

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, PERS - 2014 / HEAD**

### **Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya**

It is my great pleasure to write this message towards the proceedings of the Second Peradeniya Economics Research Symposium (PERS) - 2014 organized by the Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya.

Research in the discipline of economics has global significance given the current challenges faced by developing economies. To realize the benefits of research, it is vital to disseminate the findings. In this regard, PERS marks its second important milestone in the presentation of students and academic staff research not only in the Department of Economics and Statistics of this university but also at an international level. PERS is meant to be a research forum where the results of the latest research, mainly by students and academic staff of the University are presented, discussed and evaluated. I trust that the outcomes of this symposium will actively contribute to stimulating and enriching research in the discipline of economics among the students and academic staff in the University.

No symposium of this nature can be organized without the joint and untiring efforts of many people. I take this opportunity to thank the Coordinator and co-coordinators and all other members of the Organizing Committee for organizing this second symposium in keeping with the high standards of the university. I also express my thanks to all those who contributed in numerous ways to make this event a success. It is my wish and belief that this valuable effort will be carried forward by the Department as an annual event. I wish all the participants a productive and pleasant time at the symposium and the endeavor all success.

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