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## **GREETINGS FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR**

It gives me great pleasure to send this message of greeting to the Editorial Board of the Faculty of Arts & Culture for their praiseworthy efforts in publishing the first issue of the Faculty Journal.

In my view this journal affords a good opportunity both to the academic staff and the students to write and publish regularly their contributions of their research findings in their own fields and specialities.

I should say that some of the research scholars of this South Eastern University should give great strength and encouragement to policy planners and social thinkers by identifying and explaining the exact factors that impede the growth and progress of this region. The focus can be on social system, village settlement, rural economy, religious beliefs and economic progress.

Given the depth and interest displayed by some of the writers in this journal, I am confident that very soon the academics of this University will pave the way for the emergence of this Journal in par with the international publications.

I congratulate and send my best greetings to all the academics for the production of this great achievement.

Thank you.

**M.L.A.Cader**

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South Eastern University of

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN FACULTY OF ARTS AND CULTURE**

I'm extremely delighted to issue this message of felicitation on the occasion of releasing the first ever and maiden "Faculty Journal" of the Faculty of Arts and Culture of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Since the dawn of the University, it had exhausted almost five years confronting multi pronged challenges by conquering all of them.

The procrastination in bringing the "Faculty Journal" into circulation was caused by some inevitable circumstances such as the designing of the curriculum, installing of the infrastructure facilities, lack of resources and resource personnel. These were a few grass root valid grounds that had diverted the concentration of this University Community leaving the noble task of this nature apart. We have resolved to release two consecutive "Faculty Journals" per year with first hand details and information in future.

At present, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka stand as the 10 th fully fledged National University in the Sri Lankan University System. In addition, the existing three faculties, namely, Faculty of Arts and Culture, Faculty of Management and Commerce and Faculty of Applied Science were functioning under a single umbrella. It is a miracle to believe that it had already initiated a Centre for Extension Studies with variety of courses ranging from Certificate to Diploma Level with due professional standards. I hope that the proposed External Degree Programme would be a great solace for the school leavers, jobless youths and those who eager to go ahead with their tertiary education in the region.

No one can deny that the University has deeply involved in the National Integration as well as the Nation Building Process through the reawakening programme. For this purpose , workshops and seminars with the participation of representative drawn from all three major ethnic groups; Muslims, Tamils and Sinhalese in the eastern region, irrespective of their religion, lingual, racial and other social considerations are being conducted to defeat the anti - socialist elements. And the university toils for the prosperity of the country.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the precious contribution made by the academic staff members of the Faculty of Arts and Culture cannot be under estimated in formulating, preparing and designing the “ Faculty Journal” with due characteristics and standard for publication. In addition, I’m obliged to place my special mention to the Editorial Board of the Faculty of Arts and Culture for their energetic tireless efforts in moulding the “ Faculty Journal” in a colourful manner. At last, I will be failing in my duty if I do not award my heartfelt gratitude to those who made their contributions directly and indirectly such as Mr.M.L.A.Cader, the Vice Chancellor of the University and Professor V.K.Ganesalingam for their valuable suggestion and taking the task of going through the Journal prior to the publication.

It is my firm belief that this “Faculty Journal” would definitely be a hallmark and an exemplary one to the readers and the learned communities as a whole.

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