



**UNIVERSITY OF VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

# **International Research Symposium 2021**

**Fostering Opportunities for  
Technopreneurship in the New Normal**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The International Research Symposium 2021 of the University of Vocational Technology has been scheduled on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at its main Auditorium, 100, Kandawela Road, Ratmalana. The aim of this Symposium is to bring together scholars, researchers, academics, practitioners and students from different universities, university colleges, R & D institutes and private sector institutions to discuss theoretical and practical issues in all fields of technology. Prospective authors are invited to submit their papers written in English on subject matters related to any of the sub themes of the sessions. The prospective, valuable contributions will be evaluated by a Scientific Committee.

**Theme of the International Research Symposium 2021; Fostering Opportunities for Technopreneurship in the New Normal**

The momentum of technological innovation is gathering strength in Sri Lanka, as people are inspired by the success of even few technology giants in the country and beyond. Enthusiasm is further fostered by various initiatives to encourage a new pattern of innovation by the youngsters, in line with the policies, programmes and projects spearheaded by the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational education and Research and Innovations. Among the primary focus is to strengthen research-industry tie ups so that the industries are benefitted from research findings to add value to products. Promoting mass technopreneurship and innovation is a long-term strategy to facilitate economic growth. Now, maketiers and investors are rushing into different technological ventures – despite volatile and fierce market competition Covid 19 is considerably responsible for. This has produced huge demand from “technopreneurs” for not only financial resources but also support in areas such as technology, market connections and entrepreneurial

development. In these initiatives, the University of Vocational Technology is regarded as an important source of supply for the country's technopreneurs, who are increasingly looking for enhanced access to foreign technology, international markets and additional financing channels in order to scale up their ventures. A renewed local agenda needs to be premised on a strong vision for technopreneurship more than ever since in the new normal context. Following is an indicative, hence a non-exhaustive, list of anticipated themes:

- Technological advances for nurturing education
- Harmonious cohabitation of ICT in vocational technologies
- Emerging technologies in manufacturing
- Industrial management through innovative technologies
- Enhancing building services for better livability
- Advanced mechatronics applications for humanity
- Innovative construction technologies
- Managing construction projects for better value for money
- Sustainability and regeneration in built environment
- Optimizing Food Sciences and Food Technologies
- Film, Television and Media for a resilient society
- Harnessing the opportunities in hospitality industry through advanced technologies
- Fostering Skills for Innovations
- Technologies for social welfare

**Note: Authors are permissible to present only three (03) papers maximum.**

Information and Instructions for submissions:

Submission of full paper	– 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2021
Notification of reviewers comments	– 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2021
Revised paper submission	– 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021
Camera ready paper	– 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021
Early bird registration date	– On or before 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021
Registration date	– On or before 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021
Symposium date	– 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021
Early bird registration	– Rs. 4,000.00
Registration*	– Rs. 5,000.00
Foreign registration	- \$ 100
Registration for SAARC members	- \$ 50

***\*Authors from University of Vocational Technology and University Colleges are excluded from paying registration fees.***

The full papers including an introduction and a list of references shall be of no more than eight (8) A4 size pages excluding the cover sheet. The details of the author shall not be included within the paper and a separate cover sheet with author details and sub theme shall be submitted. Final papers will be double-blind reviewed by a review panel. The papers which should be submitted via email to [uvvsymposium2021@gmail.com](mailto:uvvsymposium2021@gmail.com) will be acknowledged.

Submitted articles must not have been previously published, nor should they be submitted for consideration for publication elsewhere, while under review for this symposium.