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Invitation

Collecting and preserving printed materials and other tangible historical sources is one thing. But the experiences of the first Tamils who settled in Diaspora as well as those who were born here in Diaspora are to a small extent recorded in written text. What happens when the first generation of Tamils is no longer with us and can tell about how the environment here originated and how it developed at the beginning? There is a need for a repository to take care of their memories and experiences.

You are one of these. We hope you will tell your story. Your story is unique and only you can tell it. At the same time, it is one of the common historical heritage of the Tamil diaspora.

Implementation

If you accept the invitation, we will arrange a date for an interview. The best way to take care of an oral narrative will always be an authentic audio/ video recording. Therefore, recordings will be made of your oral history.

Basically, we are interested in hearing about:

- what your life was like before you left your home country?
- why you left and how the meeting with Norway was?
- what kind of Tamil communication (network) you have had and have in Norway?
- how has it been like to take care of Tamil identity, language and culture?
- what kind of relationship do you have with the mainstream society and how the integration process has been?
- your contact with your home country
- your thoughts on the Tamil liberation struggle

Privacy and security

Of course, it is up to you what and how much you want to tell. You will of course have plenty of time to listen through the entire audio/video recording, and if there is something you want to delete, it will be done. It is the final audio/video file, which you have approved, that will be archived and made available on the DsporaA Tamil Archive.

The entire process, from interview to archiving, will take place in accordance with Norwegian laws and regulations for storage, publication and privacy. This means, among other things, that we sign a legal agreement, and that you sign a declaration of consent. Together, these documents ensure how the audio file can be used.

We hope you will agree to be interviewed. Then your story will become part of our diaspora Tamil common historical heritage, for the benefit of future generations and anyone who may be interested in it.