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Editorial Note

It is with great enthusiasm that we present the Issue 1 (2024 June) of Volume 8 of *Management Issues*, a peer-reviewed academic journal published by the Faculty of Management Studies of the Open University of Sri Lanka. Our journal is dedicated to providing a robust scientific foundation for young researchers who have completed their undergraduate and postgraduate studies. We aim to offer these emerging scholars an intellectual platform to publish their high-quality research, encompassing both the theoretical and practical aspects of all sub-domains of Management. Starting this year, *Management Issues* has transitioned to a bi-annual publication schedule, with issues released in June and December. This change reflects our commitment to providing timely and high-quality research to our readers.

In this inaugural bi-annual issue, we are proud to feature six carefully selected papers that contribute significant insights to the field of management. These papers cover a diverse range of topics pertinent to both academics and practitioners. A brief overview of these papers, in order of their publication in this issue, is as follows. The first paper, titled "Overconsumption through the lens of Sri Lankan consumer activists" explores into the perspectives of consumer activists in Sri Lanka regarding the phenomenon of overconsumption, shedding light on their views and proposed solutions. The next three papers attempt to address issues in the garment, hospitality, and banking sectors of Sri Lanka. The paper on the garment industry examines the impact of internal control systems on organizational performance, emphasizing the moderating influences of information technology and human competencies. The next paper, in the hospitality industry, investigates the determinants influencing environmental sustainability reporting practices, providing valuable evidence and insights to hotels. The paper on the banking sector examines the relationship between credit risk and the financial performance of licensed commercial banks in Sri Lanka, offering crucial findings for enhancing their performance by mitigating the credit risk. This issue also features a paper exploring the factors influencing cryptocurrency investment intentions among the Sri Lankan undergraduates. Lastly, this issue includes a study that provides a comprehensive understanding of strategic realization of CSR initiatives in SMEs, a timely and relevant topic for achieving Sustainability Development Goals.

We extend our gratitude to the authors for their contributions and to our peer reviewers for their diligent work in ensuring the quality and integrity of the published research. We are confident that the studies presented in this issue will inspire further research and practice in the field of management. We look forward to continuing to provide a platform for the dissemination of valuable research and to the ongoing engagement with our readers and contributors.

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