

## **MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR**

### **Peradeniya Economics Research Symposium (PERS) – 2015**

Peradeniya Economics Research Symposium organized by the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya started in 2013 has reached the third Symposium this year. This year's Symposium consists of thirty four research presentations. Extended Abstracts will be published in the Symposium Proceedings. PERS accommodates research in general Economics focusing on broader economic policy challenges that we face today.

On behalf of the organizing committee I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, and the Dean Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, for extending their fullest support and guidance to this event. I thank Keynote Speaker Dr. W.A. Wijewardene Former Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Adjunct Faculty (AIT,Thailand) for accepting our invitation to deliver the Keynote speech at the inaugural session. I thank Guest Speaker at the common session Prof. Tilak Abeysinghe (NUS, Singapore) for accepting our invitation. I thank Head, Department of Economics and Statistics for the help and cooperation extended to me. I thank all my colleagues in the Department, Junior Staff and non-academic staff who worked with me extending their full cooperation to this event. I thank all authors and presenters at today's Symposium who are the major contributors to this event. I also extend my sincere thanks to the members in the editorial committee, reviewers, chairpersons and discussants of this Symposium. I thank SAR and SAB of the Faculty of Arts for the cooperation they extended to me. I thank the Director PGIHS for his fullest support to this event by providing the Symposium venue. Also I thank the staff of the PGIHS for their cooperation. I thank Curator and PRO of University of Peradeniya helping me with the venue arrangements. Also I thank all non-academic staff of the Faculty of Arts for their support for this event.

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I wish for a successful symposium.

**Dr. Anuruddha Kankanamge.**

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