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8th July 2017

“Maamanithar” Prof.C.J.Elizeer Memorial Lecture – 2017

Topic

“Tamils Identity in Australia – path we carved and the path to forge”

Speaker

Mrs Kalayarasi Chinniah

Kalayarasi Chinniah holds B.A (Hons) First Class in Tamil and M.A in Tamil from the University of Sri Lanka, Peradeniya. She was a Senior Lecturer in Tamil at both Peradeniya and Jaffna Universities in Sri Lanka for eighteen years. For two years from 1984, she was attached to the International Institute of Tamil Studies (IITS), Adayar, India as a Research Scholar.

While serving in the Tamil Department of both universities and in the IITS, she had read many research papers at several Tamil conferences (International Tamil Research Conferences held in Jaffna, Batticaloa and Madurai) on Tamil grammar, poetry and literature. She has edited and published three books on Tamil poetry, heritage and literature.

While living in Wellington, New Zealand, she was instrumental in commencing and conducting Tamil language classes for young Tamil children. She produced and staged numerous cultural shows for the benefit of the Tamil community.

In Sydney, her passion for the Tamil language and literature got her involved with the institutions like Tamil schools, Tamil associations, Australian Society of Graduate Tamils etc. resulting in these institutions benefiting from her expertise.

She is well recognised as a public speaker on Tamil literature and culture and frequently contributes at Tamil literary meetings. And a strong advocate for encouraging the Tamil youth in Australia to speak in Tamil and practice their culture.

Saturday 8th July 2017

2.30pm to 5.00pm

R4 Lecture Theatre

46 Exhibition Walk

Monash University of Clayton Campus

Wellington Road, Clayton Vic 3800