

## Dr Kumble R Subbaswamy named Chancellor of UMass Amherst



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Dr Kumble R. Subbaswamy, a physicist who is provost at the University of Kentucky, was appointed March 26 by the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees to lead the system's flagship campus in Amherst, capping a six-month nationwide search for a new chancellor for the university's oldest and largest campus.

Subbaswamy, a distinguished scholar and respected academic leader, assumes the Amherst Chancellorship as the campus prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary 2014 , according to a university press release.

Subbaswamy has been provost at the University of Kentucky since 2006. The ( **DU alumni MSc Physics Class of 1971** ) Indian American academic had joined the university's physics faculty in 1978 after serving as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, Irvine. During his first 18 years at the University of Kentucky, he served as associate dean of Arts and Sciences and as chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

The Chancellor-designate said he will work collaboratively with the other UMass campuses, industry and the local community.

Subbaswamy was elected Fellow of the American Physical Society in 1989. His primary research area as a physicist was the optical properties of novel materials and nonlinear excitations.

"I accept the position with humility and gratitude," said Dr Subbaswamy. "I am inspired and excited by the confidence expressed in me by the Board of Trustees, President Caret and the campus community. I look forward to the challenges ahead, knowing full well that the campus is strongly committed to fulfilling its promise and mission as the Commonwealth's public university flagship . I look forward to visiting Amherst soon and then to returning to work shoulder to shoulder with our very talented students, faculty and staff .

... " I am eager to move forward on this new journey. In many ways, UMass Amherst already feels like home."

*We wish **Kumble R Subbaswamy** "GodSpeed" and Great Times Ahead as he continues on his illustrious journey .*