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Aksa Ann Thomas
Chief Editor - MAAK
BOOK

Editorial

Dear Marianties,

We are happy to share the 4th issue of our newsletter. Like every other issue, this issue would not have been possible without the support of our alumni around the globe.

In this issue, we have 2 highlights. One being the NAAC success story. This is statement to the hardwork and dedication of our faculty, alumni, staff and students. Dr. Binu Thomas - the IQAC coordinator of our college, has shared some insights about the NAAC visit and the evaluation process. Do read the article to know more about the journey to NAAC high score.

The second highlight is that our UAE chapter is celebrating its 16th anniversary. The article is an insight into how the chapter was born. We wish them all the best for their alumni gathering happening today (6 May 2023).

We have messages from two of our programme directors (Social service and Charity; Public Relations). We also have updates from UK & Chennai Chapters.

We are proud to have published four editions so far, but we need your help to keep this project going.

Our team is small and we are looking for more volunteers who can contribute their time and skills to the newsletter. The tasks include

- *Keeping an eye out for news, facts and updates from alumni around the world.*
- *Contacting the sources for more information or clarification.*
- *Proofreading and editing the text for grammar and clarity.*

We have a pre-designed layout in Google Slides dedicated for our newsletter, this has made the page setting process very simple and efficient.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact me on 9496 509 343. This is a great opportunity to connect with other alumni, showcase your talents, and make a difference in our community. Thank you for your support and we hope to hear from you soon!



Adv. Nelson Joseph
President - MAAK

President's message

Dear MAAK BOOK Readers,

I am very happy to see that our MAAK BOOK is regularly released on every 1st Saturday of the month. For every endeavour, consistency is the key to success. Our MAAK Book team proves it here. I wish to congratulate Chief Editor Aksa Ann Thomas and the Editorial Team members for their efforts.

"Strong chapters will make a strong Association" - Indeed it's so exciting that our chapters have become so active these months. We have seen the first online meet up of the UK Chapter this month. The Chennai Chapter is getting ready for a big meet up. UAE Chapter Mega Family meet (Nostu - 23) is happening on May 6th. Congratulations to all the chapters for keeping it alive.

NAAC result was the most overwhelmingly happy moment of the month. Indeed it's a proud thing for the entire alumni. The status updates of alumni and the social media engagement of alumni after the result shows how deeply connected each and every alumni

to the college and proud of its great achievement. Marian Alumni Association congratulate the College and all who worked tirelessly for getting such a great NAAC Result.

Our Association activities are taking up to the next level. Now it's time to scale up the MAAK BOOK also from a news bulletin to a story-filled magazine for which we need more members in the editorial team. We all learn more by doing than from textbooks. Being in the editorial team will give a great opportunity to learn a lot working alongside great minds, meeting and interviewing inspiring people, sharpening the writing and comprehension skills, unlimited networking opportunities. We also need more people to come forward to be in various committees and teams under the MAAK Governing Board. Request all members to please feel free to join the teams and be a part of the process of making a very useful and meaningful community.

Wish you all a great time...

With Love
Your President
Adv. Nelson Joseph
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Dr. Binu Thomas

Associate Professor,
IQAC Coordinator during
the NAAC 4th Cycle
Assessment Period -
Marian College
Kuttikkanam
Autonomous

Marian's NAAC Success Story

A Milestone for Quality Education

I am really thrilled to share this fantastic news with all my dear Marian Alumni members. Our Alma Mater has recently achieved an outstanding success in NAAC accreditation (Cycle 4) with a high grade of **A++ with a score of 3.71/4**. This high score has placed us among the top - performing institutions in the country. It validates our commitment to excellence and definitely underlines the significant contributions of our Management, Faculty, Students and Alumni. We strongly believe that the unwavering support of Marian Alumni Association also has played a crucial role in accomplishing this feat.

The NAAC accreditation process involved a rigorous evaluation of various aspects of our institution including teaching, learning, examinations, infrastructure, facilities, governance, student support services etc. the process had been very challenging and our Marian Community rose to the occasion to deliver excellent results. As you all know, we tirelessly strive to provide a conducive environment that fosters academic excellence aiming at the holistic

development of our students.

We were able to achieve 100% syllabus revision in all programs after getting autonomy. The syllabus revision resulted in 97% of courses offered in the institution leading to skill enhancement or employability. Associations with industrial partners like TCS, ACCA etc. ensured industry relevant curriculum. We were able to offer 131 value addition certificate courses for skill enhancement.

The implementation of Information and Communication Technology enabled Outcome Based Education curriculum was another milestone in this accreditation. It helped us to develop our best practice and also to score 3.74 in criterion II. We were also able to offer Consultancy Services to other institutions in this area raising an amount of rupees 32 lakhs. During this assessment period the campus has been transformed into a beautiful learning centre with round the clock ICT facilities, new auditorium complex, modern studio etc. The support from our Alumni in restructuring our curriculum, enhancing our placement and the philanthropic activities under its welfare wing helped as to score high marks in criterion V.

We wholeheartedly acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Marian Alumni in terms of mentorship, guidance and financial support that have been our fuel for the journey towards excellence. By generously sharing your expertise and contributing various initiatives, Marian alumni have left an indelible imprint in the history of the College. We believe that with your continued support Marian will reach even greater heights.

Thanking you all.



NAAC Peer Team Lauds the College

The college hosted the NAAC peer team for a two-day quality assessment on 30th March. The peer team interacted with the alumni and other stakeholders and visited the academic and physical facilities of the college. They appreciated the college's achievements and best practices and suggested few areas for improvement.



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Brilliant minds at work at a breathtaking holiday destination

Marian College Kuttikkanam Autonomous, located in one of the most magnificent hill stations, continues to set higher standards in education. It offers an undulating vista of pristine charm and an endless world of career opportunities. Misty mornings, breezy evenings, starry nights, and an inspiring campus purpose-built in 27 acres of lush green land. Ever since it opened doors in 1995, aspiring students and ambitious parents have looked up to it. Gifted academics have

vouched for it. Successful alumni have prized it with pride.

Marian gives you a wide choice of graduate and postgraduate programmes with different specializations. Also welcoming you, are hostels with a host of new generation facilities, separate for boys and girls.

So hit the winding road uphill and join us. Be a privileged Marianite.

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- ▶ Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)
- ▶ Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- ▶ Bachelor of Commerce** (BCom) with ACCA(UK)*/CIMA(UK)/CA/CMA(IND)/CMA(US)/CPA(US)
- ▶ Master of Management in Hospitality (MMH)
- ▶ Master of Commerce (MCom) with ACCA(UK)*/CIMA(UK)/CMA(US)/CPA(US)
- ▶ Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
- ▶ Integrated MSc Programme in Basic Sciences - Physics (MSc Physics-Integrated)
- ▶ PhD in Commerce

*ACCA papers exempted - MCom (9 papers), BCom (6 papers)
**B Com Electives - Finance and Taxation/Co-operation/Business Analytics

Self-Financing Programmes

- ▶ Bachelor of Commerce** (BCom) with ACCA(UK)*/CIMA(UK)/CA/CMA(IND)/CMA(US)/CPA(US)
- ▶ BA English Literature, Communication & Journalism
- ▶ Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
- ▶ BA Applied Economics
- ▶ BSc Mathematics
- ▶ Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)
- ▶ Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- ▶ Master of Commerce (MCom) with ACCA(UK)*, CMA(UK), CPA (US)
- ▶ Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
- ▶ Master of Social Work (MSW)
- ▶ MA in Communication & Media Studies (MCMS)
- ▶ MBA (Marian Institute of Management)



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Moncy Alex
Director - Social
Service and Charity

The Power of giving

How our Alumni Association is Changing Lives

With over 6000 alumni members around the world, the Social Service and Charity Wing of MAAK was formulated with a vision to "**Care and Support**". Since its formation, the social service wing has grown along with the Alumni. It has done a tremendous support for the Alumni, Students and their family within this short duration. Achievements were life support, medical support, scholarship, job assistance and many more. Kudos to the former team led by Alumni President Binoy and the Charity wing headed by Emil.

Supporting our members is part of our vision, but we also want to make a positive impact on society. We are ready to participate in various activities and initiatives that align with our vision, such as volunteering and community service, social movements, building houses for the homeless, setting up medical centers in remote areas, organizing blood donation camps, joining charity runs. In addition to this I urge our alumni members to come up with ideas and I assure that the charity

wing of MAAK shall take it up for the betterment of the people around us.

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone" - We have simplified our Care and Support plans and procedures for our alumni and those who care for others.

→ Those who need a support

Contact your Chapter head or directly to the charity wing with the details of the support you need. The charity wing will study the request and how this will be given and how much money can be spent for your care.

→ Those who wish to contribute

If you have a habit of giving charity from your income, kindly share your next contributions to MAAK. This will be a great help to your fellow needy alumni.

Until now, we have mainly requested financial contributions for specific support requests. However, in addition to these specific causes, we would like to invite you to voluntarily contribute to our general charity fund or even contribute towards any of the specific causes listed below:

1. Scholarship Fund
2. Medical Aid
3. Arts and Sports
4. General Charity Fund

We can share you the Alumni Bank Account details if you would like to contribute.

→ Those who wish to be in the team

Participation in our charity is not limited to monetary donations. We also welcome volunteers who can contribute their time, experience, and ideas. We invite Marianites from different chapters to join the charity wing of MAAK. This will help our global social welfare team identify alumni who are in need and those who can contribute.



The alumni across the globe can make our MAAK presence felt by involving in various charity and social welfare activities in their regions. If you're interested, please contact us urgently as we are currently forming a team of volunteers.

I also encourage all Marianites to register with MAAK and take full advantage of the Association's programmes.

Finally, I would like to thank our current president, Adv Nelson Joseph, and all Governing Board members for their wholehearted support of the charity wing and its activities.

Feel free to reach out to me on
Email: alexmoncy@gmail.com
WhatsApp: 00971 553536466

May God Bless...

Latest Update!

We are happy to share with you a recent activity of our charity wing for a final year degree student at Marian College who needed a surgery for her nasal bone. The student's sister is an alumna of Marian and she approached us through Sr Carolin, an office staff at Marian College, to seek financial assistance for the surgery.

We decided to support the family by paying the full amount of the surgery bill after consulting with Caritas Hospital, where the surgery was performed. The surgery was successful and the student got discharged from the hospital after a week..

Ms. Melby Joseph (Treasurer) and Mr Geomon Antony (Liaison Officer), coordinated the office related works as per the directions from the Alumni Charity wing and Governing Board of MAAK. This is the first of its kind from MAAK in this financial year and we hope to continue our social service activities in the future.

We are proud of our alumni community for their generosity and compassion. We wish the student a speedy recovery and a bright future ahead.





Marianites@UAE

Our amazing journey of 16 years

The word Alumni is synonymous for Friendship, Togetherness and Nostalgia... it's also not just a title, but a lifelong commitment to the growth and success of your alma mater.

The UAE chapter for Marianites was an idea kindled by Rev Fr Roy Abraham way back in 2007. This was also the first ever Chapter formed by the alumni of Marian

College in any location. The UAE Chapter was inaugurated by the college Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. A. J George on 12th January 2007 at Dubai which was also the first ever alumni meet in Dubai . Though numbers weren't something that you would boast of, the first meeting once again drove home the eternal message of how small could be beautiful. The first meet consisted of 21 alumni and their family

but over a decade and half the Chapter strength multiplied in numbers close to 350 alumni all across various parts of the Emirate.

The vision for UAE chapter was to enhance relationship among the alumni and to strengthen the bond between the alumni and their alma mater. The chapter is actively involved in various activities that benefit the alumni community as well



as the society at large. The chapter at regular intervals organizes meetings, get-togethers, and social events to provide opportunities for the alumni to network and socialize. These events also serve as a platform for alumni to share their experiences and insights with each other. The chapter have been actively involved in supporting various social causes including medical support to the needy, scholarships to the college among others since its inception.

The chapter is currently headed by Criss Jose - Chairperson (BBA 1997 - 00) and Emil Chandy - Secretary (BCA 2002 - 05) both having proven track record in leadership roles across their respective organizations and chapter activities.



Photo from the Inaugural meeting of Marianites@UAE on 12 Jan, 2007. Alumni with Rev. Fr. Dr. A. J George - Principal (then) Marian College Kuttikkanam



Criss Jose
Chairperson
UAE Chapter



Emil Chandy
Secretary
UAE Chapter

It's finally here! The day we've all been waiting for! The Marianites@UAE reunion is happening today (6 May 2023) at Yacob, The Village in Ajman. We can't wait to see you all and have a blast together.

The alumni event promises to be a day filled with games, cultural programs, and gala dinner. The event is open to all Marian College alumni in UAE and their families, and the organizers hope to see a large turnout.

The event will begin at 4:00 pm with a variety of games and activities, including cultural programs which is scheduled to start after the games followed by Dinner.

The event shall be a perfect opportunity for former college mates to reconnect and reminisce about their college days, network and get to know each other.

Stay tuned for the event report in the next edition.



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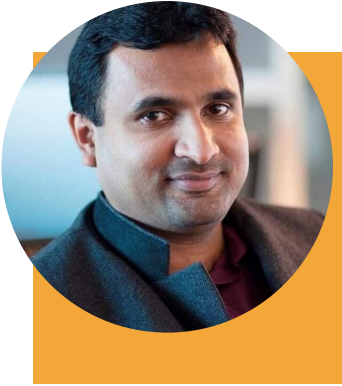
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Shino Thomas

Chapter
Representative -
United Kingdom &
European Union

How We Launched the UK Chapter of MAAK

Date: 7 PM, 01 April 2023

Mode: Virtual (Google Meet)

Last month, we had our first online meeting for the UK Chapter of Marian Alumni Association Kuttikkanam. It was a great opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and share our experiences and expectations. The meeting was coordinated by Shino Thomas (BCA 1995 - 98) and Jojoy Joseph (BCom 1996 - 99).

We started with the Marian prayer song (Vishwam Shrishticha), followed by an inaugural address from Adv. Nelson Joseph (President - MAAK). He gave us a very good briefing about the purpose, responsibilities, and vision of the Association.

Abu Surendran (Vice President for MAAK for Chapters) gave us an overview of different alumni chapters around the world and how they are contributing to the alumni network. Binoy Mathew (Former President - MAAK) also spoke to us and shared his

insights and advice on how to make the UK Chapter successful and impactful.

We then had a formal introduction session where each member introduced themselves and shared their background, current status, and interests. We brainstormed some ideas on how to make the chapter more active and engaging. Here are some of the key points we discussed:

- Expectations: We shared our expectations from the UK Chapter and what we hope to gain from being part of it. Some of the common themes were networking, mentoring, career guidance, socializing, learning, volunteering, and giving back.

- WhatsApp Group: We suggested some ways to make it more lively and informative, such as: sharing job opportunities across UK & EU, sharing any other useful information that will benefit the members, wishing each other on birthdays and special occasions, providing career guidance or mentoring for the members who are new to UK (utilizing experienced members in the group), conducting career guidance sessions or motivational talks in the future (senior members to take the responsibility).

- The second meeting date shall be announced in the near future. Please keep an eye out for the update.

We had a wonderful time during the meeting, and we look forward to meeting again soon. If you are a Marian Alumni living in the UK or planning to move here soon, please join us and be part of this amazing community. Feel free to connect with me on +44 7411 143 936



Jesbin Thomas
Director - Public
Relations, MAAK

Looking for Superstars to Join Our Team!

Hello Dear Marianites,

Greetings from the PR wing of Marian
Alumni Association Kuttikkanam!

As we all know, MAAK is growing day by
day and so should its PR team.

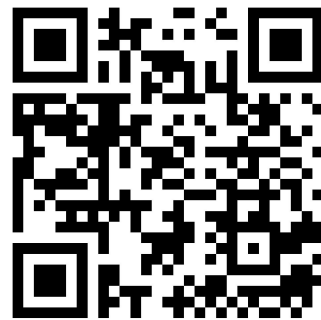
The Public Relation team of the
Association is in charge of all Social
Media Platforms, responsible for
designing posters and flyers for MAAK
programmes, digital marketing services
and media reporting.

This year PR team will focus on
rebranding MAAK and updating Alumni
Website.

PR Team is looking for vibrant alumni to
join the team and make the association's
activities a grand success. If you believe
you have any of the skills mentioned
below and are interested in creating and
maintaining relationships, please fill out

the [Google form](#) attached at the earliest.

- Graphic Designing
- Video Editing
- Content Writing
- Web Development
- Voice Over
- Digital Marketing
- Social Media Management



Last date: 10th May 2023, Wednesday.
For any queries and clarifications, feel free
to reach out at jesbinkottaram@gmail.com

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Welcome to Chennai Alumni Community

Hello Alumni, I'm Parvathy (BBA 1996 - 99), representing Chennai chapter of MAAK. I'm delighted to welcome you all.

As you may know, our chapter aims to increase the engagement of our alumni in and around Chennai, including those in Pondicherry. We want to create more awareness and opportunities for our network.

Recently, we had a mini-meet-up with Nelson and Jesbin, we discussed some ideas and plans to develop our chapter. One of them is

to have an online meeting and another activity is self-introduction with photos in the WhatsApp group.

If you happen to be in Chennai and want to join the chapter, please reach out to me on +91 87544 87944.

The first chapter meeting will be held today (6 May 2023) at 8:00 pm via Google meet. Stay tuned for updates...

We are requesting the active presence and involvement of each alumni to expand and strengthen our chapter and it's way forward.





Cover image: The college welcomes the NAAC peer team with a colourful and cultural extravaganza. The NAAC peer team joined by waving our National Flags up and high.

Watch the full [cultural show here](#).



Our newsletter's cover image is a stunning way to catch the eye. We want it to stand out with amazing cover images for each edition. If you have any high quality images or artworks that can be used as cover images for our upcoming editions, please send them to us - alumni@mcka.in. We appreciate your creativity and contribution.

Thank you

We love to hear from our alumni and share their stories in MAAK BOOK. This newsletter is just a glimpse of the amazing things they are doing around the world. Whether you have achieved something remarkable, met up with old friends, found some nostalgic photos, or have some insights to share, we want to know. Please contact us if you want to contribute to our future editions and make this newsletter more valuable.

alumni@mcka.in

The May edition will be released on 3rd June, Saturday.

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