

# Newsletter



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# A Historic Step for LNBTI Alumni in Japan

In June 2025, LNBTI took its first monumental step towards establishing a robust and thriving Alumni Association in Japan, marking a significant milestone in the institute's history. This pivotal event was made possible by the remarkable support and dedication of our past students.

The gathering took place in Kanazawa City, where the founding members of the LNBTI Japan Alumni community came together for the first time. This reunion not only celebrated the accomplishments of our alumni but also laid the foundation for future collaborations, networking opportunities, and support for current and future LNBTI graduates.

Mr. Koga Michio, Founding Chairman and current Senior Advisor, and Professor Ananda Kumara, Vice Chancellor, visited Kanazawa and met the energetic students who had transferred to Kanazawa Institute of Technology. These students are now in the final year of their undergraduate programs, demonstrating strong academic and personal growth. In addition to the physical presence of these students, several other alumni—currently studying at our partner universities or working in Japanese IT companies—joined the session virtually, further highlighting the expanding footprint of LNBTI graduates in Japan's academic and professional landscape.

This memorable occasion not only strengthened bonds within the alumni network but also emphasized the growing success of LNBTI's vision of producing globally competent professionals who contribute meaningfully to the Japan-Sri Lanka partnership.



LNBTI Graduates and Staff members Joined the Event both physically and online

#### Cross–Cultural Exchange Programs: Japanese Universities Deepen Understanding and Language Skills with LNBTI Students

LNBTI recently hosted an enriching Idea Exchange Program with students from two prestigious Japanese universities: Tamagawa University and Nakamura Gakuen University, creating a valuable platform for cross-cultural learning and international collaboration. This initiative not only fostered mutual respect and friendship but also served as a dynamic space for meaningful dialogue on key global and societal issues.

The exchange allowed our students to enhance their Japanese language proficiency through direct interaction with native speakers in both formal discussions

and casual conversations. This immersive experience significantly improved their confidence and communication skills, bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world application.

Beyond language development, the students engaged in thought-provoking discussions on cultural values, social norms, and political systems, gaining a deeper understanding of both Sri Lankan and Japanese societies. These conversations helped break down stereotypes and encouraged critical thinking, curiosity, and empathy.

#### オンライン国際交流

International Exchange Program (Online)

**LNBTI Japanese IT University** 

中村学園大学

Nakamura Gakuen University-Japan 2025 年6月 3 日(火)





オンライン国際交流 International Exchange Online

LNBTI - Lanka Nippon <u>Biztech</u> Institute 玉川大学 <u>Tamagawa University</u>

2025年6月26日(木)





# A New Chapter Begins: Welcoming the Latest Batch of LNBTI Students

In an exciting new chapter for LNBTI, the latest batch of students is welcomed into the ever-growing academic family. This dynamic group, brimming with bright aspirations and limitless potential, embarks on a transformative journey into the world of technology. With hearts filled with dreams and eyes set on boundless opportunities, they are ready to make their mark on the future.

LNBTI is committed to empowering the next generation of tech leaders. As part of the ongoing dedication to fostering innovation and providing global opportunities, each student in this new intake has been provided with air tickets to support their journey. These essential contributions are designed to help them turn their dreams into reality, enhance their education, and pursue their goals without constraints.

These efforts are not simply gestures of goodwill; they are strategic investments in the future of technology and leadership, ensuring that students are equipped to thrive in a global landscape. Welcome to the LNBTI family - together, a future full of promise and possibility is being built.





Newly Entered LNBTI Students are Having Free Air Tickets

## LNBTI Alumnus Mr. Asith Ishantha Returns with Japanese Delegation to Create Opportunities for Sri Lankan Students

We are thrilled to highlight the inspiring journey of Mr.Asith Ishantha, a proud alumnus from LNBTI's second graduating batch, who is currently excelling in Japan's tech sector.

Mr. Asith now serves as Lead Engineer in the Product Division at ALTURA X Inc., – a cutting-edge Japanese biotechnology company that leverages technology to advance healthcare and improve lives.

Demonstrating his commitment to giving back, Mr. Ishantha returned to Sri Lanka alongside two senior executives from ALTURA X: Mr. Hideto Sasakura, Founder & CEO, Mr. Youhei Yamashita, Director & Chief Product Officer (CPO).

During their visit to LNBTI, the delegation expressed a strong interest in fostering collaborations and creating new career opportunities for Sri Lankan students in the fields of biotechnology, information technology, and health innovation.

Mr. Asith is not only leading projects in Japan but also managing a dedicated Sri Lankan team, reflecting the international potential and leadership qualities of LNBTI graduates.

Mr. Asith's remarkable journey from a student at LNBTI to a key figure in a pioneering Japanese company is a powerful testament to the impact of vision, hard work, and the right educational foundation.



Mr. Youhei Yamashita is introducing their company to LNBTI Students



Mr. Asith Ishantha (LNBTI Graduate) Work for ALTURA X Inc, Japan, as a Team Leader (IT Engineer)

## LNBTI Graduate Spotlight: Ms. Kumudri Goonetilleke From LNBTI to Japan – inspiring story!

Ms. Kumudri Goonetilleke, a proud LNBTI alumna, graduated with a Bachelor's in Computer Science and Engineering and is currently pursuing her Master's in Project Management at the University of Aizu, Japan. She now works as a Software

Developer at EYES, Japan - showcasing the global potential of our students. We are proud to see our graduates excelling internationally with intelligence, dedication, and professionalism!



Ms. Kumudri with her academic advisor, after the convocation ceremony

## Bridging Nations Through Innovation! Japanese IT Company CEO Visits LNBTI to Explore Collaborative Opportunities

The CEO of a leading Japanese IT company recently visited the LNBTI to explore potential avenues for formal collaboration. The visit marked a significant milestone in strengthening ties between the Japanese tech industry and Sri Lankan academia.

Key discussions during the visit centered on establishing internship programs for LNBTI students and creating employment pathways for graduates in Japan. The CEO expressed strong appreciation for LNBTI's unique educational model, which seamlessly integrates an IT degree program with Japanese language instruction—effectively

equipping students for careers in Japan's competitive tech sector.

During the visit, the CEO held comprehensive discussions with LNBTI's academic and management teams, focusing on how collaborative efforts could benefit both countries by bridging the gap between industry needs and academic training.

A highlight of the visit was a direct interaction with LNBTI students. The CEO was notably impressed by the students' fluency in Japanese. Engaging in conversations without the need for a translator.



The CEO of a leading Japanese IT company interacted with LNBTI Students

# Strengthening Sri Lanka–Japan Ties: Delegation from the Supporting Organization of JICA– JOCV Explores Collaboration Opportunities with LNBTI

A distinguished 18-member delegation from the Aichi Branch of the Supporting Organization of JICA-JOCV, led by Mr. Mizuo Sakamoto, visited LNBTI to explore potential avenues for collaboration. This visit was part of a commemorative study mission celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the JICA-JOCV program. As part of their efforts to deepen cultural understanding and foster international cooperation, the delegation conducted six interactive sessions aimed at enhancing awareness of Japanese society and industry. These included engaging workshops on Origami, Shodō (calligraphy), Matcha tasting (Japanese tea ceremony), and Ninin Baori (a traditional Japanese comedic performance). The program also featured a lecture on the prospects

of Japan's IT industry and a session on Japanese business etiquette and culture. More than 200 LNBTI students actively participated in the sessions. The delegation expressed strong enthusiasm for supporting LNBTI students preparing for internships at leading Japanese IT companies, particularly in Aichi Prefecture. They also conveyed their commitment to helping these students enjoy a comfortable and culturally enriching experience during their stay in Japan. This landmark visit represents a significant milestone in strengthening ties between Sri Lanka and Japan. particularly in the areas of IT education, career development, and intercultural exchange.



Students are engaging with Making Matcha (Japanese tea), having a lesson about Japanese Biz practices, and the delegation is having a discussion with the management

### පොසොන් බැති ගී සුයාමය 2025 -The day of Poson Celebration at LNBTI

The Poson Bakthi Geetha (Poson Devotional Songs) is a cherished tradition of the Poson festival in Sri Lanka, deeply reflecting the spirituality and devotion associated with the day. These devotional songs are central to the festival, celebrating the arrival of Buddhism to Sri Lanka and honoring the teachings of the Buddha. While traditional Bakthi Geetha remains a vital part of the Poson celebration, modern adaptations of the songs are also heard, blending the old with the new to resonate with today's generation.

In line with this meaningful festival, LNBTI students organized a special Poson Geetha event at LNBTI University. The event brought together students and faculty in a shared moment of reflection and reverence, uniting the university community in spiritual devotion. The songs, performed with deep sincerity and respect, echoed throughout the university, creating an atmosphere of peace and mindfulness.

This Poson celebration not only honored the rich Buddhist heritage of Sri Lanka but also allowed the LNBTI family to come together in a collective expression of faith and gratitude. Through this event, students had the opportunity to experience the significance of the Poson festival and actively participate in the preservation of this beautiful tradition.





LNBTI Students are Presenting Poson Bakthi Geetha and Drama

## Strengthening Community Bonds: LNBTI Staff Participate in Japanese Day at Kollonawa Girls' School

In an effort to enhance and build stronger relationships with the school community, LNBTI staff members took part in the Japanese Day celebration at Kollonawa Girls' School. This collaborative event provided an opportunity to foster crosscultural understanding and deepen ties with the local educational community.

Representing LNBTI at the event were Head of Japanese Department, Senior Lecturer Mr. Toshiyuki Sadoi and Senior Lecturer, Dr. Manjula Wanninayaka and Assistant Marketing Manager Mr. Thilina De Zoysa, who engaged with the students and faculty, sharing valuable insights about Japanese food culture and

work ethics. The discussion also delved into the distinct work culture of Japan, emphasizing values such as discipline, punctuality, respect for hierarchy, and the importance of teamwork.

This event is part of LNBTI's ongoing efforts to build meaningful connections with local schools and communities, promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding. By sharing the unique aspects of Japanese culture, LNBTI continues to contribute to the development of well-rounded, globally aware students, ready to engage with the world's diverse cultures.





LNBTI staff members took part in the Japanese Day celebration at Kollonawa Girls' School

# The Vice Chancellor's Message



"Empowering Sri Lankan Youth: How LNBTI is Shaping Future Leaders for Japan"

The Lanka Nippon BizTech Institute (LNBTI), South Asia's first Japanese-affiliated IT university, is quickly becoming a recognized leader in global talent mobility. With nearly 500 students enrolled, the institute is gaining widespread attention from both government officials and industry leaders in Sri Lanka and Japan. LNBTI is creating a pioneering educational model by combining IT training, Japanese language education, and business-cultural studies into one dynamic curriculum.

This innovative approach is attracting high-profile visitors, including Japan's Finance Minister, former Minister of EXPO, Deputy Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs, ambassadors from both the Sri Lanka Embassy in Japan and the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka, JICA officials, and leading CEOs of Japanese companies. Recently, academic institutions such as the Tokyo University of Science, Meijo University, Meisei University, Tama University, and Nakamura Gakuen University have begun collaborating with us on various academic

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President/Vice Chancellor, LNBTI
President, Japan Association for Global
Competence Education (JAGCE)

programs. This follows our successful partnerships with Japanese universities like Aizu University, Kanazawa Institute.

Many of you may know that I returned to Sri Lanka after decades of leadership roles in Japan, driven by the mission to prepare Sri Lankan youth for prosperous careers in Japan. Too many Sri Lankans who migrate to Japan face significant challenges due to lack of preparation or fall prey to fraudulent intermediaries. LNBTI is committed to closing this gap by offering an educational pathway that not only focuses on migration but also nurtures long-term leadership development. The institute provides a structured environment that empowers students to become Japanready IT professionals, enabling them to secure jobs with Japanese companies upon graduation.

#### **An Internship Gateway to Success**

In a recent achievement, four additional LNBTI students have been selected by a leading Japanese IT company for a fully sponsored two-month internship in Japan, set to begin this October. The company will cover all expenses, including travel, accommodation, and living costs, offering

these students a unique opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in their field.

These students were selected based on their advanced IT skills and strong Japanese language proficiency—two key qualities that are in high demand by Japanese companies. The internship not only provides invaluable experience but also serves as a potential pathway to long-term employment, with the expectation that these students will join the company as full-time engineers after graduation.

This follows the success of the first four senior LNBTI students who completed

similar internships last year. Upon finishing their internships, they were offered full-time positions by their host companies, further highlighting the effectiveness of LNBTI's integrated educational model, which uniquely combines IT training with Japanese language and cultural studies. As LNBTI continues to expand, its educational model stands as a promising example of how structured education and international partnerships can create sustainable pathways for talent mobility between Sri Lanka and Japan. LNBTI is not only preparing students for jobs abroad but for leadership roles in the global economy.



#### Study IT in Sri Lanka & Work in Japan after the Degree!

#### Recommend Your Loved Ones Who Dream of a High-Skilled Job in Japan!

Introduce O/L & A/L Students Among Your Friends & Relatives!

#### REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN – LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!

- → O/L Students: Students with O/L results can also register
- → A/L Students: Reserve your seat in advance & register after results! Any subject combination is OK. Credit passes for Mathematics and English at the O/L required.

#### **Entry Requirements:**

- → GCE O/L or A/L (Pending results accepted for O/L students)
- → A/L students can reserve seats in advance.
- → All applicants must sit for an admission test

#### At **LNBTI**, we offer:

- → BSc (Hons) Software Engineering or BSc (Hons) Computing & Information Systems
- → A solid **IT degree** & **Japanese language education**
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