GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY

POLICY ON FOREIGN STUDENT ENLISTMENT

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1. Introduction

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (hereinafter referred as to KDU) was initially established as the "General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy" by the Parliamentary Act No 68 of 1981 and subsequently it was elevated to University status by the amendment Act No 27 of 1988, thereby empowering it to award Bachelors' and Postgraduate degrees in Defence Studies. KDU is a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (United Kingdom) and maintains necessary standards for educating and grooming Officer Cadets to meet the challenges of modern defence management. KDU is now open for civil students who wish to continue their higher studies in various disciplines.

By opening its doors to civilian day scholars in 2012, KDU expanded its scope further, and currently, the day-scholar programme has become a phenomenal success. The increasing number of local and foreign students seeking placements in KDU degree programmes each year reflects the local and international recognition for the University and its degree programmes.

The International Division of KDU comes under the Deputy Registrar designed to enroll Students with Foreign Qualifications from Foreign Countries and expatriate Community to follow degree programmes at KDU. The enrollment of Foreign Officer Cadets are also initiated through this unit. The formation of this unit was approved at the 544th meeting of the BOM held on 28th September 2012 (BOM 544:10)

The policy covers the enlistment and subsequent administrative matters pertaining to foreign students, students with foreign qualifications and Foreign Officer Cadets for admission at Kotelawala Defence University

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to enlistment and subsequent administrative matters pertaining to students who falls under the Foreign category to follow the Bachelor's degree programmes offered by KDU.

Foreign students

Candidates with Foreign passport and nationality enlisted to follow undergraduate courses at KDU.

Students with foreign qualifications

Candidates with Local passport/ Expatriate community Sri Lankan who fulfill the qualifications to enlist as a foreign student under the UGC foreign student admission guidelines to follow undergraduate courses at KDU.

Foreign Officer Cadets

Candidates with foreign passport and nationality enlisted via respective government as Officer Cadets to follow undergraduate courses at KDU.

3. Aims and Objectives

3.1 Aim

The policy on Foreign students enlistment aims to ensure that most suitable foreign students are enlisted to KDU.

3.2 Objectives

The objectives of this policy are

Objective 01- Making diverse environment to the students at KDU

A diverse university features differences in ethnicity, socioeconomic class, religion, reading level, athletic ability, background, gender, personality, and etc. Having different and divergent perspectives can create positive learning outcomes. Like Improves Cognitive Skills and Critical Thinking, entering the adulthood, creativity.

Objective 02- Foster a culturally diverse university

University that bring in foreign students and work hard to foster a culturally diverse university environment offer students authentic opportunities to experience and understand the people, their traditions, culture, history and learn about themselves and the world they live in.

Objective 03- Foreign attraction and increase reputation

Enlisting Foreign students will make foreign attraction towards the university and will increase the reputation of the university.

Objective 04- Expand the foreign currency revenue

With increasing number of foreign student will gain more foreign revenue to the country.

Objective 05- Gender Equity and Equality

KDU works towards promoting a gender-sensitive university culture and university environment which allows students to pursue their work without oppression and discrimination. It aims to ensure fairness and justice in the distribution of opportunities, benefits and responsibilities between women and men and to develop a gender sensitive environment at KDU.

4. Principles and Values

- Selecting of foreign students and students with foreign qualifications for admission at Kotelawala Defence University is being carried out according to the BOM decisions taken and the admission policy laid down by UGC for foreign students admission to universities from time to time by them with the concurrence of the Government.

- Applications are invited through an advertisement published on the KDU website with the eligible criteria for each degree programmes. Candidates who fulfill the minimum requirements for each degree programme will be selected by a board appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

- The selected candidates will be called for registration. At the registration 1st installment fee and payment for other charges are required to be paid. An agreement will be signed between the student and the KDU in front of two witnesses.

Minimum Requirement to enlist as a Foreign Student and Student with Qualification

- Candidate with results at a foreign examination held outside Sri Lanka, deemed equivalent to GCE Advanced Level Examination of Sri Lanka or qualifications required for admission to a university in an applicant's own country to follow an undergraduate course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

- All required pass must have been obtained in one and the same sitting under a recognized Board of Examinations.

- All Sri Lankan applicants who have studied abroad should have a period of not less than three academic years immediately preceding the examination.

- Father/Mother/Guardian of the Sri Lankan candidates should also have worked in the same country in which the candidate has studied, during his/her period studied abroad.

- Candidates with High school Diploma need to have passed the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and candidates whose primary language is not English and those who have received their previous education in another language than English should have a minimum score of 79 at the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a minimum score of 6.5 at the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Examinations.
- A Candidate should be between 17 to 30 years of age by the closing date of applications except the MBBS degree programme. Age limit for MBBS degree programme is 17 to 25 years of age by the closing date of applications.

5. Policy statement

In line with the vision and mission of the KDU adhering to this policy ensure that most suitable foreign students, students with foreign qualifications and foreign officer cadets are enlisted to undergraduate degree programmes at KDU.

6. Definitions

(a)   Student with Foreign Qualifications: A Sri Lankan passport holder/ expatriate who has fulfill the minimum qualifications to enlist as a foreign student.

(b)   BOM: Board of Management

(c)   UGC: University Grant Commission

(d)   University: refers to the Kotelawala Defence University

7. Responsibility

Following officials are responsible for implementation and monitoring of this policy
- Deputy Registrar
- Foreign Relations Officer

8. Implementation

Deputy Registrar, Foreign Relations Officer is responsible for implementation of enlistment of foreign students, students with foreign qualifications and officer cadets from the stage of Advertising, Sorting applications and selection, Registration of foreign students according to the rules and regulations stipulated by the senate and BOM decisions.

9. Policy reviews and amendments

a)   This policy may reviewed after every two year or as necessary.

b)   Sub revisions may be initiated on the recommendation/directions of the Vice Chancellor of KDU.

c)   Any such revisions or amendments shall be forwarded for the recommendation of the Senate and the approval of the BOM of the university.