

Preface

This volume of collection of articles is a product of joint research on “Peacebuilding in South Asia” by researchers of Hiroshima University, Japan and the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Based upon the mutual cooperation agreement, the two universities with the Institute for Peace Science of Hiroshima University and the Department of International Relations of the University of Colombo as their respective core functions collaborated to pursue research agendas on “Peacebuilding in South Asia.” Mr. Ajith Balasooriya, lecturer of the University of Colombo, registered as a Ph.D. student at Hiroshima University, helped all the contributors to produce their works as they are in this volume.

South Asia has many critical and complex issues concerning peacebuilding, which affect the entire contemporary international community. Various types of serious armed conflicts as well as significant attempts of peacebuilding are in progress in the region. It is thus imperative to intensively investigate South Asian affairs from the perspective of peacebuilding. This volume is an end point; it is rather part of further development of research on the issues of “Peacebuilding in South Asia.” But the contributors wish that this volume will help those who are interested in the topic to find some critical research agendas to tackle in the future.