## Field Training Programme at MLBCRP

As a part of their practical training, the students following the Communication for Development (EX 5106) course offered by the B/S in Agricultural Extension visited the Minipe Left Bank Canal Rehabilitation Project (MLBCRP), of The Mahaweli Water Security Investment Programme on 11-12 of November 2019. The students were able to get insight to the communication & participatory communication approaches of the MLBCRP. On-site discussions and knowledge sharing with the stakeholders including farmers, president of the Federation of Farmer Organizations, Minipe Irrigation Management Division officers, of the project and project's video production team; and observation of the project implementation; provided a great learning experience for the students.

The visit was coordinated by Prof. W.A.D.P. Wanigasundera (Course Coordinator, EX 5106), Dr. Uvasara Dissanayeke (Co-lecturer, EX 5106) and Ms. Isuri Kumarasinghe (Tutor, B/S Agricultural Extension). Mr. K. D. Wijethilaka, Communication Specialist -MWSIP), Mr. E.M.I. Eranga and Mr. W.N.K. Wehalla-Senior Communications Officers participated in the discussion as key resource persons.