

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the organizers, presenters, and participants of the inaugural Peradeniya Medical Undergraduate Research Symposium (PeMURS '26), organized by the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

Research and innovation are essential components of medical education and play a vital role in shaping competent and compassionate healthcare professionals. It is encouraging to witness undergraduate students engaging in scientific inquiry and contributing to the advancement of medical knowledge through research activities.

The organization of this symposium reflects the commitment of the Faculty of Medicine to fostering a strong research culture among undergraduates while providing a valuable platform for students to present and share their scholarly work. I am confident that PeMURS '26 will inspire young researchers to pursue academic excellence, critical thinking, and evidence-based practice in their future careers.

I commend the Department of Community Medicine and all those involved in organizing this important event for their dedication and efforts in making this symposium a reality.

I wish PeMURS '26 every success and hope that this initiative will continue to grow and flourish in the years to come.

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