## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR University of Peradeniya

Peradeniya Economics Research Symposium started in 2013 has reached its third year. I am happy to note that I witnessed both previous Symposiums. In addition to teaching, guiding students in research which contribute to the larger body of knowledge is a vital task of academics. Research symposia like this highlight the output of research work to the larger scientific community enabling further refinement of that knowledge. I believe presentations of this symposium will address some of the vital economic issues of the nation on the one hand and provide motivation for further and deeper research in the identified areas on the other.

I thank Symposium Organizers and the Department of Economics and Statistics for organizing this event. Also I wish to thank all contributors to this symposium. I am especially thankful to all of them because, even though in a small way, this symposium also contribute to improve the international standing of the University of Peradeniya. I wish that all participants, particularly the students will have a valuable and memorable experience today at the symposium. I wish the very best of luck to all presenters and participants.

Thank You

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