Monday, January 30, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

Hari Om!

Kamal Kornijenko from Argentina has been associated with the Guru lineage and teachings of Shanti Mandir (SM) since the tender age of one. I have personally known Kamal since 2006, and consider him to be one of the most committed devotees in my 30 years of serving as the Vice President of SM.

SM is a spiritual-charitable non-profit organization that offers a comprehensive program of activities to improve people’s lives through the practices of meditation, yoga, chanting, workshops, retreats, wholesome food, and charitable activities. Kamal serves the SM Center in Argentina by traveling and conducting Satsangs, especially Kirtan, in different cities.

Born in Chile in 1977, Kamal Kornijenko is the son of Shiva and Shyam, who were devotees of the renowned sage Baba Muktananda Paramahamsa, one of the first and foremost Gurus to bring the tradition of yoga and meditation to the West in 1970s. Kamal had the great fortune of having the darshan of Baba Muktananda in 1981. Kamal’s parents not only practiced daily sadhana in their homes but also conducted public Satsangs on a regular basis. Kamal was thus brought up in an atmosphere daily of Satsang, chanting, meditation, contemplation, seva and scriptural study.

Upon Baba Muktananda’s command, Kamal’s mother, Shiva, initiated hundreds of Argentinians on the path of meditation in the late 70s, 80s and 90s. Kamal used to accompany his mother on Satsang tours. After her mother’s passing, he has been serving as the coordinator of Satsang programs in Mar del Plata and neighboring cities of Argentina. For more than three decades now, Kamal has been not only been walking the spiritual path but also been sharing the practices, especially the practice of kirtan, with many.

Having turned 40 this year, Kamal now wishes to retire completely from his wordly occupations in order to devote time to deepening his study of the scriptures, along with gaining some knowledge of rituals and Sanskrit language. When he expressed this noble wish to Mahamandaleshwar Swami Nityananda, successor of Baba Muktananda and the spiritual head of SM, Swamiji suggested Kamal take the Chinmaya Mission two-year Residential Vedanta Course at Sandeepany Sadhanalaya, Powai, Mumbai.

Kamal is intelligent, very hardworking, dedicated, enthusiastic, and devotional. These qualities have been the driving force behind all his service. His interest in learning the scriptures is evident, and I am confident that he will approach learning with great interest, attention, and enthusiasm.

The residential course will benefit Kamal immensely in his own personal sadhana, and in turn will also benefit others as he travels Argentina sharing the teachings.

Given all these credentials, Kamal seems to be a natural candidate for the residential course. Despite his age being over 30, I request Chinmaya Mission to kindly consider Kamal’s admission to the course. I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cable

Vice President, Shanti Mandir