

## The Colombo Medical Congress 2022 - Sustainable and affordable healthcare through research innovation and practice

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The Colombo Medical Congress (CMC) is being held for the third consecutive year since its inception in 2020 with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Colombo Medical School. The CMC is jointly organized by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, and the Colombo Medical School Alumni Association (CoMSAA).

The CMC is a unique event that brings together the knowledge and expertise of alumni and the staff of the Colombo Medical Faculty in sharing knowledge and experience in healthcare and in education. The theme this year is Sustainable and affordable healthcare through research innovation and practice. I am delighted to note that a meeting is happening in Australia with the Australian

Chapter of (CoMSAA) organizing a mini-symposium coinciding CMC 2022. In addition, the Bhutani alumni are also taking part actively in the congress.

The symposia include wide range of themes and topics ranging from medical education, clinical care, health policy and health economics. The CMC also provides a unique opportunity to the postgraduate and undergraduate researchers to showcase their research in the form of poster and free paper sessions as well as for networking. Another unique feature in the CMC is that it is organized with minimum cost which is very important at a time the country is facing an economic crisis.

The abstracts of the free papers presented at CMC are published as a supplement of the Ceylon Journal of Medical Sciences (CJMS) which is an online journal, providing the young researchers the opportunity to disseminate their research findings. The Colombo Medical Congress has the potential to grow in strength as an international medical congress attracting participants from all corners of the world.

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