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Appreciation – Mr Poopalapillai Sangaravel

The Tamil Information Centre (TIC) records with sadness the passing away of Poopalapillai Sangaravel, the prominent personality among the expatriate Sri Lankan Tamil community in the United Kingdom, on 6 June 2008. Mr Sangaravel first came into contact with the TIC in 1991 when the TIC arranged the conference titled “Agony in the East”. Since then, the TIC often drew from his vast knowledge and experience on issues relating to Sri Lanka, particularly in relation to the eastern part of the island.

Mr Sangaravel dedicated his life for his community’s welfare and involved himself enthusiastically in the affairs of the community. In the process he helped a great many people. When enquiries regarding the east were received from governments, non-governmental agencies, inter-governmental bodies or researchers, the TIC often confidently contacted Mr Sangaravel for assistance, information and clarification on difficult issues. He offered advice to the TIC on political, social and other issues, both within and outside Sri Lanka. We particularly appreciated the value Mr Sangaravel attached to knowledge gained from ordinary life experience and intuitive understanding of the complex socio-political situation in eastern Sri Lanka.

His death is a loss to the Tamils of Sri Lanka, particularly to those from the east. He will be missed by the staff and members of the TIC, his friends and colleagues at the various community organisations which he served and contributed his knowledge and skills.

We express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends.

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