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It is indeed a pleasure to revive the Journal of the Geological Society of Sri Lanka even after a lapse of a few years. Even though maintaining a journal involves a variety of somewhat difficult constraints, the redeeming feature is that several Sri Lankan geoscientists have maintained a respectable identity in the international research sphere. This in spite of a multitude of problems associated with financial, analytical and other contrasts, in indeed a tribute to the local geoscientists. Discouraging remarks mostly of an anti-local nature and rather grandfatherish sermons hardly help their cause.

Highly descriptive accounts shrouded in flowery language that camouflages the lack of good quantitative data is a thing of the past. Modern researcher demands substantial evidence that can arise only from good analytical data backed by sound statistical techniques. An abundance of quantitative data is certainly better than no data.

It is indeed heartening to note that the Sri Lankan geoscientists have ventured into multidiscipline research and this augurs very well for the future. No science can work in isolation and borders between scientific disciplines are being rapidly broken down. Application of chemistry, physics, mathematics, statistics, and even sociology and medicine in geology have enriched the geosciences. Sri Lankan scientists do have the capability and the potential to forge ahead along this new line of thinking.

We wish our geoscientists well.

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