**MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL BODY**

I, **Dr. Rajan Sethuratnam** am currently holding the position as the **Director of Cardiac Surgery** at **the Madras Medical Mission**, Chennai which is a non-profit organization. Having completed M.Ch., in Cardiothoracic Surgery from the University of Madras in 1987. I have been associated with the Madras Medical Mission from the day one of its inception since 1987 in its various activities.

I have performed more than **22000** surgeries including Congenital, Valve, Aortic root surgery, CABG, Aneurysm repair, ROSS procedure, Beating Heart surgery, Heart Transplant, Minimally invasive, Cardiac tumors. I have established a dedicated state-of-the-art cryo-preserved homograft heart valve bank (1st in the country in a private sector) in our hospital. Created an interactive Website for the first time and Created a complete registry of Members, provided new membership numbers and given Membership ID cards.Started the first Mentored Fellowship program along with Dr.Suresh .G.Rao and Dr. K.S. Iyer and re-activated the Award Paper Sessions.

Created an application for the Association database and set-up a permanent conference Website and App for the Association and ran an efficient IACTS office at the Conference Venue throughout my tenure of 6 years and Designed a new attractive membership certificate.

Published more than 100 papers in national and international journals. I have been involved in various clinical trails and institutional Research Activities.

On the social front, I am a **founder trustee for National Heart Foundation**, a charitable trust founded in 2005. **In the last 13 years, NHF had helped more than 1600 patients to the tune of 2.3 crore rupees.** Right now, treatment is carried out at Madras Medical Mission and Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences.