Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

In our attempts to improve the services to our members at large, we are able to install the latest Equipment at our offices at Chennai Educational HQ and Mumbai. We could establish the professional structures in the services of members. Extra human resources could also be recruited.

HQ Infrastructure @ Mumbai:
The office space at Mumbai is not sufficient and it has become essential to look for alternatives. A lot of effort is put in by the OBs, ExecCom members and office staff during the past few months, to find out suitable place for our Mumbai HQ office. I am happy to inform you that we are successful, in getting allotted about 500 sq. meter of space in the 4th Floor of Saumruthi Venture Park Bldg of MIDC, Govt. of Maharashtra, in Andheri (East) for about 95 years ownership registration. We would like to complete all the formalities soon and make our new office of HQ to function in the NEW YEAR. I am grateful to Shri Raj Saraf, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Shri S. Mahalingam, Shri M. D. Agrawal, Shri Saurabh Sonawala, Prof. H. R. Visvaskarma, Shri Mohan R. Datar, Shri Suchit Gogewar & our Staff for working together as an excellent team and the ExecCom members for the support in getting the deal finalized.

Elders’ day: Ist October:
Hyderabad chapter arranged Prof. R. Narasimhan Memorial “CSI Hall of Fame” Lecture by Prof. D.V.R. Vithal, befitting the day by remembering simple living, high thinking. Legend Prof. Narasimhan who has been a model Professional(24/7). An Industry-Academic knowledge sharing meet has been arranged on that day, by Hyderabad Chapter, by inviting all the Student Counselors of CSI Region V with student representatives and Industry representatives. This meet has helped in bringing together Industry and Academic institutions on their attempts to improve the employability of the youth and in understanding the human resources requirement in the Industry. This model could be repeated in each region by regional/ state coordinators. I am grateful to the Chairman Shri Raju Kanchibhotla, Vice chairman Prof I. L. Narasimha Rao and Managing Committee of Hyderabad Chapter for arranging this useful event while making arrangements for the ExecCom meeting, which was held on the following day at Hyderabad.

MOU between the Institution of Engineers (India) and CSI:
An MOU between IEI and CSI could be signed on 8th October 2010 at the Institution of Engineers (India), 8 Ghokhale Road, Kolkata-700020. This MOU enables the members of both the societies to organize events together, exchange the technical expertise and also to share the infrastructure facilities for common programs. Brig. SVS Chowdhry, Past President of CSI and the Institute of Engineers, deserves my Salute for his relentless efforts in bringing together both CSI and IEI. It is he, who could travel from Delhi to Kolkata for facilitating the process of MOU. We are grateful to Er. Madan Lal, President, Maj. Gen. R. K. Sanan, VSM (Retd.), Secretary & Director General of the Institution of Engineers and their colleagues in the Institution of Engineers for their support and for the courtesies extended to the CSI team headed by the President with the Kolkata Chapter Managing Committee and Senior members of CSI. I am sure many chapters would utilize this MOU to plan more activities for our members.

E-Governance Workshop by the CSI Regional Research Centre@ Kolkata:
Our attempts to promote research have yielded good results. Dr. (Mrs.) Jayasri Chaudhuri, Hon. Research Director, could successfully organize a National workshop on e-Governance during October 8-9, 2010 with the help of Kolkata Chapter. More than 16 research accomplishments have been presented and discussed during the two days. Dr. Debesh Das, Minister of ICT, West Bengal inaugurated the event while Ajoy Roy VC, BESU and Dr. N. Vijayaditya, former DG, NIC were the key note speakers.

SEARCC International Schools Software Competitions: SISSC-2010:
To foster the development of Computer competence among young people in the South East Region of the world, SEARCC instituted a software competition which is open to school students, who are not more than 18 years of age. The competition also provides opportunities for the young people to acquire better awareness of the culture, Life-Style and aspirations of each other’s country, thereby contributing to better understanding in relationships for future generations.

SEARCC Secretary General: Mr. Yasa Karunaratne had requested CSI to host this event in India during 2010 while the SEARCC conference was planned at Brisbane. CSI ExecCom has accepted the request and considered the proposal of RMD Engineering College to conduct the competitions.

Australia, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and ROC. Taiwan fielded their teams for the competitions that were held during 21-25 October 2010. RMD International School has been the venue for accommodating the team members, chaperons and judges of the competitions. RMD Engineering College provided the logistics for arranging competitions it has been an exceptionally organized Mission by the management of RMD and RMK group in institutions to receive the teams, chaperons, judges at different timings, arranging AC accommodation, security, providing computing and internet facilities, cultural exchange meets, sight seeing, Extending recreation- sports-go-carting, swimming and in taking care of the variety requirements of food and health care with affectionate Indian Hospitality in a festive environment at every location of the campus. The management headed by Shri Muniratnam Naidu deserves our Pranam for sponsoring the event logistics. And the young Director Shri Pradeepabhai is remembered by all of us for providing excellent boarding and lodging facilities to all of us in the RMK International School. Our CSI stalwarts Shri HR Mohan, Dr. S. Sivastav, Prof. K. Rajasekhararao and Prof. P. Kumar have been in the board of judges. Shri Ramasamy excelled as event chair while Prof. Suresh has exceptionally organized the event with minute to minute monitoring. Commander Murugesan, Mr. Bhuvaneswaran, Mr. Gyana Sekhar, Mr. Natarajan, Mr Yogendar and our education Directorate had taken care of intrinsic requirements and interfaced the teams throughout the event. This is an event that one can site an example of “unlimited voluntary strength” to achieve the target as gel team. We are thankful to Mr. Yasa Karunaratne for attending and encouraging the event in India.

F.C. Kohli Challenge Trophy:
A trophy is instituted by CSI on the name of the father of SEARCC movement Dr. F. C. Kohli for presenting to the winning team of SEARCC International Schools’ Software Competition. This year, the trophy has been bagged by ROC. Taiwan while Sri Lanka and New Zealand stood at second and third positions respectively.

Swarnim Gujarat & CSI-2011
While Gujarat is celebrating the Golden jubilee celebrations of the formation of Gujarat State, our CSI family wanted to encourage the celebrations by granting Annual convention of CSI in Gujarat. Thus, Ahmedabad Chapter of CSI would host the CSI-2011 in Ahmedabad. Kolkata Chapter has kindly opted to host the CSI-2012.

Prof. P Thimmurthy
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