

## **CHIEF MINISTER** MANIPUR

Dear Shri Bishwajit Okram,

I am glad to know that you have invited my son, Mr. Surjakumar Okram to participate in the EMA Annual Social Gathering at Birmingham, United Kingdom on 26th May, 2013. I fully share his keenness to let him take part in the said gathering of imminent Manipuris living serving and studying in the developed countries. I regret that before the receipt of your invitation we had already decided that he should accompany me to Myanmar along-with the large delegates from Manipur under the Look East Policy of the Government of India at that time.

I look forward that the said gathering will be an ideal forum for the Manipuris living serving and studying abroad to get to know and help each other and put their heads together to bring about a better Manipuri society everywhere in the years to come.

I wish the gathering all success.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

D.O.No. 2/2/2013-CM

Imphal, May 21, 2013

Shri Bishwajit Okram, Chairperson, European Manipur Association London, U.K. 30, LIOS AN UISCE, MERLIN PARK GALWAY, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.



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## **MESSAGE**

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the European Manipuri Association (EMA), London, UK is once again organising, one of its most significant yearly event, the Annual Social Gathering at Birmingham, UK on May 26, 2013 to uphold our culture & tradition and to provide a common platform for the Manipuri diasporas in Europe.

Despite the limitations and tininess of our State we are proud that the presence of Manipuri Diasporas are ever widening across the globe. These include highly educated professionals and students pursuing for higher education who are coming from different social backgrounds, communities and beliefs. As such, an annual gathering for them is very significant as it gives them a chance to know each other, bring them together to share and exchange ideas and views and above all to create an atmosphere of "Home Away from Home". In this regard, the sincere efforts being taken up by the European Manipuri Association by providing a common platform and creating such atmosphere for the Manipuri people and people of Manipur origin living in different parts of Europe deserves all praise.

I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all the Manipuri Diasporas in Europe and members of the European Manipuri Association on this momentous occasion and also wish the Annual Gathering a grand success.

21. 5, 2013 (O. Ibobi Singh)