



Academy of Sciences Malaysia

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To Whom it May Concern

Mr Kanesan Solomalai, AMN, the Chief Editor of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), Editor/Technical Editor of the *ASM Science Journal* and the *ASEAN Journal on Science and Technology for Development (ASEAN J. Sc. Technol. Dev.)*, completed his tenure at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia in June 2014. He left the Rubber Research Institute/Malaysian Rubber Board as a Research Fellow/Senior Research Officer (after his retirement and subsequently as a contact officer), to serve the Academy as a Senior Publication Officer in June 2007. His appointment was to commence work on the newly commissioned *ASM Science Journal*, and as the Editor/Technical Editor was instrumental in the editorial processing/publication of *ASM Sc. J.* vol. 1, 2007 to vol. 8(1), 2014 (15 issues). *ASM Science Journal* achieved Scopus (Elsevier) citation after four years; and is now being evaluated for Thomson Reuters ISI Impact Factor.

He was also appointed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) in 2011 as Editor and to undertake editorial processing and publication of the *ASEAN J. Sc. Technol. Dev.*, vol. 28(2), 2011; 29(1&2), 2012 and 30 (1&2), 2013; and continues as the Editor of *ASEAN J. Sc. Technol. Dev.* until 2017 (Appointed by MOSTI/ASM in August 2014).

During his seven-year tenure at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (July 2007—June 2014) he also spearheaded as Head of the Publications Unit and editor undertaking editorial processing and publication of more than 120 publications. Theses comprised scientific journals, Annual Reports, proceedings of conferences/seminars/workshops, ASM Inaugural Lectures of Fellows of the Academy/Senior Fellows of the Academy (Eminent Person's Lectures, Nobel Laureate Lectures, ASM Advisory Reports (to the Government), Visit Reports: Lindau Meeting of Nobel Prize Winners with Young Scientists, and Visits to Centres of Excellence, biographies/autobiographies, Scientific Expeditions, Coffee-table books, Scientific Monographs etc. Besides these, science magazines, notably the translation of UNESCO's quarterly journal on Natural Sciences (*A World of Science*) into Malay entitled *Dunia Sains*; and the popular monthly science magazine, *estidotmy* (articles in English and Malay) for students, which was as popular STI teaching tools for educators was published by the Academy and MOSTI (<www.akademisains.gov.my>; <www.akademisains.gov.my/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=102&Itemid=245>; <www.mosti@gov.my>).

Mr Kanesan Solomalai had only a skeleton supporting staff of one Publication Officer (PO) for six years and an Asst. PO for four years. Yet, the Academy achieved the 10th Malaysia Plan's Key Performance Indicator of more than 70 publications expending only slightly more than half of the RM4 million budget allocation. To accomplish the publication dateline, work was done outside office hours in the home; he regularly clocked 45–100 man-hours working in the home for which he was rewarded by the Academy.



While as Editor, and undertaking editorial publication, he was the Secretary to various Editorial Boards/Publications Committees/Technical Committees, where successful communication/collaboration was forged with scientists all over the world and with Nobel Laureates, especially in the areas related to journals/scientific monographs, and evaluation/refereeing of technical articles.

He was also a committee member involved in finalising the 2011–2013 Annual Report of MOSTI in 2013; and still serves in the Steering Committee of the *Journal of Science and Technology in the Tropics*—a joint publication of ASM and the Confederation of Scientific and Technological Associations in Malaysia (COSTAM).

Before his completion of contract with the Academy he conducted a three-month course to improve the general standard of English among the staff in the Academy. He was also an active member of the Academy's club activities and currently he is also the Trustee of the Tamil Arts Society of the Malaysian Rubber Board. He is also the member of the American Association of Malaysia; a cellist and a choir member (tenor) of the Calvary Convention Centre, Bukit Jalil, Selangor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Ahmad Ibrahim', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Ahmad Ibrahim, FASc
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