



TOKYO TAMIL SANGAM

" Tamil New Year" Celebrations in TOKYO

Tokyo, 4th April 2015

To mark the occasion of the dawn of Tamil New Year, the Tokyo Tamil Sangam in Japan organized the " **Tamil New Year Grand Celebration** " at the Kasai Civic Hall in Edogawa Ku, Tokyo on the 4th of April 2015.

People estimated to be well over 500 belonging to various communities include a significant Japanese audience who had attended the celebrations. It is to be noted that this event was organized for the Tokyo Tamil Audience absolutely free of any entry cost. Mr. Ganesan Hari Naraynan president of Tokyo Tamil Sangam explained that "What the Tokyo Tamil Sangam seek to do with their celebration is to corral all the various traditional spring celebrations all over India and to bring them under one roof for a fun community gathering and celebration in Tokyo. And there is nothing better bringing it to the people free of cost.

Ambassador of India to Japan Smt. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa was the Chief Guest. Speaking at the celebrations, she had commended the efforts of the Tokyo Tamil Sangam in promoting India`s rich heritage, culture and values among the Indian community in Tokyo.

She also stated that this helps preserve and continue the traditions from generation to generation even among the communities outside India. She also assured that the Embassy, as always, is ready to assist and support the Indian community with their needs and aspirations.

World Economic Expert and Group CEO of Doha Bank Dr.R.Seetharaman was the Special Guest.

He elaborated on the significance of the "Tamil New Year" as a national festival through which people of different ethnic, religious and social backgrounds come together as one family to celebrate this annual event throughout the country as well as outside India. While appreciating the support and co-operation extended by the Indian community and well- wishers toward the

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activities of the Tokyo Tamil Sangam, Dr.R.Seetharaman appealed to all Indian population in Tokyo to strengthen their hands to continue the Sangam`s good work in future.

Well known-South Indian Actor Mr.Y.G.Mahendra (also a special guest) and his entire drama troupe, United Amateur Artistes, entertained the Tokyo Tamil Crowd with a 2-hour length evergreen classic comedy drama “Paritchaikku Neramachu” much to the delight of all. This is the first time ever a full-length drama has been performed for the Tokyo Audience.

Y.G.Mahendra donned the role of Narasimhachari (earlier enacted by Y. G. Parthasarathy on stage and ‘Sivaji’ Ganesan on celluloid). An artist of high calibre, YGM carried off the role with ease. Incidentally, he played the son in the earlier versions. The serious theme, dramatized and directed by YGM, is interspersed with funny moments. The climax had an interesting twist and a happy ending unlike the earlier versions.

Incidentally this was the 59th time that this Drama has been staged.

A number of well known celebrities including Major Gowtham Sundarajan & Komal made their presence felt during this fun event with a couple of dances. To add special effect to the event, India`s Magic Star S.A.C.Vasanth was also present with his team to mesmerize the Tokyo Tamil Audience.

The atmosphere was reminiscent to a traditional New Year festival celebrated in India with a spirit of national harmony and unity.

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