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Dr Tony Tan Appointed Patron of AAS

Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, Chairman of Singapore Press Holdings and former Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, has become a Patron of the Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS). The Australian High Commissioner to Singapore has always been the Patron of the AAS. HE Mr Doug Chester remains a Patron of AAS.

A PhD graduate in Applied Mathematics from the University of Adelaide in the 1960s, Dr Tony Tan has always been supportive of AAS activities. He was the Guest of Honour at the AAS Golden Jubilee Year Celebration Dinner in 2005 when he was the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore and Co-ordinating Minister for Security and Defence. He was one of the 3 Patrons of the Australian Universities International Alumni Convention (AUIAC) 2008 held in Singapore and played a pivotal role in the success of the AUIAC.

AAS is very proud and privileged that Dr Tan accepted this honour when key members of the Management Committee led by its President, Loh Hoon Sun paid a courtesy call on him on 29 March 2010. Dr Tan believes in the importance of people-to-people connection in the forging of networks and building of relationships between peoples of the two regions. As a Patron, he will no doubt help strengthen further the bonds between Singapore and Australia as well as the region.

AAS New Patron, Dr Tony Tan with AAS President and some Management Committee Members



From left to right:
Michael Yap, Tan Kah Hoe, Loh Hoon Sun, Dr Tony Tan (Patron, AAS), Peggy Tan and Simon Ho
29 March 2010



PATRON'S MESSAGE



MESSAGE

I am delighted to be appointed the first local Patron of the Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS). I had the pleasure of working closely with AAS in 2005 when AAS celebrated its Golden Jubilee Year and again in 2008 when AAS organised the Australian Universities International Alumni Convention (AUIAC) held in Singapore. At both functions, I mentioned that beyond merely building good political and economic links, people-to-people links are equally important and that Asian students who have studied in Australian universities are some of the strongest links between Asia and Australia. The network of contacts and friendships that AAS has forged has strengthened this strong people-to-people bond adding real substance to the relationship between our peoples and countries.

The AAS, founded in 1955, is the oldest alumni club in Singapore. I commend the founding members for their foresight in initiating this important people-to-people link, and the past committees for preserving this heritage and keeping up with the challenges of staying relevant to the changing needs of members.

I am confident that the newly-elected Management Committee headed by Mr Loh Hoon Sun, will bring AAS to greater growth and recognition among alumni bodies both locally and overseas.

I urge members to do your part for, and be a part of, the Australian Alumni Singapore.

DR TONY TAN KENG YAM
PATRON
AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI SINGAPORE



AAS 55TH AGM / PROFILE

Loh Hoon Sun re-elected President of the 55th Management Committee (2010-2012)

This year's Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS) 55th AGM, held at the YMCA Orchard on 24 March 2010, went smoothly – commencing with a quorum of 36 and ending within an hour. In accordance with the new AAS Constitution, the nine names received at the close of nominations two weeks prior to the AGM, were all accepted into the Management Committee. Following the AGM, the Management Committee held its First Meeting and elected its Office Bearers. Mr Loh Hoon Sun was unanimously re-elected President but this will be the first of his two-year term under the new Constitution. The Management Committee appointed the Chairmen of the five Working Committees, who in turn, would be rolling out activities for AAS.

One of the immediate tasks, is the organisation of the 55th Anniversary Celebration headed by Vice- President, Peggy Tan. Another important mission led by Michael Yap, is the setting up of the Joint Working Committee(JWC) Meeting between Representatives from the Australian High Commission(AHC) and AAS to look into strategies to strengthen co-operation between the AHC and AAS. We will be keeping our AAS members informed of the outcomes of all these activities.

Congratulations to the 55th AAS Management Committee!



Seah Kim Swee, Loh Hoon Sun and Alex Chow (outgoing Secretary)



Members perusing the AGM Notes

Profile – Immediate Past President (2007-2008)

HO KHEE LIM, SIMON
MBA, Southern Cross University
NASDAQ Certified



Simon Ho was President of Australian Alumni Singapore from 2007 to 2009 and President of Southern Cross University (SCU) from 2001 to date. He was awarded the prestigious SCU International Alumnus Of The Year Award 2006. He is currently the Vice-President of Alumni International Singapore (AIS), a post he has held since 2007. He retired from Merrill Lynch International Bank Ltd in 2007 and now conducts lectures on Wealth Management, specialising in Risk Management.

Simon Ho started his career in the financial industry with Fraser & Company in 1971. Since joining Merrill Lynch Bank Ltd International more than three decades ago in 1973, Simon had held various international management positions in brokerage and private banking covering Client Services, Operations, Administration and Risk Management. As a director at Merrill Lynch, Simon oversaw multiple business and administrative support functions from Singapore, including an international support function across Europe, Middle East and Pacific Rim.

An MBA graduate from the Southern Cross University, Simon is also accredited by the National Association of Securities Dealers And Quotations (NASDAQ) in Series 3, 7 & 8. In January 1987, he provided expertise in the formulation of U.S. equity settlement procedures in the sub-committee of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to until his relocation to the Merrill Lynch Corporate Headquarters in New York in August 1987. He had also been involved in numerous projects such as the establishment of Local Execution Desk Operations on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (SIMEX) trading floor; updating the Australian stock Exchange Procedure Manual for the Sydney office. He has also set up the Operations Department for the Beverly Hills International Branch Office and Taiwan Office in the 1980s, conducting of Operations audits on the branch offices in Japan in the 1990s.

During his term as President of AAS, he successfully chaired the Australian Universities International Alumni Convention (AUIAC) 2008 held in Singapore. The event had helped profile AAS on the international stage and regained recognition as the umbrella body for Australian Alumni Associations in Singapore.



WORKING COMMITTEES

Committee Chairman



Changes to the Working Committees

Formed in the previous term to better serve AAS members, the six committees have been streamlined into five. Changes in leadership of the committees following the recent AGM, are as follows:

1 **Activities Committee**

Terms of Reference: To organize activities alone or with other bodies for the benefit of members.

Chairman: Mr Tan Kah Hoe
Members: Ms Peggy Tan
Mr Chew Cheng Keat Bradley
Mr Kuah Kai Yan Julius
Mr Simon Ho
Mr Suhaimy Hassan

2 **Business Committee**

Terms of Reference: To seek sponsorships for events and raise funds for AAS, and maintain good relationship with the sponsors, the Australian High Commission, universities and other organisations.

Chairman: Mr Michael Yap
Members: Ms Ally Loo
Dr Angelo Venardos
Mr Bill Chua
Ms Diana Pang
Mr Seah Kim Swee

3 **Membership Committee**

Terms of Reference: To recruit new members, both individuals and institutions, and maintain good relationship with members. To review and improve the Membership application process.

Chairman: Dr Dale Anderson
Members: Mr Edmund Kwan
Mr Suhaimy Hassan
Ms Tan Boon Soo

4 **Newsletter Committee**

Terms of Reference: To publish regular newsletters for circulation to members and for posting on the website.

Chairman: Ms Peggy S K Tan
Members: Ms Lim Mei Mei
Ms Kristy P K Wee

5 **Website Committee**

Terms of Reference: To enhance, maintain and update the website of AAS.

Chairman: A/Prof Margaret Tan
Member: Mr Victor Chin Mou Long



DIALOGUE

Dialogue with Women MPS

In late October 2009, the Head of Women Affairs at The People's Association, Ms Florence Kang, touched base with Mr Loh Hoon Sun, President of AAS, on the possibility of AAS organising for its members a Dialogue with the Women MPs. The Dialogue was held on February 2010

We started preparing earnestly in December 2009. However, response was poor due to the school holidays and festive seasons. The momentum picked up in January 2010 where we reached our target number of 30 participants. Although the Dialogue was supposed to be an all-women's affair, the male committee members of AAS were also invited to join in so that their views could be heard.

The Dialogue started at 7.15pm when buffet dinner was served. The committee members mingled with the participants to know them better and to get their feedback on what they expect of AAS. At 7.45pm, Mr Loh, Ms Florence Kang and the committee members welcomed the arrival of Er Lee Bee Wah, an MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC, who joined us for dinner. Shortly after Er Lee's arrival, Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education, arrived. She was also warmly received by the group. The AAS team, led by Mr Loh, held a brief discussion with both Ms Grace Fu and Er Lee Bee Wah before the Dialogue commenced.

At 8.00pm, the Dialogue began. After a short introduction by Associate Professor Margaret Tan who was the Moderator for the night and Chairman, Website Committee of AAS, on the protocol of the Dialogue, Ms Grace Fu took to the floor. She introduced herself and disclosed why the PAP Women's Wing wanted to have a Dialogue with Australian women graduates. The PAP Women's Wing wanted to reach out to as many women groups as possible so that they could hear the views from the women on all kinds of issues pertaining to them.

When it was question time, Mr Loh started the ball rolling by asking the first question. Thereafter, question after question followed ranging from women to national issues. Ms Grace Fu and Er Lee took the questions in their stride and took the opportunity to explain some of the government policies. It was a light-hearted session peppered by laughter. The Dialogue session ended at 9.45pm. Participants agreed that they had an engaging and interesting session with the two women MPs.

Report by Ms Christina Tan



L to R: Er Lee Bee Wah, Sr MOS Ms Grace Fu and A/Prof Margaret Tan



Audience staying engrossed



Organising Committee with VIPs



RELIEF MISSION

Up-close With Tan Ye Ping On His Earthquake Relief Mission to Haiti

On Monday, 8 Feb 2010, Mr Loh Hoon Sun and Mr Paul Chia interviewed Mr Tan Ye Ping at the Tanglin Club Singapore on his recent Mission Relief Trip to Haiti.



From left: Mr Paul Chia, Mr Tan Ye Ping and Mr Loh Hoon Sun

Mr Tan, 39, a graduate in Meteorology and Oceanography from Flinders University, is a trained SAF medical orderly and an active member of the Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS). He was also a member of the Working Committee of the Australian Alumni International Convention (AUIAC) 2008 held in Singapore.

Mr Tan was a member of the City Care medical relief team which comprised 2 doctors, 3 nurses and 3 relief workers who set up a medical post at Carrefour in Port au-Prince following the 7.0-magnitude Haiti earthquake disaster that occurred on 12 January 2010. City Care is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting volunteerism and community service.

In the first 5 days since the setting up of the medical post on 18 January 2010, the medical relief team treated about 400 patients. With no electricity, lighting and poor ventilation, the team had to ward off flies and manage an increasingly overcrowded clinic. A typical day's work was from 9 am to 6 pm and Mr Tan's work included all facets of nursing activities, including assisting 2 doctors, scheduling and logistics operations of the patients, managing the clinic, preparing medical instrumentation and documenting particulars of patients.

It was such a fulfilling mission and a life-changing experience for him that he would readily volunteer again if given another such opportunity. Here are excerpts of the interview Mr Loh Hoon Sun, President of AAS, and Mr Paul Chia, AAS Committee, had with Mr Tan.

Q&A with Mr Tan Ye Ping – Earthquake Relief Mission to Haiti

1 What prompted you to go to go to Haiti after you heard about the earthquake in Haiti?

Ans:

I am always keen to do some humanitarian work and here was an opportunity to get involved in this earthquake relief mission. I received a call for volunteers and I offered myself.

2 Are you a medical doctor?

Ans:

No, but I was trained as a medic during my National Service and that came in handy in discharging my nursing responsibilities with the relief team.

3 Please share with us your personal experience.

Ans:

It was not total chaos as had been reported by some but some of the destruction was quite bad. I wished that we could do a bit more to help after seeing some of the patients that we have treated during our 10-day stay in Haiti.

4 What is your current profession?

Ans:

I am an Administrative Assistant for an event management company

5 How many patients or victims have you helped in your stay in Haiti?

Ans:

As a member of the medical team, I saw 205 patients (from few-day-old babies to the elderly) in the first 3 days. The medical post went through 529 cases in the first 5 days

6 Who helped finance your Mercy Relief Trip and how did you find your way to the earthquake zone so quickly?

Ans:

I volunteered as a member of the City Care team and all the expenses were covered by City Care. We had been in contact with a church pastor in Haiti and that made it easier for us to travel to the disaster zone and set up a medical base.

7 Given the shortage of food and medical supplies, did you have to go without food and medical supplies during your stay in Haiti?

Ans:

No, we brought our own food and medical supplies when we crossed the border into Haiti from Santo Domingo. All our supplies were purchased in Santo Domingo and they lasted throughout our stay in Haiti. We also received food and medical supplies from subsequent teams that came.

8 Would you encourage AAS members to take up the challenge of doing relief work in future disasters and how could AAS assist?

Ans:

Yes, if there is a need, it would be good if we can rally the support of AAS members and network groups to be involved in humanitarian work. One of the things AAS could do is to be prepared and compile a list of volunteers. Linking up with a relief organization such as City Care would also be an effective way of tapping resources.

9 How do you feel about this humanitarian work? You risked your life in a country which you had never visited or heard about.

Ans:

I have read about the country and the people and have some general knowledge. I just wanted to offer some help to the people of Haiti. The people of Haiti were very grateful that we were there to help. My first impression was that they are very friendly and very helpful. We got very close to most of the translators who assisted us and we were able to converse between Creole (local colloquial), French (National Language) and English.

10 What medical supplies or food did you provide?

Ans:

We did not provide food. We only provided medication and treatment such as wound cleaning, dressing, stitching and minor surgical amputation. Initially, medical supplies were limited but from Day 3, we were better equipped and were able to provide anaesthetics, for example. We were not able to treat serious cases which we referred to the local hospitals.

Ye Ping and the Relief Team Busy at Work in Haiti

(Photos courtesy of CityCare Limited)





FORUM / NETWORKING

A Tale of Two Financial Crises

A business forum examining the impact of the world's two biggest financial crises on Singapore in the past decade, hosted by the University of Adelaide at the Ngee Ann Auditorium Asian Civilisation Museum was held on 18 March 2010. Ms Kirsten Sayers, Australia's Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to Singapore, gave the opening address.

The keynote speaker was Professor Dogan Tirtiroglu, Professor of Finance and Chair of Banking of the University of Adelaide. He presented preliminary findings of his research into interest rates in Singapore and examined the volatility in the local banking sector during these crises periods.

AAS President and Managing Director, Phillip Securities, Mr Loh Hoon Sun, was one the three panellists invited to join in the debate. The other two were Ms Chow Penn Nee, Economist, United Overseas Bank and Mr Patrick Yeo, CFA, Senior Vice President and Head of Fixed Income at Fullerton Fund Management Company. The panel was moderated by the Head of the University of Adelaide's Business School, Associate Professor Barry Burgan.



Prof Dogan Tirtiroglu



Mr Loh Hoon Sun



Mr Patrick Yeo



Ms Chow Penn Nee



A/Prof Barry Burgan

Study in Australia Networking Reception with Alumni



Australian High Commissioner, HE Doug Chester, (6th from left) with AAS President, Loh Hoon Sun, (6th from right) and members

On 20 March 2010, AAS President, Loh Hoon Sun and members attended the Networking Reception with Alumni organised by the Australian Trade Commission & AEI at the Conrad Centennial Singapore, Pool Pavilion. The hosts acknowledged the presence of our AAS President and members. The Guest-of-Honour, HE Mr Doug Chester, Australian High Commissioner, and Patron of AAS, gave a welcome speech. His speech touched on issues related to alumni networking and his support for close engagement between the Australian High Commission and AAS.

AAS Management Committee (2010/2012)

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NEW MEMBERS

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AAS warmly welcomes the following new members:

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1	Mr Abdul Hakin Mohamed Ismail	University of Western Sydney
2	Mr Ali Bambang Sumaryono	Queensland University of Technology
3	Dr Anderson Robyn Margaret	James Cook University Australia
4	Dr Anderson Dale Stuart	James Cook University Australia
5	Mr Andrew Peter James	University of Melbourne
6	Mr Chew Cheng Keat Bradley	Macquarie University
7	Dr Chew Tong Gunn	Monash University
8	Ms Chia Rekel	RMIT University
9	Mr Victor Chin Mou Long	Victoria University
10	Ms Chua Hui Ting, Pearlyn	Curtin University of Technology
11	Ms Ee Huey Miin , Agnes	University of Southern Queensland
12	Dr Han Reena	University of Queensland
13	Ms Heng Jase	RMIT University
14	Dr Ho Kok Tong	University of New South Wales
15	Mr Hull Kevan Ward	University of Sydney
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17	Ms Lee Tze Huey	University of Queensland
18	Ms Poh Ju Lynn	University of New South Wales
19	Ms Tammie Quai	University of Queensland
20	Mr Seow Samsudin	RMIT University
21	Mr Alex Tan	University of Western Sydney
22	Ms Tang Shihui Ying	University of New South Wales
23	Mr Teo Chiang Song	University of Western Australia
24	Ms Wee Pei Kah Kristy	La Trobe University
25	Ms Wong Elaine	University of Sydney

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- 1 James Cook University Australia, Singapore Campus
- 2 CPA Australia Ltd
- 3 Ngee Ann-Adelaide Education Centre Pte Ltd (The University of Adelaide Australia)
- 4 UON Singapore Pte Ltd (The University of Newcastle Australia)
- 5 Bond University
- 6 The University of Queensland
- 7 Swinburne University of Technology

IMPORTANT EVENT: Please mark your Diary

Programme : AAS 55th Anniversary Dinner
Venue : Hilton Singapore Grand Ballroom
Date/Time : 8 October 2010, 7:30 pm

REMINDER

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