

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Professor Terrence Madhujith

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to the Faculty of Medicine on the occasion of the Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference 2025 (PeMSARC'25).

Undergraduate research plays a pivotal role in medical education, equipping students with a wide array of essential skills. From project planning and resource management to literature review, data analysis, scientific writing, and public presentation. Undoubtedly, these competencies are foundational to both academic and professional success. PeMSARC has, over the years, grown into a well-developed platform that not only celebrates scientific inquiry and interdisciplinary collaboration but also fosters academic excellence in the Faculty of Medicine at Peradeniya. It continues to play a vital role in advancing medical knowledge and nurturing a spirit of innovation and discovery in medical sciences.

This year's conference reflects not only the research strength of the Faculty of Medicine but also the University of Peradeniya's broader commitment to generating and disseminating impactful knowledge. Despite the economic downturn the country experienced, the university kept increasing the funds allocated to research over the last few years. I am positive that the contributions presented through PeMSARC'25 have a wide-reaching impact—enhancing health outcomes and shaping the future of medical education and practice in Sri Lanka and beyond.

I am confident that the skills you have gained through your research projects will serve you well in your future endeavors. I also take this opportunity to commend Prof. Saman Nanayakkara, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the organizing committee headed by Prof. Samidi Navaratna and Dr. Sayuri Perera for their dedication and vision in sustaining this invaluable academic tradition.

I wish all participants a rewarding and inspiring conference.



Professor Terrence Madhujith
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