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To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify that Mr. Srinjay Roop Sarbadhikary attended a short-term certificate course on Human Evolution that I offered in 2014 at the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST), Shibpur where I was a visiting faculty at that time. The course was attended by the students of IIST and of several other institutes. Mr. Sarbadhikary belonged to one of the latter. He regularly visited my office to know more about environment's role in shaping the course of evolution. To me it was amazing that a student of information technology was so genuinely interested in the current issues of anthropology and environmental science. Since 2014 he met me many times during my stay in Kolkata.

Recently he discussed with me about his current research on the destruction of mangrove vegetation due to commercial shrimp farming in the coastal area of the Bay of Bengal. His passion for the topic, and in-depth understanding of the issues have satisfied me. It seems to me that he is hard working, and sincere.

Now let me say a few words about myself. I have been working as a summer faculty at the Environmental Studies Program, and the Department of Anthropology, of the University of California, Santa Barbara, USA since 1988. During my stay in India, I have remained affiliated to various institutes and organizations. If you have further queries, please feel free to contact me at <manasendu@ucsb.edu>.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Manasendu Kundu".

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