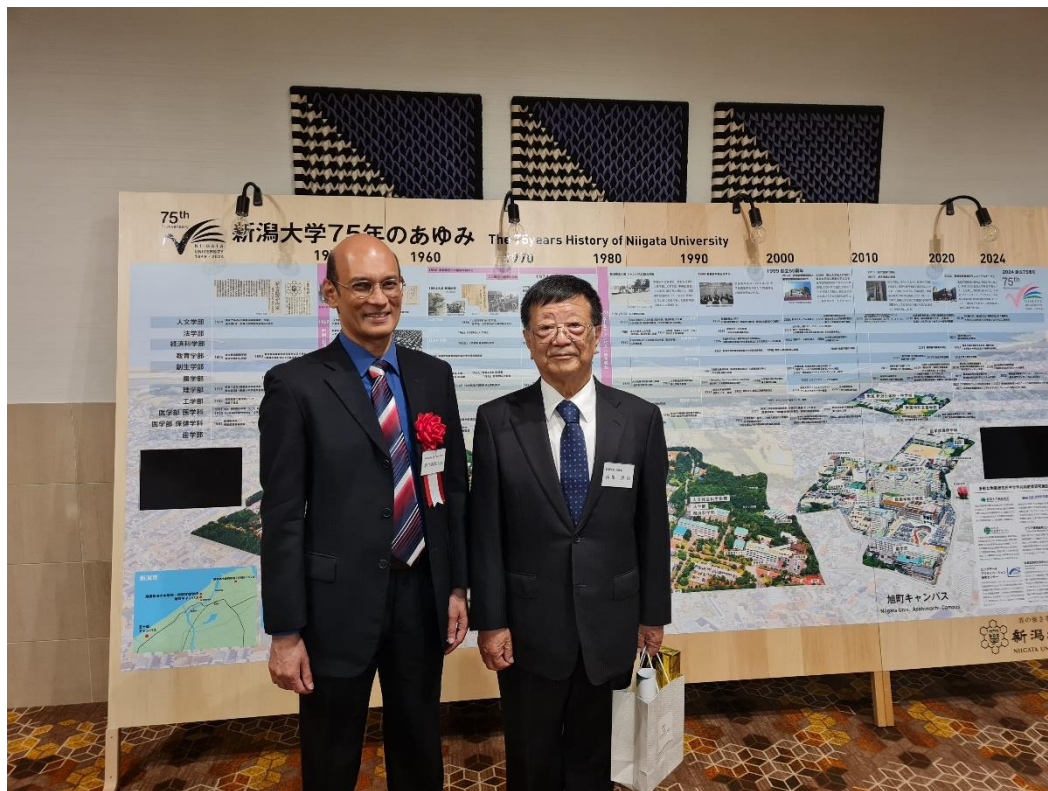


Brief Meeting with Ushiki sensei, Someya sensei and Satish Sensei



Meeting Prof Sato Noboru Dean Medical Faculty

I also got the chance to meet my mentor YAMADA Yoshiaki sensei and INOUE Makoto sensei



# 75th Anniversary commemoration of Niigata University - Sakeology Seminar

## Niigata University 75th Anniversary Commemorative Satellite Event Special Lecture hosted by Sakeology Center



Niigata University celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2024. As one of the commemorative events, Special Lecture by Ms. Makiko Ono, President & Chief Executive Officer of Suntory Beverage & Food Limited, who has been a leader on the global stage, will be held by Sakeology Center. Ms. Ono will introduce her long experiences in overseas business, the Suntory Group, and the sustainability initiatives of Suntory Beverage & Food as a global beverage company.

## Sustainability Initiatives as a Global Beverage Company

### Makiko Ono

President & Chief Executive Officer

**Suntory Beverage & Food Limited**



Ms. Makiko Ono became the President & Chief Executive Officer of Suntory Beverage & Food Limited in March 2023. She is the first woman in Japan to serve as president of a company with a market capitalization of over 1 trillion yen, and her appointment has made a significant impact across various industries. Major global media including TIME, Fortune, Forbes, Financial Times, and CNBC, have named her as one of the most powerful female leaders.

Date and Time

2024

Hybrid Format

Oct.18 FRI

18:30 - 19:30

On-site venue

Niigata Shimin Plaza

6th Floor, NEXT21 Bldg.,  
866 Nishiboridori 6-bancho, Chuo-ku,  
Niigata, Japan

Participation method

Hybrid

On-site and Online (Zoom)

As a side event to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations Niigata University hosted this event. A new Sake too was unveiled at the main reception.

# 75th Anniversary commemoration of Niigata University - Health Services and Gender-Specific Health Symposium



The School of Health Sciences had organized the Health Services and Gender-Specific Health Symposium as a side event to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. I was able to participate at the symposium and also meet Dean and other professors of the School of Health Sciences with which the university of Peradeniya has a strong sister link program.

*With dean and Uchiyama sensei of the School of Health Sciences*



## Student exchange – Faculty of Medicine

For the first time a student from the faculty of Medicine, Niigata University visited the Medical Faculty of the University of Peradeniya in September 2024 for 10 days.

*Haruka san visiting the Vice Chancellor with Dean faculty of Medicine UoP*

*Visit to the Teaching hospital Peradeniya*

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*At JICA office in Colombo with chief representative of JICA in Sri Lanka YAMADA Tetsuya san and Ito san*

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PARTICIPANTS MOST OF THE  
PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN DELETED**

Four Medical students from the University of Peradeniya visited Niigata University for the G-MedEx summer exchange program in July 2024



# **Student exchange – School of Health Sciences**

Twelve undergraduate and post graduate students and Sato sensei and Uchiyama sensei of the school of health sciences, Niigata University visited the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya in October 2024.

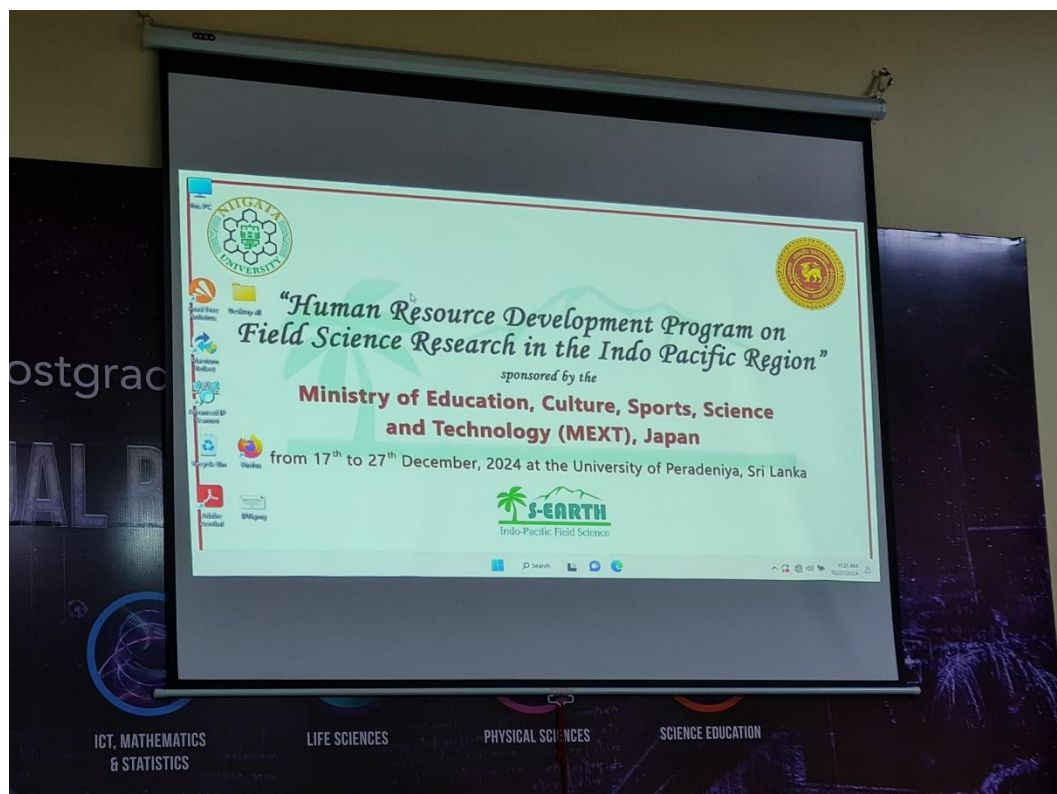
*With Vice Chancellor University of Peradeniya*

*At Sigiriya*

*At hotel*

# Student exchange –Science Faculty

Satish sensei and three staff along with 25 students visited University of Peradeniya from the Science faculty of Niigata University from 17-27 Dec 2024.





Prof Satish Kumar addressing the gathering

# **Upkeep of the Niigata-Peradeniya Sister Link Office**

Coordination of all Sister Link related activities are performed from the office. As such visiting students and staff from NU have access to the office. A new Desk top computer was purchased by NU for the sister link office in May 2024.

## **Conclusions**

**It was a fruitful year of collaboration with the largest number of staff from NU visiting UoP which included 39 students and 6 staff from NU.**

**Being able to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NU was a memorable experience and I was able to meet deans of all the faculties that the link exists and Ushiki sensei, Someya sensei, Tsuboi sensei, Inoue Makoto sensei, Yamada Yoshiaki sensei and dean and staff of the dental faculty and school of health sciences.**

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Liaison Professor Niigata University

01<sup>st</sup> January 2025