Enhancing education ties between Tasmania and Sri Lanka

Science students from the University of Tasmania have an opportunity to make regional connections when they embark on a unique study abroad program in Sri Lanka.

Twelve undergraduate students from the University who are enrolled in science, environment and agriculture courses will tomorrow depart Hobart to take part in a 28-day study program at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka.

Unit Coordinator, Associate Professor Tina Acuna, said the short program would give students an opportunity to expand their knowledge of Sri Lanka and make connections that may benefit them later in their careers.

"The students will be based at the University of Peradeniya and will participate in lectures and field trips with a focus on sustainable tropical agricultural systems, tropical biodiversity, and organic farming systems," Associate Professor Acuna said.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge by seeing first-hand how agriculture is undertaken in another country. It will provide students with a truly global perspective on their study.

"This program supports the Faculty’s aspiration to produce tomorrow’s generation of scientific and technological leaders who will tackle some of the world’s most complex challenges.

"Students also have an opportunity to find out more about Sri Lanka by taking part in cultural and recreational activities, including visiting an elephant orphanage and temples."

The study abroad program is supported by the Australian Government’s New Colombo Plan Mobility Program which provides generous grants for Australian undergraduate students to study in eligible host locations in the Indo-Pacific region.

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