

# NEWS LETTER

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## TOP STORY

**LNBTI held its Inaugural Convocation on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, at the BMICH.**

# AI Based Research Workshops

The IT Club of LNBTI successfully conducted a three-session AI-Based Research Workshop Series during November and December 2025 at the Research Lab, LNBTI Main Campus, aimed at strengthening research capabilities through the effective use of artificial intelligence.

The series began on 7th November 2025 with Prof. Manjula Sandirigama, who guided participants on transforming research ideas into impactful studies. The second session, held on 21st November 2025 and conducted by Mrs. Adithya Perera, focused on step-by-step guidance for writing high-quality research articles. The final session, conducted on 12th December 2025 by Mr. Mewan Jayathilake, provided practical insights into AI data training for research applications.

The workshop series reinforced LNBTI's commitment to fostering a strong research culture and equipping academics and researchers with future-ready, AI-driven research skills.



*Students participating in AI based Research Workshops*

# Celebrating the First Chapter of Excellence: LNBTI Inaugural Convocation

LNBTI proudly marked a historic milestone with its Inaugural Convocation, held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025, celebrating the achievements of its very first batch of graduates. This momentous occasion symbolized not only the culmination of years of dedication and perseverance by our students, but also one successful chapter of LNBTI's journey as Sri Lanka's first and only Japanese IT University.

The convocation brought together graduates, families, faculty members, and distinguished guests to honour academic excellence, discipline, innovation and values that have been deeply rooted in Japanese educational philosophy. As our graduates step confidently into the professional world, they carry with them the knowledge, skills, and global outlook nurtured at LNBTI.

It was also a true honour for LNBTI to welcome His Excellency Mr. Akio Isomata, Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka, as the chief guest for our Inaugural Convocation.

This inaugural ceremony stands as a testament to LNBTI's commitment to shaping future-ready professionals and fostering a culture of excellence, integrity, and lifelong learning. As we celebrate this proud beginning, we look forward to many more chapters of success and impact in the years to come.



# Celebrating Our First Batch of Stars



# Successful Launch of the e-Ceylon Spice Marketplace Application

On 30th December 2025, the official launch of the e-Ceylon Spice Marketplace Application was held at the National Productivity Secretariat Institute – Sethsiripya (2nd Stage), successfully marking the completion of the project's first major milestone.

The event saw active participation from the LNBTI team led by Project Supervisor Mr. D. B. Mewan Jayathilake, together with Ms. Chobodi Damsarani and students. Ministry officials highly appreciated the students' communication skills, professionalism, discipline, and positive attitude, as well as the academic staff's guidance throughout the project.

The launch highlighted strong academia-industry collaboration, with several application components identified for further enhancement. The Secretary of the Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board also expressed interest in visiting LNBTI to discuss future development phases, emphasizing the need for a dedicated development team. Additionally, two private-sector companies have invited LNBTI students to engage in project-based collaborations, offering valuable real-world industry exposure.

The successful launch reflects LNBTI's continued commitment to innovation, industry engagement, and student development.



# Discover Japan - Student Encouragement Session

Students were invited to experience Japan beyond textbooks at a special Student Encouragement Session held at LNBTI City Building, on the 30th December at 3.00 PM.

The session provided a unique opportunity to learn directly from Japanese university students, who recently visited LNBTI to offer firsthand insights into Japanese culture, youth life, and modern education. Through open discussions and shared experiences, participants gained inspiration and a deeper understanding of academic and life opportunities in Japan.

The programme encouraged students to broaden their perspectives, build global awareness, and envision international pathways for their future. True to its purpose, the session inspired students to learn, connect, and experience Japan through meaningful interaction and cultural exchange. The event reflected LNBTI's commitment to creating platforms that inspire students and prepare them for global academic and career opportunities.



*Students participating in the event*

# A Special Farewell for Our LNBTI Interns in Japan

Some of our LNBTI students were warmly celebrated as they completed their internships at a Japanese multinational company near Nagoya, which also operates in other provinces and several countries. The farewell took place over steaming bowls of Nagoya's famous Miso Nikomi Udon - a perfect setting to reflect on a truly unforgettable journey.

Their time in Japan was enriched by the generous support of the local community, guided by the Aichi Branch of the JICA-JOCV Support Organization. Beyond their professional experience, our interns explored Nagoya and its surroundings, visiting the JICA office in Central Japan, discovering the bustling city center, and enjoying local attractions. They were treated to traditional Japanese delicacies and introduced to the intricacies of Japan's train network, including underground lines, JR lines, and Meitetsu lines - experiences that were entirely new to first-time visitors.

This journey was more than an internship; it was an immersion into Japanese culture, hospitality, and everyday life, leaving memories and lessons that will stay with them for a lifetime.



*Our students celebrating their success*

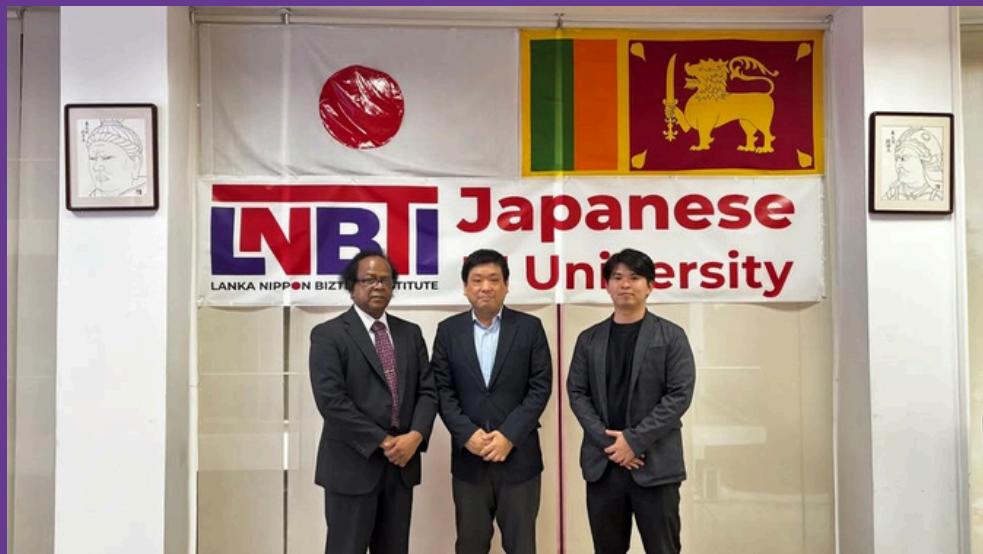
# Deloitte Japan Explores Collaboration with LNBTI

LNBTI recently welcomed Mr. Masato Shimomura and Mr. Shosei Yamamoto from Deloitte Japan for a discussion on potential collaboration aimed at connecting talented Sri Lankan youth with leading Japanese companies experiencing a growing demand for skilled IT professionals.

During their visit, the representatives from Deloitte Japan praised LNBTI's unique academic model, which integrates industry-focused IT education with practical Japanese language training. They noted that this combination is rare in Sri Lanka and highly valued by Japanese employers seeking globally competent and culturally adaptable IT professionals.

The discussion highlighted opportunities to create meaningful career pathways for LNBTI students, addressing Japan's IT talent shortage while enabling Sri Lankan graduates to build successful international careers. This engagement reflects LNBTI's ongoing commitment to industry collaboration, global employability, and preparing students for international career opportunities.

Representatives from Deloitte Japan together with Prof. Ananda Kumara  
Start your journey toward a global IT career in Japan with LNBTI.



*Representatives from Deloitte Japan together with Prof. Ananda Kumara*

# Committed to Supporting Our Community

Students and staff at Lanka Nippon BizTech Institute (LNBTI) have come together in a spirit of solidarity to gather aid for those who have been affected by Cyclone Ditwah.

This collective initiative reflects the strong sense of community and care within LNBTI, as members of the institution extend their support to those facing challenges during this difficult time. Through coordinated efforts, essential items and assistance are being mobilized to help impacted individuals and families recover and rebuild.

The response highlights LNBTI's core values of compassion, unity, and social responsibility, demonstrating that the institution stands together not only in academic pursuits but also in times of need.

LNBTI remains committed to supporting its community and ensuring that no member is left behind. We extend our heartfelt thoughts to all those affected and appreciate the generosity and dedication shown by everyone contributing to this meaningful effort.



# A Heartfelt Gesture of Solidarity: Supporting Sri Lanka in Challenging Times

A heartfelt fundraiser organised by the staff and students of the Faculty of Human Studies at Meijo University was held to support Sri Lanka during the challenging period caused by Cyclone Ditwah. The event was graced by the presence of LNBTI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ananda Kumara, highlighting the strong academic and cultural bonds shared between Sri Lanka and Japan.

The programme was further supported by the Taranga Friendship Group, an international non-profit organisation based in Japan, reflecting a collective spirit of compassion and global responsibility. The initiative served as a powerful demonstration of empathy, unity, and people-to-people solidarity.

This meaningful moment stands as a testament to Lanka Nippon BizTech Institute's deep-rooted relationship with Japan. As Sri Lanka's first and only Japanese IT university, LNBTI proudly represents a partnership founded on trust, shared values, and enduring collaboration across borders.

The fundraiser not only provided much-needed support but also reinforced the strength of international friendships and the role of education in fostering global understanding and goodwill.



# LNBTI Conducts Origami Workshop at Isipathana College

The LNBTI team recently visited Isipathana College to conduct a lively and interactive Origami Workshop led by Mr. Toshiyuki Sadoi, Head of Language Studies. The session offered students a hands-on introduction to the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, encouraging creativity, focus, and teamwork.

Students enthusiastically participated in the workshop, enjoying the opportunity to learn origami while gaining insights into LNBTI's Japan-focused education and career pathways. Through engaging discussions, they discovered how LNBTI combines IT education, Japanese language training, and industry exposure to prepare students for global opportunities.

This outreach initiative reflects LNBTI's commitment to cultural exchange, student engagement, and inspiring young learners to explore international education and career possibilities.





## The Vice Chancellor's Message

Prof. Ananda Kumara  
President/Vice Chancellor, LNBTI  
President, Japan Association for Global Competence  
Education (JAGCE)

Dear Students, Parents, and Educational Partners,

The LNBTI academic model is no longer a vision of the future—it is a proven reality.

LNBTI is the first Japanese-affiliated IT university in Sri Lanka and South Asia, established to develop IT professionals who can connect Sri Lanka and Japan through technology, discipline, and cultural understanding. On 14th November, we proudly celebrated our first batch of graduates who completed their entire degree program in Sri Lanka under our innovative model, “Study in Sri Lanka and Work in Japan as IT Professionals.”

Despite the small intake during our early years, I am proud to state that all graduates who successfully completed the IT degree, Japanese language studies, and recruitment processes secured permanent employment in prestigious Japanese companies. They will soon join as IT Engineers under the same employment conditions as Japanese graduates, including salaries, benefits, and career progression.

This success proves that LNBTI's unique dual-major model—integrating IT and Japanese Studies—creates a reliable and dignified pathway to professional careers in Japan. What was once considered impossible has now become achievable through commitment and hard work at LNBTI.

I encourage our students and parents to continue placing their trust in LNBTI. Through academic excellence, practical exposure, and international collaboration, our graduates will become future global leaders and proud members of the LNBTI alumni network in Japan, strengthening the friendship between our two nations.

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# A Gathering of Gratitude: Honouring Educators and Reflecting on Shared Responsibility

Lanka Nippon BizTech Institute (LNBTI), Sri Lanka's first and only Japanese IT university, recently hosted a "Gathering of Gratitude" to honour school principals and teachers for their invaluable contribution to shaping the future generations of the nation.

The event also served as a meaningful platform for dialogue, engaging school educators in discussions on how LNBTI's academic and industry-linked education model can contribute to rebuilding and strengthening Sri Lanka's skilled workforce. These conversations highlighted the importance of collaboration between secondary education and higher education in preparing students for global career opportunities.

The programme included special recognitions for individuals who supported LNBTI throughout its journey toward the Inaugural Convocation, acknowledging their continued guidance and commitment. Amid the celebrations, the gathering paused for a minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of Cyclone Ditwah, paying tribute to those who lost their lives and expressing solidarity with affected families. The event was honoured by the presence of LNBTI Chairman Mr. Kazuyuki Ikura and Director Mr. Ravindra Perera, whose participation further underscored the institution's commitment to gratitude, partnership, and social responsibility.



# Turning moments into memories: Holidaze '25

After a year filled with lectures, deadlines, laughter, and late nights, the LNBTI community came together to celebrate the year in true festive spirit at Holidaz 2025, our much-anticipated Year End Celebration.

Held on 19th December from 6.30 PM onwards at the Green Court Hotel, Homagama, the evening was filled with great music, joyful moments, and warm Christmas vibes. Students and staff enjoyed an unforgettable night of celebration, reflection, and togetherness, creating memories that will be cherished long after the year came to a close.

The event provided the perfect opportunity to dress up, unwind, and celebrate the friendships and achievements that defined the year. Surrounded by laughter, joy, and positive energy, Holidaz 2025 marked a meaningful and memorable close to an eventful academic year.

The celebration truly captured the spirit of unity and joy within the LNBTI community, setting the tone for a refreshed and motivated start to the year ahead.



# Wrapped in Cheer: LNBTI Staff Secret Santa

LNBTI staff members embraced the festive season with a lively Secret Santa celebration that brought smiles, surprises, and shared laughter. The thoughtful exchange of gifts and warm messages fostered a sense of camaraderie and highlighted the strong team spirit within the LNBTI community.

The event added a joyful festive touch to the workplace, reminding everyone that small gestures of kindness go a long way in strengthening connections.



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- All applicants must sit for an admission test

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