



## FOMSO Visit to Ceylon Association of Perak, Ipoh. Annual Dinner and Excellence Award 2011 23-07-2011

FOMSO was invited to attend the Annual Dinner and Excellence Award 2011 of the Ceylon Association of Perak, Ipoh.



Mr Gnanarajah, Mr Rasanayagam and I attended this event. It was truly astounding to witness nearly 600 members and their families attending the event in full force. It was also amazing to watch the teenagers of members taking part in various performances and I must say they were very talented.



The emcee announced that this is the first time they are having a joint event with the MCC of Lim Garden and MCC of Kinta Valley. Guest of honour for the event was none other than Dato Veerasingam who is also the advisor for Indian affairs for the Menteri Besar of Perak.

President Dr Rajadurai and Mr Sabapathipillay who is the Secretary of the association welcomed us. We were seated at the main table accompanied by President Dr Rajadurai and his spouse, Dato Veerasingam, Chief T. Dorai and his spouse.

Mr Gnanarajah who was seated next to Dato Veerasingam took the opportunity to explain about FOMSO and its activity and its commitment towards our community. He also handed over FOMSO's and PERMA's newsletter for his kind and better understanding.



Mr Gnanarajah was invited to give a speech; he thanked the association for extending the invitation to FOMSO; he spoke about FOMSO and its activities for the benefit of the guests and members of the association. He also spoke about FOMSO's Humanitarian mission to Sri Lanka and the projects completed in Sri Lanka and the projects undertaken by FOMSO to assist the Sri Lankan refugees in Malaysia.



The event was smooth sailing as there were many performances, which kept the hall lively and entertaining. The food was great and authentic, especially with string hoppers and sothi, which was very Sri Lankan.

Mr Gnanarajah was invited to the stage for the cake cutting ceremony and the cheque presentation ceremony for the high scorers. Mr Rasanayagam was invited to conduct the lucky draw for the grand prizes.

The event not only started on time, it ended on time as well; by 9.45pm the function was officially over, we took the opportunity to mingle about with the members and guests. Mr Gnanarajah and Mr Rasanayagam met up with old friends. Mr Gnanarajah caught up with an old colleague; she was teaching together with him in the early 1950's!

We left the hall at around 10.15 pm with fond memories and arrived in KL at around 12.30 am.

