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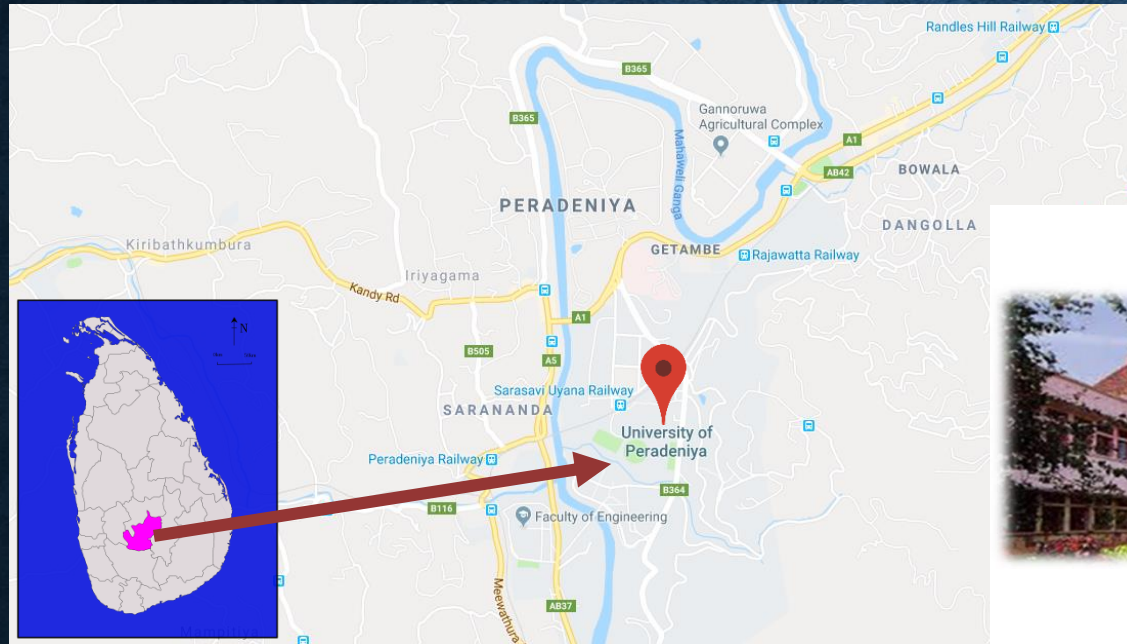
# Internationalization Strategy of **University of Peradeniya**

International Relations Office

# University of Peradeniya



InRO  
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# Introduction



- Located in Peradniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- Established in 1942 under the banner of University of Ceylon
- Renamed as University of Peradeniya in 1978
- Largest, residential University in the Country
- 9-Faculties, 79-Departments, 3-PG institutes, 30 Service Centres/ Units
- About 13000 UG-fulltime, 12,000- ODL (Part time) & 8500 PG students
- About 1400 Faculty members

In 2018	Bachelors	Masters	PhD's	ODL
Graduation	2495	956	27	987



- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Allied Health Sciences
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Dental Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Management
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science

# Postgraduate Institutes



- Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences - (2011)
- Postgraduate Institute of Science -(1996)
- Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture – (1975- 1<sup>st</sup> PG institute in the country)



# Why Internationalization



- ✓ Develop the capacity to compete globally
- ✓ Attract global peers in academia
- ✓ Access to global opportunities
- ✓ Facilitate international resources development capacity: funding, skills and knowledge
- ✓ National development goals and UN SDGs compliance
- ✓ Enhance international outlook





## 1. Vice-Chancellor

- Legal Representative, CEO and main actor in the university

## 2. International Relations Office (InRO)

- Develop and sustain comprehensive, effective internationalization programmes that are academic, research and administration based to increase global engagement for students, faculty and staff.



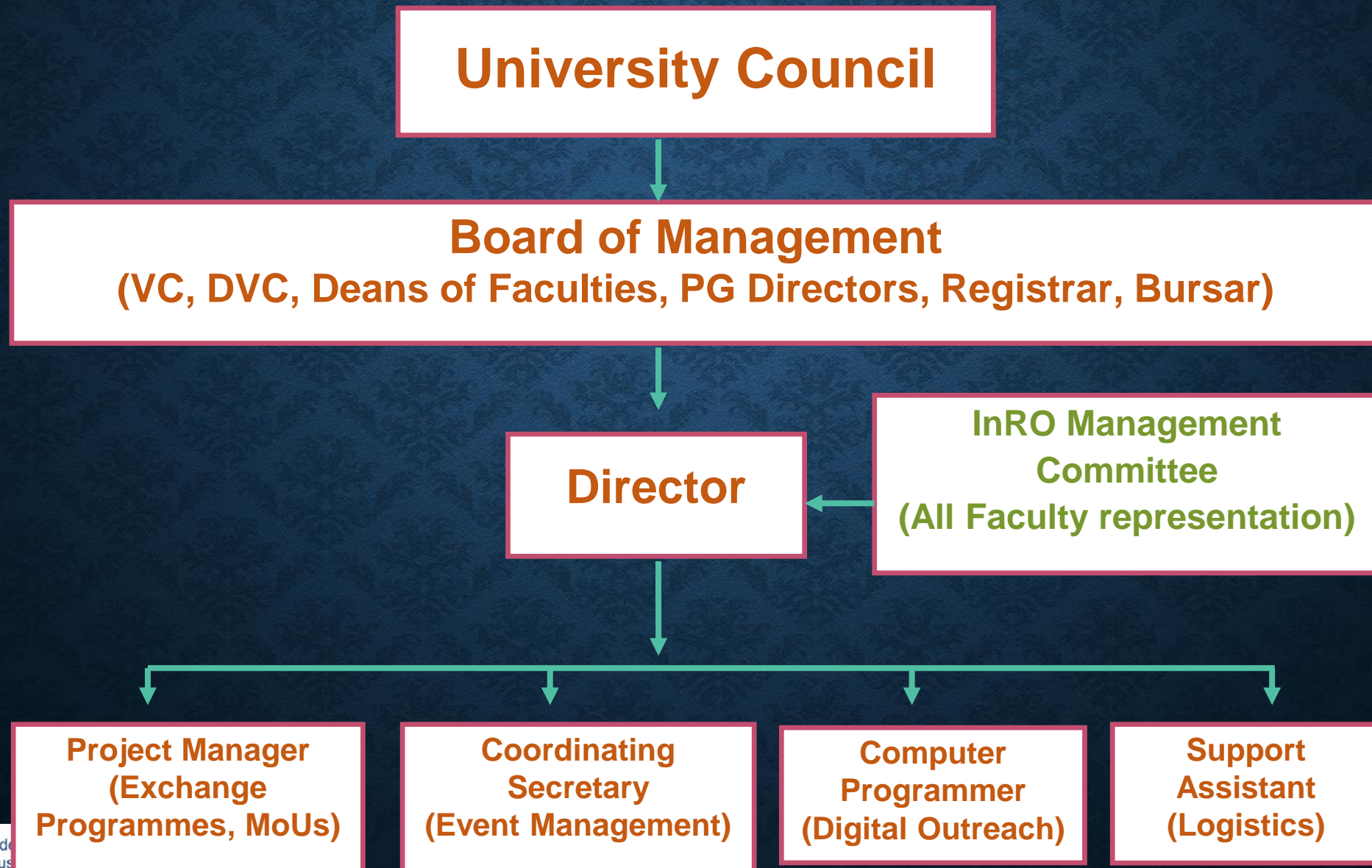
- In addition, groups or individual faculty members initiate their own collaborative research and other projects at Faculty, Center and PG institutes level
- Therefore, individual Faculty members, Heads of Departments, Deans, PG Directors and Centre Directors are also involved in the internationalization process



## INTRODUCTION

- Established in 2012 as InRC
- InRC (2012) --> IAO(2018) -->InRO (2020)
- Facilitate
  - MoU, exchange programmes, Conferences, Funding opportunities
  - Staff and student members by providing resources, platforms and scholarly exchanges
  - Institutional capacity building
- Provide a platform for International collaborations

# InRO Organizational Chart



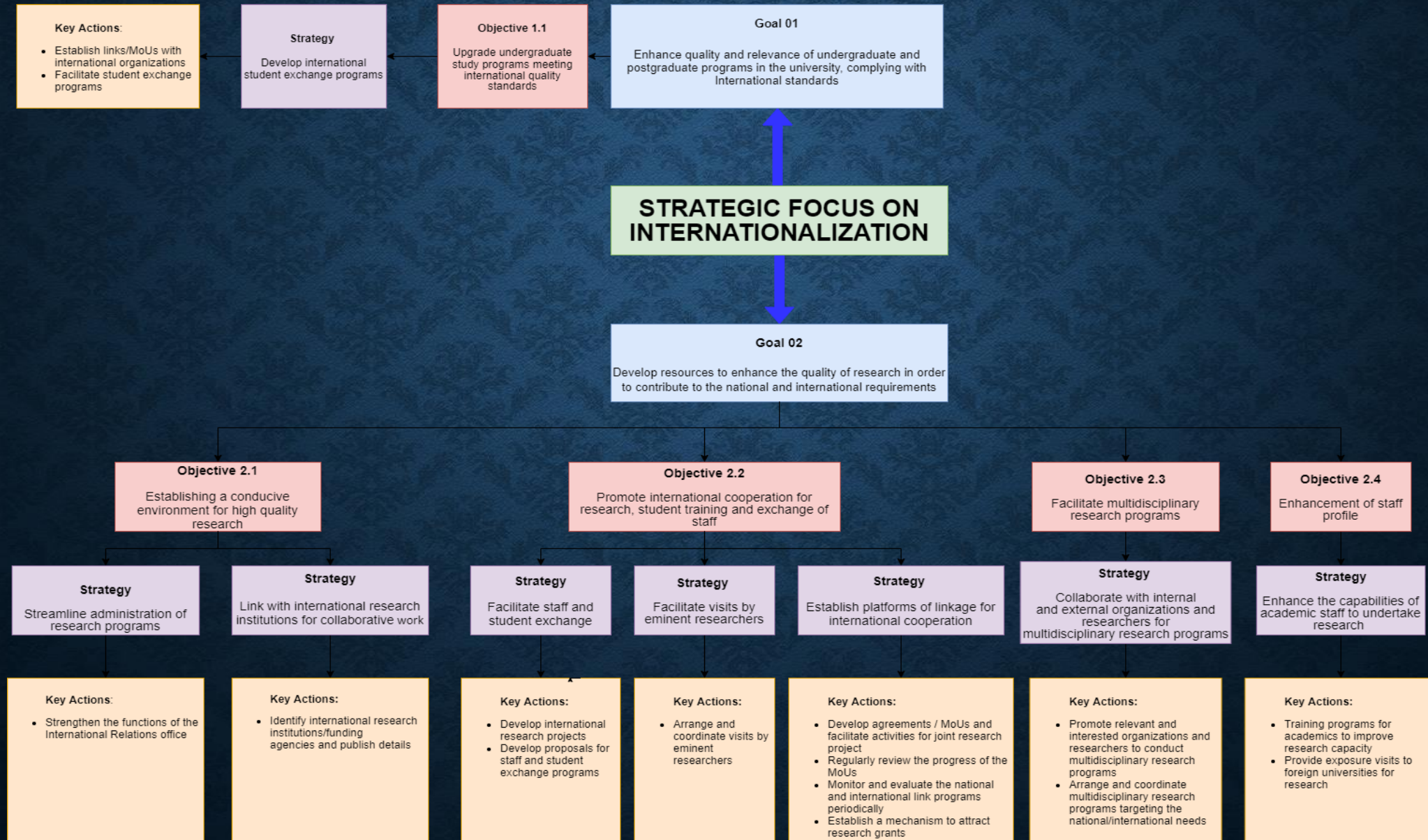
- International research collaborations
- Initiating MoU and Partnerships
- Student exchange programs
- Consultancies for international partners
- Communications with Postgraduate and undergraduate foreign universities
- Exchange of academics, administrative staff, educational material & produce joint publications
- Develop joint research/degree programmes
- Organize international symposia, seminars and conferences
- Financial assistance for internationalization activities of the University

## Activities of International Relations Office are aligned with University Cooperate Plan 2017-2021:

**GOAL 1:** Enhance quality and relevance of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the University, complying with international standards

**GOAL 2:** Develop resources to enhance the quality of research in order to contribute to the national and international requirements

# Strategic Focus of Internationalization



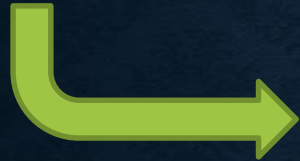
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## Goal 1

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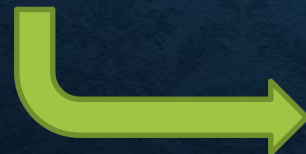
## Objective 1.1

Upgrade undergraduate study programs meeting international quality standards



## Strategy

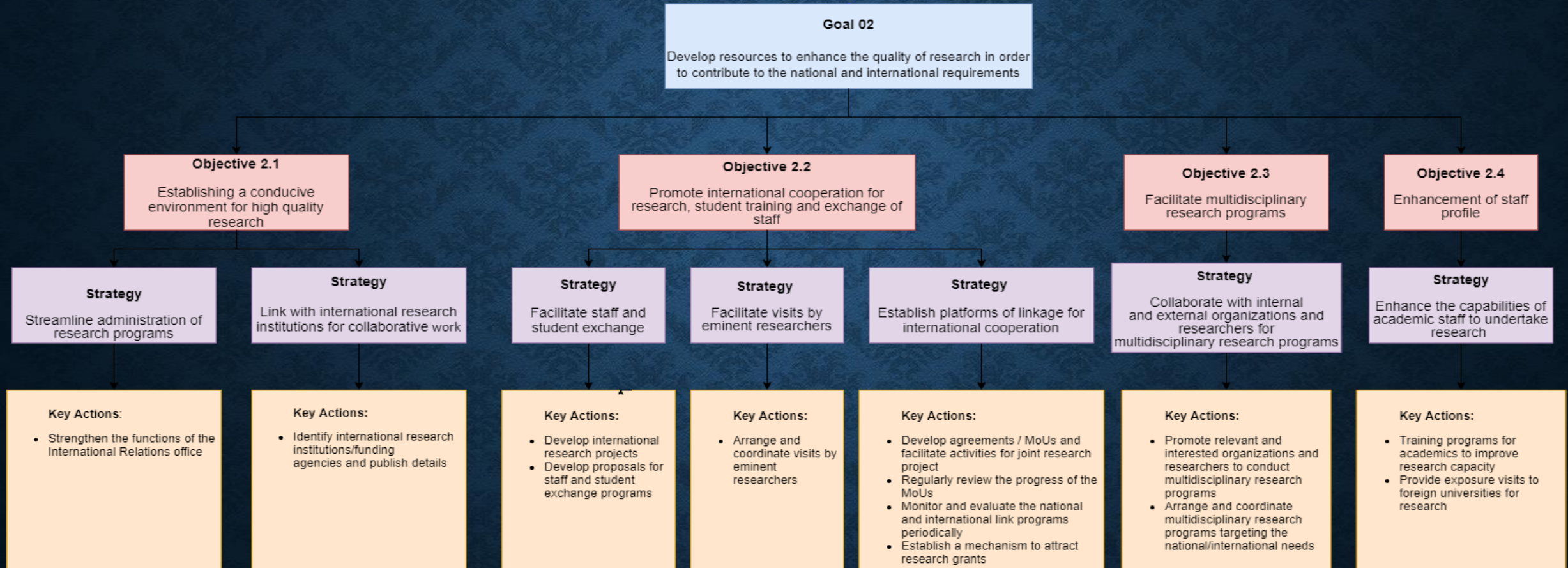
Develop international student exchange programs



## KEY ACTIONS

- Establish links/MoUs with international organizations
- Facilitate student exchange programs

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## GOAL 02

Develop resources to enhance the quality of research in order to contribute to the national and International requirements



## Objective 2.1

establishing a Conducive environment for high quality research



### Strategy

Streamline administration of research programs



### Actions

- Strengthen the functions of the international Relations office

### Strategy

Link with international research institutions for collaborative



### Actions

- Identify international research institutions/funding agencies and publish details



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## GOAL 02

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### Objective 2.2

Promote international cooperation for research, student training and exchange of staff

**Strategy**  
Facilitate staff and student  
exchange

**Strategy**  
Establish platforms of linkage for  
international cooperation

**Strategy**  
Facilitate visits by eminent  
researchers

#### Actions

- Develop international research projects
- Develop proposals for staff and student exchange program

#### Actions

- Develop agreements / MOUs and facilitate activities for joint research projects, Regularly review the progress of the MOUs
- Monitor and evaluate the National and International link programs periodically, Establish a mechanism to attract the research grants

#### Actions

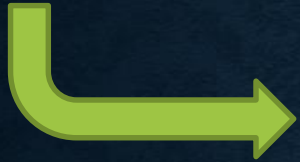
- Arrange and coordinate visits by eminent researchers

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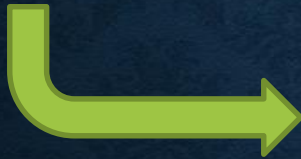
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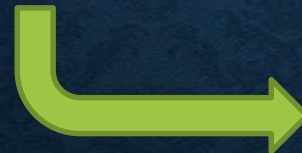
## Objective 2.3

facilitate Multidisciplinary research programs



## Strategy

Collaborate with internal and external organizations and researchers for multidisciplinary research programs



## Actions

- Promote relevant and interested organizations and researchers to conduct multidisciplinary research programs
- Arrange and coordinate multidisciplinary research programs targeting the national/international needs

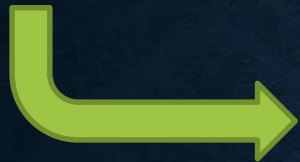
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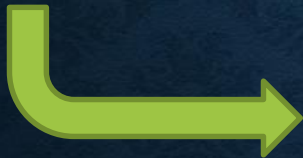
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### Objective 2.4

Enhancement of staff profile



### Strategy

Enhancement the capabilities of academic staff to undertake research



### Actions

Training programs for academics to improve research capacity  
Provide exposure visits to foreign universities for research

# Activities - MoUs



- International MoUs = 80,
- Active MoUs ≈ 50
- **Processing at UGC = 16 (3 Approved)**



## Top 3

## International Collaborations:

- **Japan**
- **China**
- **USA**

# International Outlook: Ranking



## World Ranking

Ranking	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019-II	2020-I	2020-II
<b>Webometric</b>	<b>2230</b>	<b>2361</b>	<b>2113</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>1813</b>
<b>QS (Asian Rank)</b>	-	-	<b>251-300</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>174</b>	-	<b>198</b>	-
<b>Green</b>	-	-	-	<b>413</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>THE</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>401-500</b>	-	-	-
<b>THE Impact</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>301-400</b>	-

## Island Ranking

Ranking	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019-II	2020-I	2020-II
<b>Webometric</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>THE Impact</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-

# International Outlook: Grants



- ✓ European Union
- ✓ China AID
- ✓ Individual European countries (e.g. DAAD)
- ✓ Japan (JICA)
- ✓ USA (Fulbright)
- ✓ Korean Funding (KOICA)
- ✓ Australia
- ✓ Singapore/ASEAN
- ✓ India
- ✓ United Nations Agencies
- ✓ International NGOs



1. Negotiating and approving MOUs
  - Government regulation changes /time-consuming procedures
2. Engaging professors and students in mobility schemes
  - Quality in-campus accommodation for international students,
  - In-campus shopping and good quality dining
  - Language issues with some incoming academics
3. Funding grants
  - Hardly any grants from local funding sources
  - Faculty members have a negative attitude towards application of grants due to difficulties they have to face in financial management
  - Present financial regulations too cumbersome and Impractical, sometimes incompatible with granting bodies



- Database for international collaborations
- Networking with overseas missions (Embassies and High Commissions)
- Annual International Week
- Accommodation facilities for foreign delegates
- Digitization of InRO Activities



# End of the Presentation



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