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VISIT TO

SRI RAAJA RAAJAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY



- ✓ Scopus Indexing & Journal Selection
- ✓ High-Impact Academic Writing
- ✓ Research Visibility & Citations
- ✓ Ethical Publishing

REPORT ON OFFICIAL VISIT AND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP Sri Raaja Raajan College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi

29 January 2026

Dear Prof. Dr. S. Subbiah,

On behalf of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), we are pleased to formally record our appreciation and reflections regarding our recent official academic visit to Sri Raaja Raajan College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi, in conjunction with the One Day International Workshop entitled “*Publishing Research Articles in Scopus-Indexed Journals: Strategies for High Impact Research*” held on 29 January 2026.

This visit marked a significant milestone in strengthening academic engagement between our institutions and provided a valuable platform for meaningful scholarly exchange.



1. Purpose of the Visit

The visit was undertaken with several strategic objectives in mind:

- To strengthen academic collaboration between Universiti Putra Malaysia and the Sri Raaja Raajan Group of Institutions.
- To conduct and contribute to the international workshop aimed at enhancing research publication standards and global research visibility.

- To engage with faculty members, researchers, and postgraduate students on advanced strategies for publishing in high-impact indexed journals, particularly Scopus and Web of Science (WoS).
- To explore potential areas of structured institutional collaboration in research, publication, and postgraduate supervision.

The visit also provided an opportunity to better understand the institution's research ecosystem, governance structure, and academic aspirations.

2. Organisation and Coordination

We would like to place on record our sincere commendation to the management, organising committee, and faculty members for their exceptional efficiency and professionalism in organising the workshop within a notably short preparation timeframe.

The programme was:

- Meticulously structured with a clear academic flow
- Professionally coordinated from registration to closing
- Attended by highly motivated and research-oriented faculty members
- Conducted in a disciplined, respectful, and intellectually stimulating environment

The seamless coordination of logistics, technical arrangements, and participant engagement reflected strong institutional leadership, administrative capability, and commitment to academic excellence. The punctuality and discipline observed throughout the event further demonstrated a deeply embedded culture of professionalism within the institution.

3. Academic Impact of the Workshop

The workshop addressed critical components of scholarly publishing, including:

- Strategic journal selection and indexing awareness
- Structuring manuscripts for high-impact journals
- Writing effective abstracts and positioning research contributions
- Ethical considerations in scholarly publishing and plagiarism awareness
- Understanding reviewer expectations and editorial decision-making processes
- Avoiding common pitfalls in journal submissions
- Responding effectively to reviewer comments

The interactive sessions were marked by thoughtful questions, reflective discussions, and active participation from faculty members across disciplines. The depth of engagement demonstrated a strong and evolving research culture within the institution.

It was particularly encouraging to observe the participants' readiness to elevate their research output to international standards. The workshop not only provided technical guidance but also fostered confidence, clarity, and strategic direction in publication planning.

4. Hospitality and Institutional Support

We would also like to formally acknowledge the warm hospitality extended to the UPM delegation. The arrangements for accommodation, transportation, campus reception, and on-site coordination were handled with exceptional care and professionalism.

The courtesy, respect, and academic camaraderie shown by the leadership, administrative officers, and faculty members created a highly positive and memorable experience for our team. The welcoming atmosphere fostered open dialogue and strengthened mutual academic trust.

Such gracious hospitality reflects the institution's culture of respect, collaboration, and international outlook.



5. Leadership Acknowledgment

Under your distinguished leadership as Chairman and Former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, the institution clearly reflects:

- Strong academic governance
- Visionary and forward-thinking leadership
- Commitment to research excellence and global visibility
- Institutional discipline and professional integrity
- Strategic emphasis on capacity building and research mentorship

Your personal support, presence, and encouragement during the event were deeply appreciated. Your engagement with the participants and the delegation significantly enhanced the impact of the programme and reinforced the spirit of international academic partnership.



6. Institutional Observations

During the visit, we observed a structured academic environment supported by dedicated faculty members who demonstrate a genuine commitment to improving research output and international ranking. The institution's focus on capacity-building initiatives, publication mentoring, and global networking signals its readiness to engage more actively in international academic collaborations.

The enthusiasm displayed by early-career researchers and senior academics alike indicates strong internal momentum toward research advancement and indexing achievements.



7. Future Collaboration

The visit has laid a strong and promising foundation for future collaboration between Universiti Putra Malaysia and the Sri Raaja Raajan Group of Institutions. Potential areas for structured cooperation include:

- Joint research publications in Scopus- and WoS-indexed journals
- Faculty exchange and visiting scholar programmes
- Co-organisation of international conferences, seminars, and workshops
- Postgraduate research supervision and co-supervision initiatives
- Research grant collaborations and interdisciplinary projects
- Structured mentoring programmes for Scopus-indexed publications
- Academic publishing collaborations through UPM Press

We look forward to formalising and expanding these collaborative efforts through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or other institutional frameworks in the near future.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the official visit was academically productive, strategically meaningful, and institutionally enriching. Sri Raaja Raajan College of Engineering and Technology has demonstrated commendable commitment to research development, international engagement, and academic professionalism.

We deeply appreciate the excellent organisation of the workshop, the gracious hospitality extended to our delegation, and the strong spirit of academic partnership shown throughout the visit.

Please accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your leadership and unwavering support. We look forward to continued collaboration and shared academic success in the years ahead.

A special thanks is due to Prof. Dr. S. Subbiah for the truly remarkable hospitality extended to us. The arrangements for our hotel stay were thoughtfully managed, and the full course lunch served on banana leaf was a memorable experience. We were particularly overwhelmed by Prof. Dr. S. Subbiah's personal gesture of coming down to the hotel to send us off, which added a personal and heartfelt touch to our visit. Such gracious hospitality reflects the institution's culture of respect, collaboration, and international outlook.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely,

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