## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR

## University of Peradeniya

I have the pleasure of writing this message to the  $2^{nd}$ Peradeniya Economics Research Symposium. I witnessed the first Symposium last year and was highly impressed by the high quality of presentations and I am sure that this high intellectual tradition will be continued this time as well.

I am very happy to note that the Department of Economics and Statistics has provided a research forum where the staff and students can engage in a productive dialogue. These activities enrich our intellectual links beyond the classroom to a broader horizon. At a time when the University of Peradeniya has embarked upon an ambitious project of raising its international standing among other world universities, I must congratulate the Department of Economics and Statistics for organizing this research symposium as it too will contribute to the larger University project. Also I believe it will help to fulfill our professional obligation to the society.

I thank the symposium organizers and the Department of Economics and Statistics for organizing this event. I also wish to thank all contributors for their research output presented in this symposium. I hope that other Departments will also take a cue from this event and organize their own research symposiums which will encourage our younger and aspiring researchers. I am confident that the experiences you get from this Symposium will definitely help in your professional career in the future. I wish everyone good luck!

Thank You.

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