



Message from the Conference Co-Chairs

It is my utmost pleasure to convey my message to the 4th Annual Research Symposium of the NCAS, which is a leading National center in Sri Lanka which promotes advanced studies and research mainly in fields of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Our main focus is to assist and provide various opportunities to young academics to undertake their postgraduate studies and doctoral research, since there are limited numbers of opportunities for them to obtain foreign scholarships.

Accordingly, by observing past data related to annual research symposiums, it is important to note that through the assistance of from the NCAS, there is a continuous expansion in the number of young academics undertaking post graduate research and other forms academic research. This trend can be considered as a positive factor to the Sri Lankan economy, which would cause an expansion in the human capital level and will help our country to face a wide range of challenges in a dynamic global environment.

Furthermore, this year's Annual Research Symposium is based upon Social Sciences and Humanities, which covers a wide range of disciplines from social sciences and Humanities. This year's theme can be considered crucial since there is an inadequacy in academic studies related to Social Sciences and Humanities compared to natural sciences, including medicine. I expect that abstracts submitted this year would illuminate our minds with knowledge related to Social Sciences and Humanities and also would positively contribute for the betterment of our country.

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