

## **Dear Fellows and Colleagues,**

As Earth completes yet another cycle around the Sun, we find ourselves on the threshold of a new year, it is an occasion to reflect on our journey and look ahead with boundless anticipation. This moment invites us to pause, honour and savour the milestones we have achieved, and embrace the infinite possibilities that are yet to come.

In this grand theatre of time, each year brings with it the promise of transformation, of a paradigm shift. It is a testament to the enduring spirit of science that we venture into the unknown with courage, guided by curiosity, and fuelled by hope. Together, we stand not merely as observers of the cosmos but as architects of knowledge, innovators of solutions, and custodians of truth.

This year, as we illuminate new pathways of discovery, let us anchor ourselves in humility. For true greatness lies not in the assertion of superiority but in the recognition of our shared humanity, of all the great things that nature, our great predecessors, our ancestors have given us. Let us remember that science thrives in an ecosystem of diverse perspectives, where each voice is valued, and every mind contributes to the collective quest for understanding, for expanding the horizon of our collective knowledge. Science, once delivered to the people, belongs to people, it ceases to exist with the scientist(s). It is essential we are cautious in our intentions and responsible in our actions and I am hopeful that our community will unequivocally exemplify the ideals of equity, inclusion, and mutual respect.

Let us draw inspiration from light representing the unveiling of mysteries, the spark of invention, and the glow of insight. It is also an embodiment of the moral and ethical illumination that guides our endeavours. In this coming year, may we strive to let this light within us shine brighter, not only in laboratories and observatories but in classrooms, communities, and conversations across the nation and the world.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities of this era, let us commit to working together with unyielding resolve. Collaboration is the cornerstone of progress, and our united efforts can shape a future where knowledge uplifts humanity and innovation serve the greater good.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a year filled with groundbreaking achievements, enduring partnerships, and profound fulfilment. May we continue to uphold the legacy of this Academy and scientific community at large, not merely as scholars but as visionaries whose work embodies the aspirations of a better world.

Let us march forward, guided by the light of knowledge, the humility of wisdom, and the resolve to make a meaningful impact. Together, let us transform possibilities into realities.

Happy New Year!

With warm regards,  
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