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Colombo:

SEC/CSE Varsity Battles 2023, inter-faculty quiz competitions commenced at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka

- Winning faculty teams awarded a cash prize of Rs. 75,000 each.
- Rajarata University of Sri Lanka inter-faculty quiz

Winner: Faculty of Applied Sciences Team 1

1st Runner-up: Faculty of Applied Sciences Team 2

2nd Runner-up: Faculty of Management Studies Team 1

• University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka inter-faculty quiz

Winner: Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce Team 2 1st Runner-up: Faculty of Engineering Team 2 2nd Runner-up: Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce Team 1

The first two programmes of the Varsity Battles 2023, the inter-faculty quiz competition organized by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), were successfully completed at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka on 24th and 25th May 2023, respectively.

Faculty of Applied Sciences Team 1 emerged as the winning team of the inter-faculty quiz at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, receiving a cash prize of Rs. 75,000, whilst Faculty of Applied Sciences Team 2 and Faculty of Management Studies Team 1 received certificates for being 1st and 2nd runners- up respectively.

At the inter-faculty quiz competition held at the University of Jaffna, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce Team 2 emerged as the winning team, receiving a cash prize of Rs. 75,000. whilst Faculty of Engineering Team 2 and Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce Team 1 received certificates for being 1st and 2nd runners-up, respectively.

The Varsity Battles 2023 intends to create awareness and educate University Students, on capital markets and to increase financial literacy among university students.

The quiz competition is conducted in two stages. The first stage is the inter-faculty competitions followed by the second stage which will be an inter-university competition.

The top three teams with the highest scores at the inter-faculty competition will compete at the interuniversity competition. The winning team of the inter-university competition will receive a cash prize of Rs. 300,000, whilst 1st and 2nd runner-up teams will receive Rs. 200,000 and Rs. 100,000, respectively. Commenting on the initiative, CSE Senior Vice President Marketing, Mr. Niroshan Wijesundere, said, "The Quiz Competition is another initiative taken by the Colombo Stock Exchange in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Commission to create awareness on the importance of financial, investor and capital market education. Thus, this initiative highlights the importance of financial literacy for every undergraduate in Sri Lanka."

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RUSL Winning Team – Varsity Battles 2023 (inter-faculty quiz competition)



UOJ Winning Team – Varsity Battles 2023 (inter-faculty quiz competition)

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