



Message from Symposium Co-chair

The NCAS has been sponsoring post-graduate research activities of Sri Lankan academics for a long period, and has produced many eminent scholars, who are experts in their fields of study. Humanities and Social Sciences encompass many areas of study, and the modern trends necessitate a multi-disciplinary approach to research that is undertaken in this field. Hence, we find that even in today's presentations, there is a strong tendency for scholars to resist being confined to a particular field, and instead explore new horizons, which is a very welcome development. At today's symposium will have the opportunity of sharing new findings, and judging the extent to which NCAS has contributed to enhancing learning and research in this country.

For this symposium, we received more than 145 abstracts from both local and foreign academics. We regret that we were unable to allow them all an opportunity to present their work today, due to constraints of time. However, we have included all the selected submissions in the volume of abstracts, which will evidence the rich store of knowledge that was harvested for this event.

My sincere thanks go out to the Director, NCAS, Prof. Lal Mervin Dharmasiri, for the encouragement extended to me at all times. I could not have carried out this great responsibility if not for the support I received from the organizing committee, which consists of the entire staff of the NCAS, and members of the University staff, who are also NCAS beneficiaries. To them I offer my gratitude. My thanks also go out to reviewers of abstracts, and chairpersons of proceedings, and all those who helped to make this event a reality.

I wish you all a productive and stimulating academic session.

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