## Message from the Coordinator



On behalf of the organizing committee, it is my great pleasure to provide this message to the Faculty of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Symposium 2021/22 (FAuRS - 2021/22). Over the years, the undergraduate Research Symposium has gradually evolved into being the main glamorous event of the Faculty of Agriculture and has become a main event of the annual calendar of the Faculty. This year we are organizing FAuRS for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive time.

The FAuRS provides a platform for the final year undergraduate students of the Faculty, to blend with the local and international professionals and students, and showcase their talents while improving knowledge, skills and attitudes during the process. We have lined up a series of exciting activities at FAuRS - 2021/22 that will allow our students to reflect upon and celebrate their accomplishments, explore born and learned talents, extend their networks, and jointly explore current and future research directions. As the Faculty, we expect that this symposium will set stage to improve themselves, build professional linkages, impress potential employers and exchange ideas on how to chart their journey forward to reach new heights.

Agriculture has gained unprecedented prominence than ever today due to the necessity of assuring food security of the nation amidst many challenges presented by climate change, socio-political instabilities, fuel crisis, pandemics and natural disasters, etc. around the world. As the pioneer in Agriculture higher education and research in Sri Lanka, the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, is very much concerned about the connection between tertiary agricultural education and the needs of the country. Thus, FAuRS - 2021/22 will receive much attention from the local and international professional bodies, industry, government authorities and the general public.

I am confident that the FAuRS - 2021/22 will fulfill the expectation of the Faculty of Agriculture. I wish all the students who are taking part in FAuRS - 2021/22 all the success in their future endeavors.

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