

# Making built environments responsive

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A team of researchers from GDRC participated at the international research conference of the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Moratuwa, held on December 11-12, 2015 in Colom Lanka.



Photo: opening session

The theme of the conference was "Making built environments responsive", reflecting the diverse character of research on built environment for building the future of our living environments: diverse context of hopes, the conference will cover areas like architecture, planning, building economics and integrated design.

GDRC was represented by a team of researcher who were also engaged in the following activities:

- Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga – invited session on "SOUTH ASIA AND THE SOCIETAL CHALLENGES: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE"
- Professor Richard Haigh – presentation on "Moving from 2015 to 2030: challenges and opportunities for higher education in developing resilience to disasters"
- Dr Chamindi Malalgoda – presentation on "integrating universities with built environment practice and communities in developing societal resilience to disasters"
- Dr Kaushal Keraminiyage – a presentation on "An evaluation of current urban design process in order to derive critical success factors for the creation of a potential new urban design process framework"
- Ms Kushani de Silva – a presentation on "Third Revolution Digital Technology in Disaster Early Warning"

In addition, Professors Dilanthi Amaratunga and Richard Haigh chaired 2 scientific sessions at the conference.



Photo (L to R): Professor Richard Haigh, Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga, Dr Chamindi Malalgoda, Dr Kaushal Keraminiyage GDRC, University of Huddersfield, UK; Professor Ananda Jayaearden, Chancellor, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka; Ms Kushani de Silva, PhD researcher, GDRC, University of Huddersfield, UK; Professor Lalith de Silva, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

The Faculty of Architecture at the University of Moratuwa is the only University Faculty in Sri Lanka that provides undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the disciplines of Architectural, Quantity Surveying & Planning education.

At present there are more than 2000 Undergraduates and Postgraduate students and the Faculty functions its academic activities with more than 80 academic staff.

Its programmes are accredited by RIBA, RICS and other international accreditation bodies.

The research culture at the Faculty of Architecture is one of the strongest in the University of Moratuwa, which has a rich history in pioneering research and technological development in the region, and remaining on the forefront of innovation.

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