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## **1. PROFILE**

A young scientist and a dedicated researcher graduated in Tea Technology and Value Addition degree programme with the research interests on quality management and food safety. My prime objective is to serve the nation to empower food-based industries to produce safe and quality assured products

## **2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- BSc. in Tea Technology and Value Addition Degree Programme, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2012)
- MSc. in Biodiversity, Ecotourism and Environmental Management, Post graduate institute of Science, University of Peradeniya (Reading)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing, Sri Lanka institute of Marketing (Reading)
- Diploma in Quality Management, Sri Lanka Standard Institute

## **3. PUBLICATIONS**

### ***4.1 Peer Reviewed Journal Articles***

- K. P. M. Kahandage and Mahindaratne, M.G.P.P., A case study on Factors affecting for the failure on Time Delivery on Time in Full, Asian Academic Research Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, pg 316 – 321, Volume 1, Issues 35, July 2015, online ISSN: 2278 – 859X
- P. Abewardana, R. M. S. D. Rathnayake and K. P. M. Kahandage, Factors affecting on adoption on replanting by the Corporate tea sector in Uva Region, Asian Academic Research Journal of Multidisciplinary, pg 57 -63, Volume 2, Issues 2, July 2015, online ISSN: 2319 -2801

### ***4.2 Abstracts/Extended Abstracts***

- Leelarathne K. D. C. P., Amarasena, C. S., Kahandage K. P.M., Jeewanthi, P. W. and Abeyrathne, E. D. N. S., A feasibility study on implementing total quality management for secondary manufacturing factory, 2017, Global Trends towards technopreneurial development, Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pp: 163
- Wickramasinghe, D. N., Dharmadasa, R. A. P. I. S., Kahandage, K. P. M., and Dissanayake, C., 2017, 'Factors affecting the exportation of Ceylon Organic tea', Proceedings of the International conference on Advances in Agronomy, Technology, Value Creation, Processing and Marketing of Tea, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka. pp: 325
- Wickramasinghe, D. N., Dharmadasa, R. A. P. I. S., Kahandage, K. P. M., and Dissanayake, C., 2017, 'Intention on Non-Organic Tea Export Companies on Exportation of Ceylon Organic Tea, 'Global Trends Towards Technopreneurial Development', IRSUWU2017, Proceedings of a International Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pp: 11

- Wijesekara, B. A. L. A., Premathilake, K.G., Kahandage, K. P. M., Dharmadasa, R. A. P.I. S. and Dissanayake, C. 2017, Brokers and Buyers willingness to sell green tea through Colombo Tea Auction, Global Trends towards technopreneurial development, Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pp: 96
- Abeysinghe, A. H. M. G. I., Alwis, L. M. H. R., Kahandage, K. P. M. and Ranathunga, M. A. B., 2016, 'Screening of Tea Germplasm on Suitability for Green Tea Manufacturing', Towards emerging trends in Value Addition, Proceedings of a Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pp: 11
- Dilina, M.A.D.T., Kahandage K.P.M., Herath, H.M.S.K. and Yasarathne, S., 2016, 'Determinants of Tea Exporters Intention to import other origin Orthodox Teas', Towards emerging trends in Value Addition, Proceedings of a Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pp: 158
- Deepashika, B. M. D., Wijesinghe, W. A. J. P., and Kahandage, K. P.M., 2016, 'Introducing Lean Manufacturing to Improve the Performance of Tea Bag Section', Towards emerging trends in Value Addition, Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Research Symposium of Uva Wellassa University, pp: 261
- Wickramasinghe, V.K., Kahandage, K.P.M., Yasarathne, S., Mahindaratne, M.G.P.P. and Abeyrathne, E. D. N. S., 2016, 'Tea Manufacturers' Attitude towards Implementation and maintaining Quality and System Certifications', Towards emerging trends in Value Addition, Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pp: 171

#### **4. GRANTS RECEIVED**

- UWU/RG/2019/012 Influences of seasonal variation on food safety and hygienic practices in quality management process of Uva region in Sri Lanka

#### **5. THESIS SUPERVISION**

- Mohamed M.I.S., Effect of Dhool Spreading Thickness on Made Tea Quality in Orthodox and Rotorvane (2015)
- Dilina M.A.D.T., Determinants of Tea Exporters' Intention to import Other Origin Orthodox Tea (2015)
- Vidanapathirana S.M., Market Analysis on young adults purchasing decision regarding tea products (2015)
- Dinojan N., Impact of labor satisfaction and labour turnover on organizational performance (2015)
- Danawardana W.N.K.M.S., Suitability of Using One Fix Speed Screw Compressor for Multiple Color Sorters in Tea Factories (2015)
- Wickramasinghe V.K., Awareness of Tea Manufacturers on Quality and System Certifications (2015)
- Premachandre R.G.S.U.K., Consumers' willingness to adopt tea related new product development (2015)
- Zara M.F., Effects of packaging on consumer buying behaviour (special reference to value added tea products in supermarkets in Colombo city) (2015)
- Deepashika B.M.D., Introducing Lean Manufacturing to increase performance of secondary tea manufacturing firm (2015)
- Udayanga S.H.P., Application of a Mincing Machine with a heat regulation system for black tea production and to evaluate the quality of Black Tea (2015)
- Jaywardhana A.D.I.U., Application of Meat Mincing Machine to Manufacture Green Tea (2015)
- Abesinghe A.H.M.G.I., Screening of Exotic Tea Germplasm Accessions for Suitability for Green Tea Manufacturing (2015)
- Ms. A.W.L. Nisansala, Formulation and Development of Polyphenol Incorporated Natural Sunscreen (2016)

- Ms. T.N.M.K.C.K. Nissanka, Development of Caffeine Incorporated Herbal Hair Oil (2016)
- Ms. B.A.L.A. Wijesekara, Exporter's Intention to Purchasing Green Tea through the Colombo Auction (2016)
- Ms. K.D.C.P. Leelarathna, A Gap Analysis for Implementing Total Quality Management (TQM) from Existing HACCP in Tea Secondary Manufacturing Firms (2016)
- Mr. B.H.M.N.E.B. Katugaha, Evaluation of Current Smallholders Who are Engaging Organic Tea Farming in Badulla District (2016)
- Ms. D.N. Wickramasinghe, Factors Affecting the Export Demand for Ceylon Organic Tea (2016)
- Mr. P.D.L Adikari, Development of an instant tea cube (2017)
- Ms. E.K.G.P.U Dharmarathna, Efficacy of wearing of gloves for hand hygiene compared with hand washing using sanitizers , in tea bagging section (2017)
- Mr. V.B Kahawatte, Development of a healthy carbonated beverage incorporated green tea extract and moringa leaves (2017)
- Mr. T.R Liyanawickramasinghe, Identification of possible microbial contaminations and contamination points in tea blending process (2017)
- Mr. K.K.V.S.T.T Madusanka, The effect of using modified atmospheric packaging on quality of tea (2017)
- Mr. K.L Praveen, Development of Hand sanitizer Incorporate with Tea polyphenols (2017)
- Mr. K.H.D Sandaruwan, Effect of using N2 gas in different temperatures as a Modified atmospheric packaging method on storing herbals (2017)
- Mr. S.U Welikanna, Variation of moisture content of tea grades during process of pure orthodox black tea manufacturing (2017)
- Ms. Pathirana K.P.P.G., Constraints for the effective maintenance of implement ISO 22000:2005 food safety management system (2018)
- Mr. H. D. R. Sameera, The role of food quality certificates of biscuits on consumers purchasing behavior (with special reference to Colombo District (2018)
- Mr. N. P. C. S. Nishshanka, factors affect on tourists' willingness towards agritourism (2018)
- Ms. Gamaarachchi C., Chemical analysis of black tea samples available for local consumers to investigate possible adulteration (2018)

## **6. TEACHING CONTRIBUTION**

Tea Processing Technology, Food Safety and Quality Management, Quality Assurance and Certification

## **7. WORK EXPERIENCE**

2015 - to date	Lecturer (Probationary) Department of Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka
2014 - 2015	Lecturer (Temporary) Department of Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka
2013 - 2014	Temporary Demonstrator Department of Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka

## **8. OTHER POSITIONS HELD**

- Member, Department Curriculum Development Committee, Department of Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2017 - till date)
- Department Representative, Department of Export Agriculture, CGEE Unit, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2018 - till date)
- Mentoring, Department of Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2015 - till date)

- Co-Coordinator, “Destino” Tea Day, Tea Technology and Value Addition Degree Programme, Department of Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2019)
- Representative of the Faculty Board, Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2019)
- Industrial training Coordinator, Tea Technology and Value Addition Degree Programme (2017- 2019)
- Field training Coordinator, Tea Technology and Value Addition Degree Programme (2017)
- Activity Coordinator 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2017)
- Active Sub Coordinator of Department of Export Agriculture for “Randalu Mahima 2015” Exhibition organized by the District secretariat, Galle at Hall de Galle, Galle (2015)
- Student Guidance and Advisory Committee member for the Tea Technology and Value Addition Degree Programme, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2015)
- Working Committee member for the convocation, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2014-2016)
- Working Committee member for the Research Symposium (2014-2016) and IRSUWU (2017) and IRCUWU (2019), Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka
- Sub warden for the student hostels, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2014 -2015)

## **9. TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

- Workshop of Food Hygiene, Sri Lanka Standard Institute (2019)
- Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis, National Centre for Advanced Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka (2018)
- Certificate Course on Teaching in Higher Education, Staff Development Centre, Uva Wellasa University of Sri Lanka (2016)
- Workshop for stakeholder meeting External Degree in Agriculture funded by Higher Education for the Twenty First Century (HETC) for External Degree Programmes, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka (2015)
- Workshop on Training of the Trainers on Converting Study Materials to Open and Distance Learning held at the Uva Wellassa University, Badulla, Sri Lanka (2015)
- Workshop on Laboratory Animal Science held at Uva Wellassa University, Badulla, Sri Lanka (2013)
- Workshop on Initiatives in Quality Assurance and Strengthening Internal Quality Assurance held at Uva Wellassa University, Badulla, Sri Lanka (2013)
- Workshop on Stress Management held at Uva Wellassa University, Badulla, Sri Lanka (2013)

## **10. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Surname : Kahandage  
 Name : K. P. M. Kahandage  
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 Date of Birth : 22.10.1986  
 Marital Status : Single  
 Nationality : Sri Lankan