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OTTAWA TAMIL ASSOCIATION

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 presents

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மரபுத்திங்கள்
2024

TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH GALA
 HUMAN RIGHTS - ARTS - CULTURE
GALA DU MOIS DE L'HERITAGE TAMOUL

Date: Sunday January 28th, 2024
 Reception: 4:00 - 5:30 PM
 Program: 5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Venue: St. Elias Centre
 750 Ridgewood Avenue
 Ottawa, Ontario Canada
 Contact: info@ottawatamilassociation.ca - 647 875 7354

Ticket
 Adult/Kids: \$75/45


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ANNUAL TOWNHALL MEETING
JUNE 26, 2024
 Wednesday, 8 PM - 9 PM
 Hall A, Walter Baker Sports Center
 100 Malvern Dr, Nepean, ON K2J 2G5

Humanity Human Rights Tamil Heritage Month Conferences

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TAMIL GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY
 தமிழின அழிப்பு நினைவு நாள்

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER
 First Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day

Canadian Parliament adopted Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day on May 18, 2022.
 The Canadian Prime Minister declared on May 18, 2023.

2009
15 YEARS
MULLIVAICKAL

SAT | MAY 18 2024 | 7-9 pm
 WALTER BAKER SPORTS CENTER | FOOD COURT
 100 MALVERN DRIVE, K2J 3G5, OTTAWA

REMEMBERING SRI LANKA'S GENOCIDE AGAINST TAMILS

4th Annual
THIYAGI THILEEPAN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE
09.15.23 - 09.26.23
 9:30 AM - 10:48 AM



1000 LBS
 COMMITTED TO THE
 THIYAGI THILEEPAN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

15918 MINUTES OF FASTING
15918 LBS OF FOOD DONATIONS

Get Involved!
 To volunteer or partner, please email us at: info@tamilcivickan.com

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TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH GALA
 CULTURAL MOONLIGHT HERITAGE TAMILS

TAMIL NATIONHOOD AND GENOCIDE IN SRI LANKA
 MAY 18 2024

SEARCH FOR JUSTICE
 FEDERAL PARLIAMENTS OF TAMIL NATION


வட அமெரிக்கத் தமிழ்ச்சங்கப் பேரவை
 Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America (FoTNA)
 A Registered - Non Profit, Tax exempt 501(C)(3) Organization

தமிழ்மூத்தின் தமிழின அழிப்பு - சட்ட ரீதியான ஆய்வு
 (Tamil Genocide in Tamil Eelam - Legal perspective)

ஒன்றாக நல்லது கொல்லாமை மாற்றதன்
 பின்சாரப் வாய்ப்பாயை நன்று - 323

நாள்: ழம்ப் 2, சனிக்கிழமை
 நேரம்: காலை 11 மணி (அமெரிக்க சிடுக்கு நேரம்)

திரு. ராஜ் சிந்தான்
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Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - 2024

1. 8th Tamil Heritage Month Gala - 2024
 - [Keynote Speech by Mr. Rajeev Sreetharan on Justice for Tamil Genocide in Sri Lanka - A Legal Roadmap](#)
 - [OTA continue to elevate the quality of the annual dinner](#)
2. Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day and genocide recognition
 - [Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day \(May 18, 2024\) Commemoration in Ottawa](#)
 - OTA participated the Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day event in Tamil State of Union at [Library of Congress in Washington DC introduction of H. Res 1230 on May 16, 2024](#)
 - [Statement by the Prime Minister on the Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day](#)
3. 9th annual Fall Donation - Tamil Eelam Humanitarian Assistance Fund (TEHAF)
 - [TEHAF](#) - A Tamil Diaspora fund made available for good standing humanitarian groups to get some financial support for their projects
 - OTA donated over \$1500.00 from Fall Fundraising and continue to support this project
4. [4th Thiyagi Thileepan Food Drive](#) - Donated to Ottawa food bank over 1000 lbs



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - 2024

1. Expanding to Global collaboration

- Continue to play significant role in Federation of Global Tamil Organizations (<https://fgto.org/>) to advance justice for Eelam Tamils and [TEHAF](#) humanitarian work
- OTA started to work in a committee at FetNA (<https://fetna.org/>) to advance [Tamil Genocide Recognition efforts](#) and [first session organized in Dec 2023. FeTNA president's message on H.Res 1230 explains why it is important.](#)
- Planning to jointly organize next [Global Tamil Submit in San Antonio, Texas on July 6, 2024](#) to strengthen the common position of Tamils

2. Supporting Tamil Genocide Memorial and archive efforts

- As a member of Tamil Genocide Memorial (<https://tamilgenocide.com/>), continue to support digital archive project

3. Community activities

- Annual Thanneer Panthal at Ottawa Sivan Ther Festival
- [4th Thiyagi Thileepan Food drive](#)

4. Tamil Conferences Documentations

- Summer students help the [2nd conference \(2018\) documentations](#)
- Continue to work on [next conference documentations](#)



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - since 2014

1. Policy and focus

- Tamil Genocide Recognition & Tamil Heritage including highlighting legitimate Eelam Tamil struggle for freedom
- Setting up better Canadian life

2. Collaborations

- Jointly released 2015 NPC based booklet with Brampton Tamil Association in 2016.
<https://archive.org/details/srilankasgenocideagainsttamilsbooklet>
- Jointly organized 2018 2nd International Conference on Tamil Nationhood and Genocide in Sri Lanka.
<https://tamilconferences.org/conferences/second-conference/>
- Conference on Tamil self-determination in 2022 jointly organized
<https://tamilconferences.org/conferences/upcoming-conference/>
- Several other joint efforts (Tamil Genocide Rememberance - May 18, youth skill development workshops, food drive, advocacy, etc.) with multiple Canadian Tamil organizations



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - since 2014

3. Justice for Sri Lanka's Genocide against Tamils

- Continuous advocacy, engagements and collaborations to get recognition for Tamil Genocide as part of justice.
- Supporting research efforts on Tamil Genocide and justice via conferences and documentations
- Advocating for Tamil Genocide Education Week in Ontario and supporting Tamil Genocide Memorial and archiving projects
- Annual commemoration of Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day - May 18

4. Tamil heritage and history

- Continuously supporting Tamil Heritage Month
- Partnered with Tamil Genocide Memorial (TGM) in archiving and documenting the Tamil Eelam history
- Tamil Chair support efforts and engagement with Tamil Center (Toronto) via TGM



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - since 2014

6. Fundraising and annual events

- Tamil Heritage Month Gala - Last Sunday in January
- Spring Big Bike to support heart and strong foundation - Spring
- Thiyagi Thileepan Food drive to support Food Bank - September
- Fall Fundraising for Eelam Tamils - Fall

7. Skill development and Entrepreneurship

- Summer student hiring and mentoring each year
- Workshops and seminars for entrepreneurship and students
- Webinars for community knowledge from experts

8. Conferences, Summits and publications

- Collaboratively maintaining <https://tamilconferences.org/>

9. Transparent and accountable

- Publish Financial statement annually and Yearly AGM for members
- Hold public town hall meeting for the community engagement and feedback





Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - Future

OTA will continue to promote and focus on:

1. Canadian core values of equality, freedom, and democracy
2. Community activities, events, Tamil Heritage and Tamil Eelam history
3. Advocating and safeguarding the Eelam Tamil
 - a. Ensure Eelam Tamils are offered justice for the Genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed against them by Sri Lanka
 - b. Work with the International community to facilitate an Independence Referendum for the Eelam Tamils to exercise their legal rights to self-determination as per international laws.
4. Increase the collaborations with like-minded Organizations globally and nationally
5. More joint efforts to provide skill development for the community
6. Continue the yearly charity work with Foodbank, the heart and Stroke foundation, and other humanitarian projects



How you can support Ottawa Tamil Association?

1. Get involved and support OTA annual events
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/ottawatamilassociation>
 - b. Become a volunteer

2. Become a member of Ottawa Tamil Association
 - a. <https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/ottawa-tamil-association/membership/>

3. Donate to Ottawa Tamil Association
 - a. <https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/> via the Donate button

OTA is run by volunteers and community support is always appreciated!





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