

Editorial Note

This volume contains all the abstracts that are presented at the 7th Ruhuna University International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (RUICHSS - 2021) hosted by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. Under the theme of 2021 conference, ‘Embracing the New Normal: Socio-cultural Challenges and Opportunities’ a number of research papers have been compiled that are relevant to current world conditions and cover the real contemporary issues facing human society. This research session will focus on the Sri Lankan socio-cultural, religious, economic, political, educational, and behavioral patterns in the Covid -19 situation. The present research work was encouraged to adapt to scientific methods based on independent interests and more attention was paid to the following themes. Language and Literature, Society and Culture, Mental Health and Spirituality, Economy and Development and New Normal Condition and Education. The fifty abstracts presented at the technical sessions which contribute new knowledge compiled on various fields and can be seen to belong to different disciplines as well.

The inspiring keynote speech was delivered by Professor Pramod K. Nayar, an eminent scholar in the Department of English, University of Hyderabad, India. The organizing committee and the editorial board are grateful to the keynote speaker who made an impressive and informative speech that will delight everyone with their knowledge and understanding.

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