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The Tamil Language Council extends support for capacity building programmes

5 September 2017 - The Tamil Language Council (TLC) announced in May this year, the availability of additional funding for efforts that will directly contribute to capacity building in the community. The Council hopes that the provision of such additional funding will, in the long term, significantly increase the talent pool in the community.

The Council received several proposals. After extensive evaluation, it is pleased to award funding support to four community partners. They are Traditional Music of Tanjore, Avant Theatre and Language, Athipathi International Theatre and 2 Tango Dazzle.

“By introducing Tamil composers and their compositions of Carnatic music to the younger generation, we hope to both ignite an interest in the language and appreciation of the Tamil poets who contributed to traditional music. This will in turn make them effective exponents of traditional Tamil music,” says Mrs Soundarya Nayaki Vairavan of Traditional Music of Tanjore.

“Our Tamil language drama workshops are conducted weekly for students, and these classes help nurture their confidence in presentation and learn various skills in drama that will produce the next generation of practitioners such as actors, directors and script writers. It is very important for students to learn the various facets of Tamil language from young, so that their language foundation is strong. We keep students keen and interested in the language by developing their skills in drama.” says Mr Pughalenthii, Athipathi International Theatre.

“The Tamil Language Council is committed to supporting the youths develop various talents such as music, acting and scriptwriting in Tamil. This will ensure a pipeline of supply and consequently, quality programmes in the future. We are encouraged by the programme proposals received from partners, and look forward to receiving more good proposals,” says Mr R Rajaram, Chairman of the Tamil Language Council.

For more enquiries on the next edition of the Tamil Language Festival or the funding support available for partners and programmes, please contact Tamil Language Council Secretariat at NHB_TamilLanguageCouncil@nhb.gov.sg.

About the Tamil Language Council

The Tamil Language Council serves to promote the awareness and greater use of the Tamil language among Singaporeans. It aims to popularise the Tamil Language particularly among the young, and works with institutions, organisations, partners and people to achieve these objectives.