**Mr Mohomad Shamil**

I consider it a great honour to write a few words for the 35th International CA Students' Conference 2021 as the Vice President of the Chartered Accountants' Students Society (CASS). Challenges are of various forms, some test your strengths physically and some mentally as adaptability and overcoming challenges are key factors of success.

This year, the conference was themed "Break the frontier – Be the change", with the main intention of focusing on the universal nature of "Change" and arming the blooming Accountants to face these challenging moments and events successfully. This conference will be graced by prominent local professionals who would share their insights on this theme, which would be an eye-opener for all the participants. Long gone are the days of traditional methods and routine tasks. This decade is predicted to be one of the most revolutionizing periods, with many challenges lying ahead of us. The role of the "Accountant" will never be the same.

Organizing an international conference of this magnitude is never a simple task. Without some hard-working, determined and passionate group of people, none of this would have been possible. The support from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka is extraordinary.

This is a time where more new challenges are expected to arise, I am sure that this conference will add more value to your lives to face them successfully. I wish you good luck in your future. Enjoy the Conference!

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**Vice President**

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