

INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE: CELEBRATING DIWALI IN HONG KONG



(Source: Hindu Association of Hong Kong)

- Date:** 30 October 2021 (Saturday)
- Time:** 10:30am – 12:00noon
- Speakers:** Mr. Lal Hardasani (President of Hindu Association of Hong Kong) and Mr. Ravi Shroff (Hon. Secretary of the Hindu Association of Hong Kong)
- Venue:** Hindu Temple (Main Hall), 1B Wong Nai Chung Rd, Happy Valley
- CPD Points:** 1.5 CPD credit hours
- Language:** English
- Fee:** HK\$ 90 (HKICON members), HK\$ 120 (non-members);
Free admission for current ACP students and HKICON Student Members;
Limited to 30 Participants;
Registrations to open for non-members after one week.
Please visit the HKICON website for registration: <https://www.hkicon.org/>

Supporting Organization:



Intangible Cultural
Heritage Office
非物質文化遺產辦事處

HKICON

Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists
香港建築文物保護師學會

About the CPD Talk:

The Hindu festival of Diwali (Festival of Lights) has been recognised as a significant intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong as listed in Hong Kong's ICH Inventory. Through the efforts of the Hindu Association of Hong Kong, this festival and its associated practices and rituals have been safeguarded and promoted for the Hindu community of Hong Kong. Celebrated at the Hindu Temple as well as many other religious and cultural centres across the city, this festival fosters the identity of Hong Kong as a multi-cultural and inclusive society.

In this talk, respected and long-standing members of the Hindu Association will share the mythology of Diwali. They will also talk about the various cultural practices associated with the celebrations of this festival, particularly highlighting the festivities carried out at the Hindu Temple in Hong Kong to present a deeper understanding of this intangible cultural heritage.

In keeping with the temple regulations, attendees will be requested to dress modestly and remove their footwear outside the main temple hall.

About the Speakers:

Mr. Lal Hardasani

Lal Hardasani, a pioneer in the insurance industry, is the Founder and Managing Director of Lal's Insurance Brokers Ltd. in Hong Kong. Hailing from a business family in Bombay (India), Lal came to Hong Kong 50 years ago with a dream to be self-made and successful.

Aside from his business, Lal is passionately involved with the Indian community of Hong Kong. From 1995-1996, he served as the Chairman of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, a post that allowed him to lead many delegations across the globe. He is currently serving as the President of the Hindu Association/Hindu Temple – the center of all religious activities of the Hindu Community in Hong Kong. You can find Lal serving the temple devotees every Sunday morning.

Mr. Ravi Shroff

Ravi Shroff is the Honorary Secretary of The Hindu Association of Hong Kong and a student of India Culture, and Spirituality. His English Literature doctorate was on "The Concept of Evil in Conrad, Dostoevsky and Asimov."

He came to Hong Kong over three decades ago and is currently a Marine Insurance practitioner. He regularly delivers talks about Indian culture and Hindu religion to students who come to the Hindu Temple, Hong Kong.
