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"Lending a Helping Hand"



Development of Peoples' Skills

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the Advisory Committee)*

SACEM's Goal For Future Years

"SACEM, in continuation of its 20 years tradition of Community Service expects during the next few years to base its programmes of Service Activities towards the goals of developing peoples' skills." says a Policy Paper approved by the Board of Directors of SACEM in February this year.

The Policy Paper continues, "One of the

most effective forms of Community Service, it is said, would be to help people develop themselves and acquire new and varied skills. The benefits of Skills Development are many. Firstly, it enables men and women to gain self confidence and feel empowered. Secondly, it opens the doors of opportunity to employment and prosperity. Thirdly, it enables them to become a source of assistance to others in the Community.

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Community Fundraising

- Fundraising is
from April 2005
to October 2005.

Hmmmm!

"I'm not saying that the customer service in the bank is bad, but when I went in the other day and asked the clerk to check my balance... she leaned over and pushed me".



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SACEM MISSION

The Mission of SACEM is to work for the welfare and progress of the Tamil community in Canada.

SACEM's vision is that Canada should be proud of the Tamil community.

This can be achieved only when the members of the community strive for excellence in every way in their conduct as law abiding citizens, conscious of their civic responsibilities; in the high standards they set in the work places, and in the pursuit of their professional and business goals; as well as in the quality of their contribution to the nation's good.

There are barriers on the way to the way to the progress of Tamil people: language, cultural and information barriers.

SACEM attempts to eliminate such barriers and make it easy for people to have access to services.

Progress is possible only when people are oriented to the future.

Through its programs, SACEM attempts to educate the people in regard to the challenges and opportunities they face in the years ahead.





The President Speaks....

Every one who joins a volunteer organization wants to contribute to the betterment of the society. I am thankful to our members and the board of directors for their time and effort. After the Tsunami disaster the need for volunteer organizations to actively contribute to fulfill the needs of the community is that much more important.

Throughout the past 20 years SACEM has evolved in delivering innovative programs to adhere to this need.

The board along with the advisory committee has outlined an action plan for this year. Even

though all members donate their time and effort, financial and material resources are needed to deliver an efficient and effective program. With the help of the business community and well wishers we are launching a fundraising campaign. Your support and corporation will be greatly appreciated.

To find out more about our activities and upcoming programs please check our website at www.sacem.ca and support our community partners.

Get involved, be active and contribute to the growth of the community.

Jude Aloysius
President

Concept of Gender Association

Laughter, The Best Medicine:

An English teacher was explaining to his students the concept of gender association in the English language.

He stated how hurricanes at one time were given feminine names and how ships and planes were usually referred to as 'she.'

One of the students raised his hand and asked '**What gender' is a computer?**

The teacher wasn't certain which it was, so he divided the class into two groups, males in one, females in the other, and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because:

- In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
- They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
- They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.

- As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to in the feminine gender because:

- No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
- The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
- Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
- As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.



"A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty."

- G.Donald Gale -

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The President

Upcoming Events

- May 06: Interactive Workshop on Basic Counselling Skills
- Internet Training for Seniors and Housewives
- Counselling for Drug Addicts
- Youth Projects
- Sacem Raffle 2005
- Education & support to children affected by war in Srilanka
- And many more...

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Contd... **Development of Peoples' Skills** By J.A.Jeyanathan

SACEM has already been active to some extent in the field of Skills Development. For over the past three years it has been a leader in imparting skills in the Computer field, free of charge, to Seniors, Housewives and Unemployed persons. Over 150 persons in the Community have benefitted from its programmes. This service will be intensified in the future years.

Other areas of Skills Development which will form the focus of SACEM's attention are as follows:

Developing Managerial Skills:

These skills, broadly classified as 'managerial' cover a wide field from 'planning' and 'communication' to 'delegation' and 'time management'. Such skills are no longer the requirements of the entrepreneur and the business executive only, but are very much in demand in the work place and the home.

Promoting "Counselling" Skills:

The need for counselling skills is alarmingly high in a community where the pressures of modern life, breakdown in human relationships and addiction to evils like alcoholism are on the increase. SACEM pledges to work in this field as a matter of high priority.

Continuing "Existing" Skills Development Programme:

Over the years, SACEM has been engaged in specific programmes intended to develop the capabilities of certain groups. These continue to be relevant and will continue to be implemented. They are:

a) Parenting Skills:

Perhaps one of the society's oldest but it continues to be popular and appreciated.

b) Leadership Skills:

Directed at the youth in the community.

c) Financial Assistance:

Extending regular financial assistance to the Industrial Training School run by TRRO on house wiring and motor winding.

SACEM at the present moment in its history is thus committed to helping the community through the development of the members of the community. It earnestly appeals to its well wishers, supporters and friends to extend their moral and financial support in the furtherance of its objectives.

கூடந்த 20 வருடங்களாக, தன்னார்வத் தொண்டர் பணியில் முழுமையாக ஈடுபட்டு வரும் சேக்கம் நிறுவனம், தொடரும் ஆண்டுகளில் தனது பணியை விஸ்தரிக்கும் பலவகை முயற்சிகளையும் முன்னெடுத்து வருகிறது.

புலம்பெயர்ந்து கனடிய நாட்டில் குடிவந்துள்ள தமிழர்கள் தங்களுக்குள்ள திறமைகளையும் வளங்களையும் வளர்த்துக்கொண்டு, தன்னிறைவை அடைவதில், சேக்கம் தனது முழுமையான ஒத்துழைப்பையும் உற்சாகத்தையும் வழங்க திடசங்கற்பம் பூண்டுள்ளது.

புதிய துறைகளிலும் பயிற்சி பெற்று நிறைவடைவதே நவீனகால தொழிற்சாலை எதிர்பார்ப்பாக விரிந்து கிடப்பதால், முடிந்தவரை பலதரப்பட்ட துறைகளிலும் பயிற்சிகளை மக்களுக்கு வழங்க சேக்கம் பலவித முன்னேற்பாடுகளையும் செய்து வருகிறது.

பல்துறைப் பயிற்சிகளைப் பெறும் ஒருவருக்கு, தன்னம்பிக்கை, பலதரப்பட்ட புதிய வாய்ப்புகள் போன்றன தானாகவே மலர்ந்து வருவதுடன், அத்தகைய பயிற்சிகளைப் பெற்ற ஒருவர், ஏனையவர்களுக்கும் பயனுடைய ஒரு கருவியாக மாறிவிடுவது யதார்த்தம் என்கிறது அண்மையில் நடாத்தப்பட்ட ஆய்வு. இந்த ஆய்வறிக்கையை இவ்வருட ஆரம்பத்தில் அங்கீகரித்த சேக்கம் நிர்வாகக் குழுவும், இதற்கான தனது பணிகளை முடுக்கி விட்டுள்ளது.

சேக்கம் வழங்கும் பன்முக தன்னார்வத் தொண்டர் சேவைகளைப் பயன்படுத்தி அனைத்துப் பயன்களையும் பெற்றுக்கொள்ள புலம்பெயர் தமிழர்களை வரவேற்று நிற்கிறது சேக்கம் நிறுவனம்.

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"Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds."

Former President of America
Bill Clinton

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a beginning, Keeping
together is Progress,
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YOU ARE INVITED

... to join us and be a member of SACEM, an association of volunteers which has served the Tamil community in Toronto for the past twenty years.

SACEM, with its unrivalled experience in the field of community service strongly believes in organizing programs that are relevant to the emerging needs of the changing times. We make no secret of the fact that your membership in SACEM will be a source of strength to us. You will be entitled to participate and vote at the general meetings of the association and be notified of all our programs and

service activities where you are most welcome to join us.

Furthermore we will be pleased if you can contribute to the work of the association by opting to serve on any of our committees whose work is of interest to you.

Join us online at www.sacem.ca and select the application form. You may obtain an application form by contacting SACEM office.

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Exciting Year Ahead...

April 07: Board Meeting

April 15: May 07: Updating of membership
& Recruitment of 3 new members
Orientation

April 27: Launch of Community Fund-
Raising Raffle

April 29: (7 PM) – Workshop on
Introduction to Counselling

May 07: (5:30 PM) – SACEM Annual
General Meeting (AGM)

May (3rd Week): Workshop or Orientation
by United Way Representatives
on Leadership Qualities.

Summer & Fall 2005:

- Internet Training
- Magnet & Glow Youth Program
- Mental Health (Illness) Seminar
- Fundraising Completion
- Skill Development Programs
- Member Involvement Activities
- Youth Programs
- Annual Cultural Evening
- SACEM Annual Day Celebration
- More Exciting Events throughout the
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