

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, NCAS



It is my greatest pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the 6th International Research Symposium conducted consecutively each year, after having its research symposia at National level nearly for a decade. I am humbly proud that the NCAS has been able to have very productive research conferences from its inception in 2005 and elevated its quality and standards year by year with the immense laborious commitment made by the **team NCAS**. It is a known fact that the NCAS has supported the academics and researchers of the state Universities, and the professionals in the field in many ways to successfully coop up with their research by way of funding as well as facilitating for novel research methodologies in Social Sciences and Humanities. We are very happy to announce that our next aim is to become the central hub of the studies of Humanities and Social Sciences, and facilitate all the academics and professionals to visit the NCAS and share their knowledge with nationally and internationally renowned scholars for that the NCAS has established some international collaborations. Along with that I wish to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all the delegates who visited Sri Lanka and share their thoughts at this event. My special thanks are due to Professor Robert Dygas for agreeing to deliver the keynote speech, and the Warsaw School of Economics, Poland for facilitating him to visit Sri Lanka for this academic collaboration. Special thanks are due for panelists Professor Nishara Fernando, Professor Shantha Kumara Gamlath, Professor Priyanga Dunusinghe, Professor Sunethra Perera, and Mr. Shanek Mario Fernando who volunteered to provide an insightful discussion on the significant milestones of Humanities and Social Sciences for National Development with their expertise knowledge, exposure and the expertise, along with the review by the World Bank representation. I am also thankful to Senior (Chair) Professor Upul Ranjith Hewawithanagamage, Research Fellow of the NCAS, Dr. Sampath Chandrasena, Senior Assistant Librarian for their immense contribution towards reviewing the abstracts, and compiling Symposium proceedings with a fine finish following all the standards. Our regards are due for all the members of the College of Fellows and Senior Fellows (COF) and the Council of Management (COM) of the NCAS for allowing us to propose the particular directions of the theme. With all such contributions, I am truly honoured to witness the sharing of new research knowledge in the national and international context. Having our utmost priority, I congratulate all the presenters who are at IRSSSH 2024 today with their new research findings, that I wish no sooner will benefit the development and sustenance of mother Sri Lanka.

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