

**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR**  
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It is with great pleasure I write this message for the Peradeniya Economics Research Symposium 2013. This symposium is organized by the Department of Economics and Statistics in order to provide a forum to researchers, students and academic staff to have a dialogue and to disseminate their research findings to a much broader audience. I believe that this Symposium is a good opportunity for the young researchers to present, discuss and to get a feedback from the experts in the Economics discipline. The outcome and findings of this kind of symposiums will pave the way to address the economic problems and issues at the national level to guide and help the policy makers.

I take this opportunity to wish the Symposium organizers, Head and staff of the Department of Economics and Statistics for their commitment in organizing this event. This event will help to keep the research spirit active among researchers. I thank all who contributed to this event in many ways to make this event a success. I wish all paper presenters and the participants a very productive experience.

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