



### **Message from the Chair of the Symposium**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Research Symposium convened by the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) and I am certainly pleased to write this message as the Chair of the Symposium for the third time. Looking back at the past, it is indeed a pleasure to observe that this symposium has attracted great attention of the many researchers engaged in diverse research projects from different universities across the country.

The symposium committee with the guidance of the Director of NCAS, have always been very diligent in choosing themes of the symposiums, because a symposium theme is one way to evoke and initiate intellectual discussions on the subject matters which deserve attention and would eventually contribute to the development process of the country.

This year, the theme of the Symposium is 'Youth and social transformation: The power opportunities and challenges' which was formulated with the hope that it would instigate research work which would be focused on the youth, who have the power to create social transformation. Research regarding the opportunities that have to be created for youth and the challenges they have, in becoming a part of the social transformation has been encouraged.

As the Chair of the Symposium committee, I would like to thank the Director of NCAS for his support and guidance, the Symposium committee for their hard work and commitment and all the staff at the NCAS for their assistance in making this symposium a great success.

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