

**a. A brief statement of our organization's activities in photogrammetry, remote sensing and geographic information systems.**

The Faculty of Geomatics is a pioneering institution for teaching and research in Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing (RS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Sri Lanka. Currently, in addition to a specialized Bachelor's degree in RS and GIS, we offer an MSc in Surveying Sciences degree that comprises a substantial number of modules in these areas. The department of RSGIS contributes to nearly 40% of students specializing in RS and GIS streams from the annual undergraduate intake. We emphasize the latest cutting-edge areas in Photogrammetry, RS and GIS such as UAV Photogrammetry, the development of new processing algorithms in LiDAR point clouds, Polarimetric RADAR, applications of Hyperspectral imageries, Artificial intelligence, deep learning, and elements of the new generation of GIS, including big data, data science, crowd sourcing, customization tools, etc. These areas are taught and experimented by students specializing in RS and GIS streams.

We organize a biennial international symposium, GEOSYM, with most technical sessions focusing on Photogrammetry, RS, and GIS. Moreover, we contribute to the international conference of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (ICSUSL), which is organized interchangeably with the GEOSYM. The Photogrammetry, RS, and GIS sector make a significant contribution to the ICSUSL. In 2021, for the Faculty of Geomatics' Silver Jubilee celebration, we organized the largest trade and educational event in the Geospatial Science sector in Sri Lanka, the "GEOWEEK." GEOWEEK aims to strengthen the relationships between the industry and academia in Geospatial Science and applications, promote research in its discipline, and facilitate scientific exchange among researchers and scholars. GEOWEEK consists of an educational and trade fair, several panel discussions with national and international scholars and reputed professionals in the geo-informatics sector, several technical sessions, invited speakers, industry experts' talks, and workshops.

We recently established the Geo-informatics Society of Sabaragamuwa University, from which Photogrammetry, RS, GIS working groups function. This brings a research culture, team working ability, organizational skills, and professional exposure, while closely working with national and international scholars and joining the task force of conferences/events

organized by the Faculty of Geomatics. Additionally, a dedicated society for the development of GIS tools, "GeoMappers," functions under the department of RSGIS.

Furthermore, we conduct knowledge-sharing and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs annually, particularly in Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and GIS fields. For example, we organize the SuperMap GIS workshop and competition, an annual virtual event, for the Inter-University student community of Sri Lanka. We also provide support services and consultations to local government authorities and deliver client requirements, such as topographical maps, 3D landscapes (DEM), mostly capturing image data by faculty UAVs, for decision-making purposes. Generally, we maintain close relationships between the industry and government authorities and often contribute expertise in Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and GIS as an honorary service.

**b. A list of organization officers and addresses.**

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