

## **The AAUPOC 2012-2013 Achievements: A Summary Report**

AAUPOC is a non-profit organization with approximately 50 members to date. Although its inception was only two years ago, AAUPOC successfully completed important projects which benefited the University of Peradeniya undergraduates, and the members staged social events to provide opportunities for the families and friends of members to be a part of the organization.

### **The AAUPOC Projects:**

#### 1. Scholarships for Undergraduate Students:

The project was completed in 2013 in collaboration with the parent Alumni association at Peradeniya, and the sister associations in Colombo, Melbourne and Perth. It was led by the parent association, who formalized the scholarship guidelines, published the scholarship program, selected qualified students and awarded the scholarships.

Out of the 100 scholarships offered, 14 were funded by the AAUPOC and each was estimated at Rs.12 000. CAD 1,400 of the CAD 1,830 donated by members was used. The balance of CAD 430 is being forwarded to next phase. The recipients were selected from seven faculties: Arts, Agriculture, Dentistry, Engineering, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Science.

#### 2. Text Books for Faculty Libraries:

Two dozen journals and 273 quality text books (approximate value CAD 20,000), were shipped and distributed among various faculty libraries based on needs. The books were collected by the AAUPOC members and their friends. The second phase of this project is in progress, which is expected to be completed in 2014.

#### 3. Desktop Computers for *Ramanathan* Hall:

CAD 2,770 was donated by members and their friends to purchase four computers. They were shipped to Sri Lanka on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, and are expected to reach the destination on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. To complete the project, CAD 100 is proposed to be mailed to the parent Association at Peradeniya, to purchase compatible printers.

### **The AAUPOC Social Events:**

1. A picnic was held at the *Petawawa* Beach on July 27, 2013. Approximately 90 individuals including members, their families and friends participated.
2. A variety entertainment package was delivered at the third '*Hanthana Night*' held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The members, friends of members and non-members (approximately 100 individuals) participated.

**Note:** The AAUPOC Web Site displays a list of members, executive committee, past and future news and events.

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