

Patriarchal Message

His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, the Supreme Head of the

Universal Syrian Orthodox Church

while visiting the

MAR ATHANASIOS COLLEGE KOTHAMANGALAM

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In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
the One True God ● Amen ●

Your Beatitude, our beloved Brother-in-Christ
Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I, Their Eminences
the Metropolitans, and our beloved spiritual children:
the Reverend clergy, dear staff and students of our ‘Mor
Athanasius’ institutions and the all the other faithful
who have gathered here ●

We are very happy to be with you all again at this
blessed college in the name of Saint Mor Athanasious
Paulose ● We were able to visit this institution, situated
on this beautiful mount, during our early Apostolic

visits in 1982 and 2004 also • Now also, you have received us joyfully along with our assistant metropolitans and the other delegates from the Holy throne, who have accompanied us in this Apostolic visit • We understand your extreme love and concern for us • God has blessed you all and this whole region, especially through the prayers of Saint Mor Baselious Eldho and Mor Athanasios Paulose • And this College has grown to a famous center of academic excellence in Kerala • As we understand, there are four colleges of excellence namely, an Arts and Science College, a prestigious Engineering College, and a training college in the same campus, along with an International school and another college at Adimali • We learned that the Arts College is one of the best in Kerala and accredited with 'A' Grade in India • The able leadership of Dr. Vinny Varghese - the principal of the college, the dedicated teachers and staff were instrumental for all these achievements • Also, our Mor Athanasius

Engineering college is first of its kind in the whole of Asia, run by Christian community in private sector● Our church is proud of it and we congratulate the College association and all its gracious efforts and achievements ● In this context we are delighted to inaugurate this Mor Baselious Yeldho training college ● We hope and pray that, may it grow to the highest levels for the training of the youth and to mould them up as teachers of deep social commitment ● May the prayers of Saint Mor Baselious Yeldho be with you all to achieve the overall success of it ●

Another thing, we are entrusted with, is to release a huge volume on Bar Iitto Hakimo Commander Professor M ●P ● Varghese, a well reputed educationist, who was chiefly behind all the achievements of the Mor Athanasius Institutions ● May God provide him with long life and empower him to

achieve more and more victory ● We congratulate him and his efficient team ●

We once again would congratulate and bless the Mor Athanasious College Association, its supporters and the all associated with it ● Also we congratulate our beloved brother in Christ: Catholicos Mor Baselious Thomas first – its patron, and His Eminence Mor Aphrem Mathews – the Chairman of the Association, for their able leadership ●

Our dearly beloved, let us submit ourselves to the will of God as His obedient servants ● Let us submit ourselves to be the instruments in His hand to fulfil His noble purposes through each one of us ● May God Almighty bless you all ●