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Editorial Foreword...

I am happy to present our readers with issue Number 1 of **Volume 11** in 2022 of the “*Journal of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka (JEPSL)*”. This volume comprises with papers from our authors from various disciplines covering water, Soil and areas in forestry. The journal can be accessed online at the “*Sri Lanka Journals Online*” marking more convenience for the entire readership of environmental professionals. our aim of our biannual journal is to publish high-quality research work containing new ideas addressing a wide range of issues at the nexus of the environment from ecology to human dimensions of environment and policy analysis in the form of research articles, reviews, and short communications.

Being in par with our border vision of creating new knowledge to the wider range of audience who are really care of issues which are affecting all the living being on our mother earth, we are happy and privileged to announce that the printed version of this 8th Volume of JEPSL is the Sri Lanka’s first certified ‘Zero Carbon™’ research publication in compliance with the certification and guidelines developed by Sustainable Future Group [SFG] following the PAS 2060 global standard produced and published by the British Standards Institution for carbon neutrality. In order to make this Zero Carbon publication, carbon footprint of printed version of this volume was assessed, covering direct and indirect greenhouse gas released from cradle to publishes gate and certified and registered carbon offsets were obtained to compensate for the carbon footprint of the publication from Ratnapura and Kandy Small Hydropower Projects in Sri Lanka.

This issue would not have been possible without the invaluable effort of the highly qualified Editorial Board and the Expert Review Panel representing all disciplines relevant to the journal and I must specially thank to all authors who have contributed for this volume and I am sure that there will be more contributions from the existing as well as the emerging scientists to the upcoming issues of the JEPSL.

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