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From the President.....

I am very pleased and delighted to welcome all of you to the CHC Cultural event this evening.

We know you hold a very rich part of your heart open to CHC, our beloved school that gave us what we needed to prosper in life. We always admire your commitment, tenacity and love for the school.

As the president of the CHC this year, I humbly request all the old students and teachers to continue to give us all the support as much as you can for CHC Society. Your support would sincerely help to keep up our reputation as an outstanding school for providing education for the children back home as it always had done.

We are very fortunate people, we are here now and able to fulfil very high standard of education, enjoy the human rights. The more harder we work the better we can achieve, the opportunity is there.

However, we have all obtained our basic foundation from CHC which has enabled us to do everything we want in life with confidence and strength. Therefore in my opinion we all owe very much to the College.

It is our responsibility to help the school as much as we can to continue to provide the best education as we have had and enjoyed to the young children back home.

More over, you will have the satisfaction of giving something to the school that gave us practically a lot.

CHC UK needs to grow continuously in order to participate in the development of the school. This can only be achieved with the whole hearted support from the old students and teachers.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you, specially the performers who will be entertaining all of us tonight.

A very special thank you to my team and the committee this year, each and every ones contribution went long way to help this event, without which the show wouldn't have reached its potential.

And also, I would like to thank you to those who provided us with the sponsorship and the advertisement.

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Good evening,

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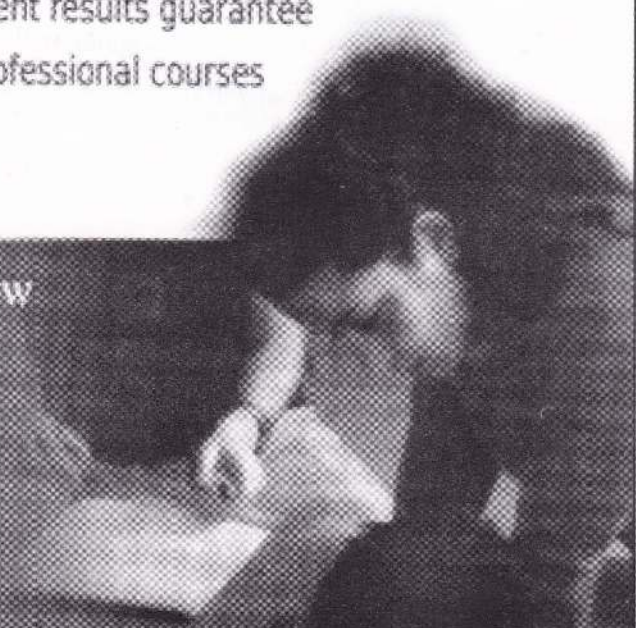
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Cheif Guest Message

It gives me great pleasure to be involved in this years event for Chavakachcheri Hindu College's old teachers and students association. I have been coming to your events for a few years now and am proud to be involved with such an association. There is always fun to be had in raising funds for the school. I particularly enjoyed the recent musical event which amazed me with the talent of the young people, they sounded to me like professional artisits.

The school has a long history and prestigious background. I have learnt over the years how Chavakachcheri Hindu College was founded in 1904 by the late Mr. V. Tharmotharampillai, close to the Chavakachcheri Market. Previously known as 'Saiva Tamil Mixed School' it was transferred to 'Sankathanai' in 1905. An English medium stream was established in 1921 by the founder Mr. V. Tharmotharampillai. In 1922 the school was handed over to the Management of the Hindu Board and hence the name of the school came to be known as 'Chavakachcheri Hindu College'. The school got its 'C', 'B' and 'A' grades in the years 1934, 1945 and 1949 respectively. The school was finally promoted to that of a 'National School' on the 5th of February 1993.

I believe that the school has survived and had incredible success in educating the population of Chavakachcheri and the surrounding villages despite the years of hardship due to the civil war and of course the tsunami disaster that affected many parts of South East Asia. This is clearly due to the many supporters including past students, principles and teachers who are now all over the world and come not only from the UK Association but others in Norway, Canada and Sri Lanka.

I know that your efforts are always ongoing in the pursuit of bigger and better facilities for the school and it is a great tribute to you that you support this through your hard work and self sacrifice these actions not only improve the lives of students of the school but also those in the wider community. I would therefore like to congratulate you and the association as a shining example of how a school can overcome the greatest of hardships to become a beacon of hope for all other schools in Sri Lanka.

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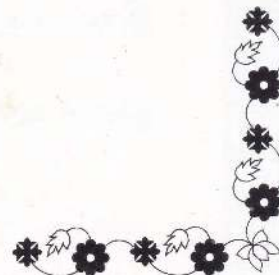
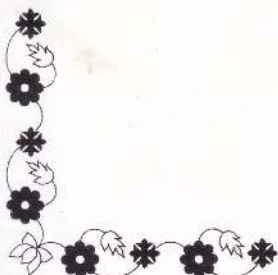
It gives me great pleasure to write a message on the occasion of the annual celebration organised by the Chavakachcheri Hindu College Old Students and Teachers Association (CHC-OSTA-UK). Understandably, this is an event worthy of support by all old students, teachers, friends and well wishers of Chavakachcheri Hindu College. I have noted that the CHC OSTA in the UK have been one of the most active organisations and they have done their school proud with their support.

I have had the privilege of being close to Chavakachcheri Hindu College as a student. During my period with the school, this school had struggled to get one or two Science students into universities and polytechnics. It has since been transformed in to a leading school in the Jaffna District with pupils from far more diverse socio-economic backgrounds who, with few exception, go on to top universities in Sri Lanka. Today, according to latest available statistics, Chavakachcheri Hindu College ranks among the top.

I wish this event and all endeavours of the Chavakachcheri Hindu College Old Students, Teachers Association every success.

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கடந்த 27 வருடங்களுக்கு மேலாக சாவகச்சேரி இந்துக் கல்லூரியில் ஆசிரியராக பகுதித் தலைவராக, நற்பெருது பிரதி அதிபராகக் கடமையாற்றி வருகின்ற நான் இக்கிய இராச்சியத்தில் உள்ள எமது பழைய மாணவர்களும், ஆசிரிய நண்பர்களும் கல்லூரிக்கு ஆற்றும் சேவையை நன்கு அறிவேன்.

இந்து ஆரம்ப பாடசாலைக்கு காணி கொள்வனவு செய்து வழங்கியமை, எமது வந்தத்தால் சேதமடைந்த வகுப்பறைத் திருத்தத்துக்கு உதவியமை, வீணையாட்டு மைதானத்திருத்தத்துக்கு உதவியமை, ஆங்கில ஆசிரியர் வேதனம் வழங்கியமை ஆகியன இவற்றில் முக்கியத்துவம் பெறுவனவாகும்.

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எமது கல்லூரியின் மிகப் பெரும் தேவையாக உள்ள ஒன்றுகூடல் மண்டபத்தை இக்கிய இராச்சியத்தின் பழைய மாணவர் ஆசிரியர்சங்கம் நிறைவேற்றித் தரும் என்பது எமது அசைக்க முடியாத நம்பிக்கையாகும்.

தங்களின் ஒன்றுகூடல் வேற்றியடைய சத்தோசமாக அவைய தீர்மானின் ஊடாக எமது வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றேன்.

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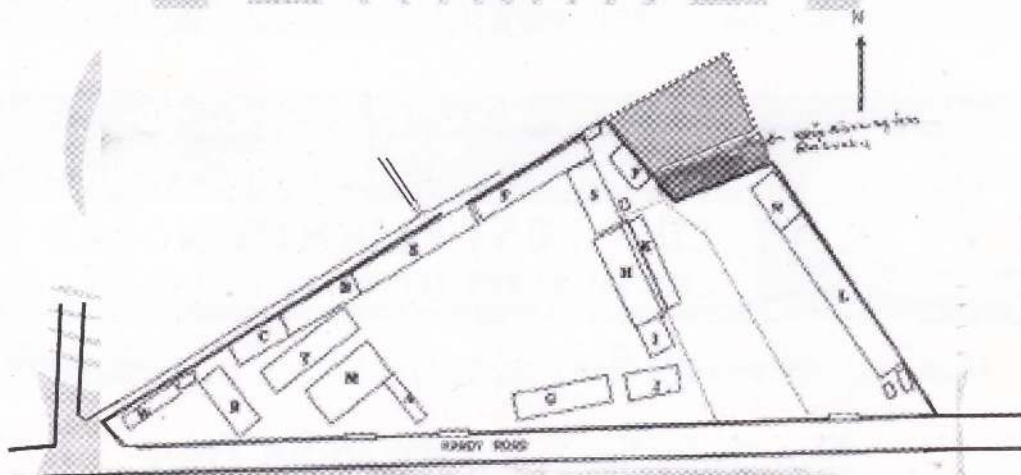
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Dear Members and Wellwishers,

Thank you for all the support you have extended to CHC through the OSTA in UK. You all will be pleased to know that the school is performing extremely well amidst the hostile and uncertain conditions of today. 222 students out of 291 (>75%) who took the A/L examinations last year have qualified to enter the University this year. It's a remarkable achievement and let us all congratulate the students, teachers and the Principal on this occasion.

The success of the school also brings more challenges. The demand for admissions to the school is also growing all the time and facilities and space are stretched to their limits. There are more than 2000 students today and space is at a premium. When you manage such a large number, you need, not only more building space but also land space. You all may have observed and experienced that free space has something to inspire people. The school is over crowded and space is urgently needed. Our Principal Mr. A. Kailayapillai informed us about this urgent need and identified an opportunity to purchase some land adjacent to the school.



This land (shown in the above sketch) has become available and a sum of £7500.00 needed for its acquisition. The OSTA has already sent £3000.00 towards this from the proceeds of 2006 and 2007. A further amount of £4500.00 is needed and we hope to raise it this year with your generous support. Please offer your support to the OSTA in any way you can so that we can all collectively meet CHC's need and fulfil our Principal's appeal.

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Message from the Secretary

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to this year's annual cultural evening.



The ongoing war in Sri Lanka and the preceding decades of discrimination and violence directed at the Tamils have had a devastating impact on the Tamil community in our homeland. It is no doubt that tangible attributes among the members of the expatriate Tamil communities is extremely important in the current situation.

This is the hour of need!

Over past two decades, school going children have been experiencing tremendous hardships with respect to their educational needs. At least 164 schools including CHC with over 65000 students have been displaced throughout this period and some schools still function in temporary sheds without basic needs such as furniture. Most of the leading schools in Jaffna City and suburban towns suffered heavy damages. Ariel bombing and frequent shelling cloud the atmosphere for regular studies at school and at home. Lighting facilities for night studies which are especially crucial for children are very limited. Most children suffer from malnutrition and are not physically fit for concentrated study.

In this situation, providing educational support to traumatised communities in an austere environment is a difficult task and it is a long term process. However, the rewards of satisfaction and accomplishment await those who participate in the process creatively.

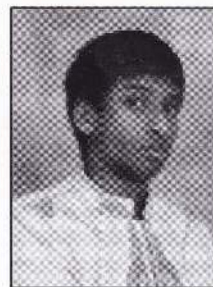
For the last fourteen years our members have been working hard to achieve our goals. During this period we raised more than 30,000 pounds to support the children at CHC. Numerous projects have been completed. While we are proud of what we have achieved, it is essential for us to understand their continuing need.

As like previous years my plea to our members is to encourage other colleagues and teachers to join us to strengthen our organisation and at the same time promotes the cohesiveness within our families.

I am greatly indebted to my fellow committee members for their contribution and support during the year.

Dr. Siva Namasivayam
Secretary

My Experience



The only sound audible, disrupting the omnipresent silence, was the faint yet rebellious hum originating from the turbines on the engines outside. The atmosphere was quiet; everybody was asleep, or so it seemed. The open windows that weren't covered by blinds failed to carry light into the plane anyway, as it was night and the skies were engulfed in darkness. The only light source was the small, dimmed lights that hung over each passenger seat. As a result, sitting inside the plane promoted the feelings of resounding peace. PEACE. Although I knew this word was special and of a positive nature, it was no where near the word that could describe the things going through my head at this point - I was ecstatic! I had been a long uneasy three years since I had last seen my beloved grandparents, yet the memories implanted when I went there last time were so strong it seemed the visit was only days ago. None-the-less I wanted to be there again with my family. I was half way through the flight now and only 6 hours stood between me and Sri Lanka – my motherland.

Upon arriving in Colombo, I got off the plain in a highly foolish and unorthodox manner, due to the fact I was trying to celebrate while being half asleep. Probably one of the only things that I found unwelcoming every time I arrived to another country in Asia was that semi-putrid smell; A smell that seemed to cling everyone and everything in the countries' vicinity. Thankfully, I would be in Sri Lanka for almost a month, which I reckoned was more than enough time to get used to the smell.

Once we had collected our bags and checked out we met up with some relatives who are seems to be our uncle, took us to their house on the other side of the country to the city Trincomalle. The journey was very long however we passed through many interesting places where already I could feel the vibrant culture in all its colours. I stayed in Trincomalle for a number of days before heading to Chavakachcheri, where most of my relations live.

In Chavakachcheri I met all of my grandparents and cousins. It was a joy to be with them once again. I did many things there such as going to the beautiful markets and simply walking around in and about the numerous temples situated there. I soon got a real feel for the culture and especially the Hindu religion which was depicted in every direction. It was strange how I now wanted to go to the temple and pray, whereas back in England I would normally dislike this sort of thing. All of this made me realise how important Sri Lanka was. I had already heard those standardised speeches from elders saying that 'Our culture and traditions were dying....blah blah blah' but it was only now that I understood that this was actually happening. The simplicity of the way of life here contrasted greatly to the one I led in England. To be honest I did not really care however I did not want my Tamil roots to fade completely and since then I began classes in Carnatic Vocal, Miruthangum and Tamil to revive the roots within me. I was astonished at how one trip could change many concepts on morals and belief etc. I felt as though I wanted to be part of it all.

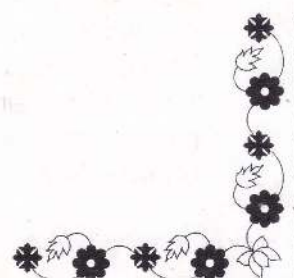
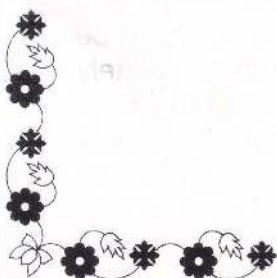
Sadly whilst staying there my Grandma passed away and although I was deeply saddened at first I thought it was good to have been with her when she had left this life. Another sad thing I encountered was reminiscence of the bitter civil war between the government and the LTTE. The colossal amount of bullet holes dotted on the walls of the majority of the buildings made the town resemble somewhat of a movie set. Since then the situation has got a lot worse with hundreds of soldiers from either side dying each week. What I hate most of all is that it's our friends and relatives who seem to get effected the most. I hope that in the future something is done to stop this war.

I had many cousins who attended the Chavakachcheri Hindu College and I was unhappy knowing the fact that they were trying to study with a war initiating outside of their classes. So I am happy to see functions and cultural events like the one today are taking place as they can help children back in Sri Lanka who are suffering.

The best part of my trip was visiting the many temples in Chavakachcheri and the rest of Jaffna. What I found most intriguing was that despite the fact there were a vast amount of temples each felt unique. So every time I visited a new one I held the same expectations and anticipation as I did with the very first. What excited me most was the gigantic Gopurams that were immersed with colour and life. Even the individual shrines were carved with such intricate detail and aptitude. The atmosphere was one filled with love and peace that can only be achieved in such a marvellous abode. My favourite temple by far was the Nallur Kanthaswamy Kovil, which I believe was the biggest in Jaffna. Everything from the entrance, to the 'Kopurams' to the 'Theertha kerni' area was of a high standard. In addition to this the temple was dedicated to Lord Murugan who also happens to be my favourite God.

Overall, I felt my experience in Sri Lanka was the best so far. When I travelled there in the past I was too young to appreciate anything but now I understand the way of life in Sri Lanka – and I loved it. It is just too bad that this civil war is starting to ruin it all. I had a brilliant time and I hope to visit there many times again in the future.

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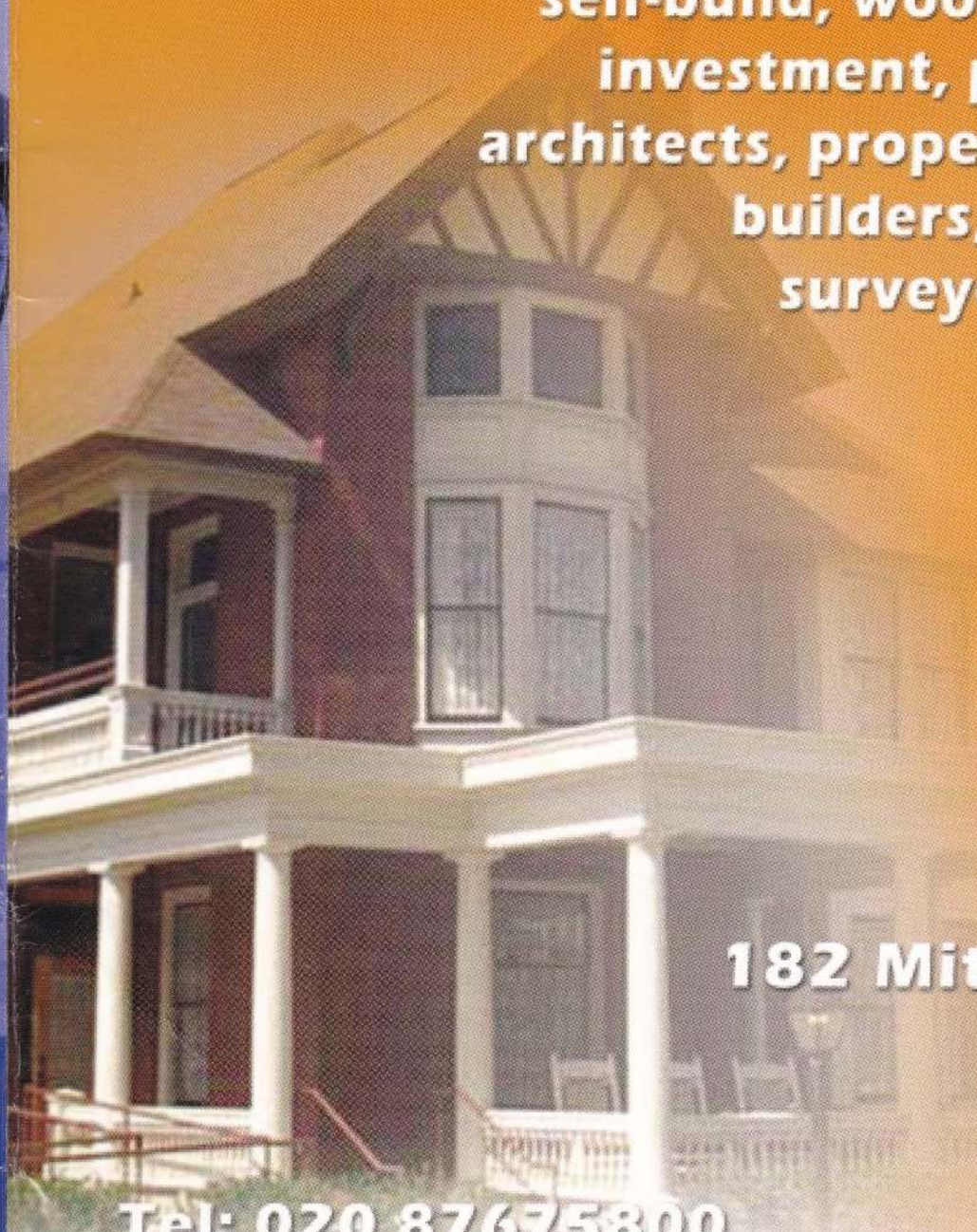
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