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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TAMIL LANGUAGE FESTIVAL 2020

The Tamil Language Festival 2020, scheduled to be held from 4 April to 3 May 2020, will be postponed until further notice. The Festival is organised by the Tamil Language Council (TLC).

TLC Chairman, Mr S Manogaran said, "The decision to postpone the Festival has not been an easy one. However, many of our festival programmes are meant for students and families. Their safety and well-being, as well as that of our partners is our priority. As such, we have decided to postpone the Festival, which is in line with the Ministry of Health's advisory to cancel or defer large-scale events in view of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) situation."

Mr Manogaran would also like to thank the Festival's funding, programme and venue partners, as well as the community for their understanding and support. The TLC will continue to monitor the situation as well as work closely with supporting agencies and community partners.

About the Tamil Language Council and the Tamil Language Festival

The Tamil Language Festival (TLF) is spearheaded by the Tamil Language Council (TLC) which was formed in 2000. The TLC comprises representatives from the education sector, major community organisations, arts groups and the media.

The TLC has organised the TLF since 2007 with partner organisations, marking it as a major event in Singapore's cultural calendar. It has enjoyed working with a strong number of partners over the years to present literary, oratorical and cultural events that will encourage the Festival goers and the community to embrace their mother tongue and use it in their daily lives.

Since 2017, the Tamil Language Council has extended additional funding to support and cultivate capacity building initiatives for the youths and students within the community, in an effort to inspire them to use and develop the Tamil language.