



34 Years of Service

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

Message from President - SCOT

It is a privilege for me to say a few words about Mr Candiah Kathiresan affectionately known as Mr C K within SCOT

SCOT was inaugurated on the 4th of September 1977 at the Merton hall Kingston Road London, initiated by Valar Ealam Pothikar Trust. Mr Kathiresan was a founder member of SCOT and its first treasurer. Subsequently he was Secretary and later President and Projects officer. He helped in establishing a strong foundation that has stood the test of time for the past 35 years, the oldest association for Tamils in this country.

Many associations disappear due to personal problems and in- fighting. The longevity of SCOT is due entirely to the brilliance of Mr Kathiresan who would listen to arguments between members and come out with a solution that is acceptable to all. He has helped me personally many times. Once when a member threatened to walk out of the association it was Mr Kathiresan who was able to calm the situation in his in- imitable, quiet way. He has been the king- maker of SCOT as long as I remember.

He has been held in high esteem not only by the SCOT members but also the recipients. Swami Chitrupannada has sent a glowing tribute to Mr Kathiresan as did the Bishop of Trinco and Batticaloa Rev Kingsley Swampillai.

From time to time God sends great men like Mr Kathiresan to teach us good values. Those of us who have been in his life are privileged. He has been my mentor. I am lucky to have had his wise counsel during my term of office. I feel sorry for those who follow who would miss his advice. If it is so difficult for us to bear his loss how much more would it be for his family. However I feel he was so close to his family and SCOT that from his place with God he would keep an eye on his family and his extended family SCOT

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