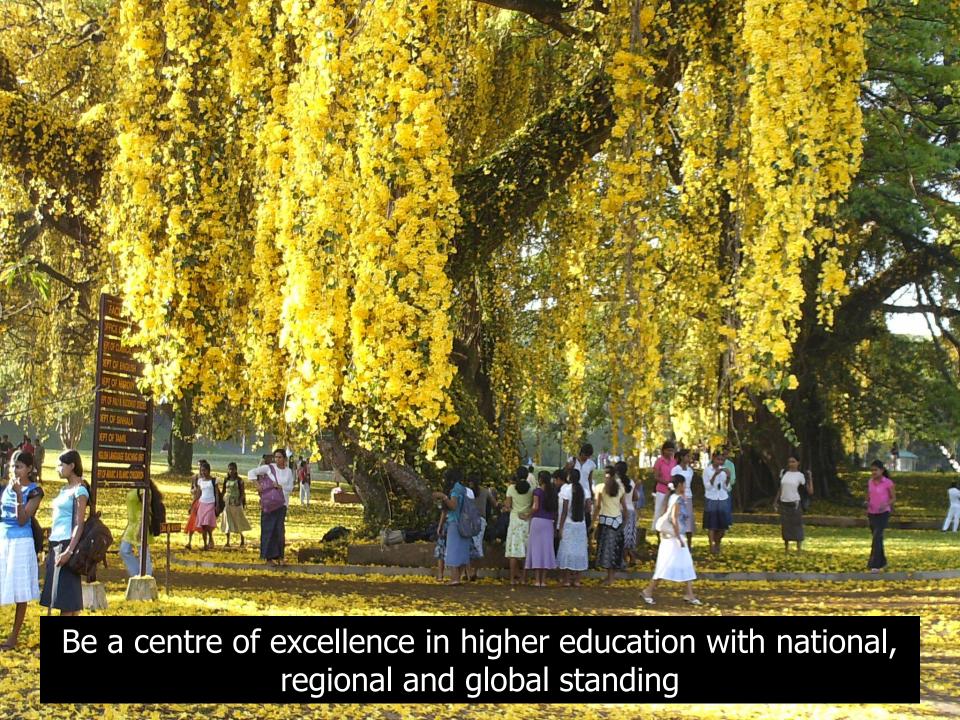
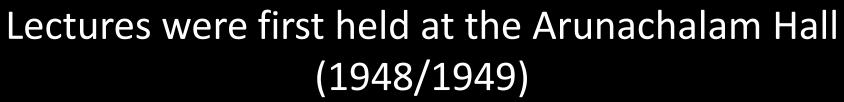


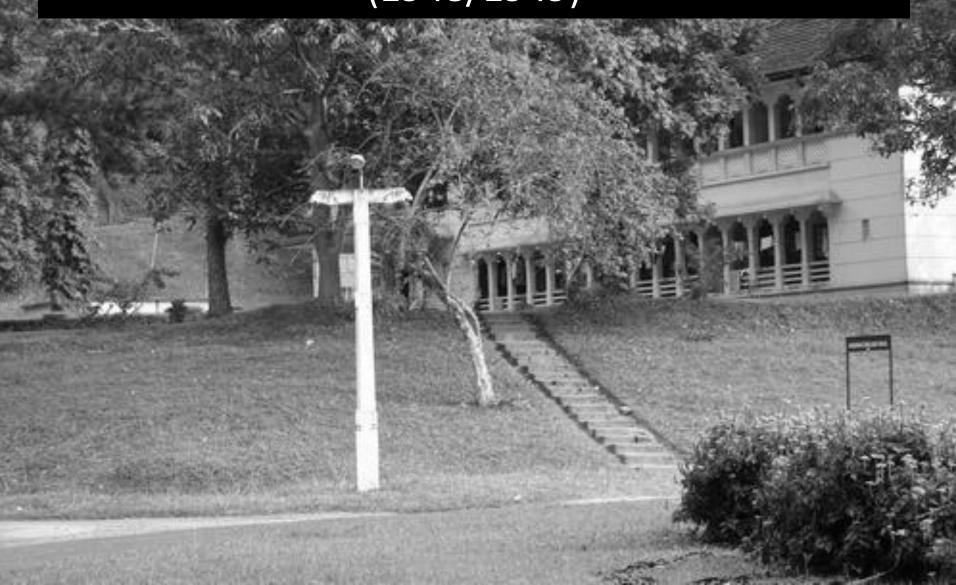
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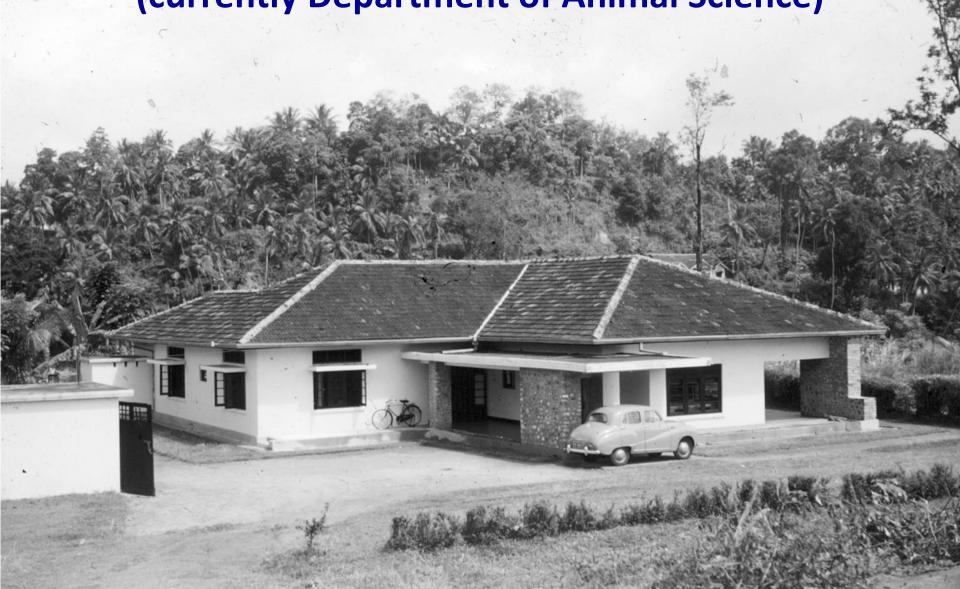
Higher Education in Agriculture

- Ministry of Education approval on 5th April 1946
- Entry of Students to follow the Agriculture Degree - 1947/1948
- Agriculture students were the first to arrive at Peradeniya
- Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Science –
 1953
- Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya -(1972/73)

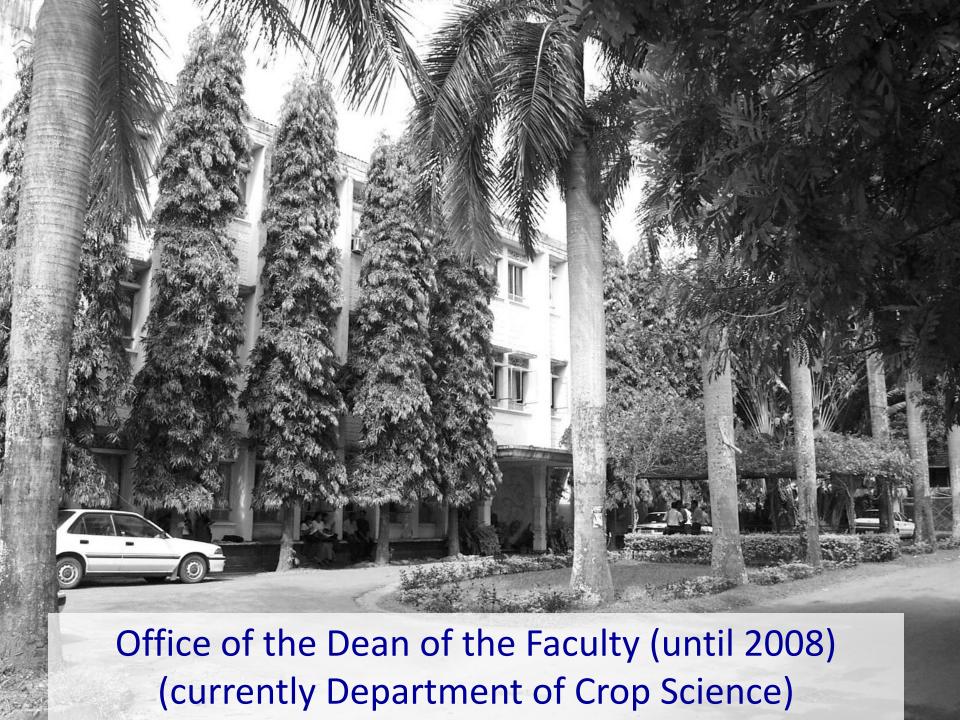




First Building occupied by the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Science since 1953 (currently Department of Animal Science)









Mission Statement

to strive for excellence in education, research and outreach in the agricultural sector for sustainable development

Faculty of Agriculture

- 8 Departments of Study
- > 1,150 undergraduate students
- 132 (120) Faculty members
- 249 administrative and academic support staff
- Only B.Sc. Agriculture degree (2005)

A New Beginning - 2006



Diversification of Degrees

- B.Sc. Agricultural Technology and Management (200) + 10 + 10
- B.Sc. Food Science and Technology (50) + 3 + 2
- B.Sc. Animal Science and Fisheries (50) + 2 + 3



The Graduates from the Faculty should be

- committed to serving above personal rewards
- responsible for self and community
- introspective, self-assessing
- flexible, adaptable
- self-motivated, inner-directed
- intellectually honest, thorough
- committed to lifelong learning
- creative, innovative
- committed to teaching
- acceptance of role as a leader, agent for change

The Graduates from the Faculty should have the following skills....

- critical thinking and assessment
- problem solving
- scientific inquiry
- interpersonal communication: verbal and written
- practical and teaching
- information: access, organize & assess
- Blend of traditional and modern technologies

- Medium of instruction : English
- Encouraging students to take part in student associations/societies/sports
- Introduction of new additions:

Life skills development

Career Guidance

English education

Computer Applications

Practical training (interactions with farmers)

Industrial training

Agribusiness/business Projects

Proposal Formulation and Seminar

Mock-interviews

Teacher evaluation by students (since 2001)

Quality Assurance (through UGC)

Partnership with state/private sector/NGOs
 (Agribusiness Centre, Agriculture
 Biotechnology Centre, Agriculture Education
 Unit)

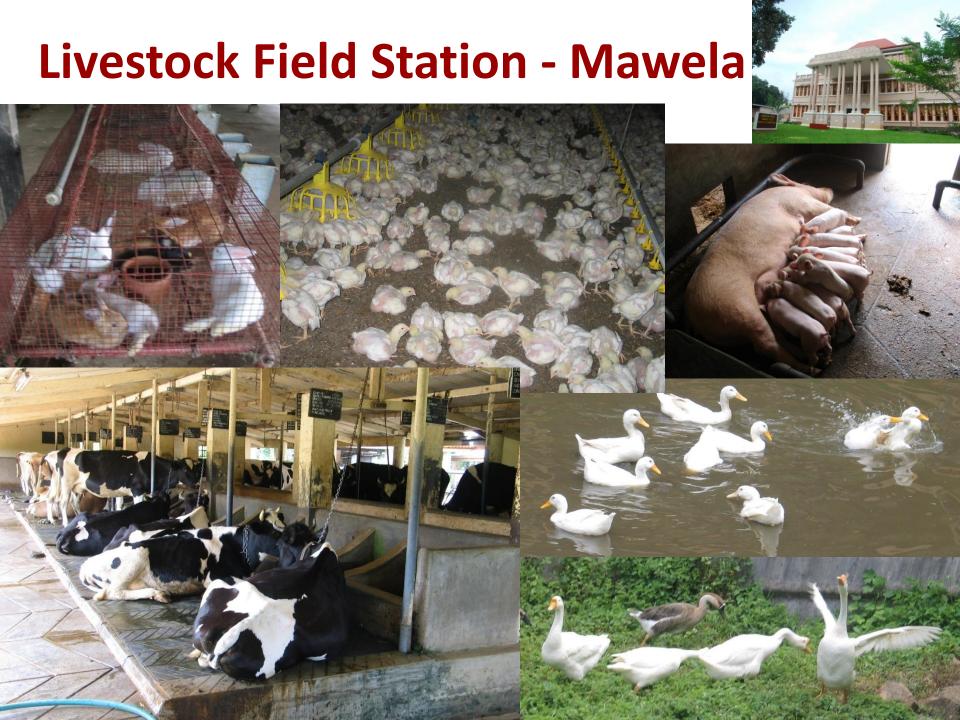
Links with Foreign Institutions

- Universities
 - USA Michigan State University, University of California-Davis
 - Canada University of Guelph
 - Japan Obihiro University, Saga University,
 Hiroshima University, Yamagata University,
 Nigata University, Tokyo University
 - Korea Pukyong National University
- Institutions
 - Agri-Food Canada
 - ILRI, IAEA, UNDP, FAO, WB, GEF, CSIRO, ICRAF

Resources

- Well-trained academic staff (>85% with Ph.D. level training from recognized universities around the world).
- Well-trained academic support staff.
- Fully-equipped laboratories.
- Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA)





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Faculty of Agriculture



Good citizens





Thank you for your attention