

# Empowering Industry Professionals

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## The Postgraduate Unit is a newly established department of the university. Can you briefly give us an overview of the unit?

The Postgraduate Unit was established under the Faculty of Business with the intention of designing pathways for business professionals, entrepreneurs, government officials to strengthen their professional potential while helping their organizations to achieve sustainable growth. The Postgraduate Unit is currently offering a range of certificate programmes, advanced certificate programmes, postgraduate diplomas, and MBAs that are approved by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Higher Education. It is with pride that I mention the fact that we have produced more than 1000 graduates who have reached top positions in both the corporate and government sectors from the Postgraduate Unit at NSBM Green University.

What are the unique features of the unit that ensure quality post graduate education for the students?

The unit has several unique features. Firstly, the postgraduate programmes offered by us are designed to provide theoretical and practical knowledge that cater towards the advancement of academic and professional competencies. Secondly, our program content is not limited to lectures but comprises of out-bound training, foreign tours, business forums and community services. Thirdly, we have a highly talented panel of lecturers comprised of qualified academic members and industry experts. Last but not least, I can say that we execute our programmes in an eco-friendly and an intellectually stimulating learning environment.

## What type of new additions could we expect in the future from the unit?

Several new additions and changes are expected to be made to the unit in the future. We expect to expand the number of master's

degree programmes offered by the unit. Apart from that we are hoping to start a PHD programme. Furthermore, we are planning to hold a Postgraduate Research Symposium and publish a multi-disciplinary postgraduate research journal with the intention of developing a strong research culture among the Postgraduate candidates.

## As the Head of the Postgraduate Unit what would be your message to the graduates and postgraduate candidates?

I am optimistic that the programmes offered by our Unit will assist our graduates to climb up the corporate ladder and attain significant achievements in their careers. I believe that further research will be needed for the future sustenance of both our students and the country. ■

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