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**Editor's Note\***

Knowledge is meant to be shared. To advance science and improve human health and wellbeing, when new information is uncovered by scientists (here used in the broadest sense), it is their obligation to make it available to anyone who is interested. Knowledge that is not disseminated is knowledge wasted on but a few individuals. The dispersal of newly discovered data is both an obligation and a goal of a scientist/educator. This is most frequently done by publishing previously unknown information in refereed biomedical journals. The cloistering of data in the minds of only the discoverers of the information defeats the purpose of scientific inquiry.

Publishing new information in scientific journals has been described as the best educational system ever devised. When this is done, especially in today's technically-savvy society, the information is immediately accessible to millions of individuals worldwide. Moreover, unless the data is accidentally or intentionally destroyed, it remains available far into the indefinite future. This is the mission and the rationale for scientists/educators to communicate by means of their publications.

It was an honor to be invited to join the Advisory Board of this fledging journal. For a scientist/educator to be in a position to aid in the development of a literary resource such as this *Journal* is an unexpected distinction. It is my hope that many will consider this to be a unique opportunity to publish their work and/or ideas via such a multidisciplinary outlet. In doing so, they will not only inform colleagues of their novel work, but also expose their findings to many in peripherally-related areas who otherwise may never have encountered their work. This is one of the special features of this new *Journal*.

The establishment of the RANGSIT JOURNAL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (RJAS) adds to the armamentarium of resources that can be utilized by peoples of South East Asia and throughout the world. Major strengths of this infant journal are its multidisciplinary nature and its publication in English, the most commonly-used language in the sciences and the arts. Due to these essential features, the RJAS is destined to have an important impact on multiple levels of society, i.e., biomedical, social, geopolitical, economic and technological. Knowledge is in its exponential growth phase and this journal serves a critical niche in the promulgation and circulation of new information. Scientists/educators from all disciplines should take advantage of this new means to make their information known. I personally congratulate the leadership of Rangsit University for understanding the importance of initiating and supporting this publication.

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