Update on 10th Annual Hindu Mandir Executives' Conference

Strengthening the Hindu Family

October 2-4, 2015, Radisson Hotel Trinidad, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

Register for Conference Online at: www.myhmec.com

For Room Reservation, contact hotel directly at Phone:+1 868-625-3366

Namaste

This year's theme for the conference is "***Strengthening the Hindu Family***." A large number of distinguished speakers/moderators representing temples/organizations/universities have already confirmed their participation.

A request to all temples/Institutions to send their representatives to this unique conference.

This email update contains the following items:

1) **Registration options (Sponsor/Co-Host, Delegate, Local Delegate, Youth Delegate, Booth)**
2) **Call for Advertisement in Mandir Vani: HMEC 2015 Souvenir Magazine**
3) **Conference Program Agenda**
4) **Detailed Tour Itinerary of Trinidad and Tobago**

1. REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

The preparations for the conference are in full swing and registration for the conference is gaining momentum. Temples all the way from Hawaii to Massachusetts and from Canada to the Caribbean are confirming their participation. Please register as soon as you can.

Institution Sponsor/Co-host:

- US$1001 (includes 2 delegates and 1 youth; full page ad in HMEC souvenir)
- US$501 (Includes 1 delegate and 1 youth; ½ page ad in HMEC souvenir)

Conference Registration (Does not include hotel stay)

- Adult Delegate: US$151
- Local Delegate: US$101
- Youth: (under the age of 35): US$50

Please register:

- **On-line**: http://myhmec.com/hmec2015-2-2/hmec-2015-event-registration/
- **By mail**: Download form for host/co-host/individual, fill it in and mail with check. http://myhmec.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/HMEC-2015-Host-Registration-Form.pdf (check payable to HMEC): Anit Gupta, 15 Bryden Road, Southborough MA 01772. Tel: (508) 624-9041

Hotel:

Special rate $129/night single occupancy and $139/night double occupancy
For room reservation, contact hotel directly.
Radisson Hotel Trinidad | Port of Spain, TT: +1 (800) 333-3333 (US/Canada) or +1 (868) 625-3363

Room sharing assistance: *Swati Patel (610) 871-0559 or rsvpatel@gmail.com*

Booths: Booths are available on First come first serve basis at a cost of $50 to Co-host participants and $ 150 for other. Intending Organizations/Vendors may please contact: Deoroop Teemal, 868-678-6462, dteemal@gmail.com

2. CALL FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN MANDIR VANI: HMEC 2015 SOUVENIR MAGAZINE.

Souvenir Magazine is going for printing on 9/20/2015.

Please submit your articles, advertisements and photographs electronically in MS Word format or PDF to: Dr. Surendra Pandey, Chief Editor
E-mail: pandeysn@yahoo.com; Tel: 229-883-1687

Advertisements Rates:

- **Full Back page - color $ 2,000**
- **Full inside page - color $ 1,000**
- **Full page - black/white $ 500.**
- **Half page black/white $ 250**
- **Quarter page black/white $ 150.**
- **Page sponsor/2-line message/Compliments/Greetings $100**

3. CONFERENCE PROGRAM AGENDA (TENTATIVE)

THEME: Strengthening the Hindu Family

10th HINDU MANDIR EXECUTIVES' CONFERENCE, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Oct 2-4, 2015		
PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT - July 15		
FRIDAY October 2, 2015		
	4:00 PM	Registration
Meal	6:00 PM	Dinner
Session 1 Fri	7:30 PM	Inaugural Session
SATURDAY PRE-LUNCH PROGRAM		
SATURDAY October 3, 2015		
Sadhana	6:00 AM	Yoga, Meditation, Devotional Singing
Meal	7:00 AM	Breakfast
Session 2 Sat	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Caribbean Hindu Experiences and Journey
Session 3 Sat	9:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Family Roles
Break	10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	Relaxation
Session 4 Sat	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	External Pressures: Contemporary Challenges to Family Life in the Diaspora
Session 5 Sat	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	HMEC Update
Meal	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
SATURDAY POST-LUNCH PROGRAM		
SATURDAY 9/20/2015 Parallel Tracks - Break Out Sessions (A, B, C, D)		
Session 6A Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Sustaining the Family Structure
Session 6B Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Role of Hindu Institutions in Strengthening the Hindu Family

Session 6C Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Dharmic Education
Session 6D Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Youth - Grihastha Ashram
Session 7A Sat	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Institution of Marriage: the Foundation of a Hindu Family
Session 7B Sat	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Role of Priests in Strengthening the Hindy Family
Session 7C Sat	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Leveraging Knowledge through Technology
Session 7D Sat	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Youth - External Pressures
Meal	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Tea and Snacks
		Parallel Workshops - (A, B, C, D)
Session 8A Sat	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Parenting
Session 8B Sat	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Servicing Hindu Devotees Needs
Session 8C Sat	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Support Structures to Strengthen Hindu Families
Session 8D Sat	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Youth - Identity and Self Evolution
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Freetime - Networking
SATURDAY EVENING		
Session 9 Sat	6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Gala Dinner Program
Meal	7:00 PM	Dinner & Light Entertainment
	8:00 PM	Cultural Program & Invited Speakers
SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM		
SUNDAY October 4, 2015		
Sadhana	6:00 PM	Yoga, Meditation, Devotional Singing
Meal	7:00 AM	Breakfast
Session 10 Sun	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Nones, Millennials and Gen X
Session 11 Sun	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Hindu Pride
Relaxation	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
Session 12 Sun	10:15 AM - 11:15 PM	Parallel Track Summary and Solutions Integration
Session 13 Sun	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	HMEC 2014 Closure Session
	12:15 PM	End
	12:45 PM	Guided Tour

4. DETAILED TOUR ITINERARY - TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (OPTIONAL)

Explore Trinidad & Tobago

Tour Package 1- Port of Spain City (October 4, 2015) - $50 USD
Tour Package 2- Port of Spain City & Get To Know Tobago (October 4 & 5, 2015) - $150 USD
Tour Package 3- Port of Spain City & Get To Know Tobago & Get To Know Trinidad (October 4, 5 & 6, 2015) - $200 USD

TOUR 1: PORT-OF-SPAIN CITY TOUR

COST OF TOUR -USD $50.00
Sunday 4th October 2015 (2:30 pm - 6:30 pm)
Pick-up at Radisson Hotel -2:30pm

- Visit historical places the capital city of Port-of-Spain including the Magnificent Seven (group of colonial historical buildings around the Queen's Park Savannah),
- Drive through the city and see the Queen's Park Oval (famous cricket venue), Naipaul House (Nobel Laureate)& St James (former quarantine area for indentured Indian immigrants)
- St James Hindu Mandir
- Fort-George or Chaguaramas boardwalk (dependent on traffic)

Return to Radisson Hotel - 6:30 pm

TOUR 2 - GET TO KNOW TOBAGO

COST OF TOUR -USD $100.00
Monday, 5th October 2015 (6:00am - 6:30 pm)
Pick-up time at Radisson Hotel -6:00am
Arrive at Piarco International Airport & Board flight to Tobago at 8:00am
Arrive in Tobago at 8:30 am

- Tour Scarborough /Fort George
- Tour of Leeward side of island, towns, villages and heritage sites
- Lunch -Vegetarian
- Bucco Reef/Nylon Pool - boat trip; swim/snorkel and see the natural coral reefs and marine life
- Spend some time at Store Bay Beach

Return Flight at 5:00pm
Return to Radisson Hotel by 6:30pm

TOUR 3 - GET TO KNOW TRINIDAD

This tour will comprise a morning and evening tour. Those who wish to leave Trinidad earlier can opt for the morning tour only and those persons will be returned to Radisson Hotel at 2:00 pm. The evening tour will continue on directly from the morning tour
COST OF TOUR -USD $50.00
Tuesday 6th October 2015
Pick-up Time at Radisson Hotel -8:30am
Morning Tour (Hindu Trinidad)

- 85ft Hanuman Murti and Dattatreya Yoga Ashram
- Indian Heritage Museum
- Seudass Sadhu Temple in Sea
- Lunch

Return to Radisson Hotel at 2:00 pm (optional for those leaving Trinidad earlier)
Evening Tour

- Tour - Pt Lisas Industrial Area
- Visit to Radhica's Clay Pottery
- Tour of Felicity Village
- Sugar Heritage Museum

Return to Radisson Hotel - 6:30 pm.

Notes:

1. All persons must register prior to conference for the tours.
2. All participants should assemble at least 15mins before departure time at pick up points

3. Dress Code - casual wear (tropical weather), soft flat shoes, small umbrella in event of sun/rain
4. Participants are requested that they have their necessary medications and bring medical issues/physical limitations/allergies to the attention of the tour operators prior to the tours (24 hr notice may be adequate)
5. Participants are required to comply with instruction of tour coordinators/guides and stay with the group in order to maintain schedule.
6. Lunch will be provided as indicated.
7. Adequate restroom stops will be made during tour

All tours coordinated by TEERATH T&T. Please contact Rudranath Singh, 1-868-499-7264, rsingh@chagdev.com, for further details.

See on line registration for details of tour options

Thank you once again for your interest and we look forward to working with you in the coming months in developing the program.
Hari Om!
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