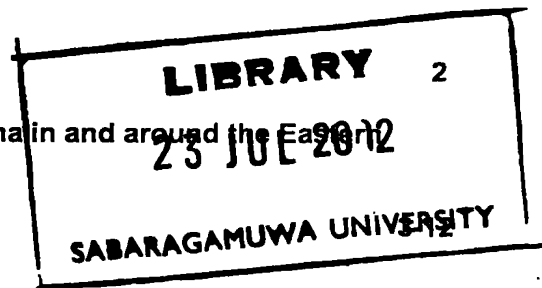


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Scholarly research, in a sense, can be termed part of the heritage of Sri Lanka. Though learned journals are relatively new, innovations of our ancients, ranging from their engineering feats at irrigation to the architectural wonders at Sigiriya and elsewhere within the then hydraulic civilization, have proven that committed research has been present among us for much longer than generally believed.

What we witness today, and this is a cause for celebration, in the national universities is a revival of this spirit of discovery and research. Perseverance of committed individuals and groups within the system has now resulted in quality research output related to a multiplicity of disciplines. Advanced technology, liaison with the international community of researchers and faster access to global databases augur well for this scholarly renaissance of a once proud nation. It is this positive spirit which has seen this sixth volume of the *Sabaragamuwa University Journal* bring together researchers from five national universities who offer their might for nation building and join global discourses, with their findings published online by the first online research journal in Sri Lanka.

This issue of the Journal is the result of the efforts of men and women with much commitment towards innovation, local cum global. The Writers and the Reviewers, the Editorial Board, Professor Rohana Mahaliyanaarachchi, our Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gayan Meegama, Director, Centre for Computer Studies and his staff, Mrs. Nilushika Kularatne and her colleagues at the Office of the Journal – Thank you.

Let me also use this space to extend our invitation to research scholars everywhere to join us in our next issue, Vol.7 No.1, in sharing their recent discoveries with the world, at the touch of a keyboard.

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