

Visit of Sr Shashi from Madhuban to Malaysia, 28 August to 5 September 2014

Malaysia had the fortune of having Sr Shashi from Madhuban visiting after 24 years. The highlights of her visit were;

- 1) 22nd Asian Retreat at the new Asia Retreat Centre (ARC), and
- 2) Launching of 7 Billion Acts of Goodness in Southern and Northern Region of Malaysia.

Sr Shashi arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 29 August 2014, warmly welcomed by the ARC residents. A beautiful, colourful, multicultural Grand Welcome program was held in the evening in Diamond Hall with the capacity of more than 1000 people. Brothers and sisters from all over Malaysia presented variety of cultural items showing the colours of Malaysia. Sr Shashi was welcomed on the stage with special decorations from Borneo in East Malaysia. She inaugurated the 22nd Asian Retreat by lighting 22 lotus candles with senior instruments. More than 500 BKs attended and enjoyed this welcome program. The theme of the retreat was "My Stage, My Life", in which a variety of programs were conducted by senior teachers.



On Saturday 31 August, the Malaysian Day of Independence was celebrated on the stage by hoisting a flag, dancing and group singing.

Sr Shashi also offered bhog and brought a beautiful message. More than 700 BKs from all over Malaysia and Singapore enjoyed beautiful experiences, classes and stories she shared.



A program for Hindi speaking souls on “The Secret of Happiness” was organised in one of the BKs’ residence. 21 people attended and returned home in happiness. A public program in English on the topic “Overcoming Fear” was held at Bangsar Centre in KL and it was a huge success. The hall was jam-packed and overflowing so much so that many had to sit outside the corridor. A total of 200 people attended, out of which 60 were newcomers.

Sr Shashi also travelled to central Malaysia where she met Tan Sri Jeyaratnam and shared a spiritual message and gift. She arrived at Peace Palace, Penang, on 3 September 2014. That same evening, regular students were able to get to know her ‘up close and personal’ as she shared informally. A Hindi language session was attended by 25 participants who listened with great interest.

On Thursday evening there was a program at Butterworth for the students of mainland centres. Over 100 enjoyed the Q&A session.



SEVEN BILLION ACTS OF GOODNESS

A good press conference on the launch of “7 Billion Acts of Goodness” was arranged by the State Minister, YB Phee Boon Poh, State Minister for Welfare, Caring Society and Environment where 12 media representatives were present.

There was another Hindi talk on “How to Control Emotions through Meditation” at Aruna and Doshi’s residence. On 5 September Sr Shashi shared on “How to take Power from God” with about 30 newer students. She left after lunch to head south for her next program.

The Brahma Kumaris Global Project on the 7 Billion Acts of Goodness was launched with a big bang at the Grand Paragon Hotel, Johor Bahru on Friday, 5 September 2014.

Invited guests of honour, Datin Fauziah Ramly, a former Director-General and a reputed civil servant and Rajyogini BK Shashi Prabha, a Coordinator of Wing Activities from Brahma Kumaris Headquarters at Madhuban, Rajasthan, India, launched this project ceremoniously after their insightful speeches on Acts of Goodness.



25 representatives of NGOs were present to make their pledge to commemorate the occasion. There were about 230 people at the launch. Sr Meera gave an inspiring commentary on Acts of Goodness, calculated to inspire the representatives of NGOs to launch their own Acts of Goodness for the betterment of their organisation as well as the society at large. It is fervently hoped that this project would have an effect on all Johoreans and trigger them to do acts of goodness for the benefit of society.



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