



Message by the Chairman, University Grants Commission  
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It gives me immense pleasure to pen down this message as the Chairman of the University Grants Commission, on the occasion of the 5th International Research Symposium on the Social Sciences & Humanities (IRSSSH) 2023 organized by the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS). We can be happy regarding the relevant research carried out by the NCAS since its inception, which is voluminous and of value to every scholar in Sri Lanka or in foreign countries.

On the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, Sri Lanka is struggling to recover from the worst economic crisis it has faced in the 21st century. Conducting this 5<sup>th</sup> International Research Symposium of Social Sciences & Humanities in such a background is showcasing that the NCAS is reaffirming its progress. It would direct research in Social Science & Humanities to find solutions for us to enable economic development through quality education.

It is a pleasure to observe the current efforts taken by the NCAS to contribute to the building of national capacity to absorb new knowledge in the fields of humanities and social sciences and authorized opportunities for undergraduate and post-graduate studies and training in connection with the national and internationally reputed mentors/ supervisors and the institutes.

Finally yet importantly, I wish all the very best to all the authors who will be presenting and sharing their new knowledge at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Research Symposium on the Social Sciences & Humanities (IRSSSH) 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the Director of the NCAS, and all those coordinating and contributing for the success of this event.

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