

## OM SRI SAI RAM



### 11TH SRI GANAPATI (VINAYAK) CHATURTHI FESTIVAL INVITATION

THIS YEAR SRI GANESH CHATURTHI WILL BE HELD ONLY FOR ONE DAY  
ON SUNDAY, 27th AUGUST. 2017 FROM 14.30 TO 18.30 PM

IN JAPAN LORD GANESHA IS KNOWN AS "SHODEN", "DAISHO KANGITEN", "KANGITEN", "GANAPATEI" AND "BINAYAKATEN". GANESHA WORSHIP WAS BROUGHT TO JAPAN BY EARLY BUDDHISTS, FIRST MENTIONED IN 806 A.D., IN THE AGE OF "KUKAI" (774-834), FOUNDER OF SHINGON BUDDHISM.

THE GLORY AND FAITH CONTINUED TILL EDO PERIOD (1600-1868 A.D.) WHICH INSPIRED BUILDING OF 1200 GANESH TEMPLES IN JAPAN. IN COURSE OF TIME, THE PRESENCE AND VEDIC PRACTICE OF GANESHA WORSHIP DECLINED IN JAPAN.

#### DIVINE MESSAGE

"Man should experience unity in diversity. Without individual, there cannot be society. Without society, there cannot be creation. One who understands creation becomes one with God. So, firstly man should make efforts to understand the true meaning of individual. This is the message of Vinayaka. The letter 'Ga' (intellect) in the name 'Ganapati' symbolises this aspect. The letter 'Na' stands for vijnana (wisdom). So, Ganapati is one who grants good intellect and confers wisdom.

- Ganesh Chaturthi Divine Discourse: September 10, 2002." - SRI SATHYA SAI BABA -

#### INVITATION

***Sri Sathya Sai Centre, Tokyo, and devotees of Lord Ganesha solicit your gracious presence with family and friends at the auspicious festivals of Sri Ganesh Chaturthi, on Sunday, 27th August. 2017 from 14.30 to 18.30 PM Followed by Dinner Prasadam from 19.00 to 20.00 PM.***

Lord Ganesha is worshipped as MATSUCHIYAMA SHODEN in the MATSUCHIYAMA HONRYUIN TEMPLE in Asakusa, Tokyo. In the HOZANJI TEMPLE on Mt. Ikoma in Nara Prefecture, Shoden is worshipped mainly by the merchants. In Osaka we have the biggest temple of Shoden named MINOOYAMA SAIKOJI TEMPLE, where, besides devotees, a permanent priest offers prayers daily. SHODENZAN KANGIIN TEMPLE in Menuma, Saitama Prefecture is designated by the State as the national cultural treasure of Japan.

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