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*Panel 1.5: Glimpse of Asia*

**Years of Korean Tamils Engagement for Economic Development**

Intercultural Engagement between Koreans and Indians at all levels since nineties has come to stay. Irungattukotai, Sriperumbudur neighbourhood is an auto and ancillaries hub hosting Hyundai and other Korean companies. Korean housing, cuisine, restaurants, shopping spaces, intercultural festivals, language, and culture are well established. More Korean enterprises are moving in. Economic development is a prime mover at workmen and management levels. Language learning and cultural exchange happens at the community level where Indians and Koreans work together learning from each other. Inko center, Chennai facilitates many intercultural programs. Taekwondo and Korean language became a part of the Tamil community. Korean Honorary Consul is a member of a Rotary club. Annually international festivals are held. There are similarities between Tamil and Korean words, rituals, food habits starting with a Tamil Chola princess marrying a Korean prince. The paper will collect and use data from the community to discuss the similarities between the two cultures as strong base for economic development of both countries, a good partnership in the Asia pacific region.