



GLASS BLOWING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

The glass blowing center at the University of Kelaniya is dedicated to provide an excellent service in the manufacture and repair of scientific glassware for laboratory use. This includes the fabrication of totally new special purpose scientific glassware as required for research and the repair of expensive broken laboratory glassware.

Our glass blowing center is well-equipped with machineries required for scientific glass blowing according to international standards. Most importantly, the center possesses highly skilled personnel who can handle any complex task pertaining to glass blowing. This is the only scientific glass blowing center currently established in the country.

From its establishment, the glass blowing center has been providing an outstanding service to Universities, Schools, Research Institutes and Industry in fulfilling their needs in the fabrication and repair of scientific glassware. We also have been conducting glass blowing training workshops for interested personnel from Universities and Research Institutes.

OUR HISTORY

The glass blowing center at the University of Kelaniya was established in 1990 with basic infrastructure and glass blowing facilities acquired from University funds.



In 1993, through a collaboration established with the University of Glasgow, UK, a technical officer in the Department of Chemistry was trained at the University of Glasgow, through funding received from the British Council, Sri Lanka. He is the first Sri Lankan to receive international training for scientific glass blowing.

A major breakthrough in glass blowing at the University of Kelaniya was accomplished in 1999 through further funding received from Asian Development Bank (ADB) project launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology. It allowed the purchase of machineries, essential tools and a stock of neat resistant borosilicate glass tubes and rods. In addition, through ADB funding, the same technical officer was again trained at the University of Edinburgh, UK for six months for gaining a high level of experience required to develop exceptional skills. In 2004, the second person was also trained jointly at the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow through the same project.





OUR SERVICES

Fabrication of new glassware

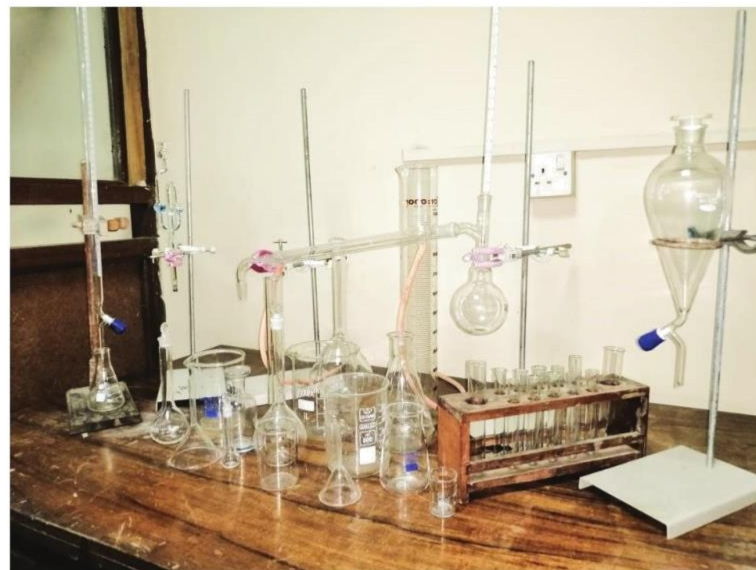
- Standard glassware
- Custom designed according to specifications

Repair of broken expensive laboratory glassware

- Burettes, pipettes, condensers, electrodes, extraction apparatus, etc.
- Complex laboratory glass apparatus

Training Programmes

- 5 day intensive package
- 30 day extensive package



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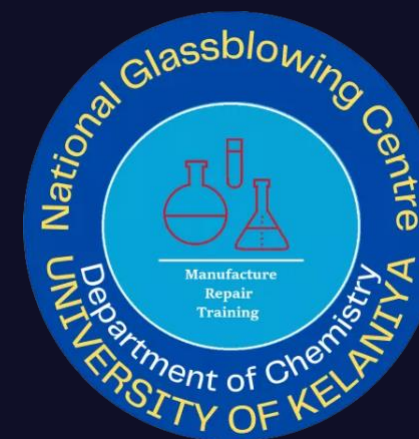
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