

# ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2016

## UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO



11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016



## *Empowering Humanity: Challenges and Responses*

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Annual Research Symposium 2016 will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 (Tuesday) at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, commencing at 08.30am.

Research is a core element of the mission of higher education. The extent to which higher education institutions are engaged in research and development activities has a key role in determining the status and the quality of these institutions and the contribution, which they make to economic and social development.

The Annual Research Symposium provides a platform to present both theoretical and empirical research across eight broad disciplines representing education, fine arts, humanities, law, management, medicine and sciences. It also provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, discover novel partnerships, acquaint with colleagues across faculties, and broaden the knowledge. This year the symposium is held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the University of Colombo.

The theme of the Research Symposium 2016 is "empowering humanity: challenges and responses" Empowerment is a means of improving quality of life which results in broad-based social transformation. The main objective of this year's symposium is through the deliberations while identifying the challenges in empowering humanity also offer responses to the challenges.

### Chief Guest

His Excellency Jörn Rhode,  
the Ambassador of  
Federal Republic of Germany



### Keynote Speaker



Ms. Una McCauley,  
UNDP resident coordinator

### Technical Sessions

#### Faculty of Arts

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Managing Transitions: Sri Lanka Yesterday,  
Today and Tomorrow

#### Faculty of Education

13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Strengthening the Quality of Teacher Education

#### Faculty of Law

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

Theme: Empowering Humanity: Challenges & Legal Responses

#### Faculty of Management & Finance

18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Empowering Humanity: Challenges for Managers

#### Faculty of Medicine

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Empowering Health Care Professionals and Public:  
the Way Forward

#### Faculty of Science

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Empowering Humanity through Sciences

#### Faculty of Graduate Studies

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Sustainable Development for National  
Reconciliation

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