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I am delighted to know that a conference entitled “Quantitative Approaches to Public Policy in Honor of Professor T. Krishna Kumar”, is being held as an independent theme of the “Fourth Annual Conference on Public Policy and Management”. It is a fitting tribute to one who has made valuable contributions to the theory and practice of Econometrics. He continues to be active even after retirement in doing research, giving courses and consulting in econometrics through SAMKHYA ANALYTIKA the organization he founded and I had the honor of inaugurating.

I have read with great interest his very illuminating essay on “Why Econometrics?”, where he mentions a number of socio-economic problems which can be solved by using econometric models. He has a deep knowledge of mathematics, statistics and economics, necessary for research in econometrics.

Krishna Kumar has been actively associated with the new C.R. Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science from the very beginning by initiating new projects and giving his advice on various academic programs.

I wish him a long and fruitful life devoted to the advancement of knowledge to make the world a better place for us to live.

With best regards
C R Rao

K.S.Krishnaswamy
Board Member, ISEC
Bangalore

Prof Krishna Kumar has been known to me for many years, since my retirement from the RBI and settling down in Bangalore. I am very pleased that you have organised this seminar in which many distinguished economists and econometricians are paying homage to him. I am honored by your asking me to preside over the inaugural session on Aug 10. I would very much like to have participated. But,... I am very sorry about this. I shall also be grateful if you could explain the position to Prof Krishna Kumar and convey to him my greetings and good wishes.

With very kind regards,
Yours sincerely
K.S.Krishnaswamy

Kaliappa Kalirajan
Professor, Crawford School of Economics and Government
The Australian National University

Professor, FASID-GRIPS Joint Graduate Program
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo.
Adjunct Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai.

I am extremely sorry that I could not attend the conference and due to some administrative problems, Adil also could not attend. We will be grateful for you or anyone to read our paper. I will appreciate it very much, if you could kindly read the following on my behalf anytime you consider appropriate to do so:

"A person with an untiring quest for frontier discovery and an unshakeable commitment to his teaching and research pursuits in both theoretical and applied econometrics – that is quintessential Professor T. Krishna Kumar, fondly known as TKK. He is one of the most versatile econometricians and development economists of our time. The breadth and depth of his academic achievements and contributions stand testimony to this fact. Above all, TKK is a superb gentleman with noble qualities. I am very lucky to have TKK as one of my best friends. Though he is an outstanding and well achieved academician, he is very unassuming. He is always keen to receive comments on his papers from other researchers and in this way, I have read several of his papers even before they were published. This Festschrift is a token of appreciation for the invaluable contributions he has made as an academician and policy analyst. We, the authors in this volume, are proud and extremely privileged to have had the opportunity to be among his colleagues, to have worked under his research guidance, to have been able to derive from his rich experience and wisdom and most importantly to have had a long-term association with such a notable noble person.

My dear TKK, please accept my sincere and heartfelt apologies for not being able to be with you to join in the celebrations. With personal best wishes to you."

With best wishes,
Kalirajan

Ch.Sambasiva Rao
Economist, NCAER
New Delhi

Prof. Krishna Kumar taught us at the University of Hyderabad... I still remember Prof. Kumar and the lessons he taught us. His teachings enabled me to understand and deal with the most difficult issues of economics. He epitomizes the economics teacher. Unfortunately, I could not continue to be his student after my masters course. However, he helped me promptly when I needed his recommendation letters to foreign universities and later his inputs for my research thesis. I am grateful to Prof. T. Krishna Kumar for all this. I wish him best of health and happiness. Due to unavoidable reasons I am not able to attend this conference. I am thankful the organizers of this conference.

Thank You
Ch. Sambasiva Rao

Hrishikesh (Rick) D. Vinod
Professor of Economics, Fordham University

This is a great idea. TKK deserves it.

I would have liked to come and present a paper, but ... Best wishes for the conference.

Let TKK know about my new book

Vinod (2008) "Hands On Intermediate Econometrics Using R: Templates for Extending Dozens of Practical Examples." World Scientific Publishers: Hackensack, NJ. (<http://www.worldscibooks.com/economics/6895.html>) The book website has some reviews/endorsements.

I would have liked to talk about R software at the conference since it is free and readily available for Indian econometricians.

Cheers
Hrishikesh (Rick) D. Vinod

James Gwartney
Professor of Economics
Director, Gus A. Stavros Center for Economic Education
Florida State University

The forthcoming year is going to be extremely busy for me... I wish you well with this project and certainly Krishna is highly deserving of this honor.
Jim

Ulaganathan Sankar
Emeritus Professor
Madras School of Economics

I am very happy that you are planning a Conference in honour of Prof T. Krishna Kumar, an eminent scholar and a good friend. He continues to be quite active and has been publishing papers in quantitative economics...I wish you grand success in your effort.

With kind regards,

U.Sankar

NSS Narayana
Professor, ISI, Bangalore

I have high regard for Prof. Krishna Kumar and his invaluable works. However, I will not be able to submit a paper for this conference. I wish him and you all, all the best.

NSS Narayana

Vibha Vaidya

It is nice to know that you are coordinating to felicitate TKK. I wish I could be there in India around that time but it is not possible...

Wish you all success in your efforts.

Vibha

V. Nagadebvara
Professor
Quantitative Methods and Information Systems Area
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Thank you for requesting me to chair the session. I do indeed consider that it is an honour. But, I will be in Vijayawada in connection with my daughter's marriage (on 14th Aug). As a matter of fact I am going to miss the entire conference and I know I am the loser. Considering the high regard I have for TKK, I would have loved to be part of the conference but that is not to be.

Thanking you once again

Nagadevara

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Trust, you all are doing fine. I am writing this for help. You may be aware that ... are organizing a great conference during August 10-12 to felicitate Prof. T. Krishna Kumar at IIM Bangalore, the theme of which is "Quantitative Approaches to Public Policy."

They are very much interested to have all of us to partake in the event, which is also a great chance for all of us to get together. Could you please circulate to our people...

I may not be able to make it for the occasion as Suma is under treatment ...

Regards
Viswanathan

Bhargabvi Ramamurthy,

...it is great to see you all do this for Prof. Krishna Kumar. Unfortunately I will not be in Bangalore at that time....my best wishes for the function. I would love to hear/see how it went. Please do keep me in the loop. If there is anything I can do remotely from here, please do let me know....

Cheers
Bhargavi

Bhanoji Rao
Adjunct Professor (Public Policy), National University of Singapore
Visiting Professor, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad and SSSU, Prasanthi
Nilayam

It is a delight to know that Krishna is soon going to be 70 and you have taken this excellent initiative. That itself speaks volumes about how fondly people think of him.

Warmest regards

Sincerely
Bhanoji Rao

Keshab Bhattarai
Lecturer in Economics
Business School, University of Hull

Given the circumstances it is now unlikely that I will be able come. I miss the conference very much. Anyway, let me hope that I will be able meet everyone again in another conference.

Best regards

Keshab

Dilip M. Nachane
Director, IGIDR, Mumbai

Much as I would have liked to attend, there is something in the city that requires my presence. Please convey my felicitations to Dr. TKK and apologies for my absence.

Sincerely

DMN

Roshni Mangalore
PSSRU, London School of Economics

I send the organisers of the Conference my Best Wishes. I hope it will be a great success.

I am sorry I am unable to come although I did think of coming even for a brief moment during the last week. I had hoped that I could revise the work I had done with KK long time ago and present it but...

I do not know when exactly KK's B'day is. Please let me know when it is if you see the message before that and please convey my wishes to him and his wife. If you make a speech in his honour, you may, if you feel appropriate add a few words from me to say that – I owe my career as a Health Economist, in which I have had the good fortune of achieving a reasonable measure of success, to Prof. Krishna Kumar. He introduced me to Health Economics in 1987 when no one in India had ever heard of a specialisation called 'Health Economics'. It was his foresight and encouragement that helped me to be where I am now. He was the most supportive supervisor I have had in my career. He instilled in me confidence in my own abilities when I had lost hopes of having an academic career after four years of homebound life. I will always remember his kind and pleasant disposition and his academic excellence, all of which make him the most respectable person I have worked with. I wish him and his family well on his 70th Birthday. I wish I could have been there personally at this special event hosted in his honour.

Best Wishes and Regards to all

Roshni

Balwant Singh
Adviser
Department of Statistics & Information Management
Reserve Bank of India

It gives me immense happiness to extend you good wishes on the felicitation function on your seventieth birthday. Sir, your contribution in the quantitative areas has been unparalleled. I have had the privilege to interact with you on many occasions on issues relating to Control Theory and other econometric issues. I also recall my privileged interactions with late Prof. Manohar Rao and yourself which used to have a high intellectual and policy-oriented content.

On account of some pressing and unavoidable domestic reason, I am required to proceed to my native place and so, I may not be present at the function. I regret the same. Sir, I shall try to visit Bangalore and meet you shortly.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,
Balwant Singh

Karen Fox
Daughter of Late Karl Fox

Karl Fox, my father, died a year ago on April 20, 2008.

I found your letter in my mother's collection of mail...and I asked her what my father would say about Professor Kumar.

She said, "Your father said he was one of the most brilliant people he knew."

I wish my father could write his own reminiscence, as I know he would spend several days at the task and would write a thousand (or more) carefully selected words. That was his way, and would reflect his high respect for Professor Kumar.