REPORT ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA FOR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

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Report

With the blessings and guidance of **Most Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai, Bishop**, Roman Catholic Diocese of Kottar, an official international visit to Singapore and Batam, Indonesia was **planned and coordinated by Prof. S. Felix, Dean, DIFST**, Kanniyakumari and the **President AQUAFIN**. The delegation, comprising Most Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai, Bishop, Rev. Dr. Fr. Kildos, Secretary to the Bishop, and Prof. S. Felix, Dean, DIFST, undertook the visit from 12 to 16 July 2026 to strengthen international academic collaboration in fisheries education, research, innovation, and technology.

The delegation comprised:

- **Most Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai**, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Kottar
- **Prof. S. Felix**, Dean, St. Devasahayam Institute of Fisheries Science and Technology (DIFST), Kanniyakumari & President **AQUAFIN**
- **Rev. Dr. Fr. Kildos**, Secretary to DIFST.

The delegation departed from Trivandrum/Trichy on **12 July 2026** and arrived in Singapore on **13 July 2026**.



I. Temasek Polytechnic Institute, Singapore

a) MoU Signing

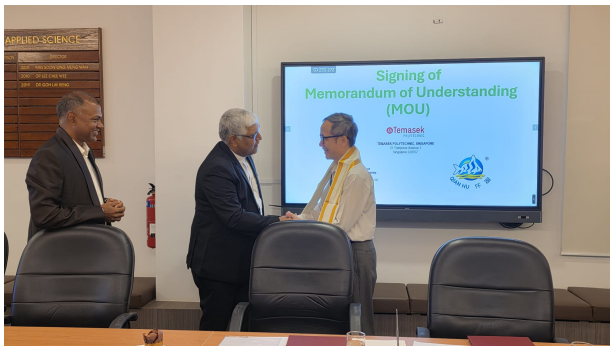
A significant milestone of the visit was the **signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on **13 July 2026 at Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore**, between **Temasek Polytechnic Institute, Singapore, and St. Devasahayam Institute of Fisheries Science and Technology (DIFST), Kanniyakumari**.





The MoU aims to promote:

- Joint research and development activities.
- Faculty and student exchange programmes.
- Collaborative academic initiatives.
- Training and capacity-building programmes.
- Knowledge sharing and technology transfer.







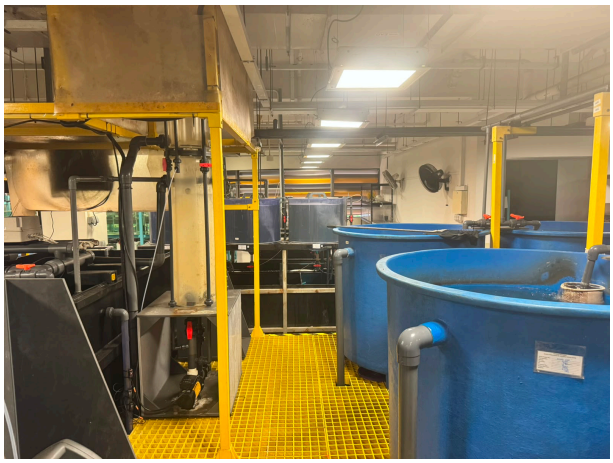




b) Visit to the Research Facilities & TEMASEK

Furthermore, the delegation visited the **Aquaculture Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) Facility at Temasek Polytechnic**, where advanced aquaculture technologies, sustainable farming practices, and research facilities were demonstrated. Discussions were held on strengthening cooperation in fisheries education, research, innovation, and skill development.





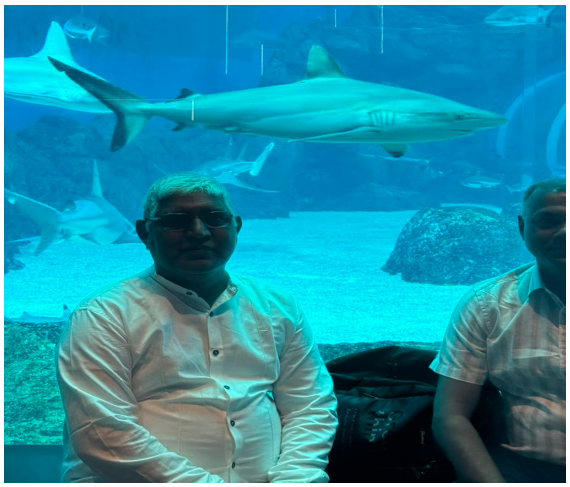
c) Singapore Oceanarium Visit

On **14 July 2026**, the delegation visited the **Singapore Oceanarium**, where the team gained valuable insights into marine biodiversity conservation, aquarium management, and public education programmes. The visit provided opportunities to explore future educational collaborations.











II. QIAN HU Hitech Ornamental Trade Centre Singapore

d) Mariculture Research Facility (Marine Aquaculture Research and Development Centre), Batam, Indonesia

The delegation subsequently travelled to **Batam, Indonesia**.

On **15 July 2026**, the delegation visited the **Mariculture Research Facility (Marine Aquaculture Research and Development Centre), Batam, Indonesia**. The team interacted with scientists and technical experts and visited marine hatchery units, lobster culture facilities, and mariculture production systems. Discussions focused on developing future collaborations in marine aquaculture research, technology transfer, faculty and student training, internships, and joint research projects.













Following the visit, the delegation returned to Singapore and departed for India, concluding a highly successful international mission.

The visit has significantly strengthened the international academic profile of DIFST and established a firm foundation for future collaborations with institutions in Singapore and Indonesia. The MoU and subsequent technical interactions are expected to provide valuable opportunities for faculty members, researchers, and students through collaborative research, academic exchanges, and exposure to advanced aquaculture technologies.

Official Itinerary

Date	**Time**	**Programme**
12 July 2026	20:30 hrs	Departure from Trivandrum to Singapore
13 July 2026	06:30 hrs	Arrival at Singapore
	Morning	Visit to the Aquaculture Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) Facility, Temasek Polytechnic

	17:00–18:00 hrs	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Temasek Polytechnic Institute, Singapore, and DIFST, Kanniyakumari
	19:00 hrs	Official Dinner
14 July 2026	10:00–13:00 hrs	Visit to the Singapore Oceanarium & QIAN HU Hitech Ornamental Trade Centre Singapore
	Night	Travel from Singapore to Batam, Indonesia
15 July 2026	Morning	Visit to the Mariculture Research Facility (Marine Aquaculture Research and Development Centre), Batam, Indonesia, and interaction with scientists & Visits.
	Afternoon	Return to Singapore
16 July 2026	22:30 hrs	Departure from Singapore to India

Major Outcomes of the Visit

1. Successfully signed the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Temasek Polytechnic Institute, Singapore**, establishing a framework for long-term academic and research collaboration.
2. Studied advanced **Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS)** technologies and sustainable aquaculture practices at Temasek Polytechnic.
3. QIAN HU Hitech Ornamental Trade Centre Singapore – Possible Inudustrial collabration – established.
4. Conducted technical discussions with scientists at the **Mariculture Research Facility, Batam, Indonesia**, on collaborative research and mariculture development.
5. Identified opportunities for joint research projects, faculty and student exchange programmes, internships, training, and technology transfer.
6. Strengthened international institutional partnerships, enhancing the global academic and research profile of St. Devasahayam Institute of Fisheries Science and Technology (DIFST), Kanniyakumari.

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-RALPH WALDO EMERSON