

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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I am pleased to send this message to the 3rd Research Conference of the Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Congress. This event has a distinguished record of stimulating and invigorating scholarship amongst its erudite community and has become a much sought-after event in the faculty calendar.

Student research is given prominence in our faculty and has attained the status of curriculum recognition. Hence, students often engage in this beneficial dimension of pursuing their research interests. I'm glad that this event fills this void and acts as a catalytic focal point that brings together all interested parties in this arena on one common platform to exhibit their findings to a discerning audience.



Currently, for the third consecutive year, students have been bestowed the opportunity to showcase their research to the entire faculty with the added advantage of their articles appearing in the Book of Proceedings, whilst the Best Research Papers will be selected for awards. This stimulus that keeps positively generating better outcomes each consecutive year provides students with the extra dimension to develop a pioneering interest in research and engage in this pursuit whilst being engaged in their academic endeavours that will give direction and purpose to their future career goals by being independent research-oriented individuals who have the thirst and desire to indulge in discoveries and knowledge that would be of dividends to society.

We are privileged to have Prof. Kemal Dean as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. He is a pioneering researcher whose papers have appeared in prestigious international magazines. We welcome his presence, which will enliven this event and inspire even more forays into this exciting domain.

I'm very happy to welcome Prof. Neelakanthi Ratnatunga as the Guest of Honor at our research sessions this year. She is an alumna of our faculty and a well-respected and admired professor. Her eminence in the sphere of pathology and the academic stature she has attained will definitely add shine to this event.

Also, it is a great pleasure to have our Vice Chancellor, Prof. MD Lamawansa, grace this occasion. His excellent track record as an able administrator, eminent clinician, and renowned scholar with an actively abiding interest in research will no doubt inspire students to scale the upper echelons of research.

I look forward to a productive conference of productive research that will translate to the success of our faculty as an interactive research forum. I wish the sessions all success! Thank you!

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