

GOPIO

The Association of Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin



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Notice of 15th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Global Organization of the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) will be held on Sunday 19th May 2013, At 10.30 am at Function Hall, Restaurant Asoka, Jalan Thamby Abdullah 1, Off Jalan Tun Sambanthan, 50470, Kuala Lumpur.

AGENDA

1. Acting President's Welcome Address
2. To receive minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of GOPIO held on 26th February 2012.
3. To receive and adopt
 - 3.1 Annual Report for the year 2012 – 2013
 - 3.2 Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2012
5. Other Matters

Annual Report for the period April 2012 to February 2013

The 15th annual term of GOPIO Malaysia beginning March 2012, was an active year for the Committee to sustain the ongoing programmes and new projects. For GOPIO the year was a challenge in voluntary community service. Best of our efforts were put in to provide the satisfactory service.

The main activities for the term are as follows,

1. 11th GOPIO International Convention

The 11th GOPIO International Convention was held from 20th -22nd April 2012 and the following Conference were held for this 11th biannual Convention.

1.1 The Business Conference was held in Crystal Crown Petaling Jaya and the four other Conference were held in University of Malaya, jointly organized with the Department of Indian Studies, University of Malaya.

1.2 Siddha and Ayurveda Conference

1.3 Education Conference

1.4 Social and Cultural Conference

1.5 The Tamil Diaspora Conference was actively supported and co organised by the Indian Studies Department, University of Malaya and the Conference resolved to form the Global Tamil Diaspora organization on the same format as GOPIO International.

2. The 1st PIO Fest 2012

The PIO International Festival 2012 was held in Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur along with the 11th International Convention 2012.

The PIOfest 2012 that was launched for the first time, was a success. The PIOfest was supported by Ministry of Culture and Arts and Tourism Malaysia.

The participant from Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Singapore, India, Australia, South Africa, Guadeloupe and Reunion contributed to the success of the events. The events included Classical dance, Traditional Games, Fold Dance Instrument, Music, Outdoor and Indoor Games, Fun Games, Bazaar, Cultural Competitions and Consultations. The Cultural Group from Mauritius of 8 artists gave the PIOs Bhojpuri cultural performance, exclusively at the Inaugural dinner of the 11th Convention on 21st April 2012 in PJ Hilton.

A special magazine compiling all the activities of the PIOfest 2012 has been published. This PIOfest is jointly organised by GOPIO Malaysia, Sri Maha Mariyamman Temple Devasthanam, Batu Caves, Department of Indian Studies, University of Malaya and MAIUG.

3. Shelter Home

The Shelter Home is GOPIO's all year ongoing program, to facilitate stranded Indian workers for their return to India. This program is sponsored by the Government of India and is facilitated by GOPIO Malaysia. A total of 375 Indian workers who took residence in the Shelter Home were assisted to return to India for the above period. Further, 55 external staying workers including 10 women, were facilitated on the request of the High Commission of India.

The Shelter Home Committee wishes to put on record the full assistance and support given by the Immigration and Police Departments for executing the meticulous works of the documentation that is essential prior to the workers departure to India.

4. PBD 2013 and 11th PIO's Dialogue with India

GOPIO Malaysia led a group of 12 members and 20 friends of GOPIO for the Conference in Cochin, Kerala, from 7th to 9th January 2013. A tour of Cochin was organised by GOPIO for the group.

On 10th January 2013, GOPIO International 11th annual Conference 'PIO Dialogue with India' was held and Mr Ravendiran Arjunan and Mr. Balasubramaniam presented their papers on behalf of GOPIO Malaysia.

5. Education

During the period March to May 2012 GOPIO Malaysia Education Committee organised several sessions with students and parents who were interested in scholarship offered by the Government of India, for pursuing their studies in Indian Universities. Some students were also placed in PUC (foundation Courses) in India.

6. Networking with CEOs

GOPIO Malaysia, as an effort to network with high profile PIO CEOs, organised a cocktail and dinner session with PIO CEO's on 28th Sept 2012, at the Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur.

7. Sport Activity

GOPIO Malaysia organised a Golf Tournament on 21st April 2012 at the Templers Park Golf Course. A total of 60 golfers participated in the Tournament. With the success of this tournament, GOPIO is planning to organize this Golf tournament on a regular basis. This tournament is to provide fellowship for GOPIO members who are golf players.

8. 2013 Activities in progress

8.1 The 2nd International Siddha & Ayurveda Conference will be held from May 10- 12th 2013 at University Malaya, Complex Perdana Siswa. This 2nd Conference on Indian Traditional Medicine has 22 speakers, inclusive of 12 from overseas.

8.2 The 2nd Annual PIO International Festival 2013.
(PIOfest 2013) – 31st May – 2nd June 2013.

Activities will be held at the following places.-Batu Caves, India Culture Centre, Caps Square and Auditorium Tan Sri Somasundram, NFLCS. More details are available on the web, www.piofest.com

8.3 The GOPIO International Entrepreneurs Excellence Award 2013 – will be held on 6th September 2013 at the Sime Darby Convention Hall, Kuala Lumpur.

8.4 The 12thGOPIO International Convention will be held in Mauritius in October 2013.

Conclusion

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