

MESSAGE FROM THE SYMPOSIUM CO CHAIR



It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 7th International Research Symposium in Humanities and Social Sciences (IRSHSS) 2025, organized by the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS), held on 30,31 October 2025 in Waters Edge, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka. Continuing the proud legacy of the previous symposia, this year's event reaffirms NCAS's enduring commitment to fostering high quality research, intellectual collaboration, and multidisciplinary dialogue among Sri

Lankan and international scholars.

The IRSSSH 2025 has evolved into a vibrant platform that promotes the exchange of ideas across diverse disciplines, reflecting the growing importance of integrating technology and scholarship to address emerging educational challenges. In keeping with this year's theme, "AI in Higher Education: Prospects and Challenges" the symposium encourages researchers to explore how artificial intelligence is reshaping teaching, learning, and research within academia. It invites scholars to move beyond traditional boundaries to critically examine the opportunities AI presents for innovation and inclusivity, as well as the ethical, pedagogical, and institutional challenges that accompany its integration into higher education.

Following a rigorous review process, 62 extended abstracts were selected from over 98 submissions, representing contributions from both state and non-state universities, independent researchers, and NCAS research grantees. The quality and depth of submissions once again demonstrate the scholarly strength and creative potential of our academic community.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Director, Senior Professor Prashanthi Narangoda and the Staff members of NCAS, for their steadfast support, which have been instrumental in guiding this symposium to success. My sincere thanks also go to the keynote speaker, Panelists, Reviewers, Session chairs, Organizing committee members, and University volunteers whose dedication and professionalism made this event possible. Above all, I warmly thank the presenters and participants for sharing their research and engaging in meaningful dialogue that advances the frontiers of knowledge.

I wish all participants a productive and enriching experience at IRSHSS 2025.

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