

Advancing Skill Creation to ENhance Transformation

ASCENT Project successfully concluded 6 day training program and consultative meeting held in Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka and Fisherman Bay Hotel Weligama on 4th March 2017. The inauguration ceremony of the Training Workshop & Discussion Forum 2017 was held in the S.K.Charles auditorium of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna on 27th February 2017 where more than 100 of invitees were gathered.



Senior Professor Gamini Senanayake, the Vice-Chancellor University of Ruhuna was the chief guest at the inauguration who also delivered an informative presentation related to focal areas for disaster resilience building in Sri Lanka. Dr. Nayana Alagiyawanna Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Professor K.L. Wasantha Kumara, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna; Principal Coordinator, Professor Dilanthi Amarathunga and co-coordinator Professor Richard Haigh of the ASCENT Project, Global Disaster Centre of University of Huddersfield and Co-coordinators of the ASCENT Project in University of Ruhuna, Professor (Emeritus) K.D.N. Weerasinghe and Professor C.M. Navaratne graced the occasion.

The main theme of discussion at the ASCENT training workshop and discussion forum 2017 was “Research Methodologies for Disaster Resilience building”. There were 75 academics from University of Huddersfield and University of Central Lancashire UK, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Mid Sweden University, Sweden, Tallinn University of Technology, Naresuan University and Chiang Mai University Thailand, BRAC University, Patuakhali S&T University and University of Dhaka in Bangladesh and Universities of Colombo, Moratuwa and Ruhuna in Sri Lanka who participated and shared experiences.