

**High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur**

Press Release

**Confluence: Samagam – Language Lecture Series
Preservation & Propagation of Tamil Language in Malaysia**

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) organised “**Confluence: Samagam- Language Series**” on Tamil language, on Friday, 28 June 2024 at NSCBICC premises in Kuala Lumpur.

2. The event was the third in Indian Languages’ Series organized by the High Commission of India and NSCBICC. The first event in the Language series was launched on 27 April 2024 with the Punjabi language, followed by one on Telugu Language on 25 May 2024.

3. Tan Sri Dr. S. Subramaniam graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Delivering the key note address on the occasion, Tan Sri Dr. S. Subramaniam shared that the existence of the vernacular languages in Malaysia is supported by the Malaysian Constitution and the system has paved way for Tamil education right from preschool to University level of education. He also lauded the efforts of High Commission of India in organizing the lecture series.

4. Speaking on the occasion, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, H.E. Mr. B.N.Reddy conveyed his appreciation to the members of various Tamil organizations in Malaysia for partnering with the High Commission of India in organizing the lecture series. He also shared that the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi had highlighted Tamil as the Oldest Language in the world.

5. Prominent Tamil language scholars and academicians including Mr.Supramani Shoniah, Dr Selvajothi Ramalingam, Mr KR P Raman, Mr Mohanan Perumal, Dr Ajith Bhaskar, Mr Uthaya Shankar and Ts Dr Velu Perumal made presentations on diverse topics.

6. The topics covered included Tamil Language and its development after Independence, Tamil in Malaysia: Sustaining a Linguistic Heritage; Role of Muthamizh Padippagam in Promotion of Tamil Language in Malaysia; Role of Tamil Writers' Association in promotion of Tamil Literature in Malaysia, Propagation of Tamil through Fine Arts in Malaysia; Milestones in Translation of Tamil Literary works and Development of Tamil Calligraphy in Malaysia. Tamil students from University Malaya shared their experience of learning the language.

7. A Bharatanatyam dance performance by students of Temple of Fine Arts, Malaysia and a Tamil Calligraphy Exhibition was also organized as part of the event.

8. The event was attended by over 120 members from prominent Tamil associations, Members of Hindu Dharma Maamandram, GOPIO and Malaysia India Heritage Society, Students from University Malaya, Members of Media and Officials from High Commission of India and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre.

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