

## Message from the Dean

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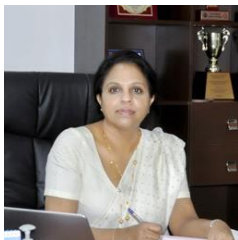
It gives me great pleasure to send this message to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Congress, which has been a successful catalyst in stimulating an interest in research among our medical students.

Although student research has been an integral part of the academic curriculum in our faculty, this discipline has not been given official recognition. Now, for the second year in succession, students have been granted the opportunity to showcase their research to the entire faculty and have their articles published in the book of proceedings, whilst the best research papers will be selected for awards. This incentive afforded to all students will definitely mould them into research-oriented undergraduates with the spark that ignites the discovery of new concepts, ideas and theories, launch them into an excellent clinical career with an edge over their compatriots in other universities and prove to be of dividends in their future careers.

We are privileged to have two eminent medical professionals as guests for this event. The Chief Guest, Prof. Nimal Senanayake, a pioneering researcher who has published high-quality papers in prestigious magazines like the Lancet and a former Dean of our faculty, will add lustre to this event with his presence.

The guest of Honor, Prof. Neelika Malavige, will deliver the Keynote Address, and she, who is an internationally renowned scholar cum clinician, will be an inspiration for students to scale the upper echelons of research.

I look forward to a productive conference of stimulating and productive research and wish the sessions all success! Thank you!



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