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Editorial Preface

We are pleased to present Volume 3(2) of the Sri Lankan Journal of Banking and Finance (SLJBF), a refereed journal of Banking and Finance published by the Department of Banking and Finance, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka. SLJBF provides a unique platform for researchers, academicians, professionals, and research students to impart and share knowledge in the form of high-quality research papers to infuse innovative systems and methods to the economy and finance as a whole. In line with that SLJBF invites you to join with us by writing quality manuscripts in the discipline of economics, banking and finance.

We received a fair response for the call for papers and out of the paper received five papers selected for the publication through the rigorous blind review process. We wish to thank all the authors who contributed to this issue by submitting their novel research findings. The volume 3(2) of SLJBF deals with timely important topics, FDI Spillover Effects in Sub-Saharan Africa, Customer Perception on Virtual Banking Services of Commercial Banks, Impact of Dividend Policy on Return on Assets, Determinants of Women's Economic Empowerment and Potential for Commercialization of Apiculture as a Biofin Livelihood Option in Anuradhapura District. Thus, the journal has widened its scope to appeal to a wider readership with varied interest and needs.

The first paper by Adamu Jibrilla, Dunusinghe Priyanga presents a very interesting meta-analysis on the impact of FDI spillovers on the performance of firms in the sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Findings of the study confirmed that there is no evidence of statistically significant FDI spillover effect in SSA. However, study reports that FDI spillover effects in SSA are likely to be country specific and among panel studies, depending on the sample size, ownership structure, research and development as well as absorptive capacity of firm.

Zooming into the local context, the second paper by Tharshini and Rajeshwarn examine customer perception on virtual banking services of commercial banks in Trincomalee District. Authors argue that the level of virtual banking and customer satisfaction is higher in the District and results

revealed that virtual banking services quality has a positive impact on customer satisfaction. The model framework developed in this study provides useful information for managers and policy makers for designing appropriate virtual banking systems in order to maintain profitable customers within the banking system.

In the third paper, De Silva, Premarathna and Mapatuna investigate the potentials for commercialization of apiculture as a biofin livelihood option in Sri Lanka. Based on the results, authors concluded apiculture could be introduced as a biofin livelihood option for the fruit and vegetable farmers in the Anuradhapura district in Sri Lanka.

The fourth article is a case study on dividend policy of listed non-financial firms in Colombo Stock Exchange, Sri Lanka. This paper investigates the impact of dividend policy on return on assets. The authors Ravindran and Kengatharan argue dividend policy as a leading factor to be considered to enhance the profitability of the firm. Moreover, authors advocate the importance of maintaining a trade-off between distributions of dividend and retaining a portion out of earnings so as to ensure the sustainability of organization.

The final paper, by Thakshila Kumari, investigates the determinants of women's economic empowerment with special reference to rural poor women in Sri Lanka. This study seeks to identify most influential factors on women economic empowerment in Sri Lanka. The finding of the study is useful for the policy makers to enhance women's economic empowerment.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the dedicated panel of distinguished reviewers, members of the editorial advisory board, members of the editorial board and the assistant editors for their unstinting and voluntary contribution to make this issue a success. The continued support of the governing body of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka in this endeavor is also acknowledged.

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