

Harris Manchester College in the University of Oxford



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Dear President Kapilakanchana,

I am writing to you to suggest a way in which our two academic institutions may be able to cooperate for the benefit of both institutions. There are two things that we could do immediately, with the possibility of a third suggestion further down the line.

It would be possible for us to offer you two places on the Summer Research Institute which meets in the first week of July each year. This Research Institution is an inter-disciplinary gathering of academics from Universities across the world. It gives both Junior and Senior Academics an opportunity, to finish a book, an article or a paper within an academic community. We not only provide meals and accommodation and an opportunity to meet with our own Fellows, but we also give each participant membership of our library and where appropriate, other libraries within the University of Oxford.

Secondly, we would also be able to offer you the opportunity to send two students to Oxford each year for the Trinity Term (April – June). They would be registered as Visiting Students of the University and treated in the same way as all our other students.

Thirdly, I suggest we could start planning the ASEAN / European Institute which would meet in the summer of 2015, where our academics and yours could each give papers on issues that would be relevant to the European Union and to ASEAN in terms of their culture, politics, history, economics and future. I suggest that we should hold the first meeting here in Oxford. I envisage approximately 26 people taking part. The second meeting of the Institute should be held in Thailand, and thereafter we should meet alternatively in England and Thailand.

Between us we would need to raise some money to cover the cost of these three activities.

Every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

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