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Editor's Note

The explosion of knowledge in our time has been swift and sustained and continues to grow at an ever-increasing rate. It has overtaken us in every important area of scholarship and technology, testing our ability to understand, order, manage and use it to our benefit. Many see it as a broad, irresistible tsunami of advances in science, technology, health care, food production, the environment, physics, genetics, human thought, as well as in new areas of knowledge not yet defined or even identified. Many celebrate mankind's intellectual accomplishments, while others resist this exponential growth, feeling that it only serves to confuse the human mind. As scholars and teachers, we must view current changes as a challenge to meet, and not as a whirlwind which will sweep humanity back into the "dark forest of ignorance". However we choose to view this tumult, our focus should be cautious and well-measured, understanding that the arts and sciences offer mankind intellectual and aesthetic wealth, necessary to enhance our shared living experience. This phenomenon of change calls for new perspectives.

A university as an institution in society has a responsibility to provide quality education, enabling the next generation of leaders to develop the wisdom, knowledge and reasoning ability to evolve into balanced, productive individuals. Beyond teaching, another core mission of institutions of higher learning is to challenge the truths that no longer serve us and offer leadership in the search for genuine wisdom by informing and influencing policy-makers, government leaders and the wider public. In the turbulence of the current maelstrom of data and opinion facing the world, universities will need to play a leading role to help us navigate our highly complex and technologically interconnected world in positive and instructive ways.

In response to the exceptional needs of our time, a new multidisciplinary journal has been established, the *RANGSIT JOURNAL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (RJAS)*.

It is with great pleasure that the editorial and management staff of RJAS launch the inaugural issue of the journal. RJAS is an international multidisciplinary journal that aims to provide a prominent medium for the publication of new insights over the entire range of academic endeavor. The scope of the *Journal* covers all those cited by Wikipedia's field of arts, plus its field of science and technology. The aim, range and editorial policies have been set out in the *Note for Authors* section, at the end of this issue. Besides the lead article, the first issue of RJAS contains four articles in the arts and five articles in science and technology.

On this auspicious occasion which celebrates the launching of the *Journal*, Dr. Arthit Ourairat, President of Rangsit University, and Chairman of the RJAS Advisory Board, has honored us by contributing the Inaugural Article entitled: "Challenges to education in an era of uncertainty". This article provides the steering thematic for the *Journal* to follow.

To borrow Dr. Ourairat's words, we hereby extend our best wishes to the readers, the reviewers, and to current and future contributors who will help make RJAS a vehicle for disseminating new knowledge and new discoveries.