



## Editorial Note

“Integrated Governance for Sustainable Development in the Post Pandemic milieu” is the theme of the Ruhuna University International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences - RUICHSS-2022. The Department of Economics and the Department of Public Policy are the leading contributors to this time’s conference which is hosted for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

This volume contains all the abstracts that are presented at the RUICHSS – 2022, subdivided into five conference tracks, namely: Society, Culture and Governance, Economics, Poverty and Development, Language, Literature, Culture and Media, Geography, Environment and Sustainable Development, and Management and Finance. All the abstracts have been carefully selected after a thorough pre-desk evaluation and a comprehensive double-blind peer review process. The review panel consists of subject experts of high calibre selected from almost all reputed universities in Sri Lanka and a few foreign universities as well. Some abstracts underwent even triple blind reviews followed by a post-desk evaluation. The initial number of 50 abstracts was boiled down to 28 in our attempt to produce only the best of the best studies for the conference.

On behalf of the editorial board, I gratefully acknowledge the invaluable academic contribution received from all the authors and the reviewers to make this conference a success. The dedication of the editorial board including the language editors has been instrumental in accomplishing this task within a very short period. The assistance provided by the Publicity, Publication and Digitalization Committee is also gratefully acknowledged on behalf of the editorial board.

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