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On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, please allow me to extend my heartiest congratulations to the First Conference of the Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference – PeMSARC'22, a platform for the undergraduates, Academic staff as well as holders of higher degrees to present and discuss research.

As an alumnus of this faculty and now the incumbent dean, I would like to say that we all are privileged to have been affiliated with our faculty, with its rich academic history, not to mention being the alma mater of some of the finest clinicians and researchers our country boasts, who have contributed in measure to global efforts toward advancing medicine and patient care to superlative standards.

We are proud of our growing number of research projects, publications and citations and the global impact created in our respective fields.

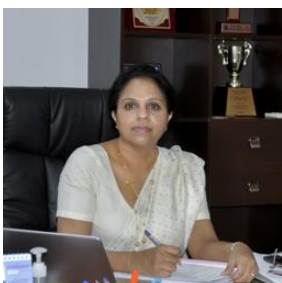
The faculty is committed to conducting impactful research and conforming to international standards of excellence. Research at our faculty primarily attempts to identify and find solutions to significant health problems in our country and the region. We aim to expand our collaborative, translational research areas by exploring new avenues of investigation innovation and fostering the growth of a healthy research culture while nurturing a future generation of young scientists.

Research is “formalized curiosity”, which as scientists, we ought to do.

I wish you a very productive conference with exciting and encouraging discussions and interactive exchange of knowledge so that together we can anticipate a future of groundbreaking knowledge, research, and technology for humanity.

I am glad that the accomplishment of the idea of framing a platform to execute collaborative broad-based research related to the faculty, and I am grateful to the higher authorities specially our Vice Chancellor Professor MD Lamawanse , inclusive of the academic staff and student body, for the support provided to carry forward this idea. I must especially mention that the students have been very much involved in organizing this event, and I appreciate their initiative in spearheading these efforts that translate to continually enriching dividends and constitutes the first ever pioneering activity of the student research club. I hope this will be a continuing annual event on our medical faculty calendar, and I am glad that three prestigious awards will be bestowed on the Best Research Papers at these research sessions, namely PeMSARC Research Award and two exclusive Undergraduates awards PeMSAA Research Award and The KSM Research Price for the undergraduates.

I wish this event all success!



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