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Dear Professional Partners,

I am privileged to present before you the Annual Report of the Kerala Library Association (KLA) for the year 2012-'13. The reported period, the second half of the tenure of the present Committee, was fruitful with many notable events, apart from the routine activities. The detailed reports of the activities are given below.

1. KLA- NIC National Workshop on e-Granthalaya

A Three Day National Workshop on the Library automation and networking software, e-Granthalaya was organized by KLA during 11-13 September 2012, in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC), New Delhi at the LBS Institute of Technology for Women, Poojappa, Thiruvananthapuram.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. M. Wilscy, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 11th Sept. 2012. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, Kerala Library Association, delivered the presidential address. Shri. Ram Kumar Matoria, Technical Director, National Informatics Centre, New Delhi, in his introductory speech, highlighted various issues related to Automation and Networking of libraries in India. Shri. M. Chandrakumaran Nair, Vice President, KLA, welcomed the participants and Shri. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA proposed vote of thanks.

The workshop was attended by a total of forty one (41) working library professionals from three states, Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. The introductory presentation on the need of Library Automation and Networking was followed by hands on sessions on different modules of the software, e-Granthalaya. The entire sessions were conducted by Shri. R. K. Matoria, and assisted by Smt. Neha Waiker, Scientist C, NIC, Trivandrum. At the valedictory function chaired by Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA, Dr. K. P. Vijaya Kumar, HOD, DLIS, Univ. of Kerala distributed the participation certificates. Two of the participants expressed their views on the software and the Workshop. Shri. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA proposed vote of thanks.

2. Workshop on Information Security Awareness

Kerala Library Association (KLA), in collaboration with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Hyderabad organized a half day Workshop on "Information Security Awareness" at the Lecture Hall, Department of Library and Information Science,

University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, on 1st December 2012. Mr. M. Gnana Seelan, Project Engineer, C-DAC, Hyderabad was the resource person. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, HoD, DLIS, University of Kerala at a function. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA presided. The topics covered included internet security, cyber-crime/attacks, hacking, malicious software, virus attacks, antivirus, privacy on social networks, etc. Sixty professionals attended in the workshop from Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Participation certificates were distributed by Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, HOD, DLIS, University of Kerala at the valedictory function. Shri S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA proposed vote of thanks.

3. 8th Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture (2012)

Dr. M. D. Baby, HoD, School of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, delivered the 8th Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture, jointly organized by Kerala Library Association and the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala on “New Generation Knowledge Management: A Challenge to Library Professionals” at the Lecture Hall, Department of Library and Information Science, University Library Buildings at 11 a.m. on 20th December 2012.

Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, HoD, DLIS, University of Kerala, presided over the function and Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA welcomed the gathering. Shri. N. Parameswaran, Former Deputy Librarian-in-charge, Kerala University Library, reminisced about his association with Prof. K. A. Isaac. More than eighty people, including the family members of Prof. Isaac, faculty members, working professionals, students, retired professionals, research scholars and many others attended the lecture programme. Shri. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA offered vote of thanks.

4. KLA Gold Medal & Prof. C. A. Augustine Holy Cross Endowment Awards 2013

The Association organized the prestigious KLA Gold Medals and Prof. C. A. Augustine - Holy Cross Endowment Award presentation ceremony at the Lecture Hall, Department of Library and Information Science, University Library Building, Trivandrum at 3.00 pm on 29th April 2013 to the First Rank Holders of BLISc / MLISc Degree Courses of the Universities in Kerala.

Shri. C. P. Nair, former Chief Secretary, Govt of Kerala inaugurated the function. Dr. A. the changing face of libraries and the nature of reading habit. He presented the KLA Gold Medals to the first rank holders of MLISc Degree Courses of the Universities of Calicut and Kerala and the BLISc First Rank holder of the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. The award winners were:

University of Kerala			
S.No	Year	Name & Address	Institution
01	2009-2011 (MLISc)	Ms Suni S. Nair	DLIS, Univ. of Kerala
02	2010-2012 (MLISc)	Ms Aswathi G.S.	DLIS, Univ. of Kerala

Mahatma Gandhi University			
01	2009-2010 (BLISc)	Ms Supriya Susan Kurian	S.B. College, Changanassery
02	2010-2011 (BLISc)	Mr Biju Joseph	K.E. College, Mannanam
University of Calicut			
01	2009-2011 (MLISc)	Ms Manchu O.	DLIS, Univ. of Calicut
02	2010-2012 (MLISc)	Ms Reshma S. R.	DLIS, Univ. of Calicut

Shri C. P. Nair also distributed the Cash Awards and Mementos instituted by CA Augustine - Holy Cross Endowment for Information Science. The awards were given away to the students who scored the highest marks in the Paper 'Information and Communication', of the MLISc Examination of the University of Kerala. The Award winners were:

S.No	Year	Name & Address
01	2009-2011 (MLISc)	Ms Suni S. Nair
02	2010-2012 (MLISc)	Ms Renuka S.

Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, HoD, DLIS, University of Kerala, Smt. Suprabha, State Librarian, State Central Library and Smt L. Saraswathy, Deputy Librarian (I/C), Kerala University Library felicitated the winners and wished them all success in their future endeavours.

Shri. E. Hashim, Treasurer, KLA, welcomed the dignitaries. Mr. Biju Joseph, one of the award winners replied and thanked the KLA for organizing the programme. Shri. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

5. KLA National Seminar-2013 on “New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries and Information Centres (NITILIC)”

The Two Day National Seminar on *New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries and Information Centres (NITILIC)* was organized, by Kerala Library Association, supported by Raja Rammohun Roy Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata and co-sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE), Government of Kerala, during 12-13 July 2013 at the Seminar Hall, Kerala State Science and Technology Museum, PMJ Jn., Thiruvananthapuram. It was aimed at reviewing the current scenario of information technology, new strategies for better management of information, ensuring best practices by fully utilizing the ICT systems.

132 professionals working in academic libraries, R & D libraries, corporate libraries, public libraries as well as academicians across the country participated in the two-day national seminar. Out of which, 80 participants registered through the online registration facility provided on the KLA website. In addition to the inaugural and valedictory sessions there were six technical sessions in all, spread over two days. Each session was chaired by an eminent personality in the library & information science field and had a lead paper presented by an expert. A total of 27 papers were presented on various topics.

The National Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Executive Vice-President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Engineering. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by Dr. G. Balamohanam Thampi, Former Vice-Chancellor University of Kerala & President, Kerala State Library Council. In his presidential address, Dr. Thampi stressed the importance of libraries and emphasized the need for library professionals and research community to be well acquainted with the latest technology.

Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai inaugurated the seminar by lighting the lamp in the traditional manner. In his inaugural address, Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai opined that libraries have to expand the range of their resources by fully exploiting the IT to assist in collective learning and social learning. He also emphasized that technology has actually boosted publishing.

The souvenir brought out in connection with the seminar was released by Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai and the first copy was received by Smt. Lalitha Lenin. Smt. Lalitha Lenin, former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala and Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala offered their facilitations. The inaugural session came to a close with vote of thanks proposed by Shri. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, Kerala Library Association.

This was followed by the keynote address by Dr. A. Neelameghan, Former Head, Documentation Research and Training Centre, Bangalore on the topic "*Knowledge Management 2.0 in the Inclusive Knowledge Society Environment*". It set the tone of the seminar. Dr. Neelameghan outlined the various dimensions of new ICT systems and stressed the importance of their incorporation in the day to day operations of Library and Information Centres. He also explained about the various web 2.0 tools and the need to preserve indigenous knowledge in order to create an inclusive knowledge society.

The technical sessions that followed focused on new ICT systems. The papers presented through six technical sessions were grouped as *Web 2.0 Applications in Libraries, Online Resources and Access Technologies, Software Applications for Information Management, Library Designing in the Digital Era, Human Resource Development in Libraries, and Technology interfaces in Libraries.*

The first session had five paper presentations and was chaired by Prof. C. A. Augustine (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala). Shri. N. Narayanankutty (Scientist SF, VSSC Library) presented the theme paper, where he explained how various Web 2.0 / Lib 2.0 tools can be effectively used to 'inspire patrons' by citing the activities of VSSC Library.

The second session was chaired by Smt. Lalitha Lenin (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala) and the lead paper was presented by Shri. K.

Ravindran Asari (Former University Librarian, M. G. University, Kottayam). Shri. Asari traced the history of publishing, digital resources and modern online access technologies.

Six papers were presented in the third session on Software Applications for Information Management which chaired by Dr. K. S. Chandrasekar (Professor, IMK, University of Kerala). The lead paper was presented by Shri. M. Varghese (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala), in which he gave a brief overview of different categories of software used for information management.

This fourth session focused on the theme "Library Designing in the Digital Era". Dr. Sreenivasa Raghavan (Professor & Head, Bharatidasan University, Tiruchirappalli) chaired the session and Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar (Associate Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala) presented the lead paper. The lead paper highlighted the trends in designing of library buildings from the Middle Ages / Renaissance Period onwards, explaining the different stages of changes in designs.

The fifth session was chaired by Shri M. Varghese (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala). Prof A. Sreemurugan (Former Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Madurai Kamaraj University) delivered an inspiring talk on the importance of human resource development activities in libraries.

The sixth session was chaired by Shri N. Narayanankutty (Scientist SF, VSSC Library and presented the lead paper, in which he explained various steps from planning to sign-off involved in implementation of technology in libraries.

The valedictory session was inaugurated by Dr. Pulapre Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram. In his address; Dr. Balakrishnan opined that research community and non-library professionals usually take librarians for granted, without understanding the noble work done by them day by day. He was also of the view that government should take interest in modernizing the public library systems with the help of ICT so that common man is greatly benefitted. He also gave away the Best Paper Awards to Ms. Resmi Sara Thomas (*Use of Social Networking Sites by children: An Analysis*) and Dr. Beena S. (*ETDs of the Institutions of Higher Learning in India*). The Awards carried a Certificate and a Cash prize of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand each).

Shri. V. Sriram, the Rapporteur General of the Seminar, presented the Report of the Seminar. Shri. N. Parameswaran, former Deputy Librarian-in-charge, Kerala University Library welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, Kerala Library association. Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair, Syndicate Member, University of Kerala offered felicitation. The valedictory session came to a close with vote of thanks proposed by Shri N. Sukumaran Nair, Former State Librarian, Kerala.

There was a poster presentation in connection with the Seminar depicting the history, and activities of the Association, which attracted the delegates.

There were presentations by four corporates, namely M/s Digi Systems, Elsevier Publishers, ProQuest India and Rapid Radio Solutions during the two-day seminar.

The organizing Committee has planned to publish the Proceedings of the National Seminar soon as a volume. Detailed report of the National Seminar and a Photogallery of the events have been posted in the KLA National Seminar Blog, which can be accessed at: <http://www.klanationalseminar2013.wordpress.com>

6. Library Modernization Projects

The Association successfully completed the first phase of the Library Modernization Project work at the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) Library in Thiruvananthapuram in April 2013. The second phase of the project is progressing.

7. Membership

Sixty Seven (67) professionals became members of the Association in the year. This includes 64 Life Members and 03 Ordinary Members. It is notable that in the reported period, the Association received maximum number of memberships through its Regional Committees.

8. Executive Committee Meetings

During the year, the Executive Committee officially met ten times to discuss various issues of professional interest. In addition to the normal Executive Committee meetings, several informal meetings of Sub-Committees were held to discuss various current issues such as KLA National Seminar, Research Journal of KLA, School Library Issues, etc.

9. KLA Newsletter

The Committee published the KLA Newsletter Vol.41, Nos. 3-4, January 2012- June 2012 in both printed and digital formats. The next issue is under editing. The printed and e-versions of the Newsletter reach maximum number of members.

10. KLA on Social Media

The Kerala Library Association has a notable presence on all social media platforms. Many of the members are now communicating and following the Association activities via

- i. KLA Weblog (<http://klaweblog.wordpress.com>)
- ii. Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/Kerala-Library-Association>)
- iii. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/klaconnect>),
- iv. Curation: Scoop.it (<http://www.scoop.it/t/library-cloud-what-s-up-in-lis/>)
- v. Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/73623627@N07/sets/>)
- vi. Seminar Blogs (<http://klanationalseminar2013.wordpress.com>)

The social media interfaces increased the visibility and reach of the Association enormously and made it more web-friendly, accessible and modern.

11. Activities of the Regional Committees

The four Regional Committees functioning under able leaderships reported a surge in the activities in the respective geographical areas. A brief report is given below.

11.1 Kottayam Region

11.1.1 Linux training programme for LIS professionals and students

The programme was organized jointly by Kerala Library Association, Kottayam Region and St. Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology, Pala, on 18 August 2012. Thirty participants registered for the workshop. Shri. Vimal Kumar V., Library Asst., Mahatma Gandhi University and Shri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor acted as Resource Persons. Fr. Jose Viruppel, President, KLA Kottayam Region welcomed the participants.

Hands on sessions on Linux Mint (<http://linuxmint.com>) along with the an introduction to Linux desktop, file management systems, familiarisation of various applications, adding and removal of applications were some areas covered in the training. Copies of Linux Mint Live DVD were distributed among the participants. Shri. Justine Joseph gave a brief introduction to Kerala Library Association and its contributions to LIS community in Kerala.

11.1.2 National Library Week Celebration

Kerala Library Association, Kottayam Region and Mahatma Gandhi University Library jointly celebrated National Library week on 15th November 2012 by organising a talk on "Re-engineering Library Services", delivered by by Dr. M. D. Baby, Professor and Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri School of Library and Information Sciences, Ernakulam.

Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel, President, KLA Kottayam Region welcomed the gathering. Prof. A. M. Thomas, Prof. In charge of M.G. University presided. Library professionals and students from various colleges and institutions in the region attended the programme. Shri. Vimal Kumar V., Secretary, KLA, Kottayam Region proposed vote of thanks.

11.1.3 Orientation programme on academic communication and plagiarism.

In association with SB College, Changanacherry, on 8th June 2013, KLA Kottayam Region organized an orientation programme on academic communication and plagiarism. Forty Two library professionals and LIS students participated in the programme.

Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel, President, KLA Kottayam Region, presided over the inaugural session. Rev. Dr. Tomy Padinjareveetil inaugurated the programme. He talked about

the necessity of professional development programmes to empower library professionals. Sr. Mercy, Librarian, Assumption College, Changanacherry proposed vote of thanks.

First session of the programme on the topic 'plagiarism' was handled by Shri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor. Mrs. Yamuna P.B., HOD, DLIS, SB College, Changanacherry took the session on, "How to write a dissertation". Shri. Prajeesh Bhaskaran, Library Assistant, MG University Library, introduced important online collaborative writing (Google Drive) and bookmarking (Diigo) tools. Final session of the programme was handled by Shri. Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, MG University Library, Kottayam, on the topic "Online Publishing: Best practices".

11.2 Ernakulam Region

11.2.1 Talk on "Intellectual Property Rights: A public perspective"

KLA Ernakulam Region conducted a talk on "Intellectual Property Rights: A public perspective" by Adv. Binoy K. Kadavan on 19th July 2012 at Public Library, Ernakulam in connection with the National Library Week celebration. Library professionals from various Academic Institutions and students of St. Teres's College, Ernakulam attended the programme. Shri. Murali welcomed the gathering. The function was presided over by Shri. P. J. Manuel, President, KLA, Ernakulam Region.

11.2.2 Talk on "Web Hosting Platform: Weebly"

A Talk on "Web hosting platform: Weebly" by Dr. Shibu Ray, Asst. Librarian, School of Management Studies was conducted on 22nd November 2012 at CUSAT. Forty Five Library professionals attended the function.

11.2.3 Farewell to Library Professionals

Shri. Al Hassen Kutty, who retired as Assistant Librarian, Ship Technology, CUSAT was given a grand farewell by the Regional Committee on 22nd November 2012. The function was presided over by Shri. P. J. Manuel, Regional President, KLA. Smt. Baby Valsala, Deputy Librarian, (I/C) University Librarian, welcomed the function. Shri Thankappan, Shri. K. Balachnadrans and Dr. Veeran Kutty, felicitated function. Smt. Baby Valsala, Librarian, CUSAT presented a memento to Shri. Al Hassan Kutty. Shri. Joe Joseph proposed vote of thanks.

11.2.4 Workshop on "Developing Digital Library using Dspace"

A one day workshop on "Developing Digital Library using Dspace" was conducted in KUFOS, Panangad on 19th January 2013. Dr. B Madhusoodana Kurup, Vice-Chancellor, KUFOS inaugurated the workshop.

Dr. A Gopikuttan, President, KLA, central committee presided over the function. Dr. A.T Francis, Head, Library & IT Nodal Officer, College of Horticulture, Kerala Agriculture

University, delivered the Key note address. The technical session was handled by Smt. Lini Varghese, Information Scientist, University Library, CUSAT. Sixty five librarians from various academic Institutions attended the workshop. The session enriched and encouraged the participants in building their own digital collection in the libraries using Dspace. The workshop wined up with a short valedictory function where the certificate to the participants were distributed. Shri. V. S Kunjumammed, Asst. Librarian, KUFOS & Coordinator of the workshop welcomed the gathering, Dr. K. M. Mathew, G C Member, KUFOS, offered felicitations.

11.2.5 Two Day National workshop on KOHA

KLA Ernakulam Region organized a Two Day National workshop on KOHA, during 7-8 March, 2013, jointly with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery at Fr. Jose Alex Hall, Rajagiri Hill Campus, Kalamassery. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Joseph I Injodey, RCSS, at a function presided over by Dr. M. D Baby, Prof. & Head, School of Library and Information Science. Shri. P. J Manuel, President, KLA Ernakulam Region welcomed the gathering. Dr. Mary Venus, Dean & Administrator, RCSS felicitated and Sr. Ashritha, Secretary, KLA Ernakulam Region offered vote of thanks. Shri. Thomson A. J., Librarian, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Calicut lead the technical sessions. Fifty Library Professionals from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh attended the workshop.

11.2.6 Projects

The KLA Ernakulam region has been offering consultancy service on KOHA and DSpace. During the reported period two such projects were completed namely, Shipyard Recreation Club Library, Kochi and the NERC Library, Kochi.

11.3 Thrissur Region

The Regional Committee has mobilized and enrolled 26 LIS professionals as Life Members of the KLA.

11.3.1 Seminar on "Technology Management in Modern Libraries"

KLA Thrissur Region, in association with the College of Horticulture, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara organized a One Day Seminar on Technology Management in Modern Libraries on 20th October 2012 at KAU. Dr. C. T. Abraham, Associate Dean , Horticulture College inaugurated the Seminar which was presided over by Dr. A. T. Francis, President, KLA Thrissur Region. Dr. P. Vijayakumaran Nair, Former Scientist, KFRI, Peechi, Smt. Vinitha Davies, Librarian, St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth and Smt. N. Sarojam, Scientist & Chief Librarian, KFRI presented theme papers on "Digital Library: A critical survey of packages available", "WiFi Networks in Libraries" and "How to make available the contents of the journals subscribed in the library for searching in online" respectively. Seventy Four Library professionals attended the Seminar. Smt. V.S. Swapna, KAU delivered the welcome address and Shri. Humayoon Kabir, Regional Secretary, KLA proposed vote of thanks.

11.3.2 Seminar on “Public Relations in Libraries”

Kerala Library Association (KLA) Thrissur Region organized a Seminar on “Public Relations in Libraries” on 15th December 2012 at the Govt. Institute of Advanced Study in Education (IASE), Thrissur. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. B. Suresh, Principal, Govt. IASE, Thrissur, at a function, presided over by Dr. A. T. Francis, President KLA Thrissur Region. Shri. P. Humayoon Kabir, Chief Librarian, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur presented the theme paper on “Public Relations in Libraries”. Forty Two Library professionals participated the Seminar. Shri. Sunny Joseph, Librarian, Govt. IASE, Thrissur welcomed the gathering and Smt. N. Vijayalakshmi, Librarian, Govt. Nursing College, Thrissur proposed vote of thanks.

11.3.3 National Seminar on “Professional Motivation for Librarians”

KLA Thrissur Region organized a National Seminar on “Professional Motivation for Librarians”, in collaboration with the College of Horticulture, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, on 22nd June 2013. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. E. K. Mathew, Registrar, KAU. Dr. C.T. Abraham, Associate Dean, CoH presided. Theme papers were presented on the following six topics.

Session I : How to be a Successful Librarian?

Session II : Teaching Skills for Professional Excellence

Session III : Role of ICTs for Professional Motivation

Session IV : Effective Communication for Professional Motivation

Session V : Internet as an effective tool to achieve User and Professional Satisfaction

Session VI : Professional Satisfaction through Library Automation & Digital Libraries

130 Library Professionals participated in the Seminar from different parts of the Region.

11.4 Kozhikode Region

11.4.1 Membership Campaign

A membership campaign was conducted during the reported period and as a result 19 Library professionals enrolled in KLA as Life Members.

Apart from the Membership campaign the Kozhikode Regional Committee could not materialize any other programmes.

12. Future Programmes

The Association has already initiated some major programmes for the future along with the regular activities such as,

- i. **KLA-LIS Training Centre:** The centre is proposed as a professional development institute run by utilizing the infrastructure facilities available with KLA to provide training to students and working professionals on LIS skills and technologies (ILMS, Content Management, Networking, Web 2.0, etc).
- ii. **KLA Journal:** Publication of a journal by KLA is under discussion for the last many years and the present Committee could develop a prototype for the same. More work is required to realize the objective.

13. Conclusion

We, the State Executive Committee of Kerala Library Association, is happy to state that the reporting period was fruitful in terms of the quantum of professional activities and the extend of reach to the professionals. The membership base has been increasing notably and many young professionals are now coming forward to join the Association.

The main activities during the reported period, KLA-NIC National Workshop on e-Granthalaya, KLA-CDAC Workshop on Information Security Awareness, the Eighth Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture, KLA Gold Medals and Prof. C. A. Augustine - Holy Cross Endowment Awards presentation, KLA National Seminar 2013, various programmes conducted by all the four rejuvenated Regional Committees and the discussions held on a number of professional issues, made KLA the sole Professional and dependable body to be heard in the Regional level but also as one of the important professional entities in the National level. We are aware that still many issues are there to be solved and at the same time we are also sure that the Association could achieve its primary goals through its untiring nature and professionalism. The whole hearted support of the KLA members is the real strength behind its every decision and guiding light to its all actions.

At this point, I would like to express to all the Executive Committee Members and all the Four Regional Committees, my sincere thanks for their endless support, active involvement and cooperation in each and every activities carried out during the last one year. Also I extend my hearty thanks to all other people and institutions those who directly or indirectly contributed for the smooth functioning of the system.

With these words, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I submit this Annual Report for detailed evaluation, discussion and approval.

Yours sincerely

S/d

S. L. Faisal

General Secretary, KLA

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