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**Message from the Conference Chair/Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences,
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As the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the organizer of this symposium, I am thrilled to extend my best wishes for the success of the Undergraduate Research Symposium 2024.

The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Kelaniya has a rich legacy of nurturing some of Sri Lanka's leading scholars. We are dedicated to empowering undergraduates eager to explore new frontiers in their research fields. I firmly believe in the importance of providing a platform for these budding academics. The ongoing efforts of our academic departments to foster research skills through various initiatives are commendable, and this symposium offers an exceptional platform for our students to share their findings with a broader audience.

Putting together an event like this is no small feat. It requires the dedicated support and collaboration of many individuals. First, my heartfelt thanks go to Senior Professor Nilanthi Renuka de Silva, Vice Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya for her leadership and unwavering support. I also want to express my appreciation to Professor A. G. Amarasinghe, the Director of the Research

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This conference is not just an event; it is a community. It is an opportunity for us to come together, to learn from each other, and to build lasting partnerships. Would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the authors, reviewers, members of advisory and organizing committee who have worked tirelessly to make this conference a reality. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Guest Speaker, paper reviewers, session chairs, our generous sponsors, and the numerous volunteers whose contributions have been invaluable. Their efforts have ensured that we can come together in this forum to share, learn, and collaborate.

I wish to express my appreciation for those who submitted abstracts to the conference without which this event would not have been possible. Enjoy the conference, and I look forward to the many insightful conversations and innovative ideas that will begin from our time together.

Wishing you a stimulating and rewarding conference experience!

Dr K R N Harshani
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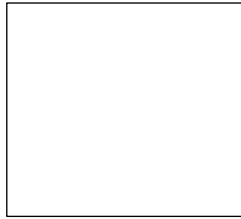
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