

# GOPIO

The Association of Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin



## ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

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## Notice of 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association of Global Organization of the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012, At 10.30 am at Function Hall, Restaurant Asoka, Jalan Thamby Abdullah 1, Off Jalan Tun Sambanthan, 50470, Kuala Lumpur.

### AGENDA

1. President's Welcome Address
2. To receive minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of GOPIO held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
3. To receive and adopt
  - 3.1 Annual Report for the year 2011 – 2012
  - 3.2 Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011
4. Election of office bearers for the term 2012-2014
5. Other Matters

### Annual Report for the period April 2011 to February 2012

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual term of GOPIO Malaysia beginning April 2011, was an active year for the Committee to sustain the ongoing programmes and new projects. For the Committee the year was a challenge and experimentation in voluntary community service. Best of our efforts were put in to provide the service satisfactory.

The main activities for the term are as follows,

#### 1. Academic Forum Two

The Academic Forum Two was held jointly with the Indian Studies Department University Malaya, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University Malaya. The Forum was to identify new areas of interest for the global PIO Diaspora and to submit their findings as guide lines for GOPIO International policy changes. This is a follow up of Academic Forum One held in New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, jointly with the Organisation for Diaspora Initiatives (ODI).

Some of the suggestions made by this Forum Two were adopted by the GOPIO International Executive Committee and were included as part of the objectives for the 11<sup>th</sup> GOPIO International Convention scheduled in April 2012 in Kuala Lumpur.

- a. To encourage the formation of common data and facilities with virtual information made available for increased level of activities between the PIO conclaves spread globally, example, multiple youth exchanges; Country wise PIO Business information (like Directories); PIO Portal; IP TV and Radio.
- b. To provide the intellectual and materials support to create one global virtual PIO Community.
- c. To extensively promote the youth higher education, and their professional growth.

## **2. GOPIO International Executive Committee Meetings.**

- a. Colombo, Sri Lanka 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012.

Among the decision by the EXCO was that GOPIO Malaysia will host the next and the 11<sup>th</sup> GOPIO International Convention 2012 in Kuala Lumpur. This EXCO meeting was participated by 6 GOPIO Malaysia representatives of past leaders and current Committee members. Total of 12 GOPIO Malaysia members attended this programme inclusive of tours to the highlands in Kandy Province.

- b. GOPIO Malaysia hosted the next EXCO meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 and collectively outlined the objective policies of the Convention and the venue and the programme for the 11<sup>th</sup> convention. The foreign EXCO members were hosted for 2 nights, 3 days in Kuala Lumpur.

## **3. GOPIO International Women's Entrepreneurs Excellence Award 2011**

The success of the biennial GOPIO International Award 2010 brought about request for a separate women's excellence award organized with the same grand celebration and ambience. The first GOPIO International Women's Excellence Awards was successfully organized on 18th November 2011 in Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur. A total of 19 successful women were recognized from entrepreneurship and fine arts. The special chief guest for the evening Y.M.M Tunku Ampuan Hajihah binti Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, Negeri Sembilan graced the occasion. Others included diplomats, political leaders and PIO sister organizations leadership.

#### **4. GOPIO and India Cultural Centre.**

The ICC is an important cultural institution provided by government of the India for all people of Malaysia wish that the ICC should become a leading cultural institution in Malaysia. In August 2011 GOPIO Malaysia hosted a special talk by Mr.Ron Rajan and followed with social networking at the ICC. More of this collaborative event with ICC is looked forward to.

#### **5. Higher Studies In India**

GOPIO Education Council will continue to promote professional course studies in India for the PIO youths. GOPIO has lobbied government of India for scholarship for deserving students and India has come forward with a new Diaspora Scholarship Scheme for both Malaysians and the global PIO youths. In May 2011, a total of 22 students were offered scholarship to take up professional degree in India, 8 of them were facilitated by the Education Council. The Education Council will also promote students for higher educational globally.

GOPIO Education Council is a joint collaboration of GOPIO, Edu India and Makkal Osai.

#### **6. GOPIO Shelter Home**

The Shelter Home is an all year ongoing programme to facilitate stranded Indian workers to return to India. This programme is sponsored by India and facilitated by GOPIO Malaysia. For the period in review total of 245 Indian workers were assisted to return to India. The shelter Home Committee wishes to put on record the full assistance given by the Immigration and Police Departments for executing the meticulous works of the documentation, prior to the workers departure to India.

#### **7. Membership Data**

The ICT Committee is implementing a permanent solution for securing the membership data. The test run for the new membership software is ongoing in the month of February 2012 and the Committee hopes to launch a secure membership system by Mid-March 2012. The system includes facilities for e-newsletter; membership renewal alert; event notifications and various management reports.

#### **8. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 'PIOs Dialogue with India' and PBD, January 2012.**

GOPIO Malaysia led a group of 30 members to Jaipur India to participate in Government of India "PBD and GOPIO International Conference 'PIOs Dialogue with India'. GOPIO Malaysia was the major host and organizer for the PIO Dialogue with India held in Hotel Ramada

Jaipur. This conference were participated by 170 delegates from numerous countries. The programme included a 6-days tour of Rajasthan and shopping.

## **9. Programmes in Work –in Progress**

The 11<sup>th</sup> GOPIO International Convention and PIO International Festival are major programmes for GOPIO Malaysia scheduled 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. The joint collaborating partners for the 11<sup>th</sup> Convention are Tamil Studies Department, University Malaya and the Tamil Daily Makkal Osai. In conjunction with this Convention, GOPIO Malaysia in introducing a new annual project “PIO International Festival”. The PIO Fest is also scheduled for the same dates and is held in Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur.

## **10. History of GOPIO Publication**

GOPIO Malaysia has undertaken to publish the History of GOPIO spanning the last 20 years. Articles and photos are being compiled by the Publication Committee and it is looked forward for the published book in mid-2012.

## **Conclusion**

GOPIO Malaysia would like once again thank all the members, volunteers, and silent supporters who assisted in various ways in ensuring success of the programmes of GOPIO Malaysia. We seek support from all to make GOPIO an organization that continuously meets its formation objectives and meaningful organization for the PIO community.