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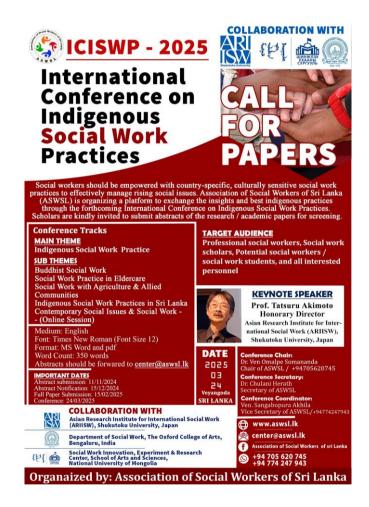
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## Our Shukutoku University VRPhD graduates are making a significant impact across the globe!

The "International Conference on Indigenous Social Work Practice" will be held as the commemorative event of World Social Work Day.



Dr. Omarpe Somananda, a graduate of Shukutoku University in March 2023, has taken a significant step in promoting Buddhist Social Work. He has initiated a Buddhist Social Work Education curriculum at the Buddhist Pali University in Sri Lanka.

He emphasizes the importance of social work practice in empowering people's lives in each country with cultural sensitivity.

He has now launched a new practitioner organization, the Association of Social Workers of Sri Lanka. In addition, to coincide with World Social Work Day in March, an international conference will be held on March 24, 2025, every year. He will organize this conference based on his experience of Buddhist social work research and will connect Sri Lanka with the world.

The upcoming conference eagerly awaits your participation. As our Honorary Director, Dr. Tatsuru Akimoto, will be welcomed to the conference, as the keynote speaker. We look forward to your active involvement in the discussions. If you share our interest in Buddhist social work, we invite you to join us and contribute to this important dialogue. Please access to their Facebook page for more details from:

https://www.facebook.com/share/CBUAq12j2MbsKU4K/

Or, email to the Association of Social Workers of Sri Lanka: center@aswsl.lk

## An international academic forum will be held (2/15/2025)

ARIISW will host another international academic forum will be held on February 15, 2025, entitled "Moving forward to the next phase in exploring Asian Buddhist social work research: Why mainstream social work cannot ignore them" Details will be updated on ARIISW's website. We look forward to your participation. To get more information, kindly follow ARIISW's Facebook pages!

◆ News from the ARIISW can be found on the following website. https://www.shukutoku.ac.jp/en/about/facilities/asiancenter.html