

The Eastern University students supported by the Ceylon Student's Educational Fund in Australia have all become graduates.

- Graduation ceremonies will follow soon.
- A number of students have been successful in obtaining employment, whilst some have decided to undertake further studies.



The Ceylon Student's Educational Fund's (Fund) has supported those students that were severely affected by the decades long civil war and the 2004 Tsunami. These students who were undertaking their studies at the Eastern University received financial assistance through the Fund to help complete their studies.

Through the financial assistance provided by many members in Australia and others from overseas, the Fund has been able to provide support for students who have been severely affected by the civil war.

Students from Eastern University, Jaffna University, Eastern University's Vavuniya campus and Colombo University have received financial support from the Fund. Many of these students have been successful in securing employment within Sri Lanka and some, internationally.

Over the last few years these students have graduate in three batches. The last of the three batches consisted of 18 students from Eastern University, who completed their studies in December 2014.

A function was recently held at Chengaladi Church Hall. At this function, the Fund's patron and Assistant Treasurer, Mr L Murugapoopathy, met and spoke to the students, as well as provide them the funds for the relevant period. The function was presided by the co-ordinator from VOVCOD, Mr T Ganesh. The student representative, Miss Dilani Thanaraj, organized the function.

There are currently two Eastern University students who are yet to complete their studies. They will conclude their studies in July 2015.

The students that spoke at the function likened the support provided by the Fund to that of a parent. The long-term assistance provided by the Fund and its sponsors to help them complete their studies without any disruptions and visiting them from time to time to see how they are progressing was greatly appreciated.

The students also thanked and congratulated the Fund and its members for providing assistance for their education. The students submitted letters of gratitude to their respective sponsors.

Finally on behalf of all the students, Mr Murugapoopathy was presented with a trophy which was a token of the student's appreciation for all the work undertaken by the Fund.

Those students who attended the function included the following:

- Miss Harshika
- Miss Thushanthi
- Miss Jeyaratha
- Miss Suhashini
- Miss Naagarani
- Miss Prashanthini
- Miss Dharshini
- Miss Dilani
- Miss Kalaimathi
- Miss Maithrei
- Mr Jeyasinger
- Mr Prabaharan
- Mr Janakan
- Mr Kumanen
- Mr Jenarthanan
- Mr Sarathkumar
- Mr Sasikumar

Some of the students were unable to attend as they had relocated to different areas due to their employment. These students spoke to Mr Murugapoopathy by phone and passed on their gratitude.

We would also like to advise that the following students completed their university studies in September 2013:

- Mr Arun Prathap
- Mr Gajanthan
- Mr Krishnakaran
- Miss Madhurajini
- Miss Rajiyayini
- Miss Mithura Thayanithi
- Miss Kokulavani

The Fund commenced the provision of financial assistance to ten students from the Vavuniya campus of Jaffna University in January 2010. These students were severely affected by the war during its dramatic end in 2009. To help these students attend university, bicycles were provided by well meaning sponsors in Australia. These students have completed their studies with some of them having moved overseas.

Some of the students who undertook their A-Level studies in 2014 have been successful in gaining a university placement in Colombo, Jaffna, East and Eastern Universities for 2015. This news was received from the students and the coordinators of the Northern and Eastern districts at the functions held in February 2015.

Details of these students and their respective sponsors can be found in the Fund's Annual Report which can be accessed on the internet at www.csefund.org.

