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Mr. Rajesh Ramachandran, Vice President, AMET University  
receiving the award at Grand Hyatt, Dubai

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NEWS LETTER





**Dr. J. Ramachandran**  
President, AMET University

Dear Ametians,

Welcome to the Feb 2014 edition of AMET Waves.

Like the launch of every New Year, this semester is packed with much anticipation by our students, faculty and staff. We accomplished a great deal that is reported in this edition of AMET Waves.

As AMET community begins the New Year, I am pleased to pass a long progress report for a very successful 2013. The dedicated faculty and staff at our institution spent a considerable amount of their effort last year. Whether you are a student, family member, alumni, campus neighbor or active supporter, you can be justly proud of the strong work ethic and enduring perseverance that is apparent here.

AMET has remarkable immense potential, aspirations and a gripping vision for the future. We are keenly focused on training, educating and developing graduates for more and more demanding leadership responsibilities in the global maritime profession. We seek to serve as the profession's 24/7 resource leader in maritime subject matter expertise for various

sectors. The ultimate aim of this cooperative endeavor is to uphold and construct AMET's receptiveness and significance to the maritime communities. As we look back, let us all have a renewed outlook and be thankful for the many constructive and brilliant prospects that we benefit from our institution. After the holiday break, students are now back on campus, deeply engaged in studies, sports and other activities and looking ahead to the forth coming challenges.

The University management shall work with dedication and integrity as a team to play its leadership roles in our voyage to our destination. Like any voyage, we know that we shall face several challenges and as one with love, perseverance and resilience these challenges will certainly be met. Nowadays, we have open doors which provide us distinctive opportunities to leave our trail in this great nation. Always bear in mind and look out for the radiance towards the end of the voyage, I am certain that the destination is visible to all of us and collectively we shall be there and commemorate our victory. In addition to planning for a great future, I am very happy and proud to welcome the alumni of AMET University who have indeed brought laurels to the institution and have come back to their ALMA MATER.

I wish each one of you a wonderful New Year!

Best Wishes  
J. Ramachandran

## FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK



**Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam**  
Vice-Chancellor, AMET University

Dear colleagues and students,

I am happy to speak with you through our News Bulletin, AMET Waves. As you are well aware of the fact that our AMET campus at all the times engaged with a hectic schedule of bringing in innovation and enrichment in its academic and research programmes which have already started to deliver with latest inputs. Further, It is my understanding that the Board of Studies of various departments and the Academic Council of the University dealt with application oriented contents by involving experts from Industries which are the backbone for ensuring quality education. Besides, celebrations like Convocations, Passing Out Parades, Teachers Day, etc. are our regular feature of events with the participation of teachers, parents and students to the much of their enthusiasm, enjoyment and honour. Equal importance given by us towards the observations of Independence Day of the nations like Ankola, Nigeria, Djibouti have received its due acknowledgement and a fan-fare to the people of those countries. Periodical visits of national and international shipping companies for recruitment

purpose have given a new life and confidence to our eligible students. Parents-Teachers Meeting conducted as a part of the Green Card system has received tremendous appreciation from all the parents.

I should also appreciate our enthusiastic students who had obtained Prizes and Awards from various Forums for their exemplary performances in different competitions. I am equally proud to note that the hard work, commitment and innovation had fetched our University its due recognition and credit from the International Bodies like Maritime Training by Lloyd's List and getting the Lloyd's List Middle-East and Indian Sub-continent Award 2013.

Hopefully, rest of the semesters would bring values to AMET University and at same time would certainly enhance the academic pursuit, knowledge and skills of the students.

Wishing you all the Best.



The passing out ceremony of the 9<sup>th</sup> batch B.E. Marine Engineering and B.Sc Nautical Science student took stage on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 in the university campus. The occasion was graced by Chief Guest, Capt. Sachit Sagoonja, Director-operations, V Ships Asia Group Pte.Ltd and Guest of Honour, Mr.M.Manikandan, Fleet Director, V Ships India Ship Management. Dr. J. Ramachandran, President, Col.Dr.G. Thiruvassagam, Vice-Chancellor and Mr. S. Karikalan, Trustee participated.

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## SEMINAR ON BEST AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN LIBRARIES



The event took place on October 26, 2013. Dr. Suryanarayana, President, SALIS, Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT Madras were the guests. Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Vice-Chancellor, AMET University Delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. K. Dominic, Vice-President, SALIS, Librarian Karunya University delivered the Valedictory address. Mr. U. Tamilarasan, Librarian, AMET University delivered the Welcome Address.

## AMET UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAUNCHING OF NEW MARITIME DIPLOMA COURSES

The courses have been launched on 12th Aug 2013 by Dr. J. Ramachandran, founder and Chairman of AMET University, at a special function organized for this purpose at which Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Mr. S. Nelson Jayakumar, Principal, AMET University Community College welcomed the gathering. Among other dignitaries, Mr. K. Seyadu, Registrar and CDR. A. S. Perumal, Dr. A. Stephen Arputharaj and CDR. Arvind Kaushik were also present in the program.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> CONVOCATION 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013



Padma Bhushan Dr. A. Sivathanupillai, DS & CC, R & D, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi and CEO & MD, BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi received the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) from Mr. EFTHIMIOS E. MITROPOULOS, Chancellor, AMET University

The event was presided over by Mr. Efthimos E. Mitropoulos, Chancellor of Amet University, along with Dr. A Sivathanu Pillai, Padma Bhushan Award winner. Dr. Sivathanu Pillai is a well-reputed and distinguished scientist working as the Chief Controller, Research and Development, DRDO, Ministry of Defense in New Delhi. He also occupies the post of Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of BrahMos Aerospace in New Delhi. Other notable persons on the dais include Dr. J. Ramachandran, President of Amet University and Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Vice Chancellor of Amet University.



## A Tribute to Nelson Mandela



A tribute to Nelson Mandela fondly known as Madiba was held at AMET University on the 10th of December 2013. Unveiling the portrait of Nelson Mandela by the chief guest of the function Ms. Irene Macfoy, Assistant Director of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, Dr. J. Ramachandran, President, AMET University, Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Vice-Chancellor, AMET University were also present. Dr. Bernard D Sami, Loyola College delivered the first memorial lecture series about Nelson Mandela.

53<sup>rd</sup> Nigerian National Independence Day celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2013.

Captain Lawrence hoisting the national flag and address the gathering. Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Vice-Chancellor of AMET University, Mr. S. Karikalan, Trustee, AMET University, Capt. K. Karthik, Director and Nigerian Students also spoke in the occasion.



## 53<sup>rd</sup> NIGERIAN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



## ONAM CELEBRATION

16<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 malayalis of Amet University Students Celebrated the Onam Festival in grand manner. The Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries have participated.





## AMET PAYS

## TRIBUTE TO THE MAHATMA

'TORCH MARCH FOR PEACE' .... An initiative by AMET University on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. Cadets of AMET University marched from the Labour Statue, Kamraj Salai on 2nd October 2013.

The flagging of the march was done by Col.Dr.G.Thiruvassagam, Vice-Chancellor, AMET University .

The cadets marched upto The Gandhi Statue where a portrait of Gandhiji was placed. Petals were showered over it and the cadets placed themselves in salute to the portrait. A special mention to the exemplary work of the Nautical Science dept., it's faculty and students.

# Lloyd's LIST Middle East and Indian Subcontinent Awards 2013

## THE BEST IN MARITIME EDUCATION

AMET University is crowned with Lloyd's LIST Middle East and Indian Subcontinent Awards 2013 for the achievements in maritime training at the GRAND HYATT in Dubai.

The award is received by Mr. Rajesh Ramachandran, Vice- President of AMET University from Mr. Adel Kalantar, Director of Licensing and Registration, Dubai Maritime City Authority. The award is given to an Institution that demonstrates and contributes towards improving training standards in maritime industry. The highly competitive selection is done by eminent judges who are stalwarts in maritime industry and it is based on investment in new facilities, courses, innovative training solutions and sustained effective approach to quality in the maritime sector.

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# AMET UNIVERSITY STOOD FIRST

## National Level Marine Technical Symposium

An event-“SAIL SYNERGY “which is a national level marine technical symposium conducted by Association of Marine Engineers held at Shri Venkateshwara College of Engineering on 19/08/2013. It comprised of Paper Presentation and Marine Quiz. The chief guest for the event is Chief Engineer Janaka from HIMT College. Teams from Twelve Maritime colleges have participated in this event. In this event, various projects made by cadets of Shri Venkateshwara College were also

displayed. In Marine Quiz, Cadet Rohit Pandey (BE-10) and Cadet Verma Akhilesh Phoolchand (BE-10) secured first prize. The chief guest for the event is Chief Engineer S. Janaka from HIMT College.

Cadet G.Yogaraj (BE-10) and S.Yogesh (BE-10) gave a paper presentation on “new regulations impact on Sea fearing community and challenges”. They secured second prize for paper presentation.

Overall Amet University stood First in this event.



## Study Tour Regional Meteorological Centre

AMET Cadets (Indian & Foreign) from B.Sc., Nautical Science visited Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai on 07 – 09 October 2013 on study tour. The co-operation rendered by the organization, particularly their representative Mrs P.A.Subadra, Assistant Meteorologist, Research Section, RMC, Chennai is worthy of placing on records. The visit proved to be highly educative to the students by widening the horizon of their knowledge. After three days visit session, Capt. P Rajendran who conducted the visit, presented a memento to Dr.YEA RAJ, PH.D., Deputy Director General of Meteorology, Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai, on behalf of AMET University.

## Mega Blood Donation Camp

This year 2013-14 has been a great one for the young Leos from the Leo club of AMET.

Under the leadership of President Venkata Aditya in the guidance of their mentor Dr. Balasubramanian.

Leos have been keen on contributing to their hand to the society. Little Drop organization situated in Porur were gifted 120 mattresses by the Leo club of AMET.

17th October 2013 Leo club has organized a Mega Blood Donation Camp assisted by Lions Blood Bank and Government Blood Bank. 653 units of blood were collected. Special thanks for the great support for the success of the event to the Trustee Mr. S. Karikalan and Vice-Chancellor Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam.



Mr. Arun Pisharody, B.Sc. Nautical Science, Student of AMET University, won the first prize and got certificate from International Maritime Club for Public Speaking Contest held at Cochin.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



The 67<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our nation was celebrated with fervor and flavor in AMET University auditorium. The Day began with flag hoisting, the tricolor flew with its usual splendor and majesty and its effect didn't fail to well the eyes of the freedom fighters with tears. Regardless of their infirmity the freedom fighters and their living spouses managed to get on to their feet on hearing the call for national anthem and mustered all the energy to sing the national anthem to its spirit.

Vice Chancellor Col.Dr.G.Thiruvassagam presided over the occasion in his cornel attire with all the spirit and charisma. In his address to the gathering of staff members and the community from the neighboring Kanathur village, he spoke about the courage of Tirupur Kumaran revered as a martyr in Tamil Nadu and is known by the epithet *Kodi Kaththa Kumaran* (Kumaran who saved the Flag). He insisted the gathering to adopt the stellar qualities of Mahatma Gandhi who ever believed that "Truth will triumph and virtue will be vindicated".

Vice President of AMET University, Mr.Rajesh Ramachandran got the gathering to rapt attention with his scintillating address studded with statistical data wherein he expounded how our nation has advanced since independence in terms of increased life expectancy, the reach of electricity, accessibility to nourishment through free food schemes. He also enlisted the challenges that are facing our nation despite its advancement since independence. Further he added that one of the greatest achievements of our nation and its subjects is the enduring quality to retain "unity in diversity".

Mrs.Susheela Ramachandran, chief guest for the Independence Day celebrations gave away cash rewards to the underprivileged student's community from Kanathur village as well as to the spouses of freedom fighters. She also released the first edition of the internal news letter "AMET Waves".



# TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers day celebrations was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 under the auspices of chancellor, AMET University, his excellency Mr.Efthimios E.Mitropoulos.

Dr.J.Ramachandran in his presidential address recalled the inspiration and motivation he acquired through his teachers and said that those were the corner stone's of his successful career. He expressed his deepest sense of gratitude to all those who taught him the values of life.

Col.Dr.G.Thiruvassagam in his welcome address exchanged teacher's day greetings to the gathering and highlighted some of the remarkable events from the life history of Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan which kept the gathering to listen to him in silence.

Mr.Efthimios.E.Mitropoulos in his address recalled how he got inspired by former IMO chief seceretry general Dr.C.P.Srivatsava.

He said that if there is one cardinal cause for the advancement of safety in shipping industry it is none other than the efforts made by Dr.C.P.Srivatasava for promoting the ratification of the convention for the safety of life at sea(SOLAS).

The occasion continued with speeches from Capt R.K.Kumar, Dean - Nautical Science, Mr.Manikam, Incharge workshop and Capt K.Karthik, Professor, Dept of Nautical Science wherein they expressed that learning is a never ending process. Senior faculties from AMET University were recognized during the occasion.

Student Vishak Vishwanathan expressed thanks on behalf of AMET students fraternity and move on to deliver the vote of thanks.



# The Seamanship Lab – A Nautical Cadet’s Temple

The life of a deck cadet onboard a ship is not easy. On a ship they are on call all the time. A cadet is required to have the basic idea of seamanship and a thorough knowledge of the Bridge equipments and other equipments that are used onboard. The Seamanship Lab plays a pivotal role in the learning process of a cadet, equipped with most of the equipments that are required on board a ship. After all it is the cadets such as ourselves who are going to use them on board, hence unless we’ve been given the required practice and made to understand the technical know-how for these equipments, we would look like ‘sitting ducks’ on board the ship.

I remember when I walked into the Seamanship Lab for the first time; I was in the first year. I felt that I had walked into a whole new world altogether. As soon as I entered on the right was a gigantic ship model, a bulk carrier, kept protected in a glass casing. It grabbed my attention instantly because not only was it painted and made to look beautiful but the model brought out the tiniest of details and for a person who has had never seen a ship before, it was for sure an eye opener! My idea of how a ship would look was limited to the Titanic and the Poseidon (the movies).

The Seamanship Lab is filled with safety posters, models of a crane, Valle Derrick, Hallen Derrick, a Union Purchase, a life boat and complete set of all knots, bends and hitches and also the different types of ropes, the different tools for chipping, repair work and maintenance and the list just keeps going on and on .....

The purpose of the Seamanship lab is to make the cadets aware of the various rigging and maintenance equipments and the various tasks one would perform when on board. It is the place where both our hand and our mind are made to work in sync. The cadets are given the best training in various shipboard equipments and our guided by a very able and friendly team of instructors. We are truly blessed to have such a fine team of seamanship lab instructors who with their vast work experience listen patiently to each and every cadets question however silly they are. They try to make best out of the allotted time given and include both fun and seriousness into their teaching. The entire team is headed by Mr. Remy Fernando whose main priority is to give the very best to his students to the best of his and the instructors’ ability. The Seamanship lab is a replica of Pandora’s Box for an AMETian Cadet.

When I was in the first year, we wore uniforms in the Seamanship Lab but all these later changed when Boiler suits were provided to Nautical Science cadets. In our normal classes we sit and listen to the faculty explaining about various equipments and the procedure to use them but all these will go in vain unless we receive good practice and this is where the Seamanship Lab comes in. Putting on our safety shoes and Safety helmets along with our boiler suits we are given training in donning a life jacket ... etc. I’d advice my juniors to make the best of their time at the Seamanship Lab and keep their eyes open wide each time they enter there. A big plus point about the seamanship lab is that it’s open always during the working hours allowing cadets to walk in anytime and meet the instructors and clear whatever doubt they have.

## AMET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dr.J.Ramachandran, Chairman, AMET University and Chief Patron, AMET Alumni Association (A<sup>3</sup>) in his earnest motive to fortify the integrity among the past students led to the origin of AMET Alumni Association (A<sup>3</sup>)

With over 3400 registration since inception. AMET Alumni Association (A<sup>3</sup>) has taken a giant leap in its efforts to provide an ideal platform for its alumni to maintain connections to their alma mater and fellow graduates. The objective of the AMET Alumni Association (A<sup>3</sup>) is to support new alumni and provide a forum to form new friendships and even business relationships among its members. Resources in terms of news letter, journal and other AMET publications are uploaded in the university official website for the benefit of the members. A specific facility is provided for members to connect with any other member of the association, further, job opportunities are posted for members who seek change and advancement. Chapters of this association are opened as and when interest from a particular region is evinced. Pioneering of this initiative has been the Dubai chapter that was inaugurated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013. A link to this chapter is available.

Col.Dr.G.Thiruvassagam, Vice Chancellor of AMET University and patron, AMET Alumni Association (A<sup>3</sup>) in his message has said that he is confident about the strength of the Alumni and their support to the Alma Mater would be of paramount importance and essential for any educational institution.

Carrying the success story of the pioneering event held by Dubai chapter, the upcoming grand gala alumni meet is set to strike at the shores of Chennai at MGM beach resorts on the 01<sup>st</sup> February 2014. With the dynamic presence of Mrs.Sangeetha Albin, Administration Director, AMET University and Adhoc President, AMET Alumni Association (A<sup>3</sup>) and her team of dedicated office bearers and organizing committee members the association is set to compound its strength geometrically by the year 2014.

## OPRCA Training Programs

Following the successful conduct of several “IMO Level II – OPRCA training programs “since year 2009 and in response to the resounding feed back and request from the stake holders, the Indian Coast Guard and our University announced the next the NEXT OPRC – IMO Level II.

The course was interspread with syndicate exercises, table top exercises, site visits, sensitivity mapping and a brief overview of Level I contents as well. The topics ranged from essential elements involving management,

command and control over oil spills. The course also dealt with the practical aspects of spill quantification, assessment , containment recovery and dispersal and use of both custom – built equipment such as booms , skimmers as well as effective use of locally available materials .

Indian Coast Guard and AMET University jointly issued a certificate, under the aegis of IMO, to those candidates meeting the objective of the course.



Official visit of Prof. Joshat K.Z. Mwatelah, Vice-Chancellor, Technical University of Mombasa, PRO-Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of TUM.

Official visit of Capt. Siddartha Dutta, Maritime Human Resources, Mr. JIA Easter Raj, Regional Manager, South India, NYK Shipping Company and Mr. Adarsh Deshmukh, Training & Development Manager, Mr.Zareer Gandhi, Cadet Coordinator, Teekay Shipping.





## CREATIVITY FOR TEACHERS

Dr. S.Sathik, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras lecturing on the title "Creativity for teachers" on the faculties. Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Vice-Chancellor, AMET University and Prof. A. Venugopal, Dean, UG Studies, AMET University were also present in the occasion.

## PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Chung Youngkyu, President & CEO, TPK Group, Korea, visited AMET University to recruit Naval Architects students for his Brunei setup primarily for Operation and maintenance of Ship lift. Two students were selected for the position.



11 students of various departments like Naval Arch, EEE, HND (NS) and HND (ME) were selected by Sembawang Shipyard Singapore. A formal send off was organized at University and wished them good luck and requested to put all out efforts to keep AMET flag high.

Ms. Rekha Narayanan, Sr. Manager, HR (South-1), Kuehne & Nagel Pvt. Ltd., visited AMET University to recruit MBA and BBM students.



