

Corporate governance, accounting education and forensic accounting came into focus at the second research symposium organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) which was held under the patronage of Prof. D.B.P.H. Dissa Bandara of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura while the keynote speaker was Prof. Kapila Perera, Vice Chancellor of the University of Moratuwa.



Professor (Dr.) D.B.P.H. Dissa Bandara speaking during his speech

The symposium brought together researchers who presented their research findings covering the three areas that took centre stage during the forum, which also features three panel discussions with industry experts including top accounting professionals.

During the symposium, "The Journal of Applied Research" which consisted of six articles focusing on corporate governance, accounting education and forensic accounting was also launched in the presence of the gathering with a

copy of the journal being presented to the Vice President of CA Sri Lanka Mr. Manil Jayasinghe by the Chairman of the Research Committee Mr. Nishan Fernando.



Chairman of the Research Committee Mr. Nishan Fernando presenting a copy of the CA Journal of Applied Research to CA Sri Lanka Vice President Mr. Manil Jayasinghe in the presence of Prof. Kapila Perera, Prof. Dissa Bandara, Mr. Chandra Jayaratne and Mr. Prasanna Liyanage.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Jayesinghe said that accounting professionals across the globe was facing significant changes and challenges. "Many accounting processes are now being automated, and we have come a long way from the abacus and even the calculator, with us now using terms such as Artificial Intelligence, Block Chain, Cyber Security and Data Analytics all too regularly," he said.

He said that due to the growing challenges, there is increasing debate on how accountants must remain relevant. Mr. Jayesinghe noted that the profession was not only facing challenges from external forces, but also from within the profession. This is where events such as a research symposium can play an important role as it can be an important forum that can give us an important direction as the way forward for the profession," he said.

Mr. Jayesinghe said that research is an almost alien subject to accountancy profession, but as the leading accounting body in the country, CA Sri Lanka has taken the lead to focus on such pertinent matters due to the need of the hour.





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Researcher, Deshan Perera, and CA Sri Lanka's President Mr. Manir Jayasinghe, and special invitees Prof. Kapila