

## Vice Chancellor's Message

It is with much pleasure and pride that I wish to congratulate the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya and her staff and students for organizing the PEMSARC 2022 - an initiative that had been a long-felt need, which, through your dedicated effort, has finally come to fruition. It will enable students to acquire confidence in presenting their research output to an audience comprising eminent peers of the respective research areas.

An event of this nature provides 'visibility' of the quality of research carried out by the staff and students of the faculty. Furthermore, it reflects the planning and implementation aspects of research in order to provide possible solutions to local health issues as well as to increase the knowledge in the respective areas. These are almost always carried out through interdisciplinary teamwork and in many cases in collaboration with and in partnership between the staff and the students international institutes, thus promoting the adoption of novel techniques/methods in a range of important areas.

The PeMSARC will provide a platform for the students and staff to share their scholarly research output with fellow scientists and for disseminating the outcomes to the public, especially the decision-makers who will be able to use such in future national planning programmes. Moreover, this high quality, medical research outputs, outcomes and impacts will support the country's economic, environmental, cultural and social development as well, which will drive the Medical Faculty, University of Peradeniya towards being one of the country's leaders in medical research.



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