

Message from the Chairman

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful, I am honored and delighted to release this message on the occasion of 4th International Symposium of Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language to be held at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on 20th September 2017.

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 the 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.

It is blissful to say that more than 100 researchers from various parts of the country as well as overseas are participating in this symposium and it is evident that the Faculty of Islamic Studies & Arabic Language is continuously working to enhance its academic standards. The exchange of intellectual ideas will no doubt be a valuable contribution to future developments. I hope the knowledge generated from the papers presented in this symposium will help our communities to gain a further understanding of the role that Islamic & Arabic studies play and need to play in nation building and establishment of a peaceful coexistence in a multicultural society.

Symposium of this nature provides an excellent opportunity to the researchers to share and acquire new knowledge, research skills, and technologies obtained through research worldwide. The Sri Lankan government recognizes the importance of improving research skills to the academics and researchers in Sri Lanka to present their findings and this could make a significant contribution to the national development. I believe you all will have productive thoughts on this important theme during the technical sessions of this symposium and shall be pleased to see related recommendations and suggestions from the experts and scholars.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his fullest support and encouragement to arrange the symposium a success. My special thanks go to the Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Editorial Board, Chair, and Co-chair committee and all who involved in the different stages of the process.

I pray a success for this 4th international symposium

Ash-Sheik. SMM. Mazahir

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