

**REPORT ON VISIT TO OUR INSTITUTE OF CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY (ICT),  
VRIDHACHALAM, ON 12.05.2017.**

I have great pleasure in informing that we visited to our ICT on 12.05.2017 and met the Principal as scheduled. I was accompanied by S/Shri. M.Arul (Treasurer), R. Velmurugan (EC Member), G.Parthasarathy ( EC Member), N.K. Venkatesan (EC Member) and R. Ezhumalai (EC Member). The Principal of our ICT, Shri. Thirumurugan, cordially invited us. We had a detailed discussion on various issues which is briefed as under:

- i. We informed him about the formation of 'Institute of Ceramic Technology Alumni Association (ICTAA)' and briefed him the deliberations that we all had in the Chennai event held on 23.04.2017. In pursuance of it, we explained to him the proposed registration formalities of ICTAA and the activities of it in future. After exchange of various views and discussions, we invited him to join our ICTAA as an 'Ex-Officio –Member'. He readily accepted and expressed his happiness. On behalf of our ICTAA, we extended our warm welcome to him.
- ii. We stated that our ICTAA needs an office in the campus of ICT in order to begin with the registration formalities with the Registrar of Societies first and then to commence with the functioning of ICTAA and engage in various technical and professional promotional activities as a non-profit organisation. After brief discussion in this matter, he was kind enough to agree in offering an office room for ICTAA adjacent to the seminar hall in the ICT Campus. We inspected the said office room, found O.K and thanked the Principal in this regard. We also informed to him that ICTAA will put a co-ordinator at Vridhachalam who will act as a facilitator between ICT and ICTAA. He would also visit periodically to the ICTAA office for office maintenance and care taker and a set of key of the office of ICTAA will be with him in his control. He will coordinate the activities of maintaining the office of ICTAA, collection of letters and posts, putting Notice Board for ICTAA, placing the ICTAA – name board in



the ICT campus, pasting the list of Office bearers of ICTAA in the Notice Board and other activities entrusted to him by the ICTAA from time to time. Such co-ordinator will be either a retired official of ICT or a serving official of ICT. The position is purely an honorary post and he is required to maintain a cordial relationship and atmosphere with the Principal and other officials /staffs of ICT and ICTAA. The Principal welcomed it.

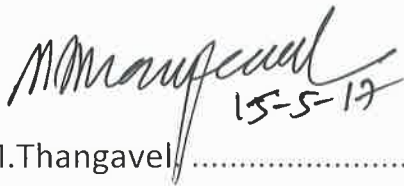
- iii. We also had a brief discussion with the Principal about the students currently pursuing the Diploma, the present curriculum, placement offers available, extra initiatives adopted to impart the additional technical knowledge and skill level so as to make them fit in the job market as well as to have edge over the students coming out from other institutes. We had an elaborate discussion in this matter. After discussion, he proposed to us to address the incoming 1st year students in July' 2017 to enable the ICT to mould and groom them to emerge out as good Ceramists. Further, he desired to us to conduct few seminars to senior students also on the various technical areas in ceramics to impart the glimpses on the technological advancements that had taken place over the years and the expectations and the requirements of the ceramic industries in the current scenario. We consented to him that ICTAA would do certain inputs to the student fraternity to enhance their knowledge level as an ongoing activity.
- iv. As regards to the present condition of the hostel, he informed to us that the hostel is in a highly dilapidated condition and the same is abandoned already. Currently. All the students are day-scholars. In the absence of a good hostel, the institute is not in a position to attract students from far off districts as well as other states. Concerted efforts from all are needed to rebuild/establish a suitable hostel facility to the students, he added. He also indicated that the department/government is likely to spend about Rs.1.00 crore for this purpose. So, he requested that if ICTAA also contribute a handsome amount, it may be possible to make a beginning in this



matter. We assured to him that we will discuss the matter in the ICTAA and come back soon so as to join hands with ICT in this regard.

- v. After having tea with him, we departed from ICT. Then, we toured around the industrial estate, art pottery section (presently managed by KVIC), stoneware pipes section and the manufacturing units our ICTAA members. On behalf of ICTAA, we congratulated them (S/Shri. G. Parthasarathy and NK.Venkatesan) for having become successful entrepreneurs. We also met one our senior most, 3<sup>rd</sup> batch student, Shri. Palani. We requested him to join ICTAA and he agreed to it.
- vi. Then, we visited to the hostel. We feel pain to state that it is in a highly dilapidated condition and it is abandoned already from 2008. We feel that it requires a bulk outlay of funds to rebuild/establish a good hostel to accommodate the student strength of about 150 nos., with the required amenities. In fact, the issue is to be taken up with the department/government for doing the needful jointly with ICT early.

Then, we departed to our respective destinations.

  
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1. M.M.Thangavel .....President.
2. M.Arul .....Treasurer.
3. R. Velmurugan..... EC Member.
4. G. Parthatsarathy.....EC Member.
5. N.K. Venkatesan .....EC Member.
6. R. Ezhumalai .....EC Member.

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