



# CVCD Conference 2017

*Changing Higher Education Landscape in Sri Lanka Challenges and Opportunities*



2015 Conference delegates

## Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors



The committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) was established in 1979 under Section 124 of the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 as an advisory body to UGC. Its founder Chairman was Prof. Stanley Wijesundera, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo. At present, the CVCD consists of 19 Vice-Chancellors of State Universities and 4 Rectors of University Campuses.

The primary role of the CVCD is to serve as an Inter-University organization which advises the UGC on policy, and academic and administrative matters of common interest to the Universities. It also represents the Universities of Sri Lanka in international organizations

of universities such as the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). It serves as a bureau of information about the Sri Lankan Universities and facilitates consultation and communication between them. Two former CVCD Chairmen, Prof. Stanley Wijesundera and Professor RALH Gunawardene have served as the Chairmen of the Association of Commonwealth Universities in the past.

The CVCD meets monthly in rotation at each University and there is a join CVCD/UGC meeting on a quarterly basis. CVCD took the lead in establishing the quality assurance mechanism in the University sector. The Quality Assurance Handbook published jointly by the CVCD and

UGC served as the guide for the Institutional Reviews and Subject Reviews of Universities for many years which was instrumental in establishing the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of the UGC.

One of the most important activities of the CVCD agenda is the biennial Conference on Higher Education with the participation of all the Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, Deans of the Faculties, Librarians and Bursars constituting the senior management of the universities. The conference aims to address key issues related to Higher Education benefiting all the universities and policy making.

Biennial CVCD Excellence Awards is another important project organized by the CVCD. These Awards are presented every other year to recognize and honour outstanding contributions and accomplishments of the staff in the Sri Lankan Universities. These awards cover the spheres of research, innovation and inventions.

With these programmes and other initiatives, the CVCD makes every attempt to expand the higher education sector in Sri Lanka, while improving the management, quality, productivity and efficiency, ensuring a rewarding experience for the stakeholders.

