

Dear Dr. Lakshman

We listened to your address to alumni in the OPEN HOUSE with mixed feelings. As you rightly said, 10 years is a long time. But most of us wished that you continued for another 10 years. (No anti-incumbency feelings here!)

When we began in the year 2000, if it was not for you, we would have been in probably 1800. Because none of us were computer savvy. You brought many things to the table..... your computer knowledge, an imaginative approach to what the alumni association wanted to do, an open mindedness and most importantly a willingness to actually spare your time and work hard. I can imagine your spending a couple of hours daily after a hard day's work to do the association work and this is not something that all of us did.

You displayed a principled approach to everything, would not compromise on principles and by your exemplary behavior, set such high standards that many a time we were shamed into following you and doing some work for the association. Your unwavering interest in making the existences of both BMCAA and BMC DT are there for all to see..... whether it was providing a dining area for students, providing laptops and LCD projector for departments, Wi-Fi enabling the campus and now the surgical skills centre. Because most of these are your ideas and the association has been able to bask in the reflected glory brought about by your ideas.

We have to respect your decision to step down as secretary of BMC DT. We are very happy to note that you will bring up and look after your latest brainchild - The Surgical Skills Centre.

On a personal note, I was very proud of you and I do not know of any other way to praise you. But I was rather surprised that you want me to continue for many more years, while you, a much younger and energetic person want reduced responsibilities. But as I said, we respect your decision and since in Dr. Suresh we have found an equally energetic and of course, younger person, he will certainly gain from your guidance and advice.

Let me end this note by unequivocally stating that our alumni association and development trust would not be what they are today without your stellar contributions.

Dr. N. Rangaraj joins me in expressing the same thoughts and feelings about the services rendered by you.

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