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SWAMI TEJOMAYANANDA

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Acharyas and Chinmaya Mission Centres worldwide

AN IMPORTANT LETTER

Hari Om! Diwali Greetings to all!

You are aware of the good work that is being done at CIF. In order to achieve its objectives we have undertaken the construction of the Residential blocks which will be followed by an Auditorium. We would like to complete this before the Birth Centenary Year so that we can offer it at the feet of Pujya Gurudev. I am glad to inform you that many of our Mission members, individuals and centres from all over the world are supporting this Institution. Our schools in Kerala are also contributing. In order to support CIF further a programme is being envisaged:

We celebrate Adi Shankara Mahotsav starting with his birthday next year in 2011 which happens to fall on Chinmaya Jayanti Day, 8 May. The celebration can consist of a 3-7 days programme at our Ashrams (wherever they exist) and many centres in India and abroad. This programme can be organised not necessarily in the month of May only but any convenient time till December 2011. The schedule for the programme can be:

- 7-8am and 4-5pm: talks by various Acharyas in different languages on Prakarana granthas of Bhagawan Shankaracharya
- 9.30am – 12 noon: reading (paaraayana) of his prakarana granthas. Our Mission members can also take part in this paaraayana.
- 6.30-8.00pm: cultural programme (music, dance, drama) on episodes from Bhagawan's life and his beautiful compositions. Balavihar, CHYKS and Vidyalayas can participate in this programme.

This should be organised on a grand scale befitting the stature of Bhagawan Adi Sankara. It can become a festival that will not only spread the message of Vedanta but will also bring the awareness of CIF, contribute to the work being done there, as well as create a momentum to Pujya Gurudev's Birth Centenary Celebrations (BCC).

The surplus funds raised will be shared as 50% for CIF, 25% for BCC (to send to CCMT) and 25% for the organising centre.

Looking forward to everyone's enthusiastic participation in this unique programme. Please acknowledge.

With Prem & Om,