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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name	Ruchira Rohanajith Abeyweera
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 08/2016	OUSL – The Open University of Sri Lanka Working as a Program Manager & Coordinator, SELECT M.Sc Program (Sri Lanka), Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Technology, The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL), Nawala, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka
08/2007 – 07/2016	OUSL – The Open University of Sri Lanka Worked as a Program Coordinator, SEE Worldwide M. Sc Program, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Technology, The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL), Nawala, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka
06/2002 - 01/2006	KTH – Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden). Worked as a Research Engineer and Co-ordinator of Division of Energy and Furnace Technology, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden
08/1998- 04/2000	Naturab (Sri Lanka) (Pvt) Ltd. Panadura, Sri Lanka. Maintenance Engineer

EDUCATION

06/2002 - 12/2006	KTH – Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden) – Worked as a Researcher of the Division of Energy and Furnace Technology, Department of Material's Science and Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research on High Temperature Air/Steam Gasification• LCV gas combustion in gas engines/gas turbines – modelling, numerical and experimental studies• Efficient utilizations of bio fuels in energy production• Experimental studies on synthetic waste gasification• Emission measurements
09/2001 - 05/2003	KTH – Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden) International Master Degree: Sustainable Energy Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course work plus research (2 years full time).• Project/Thesis: Energy Balance of the High Temperature Air/Steam Gasification (HiTASG) of Biomass in Heat and Power Generation Process
03/1996 - 08/2000	The Open University of Sri Lanka- Bachelor of Technology: Production Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four years studies.• Project/Thesis: Comprehensive study of Industrial waste management system in Sri Lanka (Plastic and Rubber)
08/1991 - 01/1996	The Open University of Sri Lanka- Diploma in Technology: Mechanical Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Studies with apprentice training
11/1991 - 01/1992	Sri Lanka State Trading (Tractor) Corporation Training Institution Diploma in Diesel Engineering Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studies with apprentice training• Second division pass
09/2002	HUT - Helsinki University of Technology (Finland) – Short Course <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Energy and recovered materials from waste (Three academic weeks)
11/2003	HUT - Helsinki University of Technology (Finland) – Short Course <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Greenhouse gas emissions control and CO2 long-term storage (Three academic weeks)

2006 – 2018

- **Ruchira Abeyweera**, Nihal S. Senanayake, Jeevan Jayasuriya, Torsten H. Fransson (2018). A Remote Mode High Quality International Master Degree Program in Environmental Pathways for Sustainable Energy Systems (SELECT) –Pilot Program Experiences During First Year of Studies, IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON), 17-20 April, 2018, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain.
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2004

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2003

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- Blasiak W, Sylwester Kalisz, **Abeyweera R**, Lucas C, Szewczyk D, "High Temperature Air/Steam Gasification of Biomass and Wastes-Stage 2" Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Division of Energy and Furnace Technology, SE-10044, Stockholm, Sweden, 2003.11.26,.ISRN KTH/MSE—03/61—SE+ENERGY/TR

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- Blasiak W, Lucas C, Szewczyk D, **Abeyweera R**, Rafidi N, Jonson A, Björkman E, "High Temperature Air/Steam Gasification of Biomass Wastes-Stage 1" Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Division of Energy and Furnace Technology, SE-10044, Stockholm, Sweden, 2002.12.31,.ISRN KTH/MSE—03/01—SE ENERGY/TR
- Research, calculation and publication on the "District heating system developments in Sundsvall Energy Company" Sundsvall, Sweden. This was done under the guidance of Professor Per Almqvist for Applied Heat and Power Technology course of Master Degree Programme.

INTERNSHIPS

1995 (4 months)

Government Workshop – Dematagoda, Sri Lanka

- Design and manufacturing of mechanical components -. Machining, forging and foundry process.

1997 (4 months)

Ceylon Government Railways (CGR) – Rathmalana, Sri Lanka

- Locomotive maintenance and mechanical processes of spare parts making - tool designing, machining, forging and foundry.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Instruments: Specialised on the operations and the analysis of Micro Gas Chromatography (Micro GC)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: Windows 10, Word 2010, Power Point, Access, Photoshop, Microsoft Office, Netscape Navigator, Explorer, Search Engines.

Technical: AutoCAD, EES, Mat lab, Prosim

LANGUAGES

Singhalese	Mother tongue
English	Fluent - Studying and working language for 14 years
Swedish	Basic

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