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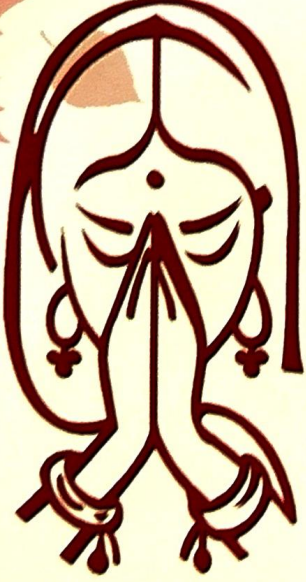
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O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



State of the Association

By President



Dear Friends,

It is an honor to address you this evening at our 15th annual Mannar Night. Today we celebrate fifteen years of trials and tribulations; of joy and sorrow; of success and failures; and through it all we've strive to achieve.

We began Mannar Friendship Association (MFA) in the wake of 2001 attack on the World Trade Centre, USA. At a time when the world was engulfed in turmoil, where fear and hatred ran rampant throughout human civilization. MFA was established with the following purpose. To develop and foster community spirit; to promote, encourage and assist the educational, charitable and recreational endeavours of the members; to promote the development of recreational activities and facilities; to promote cultural life in the community both here in Canada and in Mannar, Sri Lanka; to hold public meetings to consider and discuss all questions affecting the interests of the members; and to promote services represented by needs and interests of the members both here in Canada and in Sri Lanka; all on a non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political basis. Given the nature of the world in 2001, this was indeed a most ambitious goal. Ambitious goals produce superior achievements. Such has been the guiding principles of MFA since its inception.

In 2001 we initiated the gathering of Mannar, Canadians living here in Toronto and neighbouring areas. Together we formed the 1st committee and introduced cultural, entertainment and sports programs. Showcasing Mannar talents of all ages, fostering community spirit, getting kids exposed and involved in Tamil cultural arts. Bharatanatyam dance performances, Fusion and Tamil cinema dances, football, volleyball and cricket tournaments were some of the activities hosted and participated by members and friends of the association in Toronto.

In 2002 we initiated student scholarship program to support students from the Mannar district of Sri Lanka. These were students who were financially disadvantaged, yet successfully completed high school and achieved admission to a University in Sri Lanka. Unfortunately due to lack of financial aid to students in Northern Province, many students, despite their academic brilliance, are forced to give up studies and settle for menial labour. Since the launch of this program, thanks in great part to our sponsors' and members' contributions, we've assisted in the educational endeavours of 35 students, to successfully complete their undergraduate degree. In 2014 when I visited Mannar, I had the opportunity to sit with 5 of these students and their parents and listen to how much this program has benefited and brightened their lives.

In 2004 tsunami hits Sri Lanka causing massive devastation and death toll in excess of 40,000. Mannar Friendship Association members when to work, raising funds and getting in touch with people in Mannar and parts of Sri Lanka, rendering aide as needed.

In 2005 as the Tamils of Sri Lanka were once again engulfed in civil war, we did not give up. We continued to find ways to aide our brothers and sisters. We improve upon our programs and try out new initiatives, to solve challenges. We registered our organization as a not-for-profit entity.

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In 2007 we published our 1st Mannar Night souvenir booklet. Thanks to all the Ad sponsors, we were able to establish our 1st trust deposit of \$5,000.00 dollars. We continue to contribute towards this deposit to currently in excess of \$10,000.00 dollars, earning interest in Hatton National Bank, in Sri Lanka. The interest earned from this deposit is used to fund our student Scholarship program. In 2014 we established a Patrons' trust fund in Toronto, Canada. Thanks to contributions from our Patrons, Meleni David and Jude Yoganathan we currently have \$6,000.00 dollars in investment earning 10% interest every year.

As the Civil War came to its disastrous end in 2009, hundreds of thousands of Tamils had died. Many children were orphaned. In 2012 we worked with MARR (Mannar Association for Relief & Rehabilitation), donating \$3,000.00 to aide orphaned children with educational materials and to sponsor a Christmas get-together.



As Mannar came out of civil war much of the national and international recognition youths of Mannar held in winning football championships had diminished. To promote the development of sports and recreational activities amongst youths, in 2014 and 2015 we worked with Mannar Football League to sponsor youth's football tournament in Mannar UC stadium. Spearheaded by retired Mannar DSO, Jeevaratnam, we provided financial awards to winning teams and team jerseys to 16 of the teams. Participation in sports develops community spirit, promotes team spirit and above all encourages youths to look upon the future with optimism. Many of the members and sponsors of MFA raised in excess of \$15,000.00 dollars needed to achieve this.



During my visit in 2014 with our treasurer Rohan & Shyamala Mathews and family and in 2015 with our director DSO Jeevaratnam, I met with members of the Mannar Friendship Association – Mannar Chapter, and held public meetings to consider and discuss all questions affecting the interests of the members and issues that affect youths and education in Mannar. Visiting some of the schools, churches and orphanages in the district of Mannar was truly an appalling experience. The buildings were still riddled with bullet holes and bomb blast craters. This in stark contrast to the highways that run from Colombo, Sri Lanka, international airport to downtown Colombo. It was paved better than our Toronto, Canada's Gardiner expressway. The airport and seaport in Colombo rivals Toronto's harbour front. Not to mention the price of condominiums and hotels in Colombo ravelling in price with Toronto's Waterfront zone. You wonder, what the hell is going on? Why are a group of people wallowing in war-torn refuse, while in the same country another group is living in luxury that most Canadian's would find expensive? Why are the roads that connect large scale manufacturing and international transportation are well paved, while the roads that connect homes to schools to hospitals remain in neglect? These are the questions that we must address and bring awareness. Not from a point of sectarian or political basis, but from a stand point of a peoples' plight.

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We too as an association have endured divisiveness. Where members have clashed with fellow members, where egos have endangered the association. The intolerance that crippled Sri Lanka, threatened to cripple MFA as well. We had to learn to overcome human frailties and short-sightedness. Realize that we all come from the same place and are all in this together. Though passion may run high and we don't always agree, we all want what's best for our people. The short time we have on this fine earth we must use to do what will best benefit our culture.

I want to thank our vice president Jeyabalan Peris and family and director Michael (Master) Xavier and family for always being there to serve MFA in whatever the need. Whenever we need to get hold of MFA members by phone or email, collect fees and publish events, our director George Nicholas and family could always be trusted upon. Whenever we need to put together dance programs or put together games to entertain our paying patrons, our past president Bertie Kingsley and family have always been there. Whether it's preparing meeting minutes, organizing social events, finding Ad sponsors, our executive committee members Wathsala James and Jenevy Kanikkai and our directors Anton Balarajah and Christeen Dushy are there for MFA. This year I counted some 40 paying members of MFA. Collectively you are the heart and soul of Mannar Friendship Association.

"One equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." Words of a poet named Tennyson, best describes MFA and the Tamil people. Come what may, as we have we must, continue to strive, to seek, to achieve and never yield.

Affectionately yours,



Sylvester Nicholas
President,
Mannar Friendship Association

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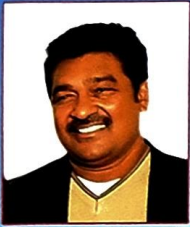
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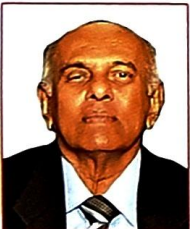
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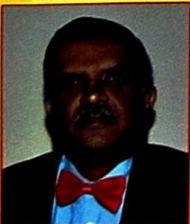
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Dear Friends,

It's a great pleasure and privilege to send this message on behalf of the Directors of Mannar Friendship Association. We created this Organization 15 years ago and grew it inch by inch, through a multitude of challenges. After having experienced everything both world and life can throw at us, we've proven our valor in achieving a comfortable and lasting Platform.

MFA has done numerous projects and tasks for the upliftment of our Mannar community both here in Canada and in Mannar, Sri Lanka. The growth and wellbeing of our community in education, sports, cultural and social awareness are our primary goals. From its beginning to this day MFA has provided scholarship for students from Mannar district for their University education, some 35 students and counting. We've raised funds to assist orphans of war, assist tsunami victims, and many other natural and manmade calamities. We've sponsored football tournaments for youths in Mannar, Sri Lanka. We've promoted various sports and cultural activities here in Toronto, Canada. We have witnessed enormous support and patronage from the people of Mannar for our functions in Toronto which endorses the solidarity within our Mannar community.

Team & Work are two inseparable twins and when they come together, all things work towards producing desirable result in every aspect. As we've set forth in our objective when we've founded MFA, we've steadfastly continue to produce measurable results in terms of achieving our goals.

Finally I have to commend and congratulate our President, Sylvester Nicolas for his tireless efforts and dedication and contribution towards our association.

So let's enjoy the Christmas with our association, friends and family.

Wish you all the very Best!!!

Anton (Jeyabalan) Balarajah

Director,

Mannar Friendship Association

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As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary as an association, we're pleased to present you with the names of our 15 Scholarship recipients from Mannar, Sri Lanka. They will be graduating in 2017 having successfully completing their undergraduate programs. Here below you'll find their names, where in Mannar District they are from and what university and area of studies.

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From: Savartkadu, Mannar
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Attending: University of Jaffna
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From: Talaimannar, Mannar
Attending: University of Jaffna
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From: Uppakudam, Mannar
Attending: University of Jaffna
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My Journey to Mannar, Sri Lanka

By, Shalomi Mathews

I went to Sri Lanka with my family for our summer trip in July 2014. We did so many things especially in Mannar. I saw all my relatives after 3 years as well as lots of improvement in Mannar. We did so much together!

We went to an orphanage in Kiri with our MFA Canada president, Sylvester. The orphanage was called, "Anbu Sahotharar Illam" (Loving Brothers' House). We got to know the children a little better and gave them presents, mostly Canadian chocolates. Then we took a ride around Mannar and stopped at a famous bridge called, "Suspension Bridge" in Kunchikulam, where we took pictures. We saw lots of animals in Mannar such as peacocks, cows and donkeys. Speaking of animals we also went to a farm filled with roosters and chickens.

Finally the fun part, MFA Canada hosted a soccer (football) match In Mannar stadium. We invited Mannar to come and see all the boys versed each other in a match. Lots of people came and had a blast. We had lunch together after the match. Our MFA Canada president gave a speech and handed out trophies. When the match was done my parents got a chance to meet and greet with their old classmates and friends.

This was an amazing experience going to Sri Lanka especially in Mannar!!





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சொல்லியழ உறவிழந்தோம்
சொன்னால் தீருமோ இக்காயம் (2)
அவலத்தை சொல்லியழ வார்த்தையில்லையே
இறைவா நீ எம் உறவுகளில் சுகமாய்ப் பிறப்பாயா?

பதுங்கு குழிகளில் பயந்த நிலையே
படுக்கையானது எமக்கு
பறக்கும் ஆகாய விமானம் கூட
எம்மீது அனுதாபப்பட மறுத்தது (2)
இறைவா நீ எம் படுக்கையில்
பசீர்வாய்ப் பிறப்பாயா?

எண்டோம் உறவுகளை நேற்று
இன்று தேடுகிறோம் அவர்களை
இல்லாதி உல்லாசத்தில்
எனப்பது எல்லாம் சிவவா? (2)
எண்ணுவதற்குள் என்னும் நாமும் காயத்துடன்
இறைவா நீ எம் உறவுகளில்
எனவாய்ப் பிறப்பாயா?

போதும் போதும் என்று நாம் கதறியழ
போதாது போர் போதாது வலமுது
போராட்டத்துக்கு வாய்க்கால்களும் வல்கிரக்கட்டம் (2)
போனது எம் உறவுகள் அல்லவா? (2)
இறைவா நீ எம் போராட்டத்தின்
விடுதலையாய்ப் பிறப்பாயா?

காணும் இடமெல்லாம் பிணமும் பிணக்குழியும்
காண்போர் கூட கதறியழும்முன் காணாமல் போனார்கள்.
காணாமல் போனோரை தேடிச் சென்றவர்களும்
காலனின் கையில் காணாமல் போனார்கள்
இறைவா நீ எம் கண்ணீர் துடைக்க
காவலனாய்ப் பிறப்பாயா?

இவையெல்லாம் கனவுபோல நிஜமானது
இனியும் வேண்டாம் போர் அவலம்
இனிதாய் வாழ்நினைக்கும் உறவுகளுக்கு
இன்முகத்துடன் உதவிட
விரைந்திடுவோம் இறைவா நீ
எம்மில் இன்பமாய்ப் பிறப்பாயா?

பொய்யான வார்த்தைகளால்
உம் உடலைச் சிதைத்த மனிதம்
மறைந்த மனிதர்கள் இன்றும் எம்
மக்களின் உடலைச் சிதைத்தார்கள்
இறைவா இன்று உன் மனுஷரு ஏற்பு
இரத்தமது சிந்தாது இரக்கமான சிந்தனையின்
சிறப்புக்களால் அறியாமை நீக்கி
அர்த்தமுள்ள அமைதியின்பால் போர்செய்ய
எமக்கோர் அழைப்பு
வாள் எடுத்தவன் வாளாலேதான் மடிவான்

அன்பை விதைத்து
அகிம்சையை அறுவடை செய்து
அகிலத்தை ஆள மனிதத்தை ஒருங்கிணைக்க
உம் மனுஷரு ஏற்பு எமக்கொரு அறைகூவல்
போர்மேகம் வேண்டாமென (2)
பொழுதும் இறைவனை வேண்டிடுவோம்
பொழுது விடிவதுபோல நாளை
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Dear friends,

It's our pleasure to welcome you all to our 15th Annual Mannar Night.

We are excited and proud to be a part of Mannar Friendship Association and have the privilege to have the opportunity to engage with our dedicated and energetic committee members. Over the last 15 years the MFA and its members managed to help many less fortunate students to reach higher levels of education in Mannar.

Every organization has its struggles, challenges and strengths. Having been involving with MFA for more than 6 years, we have seen the hard works and dedication of its members to make our organization thrive and stand firm with pride. We thank our past and present presidents of MFA, committee members, board of directors, sponsors and other volunteers who spent their valuable time, effort and own resources to make MFA succeed in its goals. With your support and good will, we'll continue to grow and thrive in building unity and prosperity among us and our brothers and sisters in Mannar.

Wishing you a holiday filled with peace & love... and a happy New Year with blessings.

Thanks and God Bless you all.

Jeyabalan and Shiranie.



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Dear Friends,

As a proud and grateful member of the Mannar Friendship Association, I congratulate this wonderful non-profit organization on its 15th Anniversary! We celebrate the glorious legacy that continues to inspire us, and we share an unbounded optimism in our continued impact and relevance in shaping and enriching the lives of countless people, both young and old, here in Canada and our birth land in Mannar.

On this day we have planned to have a get together and we earnestly await the presence of all our people. This is an annual event organized by the association to bring all Mannar well wishers together and share their thoughts and mingle towards the best interest of the people living here as well as the people living back in Mannar.

Mannar Friendship Association was established in 2001 and registered as a Non-Profit Organization in 2005. Looking back over the relatively brief period since MFA was established,

I am amazed at its accomplishments. Especially we have helped sponsor scholarships to University students, Supporting Tsunami victims donating to Orphanage helping senior's recreation centre and many more.

Our Vision is "To serve our Community together"

Our Mission is "Uniting the well wishers of Mannar"

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. We are on a mission, but we cannot get there without your dedicated support and collaboration. Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

We thank you for your interest and continued support.

I believe our honorable elders will grace this occasion and direct and guide us in our achievement in the right path for a memorable victory. I thank you for your presence this evening and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New year.

Jude Yoganathan. P.Eng
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PAST PATRON OF MANNAR FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



To my beloved FRIENDS from Mannar!

It is a great privilege to be able to address all of my friends from Mannar today, as we gather to commemorate our fifteen years of friendship and service as an association.

My FRIENDS, we have come a long way.... in midst of many hurdles and hardships. Each year we gather together as one family to build even stronger FRIENDSHIPS both locally and abroad.

This annual celebration provides us with the opportunity to reflect and celebrate the accomplishments of this association. It is a way to thank each and every individual who has contributed to our success.

This being the FIFTEENTH year should not stop us from reaching greater heights. We should diligently look back and make notes for our next fifteen years as an association.

We live in an era of radical changes that are taking place socially, economically and politically all over the world. We are fortunate enough to live in a country that welcomes changes. This is the best time for our association to come together and make the change we wish to see.

So my dear friends, lets stand together on this 15th year and build that vision as one.

Congratulations and I wish you the best of luck in the New Year!

Melanie David B.A. LL.B
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பாகிஸ்தான் போடும் பிரியாணியிலே
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என கிழவனுக்கு ஏக்கம்.

எண்ணிய எண்ணங்கள் எண்ணில் அடங்கா.
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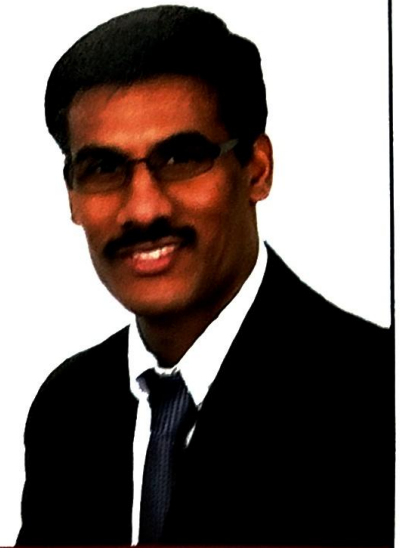
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- 1. Observation of two minutes of Silence**
- 2. Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp**
- 3. Tamil Thai Vazhthu: Irene Eugene & Aloma Hillory**
- 4. Canadian National Anthem: Sheryl Peris**
- 5. Christmas Carols**
- 6. Dance-Adaliya Alexander, Shiloh Dineshkumar**
- 7. The President's State of The Association**
- 8. Balle Balle Boyz fun time**
- 9. Throw Back 80's-Julian and Geogina**
- 10. Imitation Bony M-Jeyabalan, Rathina, Marina, & Wathsala**
- 11. Golden Touch of 60's-Bede and Jennifer**
- 12. Baratha Naatiyam-Dheepti Vijayakumar**
- 13. Fusion dance-Kingsley and Christina**
- 14. Immigrant-Mohan & Solomon**
- 15. Solo song-Anika Param**
- 16. MFA team Villu-pattu: Solomon, Kingsley, Xavier, Eugene, Rohan, Julian and Ravi**
- 17. Raffle draw**
- 18. Fusion Dance: Preethika and Keerthika**
- 19. Santa Arrival**
- 20. Dinner & Songs: Jeevanantham, Navanathan Subramaniam, Shalini Mathews**
- 21. Vote of Thanks**
- 22. Dance Floor Opens**

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எம்மில் அனேகர் வந்தோரை வாழவைக்கும் மன்னார் மாவட்டத்தில் இருந்து இறைவனுடைய கிருபையால் இந்த கனடா தேசத்திற்கு குடிபெயர்ந்து வாழ்ந்து வருகின்றோம். 25 வருடங்களுக்கு முன்பு நான் இங்கு வந்த போது ஒருமுறை 1994 இல் ஒரு மன்னார் ஒன்று கூடல் நடைபெற்றது. அதன் பிறகு பல வருடங்களாக ஒன்றும் நடைபெறவில்லை. இந்த காலகட்டத்திலே இங்கு கனடாவில் எத்தனையோ சங்கங்கள் உருவாகிக்கொண்டிருந்தன. ஆனால் மன்னார் மாவட்டத்திலிருந்து இங்கு ஒன்றும் உருவாகவில்லை. அநேக முயற்சியின் பலனாக 2001 ஆம் ஆண்டில் பத்து நண்பர்களுடன் இணைந்து எமது மன்னார் நட்புறவுச் சங்கம் முதன் முதலாக ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது.

இதற்கு முன்னோடியாக இருந்தவர் எமது மன்னாரின் முன்னை நாள் **D. S. O** . ஆக கடமையாற்றிய திரு ஜீவரட்ணம். அவர்கள். அவருக்கு இந்த நேரத்தில் மனமார்ந்த நன்றியை தெருவித்து கொள்கிறேன்.

கடவுள் ஏதோ ஒரு நோக்கத்திற்காக எம்மை எல்லாம் இந்த வெளிநாடுகளுக்கு கொண்டுவந்துள்ளார். எத்தனையோ பேர் வர விரும்பியும் அந்த அதிஷ்டம் அவர்களுக்கு கிடைக்கவில்லை. இப்படியாக இங்கு வந்து வாழ்ந்து கொண்டு வரும் நாங்கள் எமது மன்னாருக்கு எம்மால் ஆன உதவிகளை செய்யும் முகமாகவே. குறிப்பாக கஸ்ரப் பட்ட பிள்ளைகளுக்கு அவர்களது பல்கலை படிப்பை முடிப்பதற்கு ஒரு உதவியை அவர்களுக்கு வழங்கிக்கொண்டு வருகின்றோம். ஆனால் எத்தனையோ மன்னார் மக்கள் இங்கு வாழ்ந்தாலும் ஒரு சிலரே எமது நட்புறவு சங்கத்தில் இணைந்து இத்தனை வருடங்களாக தமது பங்களிப்பை செய்து வருகின்றார்கள்.

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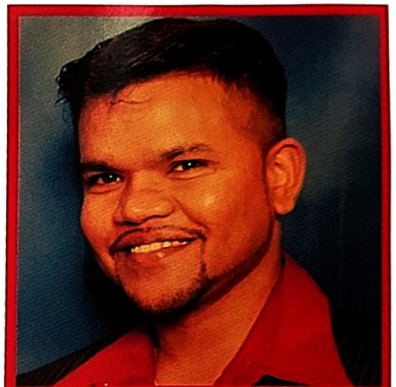
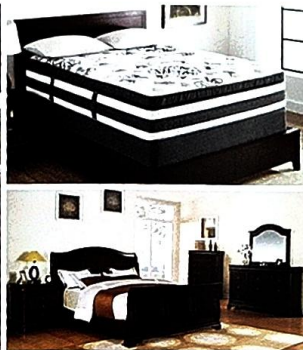
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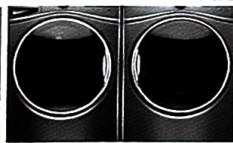
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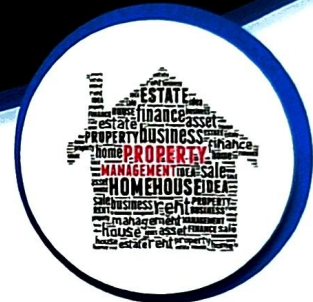
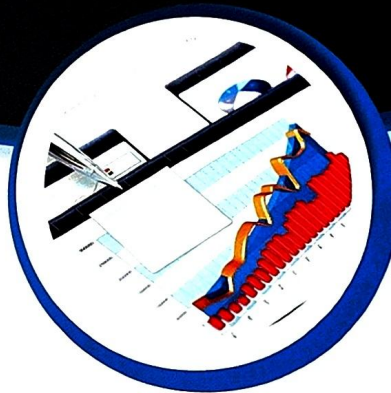


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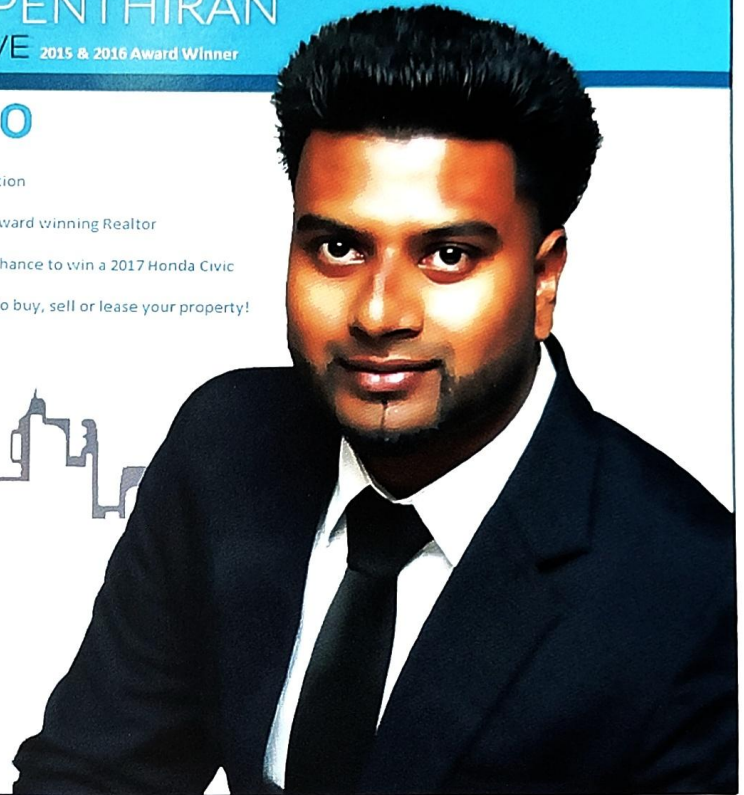
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My Dear Friends,

It is with great pride and joy, my wife Christina and I invite you all, to this historic Gala Event, namely the 15th Annual MFA Christmas get together. My family and I are happy to be a part of this great association. Above all, I am pleased to note that through this association, we were able to help our friends in Sri Lanka, especially those in Mannar.

I am so proud to note, that during my tenure as President of this Association, I was able to achieve many of my dreams, in helping families in Mannar. The generous contribution of time and money from each and every one of you made that possible. In 2007, I was able to publish the 1st ever Christmas booklet, thanks to the support of our Ad sponsors. Big thanks to all the advertisers for your kind and continued support. We were able to raise over \$5000.00 dollars, of which we used to establish a trust account. The interest earned from this deposit, enabled us to support our student scholarship recipients in Mannar on an ongoing bases.

At this moment, I want to pause, stop and raise my hat to the energetic committee members who had spent hours and hours of their precious time to make this event as well as many other events a great success. My dear friends, I invite you all to personally thank them for their selfless service.

Once again, I thank you all for your continued support as this association grows stronger and stronger as the years go by. So come in numbers to this great event to sit back, relax and enjoy.

Good luck to everyone as we look forward to a great year 2017.



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Greetings from Gary Anandasangaree

Member of Parliament for Scarborough-Rouge Park, Toronto, Canada

I would like to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to The Mannar Friendship Association (MFA) on celebrating their 15th Anniversary at their annual Dinner and Dance.

The annual Dinner and Dance is a great celebration for members, family, and friends to come together and recognize the various initiatives undertaken in Toronto, Canada as well as in Mannar, Sri Lanka. The University Scholarship Program is an admirable accomplishment of The Mannar Friendship Association that caters to the endeavours of its members. I encourage the MFA to continue to inspire its members as it promotes development and growth of the community.

Congratulations once again, to all who dedicated their time and hard work to make this event a great success.

Yours very truly,

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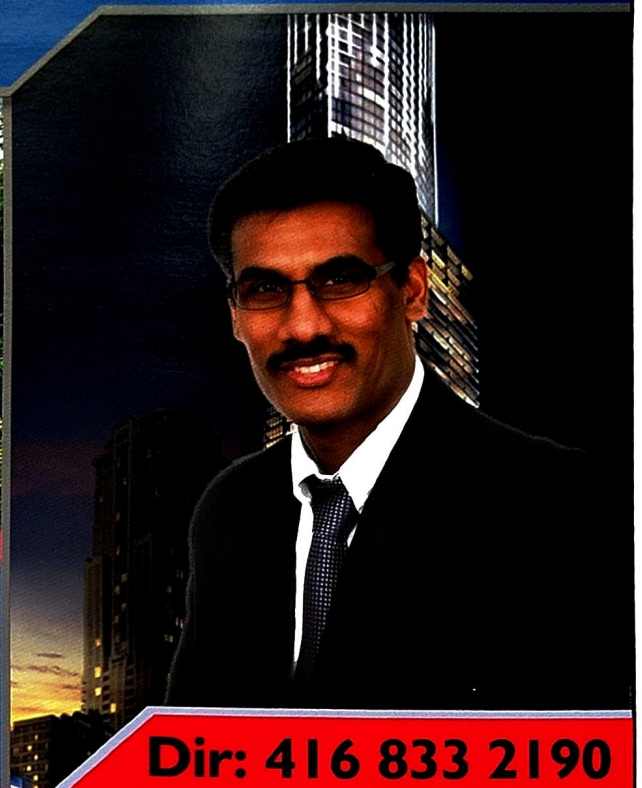
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On your 15th Anniversary, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Mannar Friendship Association, in reaching this milestone. As a longstanding sponsor of your association, I'm pleased to hear of your various charitable work both here in Toronto and in Mannar, Sri Lanka. Wishing you all the best.

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