

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

**Report on the visit of faculty from UNITAR International University, Malaysia**

**08 August 2022**

Ms. Sundari Subasini, Lecturer and Programme Leader of Language and Communication, UNITAR International University, Malaysia visited our institute on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (Monday) to discuss the possibilities of collaboration between the Department of English of BSACIST and the Faculty of Education and Humanities, UNITAR.

A meeting was held with Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dr. P. Rathna, Director, Centre for International Relations (CIR), Dr. H. Sofia, Head of the department of English and the faculty members of the department of English at the Office of Director, CIR. The salient features of the deliberation are as follows:

- Ms. A. Catherine Anna Pushpam, Asst. Prof. (SG) / English welcomed the delegates and faculty members.
- Dr.H. Sofia, Head of the department of English presented an overview of the department, the areas of research expertise /interest of the faculty members and the strengths and achievements of the department.
- Ms.Sundari outlined the purpose of her visit. She discussed the programmes offered and facilities available at UNITAR.
- The faculty members discussed the following aspects of collaboration:
  - Research collaboration in the areas of Language, Linguistics and Literature
  - Publication of papers in Scopus-indexed journals
  - Developing research teams
  - Organising international conferences
  - Student exchange programmes (short term)

- Faculty exchange / guest lectures / adjunct faculty
- Curriculum development for B.A. English programme
- It was decided to collaborate with UNITAR for an upcoming international conference to be organised by the Department of English, BSACIST.

After the discussions, Ms. Sundari, Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood, Dr. P. Rathna, Dr. H. Sofia and Ms. A. Catherine Anna Pushpam met up with the honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. A. Peer Mohamed and the Registrar, Dr. N. Raja Hussain. The Vice Chancellor and the Registrar assured support to the team in all academic and research collaboration activities between the two institutions. They encouraged the faculty members to plan various activities that would be beneficial for both the students and faculty members. Later, a campus tour was arranged for Ms. Sundari and the facilities available at BSACIST were explained to her.



(From left to right) Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood (Dean, SSSH), Ms. Sundari, UNITAR, Malaysia, Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar, Dr. A. Peer Mohamed, Vice Chancellor, Dr. H. Sofia, HoD, English, Dr. P. Rathna, Director (CIR) & Ms. A. Catherine, AP (SG)/English



In discussion about the collaborative activities to be undertaken by the institutions



Discussion with the Honorable Vice Chancellor





After a productive deliberation with the faculty members of the department of English

The visit of Ms.Sundari Subasini was very fruitful and both parties have agreed to follow up on the collaborative activities to be executed in the immediate future.

**Ms. A. Catherine Anna Pushpam**  
**Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.)**

**Dr.H.Sofia**  
**HoD, English**