

REPORT ON SCOT TAMIL NEW YEAR LECTURE AND LUNCH ON 28TH APRIL 2019

Following a minute of silence, in remembrance of the victims of the recent atrocity in Sri Lanka, the President, Dr Ranjith Thambyrajah, invited Guest Speaker, Mr Rajkumar, to address the audience on one of the three current SCOT themes exhibited at the event by posters. i.e., "*Youth Empowerment and passing ownership to the next generation*".

This was followed by Dr T Sooriyamorthy's introduction of the main speaker, Dr Arumugam Kandiah, Natural Resources Specialist – Ex FAO United Nations Member of Independent Research Committee commissioned by Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

The topic of his presentation was "***A Framework for an Economic Development Master Plan for the Northern Province***". The presentation was well illustrated with "PowerPoint" and was followed by a Q&A session.

Dr Kandiah provided a 6-page handout of his talk and this is also available to SCOT General Council members and to those interested, on request from SCOT.

Catering for the excellent dinner was by "Meeting Places" and as usual drinks were on the house.

Funds were also raised by an 'American Auction', led by Bernard Alphonus, and then the raffle sales: the proceeds from both will be sent to Sri Lanka for the victims of the Easter bombings.

The event was very well attended and exceeded our planned limit of 150.

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