



43 Years of Service

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (S C O T)

Dear Esteemed SCOT Member,

SCOT Tamil New Year Lunch 2020

I regret to inform you on behalf of SCOT General Council that our annual Tamil New Year Lunch planned to be held on 26th April 2020 at Chiswick Town Hall, Chiswick, London has had to be cancelled due to the **COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)** crisis in the UK. Current public health projections suggest that the planned date of the lunch could be around the peak time for COVID-19 infections. We are showing an abundance of caution as the virus is deemed particularly dangerous to the demographic that makes up most of our current membership and their friends.

We are grateful to you all as members, helping SCOT to support our fellow Tamil brothers and sisters in their needs. The Easter bomb victims of 2019 and the flood victims of the beginning of this year are examples where help was promptly despatched by SCOT and greatly appreciated by the beneficiaries. The SCOT General Council has the constant challenge of funding projects where the need is greater. SCOT's present mission covers **EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND EMPOWERMENT- the 3E's**. We have already embarked on projects to advance this mission and this newsletter gives you an overview of their successes. We are also partnering with other charities to help us accomplish these goals.

Your subscriptions and the money we raise at our events remain our main source of income. Please continue to support SCOT in addition by purchasing the raffle tickets enclosed. Your contributions will certainly brighten the lives of the less fortunate in Sri-Lanka. I hope you appreciate that the projects that SCOT have undertaken recently and the ones suggested for this year would have not only immediate positive impacts on smaller groups of people with needs but the potential to spread out to wider communities either directly or indirectly in the near future. I would therefore expect you to purchase **at least a book** of the enclosed raffle tickets. We usually make a profit of about £1,500 from the Lunch Event, but this time we will have to depend only on the raffle ticket sale. *"as wherever we roam our mother home, we'll ever hold most dear"*.

Yours Sincerely

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