

THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL TAMIL RETREAT (ITR)

The 2nd International Tamil Retreat on the theme “My Stage My Service” was held on 28 September to 1st October 2017 at the Asia Retreat Centre (ARC), Malaysia.



There were 70 participants (compared to just 49 in 2016) from foreign countries (India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Singapore, the UK and Indonesia) and 80 from Malaysia. The main resource person was Sis. Uma from Tiruvannamalai, India. Other resource persons include Sis. Janaki (Bali), Bro. Ganesh (Sri Lanka) and Bro. Letchu (Malaysia). There was also a prelaunch of a new Tamil Song CD on the theme “Nyana Thibam (Light of Gyan)”. A sketch was also presented by participants from Singapore which was jovial and entertaining.



“Feelings-full” achievements were visible on faces of all the participants particularly the foreigners. They highlighted that apart from classes, discussions and Q&A session they were touched by the hospitality and the caring nature of the residents, helpers and other. They also strongly felt Baba’s presence during the blessing ceremony and that each blessing was so accurate.



The song writer, music director, and the singers who are all non-BKs shared their experiences on the task of producing the CD along with the BK Team. It was indeed extraordinary. They all felt that an invisible force has been guiding them all the way through. Their sharing really touched the hearts of many foreign BKs and the live singing melted their hearts. Wah Baba Wah! A grand launch has been planned in November. It is hoped that the CD will reach the Tami speaking souls around the world as the songs are suitable for BKs and non-BKs.



Sis Uma is an experienced resource person. She gave very good and deep classes. It reflected well on her spirituality, experiences with Baba and personal transformation. Thus, her support for ITR can take us to higher levels. She can even be used as a resource person for centre Niwasis during DF season for both the Tamil and English speaking BKs

A small group met to discuss on service matters and identified the following area for a implementation producing commentary with graphics (Singapore), creating short video clip from classes/public talks (Malaysia), creating gift items (all), developing course material in Tamil for next DF season and taking charge of specific areas in future retreats (all).

At the end the energy level of the foreign participants were extremely high and they returned home with the determination to come back for ITR-2018 with more participants from their countries.

Thanks to Bapdada and the seniors who have as always been supporting our growth.

