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The Editorial Note

It is with much pleasure that I write the Editorial for the third volume of the Sabaragamuwa University Journal, which is designed to provide the academic world in particular and also the general public, informative and quality readings, continuing the excellent standards set before. To sustain the standards of this publication, the commitment and the contribution of the other members of the Editorial Board, who in numerous ways assisted in the compilation of this journal, should be appreciated.

In this new millennium, the Universities are considered to be engaged in the evolution of a 'knowledge society'. As such, the publication of a journal of this nature and its sustenance maintaining its quality can be regarded as an effective response to this aspiration. This is so as the popular vehicle of dissemination of information and knowledge is still through the printed page, though global communication through the internet has provided mankind with easy access to information.

Globally, the current expectations of Universities are not confined to tertiary level teaching & research and activities that profoundly affect them. Instead they are also expected to reach out to society to assist them to develop their knowledge, their abilities and their skills. With these objectives in mind, the Sabaragamuwa University Journal has been designed to encourage authors to contribute writings from diverse fields and of varying perspectives of education, the writings themselves ranging from review articles, contributory papers, and also research and technical notes and papers.

This volume begins with a review on the "Development of Health in Sri Lanka" where the author, an eminent Medical Scientist and an Educationist has written a comprehensive article on the subject while also elaborating on the progress of the Medical Schools in Sri Lanka. This is followed by contributory papers from the fields of Agricultural Sciences and Plantations, informative articles in the Computer Field, and also interesting papers in the fields of Linguistics, Management and a statistical evaluation of the student performance at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) National Examination. The authors of these articles, are all University Academics ranging from an Emeritus Professor, a current Vice Chancellor of a Sri Lankan University through senior academics to junior lecturers.

In conclusion, I am pleased to express my gratitude to Ms. Srimalee Herath, who assisted me in Editing this volume and to Ms. Inoka Maxworth for clerical assistance.

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