

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Organizing Committee

3rd International Symposium – Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language -2016

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful, I am much pleased to release this message on the occasion of 3rd International symposium to be held at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on 30th May 2016.

The main objectives of universities are to provide high quality and comprehensive education, cultivate research culture and disseminate knowledge. Exploring the new trends and facets of higher education, research plays significant role in the globalized world in the twenty-first Century. Since the strength of today's economies is increasingly based on how well they can harness knowledge and expertise, the role of the higher education system has become even crucial in international competition. It is this system that determines an economy's capacity to adapt swiftly to new situations, new markets and new technologies.

Knowledge generated by research is the basis for sustainable social development. In this regard, three dimensions are placing knowledge, including high-level scientific knowledge, at the service of development and converting knowledge, in all its forms, into value via applications and impact assessment, and sharing good practices, to ensure widespread benefits.

Some research benefits are obvious - for example, benefits of an economic kind (a new product, technology or service), of a social kind (increased knowledge relevance to policy makers), of an environmental kind (improved techniques to ensure sustainable food production), of a cultural kind (increased understanding of cultural values or social approaches), and of a health kind (a better understanding of the causes of medical conditions or better means of delivering health services). For some research, the benefits may not be so obvious. As Albert Einstein once remarked, "*If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?*"

Nevertheless, it is the research which is the foundation for knowledge that makes possible so much of innovation and application that provides wider benefit. There is a large element of serendipity in research and we need to acknowledge that, for every successful connection between research and application, there are many projects that will not succeed in the same way. But such research, nevertheless, adds to the stock of global knowledge and provides the source of new ideas, methods, techniques and innovation across a whole range of disciplinary and multi- disciplinary areas.

South eastern University of Sri Lanka is keen to develop research culture among academic, administrative staff and students by offering moral and financial support. Annually an international symposium is conducted by the University. An international or national research conference is conducted by each faculty of the university.

In this trend, the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language conducts international symposium every year to enhance research ability to the internal academic staff and to offer

opportunity to the other academics, experts and researchers to share their findings, new ideas and innovations. In addition, the Faculty conducts annual research colloquium for final year special Degree students to present their research proposals and get comments and ideas from the experts.

I pray a success for this 3rd international symposium.

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