



Message from the Chairman, University Grants Commission

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to extend my sincere wishes to all the stakeholders of the Annual Research Symposium, convened by the National Centre for Advanced Studies for Humanities and Social Sciences.

As this symposium is held for the 3rd time, I believe it shows the enthusiasm and the hard work of its organizers and also of the all the researchers who have contributed to the symposium. As the University Grants Commission, it is inspiring to observe that the research culture has taken an upward trend, where academics are actively engaged in a variety of multidisciplinary and multidimensional research projects which would ultimately help the development of the country.

Research plays a significant role in a country, especially in a country like ours, which is now in a transitional phase of its development, in the post-war era. The current theme of this year's symposium focuses on the youth and the research work related to youth is a dire need in the country, as they are the future leaders of the country. Novel initiatives regarding development of the youth could be supported by research work as research enables rational decision making.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the work of the National Centre for Advanced Studies for Humanities and Social Sciences towards developing the research skills of its grantees and other academics, through various services they provide. I would like to thank the symposium chair, Prof. Indralal De Silva for his endeavour and also the members of the committee for a job well-done. I wish the Director of NCAS and its entire staff the very best with their mission.

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