**Mr. Kavinda Balasooriya**

It is a great honour to pen down my words on this glamorous occasion of Chartered Accountants Students’ Society (CASS) as the Educational Secretary. Education is the process of building oneself as a responsible and vigilant citizen in the country. This conference brings to your attention that education has a wider aspect than we see. Be the change you wish to see is the encouraging idea behind our 35th International CA Students’ Conference themed “Break the Frontier – Be the Change”.

Change is certain yet unpredictable and changing ourselves is not optional anymore. The survivor will always be the person who changed at first. Our Accountancy profession may have already started being challenged, yet we are not late to start defending it. The Chartered Accountant is no more a number cruncher, but our profession has spread its shelter to each and every field in the market.

In the process of organizing this International CA, there is a huge network behind us. We at CASS were blessed enough to join hands with a set of eminent professionals, generous speakers, enthusiastic delegates from SAFA countries and a keen audience of locals physically and virtually to make the event a huge success. I am indeed thankful to all of you. I would love to end my message by extending my heartfelt gratefulness to the President, Vice President, CEO, the Patron of CASS, and the staff members of CA Sri Lanka for their unceasing support and blessing throughout our journey in CASS.

Let’s all get to the mind that the change we wish to see must start within us!

Hope you would enjoy every bit of the conference!

Thank you.

**Mr. Kavinda Balasooriya**

**Educational Secretary**

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