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Message from the Vice Chancellor

I am very happy to write this message for the first issue of the *Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya, Volume 1, 2012*. The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) is the standard bearer for research in our university, and I am very pleased that a publication is being launched to highlight the work done by our graduate students.

The Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya, has been compiled based on the papers presented at the 12th Annual Research Symposium conducted by the University of Kelaniya, in 2011. The papers have been reviewed by a panel of expert researchers and selected for publication following rigid peer review procedures. I hope that in the years to come, the same procedures will be followed, and standards of a refereed journal will be continued to be met.

I note with pleasure that this publication represents the work of graduate students from diverse institutions, and I welcome them to the research community of our university.

I wish the members of the research community of our university the best of luck, and I congratulate the graduate students and their supervisors for the papers selected to be published in Volume 1 of the *Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya, 2012*.

In conclusion, I wish the Faculty of Graduate Studies continued success in its endeavor to showcase the research output of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

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FOREWORD

It is a pleasure for me to write the foreword to the first edition of the *Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies* of the University of Kelaniya. The Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) believes that the time is right to publish a journal as follow-up to the annual research symposium, conducted by FGS. In keeping with this belief, this edition showcases the interests of the graduate students reading for M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees at our university, and academics from other universities.

The topics of the papers range from the sustainability of remittances on Sri Lanka's economic development to innovative ways to develop 'English as a Second Language' (ESL) skills of Sri Lankan undergraduates. The research articles represent the diversity of interests of the graduate students. Papers vary in thematic content from corporate governance theories to Global Environmental Governance, to carbon retention capacity, to the indigenous 'aadi vaasi' communities of Sri Lanka, to colonialism's impact on fine arts, to the de-construction of gender identity in children's literature, to the significance of facial expression in theatre arts. While commending the students for the diversity and enthusiasm the papers represent, the Editorial Board would also recommend more papers on empirical research rather than theoretical discussions based on secondary sources.

Another noteworthy aspect of this edition is the provenance of the researchers themselves. We have an author from Gombe State University, Nigeria, researchers affiliated to the University of Colombo, Visual and Performing Arts University, an author from Sri Lanka's private sector, researchers from the University of Jaffna and the Open University of Sri Lanka, and our own home grown graduates of the University of Kelaniya. We hope this rich mix of inter-university collaboration continues in the years to come.

On behalf of the Editorial Board I wish to thank the research community of the Faculty of Graduate Studies for their input, and hope that the next issue of the *Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies* will represent the work of both the graduate students and their mentors, so that the selection would symbolize the efforts of the young researchers and the senior academics.

I welcome all of you to contribute to the *Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya*, which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. Submission Guidelines for the next volume are given in this journal.

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