

## **ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY FORUM (AccFIN2) - 2019**

The first ever Accounting and Finance Industry Forum (AccFIN2) organized by the Department of Business Finance, Faculty of Management, University of Peradeniya was held on 20th June, 2019 at the Senate Room of the University of Peradeniya with a gathering of 150 people from the academia and the industry. This forum, which will be organized as an annual event, aims to develop the link between the academia and the industry, and to discuss important issues in the economy/business with the participation of the academia and the industry experts. This academia-industry collaboration will be a platform to find solutions/ provide recommendations for an issue identified in a particular year. In this year's forum, the Department of Business Finance collaborated with the National Economic Council of Sri Lanka organizes the Accounting and Finance Industry Forum – 2019 under the theme, “Sri Lankan Economy and Financial Markets: Issues and Challenges”. Other collaborative partners of the event were Colombo Stock Exchange, Sri Lanka Finance Association and the Association of Kandy Chartered Accountants.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Upul B. Dissanayake, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, and the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor S.H.P.P. Karunaratne and the Dean of the Faculty of Management, Dr. M. Alfred also attended as Special Guests. The Panelists for the forum were Professor Lalith P. Samarakoon, Secretary General and Chief Economist, National Economic Council of Sri Lanka, Senior Professor D.B.P. Hareendra Dissabandara, Deputy Secretary General – Financial Affairs, National Economic Council of Sri Lanka, Mr. C.J.P. Siriwardana, Deputy Secretary General – Economic Affairs, National Economic Council of Sri Lanka, Mr. Rajeeva Bandaranaike, Chief Executive Officer, Colombo Stock Exchange, and Mr. Angelo Ranasinghe, Executive Director, Bartleet Religare Securities (Pvt) Ltd, while Dr. Suresh J.S. de Mel, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts moderated the Panel Discussion session.