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## Preface

The National Institute of Social Development is the pioneer Social Work education provider in Sri Lanka. It is the only institution of higher learning that produces social work professionals for Sri Lanka.

The Research and Publications Division of the NISD is engaged in conducting and collaborating Research activities pertaining to aspects of Social Work Education and Practice. It conducts various Research on emerging Social Issues and contributes for Social Policy formulation. **The Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development**, published by the Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development is a biannual publication which aims to promote Social Research literature. The uniqueness of this magazine is that it is available to readers as a Refereed Journal. This publication consists of a collection of empirical research and scholarly articles edited by a panel of experts.

I believe that this academic publication published as the **Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development** will contribute to generate and disseminate new knowledge in Social Work which is important for Social Workers engaged in Social Empowerment and Development in the country.

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