



SUBJECT: Jaffna Hindu College Association Canada Nomination for Assistant Secretary

To my fellow JHCA Canada Members,

As a results-driven, exceptionally organized, and detail-oriented business professional, I feel I make an excellent candidate for the open position of Assistant Secretary with JHCA Canada. I have always been someone who cares deeply about making a meaningful impact on the youth in our Tamil community, both locally and abroad, there is something profound about empowering the next generation to reach for their dreams and plan for a better tomorrow. I am also a natural leader, a dedicated humanitarian, and passionate about the educational advancement of Tamil youth.

As you are aware, I currently hold a role with the Jaffna Hindu College Association Canada as an executive member. During my time with the organization, I have involved in subcommittee of constitution amendments and frequently travel from Ottawa to Toronto to attend the executive monthly meetings.

I am a proud JHCA Canada. I often fondly look back at my time at Jaffna Hindu College, remembering how those formative years at the prestigious institution truly shaped me to be the man I am today. I attended the college from 1970 to 1976 at which time, I had the privilege of having Mr. Sabaingam and Mr. P.S.Kumarasamy, both as astute principles. From there, I was able to enter the University of Moratuwa Engineering Faculty, in part, no doubt to the support I got from the educational staff at Jaffna Hindu College Association.

Like many, I was forced to flee my beloved island because of the political turmoil and volatile situation. Canada became my home. While I am happy and thriving in Canada, I have never forgotten what it means to be an Eelam Tamil, what it meant to be part of the incredible JHCA Canada, and how I felt receiving the support from the dedicated and talented team at Jaffna Hindu College Association Canada. I have carried that passion with me over the years volunteering and taking on various roles at incredible organizations including the following:

- Oraayam Foundation as an *Executive Member*
- Ottawa Tamil Association as *President*
- National Capital Region of Tamils Associate as a *Program and Event Coordinator*

In my professional career, I have dedicated 25 years in Information Technology as an IT consultant for various businesses in the government and private sector, in Canada and in the United States. I pride myself on being a lifelong learner, keeping up with new coding languages in an ever-changing environment, being innovative at bringing clients robust solutions, and consistently exceeding expectations for stakeholders.

When I'm not working or volunteering in community associations, I enjoy playing chess, playing tennis, softball cricket, badminton, and taking long bike rides. I also have a creative side, often spending my weekends singing karaoke or rehearsing for an upcoming stage debate or drama.

It has been especially fulfilling being a part of this incredible team at Jaffna Hindu College Association Canada, and I hope to expand my efforts in making a meaningful impact in support of our association's mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most Sincerely,

Tharmarajan Punniamoorthy