

## **Message from the Conference Secretary**

### **Dr. Sayuri Perera**

As secretary, I am pleased to welcome you to this year's PeMSARC, a valuable repository of undergraduate research. This collection showcases the dedication, expertise and untiring efforts of our students who compiled this successful event amidst their ongoing undergraduate work.

Higher education institutions worldwide highly value research as a measure of success. To foster research competence among future professionals, universities are restructuring their curricula to enhance undergraduate research, which involves mentored undergraduate investigation or creative inquiry.

Research symposia based on undergraduate research provides a platform for students to showcase their research, receive feedback, and network with peers and academics within the university. Furthermore, events of this nature offer valuable experience for students, help them hone their research skills, and contribute to a broader understanding of their field of study.

Many congratulations to the young researchers who contributed towards making this conference rich with innovative scientific research.

We are also deeply grateful to the chief guest, Prof Vasanthi Thevanesam, Professor Emeritus, University of Peradeniya, our keynote speaker for the event, Prof Anuja Premawardhena, Senior Professor, University of Kelaniya as well as our Vice Chancellor, Prof Terrence Madhujith and other dignitaries for their invaluable presence here today.

My sincere and heartfelt wishes for a successful conference!



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