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Biennial Report

2000 October to 2002 October

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A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. At the 10th Biennial General Meeting held on 28 October 2000, the following members were elected to serve on the Executive Board for the period October 2000 – October 2002:

Ms Ling Chee Ngok	(1979)
Mr Tan Soon Hoe, PBM	(1980)
Mr Perumal Magayson	(1983)
Mr Mohd Imhar Mohd Said	(1984)
Mr William Cheong	(1985)
Ms Wong Chian Fang	(1985)
Ms Jenny Koh	(1987)
Ms Salmiah Sayadi	(1988)
Ms Sharifah Masturah	(1989)
Ms Juliana Adam	(1991)
Mr Lim Leng Koi, Daniel	(1991)
Mr Ramlan Rasidi	(1991)
Mr Kwa Chee Beng	(1992)
Ms Jenny Lee Chew Yee	(1993)
Mr Mohd Zulkifli Kassim	(1993)
Mr Muhd Hafidz Zainal Abidin	(1995)
Mr Muhamad Noor Hasan	(1999)

2. The 10th term office bearers are as follows: -

President	-	Ms Jenny Koh
1 st Deputy President	-	Mr Tan Soon Hoe, PBM
2 nd Deputy President	-	Mr Mohd Zulkifli Kassim
Secretary General	-	Ms Juliana Adam
Dy Secretary General	-	Mr William Cheong
Vice President (Finance)	-	Mr Kwa Chee Beng
Dy Vice President (Finance)	-	Ms Salmiah Sayadi
Director (Alumni Affairs)	-	Ms Sharifah Masturah
Director (Computer Network)	-	Ms Ling Chee Ngok [resigned]
* Subsequent vacancy filled by	-	Mr Son Wei Meng, co-opted Board member (2000)
Director (Corporate Communications)	-	Mr Perumal Magayson
Director (International Affairs)	-	Mr Mohd Imhar Mohd Said
Director (Local Programme)	-	Mr Ramlan Rasidi
Director (Membership)	-	Ms Jenny Lee Chew Yee
Director (Social & Recreation)	-	Mr Muhamad Noor Hasan [resigned]
Director (Rainbow Love)	-	Mr Muhd Hafidz Zainal Abidin
Director (Travel Network)	-	Mr Lim Leng Koi, Daniel
Auditor	-	Ms Wong Chian Fang
Board Member (co-opted)	-	Ms Koh Chin Chin (2000)
Observer	-	Mr Jackey Ong (2001)
Observer	-	Ms Celine Ong (2001)

3. Due to work commitment and personal reasons, the following elected members resigned from the Executive Board:

Mr Muhamad Noor Hassan resigned in January 2002
Ms Ling Chee Ngok resigned in March 2002

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. The financial statement for the period October 2000 to September 2002 will be given during the BGM.
2. It is to be noted that SIS financial resources to run the Secretariat is very limited, with a S\$1,000 annual grant from the National Youth Council (NYC) and a one-time payment of S\$20.60 from each current batch participants. The only income-generating activity is the S\$10 contribution when a member registers to attend the Reunion. Unfortunately, this received resentment from some members. Efforts to raise funds were not successful in view of the economic downturn, the last being in 1999/2000 for the 12th SIGA in Singapore and the publication of the Wavelength Special Edition. Thus, often times, Board members hosted official visiting delegates out of their own pockets.

C. MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership as at the end of September 2002 was 992.

D. SIS OBJECTIVES AND SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Activities were conducted in support of SIS objectives as follows:

1. To promote social interaction among the former Singapore participants of the Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Programme (SSEAYP)
 - 1.1 Presidents Challenge Trophy Bowling Tournament 2001
 - 1.1.1 The annual bowling tournament was held on 27 May 2001 at the Superbowl Marina Square.
 - 1.1.2 SSEAYP 1987 won the Challenge Trophy. The Mens Champion was Mr Lee Kam Hoong (1987) and Ladies Champion was Ms Kathy Liang (1984).
 - 1.2 Presidents Challenge Trophy Bowling Tournament 2002
 - 1.2.1 12 teams participated in the Presidents Challenge Trophy Bowling Tournament on 28 April at Jackies Bowl in East Coast Road.
 - 1.2.2 The Challenge Trophy went to SSEAYP 1999. The Mens Champion was Mr Daniel Lim (1991) and the Ladies Champion was Ms Judy Foo (1990).
 - 1.3 Batam Retreat

The retreat to Batam was organized from 5-6 May 2001 to foster better understanding and working relationship amongst Board members.
 - 1.4 Riang Ria Bersama SSEAYP

Members organised the Hari Raya Gathering on 27 January 2002 at the Hotel Rendezvous. The Guest of Honor was Mr Hawazi Daipi (YL 1980), Parliamentary Secretary for Education and MP for Sembawang GRC.

2. To maintain liaison with similar alumni associations and youth associations in ASEAN, Japan and other countries

2.1 14th SIGA (2001) in Bangkok, Thailand

2.1.1 32 members and families attended the 14th SIGA held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 21-24 June 2001.

2.1.2 17 members including their family members, 1 Japan, 1 Philippines and 3 Brunei members joined the Pre-SIGA to Laos from 18-20 June 2001, led by Director International Affairs and Secretary General.

2.1.3 Mr Tan Soon Hoe PBM, 1st Deputy President, was appointed Deputy Secretary General, SSEAYP International (SI). Mr Masahide Morita of Japan remained as Secretary-General.

2.2 15th SIGA (2002) in Tokyo, Japan

2.2.1 83 members and their families attended the 15th SIGA held in Tokyo, Japan, from 16-19 May 2002.

2.2.2 The 15th SIGA endorsed the establishment of a SI Memorial Fund to be managed by IYEO Japan. In line with the proceedings of the Council of Presidents Meeting, the Executive Board appointed Singapore SSEAYP 2001 to administer the promotion, collection and accounting of the Fund on behalf of SIS. Donations are to be made payable to SSEAYP 2001, Singapore Contingent.

2.2.3 15 members were in Iwate from 13-16 May 2002 for the Pre-SIGA. Mr Mohd Imhar and Ms Juliana Adam led the group.

2.2.4 Mr Perumal Magayson, Director Corporate Communications, was appointed Deputy Director, Human Resource Networking of SI with Mr Chai Nimakorn from SIT as Director.

2.3 Council of Presidents (COP) Meetings/Governments Conference

The Council of Presidents Meetings were held at least twice a year and to coincide with the Governments Conference in Tokyo, which Alumni Associations were represented. This is the platform for Presidents (or his/her nominee) of Alumni Associations to review the latest programme and exchange ideas for the betterment of future SI activities.

In the term 2000-2002, the following meetings were convened:

2.3.1 Mr Mohd Zulkifli Kassim, 2nd Deputy President, attended the 21st COP meeting/Governments Conference from 26 February 2001 to 3 March 2001 in Tokyo, Japan.

2.3.2 Ms Jenny Koh, President, attended the 22nd COP meeting/Governments Conference from 23-27 April 2001 in Tokyo, Japan.

2.3.3 The 23rd COP meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 21-24 June 2001 to coincide with the 14th SIGA. President Ms Jenny Koh attended.

2.3.4 An emergency meeting was called in Tokyo, Japan from 8-11 January 2002 to discuss the Brunei incident and future SSEAYP plans, attended by President Ms Jenny Koh. The OBSC representatives were also invited to attend the COP meeting.

2.3.5 Ms Juliana Adam, Secretary General, and Ms Grace Ng, National Leader 2001, attended the 24th COP and Governments Conference from 17-20 March 2002 in Tokyo, Japan.

2.3.6 2nd Deputy President, Mr Mohd Zulkilfi Kassim, represented the 25th COP meeting/Governments Conference in Tokyo, Japan, at the time of the 15th SIGA from 16-23 May 2002.

3. To arrange exchange programmes in order to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youth of ASEAN, Japan and other countries.

Between 2000 and 2002, the international networking of SIS has extended to cover cities out of Tokyo, Japan. Friendship was also established with the participants of the Ship for World Youth (SWY), which includes all continents of the globe. Incentive trips added to the excitement. Thus, the selection of candidates is rotated amongst active Board members as well as active members who continue to serve SIS energetically with good track records.

3.1 World Youth Volunteer Pre-Summit in Nagano, Japan

The World Youth Volunteer Pre-Summit was held in Nagano, Japan, from 6-12 August 2001, as one of the events during the International Year of Volunteers. The theme was Young men in the 21st century! Lets head to changing the world! Let's create it together! Secretary-General Ms Juliana Adam represented SIS.

3.2 Pan Pacific Youth Exchange Programme (PPYEP)

3.2.1 Since 1995, five members have been invited annually by the Osaka Association for Youth Development (OAYD) to participate in a two-week exchange focusing on peace and harmony. In 2001 and 2002, the Board decided to invite one staff from the National Youth Council to form part of the five-member delegation. The delegates bear their own air travel expenses and OAYD and the Osaka Prefectural Government extend local hospitality.

The following members participated in this Programme:

6-17 September 2001

Ms Jenny CY Lee (1993) - Leader
Mr Steven CL Lim (1991)
Mr Mohd Rosdi Eddy (1992)
Mr Mohd Salleh Sani (1994)
Ms Angelene Dorai (NYC)

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Mr Ramlan Rasidi (1991) - Leader
Mr Samuel Soong (1993)
Mr William Seow (1995)
Ms Haslinda Noor (1999)
Ms Chia Ju Ee (NYC)

3.3 Hopeful Children Community Service Project

Director International Affairs, Mr Mohd Imhar represented SIS in an invitation to observe the Community Service Project Hopeful Children organised by SSEAYP International Thailand (SIT) from 23 - 26 March 2002. This event was meant for the underprivileged children of Thailand and SIT extended their invitation to all SSEAYP Internationals in particular.

3.4 21st Century Renaissance Youth Leaders Invitation Programme

The 21st Century Renaissance Youth Leaders Invitation Programme is implemented as a follow up of the 40 years history of the International Youth Exchange Programs, which was started in 1959 by the Japanese Government to commemorate the marriage of H.M. the Emperor, and as an innovative and advanced programme to open a door to the new century. The Inaugural Programme took place from 26 September to 10 October 2001.

The following members participated in the programme:

26 Sep - 10 Oct 2001

Ms Jenny Koh (1987) - Leader
Ms Evelyn Chua (1979)
Ms Serene Tan (1986)
Mr Yacob Hussain (1992)

26 Sep - 9 Oct 2002

Mr Mohd Hussain (1978) - Leader
Mr Mohd Imhar (1984)
Mr Kwa Chee Beng (1992)
Mr Daniel Wu (1998)

3.5 Iwate Youth Overseas Seminar 2002

13 youths including the leader visited Singapore from 22-26 January 2002. For the first time, on the recommendation of NYC, SIS planned the local programme which included institutional visits and an interaction with Youths at the Siglap Community Centre.

3.6 Kagawa Youth Wing Visit

16 participants from the Kagawa Youth Wing visited Singapore from 29 to 30 July 2002. SIS President hosted the Welcome Lunch at the Rice Table and 1st Deputy President organized an interaction programme with the Lam Soon Community Centre Youth Group graced by the Member of Parliament, Mr Ahmad Khalis for Hong Kah GRC.

3.7 Shizuoka Prefecture Visit

A group of 24 members from Shizuoka Prefectural Overseas Youth Research Association was on transit in Singapore for a night on 26 August 2002. Members of the Board received the delegation at the Airport and had a brief discussion meeting with the Delegation Leader Mr Kazuaki Kato. The group has plans to visit Singapore on an Exchange Programme in the year 2003.

4. To work in partnership with the National Youth Council in the planning and Implementation of the SSEAYP Country programme and other exchange programmes.

4.1 SSEAYP 2001

- 4.1.1 Ms Grace Ng (1987) was appointed National Leader for SSEAYP 2001 and Singapore sent a total of 28 participants.
- 4.1.2 President Ms Jenny Koh and 2nd Deputy President Mr Mohd Zulkifli Kassim, represented SIS in the Selection Panel with Mr Lim Teng Leng, Head of International Affairs, NYC.
- 4.1.3 The Orientation Programme was conducted successfully from 23 June to 12 August 2001 in NACLI. Mr William Cheong and Mr Perumal Magayson served on the Orientation Committee; and members assisted in the talks and discussion sessions.
- 4.1.4 On-Board Ship Conference (OBSC) representative was Mr Mohd Imhar . Due to the change in country programme, instead of sailing from Malaysia, Indonesia to Singapore with SSEAYP 2001, the OBSC representatives met in Tokyo, Japan, from 7-11 January 2002.

4.2 SSEAYP 2002

- 4.2.1 Secretary General, Ms Juliana Adam was appointed National Leader for SSEAYP 2002 with a Singapore Contingent of 28 participants.
- 4.2.2 Ms Jenny Koh, President, and Mr Mohd Imhar, Director International Affairs, represented SIS in the selection of participants on 3-4 June, together with Mr Lim Teng Leng, Head of International Affairs, NYC.
- 4.2.3 The Pre-Departure Training was successfully conducted from 15 June to 4 August 2002 at Tao Nan Primary School and the Girls Brigade HQ. Mr Tan Soon Hoe, PBM and Ms Koh Chin Chin were assigned to the Orientation Committee, with members helping out with the talks and discussion sessions.
- 4.2.4 Ms Koh Chin Chin had been selected the OBSC representative from 11-29 October 2002, sailing from Malaysia, Indonesia to Singapore.

4.3 SSEAYP Country Programme

- 4.3.1 Since 2001, Singapore has been designated the last port of call, coinciding with the Ship for Word Youth, which commences its starting point from Singapore.
- 4.3.2 SIS was tasked with chairing the Local Working Committee for a second term (2001-2002). Mr Mohd Zulkifli Kassim, 2nd Deputy President, was appointed Chairman for SSEAYP 2001 and SSEAYP 2002 with members assisting in the Committee.
- 4.3.3 Members assisted as Liaison Officers during SSEAYP 2001 and SSEAYP 2002.

4.4 Ships for World Youth

On the recommendation of Ship Administrator, Mr K Komagata; and the invitation of IYEO and the Cabinet Office, SIS hosted the Ship for World Youth when it called on Singapore from 25-27 November 2001 and 4-6 December 2001. As in the SSEAYP spirit, SIS planned the country programme and members took leave to serve as Liaison Officers. Mr Hawazi Daipi (YL 1980), Parliamentary Secretary for Education and MP for Sembawang GRC, graced the Welcome Ceremony.

4.5 ASEAN + 3 Leadership Executive Programme

The National Youth Council offered 35 scholarships for leaders of youth organizations and key officials of government agencies in charge of youth from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and Korea to travel to Singapore for ASEAN + 3 Leadership Executive Programme (LEP). It was a ten-day programme that develops organizational and managerial expertise to enhance the capabilities of youth organizations in the region.

Mr Tan Soon Hoe, PBM hosted a dinner and a karaoke session on 1 June 2002 and Ms Jenny Koh hosted a dinner at the Safra Country Club on 2 June 2002. Mr Tan Soon Hoe, PBM, Mr Mohd Zulkifli Kassim, Mr Mohd Imhar and Ms Juliana Adam represented SIS at the Closing Ceremony on 8 June 2002 at the Orchard Hotel, hosted by National Youth Council.

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On behalf of the SSEAYP International Singapore, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Director and staff of the National Youth Council, for their understanding and guidance during our term of office.

William Cheong
Acting Secretary General
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