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December 14, 2007

Thayumana Somasundaram
India Association of Tallahassee
3231 Addison Lane
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Dear Mr. Somasundaram:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education and the Steering Committee for International Education Week (IEW) 2007, we extend our sincere appreciation for the India Association of Tallahassee's participation during our four-day event this year.

Living and working in a state where a great percentage of the population is foreign-born, our effectiveness and productivity as educators depend on having knowledge, skills and abilities to formulate policies and practices relevant to the diverse cultural backgrounds and heritages manifested in Florida's students and families. The IEW event has enabled us to join many states and educational institutions in teaching the importance of education for 21st century global competitiveness. DOE staff and community members also agree that the event has become paramount to their awareness and understanding of world issues.

Please know that your cooperation was invaluable and we look forward to other opportunities to work collaboratively with you in the future. We appreciate your help and support.

"It is indispensable to be perpetually comparing one's own notions and customs with the experience and example of persons in different circumstances... There is no nation which does not need to borrow from others." John Stuart Mill, a 19th Century British philosopher and economist

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Adeola Fayemi in cursive.

Adeola Fayemi, Ph.D.
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