



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**GENERAL CONVOCATION
2024(I)**

08TH January 2025

SECOND SESSION

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

&

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDEES TO
THE CHANCELLOR**

**BANDARANAIKE MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE HALL (BMICH)**

COLOURS

UNIVERSITY COLOURS:

Orange, Black & White

COLOURS OF GOWNS:

Black	:	Bachelor's Degree Holders
Burnt Sienna (Brown)	:	Master's Degree Holders
Wine Red	:	Doctoral Degree Holders

FACULTY COLOURS:

Indicated by hood/band

Worn by Academic staff only

Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences	:	Green
Faculty of Natural Sciences	:	Blue
Faculty of Engineering Technology	:	Red
Faculty of Education	:	Purple
Faculty of Health Sciences	:	Magenta
Faculty of Management Studies	:	Brown

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE COLOUR:

Postgraduate Institute of English	:	Beige
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SPECIAL GOWNS:

	<u>Colour of Gown</u>	<u>Colour of Lapel</u>
Registrar	Black	Black and Orange
Dean/Management Studies	Brown	Brown and Black
Dean/ Health Sciences	Magenta	Magenta and Black
Dean/Education	Purple	Purple and Black
Dean/Engineering Technology	Red	Red and Black
Dean/Natural Sciences	Blue	Blue and Black
Dean/Humanities & Social Sciences	Green	Green and Black
Director/Postgraduate Institute of English	Beige	Beige and Black
Honorary Graduand	Silver	Black and Orange
Guest of Honour	Coffee Brown	Coffee Brown and Bright Yellow
Vice-Chancellor	Orange	Orange and Silver
Chancellor	Orange	Orange and Gold

CAPS:

Undergraduates	:	Square Hard Black Cap with Orange Tassel
Postgraduates (M.Phil./Ph.D.)	:	Round Soft Black Cap with Orange Tassel

Vice-Chancellor's Message

Dear Graduands, Esteemed Guests, Faculty and Friends,

It is my great honour to welcome you all to this momentous occasion, convocation of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) 2024. Today, we come together to celebrate the culmination of your academic journey and the beginning of new adventures that lie ahead.

Convocation is a milestone in your life, marking the successful completion of years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication. It is also a celebration of the values and knowledge that you have gained at the OUSL, which will serve as a compass guiding you through life's challenges and opportunities.

As you step beyond the gates of this institution and venture into the wider world, remember that you carry with you not just a degree but a legacy of excellence, integrity, and service. You are now ambassadors of the OUSL and we trust that you will lead with wisdom, compassion, and courage, making meaningful contributions to society.

To our faculty and staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to shaping the minds and nurturing the potential of our students. Your guidance has been instrumental in their success.

To the families and friends gathered here, your support and encouragement have been invaluable on this journey. Today, we share in your pride and joy as we witness the remarkable achievements of your loved ones.

Graduands, as you leave this chapter behind, remember that learning is a lifelong endeavour. Embrace change, seek knowledge, and strive for excellence in everything you do. The world is ever evolving, and your resilience, adaptability, and innovative spirit will be your greatest assets.

On behalf of the OUSL, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. May your future be filled with success, fulfillment, and boundless opportunities.

Go forth with confidence and make us proud!

With best wishes for your journey ahead.

Senior Professor P.M.C. Thilakerathne
Vice-Chancellor

08th January 2025

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- 10.30 a.m. - Awardees will assemble in the foyer
- 11.00 a.m. - Members of the Academic Staff will assemble
- 11.00 a.m. - Guests will take their seats
- 11.05 a.m. - Awardees Procession
- 11.20 a.m. - Staff Procession
- 11.25 a.m. - Chancellor's Procession
- 11.30 a.m. - National Anthem
- Opening of the Convocation
- Conferment of Postgraduate Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Bachelor's Degrees
- Signing of the Register of graduates
- Convocation Speech
- 01.30 p.m. - Closing of the Convocation
- “Devowassathu Kalena”
(A blessing for happiness and prosperity)
- Return of the Chancellor's Procession followed by the Staff Procession
- Refreshment

**DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
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2023

De Costa W.A.B.
Dias D.R.S.
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Salman M.R.M
Samaraweera G.P.A.I.
Udayanath R. H. P. S
Vinitha P.P.

Weerathunga Arachchige Biyanka
Dewamunige Ravindra Sampath
Pathirage Sachithri Kalpana Udayangee
Mohamed Raffiudeen Mohamed
Ganearachchi Pathirannehelage Asoka Indunil
Rathu Helambage Pradeep Sameera
Pathinayaka Pathinagodage

**THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
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TERTIARY EDUCATION**

2022

Hewage K.H.N.
Hewavidana I.H.
Hewawarawita L.S.
Hilma B.A.N
Himali T.M.H.
Himali W.D.
Hindagoda H.M.E.
Hingurage D.
Hiroshika L.G.N.
Hobinath P.
Hulathduwa S.D.
Husain H.

Kadinappuli Hewage Nilanka
Imalsha Hasangi
Lasantha Sanjeevani
Basheer Ahamadu Noorul
Thalpe Madaduwege Harsha
Walawe Durage
Hindagoda Mudiyanseelage Eranga
Dulmini
Liyana Gamage Nishani
Priyakala
Semali Dilrukshi
Hameem

Husaina Banu M.N.
Husna I.F.
Husna M.H.F.
Husna M.M.S.
Iddamalgoda I.D.S.M.
Iflan J.M
Ifrah A.I.F.
Ihlas S.M.
Ihraz M.S.M.
Ijas Mohamed A.U.
Ilankoon I.A.Y.K
Ilma A.B.F.

Mohammed Nazeer
Issadeen Fathima
Mohamed Husaindeen Fathima
Mohamed Museen Sithy
Iddamalgoda Disasekarage Suresh Madhusanka
Jainnudeen Mohamed
Ahamed Ishaq Fathima
Shimala Mohamed
Mohammad Saifudeen Mohamad
Akeela Umma
Ilandari Arachchilage Yamuna Kumari
Abdhul Bazeer Fathima

Imasha R.A.H.N.
Imesh K.K.C.
Imthiyas A.M.
Imthiyas B.T.M.
Imthiyas M.B.M.
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Indrachapa H.K.A.S.
Indrachapa R.M.U.
Indrani K.
Indrani S.
Indrawansha M.H.G.L.
Indushani G.G.A.

Inoka B.A.V.C
Inshifa M.I.F.
Iresha Y.G.A.
Irfan M.B.M.
Irfan R.M.
Irma Dias T.T
Iroshika S.P.G.
Iroshini W.M.M.
Irsana Begam M.F.
Ishadika B.G.S.
Ishani W.D.A.
Ishara R.H.T.

Ishari L.G.
Isharini W.A.U.
Ishool M.J.M.
Ismail R.
Ithayathinesh S.
Iththepana P.V.N.
Jabeer M.S.M.
Jaliyagoda S.T.
Jamseeth A.R.
Janaka Wijesekara S.H.M.
Janani P.
Janani S.

Janany M.
Janany P.
Janaranjan D.
Janarthanan B.
Janarthany H.
Jancy D.
Janeeza M.S.
Jaseem N.M
Jaslim J.M.

Ranasinghe Arachchige Hiruni Nashali
Kariyawasam Kanaththage Chanaka
Azeeza Mohamathu
Buharith Thambi Mohamed
Mohamed Badurudeen Mohamed
Pasikku Hennadige Harshi
Hewa Kodithuwakkuge Achini Sewwandi
Rathnayake Mudiyansele Udari
Karuppan
Sangapilli
Migel Hewage Ganesha Lakmali
Gangoda Gamachchige Ashika

Bamunu Arachchi Vidanalage Chathuri
Mohamed Iqbar Farthima
Yatigala Gammacharige Achini
Mohammadu Basheer Mohammad
Ramlan Mohamed
Tharsan Thiyonias
Simanmeru Pathiranage Gayani
Wijesinghe Mahawaththage Madusha
Mohamed Farook
Babarande Guruge Sarani
Wickramaarachchige Dona Achani
Ranasinghe Hewage Tilani

Lanka Geeganage
Wijesing Arachchige Ureka
Mohamed Jowsee Mohamed
Razak
Sinthusha
Payagalage Vijan Nilanka
Mohomed Shalih Mohamed
Surath Thilini
Abdul Rahuman
Samarasekara Herath Mudiyansele
Perinpanathan
Shammuganathan

Manikkam
Paveenthiran
Dharmalingam
Bojipriya
Hematharsan
Denisius
Mohamed Sulthan
Nisamdeen Mohamed
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Javani M.
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Mayooran
Jawfer Sithy
Sooriya Arachchige Udara
Panthiya Dewa Thanushka Sampath
Jayakodige Hasitha Sankhani
Jayakody Kankanamalage Sasani Sandeepani
Henaka Ralalage Neelaka Sandamali
Jayalath Dharmadasage Madhushani Buddhika
Ridmi Osadhi
Nammuni Arachchige Irosha
Jayamanna Kankanige Salini Madhushani

Jayamanna Mohottige Dona Noyanthika Darshani
Koralege Anuradha
Sirisena Arachchige Thrimani Suvini
Deyalage Don
Kande Arachchilage Amali Semini
Thotawattage Achini Chamila
Halgaha Withanage Kalpani Sasanka
Jayalath Pejjalage Sampath Susil
Hewa Geeganage Bhatthiya
Pauththuwadura Nimesha Geethanjanie
Sandun Lakmal
Yaddessalage Sulochana Dilrukshi

Jayasingha Arachchige Diluka
Ayesha
Dona Chamila Lakmali Alwis
Jayasinghe Arachchige Kasuni Subashitha
Jayasinghe Arachchillage Nilanka Maduwanthi
Jayasinghe Mudalige Chathurika Sandamali
Jayasinghe Mudiyansele Renuka
Jayasinghe Mudiyansele Udayanga Kalum Kumara
Karunathilaka Arachchilage Dhanushka Sampath
Kasun Madusank Lakmal
Muthukeliya Thenne Sayuri Nimansha
Maddegoda Vidanelage Madara Lakmini

Panthiya Dewage Anushi Niluka
Sandun Dinusha
Thilini Anuruddhika
Yapa Appuhamillage Dona Chathurika Madhubashini
Ediriweera Patabendige Inoka Sanjeevani
Kasuni
Jayasundara Mudiyansele Disna Diwanthi
Jayasundara Mudiyansele Inoka Upamali
Jayasundara Mudiyansele Priyangika Sandamali

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Jeyapathitharan S.
Jeyapriya R.

Muthuthantri Basthiyange Darshika Chathurani
Wedinpalawaththege Dona Sandamali Maheshika
Nadeesha Dilhani Rangana
Rajapaksha Gedara Isanka
Rathnayaka Mudiyanseleage Darshana Praneeth
Wekada Withanage Hashini Kavindra
Gallolu Kankanamalage Maheeka
Ranathunga Mudiyanseleage Harshini Madusani
Jayathunga Mudiyanseleage Sandun Darshana
Kumara
Nuwarapakshage Chamani
Ruwani Lakmali Weeramanthree
Tharaka Sachinthanie Kumarasiri

Sri Suddhasinghe Rathnabandara Dona Malshika
Nirmanani
Achini Arunika Menike
Hennayake Mudiyanseleage Anuradha Nimali
Rathnayake Mudiyanseleage Bhagya Indeewari
Madara
Wathukarage Amitha
Dissanayake Arachchilage Hashila Primalika
Jayaweera Muhandiramge Piumie Priyangika
Jayaweera Nimali Wasanthi
Pitiye Kumbure Gedara Dilini Wathsala
Mudugamuwa Hewage Nimalika Sandamali
Sebasthiyan

Natkunanathan
Hikkaduwege Tharanga
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Asokkumar
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Sarithas
Arutkalanithi
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Navarathinarasa
Abdul Kaufar
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Selvanayagam
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Kajani S.

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Kumarasamy
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Niyangama Kahata Pitiyage Sudarshi Sandamala
Natkunarasa
Rishanthan
Sivarasam

Kunaseharan
Pavithra
Selvam
Gunasekaran
Kabilan
Shakila Prasadani
Lakshani Sathsara
Suhashini
Muhammathu Azeez
Jayasinghage Nadeepa
Rajapaksha Kariyapperuma Appuhamilage Dona
Nadeesha
Weerabahu Mudiyanseelage Piumika

Rajaguru Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Dammika
Bandara
Sajani Harsha
Kaluwelle Ralalage Nilanka Sulochani
Pakkiyanathan
Kathiramalai
Kalimuthu
Maruthamutthu
David Nirushikan
Kariyawasam Weerasingha Achchi Dilini
Periaiya
Watawala Disawage Asha
Premila

Thirunavukkarasu
Ruwanthika Samanmalee
Bimani Paboda
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Farook
Sulaiman
Garihinge Chandima Mervin
Gamage Don Asitha Sandun
Wimarshani Kaushalya
Suvini Hasara
Aluth Durayalage Achini Nayanathara
Arambegoda Loku Gamage Chathurika Dilhani
Mullayala Dewage Malmi Dilusha
Vasala Bandara Jayasekara Mudiyansele
Sanjeevani Ruwanthika

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Witharanage Harshani Kanchana Gayaththri
Kalanther Lebbe
Nanayakkara Galoluwege Don
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Hewa Wedage Asha
Herath Mudiyansele Ayesha Prabodani
Mohamed Ibraheem Mohamed
Jayakody Kankanamalage Nadeesha Dhananjani
Liyana Gamage Chathurika
Arachchi Mudiyansele Deepani
Pitiduwa Gamage Yashuri

Jayasinghe Arachchige Pavani Madhushanka
Rukshani Sri Buddika
Jayasuriya Mudiyansele Amila Suranga
Jayawickrama Gamage Sakila Sandeepani
Loku Badhu Jayasooriya Patabendige Pavithra
Kanagaratnam
Rasid Fareed
Narayanapillai
Srimal
Meegamu Hettiarachchige Dona Shailee
Katukithule Gedara Sumudu Darshani
Wickramasinghe Arachchige Carmen Nuwanthi

Kodithuwakkukara Gedara Gayani Kanthi
Hewa Walgamage Sachini

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Amarakoon Mudiyansele Malshi Raveena Radhi

Sadhna Minoli

Sivalingam

Athukorale Hiruni Dilshara

Herath Mudiyansele Sulari Maheshika

Mohammadu Sirajjun Akeela

Merigngngge Dulanjalee

Abeydeera Wijewickrama Punchihewage Dulsha

Laksarani

Naotunna Palliya Guruge Githmi Chandunika

Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Udara

Dissanayake Arachchilage Nilusha Sandamali

Dissanayake Mudiyansele Timal Kalpana

Piushani Chamalka Prabashwari

Ishara Sajani Sekana

Ekanayake Mudiyansele Priyangika Sanjeevani

Andige Yurandi Emanushka

Mathara Kiri Liyanage Ishara Sewwandi

Mandadige Waruni Sepalika

Weralupe Manannalage Amagee Hansika

Mahagama Vidanelage Dona Dilmi Venusha

Athuruwala Dedigamage Supun Nirath

Herath Pathiranage Nimni Madhushani Athula

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Jayasinghe J.A.L.

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Nimna Bisheka

Dunuwila Gedara Chanuka Sandaruwan

Mudiyansele Don Rachitha Kaushalya

Ranwalage Gayanthi Anosha

Waththala Deniyage Avishki Nathasha

Jayasinghe Arachchige Lasini

Pahala Kangara Rallage Sachini Umesha

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Kasun Madusanka N.H
Kaumudika K.D.D.
Kavirathna S.H.R
Kumari K.G.S.N
Kumari M.G.A.D
Kumari R.W.Y.
Kumarihami W.D.N.S.
Lakmini W. P. S.
Lanka T.M.D.I.A.R
Liyanaarachchi M.D.S.

Logatharsan N.
Lokubalasuriya R.T
Madubashini W.K.H.
Madusanka H A M
Madushani A. A. A
Maheepala S. A.D. S. W.
Mallikarachchi U
Nadunika A.A.D
Nanayakkara S.N.A.S
Nayakarathna W.A.C.K
Nisansala D.S.A.
Pathirana H.P.M.N.

Pathmakanthi H.C.P
Perera A.P.N.S.
Perera D.D.A.S.S
Perera L.D.D.U
Perera W.K.R.U.
Prabudika E.P.M.
Pratheeban S.
Prathibhani Y.A.L.
Ramanayaka R.M.S.D.
Ranasinghe G.S.
Ranasinghe R A H D
Randeni R.K.S.S.A

Randeni R.P.N.S.
Rathnayaka R.M.U.S.W.

Rathnayake S.R.W.M.U.M.

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Salgado R.N
Samaranayake K.W.J.S.
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Degree of Master of Philosophy (Fac. of Eng. Tech. & Edu.)			02	02
Degree of Master of Arts in Development Studies and Public Policy			01	01
Degree of Master of Science in Environmental Science	00	05	26	31
Degree of Master of Science in Medical Entomology & Applied Parasitology	00	00	06	06
Degree of Master of Science in Structural Engineering	00	00	07	07
Degree of Master of Education			330	330
Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language	00	00	05	05
Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching Literature in a Second Language Context	00	00	01	01
Degree of Master of Teaching English as a Second Language	00	00	04	04
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies and Public Policy			01	01
Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Science			02	02
Postgraduate Diploma in Education	36	353	2384	2773
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology			01	01
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language	00	01	05	06
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching Literature in a Second Language Context	00	00	02	02
TOTAL				3174

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Degree of Bachelor of Arts Honours in English and English Language Teaching	00	06	06	34	46
Degree of Bachelor of Arts Honours in Library & Information Studies	05	03	03	05	16
Degree of Bachelor of Arts in English and English Language Teaching	00	00	00	01	01
Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences	01	45	186	257	489
Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Youth & Community Development	01	07	09	03	20
Degree of Bachelor of Laws	00	04	17	591	612
Degree of Bachelor of Science Honours	06	04	00	01	11
Degree of Bachelor of Science	07	31	48	355	441
Degree of Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours	05	23	22	53	103
Degree of Bachelor of Software Engineering Honours	00	04	06	04	14
Degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering	01	19	20	190	230
Degree of Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering	00	00	01	09	10
Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Primary Education	19	72	78	47	216
Total					2209
Total of All Master Degrees, PG Diplomas, Degrees					5383

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I consider it to be an honour bestowed upon me, to be invited as the Guest of Honour, at this session of your annual convocation. Diplomas, degrees and postgraduate degrees are to be awarded to graduands across many disciplines in science, technology and engineering.

When I was still an undergraduate at Moratuwa University in 1982, I first heard of the Open University concept from the late Professor Dayantha Wijesekera, one of the early Vice Chancellors of the seat of learning, which we now call the Open University of Sri Lanka, affectionately called by the academic community as the “OU”.

You will remember this day, as much as I remember mine, the day you graduate with your diploma, degree or the masters degree. Education is the driving force of both the ancient and the modern society. Education shapes a human being, to

think independently, and university education makes even more relevant to a student, owing to free expression of views and open debate. In the society out there where debate and diametrically opposite views are not adequately respected or tolerated, universities and you, their products, must cultivate healthy debate, replace hatred with accommodation, mutual respect and consideration.

Now I turn to the subject of electrical energy, which I have chosen to delve on, in my convocation address. The points I make in this address will be of interest not only to students graduating in engineering, but to others in this audience as well, including your parents, because our product, electricity, reaches every home, office, factory, hotel and business. The technical and commercial quality and the price of our product, electricity, is subject to extreme scrutiny by the media, members of the public, the business community and manufacturers. Each citizen of this country has his own solutions to the problem of electricity supply.

With no specialised knowledge of the human body and certified procedures, I dare not teach a medical doctor how he should perform a surgery, whereas every other doctor I meet has some suggestions to me on how to produce and distribute electricity. There is no reason to reject such suggestions, but we have to keep the fundamental of engineering and economic principals in focus when we transform our electricity supply and move into the future.

Fact 1: Electricity is the only commodity that has to be produced (or service if you may call it so) exactly at the same time the customer needs it, not even 1 second before, nor 1 second after.

Fact 2: Electricity can be stored as water in a reservoir, fuel in a tank, etc., while wind and solar energy go past the power plants, which if not harnessed, will go waste. Electricity cannot be stored as electricity; whereas apples, cabbages, potatoes, oil, and firewood can all be stored in the same form, retrieved instantly as the same product and consumed.

Fact 3: Customers' cumulative demand for electricity has to be exactly matched with a combination of power plants, each of which have their own constraints.

All power plants are connected to the grid. There are 18 CEB hydropower plants, one wind power plant, 11 CEB thermal power plants, 3 private thermal power plants, about 330 private renewable energy power plants (minihydro, wind, solar, biomass) and about 70,000 private rooftop solar units. Reservoirs in Mahaweli and Kelani river are in cascade, where water from one reservoir, after producing electricity, is released to the lower reservoir. Water release from reservoirs on Mahaweli river (Victoria, Randenigala, Rantembe, Ukuwela, Bowatenna) as well as Samanalawewa on Walawe Ganga, are prioritised for downstream irrigation requirements, as its first priority. Water release from Kotmale reservoir and Kelani River reservoirs are prioritised for drinking water requirements of Kandy and Colombo, respectively.

Expansion of Sri Lanka's agricultural output in the post 1950 era depends on surface irrigation, which finally helped Sri Lanka to achieve self-sufficiency in rice. All major rivers have been harnessed to provide for irrigation. A joint committee between the agencies that manage water resources prepare the weekly water release plan. The plan considers the water requirements for drinking and irrigation, for the present and upcoming season, existing reservoir levels, expected inflows to reservoirs, and decides on water release quantities for each hour for the week ahead. Power generation happens when water is released for irrigation for Mahaweli and Walawe downstream areas. On Kelani River there is more flexibility, because the river does not feed significant surface irrigation. Operations of reservoirs are guided by an internationally accredited optimization model that looks forward from up to 1 hour to 3 years ahead.

Frequent concerns expressed and wild statements that water was released out of turn, sometimes alleging that water so released helps private power producers are baseless, unless a specific condition is pointed out by the critics. The number

of variables and constraints, boundary conditions and forecasts that determine the quantity, frequency and rate of water releases is simply too heavy even for the trained human mind to grapple with and decide on the optimal operating plan, without the guidance of mathematical models.

Now we examine the performance of renewable energy-based electricity generation, and the overall objective of operating a grid.

Fact 4: To encourage private investments on renewable energy (the 330 power plants and 70,000 rooftop units, both growing fast in number and capacity), their contracts (the procedure began in 1996) are "must-run" and "must pay". This means, the grid operators, present and future, cannot refuse when they produce electricity, and conversely cannot penalise them if they do not. The price paid is stated in the agreement and solidly adhered to. That makes investments in Sri Lanka's renewable energy-based business to be most secure, where the quantity and price are guaranteed for 20 years. There is no other investment that offers such attractive prices, with a 20-year purchase guarantee, with no penalties for non-supply. There are investors who signed agreement to build power plants, which were never built, and they were not required to pay any penalties. That's how lenient Sri Lanka's power purchase agreement for small renewable-based power plants is.

Fact 5: What is the main objective of grid operators: reduce the cost of OPERATING the grid to the minimum, at any given moment. When a heavy rainfall occurs, matters get further complicated; on the demand side customers get disconnected owing bad weather toppling distribution lines and lines switched off for safety after floods; transmission lines drop out owing to lightning, the heavy downpours threaten to cause reservoirs to overflow, which means waste of potential generation of electricity if that water is retained in the reservoir. So CEB's National System Control Centre has 24-hour planning and monitoring work going on, all the time, issuing instructions to power plants, to increase or decrease their output, and lines to be upped after an interruption.

Fact 6: The system dispatcher cannot and need not favour any power plant. We have to remember that once installed, there is no difference between private or CEB thermal power plants. For private power plants, the fixed costs are paid, irrespective of whether they run or not. For CEB power plants, the loans have to be repaid, and the fixed costs are incurred. The only difference is that fixed costs of CEB power plants do not carry a profit, whereas private power plants (330 projects, 70,000 rooftop solar units, and 3 private oil-burning power plants) all carry profits, always paid, whether they are called upon to operate or not. For private oil-burning power plants, day-to-day start-up and operating hours are strictly determined by their operating costs, not by their ownership or fixed costs. This is the policy used all over the world, which some Sri Lanka's professionals, politicians and media fail to understand or do not want to understand.

The policy of all governments since 1996, has been for all power plants to be invested on and built by the private sector. Only a handful of major power plants were since built under government ownership. Norochcholai (2014) is the last such thermal power plant. CEB built larger hydropower plants (Broadlands, Moragolla, Uma Oya), since they are too large or risky for private investments. Beyond that, all renewable energy developments are private investments.

Fact 7: Sri Lanka's electricity costs and therefore prices are higher than in regional competitor countries and should be reduced.

The cost of electricity production and delivery over January – June 2025 is forecast to be as follows. A possible target for 2030 is also shown alongside. So it is a tall order, to reduce costs from Rs 34 to 25, over five years. How will this be possible, or will it be possible, at all?

Cost item	Cost in Rs per kWh	
	Jan-Jun 2025	Possible Target 2030
Generation energy	21.88	14.50
Generation capacity	3.96	4.50
Transmission	1.53	1.25
Finance	0.97	0.25
Distribution	5.51	4.50
Total	33.85	25.00

Fact 8: To achieve the cost targets above, it is essential that costs are reduced under all the cost headings, except one, that of *generating capacity*.

Costs of generation will have to be reduced from the present Rs 22 to Rs 14.50, through a mix of actions. All diesel using for power generation will be minimised and switched over to the use liquid natural gas, latest by 2028. The project to build a gas terminal, delayed for various reasons for 10 years since 2014, will commence soon and but has a lead time of 3 years. Competitive procurement of renewable energy to grid, implemented since 2016 with good results, but stalled many times in the recent past, will be re-established, to achieve best prices for customers. Recent bids for wind power have reached less than Rs 15, signalling that wind power has broken the barrier, and will certainly produce electricity below Rs 13.50 in more bidding rounds planned for 2025. Next is solar power, the dominant form of renewable energy growth in the future. Presently, bids have been received in the range Rs 15 to 20, but these prices will certainly decline toward Rs 15 or lower, once truly competitive bidding rounds are established, following the strict government policy of ensuring fair and competitive bidding for all new power plant contracts.

Finally, what price will be rooftops solar, is the question in everyone's mind.

There is no doubt that the 70,000 customers with rooftop solar units are making profits. Some customers complain to us, that the prices paid are too high and are

guilty of accepting the payment, but many enjoy the profits and keep quiet. That is not a crime, and profits are intended, without which, no private person will invest. Customers respond to the price offered, and all rooftop units are legally established, so no customer is to be blamed. Yet, as the rooftop market matures, as international prices of equipment decline, it is nothing but fair, that prices offered in Sri Lanka too decline to match the favourable international trends. The calls for reduced prices to *electricity users* will certainly have to be matched with calls for reduced prices paid to *electricity producers* without disturbing the positive trends in private investments in power generation. Competition will be established in the rooftop market too, in 2025, to discover the correct price to be paid to future participants. Falling electricity prices will be facilitated by falling renewable energy-based electricity production.

In the cost table above, generation capacity cost is the only figure that will increase. Why? Wind and solar power are intermittent; there will be surplus production during the day, and in deficit in the evening and night. Therefore, rapid deployment of storage in the form of distributed and centralised batteries will be essential. Grid level battery storage will not come cheap, and such costs have to be passed on to customers. Preliminary work to build Sri Lanka's first pumped storage power plant has commenced, with full-scale construction slated to begin in 2027. That will be the largest 600 megawatt battery, which has a long-life of 50 years or more, with no chemicals or headaches of waste disposal. And what is more; it will provide mechanical inertia to stabilize the grid in emergencies, supported with fast acting batteries to bridge any shortage or to dissipate any surplus in generation.

Significant savings will be required in distribution of electricity, without compromising the quality of power supply achieved through the hard work over 1990-2025, when Sri Lanka's distribution development drive was implemented to achieve 100% coverage and improvement of quality. In our rush to integrate renewable energy and to reduce costs of distribution, there should be no compromise of the quality of electricity supply, the technical quality and the commercial quality.

Sri Lanka's transmission and distribution losses, which were on a healthy decline, reached 8.8% in 2019, but has since risen to 9.6%, which is alarming, and needs to be arrested rapidly to reach the optimal level of 7.1%. That is a full 2.5% saving, no small measure as Sri Lanka races to reduce costs and therefore, prices of electricity.

What is commercial quality, in the regulatory jargon? Simply how soon a customer's request is attended to, how courteous the staff is, are measures of commercial quality. And we have a lot to improve on that front.

Sri Lanka's electricity pricing structure will be simplified, after years of adding different customer definitions, sometimes conflicting with each other. The price of electricity will match the costs of supply to each customer category, in the tariff reforms planned over the coming years, and subsidies to certain customers and surcharges on other customers to earn subsidies will undergo a transformation and limitations, based on a timeline. As customers gradually becomes producer-customers (we call them prosumers), capacity costs reflecting investments on behalf of each customer must be paid by each customer. Energy becomes a tradeable commodity, as for 70,000 customers with solar rooftop units.

Research efforts to facilitate the transition of Sri Lanka's electricity supply industry into the future, will be multi-dimensional, and cuts across the disciplines of engineering, finance and economics. You, the graduates and the future generations of students would have challenging topics to study, as we move ahead with the dual objective of making the grid technically stable and cost-efficient.

Thank you.