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## **MESSAGE**

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## Dear Vince:

This letter is in response to your request to write about my involvement with the online journal *Kritika Kultura*. First of all, I'm absolutely delighted that the journal will be publishing its 30th issue. It is a clear testament to the growing importance of *KK* and a long way from its humble beginnings under the unflagging leadership of its founder, Lulu Reyes.

My own involvement with KK goes back to its early beginnings. As part of the international board, I've recommended and reviewed essays for the journal. I've also participated in several events sponsored by KK, including giving several talks either in conferences or as stand-alone events over the years to the Ateneo community, most of which were sponsored by KK. In short, I cannot imagine a more fruitful arena of collaboration for undertaking humanities research that reach beyond the country and towards the wider world of scholarship than KK. And I am very proud of being part of that for the last 30 issues.

Here's looking forward to the next 30 issues and more. Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours, Vicente L. Rafael