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Professor Pankaj Chandra, Professor Gopal Naik, Professor Ramesh, Ladies and Gentlemen

A year ago, we started thinking about organising a conference in honour of Professor T. Krishna Kumar under the theme Quantitative Approaches to Public Policy, given his academic contributions in different aspects of public policy. First of all we tried to explore possible sources of funding to organise this conference. We are indeed grateful to the Reserve Bank of India, particularly former Deputy Governor Dr Rakesh Mohan for having agreed to our request to give some funding, which encouraged us to proceed with the idea of organising this event. As Professor Krishna Kumar spent nearly 17 years at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) (8 years as a Professor and 9 years as Guest Faculty), we thought this would be an ideal place to organise this event. We contacted Professor Pankaj Chandra, who kindly agreed and we were then asked to approach Professor Trilochan Sastry, who suggested that our theme can be an independent track of the Fourth Annual International Conference on Public Policy and Management. We would like to thank Professor Chandra and Professor Sastry for this. We also thank Professor Nagadevara, Professor Ramesh, Professor Gopal Naik, and Professor Rajluxmi Murthy, who were very helpful in coordinating with us. Also we thank Ms. Nageena Sultana, Ms. Saritha Deshpande, and student volunteers particularly Rahul Chaudhury and Management Development Centre (MDC) staff and others. As Professor Krishna Kumar could not make it to be here due to his wife being unwell, Professor Ramesh, Computer centre staff and student volunteers were very helpful in setting up the Video link that helped Prof Krishna Kumar to be part of the conference.

We are very pleased to see that our conference theme got aligned quite well with the main conference on public policy. We would like to thank all our chairs (Professor V M Rao, Professor Deshpande, Professor TVS Ramamohan Rao, Professor K N Murty, Professor Gita Sen, Professor Kunal Sen, Professor Ashima Goyal, Professor Mukul Asher, and Professor Rajluxmi Murthy). From the 35 papers in this track, authors of 28 papers presented it in person and rest were summarized by the chair of the respective sessions. We thank all the authors and the participants for being here and participating in this conference. We would also like to thank Professor Nachane (Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)) for his initial encouragement to organise this conference. Some financial and logistics support were also provided by our own institutions, School of Business and Management at Queen Mary, University of London, and IGIDR, Mumbai.

We are indeed very pleased with all the arrangements here. We hope we will get another opportunity for further collaborative work with IIMB. Once again we thank you all.

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(Read at the Valedictory by Sushanta)