



SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Raymond Anthony Fernando



Educated in St. Andrew's School, Raymond Anthony Fernando is the author of five books, a public speaker, a freelance television actor, and the Public Relations Director of The Singapore Writers Guild. He is also a season campaigner for the mentally ill and has been featured in the media, on many occasions. On 5th March 2006, the Catholic News featured him in an exclusive interview. The article touched on his resilience in caring for his wife of 30 over years and his on-going campaign to bring a better tomorrow for both the mentally ill and their caregivers. As a full time writer, Raymond hopes to touch readers' hearts through his poems and short stories. The author-caregiver wants to focus his attention, care and love for the less fortunate members of society and the lovely children of this world. Raymond, who is born on Valentine's Day, attributes his success to his wife, who is his greatest inspiration.

Talk: How to turn a life experience into a book

As a caregiver to his wife, who is stricken with Schizophrenia, Raymond will be speaking on how writers can turn a life experience into a book. His novel, "*Loving a Schizophrenic*", based on his wife's 32-year battle with Schizophrenia has brought much hope to caregivers and the mentally ill. To-date 1,200 copies of this book have been sold. Raymond will share valuable tips on what makes for a successful novel.