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### About Me

I obtained my BSc honours degree in Geology from the University of Peradeniya, and the MSc degree from Shimane University, Japan. In 1999, I received my PhD degree from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany with an excellent pass. After returning to Sri Lanka, I joined the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka as a Senior Lecturer and in 2002 joined the Department of Geology, University of Peradeniya. In 2008, I was granted a merit promotion to Professor in Geology and in 2016, I was promoted to the position of Senior Professor in Geology. I also served as the Head of the Department for 3 years (2016-19) and in many University committees. In 2006 and 2019, I was awarded Research Fellowships from the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation for a research stay in the Federal Republic of Germany. In 2013, based on my outstanding academic performance, the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka conferred upon me, the Fellowship of the Academy. I also received many awards from the President of Sri Lanka including the National Awards for Science & Technology Achievements for Excellence in international collaboration for the advancement of Science & Technology (2018), and Committee of Vice-chancellors and Directors (CVCD) Excellence award -Most Outstanding Senior Researcher in Sri Lanka (2018) in the field of Physical Sciences which is the highest award that can be obtained by an academic in Sri Lanka. In 2016, I was awarded the prestigious Ananda Coomaraswamy Medal by the Geological Society of Sri Lanka for my contributions to the advancement of the Geology of Sri Lanka.

### Higher Education Qualifications



**PhD**

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität  
Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Germany  
(1999)



**MSc**

Shimane University  
Japan  
(1994)



**BSc**

University of Peradeniya  
Sri Lanka  
(1988)



## Awards, Scholarships, Memberships & Fellowships



Committee of Vice-chancellors and Directors (CVCD) Excellence award -Most outstanding Senior Researcher in Sri Lanka in the field of Physical Sciences (life time award) (the highest award can be obtained by a academics in Sri Lanka)-2018



National Awards for Science & Technology Achievements for Excellence in international collaboration for advancement of S&T (National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka)-2018



Ananda Coomaraswamy Medal from the Geological Society of Sri Lanka (awarded considering the contributions to the advancement of geology of Sri Lanka)-2016



Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship (Germany) 2011; 2019



George Forster Research Fellowship (Germany) 2006/07



German Academic Exchange Award (Germany) 2003 and 2014



The President's Research Award (Sri Lanka) 11 times from 1999 to 2018









NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publications -2012

## Positions Held



Head/Geology- (from July 2016 to July 2019)





## My Teachings

-  ES314: Geological Environment and Earth Resources
-  GL111: Earth Processes (3)
-  GL112: Earth Processes Practical
-  GL331: Environmental Geology
-  GL414: Advanced Environmental Geology
-  GL421: Project Proposal and Report Writing

## Research Interests (Research Fields/ Projects)

- Environmental geochemistry,  
Medical Geology with particular attention to Chronic Kidney Disease with uncertain etiology (CKDu),
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- Groundwater contamination in coastal regions,
- Isotope hydrology,
- Use of geological materials for water decontamination,
- Paleoclimate reconstruction,
- Holocene extinction includes the disappearance of megafauna,

## Ongoing Research and Projects

-  **Geoenvironmental implications of Chronic Kidney Diseases of uncertain etiology (CKDu)**
-  **Investigations on millennial and sub-millennial-scale variability of monsoon and its impact on terrestrial ecosystems in Sri Lanka**
-  **Isotope geochemistry of sedimentary aquifers in Sri Lanka**
-  **Nutrient dynamics in mountain catchments**

## Key Publications



**Environmental Geochemistry and Health - (2011)**

Chronic Kidney Diseases of Uncertain Etiology (CKDue) in Sri Lanka: geographic distribution and environmental implications



**Earth Science Reviews - (1999)**

Medical geochemistry of tropical environments

## Conferences



**6th International Conference on Lakes**

HELD AT : Tsukuba, Japan - (1995)



**15th International Sedimentological Congress**

HELD AT : Alicante, Spain - (1998)



**5th Asia-Pacific Social Science and Medicine Conference**

HELD AT : Sri Lanka - (2000)



**4th AGM and Learning Event- Communities and Small Scale Mining; Gems, Mine to Market, organized by the World Bank**

HELD AT : Sri Lanka - (2004)



**International Conference on System Earth Biosphere Coupling**

HELD AT : Germany - (2004)



**34th International Geological Congress (IGC)**

HELD AT : Brisbane, Australia - (2012)



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