



WELCOME TO OUR

# Quarterly Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE!

### Jan - Mar in Review!

After 3 years of little activities due to Covid-19 safety measures, IRO began to stir and move. The Talks and lecture series resumed in 2023 with Concept of Life and Death with Presenters from the Sikhs, Zoroastrians and Muslims in January, Christians, Hindus and Taoist in February and Bahais, Jews, Buddhists and Jain in March. The Prayer and Blessings group had a busy 1st quarter 2023. Blessing the SIAEC at Changi Airport on 31st January, Raffles city on 10th February Officer Cadet Commissioning Parade on 11th March. IRO worked with Arch Chio Wen Tian on Project Embrace with Inter Faith Painting Session at Ramakrishna Mission on 19th February and launched by Minister Grace Fu at Yuhua Community Center on 26th February. IRO collaborated with Asiaone for the "Do you Believe?" series, which can be found on their website. IRO Women of Faith celebrated International Women's Day on 18th March at CANA@The Catholic Center. Our Youths participated in HarmonyWorks! Circle - "Religion and Me" on 13 February 2023 (Mon) at NUS Campus. IRO received appreciation awards from Roses of Peace and Hope Initiatives Alliances. With a heavy heart IRO bid Farewell to the late Mr. Harbans Singh, a great model of Inter Faith Guardian with a Memorial Event at Furama Riverfront Hotel on 12th March. In conclusion, I want to say a big thank you to Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Shivani, Ms. Susie and Mr. Kuek for the many hours working behind the scene to get our accounts, administrations and submissions to date as well as for all members of the Council for their contributions to bring IRO to what and where we are today. May they be blessed for all they had done for the IRO



## Coming Up!

### TALKS & LECTURES SERIES

Our Talks & Lectures Series explores topics that are not commonly discussed or known about. In the first quarter IRO explored the topic of life before death with 3 sessions held once a month! Our next sessions are on 27th April, 25th May & 22nd June on the topic of Religiosity and Spirituality is one dependent on the other!



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## Project Embrace!

### PROJECT EMBRACE - CHIO ARCHITECTS X IRO

The premise of this project stemmed from a far-sighted concern on the MRT system. Mindful about the implications the fixed corridors created by the network of on-grade MRT tracks have on our city when WFH becomes the norm, how can design spark online or physical conversations/collaborations to rejuvenate our community spirit in a post-pandemic Singapore? EMBRACE cleverly reuses construction hoarding steel panels affixed on circular steel support around the MRT pillars, with hoarding panels serving as canvas for any community expression through Paint, Stick or Project. The initiative showcases our people's ingenuity for turning an urban challenge into opportunity, while the colours and vibrancy of the adorned columns embraces our diversity, creativity & aspirations.

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## Youth Wing

### KOPI SESSIONS & ASK ME ANYTHING

Youths from the Siddh Peeth SPSLNT Youth Wing & IRO Youth Wing had a meaningful Youth Kopi Session & Ask-Me-Anything on Hinduism Session with His Divine Grace, Jagadguru Sri Ramanandacharya Swami Ramabhadracharya ji Maharaj. Look out for the next session via our facebook!

[MORE INFO ON THE YOUTH WING](#)



## Women of Faith

### INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY!

The Women of Faith celebrated International Womens day with thought provoking conversations! These conversations take participants out of their comfort zones to share on difficult topics and embrace differences! Look out for the next session via our facebook!

[MORE INFO ON THE WOMEN OF FAITH](#)

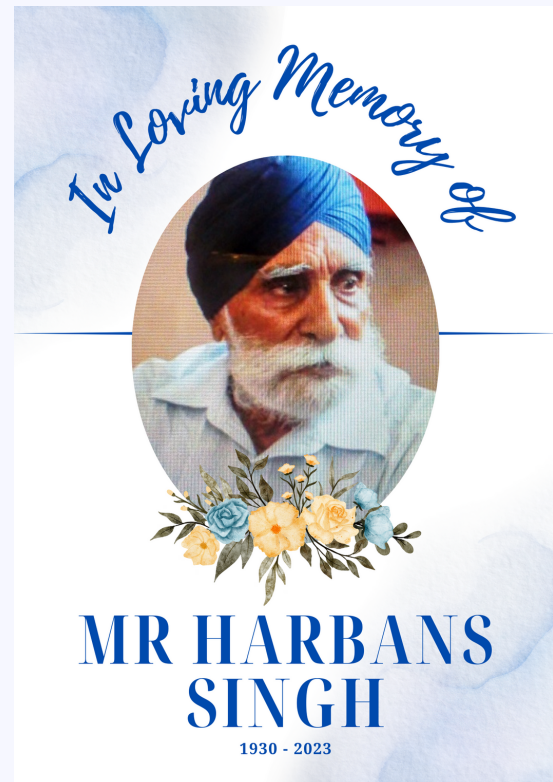
## Tribute to Mr Harbans Singh

Goodbye To My Great Mentor Mr. Harbans Singh PBM

Mr. Harbans Singh was well known for his immense contributions in the fields of education, sports and especially so in the inter faith arena and particularly for his decades of service to the IRO. In fact having served as the President of IRO and also with more than 12 concurrent years as the Hon Secretary of IRO it has been aptly said that Harbans "lives and breathes IRO". Harbans modest nature is well known. He was never one for trumpeting his achievements. In fact, Harbans efforts and accomplishments speak for themselves.

It also was perhaps a reflection of the ease with which Harbans is able to relate to the different groups of people in Singapore. He treats everyone equally. Ultimately if there is an ideal for embracing harmony it is symbolised by Harbans Singh. His dedication and service to the Inter Religious Organisation will always be remembered. Many of us in the IRO have lost a great mentor. And Singapore has lost one of its finest sons. Thank you Sir for your invaluable contributions to your family, to your community and to the nation. May your sweet soul rest in eternal peace.

- Mr AmeerAli Abdeali (An excerpt from Mr AmeerAli's goodbye to the Late Mr Harbans)



## Religious Festivals



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