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University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP), Sri Lanka and Biomedical Research Institute-AIST, Japan signed MoU for academic cooperation and research collaboration. **SISTER-DAILAB** (DBT, India – AIST, Japan International Laboratory for Advanced Biomedicine) was inaugurated at the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, USJP.



The event was graced by

- ❖ His Excellency, Mr. K. Suganuma, Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka
- ❖ Sri C. P. Goyal, Joint Secretary, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India
- ❖ Mr. N. S. Yeola, Second Secretary, High Commission of India in Sri Lanka
- ❖ Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Vice Chancellor, USJP
- ❖ Prof. Rani De Silva, Director, World Class Universities Grant Project and Interdisciplinary Center for Innovation in Biotechnology & Neuroscience
- ❖ Delegation from Japan led by Dr. Y. Ohmiya, Director BMRI-AIST
- ❖ Faculty and students from USJP
- ❖ Members from food and pharmaceutical industries
- ❖ Prof. VijayRaghavan, Secretary, DBT, Govt. of India delivered special address on Skype and appreciated **SISTER-DAILAB** initiative in Sri Lanka.

The two institutes will (i) cooperate for education and research training of young generation, (ii) execute basic and applied research on unraveling the functionality of cinnamon, original produce of Sri Lanka, for health care and cure and (iii) enroll industry to develop evidence-based functional food, health supplements and alternative medicine.