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FOREWORD

It gives me a great pleasure to write this Foreword for the book “A View of Ocean Wealth Through Wista”.

The book contains about 90 articles relating to various aspects of the wealth of ocean. Many of these articles are of very great interest to our country since even today we are not deriving the benefits that could be obtained from the Seas and Oceans around us. This is particularly due to insufficient information which even many educated people have about the ocean resources and means by which they could be gathered.

It is therefore, necessary that a structured effort should be made to impart information about the potential of ocean wealth to the students in schools & colleges. This is particularly so, for our population in the States which have a coastline. In addition to the aspects relating to benefiting from the wealth of ocean, it is necessary to learn about the coastlines hazards to ensure sustainability in the exploitation of the ocean wealth. This will felicitate the future generation to make sustainable use of the ocean wealth.

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The coverage in the book is quite impressive in that it not only covers existing valuable information but also provokes a reader to examine and appreciate the future steps that can be taken to harness many resources that are yet untapped.

I must congratulate Dr K V Swaminathan and his team in the Waterfalls Institute of Technology Transfer for bringing out this volume. I have every hope that this will be found very useful by many research workers and scholars on one side and the concerned administrative personnel on the other to benefit and apply the knowledge on the resources available for development of the country.

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