

## Message from the Activity Coordinator



Welcome to the First Volume of the “Soil For Life” online Magazine published by the Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture. The inception of this magazine roots to the activity “Smart communication in English” of the ELTA-ELSE development project won by the Department of Soil Science. The magazine intends to improve English writing skills of students who follow the “Soil and Environment” module at the Department of Soil Science. Thus, each article included in the magazine has gone through a thorough cycle of improvements by the academic staff members of the Department and also staff members of the ELTU of the Faculty of Agriculture. During this process, students received a valuable opportunity to enhance their skills in presenting scientific facts of interesting topics in a way that general public can easily understand. Thus, I consider the articles presented in this magazine are not just a set of articles, but which contributed to broaden undergraduate students’ writing skills. I take this opportunity to congratulate all writers and wish the good practice developed through this endeavor will continue for years to come while further sharpening their writing skills. I express my sincere thanks to all who supported this activity, especially ELTU members who involved in correcting the draft articles, Professor R.M.C.P. Rajapakse, the coordinator of the ELTA-ELSE development project and all staff members. I especially acknowledge K.A.I.L. Kasthuri Arachchi, undergraduate student of the Faculty of Agriculture for his commitment to develop an excellent magazine design.

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