

## EDITORIAL

Journal of Agriculture and Value Addition (JAVA) is a Research Journal produced and published by the Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka as a Research Journal. It creates an opportunity for an effective and healthy communication of findings of national and international research community representing main myriad disciplines of agriculture such as crops, livestock and aquaculture as well as the fisheries sector focusing on value addition. JAVA will integrate these key areas & diverse developments, and provide a unique opportunity to make significant advancements in the research while providing a special opening to connect domain experts from Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Agribusiness Management, *etc.*, which are interconnected with the theme of value addition.

Prime objectives of JAVA are (i) to focus research that promotes value addition in agriculture and fisheries, (ii) to offer readers an opportunity to tap into the future enhancement of agriculture and fisheries sector and (iii) to streamline the relevant findings towards economic development. In achieving such objectives JAVA will occupy the research publications in its issues representing original Research Papers, Short Communications and Review Articles. Thus, the JAVA expects to communicate all research information by the given means that mainly focuses on value addition in agriculture and fisheries.

The intended audience of this journal will go beyond the traditional applied agriculture and fisheries, and instead include people from the areas that really contribute to the advancement of agriculture and fisheries for a better economic gain. It is also expected to make an extra effort to promote collaboration between value addition in agriculture, fisheries and various other applied fields. Also, one of the special features of JAVA will be that, in future, a section will be devoted to invited Review Articles from research leaders in various related fields and such papers will provide the essence of background in each subfield, explaining on what the most important current issues, challenges and opportunities are in value addition related to agricultural and fisheries resources. Hence, the JAVA will consider papers from a broad range of applied areas in agriculture and fisheries that thoroughly address the value addition in all production, processing and marketing of the 'value chain'.

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