

University of Kelaniya

**One Asia Seminar**

Duration: From March to July, 2014

- #01  
(5 March) The influence of South Asian languages and literature in the Asian region  
M. A. N. Karunaratne (professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Kelaniya)
- #02  
(12 March) Southwast Asian society and culture  
K. N. O. Dharmadasa (professor emeritus, chief editor of Sinhara Encyclopedia)
- #03  
(19 March) Asian society and culture of Middle East and South East Asia  
Okklampitiye Pannasara Thero (rev., professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Kelaniya)
- #04  
(26 March) Aboriginal communities and their cultural identity in the Asian region  
Thilakasri Ramya Gamini Dela Bandara (professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Kelaniya)
- #05  
(2 April) The problems of literacy and illiteracy in the Asia region  
J. B. Dissanayake (professor, department of Sinhara, Universiry of Colombo)
- #06  
(9 April) The problems of higher education in the Asian region  
Gunawardhana Nanayakkara (professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Kelaniya)
- #07  
(23 April) Minority rights in the Asian region and Tamil people  
Darshana Rathnayake (professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Kelaniya)
- #08  
(30 April) The influence of East and North Asian literature in South East Asia  
Kulatilaka Kumarasinghe (professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Kelaniya)
- #09  
(7 May) Asian economy and the global challenges  
Upali Hetti Arachchi (professor, Department of Economics, University of Kelaniya)
- #10  
(14 May) The impact of Hinduism and Buddhism as universal religions  
Unuwaturabubule Mahinda (rev., Dept. of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Univ. of Ruhuna)
- #11  
(28 May) The influence of Christianity and Islam on the Asian region  
Ashoka Premarathne (professor, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Kelaniya)
- #12  
(4 June) The changing role of agriculture and industry in the Asian region  
Sunil Ariyaratne (professor, Department of Sinhara, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura)
- #13  
(11 June) Women's rights in the Asian region  
Lee Yonsuku (professor, Graduate School of Language and Society, Hitotsubashi Univ.)
- #14  
(25 June) Poverty and standards of living in the Asian region  
Nur Aini Setiawati (professor, Department of History, Gajah Mada University, Indonesia)

#15                    The uniqueness of language policies in the Asian region  
(2 July)                Nimal Parawahera (Dr., Department of Cultural Affairs, Perth University, Australia)

\*Note\* Lectures are subject to change according to lecturers' convenience.