



Kilinochchi

June 23, 2003

VanniTech Inauguration Report

Dear VanniTech Contributors, Our dream has come true!

VanniTech has been inaugurated on June 23, 2003!!

I wish you were here to share the joy and to see the fruit of your contributions. You have contributed financially, by donating equipments and books, by preparing course syllabus, by coming here to Vanni to offer your assistance in person, creating website, and offering lots of other helps to build the VanniTech. And it worked, flawlessly!!!

The inauguration ceremony took place at 9:00AM on June 23, 2003 in the presence of distinguished guests, students, staff, faculty, those who helped us for the last 4 months and the reporters. It started with the lighting of the traditional oil lamps. The VanniTech signboard was unveiled by the Sri Lankan Government Agent for Kilinochchi Mr. Rajadurai, and the ribbon was cut by Mr. S.P. Tamilselvan, head of the political wing of the LTTE. It was followed by speeches by the Government Agent, Prof Navaratnarajah of University of Jaffna, and Mr. Illamkumaran, head of the educational organization of Tamil Eelam. A message from Mr.S.P.Tamilselvan was read by Mr.Thuyavan, head of Tamil Eelam Economic Development Organization.

The government agent, during his speech, promised to allocate a permanent land for VanniTech. In the message Tamilselvan mentioned that the expectation of their national

leader came true on June 23 when the expatriates began to share their knowledge with their brethren back home.

The ceremony ended about 11:00 AM and lunch was served at noon.

It was also the first day for the students, and the orientation took place in the afternoon at 3:00 PM.

Lots of news coverage for the vanniTech and its inauguration, in the local news papers and in the Tamil radio.

VanniTech campus consists of two lecture halls, software lab, hardware lab, library, three administrative offices, cafeteria, and a 13-room hostel. It has its own 60KVA diesel generator for its power supply.

There are 13 employees that include a registrar, two lecturers, system administrator, librarian, account assistant, generator/facility assistant, janitor, and office helper.

On the student admission side, we posted advertisements for admission in 3 news papers, and received about 200 applications from Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar, Puttalam, Batticalo, Jaffna, and Colombo districts. About 150 students were invited for the Admission Exam and 104 sat for it. 103 were invited for interview, and 60 students were selected while 4 were put on standby.

As of today, 57 enrolled of which 33 females and 24 males.

On behalf of ITTPO, I would like to thank each and every one of you that have contributed to VanniTech in whatever way you did, and you have made vanniTech possible.

On behalf of VanniTech, I would like to thank you all for bringing an educational institute for a people who have been deprived of simple education for so many years. They are thrilled and proud to have the institution and appreciate all your contributions.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to send you a personal mail to you individually.

ITTPO and VanniTech count on your continuous support.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Jey Kumara Surier
President, VanniTech; Chief Technical Officer, *ITTPO*

Scene from VanniTech



Inauguration Ceremony



Unveiling of the Signboard



Software Lab



Library