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OTTAWA TAMIL ASSOCIATION

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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 and part of the 6 organization committee in CM Wigneswaran visit to Canada in 2017. <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 Remembrance - May 18, youth skill development workshops, food drive, advocacy, etc.) with multiple Canadian Tamil organizations



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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



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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



The Association

Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA), is a member driven transparent organization that works collaboratively to bring the community together. In addition to several activities throughout the year, OTA's annual activities include the Heart and Stroke foundation Big Bike fundraiser in spring, fall fundraiser for Eelam Tamils' humanitarian needs and Tamil Heritage month Gala in January.

வருடாந்த கணக்கறிக்கைகளை வெளிப்படைத் தன்மையுடன் இணையத்தில் வெளியிட்டு முற்று முழுதாக உறுப்பினர்களால் இயக்கப்படும் கனடிய தமிழ் அமைப்பு என்பதில் பெருமை கொள்கிறோம்.

எமக்கு பக்க பலமாக நிற்கும் ஒட்டாவா வாழ் தமிழ் மக்கள், ஆதரவாளர்கள் மற்றும் உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு எமது மனமார்ந்த நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

கூட்டு முயற்சி ஊடக ஆவணங்கள்.

- 2016,17 - Sri Lanka's Genocide Against Tamils,
- 2018 - தமிழ் மரபுத்திங்கள்,
- 2019 - இரண்டாம் சர்வதேச மாநாடு ஆய்வு நூல்.



ஏழு கனடிய தமிழ் அமைப்புகள் இணைந்து ஒட்டாவாவில் நடத்திய இரண்டாம் சர்வதேச மாநாடு சிறப்புற அமைய ஒட்டாவா தமிழ் ஒன்றியம் மிகப் பெரும் பங்காற்றியிருந்தது.

In collaboration with six Tamil organizations in Toronto, the Ottawa Tamil Association was part of a convening committee that organized Northern Provincial council chief minister Hon. C.V Wigneswaran's visit to Canada.

வருடாந்த நிகழ்வுகளாக, கனடிய இருதய ஆய்வுகளுக்கான இளவேனில் கால நிதி சேர்ப்பும், ஏனைய தமிழ் அமைப்புகளுடன் இணைந்து தமிழர் இணைப்புகொலை (மே 18) நினைவு நிகழ்வும் நடைபெறும்.



மரபுத்திங்கள் விழா

கனடிய தமிழர்களின் மரபுசார் நிகழ்வாக வருடாந்தம் தை மாதத்தில் தமிழ் மரபுத்திங்கள் விழா ஆனது ஒட்டாவா தமிழ் ஒன்றியத்தினால் சிறப்புற நடாத்தப்படுகிறது.

Tamil Heritage Month Gala is a formal dinner organized by OTA annually to showcase Tamil Heritage, raise awareness for human rights and reunite at Canada's capital on the last Sunday of January.



The Gala also is a networking opportunity with all level of government politicians and bureaucrats, business leaders, entrepreneurs and other community leaders. Attendees from Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto participate in this annual Gala.



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - 2022

1. Expanding to Global collaboration

- Became a member at FetNA (<https://fetna.org/>) to advance Tamil heritage and Tamil Genocide Recognition efforts
- Jointly formed Federation of Global Tamil Organizations (<https://fgto.org/>) to advance justice for Eelam Tamils
- Jointly organized the Global Tamil Summit in New York on July 1, 2022 to strengthen the common position of Tamils <http://fgto.org/summit>

2. Supporting Tamil Genocide Memorial and archive efforts

- As a member of Tamil Genocide Memorial (<https://tamilgenocide.com/>), supported digital archive project
- Jointly endorsing Tamil Genocide Monument in Brampton

3. Community activities

- Annual Thanneer Panthal at Ottawa Sivan Ther Festival
- Knowledge sharing sessions

4. Tamil Eelam Humanitarian Assistance Fund (TEHAF)

- <https://fgto.org/tehaf/> - A Tamil Diaspora fund to be made available for good standing humanitarian groups to get some financial support for their projects



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/participation/participation.php>
 - b. <https://forms.gle/5H9NRV4KhaUmTiZw5>

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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