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labour force in Sri Lanka. We are fully aware that sustainable economic development cannot be achieved without women in the equation, and programmes like the recent one with university students are designed with this in mind." Participating students were given the opportunity to ask questions after each panel. This event which was held at the New Arts Theatre of the Colombo University also saw the participation of members of the Bank's Corporate Management, including Delakshan Hettiarachchi Deputy General Manager Personal Banking and S. Ganeshan Assistant General Manager Personal Banking. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor of the UoC, Senior Professor Chandrika N. Wijeyaratne. The Dean of the Arts Faculty, Senior Professor Lasantha Manawadu and members of the Career Guidance Unit were also present.