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Letter of Recommendation

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Rahul Ethiraj, an exemplary student in the 2011-2015 batch of Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science Engineering at Amrita University. I, being the Vice-chairman of the department and his mentor, have known him especially well for the duration of his undergraduate studies.

I have taught him *Principles of Management* during his senior year, and have observed that Rahul is a sincere and intelligent student. He diligently listens to lectures and is able to grasp even the most abstract concepts easily. He engages in classroom discussions and debates with gusto. I remember even to this day, his outstanding assignment on *Virtual Organizations – Amazon and Flipkart*, which were among the best in his class of 70 students. Rahul mentioned that the course has helped him a great deal in the corporate world and has served as a guide in his interactions with peers and managers. The fact that he is able to internalize learning is a noteworthy trait.

Apart from academics, he has shown a keen interest in co-curricular activities. He was a key member of the planning and resources committee of *Anokha* in 2012, an international technical fest hosted annually by our university. *Anokha* has emerged as one of the top tech fests in India with a participation of over 15,000 undergraduate engineering students from India and abroad. *Anokha* is also the first techfest in India with United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) accreditation. He has conducted various workshops and contests in the techfest, such as *Cerebral Wars* and *Technical Treasure Hunt* which focus on practical knowledge development. He was involved in various workshops conducted by student chapters of *Computer Society of India (CSI)* and *ACM*. Additionally, he has contributed a great deal in various societal activities such as *Amala Bharatham – Clean India*, a mass outreach campaign of the university in 2014. He was always a willing and devout volunteer for *Amritavarsham*, in which he served food for the needy on the occasion of our Chancellor's Mata Amritanandamayi Devi's birthday in September, 2014. His belief in giving back to the community was evident in his interactions with the poor.

As his mentor, I distinctly remember him traveling from Coimbatore to Bangalore (a distance of approximately 250 miles) every weekend to attend training at *Cisco Systems*. He would return on Monday morning to attend classes at Amrita for the rest of the week. He had followed this schedule for an entire semester in his final year. Gaining employment at Cisco was a herculean task. He had to overcome innumerable knowledge check interviews and pass *CCNA* and *CCNP* certification exams to be placed at Cisco. In spite of all this pressure, he managed to maintain a high CGPA of 8.91/10, and has graduated with distinction. Rahul has what it takes to prevail over difficult situations and this will undoubtedly help him in graduate studies and research. The bottomline is that I sincerely recommend Rahul to your university. I wish him the very best in all his academic endeavors.

Regards,

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