



Ramakrishna Mission

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VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE (VCC)

Introduction:

Ramakrishna Mission, since its inception in 1928, has been serving the people of Singapore across all the communities. The service we provide was and is always according to the needs of the time. These services met the social and economic needs of the society. Our time, we have discontinued some services and initiated the new ones.

In the past we ran schools (Tamil and English), a night school (Informal Education Centres) and an Industrial workshop for our orphans. Additionally, we provided food, clothing and basic necessities to the needy people.

From the recent past, we continued with the Boys' Home (from orphans to MSF referred cases), a Kindergarten and a Counselling Centre. We also run services such as Yoga Sessions, Homeopathy Clinic and free groceries for needy families.

In continuing the ethos of Ramakrishna Mission, now, we are embarking on Arts and Culture along with expansion of varieties of other methods of counselling therapies. Our understanding the needs of the society and the detailed discussions with key members of the Indian Society and Townhall sessions with our devotees and well-wishers, it was affirmed that this is indeed the need of our society today.

Our core considerations were:

- 1) Bringing Arts and Culture to the heartlands;
- 2) Making Arts and Culture affordable and accessible;
- 3) Arts and Culture experiences bond people, build community assets and sense of belonging. In so doing we inoculate society against possible mental health issues.
- 4) Arts and culture as a preventive measure for retaining and attaining mental wellness. (Please see this link created by Esplanade :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B0cLKV95cs&t=151s>
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Vision is: To promote Arts and Culture in Singapore

Mission is: To provide a conducive space for like-minded people / groups to come together to learn, exhibit, share and experience Arts and Culture.

Vivekananda Cultural Centre (VCC) would offer:

- 1) A 300-seat auditorium that could be partitioned to cater for 150 seats if required for affordability. The auditorium will be equipped for live performances and lectures.



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- 2) An Art Gallery for both professional and budding artists to exhibit their works;
- 3) A fully equipped conference room for meetings and discussions;
- 4) Performing Arts Rooms that encourage sharing, learning and practices/ rehearsals of dance, drama and vocals;
- 5) An Exhibition / Activity Space that encourages workshops, learning of languages, understanding of our heritage and those of others;
- 6) A Quiet Meditation Hall with a non-religious ambience. It encourages persons to sit silently, engage in reflection and contemplation. A quiet me-space in busy Singapore;
- 7) Activity rooms and other facilities that bring people together to share, learn and understand our different uniqueness and valuing the diversity of our society.

Singapore is like a bouquet of varied cultures. Ramakrishna Mission would like present Vivekananda Cultural Centre as a platform for all the cultures to mingle where people will have opportunities to share their own culture and learn about the cultures of others in the community.

We are convinced that through the Vivekananda Culture Centre (VCC), we will play a pivotal role in bringing people together to make the society healthier and happier.

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President.

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