



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

**NAGARATHAR SANGAM AUSTRALIA
SANGAMAM 2015**

I am pleased to provide this message for the Nagarathar Sangam Australia Sangamam 2015.

This event is an opportunity for Nagarathar people from around Australia and New Zealand to come together and celebrate the bonds of culture, community and identity.

Australia is a nation made up of many diverse communities that have come from all parts of the world and now call Australia home. The variety and vibrancy of our nation is enriched by communities such as yours.

As a nation, we have found unity in our diversity and respect in our differences. Together, we have built a nation that is free, fair and tolerant.

I pay tribute to Nagarathar Sangham Australia's work to preserve and promote the ancient Chettinad culture and I thank your members for their generosity and service to the community.

We should celebrate the contribution that every community makes to our country. It is because of communities such as yours that Australia is seen as a beacon of hope and optimism for people right around the world.

I wish you an enjoyable Sangamam 2015.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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