

## *Message from the Vice Chancellor*



It is with great pleasure that I forward this message on the occasion of the Undergraduate Research Symposium (FAuRS - 2021/22) of the Faculty of Agriculture. I'd like to greet and thank all of the undergraduates who are attending this symposium.

It has been known for a long time that science and technology must help agriculture grow. This notion facilitated the transformation of traditional agriculture into industrial agriculture. In the last decades of the 20th century, national and international research institutes focused on agriculture helped speed up the change. Sri Lanka is no exception.

Even though agricultural innovation and the use of technology have gotten better in Sri Lanka over the years, less attention has been paid to the agricultural transformation that focuses on how science, agriculture, and society all work together. As a comprehensive university, the University of Peradeniya has everything needed to undertake research in a way that draws on many different fields.

Undergraduates who undertake research advance their ability to learn, think critically, and solve problems. Furthermore, the ability to communicate is an important attribute of a university's output. I'm hopeful that this symposium will be a great place for undergraduates in agriculture to share their research findings with the scientific community, industry, and policymakers. It will also help them learn how to do research that will be useful in the future.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Coordinator FAuRS, the Organizing Committee, and all other staff for their untiring efforts in organizing this calendar event.

I wish the FAuRS - 2021/22 a great success.

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