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Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking people (SCOT) Annual General Meeting 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of SCOT will be held on Sunday 13th December 2020 commencing at 10.00am via Zoom Platform.

The following documents are enclosed for your careful perusal prior to the meeting:

- Annual Report 2019/2020
- Statement of Audited Accounts 2019/2020
- Project Officer's Report 2019/2020
- Minutes of the AGM held on 24th November 2019
- Sample of Nomination forms for the election of the Office Bearers for 2020/2021

**** Please note that the completed nomination forms should reach the secretary by 11th December 2020**

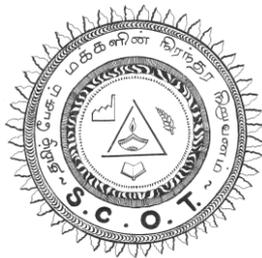
AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Registration and Apologies
2. Adoption of the Minutes of AGM held on 24.11.2019
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Adoption of Statement of Audited Accounts
5. Presidents Address
6. Election of General Council Members 2020/2021, including the appointment of Honorary Auditor
7. Any Other Business (The matters to be discussed should be notified to the secretary By 6th December 2020)

Thanking you,

C J Sabapathy

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President's Annual Report

Dear Esteemed SCOT Member,

Dear members, friends and well-wishers of Standing Committee of Tamils (SCOT) the year 2020 under review has been essentially an anxious year for many of us due to the Covid-19 PANDEMIC which is still unabated and as I pen this report most of us will be faced with further month of lockdown island wide. We have lost members and family members of SCOT before their time to the deadly virus and on behalf of SCOT General Committee I wish to convey our sincere condolences and prayers to the rest of the family members.

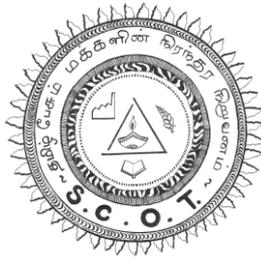
The outbreak of COVID-19 in Sri-Lanka brought to stop daily routines up and down the entire country from 20 March 2020 and the whole island curfew introduced severely affected people depending on daily wages and financially strained families. We had numerous requests for help and SCOT arose to the occasion and created an impromptu Just Giving fundraising site and was able to generate funds from well-wishers in excess of £9,200. We were able provide support to many affected people in North and East as well as Mannar, Nuwara Eliya and to the Mandapam Eelam Refugees and Rehabilitation Centre in Tamilnadu. Please refer to the Project Officer's report for further details.

To engage ourselves with the donors and beneficiaries we have revamped the SCOT website to provide up to date information about our activities. Please do share your email address with us so that we can be in touch with you directly with our future endeavors.

Inevitably, we had to cancel our annual fundraising event, New Year Lunch event at the eleventh hour due to Government regulations following the Covid-19 outbreak. Thanks to many of our members who gave donations and contributed towards the raffle draw and we were still able to raise some funds.

SCOT's continues the "Three E" initiatives providing Education, Employment and Empowerment to the needy and underprivileged thus creating long-term impact. Our recent projects; English Teacher Training in the North, School projects in Urany (near Palaly), and in Trincomalee, the Coconut Oil Production Mill in Pallai are just few examples. We have also extended our activities to Mannar, Trincomalee and Malayaham districts which has long been neglected areas in Education and Employment opportunities.

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SCOT is now looking to build on our recent accomplishments on model farming embarking on Neo Organics.

SCOT is conscious of the needy communities in our homeland during the current unforeseen circumstances. General Committee continue to meet via Zoom Meetings to continue the good work we have done over the past forty years. It is always not what SCOT can do but what you can do to help SCOT do on your behalf.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued commitment and support via your subscriptions which has been our main income this year as we were unable to hold our fundraising Lunch and Annual Dinner & Dance events.

Wish you all Greetings of the Season a Prosperous New Year and be safe from Corona virus.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Ranjit S Thambyrajah
President SCOT

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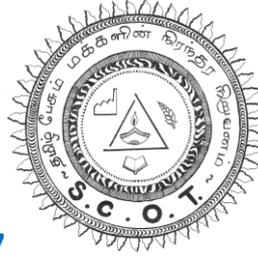
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Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT) Project Officer's Report 2020

We are immensely grateful to our dear members, donors, advertisers and patrons for helping us to support our fellow Tamil speaking brothers and sisters in need, especially during this very difficult year.

So, considering this difficult time I would like to remind you all how we started this year. SCOT started, at the beginning of 2020, with a great passion to deliver the 3Es; education, employment and empowerment projects. Shortly afterwards the Covid-19 pandemic took hold and changed the way SCOT needed to work in order to meet the current challenge.

This only speaks to the strengths of SCOT as we have once again adapted to maximise our limited resources to meet the demands of those in need. This wouldn't have been possible without the full support and contribution from all our members and the general council. Below shows the number of families who have benefited from your invaluable support. Even through these difficult times, in UK and in Sri-Lanka, we have managed to steer ourselves back onto the course of delivering our core visions and passions of the 3Es (some projects are listed below).

SCOT is stepping into a year that will hold a whole host of new challenges, which we look forward in continuing to deliver our vision of - **Education, Employment and Empowerment (3E's)**. It is important we harness our limited resources, have a structured approach and focus on projects that will make a material difference to our people.

To name a few, in the recent past, SCOT has been;

- Working with Northern Cooperative Development Bank (NCDB) supporting Pachchilaipalli Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (MPCS) to enhance the coconut oil production.
- Working with St Anthony's Church parish priest Fr T.E.T Rajan, Helping the education of 146 children of the age group of 4-20 years of families resettling in the Parish of Urany, Myliddy and Pally.
- Worked with "AEDU Batticaloa" in providing emergency flood relief to 151 families in Vaharai & Kiran which are villages in Batticaloa.
- Covid 19 Relief – SCOT work with number of local charities in North, East, Upcountry and in Tamil Nadu (South India) to support 1542 families who below the poverty line.
 - ✓ In Up Country worked with Tea Leaf Trust: 185 families in Laxapana, Rockwood, Maskeliya, Venture estate, Puliawaththa estate, Nelawaththa Estate, Dessford Estate, Upcot Colony benefited.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu (south India) Organization for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation OfERR: 552 families in Mandapam refugee camp benefited.
 - ✓ Batticaloa worked with AEDU: 230 families in Eravurpattu & chenkalady divisional secretariat area benefited.

- ✓ Mannar in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka worked with De La Salle Brothers (Brothers of the Christian Schools) and 225 families in Mallavi & mankulam area.
- ✓ Allipalli in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka worked with Grama Niladhari and 50 families benefited in this Kopallai & Alipallai villages.
- ✓ Mankulam, Vavaniya and Nachimadai area worked with World Tamil Cultural Centre (WTCC) and 300 families benefited.

(A comprehensive list of projects funded by SCOT is in 2019/20 the Treasurer's report).

To deliver this we need you, who are willing to share their time and skills with SCOT for our people. We are on a journey with a dream, please join us – become a member and become part of our community and enable us to collectively make the right decision for our people, become a sponsor of our events and promote our services to our people. The more we do, the more we are able to make a change to the life of someone.

Mr Jude Swampillai
Project Officer



Above:
MPCS Coconut Mill project
Copra Drying Machine



Above: Covid-19 relief with Tea Vision

Below: Covid-19 relief in Mannar



Below: Education Project



STANDING COMMITTEE OF TAMIL SPEAKING PEOPLE

GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOMINATION FORM 2020/2021

Position:

Name of Member:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone No:

E-mail:

Signature:

Proposed by:

Address:

Signature:

Seconded by:

Address:

Signature:

Please note that the completed nomination forms should reach the Secretary by 5th December 2020

For SCOT use only

Date received:

Signature:

The candidate, proposer and seconder should be fully paid up members on 30 September, 2018