

GOPIO

The Association of Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin



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Notice of 16th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Global Organization of the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) will be held on Sunday 30th March 2014, 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 15th Annual General Meeting of GOPIO held on 19th May 2013.
3. To receive and adopt
 - 3.1 Annual Report for the year 2013 – 2014
 - 3.2 Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2013.
4. Election of Office Bearers for the term 2014-2016
5. Other Matters

Annual Report for the period March 2013 to March 2014

The 16th annual term of GOPIO Malaysia beginning March 2013, was an active year for the Committee to sustain the ongoing programmes and new projects. For GOPIO the year was a challenge in voluntary service. Best of our efforts were put in to provide satisfactory services.

The main activities for the term are as follows,

1. Siddha & Ayurveda Conference

Siddha and Ayurveda Conference was jointly organised by GOPIO, ALMMA private limited company from Chennai, India and Department of Indian Studies, University Malaya.

It was a 3 days Conference, from 10th May to 12th May 2013 held in University Malaya. Various research papers were submitted in Tamil and English by local and foreign scholars.

The conference was conducted dual lingual, Tamil and English in separate conference halls. The English version was the first attempt to attract non-Indian scholars, researchers and

participants to understand and contribute to the oldest medical system in the world. The response was very satisfactory.

The special feature of the conference was the food provided through the conference. Every dish served was prepared with specific health benefits and it was highlighted to the participants. It gave a unique opportunity for the participants to appreciate the Tamil proverb 'unave marunthu, marunthu unavu'

2. The 2nd PIO Fest 2013

The PIO International Festival 2013 was held in Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur. It was a 3 day programme beginning 31st May 2013.

The PIO Fest was organised by GOPIO jointly with the Kuala Lumpur Sri Maha Mariyamman Devasthanam, Department of Indian Studies University Malaya. PIOfest was successfully organised with the support of Astro Vanavil, Makkal Osai, LPDM, MAIUG, MHDM, Super Alai Osai Orchester, My Tamil Channel, Asthana Arts, Vitees and others.

The PIOfest was supported by the Ministry of Culture and Arts and Tourism Malaysia.

Various cultural, traditional and historical events were presented at the PIOfest. Traditional games, folk dance instrumental, music, outdoor and indoor games, fun games, bazaar, cultural competitions and consultations.

PIOfest created an avenue for our younger generation PIOs to understand, appreciate, acknowledge and practice the valuable cultural elements of our community and great achievements of our ancestors.

The PIOfest attracted participants from Sri Lanka, Singapore, India and other countries.

3. Shelter Home

The Shelter Home is GOPIOs' 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 2014 and 12th PIO's Dialogue with India

GOPIO Malaysia led a group of 12 members and 20 friends of GOPIO for the Conference in New Delhi, India, from 7th to 9th January 2014.

On 10th January 2013, GOPIO International 12th annual Conference 'PIO Dialogue with India' was held and Mr Ravendiran Arjunan and Mr Balasubramaniam presented their papers on behalf of GOPIO Malaysia.

5. Welcome Dinner for New Indian High Commissioner

GOPIO Malaysia and the PIO Sister organisations jointly organised the welcoming dinner for the New Indian High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, His Excellency T.S. Tirumati on 13th March 2014 at the Royal Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur.

6. GOPIO International Entrepreneurs Excellence Awards 2013

GOPIO International Entrepreneurs Excellence Awards 2013 was held on 6th September 2013 at the Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

There were a total of 15 awardees, inclusive of 2 International awardees.

The GOPIO International Excellence Awardees are from all sectors of the PIO Community. Celebrating successes brings more successes. To nature success on a continuous run. Role Models needs to be showcased to the Community and celebrated. And further, this celebration is an affirmative statement for the next generation. It is GOPIO's vision that a culture of celebrating Role Models will ensure a large number of the Community, in particular the Youth, who will arise with the passion to be in the forefront of their individual callings. Our desire is that our Youth arise, awake and achieve success and have the passion to be the best.

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 Organisation that continuously meets its formation objectives and provide programmes for the well-being of the PIO Community.