

## Ongoing Projects

### Extending the Campus WIFI Network to the University Halls of Residence:

*Phase I – Akbar Nell Hall Complex*

#### **Standing Committee on University Development:**

***Chaired by Prof. Pradeepa Bandaranayake, Vice President***

This project was planned after a preliminary need assessment survey in Halls of residence of the University of Peradeniya. As there is no web access to students in any of the Halls of Residence, students have to depend on self-paid data. This is expensive and discourages students from using online learning in general. The seriousness of this matter was considered and the AAUP considered it as another priority in student's welfare. Since it is an extensive project that can be done in stages, Akbar-Nell hall complex was chosen for the phase I. This will enable the facility for around 750 students. A majority of them will be from the Faculty of Engineering. A reliable estimate prepared for this indicates a figure of Rs. 7 million. The official launch of the project was done on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020 when Mr. Dhammike Fernando from USA opened the web page at a simple ceremony held at Akbar Hall. Mr. Fernando who volunteered to lead the project, graduated from the Faculty of Engineering in 2002 and currently works and resides in USA.

The team hope that the entire cost be met by Alumni and well-wishers reside locally as well as globally. So far, a little over USD 1000 has been pledged by well-wishers from USA. A flier has been displayed on the AAUP web site for soliciting funds. It is hoped that this project would materialize soon for the benefit of the current and future students of the University of Peradeniya.