

DIWALI 2009

THE NCICJ IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN JAMAICA PRESENTS " DIWALI 2009".

IT IS THE INTENTION THAT THIS DIWALI '09 CELEBRATION WILL INVOLVE ALL/MOST OF THE INDIAN GROUPS IN JAMAICA TO HOST THE MOST IMPORTANT FESTIVAL OF THE INDIAN CALENDAR.

THIS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN 2 DIFFERENT FORMS:

1. RELIGIOUS - SATSANGH/POOJAH PERFORMED BY THE RELIGIOUS ARMS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS.
2. CULTURAL - CONCERT WITH PERFORMANCES BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WITHIN THE INDIAN DIASPORA.

IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THIS PARTICULAR FUNCTION WILL TAKE ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF A FESTIVAL WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES UTILIZING BOOTH SPACE AT THE VENUE TO ADVERTISE THEIR PRODUCTS.

IN A NUT SHELL, WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE WITH BOOTHS DISPLAYED AROUND VENUE
- B. POOJAH/SATSANGH
- C. CULTURAL SHOW

DURING THE BREAK, APPROX. 1 HOUR, BETWEEN POOJAH & CULTURAL SHOW, VEGETARIAN DINNER (FREE) WILL BE SERVED TO ALL PATRONS.

DATE : OCTOBER 18, 2009

TIME : 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

RELIGIOUS

THE DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS GROUPS WOULD COME TOGETHER AND PRESENT A COMBINED DIWALI POOJAH ie PREMA, SDM, ICS et al

THESE GROUPS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THIS SEGMENT OF THE CELEBRATION.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS

- A. DECORATING OF STAGE ACCORDINGLY
- B. DIYA LIGHTING CEREMONY
- C. ASSIGNMENT OF PANDIT AND CONDUCTING OF SERVICE
- D. SINGING OF BHAJANS
- E. AARTEE

PARSAD WOULD BE SERVED AT THE END OF THE POOJAH.

STARTING TIME: 5:30 pm

ENDING TIME : 6:45 pm

CULTURAL

THIS SECTION WILL DISPLAY THE RICH AND VARIED ASPECT OF INDIAN CULTURE TO THE AUDIENCE.

THIS WILL TAKE THE FORM OF PRESENTATIONS IN VARIOUS ART WAYS: DANCE, MUSIC, SKITS AND OTHER POPULAR ART FORMS.

PERFORMERS WILL BE RECRUITED WITHIN THE INDIAN DIASPORA AND WOULD INCLUDE PERFORMERS FROM THE DIFFERENT INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS AND DANCE GROUPS.

THIS SECTION WILL ALSO INCLUDE ANY FORMAL PRESENTATIONS, MESSAGES AND INTRODUCTIONS.

STARTING TIME: 8:00 pm

ENDING TIME : 10:00 pm

BOOTH DISPLAYS

BOOTH SPACE WOULD BE CREATED AND BE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL TO COMMERCIAL COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING AND SAMPLING OF THEIR PRODUCTS. IN LINE WITH THE DIWALI THEME, NO ALCOHOL OR MEAT KIND WILL BE ALLOWED.

TO GENERATE THE FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT OTHER FAVOURITES SUCH AS HENNA PAINTING/ EYEBROW THREADING WILL BE AVAILABLE ALONG WITH GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE POOJAH, ALL BOOTHS/STALLS WILL BE CLOSED AND REMAIN SO UNTIL THE END OF THE RELIGIOUS SEGMENT. THEREAFTER, ALL BOOTHS/STALLS WILL REOPEN AND CONTINUE TO OFFER THEIR WARES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE OF THE FESTIVAL.

GROUND AND SECURITY

THE NCICJ WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GROUNDS DURING THE FUNCTION. WE WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. STAGE , SOUND & LIGHTS (AKIN TO ROTI FESTIVAL)
- II. TENTS
- III. CHAIRS & TABLES
- IV. SECURITY
- V. MEALS & DRINKS

THE DECORATING OF THE VENUE (LIGHTS & DIYAS), WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL THE GROUPS ALONG WITH NCICJ. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF THE DIWALI CELEBRATION AND IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARTIES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS.