



Message from the Director of National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences

It gives me great joy to send out my message of congratulations to all who have been a part of the second Annual Symposium organized by the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences.

I am truly pleased to have observed that more than 100 NCAS beneficiaries have contributed to the symposium this year through their research work. NCAS is a pioneer institute that encourages and supports postgraduate studies of the scholars in Humanities and Social Sciences. We believe that scientific investigations in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences must engineer social transformation and instigate sustainable development in the country. NCAS supports such research initiatives and provides opportunities for meaningful and intellectual dialogue among scholars through research symposiums, publications and other such activities. Therefore it is indeed a great pleasure to see that the Annual Research Symposium has offered a platform for the researchers to present and publish their work in way of disseminating new knowledge and novel insights which widen our culture and our society at large.

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the Minister of Higher Education, Hon. Dr. SarathAmunugama for all the support extended to the NCAS in all our activities and to Mr. P. Ranepura, the Secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education for his assistance. Also, I sincerely thank Prof. Indralal De Silva, the Conference Chair of the Annual Research Symposium for all the hard work, dedication and commitment readily given. His professionalism and great insight paved the way for a very successful symposium. I am thankful to the symposium committee and all the members of staff at the NCAS for their great contribution towards making this event a reality.

I wish all of you a very successful research experience.

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