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Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Dear Sir,

Invitation to Participate – ACCEL 7.0 – Sustainability & Digital Transformation Expo 2026

We are pleased to invite students of your university to take part in **ACCEL 7.0 – Sustainability & Digital Transformation Expo 2026**, a two-day event organized by the Student Community of the Department of Business Management, SLIIT Kandy UNI, to be held on **24th and 25th September 2026, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.** at the SLIIT Kandy UNI premises.

The Expo brings together industry, startups, entrepreneurs, schools and university students across four exhibition zones. As part of this, we would be pleased to offer your university one or more complimentary exhibition stalls in the Student Innovation Zone, where student teams can showcase research, prototypes and business ideas to industry professionals, academics and the public.

The criteria and details governing university participation and stall allocation are set out below for your reference.

Stall Participation Criteria – Universities (Student Innovation Zone)

1. Eligibility

- Open to undergraduate and postgraduate students of invited universities and higher education institutes.
- University-affiliated research groups, student societies, and campus-based start-up teams may also nominate a team to exhibit.

2. Team Composition

- **Students:** A team of up to four (04) to five (05) students per stall.
- **Faculty Coordinator:** At least one (01) staff member/academic coordinator should accompany or remain reachable for the exhibiting team throughout the Expo day.

3. Exhibit Focus

Exhibits should relate to one or more of the Expo's core themes:

- Research-based prototypes and applied academic projects
- AI, digital transformation and smart technology solutions
- Sustainability, circular economy and green innovation initiatives
- Social entrepreneurship and early-stage business/start-up ideas

4. Zone, Date & Time

Zone	Zone 2 – Student Innovation Zone*
Participation Day	24th and 25th September 2026
Reporting Time	8.30 a.m. (Registration)
Expo Hours	9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.



*Teams exhibiting a formally registered university start-up or spin-off may instead be considered for the Startup & Entrepreneur Pavilion — please indicate this at registration so the organizing committee can confirm the appropriate zone.

5. What the Organizers Will Provide

- One stall space (approx. 6 ft x 4 ft) per team within the Student Innovation Zone.
- One (01) table and two (02) chairs per stall.
- A standard signage board displaying the university/faculty name.
- Electricity point on request (to be indicated at registration).
- Refreshments and lunch for exhibiting students and accompanying staff.
- Sanitary facilities, first-aid provision and on-site supervision throughout the day.
- **A certificate of participation** for every exhibiting student and accompanying staff member; winning teams will additionally receive a certificate of recognition at the Awards Ceremony on Day 2.

6. What Universities Should Prepare

- The research output, prototype, idea board or display material to be exhibited.
- Any posters, banners or standees sized to fit within the allocated stall space.
- A short pitch/presentation of the exhibit, as teams may be invited to present to visiting judges.

7. Mandatory Online Orientation

A mandatory online orientation session will be held **prior to the exhibition** for all participating students and teachers, to explain the Expo zones, stall requirements and the day's schedule.

8. Accommodation for Distant Universities

We recognize that some of our invited universities are located outside the Kandy area. To make participation easier for these institutions, we are pleased to offer the following accommodation support for exhibiting students and accompanying staff travelling from distant universities:

- Complimentary overnight accommodation will be arranged for exhibiting students and the accompanying faculty coordinator travelling from distant universities.
- Accommodation will be arranged near the SLIIT Kandy UNI premises for the night before the Expo Day, subject to availability.
- Universities wishing to avail of this facility should indicate the number of students and staff requiring accommodation at the time of registration.



9. Registration

Your university is welcome to submit **more than one team** for consideration — please complete a separate **Exhibit Submission Form** (enclosed) for each proposed team and return the form(s) to accel@kandyuni.lk on or before **14th September 2026**. Our committee will screen all submissions and confirm the team(s) selected to exhibit.

We look forward to welcoming your university's students to ACCEL 7.0, and to giving them a valuable platform to engage directly with industry.

Yours faithfully,

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