New Horizons in Management, Leadership and Sustainability: Exemplary Approaches and Innovative Solutions

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The International Conference on Business Management (ICBM) 2019 will be held on 12-14 December 2019, at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

ICBM 2019 is a partnership between Monash Business School, Monash University, the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ), Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA). It builds on a strong, enduring relationship between these three institutions and the leading part they play in promoting leadership and cross-sectoral collaboration in Sri Lanka.

The Conference focuses on the theme of ‘Transforming knowledge into action: Towards sustainable development in emerging economies’. New ideas, new modes of thinking and new discoveries push the boundaries of our understanding, and draw together increasingly important issues of environmental sustainability and development of innovative solutions to significant service delivery challenges. This is especially important for emerging economies. They often confront a history of weak institutions and a low resource base. In their public administration they must review and reform longstanding, legacy institutions and practices, but do so in a way that tailors solutions to local requirements and emphases. Transforming knowledge into action, so that novel projects are implemented, products and services are created, and tangible outcomes achieved, is a starting point. Countries must harness this knowledge resource to develop effective policy and practices.

The Conference showcases current research in management by bringing together academics, practitioners, policy-makers and interest groups from diverse regions and perspectives. With a special interest in the narratives that practitioners can offer, the Conference will produce significant papers of special interest to practitioners across the South-Asian region, and, indeed, further abroad, because it welcomes the analysis and sharing of ‘success stories’ in dealing with development issues that have in many cases resisted solution for decades. Countries in the region enjoy distinctive cultures and political styles, but they also exhibit common threads in policy development and administration and in drawing on the skills and knowledge of their public, private and not-for-profit sectors, in addition to the knowledge of international bodies. There is emerging a rich, useful record of success in solving problems. This volume provides an opportunity for those stories to be shared far more broadly than a conference or a journal, eliciting lessons at the sub-government level.
We therefore plan to publish an edited volume highlighting the best research papers based on the conference presentations at ICBM 2019. Presenters whose papers are adjudged the best at the Conference, based on participants’ feedback and track chairs’ recommendations, will be invited to contribute a chapter of 5,000 to 6,000 words for this edited volume—planned to be published by one of the major international publishers, such as Springer, Palgrave, or Routledge. The emphasis in selection will be on practitioners’ accounts and analyses, rather than more theoretical accounts, which will be accommodated in planned special issues of academic journals.

Track Chairs will make recommendations of Best Papers and serve as section editors.

Funds generated from the sale of this volume will be utilized to support innovative research projects with a special focus on social entrepreneurship and sustainable business practices.

**Time Line:**

- **January 2020**
  - Invites sent to Presenters for Book Chapter(s)

- **February 2020:**
  - Book Proposal prepared based on Accepted Invites

- **March – May 2020:**
  - Book Proposal Approved

- **June – July 2020:**
  - Integrating the Manuscript to tie it all together
  - Finalization/Submission of the Manuscript

- **November 2020:**
  - Book Published!
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