

## **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

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As the Head of the Department of Economics and Statistics, I am delighted to welcome all of you to this conference. The conference culminates the outcomes of the collaborative research of undergraduate and postgraduate students in economics and management with the active participation of the academia. It aims to provide a unique opportunity for the academia to ponder on some of the key frontier economic questions at our times.

Today, the world is changing at a fast pace, and the Sri Lankan society is confronted with many economic challenges. The problems occurring in the society are more complex than those in the past, and their nature and shape are also changing.

Yet, we cannot rest on our laurels. I firmly believe that our future success hinges on our ability to generate concrete evidence through in depth empirical research focusing on Sri Lanka.

I hope that this unique conference will provide our participants with a truly transformative experience through a variety of knowledge and perspectives so that the complex problems in our society can be resolved.

I wish that you all will actively participate at this endeavor and generate fruitful results.

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