

HCPPA(NSW) honoured one of the outstanding Hartleyite Professor Sivapalan and Mrs. Banumathy Sivapalan

HCPPA(NSW) hosted a dinner for Prof. Sivapalan and Mrs. Sivapalan at Ambhis's Restaurant, Pendle hill to honour his recent achievement in hydrology on 16th of July

Internationally renowned Hydrologist, Pro. Murugesu Sivapalan is working as Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geography at the University of Illinois, USA. He was born in Karaveddi, studied at Hartley College between the years 1965-1971. He obtained the Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the University of Ceylon in 1975 and Masters degree in Water Resources Engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok in 1977. He also received Masters (1983) and Ph.D(1986) in Civil Engineering from Princeton University, USA.

Prof. Sivapalan taught at the University of Western Australia, Perth between the years of 1988-2004 starting as a lecturer and rising to full Professor level in 1999.

Some of his distinguished achievements are;

- 1) 2003-European Geophysical Association, John Dalton Medal for pioneering contributions in advancing the science of catchment hydrology.
- 2) 2010-International Hydrology Prize, awarded by the International Association of Hydrological Sciences based in Paris, for outstanding contributions to watershed hydrology and global leadership in advancing predictions in ungauged basins.
- 3) 2010– American Geophysical Union 2010 Hydrological Sciences award for outstanding contributions to the science of Hydrology.
- 4) 2011– American Geophysical Union 2011 Robert E.Horton Medalist for outstanding contributions to Hydrology.

An invitation was extended to all HCPPA(NSW) members, class mates, batch mates and their wives. This occasion provided good opportunity to share old memories and learning of their lives. In addition it gave a chance for Prof Sivapalan to break the news on their 30th wedding anniversary to his wife Mrs Banumathy.

Some of the highlights of the evening are:



Prof. Sivapalan speaking at the gathering



Mr. Yoganathan, President
of HCPPA(NSW)



Pro. Sivapalan & Mrs. Banuma-
thy celebrate their wedding
anniversary