



**INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR DAY SCHOLARS**  
**REGISTERED TO FOLLOW DEGREE PROGRAMMES - INATKE 41**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024**

Dear Students,

1. On behalf of the faculty members and the administrative staff of the Faculty of Defence & Strategic Studies (FDSS), it is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to all of you for Intake 41. General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) is committed to ensuring your academic development within a disciplined environment.

2. We cordially invite all Day Scholars, who have registered with Intake 41 to pursue degree programmes at FDSS, KDU, to join us at the Inauguration Ceremony as we formally mark the beginning of your academic journey at KDU. The inauguration ceremony is scheduled to be held on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Agenda is attached herewith.

3. Kindly follow the guidelines below and ensure your presence at the above programme at KDU, Ratmalana.

- Please be at the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Auditorium, KDU by **0830hrs on 16.01.2024** and get yourself registered.
- Dress Code for students: Students are advised to wear the **KDU Uniform** (Black trousers and a short-sleeved white shirt with a black waist belt and a pair of black leather shoes with laces). If you do not have a uniform yet, please wear a dress similar to the uniform (Pls refer Students' Guide for details- [Student Guide](#))

- Participants: A maximum of two (02) individuals (02 parents/guardians) are invited with the students.
  
- Confirm your participation by filling out the attached Microsoft Form using the following link.
  - Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/b47Vc4qBmY>
  
- Parking: Utilize the **KDU Parking** (In front of KDU Press, Kandawala Road, Ratmalana)/Vehicle Park at Colombo International Airport (Airport Road, Ratmalana).

## AGENDA OF THE PROGRAMME:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme Detail</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>0830-0930 hrs</b>	Arrival of students and parents for Registration	FGS Lobby
<b>0930-0950 hrs</b>	Students and parents will be transported to the programme location by KDU buses	KDU Gymnasium
<b>0950-1000 hrs</b>	Arrival of guests	
<b>1000 hrs</b>	Arrival of the Vice-Chancellor	
<b>1000-1005 hrs</b>	Commencement of the event	
<b>1005-1010 hrs</b>	KDU Anthem	
<b>1010-1012 hrs</b>	Two minutes silence for the Fallen War Heros	
<b>1012-1017 hrs</b>	Welcome Dance	
<b>1017-1045 hrs</b>	Welcome Address by Dean	
<b>1045-1100 hrs</b>	Speech by the Vice Chancellor	
<b>1100-1130 hrs</b>	Refreshments and gatherings with faculty academia	
<b>1130 hrs</b>	End of the Ceremony	

4. We look forward to your presence at this significant event. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following officials.

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