Vision / நோக்கம்

To be the leading organisation representing Tamils and Tamil Community Organisations in Singapore.

தமிழர்களையும் தமிழ் சமுதாய அமைப்புகளையும் பிரதிநிதித்து ஒரு முன்னனி இயக்கமாக விளங்குதல்.

Mission / குறிக்கோள்

- To uplift the educational, economic and social status of Tamils in Singapore and represent their interests within and outside Singapore.

  சிங்கப்பூர் தமிழர்களின் கல்வி, பொருளியல் மற்றும் சமூக நிலையை மேலுயர்த்தி, அவர்களின் ஈடுப்பாட்டை சிங்கப்பூரிலும் வெளிநாட்டிலும் பிரதிநிதித்தல்.

- To actively promote, encourage and coach the youth in the Tamil community to succeed as leaders of the community in the future.

  நம் தமிழ் இளைஞர்கள் எதிர்காலத்தில் சமுதாயத்தின் தலைவர்களாக விளங்கிட அவர்களை மேம்படுத்தி, ஊக்குவித்து பயிற்சியளித்தல்.

- To cultivate, promote and foster the exchange of ideas and understanding between the Tamils and other cultures.

  தமிழர்களிடையேயும் மற்றக் கலாச்சாரங்களிடையேயும் கருத்துக்கள் மற்றும் புரிந்துணர்வை பரிமாற்றிக்கொள்ள பண்படுத்தி மேம்படுத்தி வளர்த்தல்.

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President's Message



As we look back, it is heartening to acknowledge that the Tamil Language, Culture and the Arts have not only been thriving over the years, they have also been drawing tremendous support and participation from our youth and younger generations.

This change for the better is witnessed by various events from 'Ponggol Vizha' by Lisha to 'Forum-Progress with Tamil' by TRC and other events organised with Narpani Peravai and Mediacorp.

It humbles us that TRC and our affiliates have made significant contributions to celebrate our living Language, Culture and the Arts in the 21st century.

The government has indeed been very encouraging and supportive in preserving and promoting the Tamil Language, Culture and the Arts by establishing the Tamil Language Council (TLC) at the Ministry of Communications & the Arts and the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLPC) within the Ministry of Education.

Since their inception, these agencies have been a great support with funds, enabling more Tamil-based activities to be organised. We are indeed grateful and thankful to these agencies.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to our affiliates and my TRC volunteer members for their tireless efforts in planning and executing every event successfully.

Though they too have their own commitments at home and at work, they yet find the time to pursue their passion for the Tamil Language, Culture and the Arts. This is definitely remarkable and commendable. I am truly proud of the team.

For any event to be properly organised and be beneficial to the community funds are crucial. TRC and its affiliates have been able to organise many such events year after year because of the magnanimous support given by individual donor members of the Tamil community, who contribute to TRC Fund monthly through GIRO.

Some members of the business and social communities and corporate organizations have also supported us – even during difficult times. On behalf of TRC's management and affiliates, I sincerely thank them all.

As we hope and plan for a quick economic recovery, I believe those who have been supporting TRC will continue to do so and wish that more community leaders and members of the Tamil community will come forward to make monthly contributions through GIRO - so that TRC can continue to promote and strengthen the Tamil Language, Culture and the Arts for the present and future generations as envisioned by the visionary, G. Sarangapani in 1951.

Of course, our words and actions must stand the test of time.

Dr R Theyvendran, PBM
President

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பொதுக்கூட்டத்தில் கடைப்பிடிக்க வேண்டிய கூட்ட விதிமுறைகள்.

1. கூட்டம் தொடங்கியதுமுதல், நிகழ்ச்சிகளை அமைதியாகவும் ஒழுங்கு முறையோடும் நடத்துவதற்கு உறுப்பினர்கள் அனைவரும் தலைவருடன் ஒத்துழைக்க வேண்டும்.

2. கூட்ட நிரலை ஒளி / ஒலிப்பதிவு செய்ய விரும்பினால் உறுப்பினர்கள் தலைவரின் அனுமதியை முன் கூட்டியே பெறவேண்டும்.

3. உறுப்பினர்கள் தலைவரின் அனுமதியைக் கேட்டுப் பெற்ற பின்னரே பேச வேண்டும். மற்றவர்கள் பேசிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் போது யாரும் குறுக்கிட்டுப் பேசக் கூடாது.

4. பேசுகிற ஒவ்வொருவரும் தலைவரை நோக்கியே பேச வேண்டும். விவாதிக்கப்படும் பொருள் பற்றி மட்டுமே பேசலாம்.

5. ஒரு பொருள் பற்றி பேச ஓர் உறுப்பினருக்கு மூன்று (3) நிமிடமோ அதற்குக் குறைவான நேரமோ மட்டுமே அளிக்கப்படும்.

6. தலைவரின் அனுமதியுடன், உறுப்பினர் எவரும், அவர் ஏற்கனவே பேசியிருந்தாலும் பேசாவிட்டாலும், ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்சினையை எழுப்பலாம்; அல்லது தன் பேச்சின் முக்கிய கருத்து சரியாக புரிந்துகொள்ளப்படவில்லை என்று கருதினால் விளக்கம் அளிக்கலாம்.

7. சம்பந்தமில்லாத கருத்து, கூறியதையே கூறுதல், கண்ணியமற்ற மொழி, அல்லது ஒழுங்குமுறையை மீறுதல் ஆகிய காரணங்களுக்காக ஓர் உறுப்பினரை அவருடைய பேச்சை நிறுத்துமாறு தலைவர் கட்டளையிடலாம்.

8. ஒழுங்குமுறை, விவாத விஷயங்கள் பற்றிய எல்லா அம்சங்களிலும் தலைவரின் தீர்ப்பே முடிவானது. அதுபற்றிய விவாதம் எதுவும் அனுமதிக்கப்படாது.

9. உறுப்பினர் எவராவது நிரந்தர விதிகள் எதனையும் மீறி ஒழுங்கற்ற முறையில் நடந்துகொண்டால், அத்தகைய உறுப்பினரைக் கூட்டத்தை விட்டு வெளியேறுமாறு கேட்கத் தலைவருக்கு அதிகாரம் உண்டு.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The objective of the Standing Orders is to ensure the smooth running of the Annual General Meeting:

1. That every **MEMBER** shall co-operate and help the Chairman conduct the proceedings in a peaceful and orderly manner.

2. That every **MEMBER** shall seek the prior permission of the Chairman if he wishes to record the proceedings by any electronic means.

3. That every **MEMBER** who wishes to speak shall stand, mention his name and seek the prior permission of the Chairman. All observations shall be addressed towards the Chairman only.

4. That every **MEMBER** shall confine his observations to the subject under discussion and may not introduce matters irrelevant thereto and will be allowed to speak for **three (3)** minutes only. It shall be out of order to use offensive and insulting language about any Member.

5. That every **MEMBER** shall, with the permission of the Chair, be allowed to raise a point of order or in explanation of some material point in his speech, if he thinks it has been misunderstood.

6. That the **CHAIRMAN** shall put an immediate stop to a member's speech on grounds of irrelevancy, repetition, unbecoming language or behavior and shall direct such member to discontinue his speech.

7. That the **CHAIRMAN's** decision upon all questions or orders and matters in debate shall be final and shall not be open for discussions.

8. That the **CHAIRMAN** has the authority to request a member to leave the meeting on account that he disobeys any of the provisions of the Standing Orders or behaves in a disorderly or unbecoming manner or is up to mischief.

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1st October 2009

Dear Members & Representatives,

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Tamils Representative Council will be held on **Saturday 31st October 2009, at 6.00 p.m.** at CEYLON SPORTS CLUB (Function Room, Level 2), 101 Balestier Road, Singapore 329678.

NOMINATION

Any member who wishes to nominate a member for election to the Management Council must submit his/her nomination form. The nomination form must reach the General Secretary not later than 6.00 pm on Friday, 23 October 2009. The nomination form is available in our website (www.trc.org.sg). Hardcopies are also available at the TRC Office.

All nomination forms are to be sent to, The General Secretary, Tamils Representative Council, 101 Balestier Road, Singapore 329678.

MOTION

Any member who wishes to propose any motion must give notice of motion in writing to the General Secretary not later than 6.00 pm on 27 October 2009.

ANNUAL REPORT & AUDITED ACCOUNTS

As part of our cost cutting measures, the Annual Report and Accounts will only be mailed to members upon request. However, they can be viewed and printed from our website. Hardcopies are also available at the TRC Office. All who attend the AGM will also be given a copy.

To facilitate smooth logistic arrangements, we will appreciate if you could:

1. Call us at 63366316 to confirm your attendance;
2. Bring along your NRIC for registration.



Pandiyan V
General Secretary

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2009, 6.00 PM AT THE CEYLON SPORTS CLUB, 101 BALESTIER ROAD, SINGAPORE 329678

1. ***Address by President.***

2. ***To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th September 2007.***

3. ***Matters arising out of the minutes of the General Meeting of 30th September 2007.***

4. ***To receive and adopt the Report of the Management Council for 2008.***

5. ***To receive and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts for the years 2007 & 2008.***

6. ***To consider and approve the proposed amendments to the constitution.***

7. ***To elect (4) Scrutinizers to conduct the voting process.***

8. ***To elect the Management Council for the period 2009 to 2011.***

9. ***To elect 2 Internal Auditors to the Management Council for the period 2009 to 2011.***

10. ***To consider such other business of which at least 3 days notice in writing shall have been given to the General Secretary.***



Pandiyan V
General Secretary

Reminder:

1. ***Registration of Members will commence at 5.30 pm***
2. ***Members/Representatives must produce their Identity Cards for verification of membership.***
3. ***Buffet Dinner will be served after the Meeting***.
4. ***All members who attend will qualify for a lucky draw with attractive prizes***.

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MINUTES OF TRC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 5.00PM PM AT CEYLON SPORTS CLUB, BALESTIER ROAD.

Present:	Life / Ordinary Members	48
	Affiliate Representatives	13

As there was sufficient quorum, General Secretary welcomed members and called for the meeting to an order at 5.15pm

1.0 STANDING ORDER

Before the meeting proper, General Secretary called for the confirmation of the Standing Orders of the AGM. This was adopted as proposed by Mr Mashtuoo and seconded by Mr Harikirishnan

1.1 PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

President welcomed and thanked all members for their togetherness for TRC to do well. The dialogue session with Dr Balaji went well. TRC was celebrating its 55th Thamizhar Thirunal on 17 November on a grand scale. It is expected to see about 1500 guests with Mr Tharman Shanmugaretnam, Minister of Education as Guest of Honour. He said that all affiliate organizations must keep their differences aside and work together with TRC to show unity at this event. He stressed the importance to show unity to the government.

(Full text of President's speech is in Annex A)

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 16 July 2006 which was previously circulated was taken as read and confirmed on the proposal of Mr Lechumanan and seconded by Mr Ikhuvanom

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

3.1 With no other matters arising, the Management Council Report for the period January 2005 to December 2006 was adopted on the proposal of Mr S Tharmaraj and seconded by Mr Ramakrishnan

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4.0 ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Audited Accounts for the years 2005 and 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Mr Ilyas and seconded by Mr Kamalanathan

4.2 General Secretary clarified that the funds were kept under the various accounts which TRC is holding namely:

Admin & General Fund
Education Fund
Building Fund
Cultural Fund

4.3 Mr Balasubramaniam, said that he was happy to be present for the AGM and commended that the Annual Report was well done. However he raised some concern on the accounts especially that some $300,000 is floating around and is not being invested.

4.4 Treasurer, Mr Sultan stated that at the last AGM, the Council had proposed to consolidate all the monies under one single account, but the House had not approved it.

4.5 Mr Harikrishnan said that it was stressed at the last AGM that monies should be in separate accounts instead of being consolidated into one account. However he agreed with Mr Bala in that the monies could be invested or put into fixed deposits and earn more interest.

4.6 President thanked the floor for their views and stated that the new committee will consider the proposals and take the necessary decisions.

5.0 SCRUTINERS FOR VOTING

5.1 General Secretary informed as of 22.9.2007 at the close of nominations the exact number of nominations required (21) had been received. Thus as there was no necessity for an election at the AGM, hence no need for selection of scrutinizers.

6.0 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

6.1 The proposed amendments to the Constitution (Annex B) was adopted and proposed by Mr Harikrishnan and seconded by Mr Chandran. This was approved by the House.

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7.0 ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2007 TO 2009

7.1 Gen Secretary announced that, as only 21 nominations had been received as at 22.9.2007, the following members had been elected unopposed to the Management Committee for a term of 2 years.

1. Dr R Theyvendran PBM
2. Mr S Vivekanadan
3. Mr V Balakrishnan
4. Mr R Balan
5. Mr A R Mashutoo
6. Mr N R Govinden BBM
7. Mr V Pandiyan
8. Mr S Tharmaraj
9. Ms S Janagi
10. Dr Desti Kanniah
11. Ms C Tamilselvi
12. Ms Shoba Gunasekaran
13. Mr Khader Sultan
14. Mr N S Kumar
15. Mr Shareef Abdul Jaffar
16. Mr V Kalaichelvan
17. Mr M Kunaseakanan
18. Ms Gantha Ruby
19. Mr S Gunasegaran
20. Mr K Sathinathan
21. Mr S Anpallagan

7.2 President further informed that he had invited Mr V Iksuvanam into the Management Council as the Editor of TRC's publications and Mr R P Thangasundram as a Council Member (designate). He was confident that both their experience and knowledge will enhance the standing of TRC.

8.0 INTERNAL AUDITORS

8.1 Gen Secretary invited nominations from the floor for the election of 2 Internal Auditors.

8.2 Mr S Anpallagan nominated Mr S Nachiyappan and Mr Khader Sultan proposed Mr Abdul Marzeethu S/O O P Hassan Pillai for the posts of Internal Auditors. Both proposals were seconded by Mr S Tharmaraj.

8.3 As there were no further proposals, the above 2 nominees were elected as Internal Auditors.

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9.0 ANY OTHER MATTERS

9.1 Gen Secretary informed that he had not received any correspondence or notices to be tabled at the AGM.

9.2 President thanked Mr Balasubramaniam for faithfully supporting the Council. He also thanked Dr T Chandroo for his support and generous heart too.

9.3 Members expressed concerned about the purchase of TRC Building. Most members stressed that TRC should have a building of its own by now as it represents a large Indian organisation. Further the building would allow affiliates members who do not have an office to hold their meetings in the premises. It was also highlighted that it has been quite sometime and TRC still does not have a building of its own.

9.4 President assured members that TRC is selective on a right place for the building. He also added that affiliate members could use the Ceylon Sports Club or TCC as a place for affiliates' meeting. President informed members that Dr Chandroo of Modern Montessori had donated $20,000 while he himself had donated $10,000 for the building fund. He also said that TRC has arranged for members' children to study at MDIS at a discounted cost.

9.5 Mr Mashuthoo said that the Singapore Tamil Teachers Union (STTU) has got it own building and if affiliate members need a place for meetings, they could use the STTU premises. However Mr Mashuthoo said that it is only befitting for TRC as an umbrella body for Tamil organisations to have a building of its own.

9.6 President thanked all present for their support and confidence in the Council. The fact that there was no contest itself was an endorsement from members and the Community that it had full confidence in the current leadership of TRC. He assured that with new members in the Management Council, TRC will continue to forge ahead in serving the Tamil Community and uplifting it.

9.7 As there were no other matters, the meeting ended at 6.30pm. A lucky draw and a reception was held thereafter.

Minutes Recorded by: Ms Janagi Somu

Vetted by : Mr Pandiyan V

Approved by : Dr R Theyvendran, PBM

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
Dr. R. Theyvendran, PBM

"Thanks For The Support

First, let me thank all of you for your presence this evening. This demonstrates your physical and moral support for TRC. TRC has come a long way since Mr. G. Sarangapani and other community leaders started this organisation, surmounting a number of obstacles and overcoming a lot of challenges.

TRC, with its 32 affiliate organisations has always been a strong voice of the Tamil community in Singapore and it will continue to be so.

We have been able to raise awareness for the Tamil language in our community. We are doing all we can to make Singapore Tamils realise that our language is a powerful, unifying force of our community and that the economic and educational success of our people is vital for the success of the community and nation.

So, help TRC to help preserve the Tamil language and culture now and for ever. Please remember that if you don't use your language, you lose it!

Changing With The Times

When our friend and community leader, Mr. G. Kandasamy revamped the organisation in 1982, his primary mission was to wipe out illiteracy and uplift the educational status of the Tamil-speaking people in Singapore.

He believed that with education, the Tamils would be able to do well economically and socially – and make a significant contribution towards Singapore's development.

That belief has not changed until today. That is the main reason why in 1994, we formed the TRC Multi-purpose Co-operative - to encourage our members to be thrifty and prudent – and help our community become more self-reliant.

I have said this in the past. It is worth saying it again – the Tamils living in British Guyana, Mauritius, La Reunion and Caribbean have forgotten the Tamil language and now they find it challenging to maintain their identity as Tamils. Let us not make the same mistake.

In our pursuit for economic and personal success, without realizing, we tend to neglect our language and cultural values. We should stop this happening in our society.

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Let me emphasise this again. Tamil language, to the Tamils is like our breath. The moment you stop breathing, you die. Truly, once we lose our language and culture, we will end up as floating wood on the river, directionless , totally dependent on the direction of the river's current.

Cultural Gathering

54th Thamizhar Thirunaal

TRC, in conjunction with our affiliates organised the 54th Thamizhar Thirunaal Celebrations. First started by the late G. Sarangapani and his friends – this program brings together the Tamil- speaking community to appreciate our rich culture, language and the arts.

With other community organisations, we jointly celebrated **Ponggal Vizha** and recently, the grand **National Day Dinner**. We are now preparing for the 55th Thamizhar Thirunaal.

TRC was also actively involved in this year's Tamil Language Festival and will continue to partner with the Tamil Language Learning & Promotion Committee in promoting and ensuring the future of our language.

Membership

Our membership must continue to grow. We must become much more stronger. Our voice as a community must be heard loud and clear. TRC will continue to serve as the main platform to express the needs and concerns of the community.

We must keep on recruiting new members. You must do your part by encouraging others to join as well.

Our Bursary Awards

Together with other institutions, we offer scholarships and bursaries to deserving students. This is the 5th year we have continued awarding these annual Bursary Awards. Since 2002 , during the last four years, we have given away awards to more than 500 deserving students, totaling more than $70,000.00.

Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award

This is the 4th consecutive year TRC is supporting the " Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher award " organized by the ' Tamil Murasu', as one of the main sponsors. This project has the support of many Tamil Community organisations.

TRC Excellence Awards

TRC started these awards in the early 1990s to recognise the achievements of our Indian students who excelled in Tamil Language.

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Towards The Future

As we have done in the past, TRC will continue to organise more social and community functions, educational activities, feedback sessions and support book launches to ensure both our language and culture continue to be lively and vibrant.

We have strong bonds with SINDA, TLC, Narpani Pearavai, SIET, Tamil Murasu and other like-minded organisations, committed to the advancement of the community.

Community Newsletter Continues

TRC continued with its quarterly publication of its newsletter 'Peravai'. A total of 8 issues were published in 2005/2006. These publications served as an important link with TRC members, schools and the Tamil community.

Youth & Idealism

The Youth Committee is doing well. They have passion and should be encouraged. They have orgaanised a number of learning journeys to the National Library - to instill and encourage in our children the habit of life-long learning. They recently organized a Motivation Seminar on 18/8/2007, which attracted more than 700 Secondary students.

The Youth Committee also have on-going dialogue sessions with the National Youth Council, MCYS and the PA Youth Movement.

In particular, I would like to show our collective appreciation to 3 potential leaders from the Youth Committee. They have made significant contribution to TRC, by organising a number of events and activities. They are:

1. Ms Shoba
2. Ms Gantha Ruby
3. Ms Janagi

Finally, I would like to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to the following four dynamic and energetic leaders of our community, who are doing yeoman's service to our community, sacrificing a lot of their personal time and spending a lot of their effort and energy to address the concerns of our community.

They are:

- ✓ Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister of Education & Second Minister for Finance;
- ✓ Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development,Youth and Sports, and Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts;
- ✓ Dr Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts; and
- ✓ Mr. S. Iswaran, Minister of State for Trade & Industry.

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In conclusion, I once again thank you for your support! I hope more potential leaders and good-hearted people will come forward to serve the needs of our community and move our community towards more self-reliance and self-dependent. I am confident that our community will continue to make constructive and significant contributions to our nation's growth and prosperity.

Help TRC,

Help Tamils, Help the community

Help yourself - and your children and grandchildren –

And then Tamil will automatically 'Vaalum, Valarum!'

Nandri!

Have a great evening!"

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TRC MANAGEMENT COUNCIL 2007/2008

At the Annual General Meeting held on 30th September 2007, the following were elected to serve on the Management Council: -

TITLE OF OFFICE	NAME
President	Dr R. Theyvendran, PBM
Deputy President	Mr S Vivakanandan
Vice President	Mr V Balakrishnan
Vice-President	Mr A R Mashuthoo
Vice-President	Mr R Balan
Vice-President	Mr N R Govinden, BBM
General Secretary	Mr V Pandiyan
1st Deputy General Secretary	Ms Janagi Somu
2nd Deputy General Secretary	Mr S Tharmaraj
General Treasurer	Dr Desti Kanniah
Asst Treasurer	Ms C Tamilchelvi
Chairman (Youth)	Ms Shoba Gunasegaran
Council Members	Mr Khader Sultan
	Mr N S Kumar
	Mr Shareef Abdul Jaffar
	Ms Gantha Ruby
	Mr V Kalaiselvan
	Mr M Kunaseakanan
	Mr K Sathinathan
	Mr S Gunasegaran
	Mr S Anpallagan
Council Member (Designate)	Mr R P Thangasundram
Editor	Mr V Iksuvanam
Internal Auditors	Mr V Gopalakrishnan
	Mr Sivanesan Sivakoruniam
External Auditors	M/s Menon & Associates

Dr Desti Kanniah stepped down as Treasurer in October 2008 due to him being employed overseas. Ms Tamilchelvi was appointed as the Treasurer.

Mr N S Kumar's position was vacated due to his bereavement in February 2009.

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OUR AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS ARE எமது இணைப்புச் சங்கங்கள

- Association of Singapore Tamil Writers
- Ceylon Sports Club
- Dharma Muneeswaran Temple
- Indian Community Welfare Centre, Changi
- Ivann Productions
- Krishna Our Guide
- Mathavi Literary Society
- Murugan Hill Temple
- Namakkal Association
- News Vendors Association
- Periyar Community Service Singapore
- Sembawang Tamils Association
- Sembawang Tamils Mutual Benefit Society
- Saiva Siddhantha Sangam
- Simplified Kundalini Yoga Society
- Singai Tamil Sangam
- Singapore Ceylon Tamils' Association
- Singapore Hindu Sabai
- Singapore Kadayanallur Muslim League
- Singapore Tamil Youths Club
- Sirpigal
- Singapore Thamizhar Eyakkam
- Sree Ramar Temple (Changi)
- Sri Guru Ragavendra Society
- Sri Muneeswaran Temple
- Sri Ruthra Kaliamman Temple
- Tamil Brotherhood Association
- Tamils Information Technology Society, Singapore
- Thamizhavel Narpani Mandram
- The Society of Kalai Pithers
- Thiruvalluvar Tamil Valarchick Kazhagam
- TRC Multipurpose Cooperative Society
- Umar Pulavar Tamil High School Old Students Association
- United Indian Muslim Association

- சிங்கப்பூர் தமிழ் எழுத்தாளர் கழகம்
- இலங்கை விளையாட்டு மன்றம்
- தர்ம முனீஸ்வரன் ஆலயம்
- இந்திய சமூக நிலையம், சாங்கி
- இவண் புரடெக்ஸன்ஸ்
- கண்ணன் நமது வழிகாட்டி
- மாதவி இலக்கிய மன்றம்
- முருகன் திருக்குன்றம்
- நாமக்கல் சங்கம்
- செய்தித்தாள் விற்பனையாளர் சங்கம்
- சிங்கப்பூர் பெரியார் சமுக சேவை
- செம்பவாங் தமிழர் சங்கம்
- செம்பவாங் தமிழர் நலநிதி சங்கம்
- சைவ சித்தாந்த சங்கம்
- எளியமுறை குண்டலினி யோகா சங்கம்
- சிங்கை தமிழ்ச் சங்கம்
- சிங்கப்பூர் இலங்கை தமிழர் சங்கம்
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- ஸ்ரீ ராமர் ஆலயம் (சாங்கி)
- ஸ்ரீ குரு ராகவேந்திரா சங்கம்
- ஸ்ரீ முனீஸ்வரன் ஆலயம்
- ஸ்ரீ ருத்ர காளியம்மன் ஆலயம்
- தமிழர் சகோதரத்துவ சங்கம்
- தமிழர் கேள்வியறிவியல் கழகம் (சிங்கப்பூர்)
- தமிழவேள் நற்பணி மன்றம்
- கலைப்பித்தர்கள் கழகம்
- திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சிக் கழகம்
- தமிழர் பேரவை பன்னோக்கு கூட்டுறவு சங்கம்
- உமறுப்புலவர் தமிழ் உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளி முன்னாள் மாணவர் சங்கம்
- ஐக்கிய இந்திய முஸ்லீம் சங்கம்

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TRC MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2008/09

As we step into every new Year, we look forward to doing more and more for the Community and aspire to assist many more under-privileged families and students to improve their live and perform better in their studies.

We are indeed proud to say that we have been able to achieve our aspirations, thanks to the support and contribution of our members, our kind and generous patrons and the various Community Organisations.

The TRC Management Council will like to thanks the following and welcome them on board as **Friends of TRC**:-

- Lee Foundation
- Shaw Foundation
- Mr S M Abdul Jaleel, PBM (Mini Environment Services Pte Ltd)
- Mr Daniel Loh (Design Terminal Pte Ltd)
- Dr T Chandroo (Modern Montessori International)
- SINDA
- Tamil Language Council
- Tamil Language Learning & Promotion Committee
- LISHA
- Narpani Pearavai
- Tamil Language & Cultural Society
- Management Developmnet Institute of Singapore
- Stamford Press Pte Ltd
- Telecoms Credit Cooperative
- Singapore Tamil Teachers Union

TRC Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society

First and foremost, let us welcome TRC Multi-Purpose Cooperative as our latest Affiliate, bringing our current total to 34 Affiliates.

The Society was formed on 18 Nov 94. Formed by TRC to help Indians, 23 like-minded members pledged share investments of $33,000 for its humble beginning. Since then it has come a long way.

The current surplus of the Coop is more than $120,000.00. Despite the increase in costs and expenditures, we must convey our appreciation and congratulations to the Board of Directors for their efforts in ensuring that the Coop is managed prudently.

The Coop has also been providing financial assistance by way of bursaries and scholarships to needy and well deserving students annually. This is is over and above their usual cooperate activities.

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We hope that TRC Coop will be able to do more to the Community and also support the programmes of TRC.

Indian Community Bursary Awards

TRC, in partnership with SIET (Singapore Indian Educational Trust) and SINDA (Singapore Indian Development Association) has been presenting bursaries to Indian students from low income families. Held annually since its inception in 2002 more Indian organizations have come on board to ensure that more and more students benefit. The objective of these awards aims to ensure that our Tamil students from low income families are not deprived of the basic necessities for education because of financial constraints.

To date, TRC has awarded more than $100,000.00 to more than 700 students. This would not have been possible without the support and contributions of our well-wishers and members who have been contributing monthly through GIRO.

In 2008, Sree Ramar Temple adopted 30 of TRC's successful applicants and presented bursaries during their Bursary Awards.
Further, it has to be noted that apart from TRC, many of its Affiliate Organisations also present bursaries to Indian Students.

Motivation Camp

As part of its on-going effort to reach out to the Tamil youths and networking with schools, TRC organised a 1 day Motivation Camp on 18 August 2008. It was very heartwarming and encouraging seeing that participation for Tamil related events, especially those organised for students and teachers, receives enthusiastic support. Our Tamil youths show great desire to excel in their life and jump at such opportunities that provides them a platform to improve themselves. About 800 teachers and students participated in the camp faciliated by Mr Khader Ibrahim – an established coach, trainer and mentor.

Tamil Language Festival

Tamils Representative Council recognizes the important role that community and media organizations play in promoting the use of language in society, and in creating interesting opportunities to use Tamil Language (TL) within and beyond schools. The Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLC) had in 2006 recommended that MOE and schools should continue to collaborate with community and media organizations to create environments conducive for the use of TL.

As part of the annual Tamil Language Festival coordinated by the Tamil Language Council, TRC, together with New Town Primary School and the Singapore Tamil

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Teachers Union has been organizing forums – ***Progress with Tamil*** for the past 3 years. The forum aims to emphasize the importance of spoken Tamil and explore ways to encourage and increase the usage of the language. The forum will also serve as a stage for our Community leaders to encourage the use of the language as a fun and modern language and that our students or youths should not shy away or be afraid in using the language.

Each year, TRC will identify role models who will share their inspirations and how the language has helped to shape their values, system and character. To date the following role models have been identified and they have shared their experiences with the students.

2007	Ms Geetha Duraisamy	Principal, Blangah Rise Primary School
	Mr V Kalaiselvan	Managing Director, Megastar Advertising Private Limited
2008	Dr Chandroo	Chairman/CEO, Modern Montessori International
	Mr Vadivalagan PVSS	Founder & Artistic Director of Mirror Theater Group
2009	Mr G B Srithar	Asst Director, STB & Well known media host
	Mr J K Saravana	CEO, Tantra Inc & Producer/Director of *Chennai 60008*

The forums have received overwhelming support from the Teachers and Students and have been the highlight event during all 3 Festivals.

'Thirukkural' – Book Launch

As part of its efforts in enhancing the social aspects of the Tamils in Singapore TRC published a book on ***"THIRUKKURAL – A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE LEARNING"*** on 6 January 2007.

This book was an interpretation of ***'Thirukkural'*** in simple English. The purpose being to share with a wider community, how the maxims can be utilized to enhance personal integrity, effectiveness and leadership qualities. In short, this book takes the age-old ***'Thirukkural'*** into today's world and makes it digestible for all ages.

The author Mr S Ratnakumar obtained his tertiary education at the University of Birmingham and University of Bradford, UK. He has been a lecturer at two of the Polytechnics in Singapore. Currently he conducts lectures in Business Management.

The book was launched on Saturday 6th January 2006 at 6.00 pm by our then Minister for Education and 2nd Minister for Finance, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, at the

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MDIS UniCampus, 501 Stirling Road. In addition, two guest speakers Prof E. Valentine Daniel, University of Columbia, New York and Dr K Veeramani, President of Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology, India, also spoke on the importance and relevance of ***'Thirukkural'*** for today.

All proceeds of the sales and donations went towards TRC's Kandasamy Education Trust Fund. Mr S Ratnakumar himself - in supporting TRC's cause, absorbed the cost of publishing the book. We thank him for his magnanimity.

National Day Celebrations

Since 2005, TRC has been organizing the National Day Celebrations jointly with its Affiliates. This annual signature event under the theme "Unity Under One Umbrella", showcases the unity amongst the Tamil speaking Community and gives us an opportunity to dedicate ourselves to nation building.

The event usually attracts more than 500 people every year and also acts as a platform to raise funds for our, 'Kandasamy Education Trust Fund'. To date we have raised more than $100,000.00. The Fund aims to help students from low income families as bursaries and awards.

TRC Community Excellence Awards:

The Tamil Representative Council (TRC) as an umbrella body for many Tamil organisations and as a leading representative of the Tamil community in Singapore has been honoring a deserving community leader annually during its annual National Day Celebrations. Each recipient of this award has made major contributions to our community and served it exceptionally well. The first such recipient was Mr S Chandra Das in 2005, followed by Mr R Ravindran in 2006 Mr Vivakanandan in 2007 and Mr S M Abdul Jaleel in 2008.

Similar in nature to the National Day Awards, this award is given to Community Leaders and/or Community Volunteers who sacrificed their time and energy towards the upliftment of the Tamil Community. The basis is that our Community itself must recognize and honour such selfless noble hearts.

Recipients must have been involved or served in any organisation which promotes the Tamil Language and betterment of the Tamil Community. They must have been instrumental in key achievements or activities which must have resulted in promoting the Tamil Language or the status of our Tamils.

A select panel receives nominations and shortlists candidates before making its selection.

In 2009 the recipient was Dr T Chandroo, Managing Director/CEO of Modern Montessori International.

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TRC Excellence Awards

Achievement Awards are presented annually to Tamil Students who have obtained top distinction marks in the Tamil Language and have also excelled in the other subjects in the previous year's PSLE, GCE 'O' & 'A' level examinations. The recipients are selected by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with TRC & SINDA.

By recognizing and honouring them, we are sending out the message that Tamil students are not in any way inferior to others and that excelling in the Tamil Language will give recognition to you. These awards will also motivate them to achieve even greater success.

To enhance the value of the award and give due recognition to the recipients, the awards are presented during our National Day Celebrations. All recipients receive a certificate and cash. To date more than 50 students have received these awards.

In 2009, apart from students who had excelled in the academic field, TRC also honoured an ITE student for having achieved the Gold Award in Physical Education.

Membership

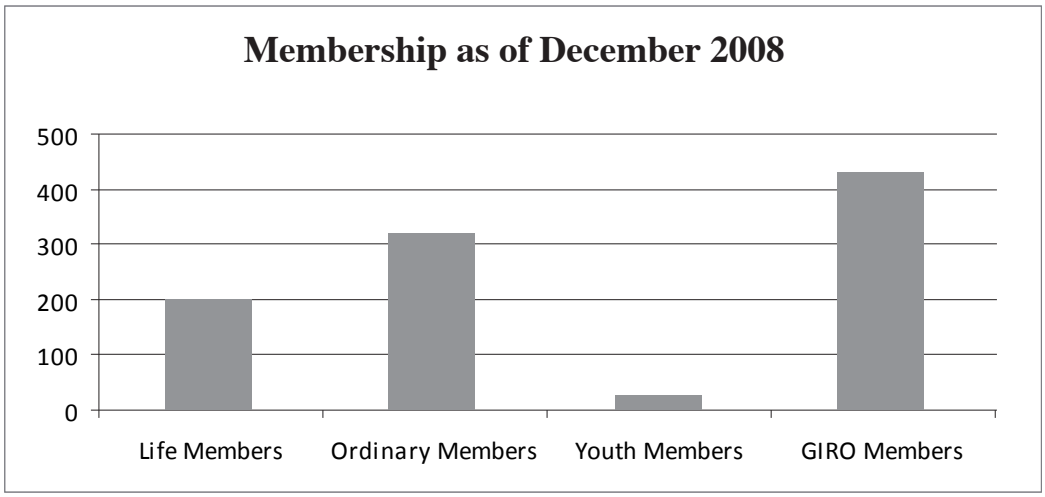
No Organisation can continue to perform and excel without members and their support. TRC has various types of membership to cater to people from all walks of life.

- Institutional Membership for organizations who wish to affiliate themselves with TRC;
- Life Membership for individuals who need only pay a one time fee of $250.00;
- Ordinary Membership where individuals pay an annual fees of $24.00;
- Youth Membership at $5.00 per year for those below the age of 21;
- Associate Membership for an individual who does not qualify under the above categories; and
- GIRO Membership, where individuals can make monthly contributions to support the activities of TRC and also in providing financial assistance to the needy.

As at current record, our membership figures are as follows:-

- Life Membership 199
- GIRO Membership 412
- Ordinary Membership 469
- Youth Membership 36

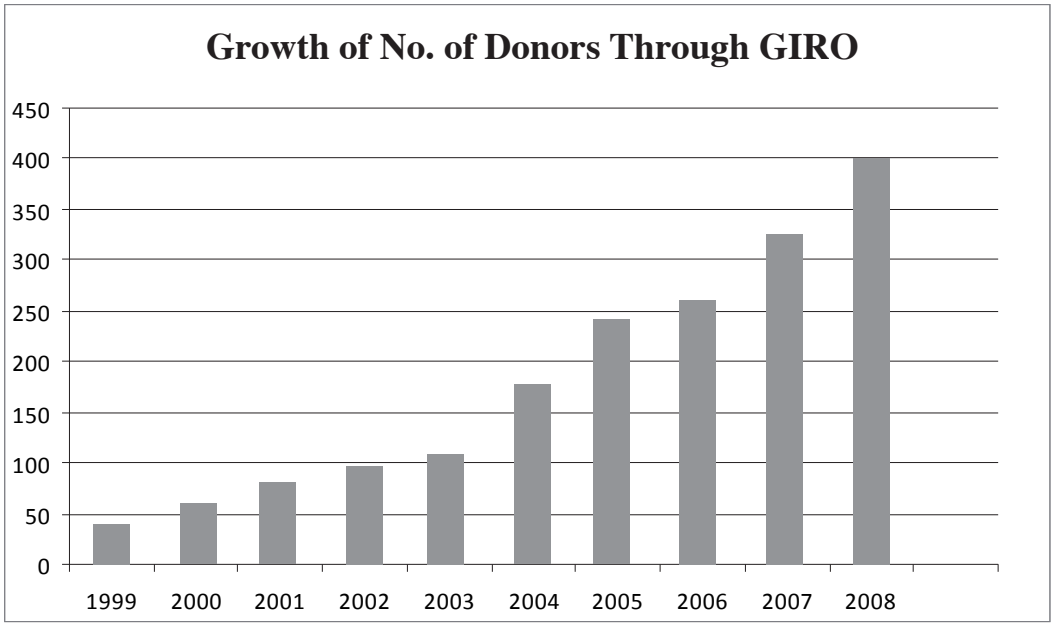
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More than $50,000.00 is needed annually to sustain the activities of TRC and to provide financial assistance by way of bursaries, education grants etc. Through GIRO, TRC is now receiving about $3,000.00 per month. This was only possible through the concerted efforts of the Management Council and thanks to the more than 400 GIRO members.

However, this is not enough. TRC vision is to have a minimum of 1,000 members contributing $10.00 each. This will increase the monthly contributions to $10,000.00 giving us at least $120,000 annually.

Once TRC is able to achieve that, we will be in a strong position to support events of its Affiliates and definitely do more for the upliftment of the Community.



Community Outreach Programmes

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TRC being the umbrella body for the Tamil Community and representing more than 20,000 Tamils reaches out to Government agencies and Regulatory agencies regularly through its dialogue sessions with the Government leaders and the Administrative Officers.

Dialogue sessions were held with, Dr Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Information, Communications and the Arts and Mr Baey Yam Keng, Member of Parliament (MP) for Tanjong Pagar GRC on 23.9.2007. More than 100 Affiliate representatives and members were present. During the session the following points were raised for the Minister's consideration.

- The status of the Tamil Language in Singapore. Number of people using the language is reducing. If this continues Tamil Language may disappear in 15-20 years.
- The influx of Non-Tamil speaking Indians into Singapore. This should be controlled and a quota system should be in place to ensure that enough Tamils are given priority.
- Tamil Language being an Official Language, it should be given the same status as the other official languages. Tamil should be present in all Government organized/supported events and notices. Use of other Indian Languages should be limited.
- During speeches like the National Day Rally, problems faced by Tamils should be addressed.

Dialogue sessions have also been conducted between TRC and its Affiliates to collect feedback on the progressive status of our Tamil community discussing issues ranging from social, economy and education. The discussion saw many suggestions and proposals were put forth for further analysis and their implementation.

TRC has also raised issues that affected the Tamils in the areas of Tamil programmes on TV, Year end examinations being held the day after Deepavali, absence of signs in Tamil in public areas like parks and the Airport, with the relevant authorities.

TRC also met the current CEO of SINDA and its Board members to give feedback on the sentiments from the ground. The issues raised by TRC were well received and we understand that SINDA has given serious considerations to some of our suggestions.

TRC Website (www.trc.org.sg)

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TRC's website has been launched in early 2007 and it gives members and the public extensive information on TRC's programmes and those of its Affiliates. It is constantly updated and Affiliates who wish to publish their events are assured of the information being uploaded within 48 hours.

Youth

In the early 1980's, TRC Youth Wing was very active in running tuition classes, story-telling programmes, sports events and camps for students and youths. As many of our youth members had left to concentrate on their careers and families, TRC in the past 2 years has made a concerted effort in reviving the Youth Wing.

Currently we have more than 30 active youths and they have been involved in organizing various events like Motivation Camps, Futsal Tournaments, Literary Competitions. More programmes are being planned to attract more youths to come on board and also organize more events for the young.

Appreciation

The Management Council place on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to all its Advisors, Affiliate Organizations, SINDA, Tamil Language Council, Singapore Indian Education Trust, People's Association Indian Activities Coordinating Council, Management Development Institute of Singapore, Telecoms Credit Cooperative and Tamil Murasu for their continued support towards in TRC's activities.

TRC also conveys its deep appreciation and thanks to all organizations, institutions and individuals who have contributed towards the continued success of its programs by way of sponsorship, advertisements and generous donations and finally to our members for their continued support of TRC.



Pandiyan V
Gen. Secretary
For & on behalf of the TRC Management Council

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TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

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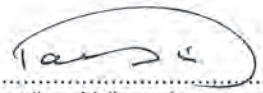
CERTIFICATION BY OFFICE BEARERS

We hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year ended on that date are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Council and the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 December 2007 and of the results of the activities of the Council for the financial year then ended.

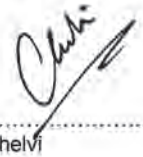
Signed on behalf of
TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



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Dr. R Theyvendran PBM
President



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Mr. Pandiyan Vellasami
Hon. Secretary



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Mrs. Tamilchelvi
Hon. Treasurer

Singapore,
25 February 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 4 to 16 of **TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Council and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness, of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL - continued
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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 December 2007 and of the results , changes in funds and cash flows of the Council for the financial year ended on that date.

MGI MENON & ASSOCIATES
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Singapore,

25 February 2009

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	NOTE	2007 S$	2006 S$
ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	(4)	**903**	1,850
CURRENT ASSETS			
Interest receivable		**5,575**	5,916
Donations receivable		**-**	28,000
Fixed deposit		**118,230**	114,768
Cash at bank		**381,441**	363,976
Total current assets		**505,246**	512,660
TOTAL ASSETS		**506,149**	514,510
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
General fund	(5a)	**460,996**	454,987
Kandasamy trust fund	(6)	**39,921**	54,041
Total funds		**500,917**	509,028
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		**4,800**	3,300
Current income tax liabilities	(8b)	**432**	2,182
Total current liabilities		**5,232**	5,482
Total liabilities		**5,232**	5,482
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		**506,149**	514,510

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	NOTE	2007 S$	2006 S$
INCOME			
Affiliation fees		**1,800**	700
Donations received		**13,500**	33,000
Entrance fees		**24**	-
Interest on fixed deposit		**3,120**	3,051
Interest on Savings Account		**1,536**	1,397
Book launch income		**4,012**	-
Miscellaneous income		**1,753**	1,150
National Day Dinner		**42,400**	23,798
Ordinary and life membership subscription		**17,180**	26,930
Thamizhar Thirunnal		**22,984**	6,300
		108,309	96,326
EXPENDITURE			
Accountancy fee		**500**	200
Advertisement		**215**	3,470
AGM expenses		**1,340**	-
Audit fee		**1,800**	1,800
Bank charges		**776**	286
Book launch expenses		**2,754**	-
Deficit on Educational Assistance Programme	(3)	**-**	13,439
Depreciation		**947**	947
Donations		**14,500**	6,200
Entertainment		**603**	1,341
Interest on delayed payment/default charges		**400**	456
Miscellaneous expenses		**655**	633
National Day Dinner		**19,185**	17,439
Printing, stationery and postage		**9,801**	7,598
Refreshment		**304**	-
Rental		**3,938**	3,506
Repairs and maintenance		**795**	1,124
Seminar expenses		**4,294**	-
Staff allowances		**13,000**	12,000
Student award		**3,450**	-
Tamil language forum expense		**6,682**	-
Telecommunications		**627**	426
Thamizhar Thirunnal expenses		**16,826**	983
Tax fees - current year		**500**	500
- prior year under provision		**-**	500
		103,892	72,848
Surplus for the financial year		**4,417**	23,478
Income tax for the financial year	(8a)	**1,592**	(222)
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUNDS		**6,009**	23,256

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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CHANGES IN FUNDS

STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007 S$	2006 S$
INCOME AND EXPENSE RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN FUNDS		
- Kandasamy Trust Fund	**(14,120)**	(15,100)
SURPLUS AFTER TAX	**6,009**	23,256
TOTAL RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	**(8,111)**	8,156

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	General Funds S$	Kandasamy Trust Fund S$	Total S$
Beginning of financial year	454,987	54,041	509,028
Total recognised income and expense for the financial year	6,009	(14,120)	(8,111)
End of financial year	**460,996**	**39,921**	**500,917**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	General Funds S$	Kandasamy Trust Fund S$	Total S$
Beginning of financial year	431,731	69,141	500,872
Total recognised income and expense for the financial year	23,256	(15,100)	8,156
End of financial year	454,987	54,041	509,028

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Cash flow from operating activities		
Surplus before tax	**4,417**	23,478
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	**947**	947
	5,364	24,425
Changes in working capital:		
Receivables	**28,341**	(29,132)
Payables	**1,500**	(2,600)
Cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**35,205**	(7,307)
Income tax paid	**(158)**	-
Kandasamy trust fund expenses	**(14,120)**	(15,100)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**20,927**	(22,407)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**20,927**	(22,407)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	**478,744**	501,151
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	**499,671**	478,744
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year comprise:		
Fixed deposit	**118,230**	114,768
Cash at bank	**381,441**	363,976
	499,671	478,744

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2007

These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

1. THE COUNCIL AND ITS ACTIVITIES

The Council is registered under the Registrar of Societies, Cap. 311 on 1 August 1951. The address of its registered office is:

1 Sophia Road #03-15
Peace Centre
Singapore 228149

The principal activities are to promote and safeguard the interests of Tamil speaking community and to encourage co-operative and thrift movements amongst the Tamil speaking community.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (FRSs). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets and liabilities which are stated at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year.

There were no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

b) Income Recognition

Subscriptions are recognised upon receipt.

Donations and Income from other sources are recognised on accrual basis where certainty of receipt is assured.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

c) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

Depreciation of plant and equipment is calculated on the straight line method to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives have been taken as 10 years for furniture and fittings and office equipment and 3 years for computers.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use.

The residual values and useful lives of plant and equipment are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

d) Fund Accounting

Income and expenditure relating to specific or designated funds are accounted for directly in the funds to which they relate.

e) Impairment of Non Financial Assets

Plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever there is any indication that these assets may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable of the asset is estimated to determine the amount of impairment loss. For the purpose of impairment testing of these assets, recoverable amount is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash flows that are largely independent of those from other assets. If this is the case, recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating-unit to which the asset belongs.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating-unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying mount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating-unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. The impairment loss is recognised in the income statement unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, such impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating-unit) is increased in the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss for an asset other than goodwill is recognised in the income statement, unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, such reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

f) Financial Instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and payables.

Non-derivative financial instruments are recognised and measured as described below

Receivables

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and bank balances. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost.

Payables

Payables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

g) Current and Deferred Taxes

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the period.

Deferred tax is the estimated future tax consequences of assets and liabilities that are recognised in the balance sheet.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, if the deferred income tax arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, it is not accounted for. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

h) Impairment of Financial Assets

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

An impairment loss in respect of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are collectively tested in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

All impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses in respect of trade and other receivables are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised.

3. **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**	2007 S$	2006 S$
Income		
Tuition fees collected	-	7,920
Expenditure		
Printing, stationery and postage	-	784
General expenses	-	5,123
School servant's allowances	-	-
Teachers' allowances	-	15,452
	-	21,359
Deficit for the financial year	-	(13,439)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

4. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

2007	Furniture and fittings S$	Computer S$	Office equipment S$	Total S$
Cost				
Beginning of financial year	805	2,233	4,704	7,742
End of financial year	**805**	**2,233**	**4,704**	**7,742**
Accumulated Depreciation				
Beginning of financial year	805	1,488	3,599	5,892
Charge for the financial year	-	744	203	947
End of financial year	**805**	**2,232**	**3,802**	**6,839**
Carrying Value				
End of financial year	**-**	**1**	**902**	**903**

2006	Furniture and fittings S$	Computer S$	Office equipment S$	Total S$
Cost				
Beginning of financial year	805	2,233	4,704	7,742
End of financial year	805	2,233	4,704	7,742
Accumulated Depreciation				
Beginning of financial year	805	3,396	744	4,945
Charge for the financial year	-	203	744	947
End of financial year	805	3,599	1,488	5,892
Carrying Value				
End of financial year	-	1,366	3,216	1,850

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5. GENERAL FUND

(a)

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Balance at beginning of financial year	**454,987**	431,731
Surplus for the financial year (Note b)	**6,009**	23,256
Balance at end of financial year	**460,996**	454,987
This consist of:-		
Administrative and general fund	**105,298**	119,352
Education fund	**146,976**	135,919
Building fund	**123,893**	115,093
Cultural fund	**84,829**	84,623
	460,996	454,987

(b) Respective funds' surplus/(deficit) for the financial year:

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Administrative and general fund	**(14,054)**	29,713
Education fund	**11,057**	12,256
Building fund	**8,800**	5,610
Cultural fund	**206**	189
	6,009	23,256

6. OTHER FUNDS

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Kandasamy Trust Fund		
Balance at beginning of financial year	**54,041**	69,141
Receipts during the financial year	**-**	-
	54,041	69,141
Expenditure for the financial year	**(14,120)**	(15,100)
Balance at end of financial year	**39,921**	54,041
Total	**39,921**	54,041

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7. BURSARY AWARDS

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Balance at beginning of financial year	-	3,300
Receipts during the financial year	-	-
	-	3,300
Expenditure for the financial year	-	(3,300)
Balance at end of financial year	-	-

8. TAXATION

(a) Income tax charge

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Current financial year's provision	210	222
Prior financial years' over provision	(1,802)	-
	(1,592)	222

Reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting surplus multiplied by the applicable tax rate.

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Surplus	4,417	23,478
Tax thereon @18% (2006 – 20%)	795	4,696
Tax effect of disallowable expense and exempt income	(585)	(4,474)
	210	222

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8. TAXATION - continued

(b) Current income tax liabilities

	2007 S$	2006 S$
Movement in the current income tax liabilities		
Balance brought forward	2,182	1,960
Add : Charge for the financial year	210	222
Less : Payments made during the financial year	(158)	-
Less : Prior financial years' over provision	(1,802)	-
Balance carried forward	432	2,182

9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

Exposure to liquidity and interest rate risks arise in the normal course of the Council's activities. The Council's overall strategies, its tolerance of risk and its general risk management philosophy is determined by the Council's management in accordance with prevailing economic and operating conditions.

Liquidity Risk

The Council monitors and maintains a level of cash and bank balances deemed adequate by the management to finance the Council's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

Interest Rate Risk

Income and operating cash flows of the Council are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT - continued

Effective Interest Rates and Repricing Analysis

In respect of interest-bearing financial assets, the following table indicates their effective interest rate at balance sheet date and the period in which they reprice.

	Effective Interest rate	Total S$	Within 1 year S$
Financial Assets – 2007			
Fixed deposits with banks	**2.55%**	**118,230**	**118,230**
Financial Assets – 2006			
Fixed deposits with banks	1.7%	114,768	114,768

10. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND FRS INTERPRETATIONS

Certain new accounting Standards and FRS interpretations have been published that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008. The Council expects no material impact on the Council's financial statements when these standards are initially applied.

The Council has not considered the impact of accounting standards issued after the balance sheet date.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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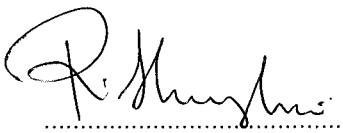
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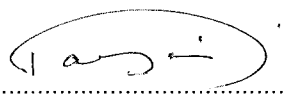
CERTIFICATION BY OFFICE BEARERS

We hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year ended on that date are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Council and the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 December 2008 and of the results of the activities of the Council for the financial year then ended.

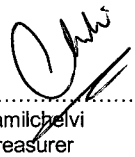
Signed on behalf of
TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



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Dr. R Theyvendran PBM
President



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Mr. Pandiyan Vellasami
Hon. Secretary



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Mrs. Tamilchelvi
Hon. Treasurer

Singapore,

23 JUN 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 4 to 15 of **TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Council and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 December 2008 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Council for the financial year ended on that date.

MGI MENON & ASSOCIATES
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Singapore,

23 JUN 2009

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	NOTE	2008 S$	2007 S$
ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	(4)	**1,832**	903
Current Assets			
Other receivables		**5,940**	-
Interest receivable		**4,426**	5,575
Fixed deposits		**121,253**	118,230
Cash at bank		**365,655**	381,441
Total Current Assets		**497,274**	505,246
TOTAL ASSETS		**499,106**	506,149
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
General fund	(5a)	**465,826**	460,996
Kandasamy trust fund	(6)	**25,331**	39,921
Total Funds		**491,157**	500,917
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accruals		**7,600**	4,800
Current income tax liabilities	(8b)	**349**	432
Total Current Liabilities		**7,949**	5,232
Total Liabilities		**7,949**	5,232
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		**499,106**	506,149

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	NOTE	2008 S$	2007 S$
INCOME			
Affiliation fees		1,300	1,800
Donations received		-	13,500
Entrance fees		-	24
Interest on fixed deposit		1,874	3,120
Interest on Savings Account		1,237	1,536
Book launch income		14,000	4,012
Miscellaneous income		-	1,753
National Day Dinner		52,250	42,400
Ordinary and life membership subscription		9,159	17,180
Thamizhar Thirunnal		30,800	22,984
		110,620	108,309
EXPENDITURE			
Accountancy fee		500	500
Administrative expenses		3,749	-
Advertisement		1,636	215
AGM expenses		-	1,340
Audit fee		1,800	1,800
Bank charges		1,674	776
Book launch expenses		3,250	2,754
CPF		1,276	-
Depreciation		769	947
Donations		8,400	14,500
Entertainment		-	603
Interest on delayed payment/default charges		-	400
Miscellaneous expenses		-	655
National Day Dinner		24,780	19,185
Printing, stationery and postage		8,142	9,801
Refreshment		-	304
Rental		-	3,938
Repairs and maintenance		-	795
Seminar expenses		3,823	4,294
Staff salaries and allowances		17,800	13,000
Student award		-	3,450
Tamil language forum expense		7,468	6,682
Tamil new year		1,500	-
Telecommunications		398	627
Thamizhar Thirunnal expenses		18,185	16,826
Tax fees		500	500
		105,650	103,892
Surplus for the financial year		4,970	4,417
Income tax for the financial year	(8a)	(140)	1,592
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUNDS		4,830	6,009

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CHANGES IN FUNDS

STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 S$	2007 S$
INCOME AND EXPENSE RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN FUNDS		
- Kandasamy Trust Fund	**(14,590)**	(14,120)
SURPLUS AFTER TAX	**4,830**	6,009
TOTAL RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	**(9,760)**	(8,111)

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	General Funds S$	**Kandasamy Trust Fund S$**	**Total S$**
Beginning of financial year	460,996	39,921	500,917
Total recognised income and expense for the financial year	4,830	(14,590)	(9,760)
End of financial year	**465,826**	**25,331**	**491,157**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	General Funds S$	**Kandasamy Trust Fund S$**	**Total S$**
Beginning of financial year	454,987	54,041	509,028
Total recognised income and expense for the financial year	6,009	(14,120)	(8,111)
End of financial year	460,996	39,921	500,917

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 S$	2007 S$
Cash flow from operating activities		
Surplus before tax	**4,970**	4,417
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	**769**	947
	5,739	5,364
Changes in working capital:		
Receivables	**(4,791)**	28,341
Accruals	**2,800**	1,500
Cash generated from operating activities	**3,748**	35,205
Income tax paid	**(223)**	(158)
Kandasamy trust fund expenses	**(14,590)**	(14,120)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	**(11,065)**	20,927
Cash flow from investing activities		
Payments to acquire plant and equipment	**(1,698)**	-
Cash used in investing activities	**(1,698)**	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	**(12,763)**	20,927
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	**499,671**	478,744
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	**486,908**	499,671
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year comprise:		
Fixed deposit	**121,253**	118,230
Cash at bank	**365,655**	381,441
	486,908	499,671

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2008

These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

1. THE COUNCIL AND ITS ACTIVITIES

The Council is registered under the Registrar of Societies, Cap. 311 on 1 August 1951. The address of its registered office is:

1 Sophia Road #03-15
Peace Centre
Singapore 228149

The principal activities are to promote and safeguard the interests of Tamil speaking community and to encourage co-operative and thrift movements amongst the Tamil speaking community.

There have been no significant changes to these activities during the financial year.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (FRSs). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets and liabilities which are stated at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year.

There were no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

b) Income Recognition

Subscriptions are recognised upon receipt.

Donations and Income from other sources are recognised on accrual basis where certainty of receipt is assured.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

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2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

c) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

Depreciation of plant and equipment is calculated on the straight line method to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives have been taken as 10 years for furniture and fittings and office equipment and 3 years for computers.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use.

The residual values and useful lives of plant and equipment are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

d) Fund Accounting

Income and expenditure relating to specific or designated funds are accounted for directly in the funds to which they relate.

e) Impairment of Non Financial Assets

Plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever there is any indication that these assets may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable of the asset is estimated to determine the amount of impairment loss. For the purpose of impairment testing of these assets, recoverable amount is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash flows that are largely independent of those from other assets. If this is the case, recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating-unit to which the asset belongs.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating-unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying mount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating-unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. The impairment loss is recognised in the income statement unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, such impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating-unit) is increased in the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss for an asset other than goodwill is recognised in the income statement, unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, such reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

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2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

f) Financial Instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and payables.

Non-derivative financial instruments are recognised and measured as described below

Receivables

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and bank balances. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost.

Payables

Payables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

g) Current and Deferred Taxes

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the period.

Deferred tax is the estimated future tax consequences of assets and liabilities that are recognised in the balance sheet.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, if the deferred income tax arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, it is not accounted for. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

h) Impairment of Financial Assets

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

An impairment loss in respect of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are collectively tested in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

All impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses in respect of trade and other receivables are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised.

4. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

2008	Furniture and fittings S$	Computer S$	Office equipment S$	Total S$
Cost				
Beginning of financial year	805	2,233	4,704	7,742
Additions	-	1,698	-	1,698
End of financial year	**805**	**3,931**	**4,704**	**9,440**
Accumulated Depreciation				
Beginning of financial year	805	2,232	3,802	6,839
Charge for the financial year	-	566	203	769
End of financial year	**805**	**2,798**	**4,005**	**7,608**
Carrying Value				
End of financial year	**-**	**1,133**	**699**	**1,832**

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4. **PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - continued**

2007	Furniture and fittings S$	Computer S$	Office equipment S$	Total S$
Cost				
Beginning of financial year	805	2,233	4,704	7,742
End of financial year	805	2,233	4,704	7,742
Accumulated Depreciation				
Beginning of financial year	805	1,488	3,599	5,892
Charge for the financial year	-	744	203	947
End of financial year	805	2,232	3,802	6,839
Carrying Value				
End of financial year	-	1	902	903

5. **GENERAL FUND**

(a)	**2008 S$**	2007 S$
Beginning of financial year	**460,996**	454,987
Surplus for the financial year (Note b)	**4,830**	6,009
End of financial year	**465,826**	460,996
This consist of:-		
Administrative and general fund	**110,128**	105,298
Education fund	**146,976**	146,976
Building fund	**123,893**	123,893
Cultural fund	**84,829**	84,829
	465,826	460,996

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5. GENERAL FUND - continued

(b) Respective funds' surplus/(deficit) for the financial year:

	2008 S$	2007 S$
Administrative and general fund	**(13,466)**	(14,054)
Education fund	**17,554**	11,057
Building fund	**531**	8,800
Cultural fund	**211**	206
	4,830	6,009

6. OTHER FUNDS

	2008 S$	2007 S$
Kandasamy Trust Fund		
Balance at beginning of financial year	**39,921**	54,041
Receipts during the financial year	**-**	-
	39,921	54,041
Expenditure for the financial year	**(14,590)**	(14,120)
Balance at end of financial year	**25,331**	39,921
Total	**25,331**	39,921

8. TAXATION

(a) Income tax charge

	2008 S$	2007 S$
Current financial year's provision	**140**	210
Prior financial years' over provision	**-**	(1,802)
	140	(1,592)

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8. TAXATION - continued

(a) Income tax charge - continued

Reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting surplus multiplied by the applicable tax rate.

	2008 **S$**	2007 S$
Surplus	**4,970**	4,417
Tax thereon @18%	**895**	795
Tax effect of disallowable expense and exempt income	**(755)**	(585)
	140	210

(b) Current income tax liabilities

	2008 **S$**	2007 S$
Movement in the current income tax liabilities		
Balance brought forward	**432**	2,182
Add : Charge for the financial year	**140**	210
Less : Payments made during the financial year	**(223)**	(158)
Less : Prior financial years' over provision	**-**	(1,802)
Balance carried forward	**349**	432

9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

Exposure to liquidity and interest rate risks arise in the normal course of the Council's activities. The Council's overall strategies, its tolerance of risk and its general risk management philosophy is determined by the Council's management in accordance with prevailing economic and operating conditions.

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT - continued

Liquidity Risk

The Council monitors and maintains a level of cash and bank balances deemed adequate by the management to finance the Council's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

Interest Rate Risk

Income and operating cash flows of the Council are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

Effective Interest Rates and Repricing Analysis

In respect of interest-bearing financial assets, the following table indicates their effective interest rate at balance sheet date and the period in which they reprice.

	Effective Interest rate	Total S$	Within 1 year S$
Financial Assets – 2008			
Fixed deposits with banks	**1.2 %**	**121,253**	**121,253**
Financial Assets – 2007			
Fixed deposits with banks	2.55%	118,230	118,230

10. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND FRS INTERPRETATIONS

Certain new accounting Standards and FRS interpretations have been published that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008. The Council expects no material impact on the Council's financial statements when these standards are initially applied.

The Council has not considered the impact of accounting standards issued after the balance sheet date.

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