## Message from the Chief Guest

Having basked in the glory of its Diamond Anniversary, this hallowed Institution the Faculty of Medicine Peradeniya, now leaps forward towards its Sapphire Anniversary with a revitalized vigour to fulfill its stated vision - "To produce scientifically trained, socially responsible, compassionate doctors and instill in them a spirit of **inquiry and learning**". The spirit of inquiry and learning or simply research of a high quality, is the epicenter of a rich and thriving university research ecosystem.

My sincere congratulations to the Dean Prof. Vasanthi Pinto and her team for spearheading this thrust to achieve these institutional aims by organizing PeMSARC22, which is the cradle that rocks our young scientists and help them to grow and mature and reach those dizzy heights of success in the years ahead. It is notable that the creation of this annual conference for research dissemination for undergraduate and postgraduate students will provide a conducive forum for academics and students alike to share, debate and collaborate their research outputs and outcomes. It will also serve as a golden opportunity for the student of research to receive exposure and experience in a professional realm in a true conference scenario. An excellent opportunity to hone their relevant professional, social, and networking skills under the guidance of the senior researchers.

It is my fervent wish that this academic event will, through its free deliberations and candid exchanges of thoughts, ideas, and constructive contributions, achieve its goals in the practice of medicine in Sri Lanka.

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