

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF GUEST

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Today, the heights and standards that have been achieved in western medicine are a result of painstaking and arduous medical research founded on the principles established by the ancient Greek and Arab physicians dating back 3000 years. Of course, the methods, ethics and systems of evaluation in scientific research have changed over the years but the enthusiasm of every individual undertaking scientific enquiry, then and now, has probably remained the same. Engaging in scientific enquiry changes individuals – it brings out the best in a scientist's attention to detail, discipline, determination and the ability to communicate. Good scientists make good doctors!

I am honoured to be the chief guest at PeMSARC 2024, and excited to be part of the deliberations. Young researchers emanate energy that is palpable. Congratulations to the Peradeniya Medical School for fueling and sustaining the fire in these researchers striving to push the boundaries of science and provide meaning to the art of healing.

