



GUEST-OF-HONOUR'S MESSAGE

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I would like to thank the Chairman of TRC (Co-op), Mr. R A Nathan, PB, PBS for inviting me to be the Guest-of-Honour (GOH) for Ponggal Variety Show 2009. It came as a surprise to me when I received an e-mail invite from Mr. R A Nathan late into the night. I was hesitant in accepting the invitation as I felt that there were many more goals for me to achieve. I was also of the opinion that I was too young to be a GOH. I accepted the invitation after extensive fact finding.

I am impressed with the manner in which the Co-op has gone about improving the lives of ordinary Indians. Its objectives however go beyond just financial services.

I had a look at the Co-op's Tagline – Gain, Grow and Glow. This tagline truly reflects the achievements of the Co-op.

Gain – Co-op has been able to grow the investments made by its members. Last year, it declared a dividend of 4%. This is far better than any international financial institution.

Grow – Co-op has grown from just a financial service provider to one that is socially active. Its much commendable Fragrance Fund reflects the Co-op's commitment to helping the community through financial aid.

Glow – Co-op has been able to glow by means of its 'CAFES'. The brews of Jasmine, Sunflower and Lotus Cafes continue to enlighten the lives of many individuals among our community.

I am confident that through outstanding leadership and the tireless efforts of its volunteers, the Co-op will continue on its path of profitability and social responsibility.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the organising committee of Ponggal Variety Show 2009 on its successful staging. Let me wish all members and guests a "Happy and Successful 2009".

With Warm Wishes!

MR THIRUNAVUKARASU SUNDARAM PILLAI