

**EDITORIAL****A significant achievement in the pursuit of advancing the discipline of cardiothoracic surgery**

It is with great pride and passion that we introduce the inaugural issue of the *Sri Lankan Journal of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery*. This marks a significant milestone in the advancement of cardiothoracic surgery in Sri Lanka. As the first dedicated journal in the country focused on this specialized field, its importance lies as a platform for the exchange of knowledge, innovation, and best practices in the field of cardiothoracic surgery, with a focus on promoting good-quality research and educational resources for the local cardiothoracic surgical community.

In this landmark occasion, it is essential to recognize the remarkable strides that have been made in the history of cardiothoracic surgery in Sri Lanka. The commitment and dedication of our cardiothoracic surgeons, allied healthcare professionals have led to significant improvements in the field. The inaugural issue of the *Journal* aims to celebrate these achievements and provide a comprehensive overview of the current landscape of cardiothoracic surgery in Sri Lanka.

ACTSSL constantly keep in mind the responsibility that lies on our hands to nurture the future generations of

cardiothoracic surgeons and healthcare professionals. The *Journal* is committed to support the trainees in the field with education and professional development. We aim to ensure the sustainability and expansion of the field of cardiothoracic surgery in Sri Lanka by encouraging young talents and promoting a culture of continuous learning.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors, reviewers, editorial board members, the printers and all the supporters who have been instrumental in making this *Journal* a reality. Their expertise, dedication, and vision have laid the foundation for a publication that will pioneer the task of enhancing knowledge and inspiration for the cardiothoracic community in Sri Lanka. We invite all healthcare professionals, researchers, and stakeholders with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery to join us in this journey as we advance cardiac and thoracic interventions and explore new frontiers.

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