



Message from the Chairman, University Grants Commission

It is a great pleasure to write a few words on the occasion of the second Annual Research Symposium of the National Center for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS).

This is indeed a valuable opportunity for academics to share their innovative research findings with other colleagues and intellectuals. I am happy to note that NCAS has not only supported Sri Lankan academics financially, but has also provided a suitable platform for them to showcase their research findings and to obtain useful and constructive comments that will help them to fine-tune their research and make it more meaningful and relevant.

The University Grants Commission considers the NCAS as a major stakeholder in the implementation of the UGC's policies throughout the higher education sector of this country. Therefore I am pleased that the conference has expanded from last year, and hope that it will continue to produce skilled and innovative research that will be beneficial to the country's national development goals.

I would like to extend my best wishes to the Director NCAS, Dr. R. M. K. Ratnayake and all those associated with this event. I wish all of you a productive and challenging symposium.

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