

## **-Message from Conference Chair -**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a buzzword in the 21st century. AI has recorded unrepresented developments over the last 70 years and demonstrated the power of solving problems that cannot be solved otherwise. Nowadays, AI has truly become the Science and Engineering of building intelligent machines, and no longer people are skeptical about the power of AI instead of curious about whether AI would lead to the technological singularity. However, much shred of evidence is already available to believe that AI would not surpass mankind but enable a society with man-machine coexistence.

By witnessing the increasing global recognition for AI, I am privileged to write this message for the 3rd SLAAI-International Conference on Artificial Intelligence at the 15th Annual Sessions of Sri Lanka Association for Artificial Intelligence (SLAAI). In 2019, SLAAI has reached its 21st milestone in popularizing AI, research in AI and industry-academia partnership in AI. SLAAI has influenced introducing more and more AI contents into computing curricular, producing more academics with doctoral qualifications in AI, devising intelligent solutions for the industry, and enabling launching of a MSc in Artificial Intelligence in Sri Lanka. In its evolution, SLAAI international conference has been a major annual event to share theories and practices of AI among academia and industry. Since 2018, Proceedings of SLAAI - International Conference on Artificial Intelligence has been indexed in SCOPUS and published in Communications in Computer and Information Science by Springer. Selected and improved papers will also be published in a SCOPUS indexed International Journal.

SLAAI - International Conference on Artificial Intelligence creates a forum for an international community to present and publish their researches covering a wider spectrum of areas of AI including Ontology, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Machine Translation, Multi-Agent Systems, Evolutionary Computing, Fuzzy Logic, Theory of computing, and Brain Machine Interfacing. Annually, the number of foreign participants for the conference has been increased. Research papers submitted to SLAAI go through a rigorous double-blind peer review process and ensure selecting high-quality research papers for the conference. This year, the acceptance rate of research paper to SLAAI-ICAI is as low as 40%.

At this point, I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the keynote speakers, plenary speakers, session chairs, reviewers, panels of judges, authors of the papers, program committee and council members of SLAAI for their untiring effort to make this event a success. Special thanks go to SLAAI members from Sabaragamuwa University and the Vice-Chancellor for their support to hosting the 3rd SLAAI-International Conference on Artificial Intelligence - 2019. I wish every success of SLAAI-International Conference on Artificial Intelligence this year at Sabaragamuwa University.

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