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Shree A. Ramakrishna - Exemplary Instrument of God

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Om Sri Sai Ram.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the sad news of the passing away of our beloved brother and good friend Shree A. Ramakrishna (endearingly called AR) who reached the divine lotus feet of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba on 20th August 2013, after a massive heart attack while he was in Hyderabad, India. He was an exemplary devotee and served Bhagawan in many capacities. He contributed significantly in the divine mission as director of Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation. He is survived by his wife Smt. Suryakumari and by their three sons and five grandchildren. I humbly request your prayers for the family in this time of loss.



AR obtained a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Andhra University; a Master's of Science in Structural Engineering from the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai; and two honorary doctorates. The first honorary degree, in Science, was from Andhra University in 1997; and the second, in Philosophy, was from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University in 2004.

Dr. A. Ramakrishna began his career in 1962 with the ECC Construction Division of Larsen & Toubro (L&T). Four years into his tenure with that company—which lasted his entire life—the Government of India sponsored him for practical training in Structural Engineering in Germany. His considerable skills and flexible intellect played no small part in the phenomenal expansion of the company. His aptitude for meeting extraordinary challenges with confidence and optimism and his skill at creative problem-solving were great contributors to the success of the many projects which the company undertook.

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba personally called Dr. A. Ramakrishna to Prasanthi Nilayam and entrusted him with the construction and management of many humanitarian projects undertaken by the Sri Sathya Sai Organization, including the two super-specialty hospitals, the Chaitanya Jyoti Museum, massive water projects, ashram apartment buildings, Mirpuri College of Music and most recently the Sri Sathya Sai International Center for Sports. These projects were carried out, under Dr. Ramakrishna's aegis, as part of L&T's program of corporate social responsibility. They were

conducted without looking for profit. Sri Sathya Sai Baba showered His grace on Dr. Ramakrishna and his family during the twenty years of their association with Him.

All of us admire Shree A. Ramakrishna for his indomitable energy and dedication in serving Bhagawan as the Avatar of the age. During his visits to many countries like USA, Thailand, Singapore and Nepal, he tirelessly shared the message and love of Swami with many devotees. Swami has called him home having served as an inspiring instrument of love that fulfilled the task assigned to him by our Lord Sai. He is an exemplary leader and an ideal devotee in the Sathya Sai Organisation.

A gifted engineer, an expansive intellect, and a generous heart, he met every challenge in life with humor, joy and absolute faith. His devotion to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba was unwavering. Steadfastness, faith, love, devotion, humor and joy are words that recollect Dr. A. Ramakrishna's character.

Let all of us pray for his soul to rest in peace with our Lord Sathya Sai Baba.

We will miss him. May the grace of Sai comfort and protect us in our sorrow at his passing. May his family and friends find peace in the refuge of Sai and in the memory of a life well-lived.

Jai Sai Ram.

With loving regards,
Narendranath Reddy
Chairman, Prasanthi Council

