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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Om Sri Sai Ram.

Swami says Nature is the Vesture of God. By His grace and with His blessings, the SSIO held a Go Green Conference and Exhibition in Prasanthi Nilayam in July 2018 to delve deeper into the relationship between God, nature and man. The magnificent event was made possible by the united and dedicated work of SSIO committee members, officers, volunteers, young adults, SSE children, musicians, and many others from about 70 countries. Sathya Sai young adults worked with love, dedication and unity with the senior officers and members of the SSIO in all phases of the Go Green Conference and Exhibition. On behalf of the SSIO, I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to these selfless Sai workers for their dedication and contribution of love towards this memorable event. Special mention is made below of a few who went above and beyond the call of duty with their selfless, loving services.

Firstly, let us thank Alex Grana and his dedicated teams for planning and coordinating the pre-conference arrangements and on-site activities. He raised the bar of conducting a Sai event with attention to detail, which would please Swami.

We thank Usha Narayanan for constructing the excellent and informative Conference website, the online registration system and for helping with onsite accommodations.

We are grateful to Rajendranath Sham and his dedicated team who designed and implemented the onsite registration process with remarkable accuracy and efficiency.

A vote of thanks is due to Alida Parkes who planned, coordinated and implemented all media aspects of the Conference with professional dedication. Babita Mahtani and Pravin Wagh deserve recognition for staying up many long nights and weekends to complete the design and graphics work on time.

Ashok Sakhrani did a superb job of producing the Conference Book, which is unique in the field of environment and spirituality. He also provided the exhibition panels.

Harshad Patel is to be recognised with gratitude for interfacing with the Ashram authorities for logistical support, food and on-site arrangements.



We thank Harish Naidu for leading the volunteer and venue teams which took care of all event details with competence, timeliness and alacrity. In this team, we also recognise the stellar services of Sanjay Tolani for coordinating all onsite logistics and inventory management, and Jaysai Ghayal for his overall support. A vote of thanks is due to Jan Floris for handling the banners and posters and for his hospitality in welcoming the chief guest, M.C. Mehta and attending to his needs.

Suresh Menon and his team's contributions in decoration are deeply appreciated for transforming the venues into colourful gardens, highlighting the conference's theme.

We are grateful to Shruthi Vijayakumar for her loving, skilful work in developing the overall flow of the Conference programme, study circles and workshops.

The success of the Exhibition was due largely to the selfless work of Letchumi Achanah, Roshini Visvanathan and Kasia Andersson who lead the large team of young adults, who produced a magnificent display of material that informed and inspired every attendee.

Srinivas Raghavan assembled the beautiful two-day "Walking in His Footsteps: The Spirit of Go Green" programme, which delighted children and allowed parent delegates to participate in the conference.

We also recognise the loving support of Doris Hampton, Urvi Widhani and Usha Narayanan for taking care of guests and dignitaries who were invited for the Conference and the Exhibition.

Deviesh Tankaria is to be recognised for his overall leadership role and dedicated services in many areas of the event, including interfacing superbly with the Ashram authorities.

Next, we owe a vote of thanks to the Masters of Ceremonies, Satheeshan Siva and Roshini Visvanathan who made the Conference lively by their inspiring remarks and smooth coordination of presentations. We appreciate the excellent homework, preparation of the material, and participation by the coordinators and facilitators of the workshops and study circles, which made the interactive sessions productive, informative and inspiring.

May Swami shower His grace and blessings on us so that we can continue to love Him and serve Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength till our very last breath.

Lovingly in the Service of Sai,

Narendranath Reddy, M.D.

Chairman, Prasanthi Council.