



## **APIIT proudly hosts its first ever NCUK International Foundation Year Award Ceremony!**

### **Over 50 students enroll in their dream university after successfully completing the NCUK International Foundation Year at APIIT Sri Lanka!**

The inaugural award ceremony for the graduates of the NCUK International Foundation Year at APIIT was held on 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 at BMICH, with Mr. Bandula Egodage, Chairman, APIIT Sri Lanka and Mr. Roshan Egodage, Director, APIIT Sri Lanka gracing the prestigious occasion as chief guests.

Establishing the partnership in 2021 with NCUK—a consortium of leading universities which specializes in offering university pathway qualifications for international students—APIIT joined NCUK’s extensive global network of study centres that equip students with skills and knowledge required to study abroad and gain access to world-class education.

As the first Sri Lankan education institute to offer the NCUK IFY—a uniquely positioned, world-recognized London A/L equivalent qualification that is designed to make the transition from secondary education and tertiary education seamless—APIIT takes pride in broadening the academic opportunities of prospective students who have completed their O/L examinations, by creating a pathway to NCUK partner universities across the world, with a choice to study one of thousands of different degree courses available. With a curriculum designed in collaboration with NCUK partner universities, the NCUK IFY combines high academic standards with language and study skills which transforms students into self-sufficient independent learners, ready to successfully face university life.

Addressing the graduates and their parents at the gathering, Chairman, Mr. Bandula Egodage emphasized how APIIT once again has revolutionized the higher education landscape of Sri Lanka by creating an alternative entry path to higher education around the world for Sri Lankan students. He stressed that, “with fifty-six (56) graduating students securing places in universities of their choice within a year after their O/L examinations, we at APIIT are truly honoured and humbled that we were able to broaden higher educational avenues for our beloved students.”

APIIT is committed to our purpose of igniting a passion for the intrinsic value of learning and, therefore, takes pride in recognizing students not just for their academic achievements but also for their social and moral values. Addressing the gathering, Mr Adheeb Rifkhan, a graduating student accepted for a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Manchester Metropolitan University said, “Following the NCUK IFY at APIIT was truly a life changing experience because it not only equipped me with the knowledge and confidence to excel in my undergraduate studies by supporting me to integrate rapidly into a university environment, but also taught me a lot about being an empathetic future leader who will nurture and uplift lives of others.”

The event further marked the launch of the NCUK International Year One (IYOne) to students who have completed their A/L examinations or equivalent. The NCUK International Year One is a first-year undergraduate programme that builds students’ knowledge and skills which prepares and qualifies students for entry to the second year of undergraduate studies. This unique programme would allow students to be eligible for the 2nd year of, not only one, but numerous undergraduate degree programmes offered by NCUK partner universities.

Established in 1999, APIIT Sri Lanka is well known for its contribution to the higher education industry in Sri Lanka. APIIT conducts undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in Business, Computing, and Law, awarded by Staffordshire University, UK. With a current student population of over 2,000 students and a current annual intake of

around 1000 students, APIIT Sri Lanka is the largest provider of British degree programmes in Sri Lanka and has set a benchmark for quality and standards in private higher education in Sri Lanka.