

Message from the Vice Chancellor

It gives me great pleasure to forward this message on the occasion of the 4th International Symposium 2017 of the Faculty of Islamic Studies & Arabic Language of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on the theme “The Contemporary Issues in Islamic & Arabic Studies: The Way Forward” scheduled to be held on 20th of September 2017. The South Eastern University of Sri Lanka has developed a strong and a well-established research culture and is in the forefront of creating new knowledge and assists disseminating knowledge through annual research symposia.

This conference focuses mainly on research themes related to Islamic studies and Arabic language and brings together researchers, academicians, professionals and students who are involved directly or indirectly with the discipline from all over the world to interact among themselves while present their research findings. This conference is considered as one of the major events organized consecutively for the fourth time by the faculty in the process of promoting research towards the mission of the faculty in becoming a centre for integration, research and comprehensive educational excellence in the field of Islamic Studies & Arabic Language in order to fulfil the goals of the University and the Nation. This is a wonderful opportunity to further develop a rigorous academic program that will be relevant, publicly engaged, and attends to contemporary demands and debates the global discourse on Islam and Arabic language.

A substantial number of researchers, both from overseas and local, will participate in the 4th International Symposium 2017 of the Faculty of Islamic Studies & Arabic Language. This will not only exchange and share information and new knowledge, but also to build international collaborations which will be essential in the development of Sri Lanka. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the chair, Co-chair and the organizing committee of the 4th International symposium 2017 for their tireless effort and commitment they showed in organizing the event successfully. I also wish to thank all others who have contributed to make the symposium a reality. Finally, I wish the 4th International Symposium of the Faculty of Islamic Studies & Arabic Language of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka great success.

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