



**DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION**  
( S I N G A P O R E )

# 14TH ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

## *Our Vision*

To be the Centre of Excellence for individuals with  
Down syndrome, their families  
and the community

## *Our Mission*

Develop individuals with Down syndrome through  
life long learning and social integration

Support families through specialist services,  
information and education

Advocate for equal opportunities, quality of life and  
their contribution to society

## *Our Shared Values*

### *Commitment*

We demonstrate strong belief in and  
dedication to our shared vision  
and core values

### *Integrity*

We uphold ethics and moral principles  
in all our conduct

### *Professionalism*

We aim to excel in all that we do with  
positive attitudes, openness  
and knowledge

### *Teamwork*

We achieve our goals through  
camaraderie, synergy and partnership  
for the benefit of our stakeholders

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On the Cover:  
**“Mystical Masks”**

An array of masks by Artistes from DSA.  
(Cover design courtesy of Pauline Cheong)



# Chairman's Message

I will complete two consecutive terms as Chairman of the Board of Management of Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) by the 14th Annual General Meeting where a new Board will be elected.

I have been extremely fortunate to have the counsel and advice of our Patron, Mr. Tan Soo Khoon and our Advisors, Dr. S. Vasoo and Dr. Balbir Singh.

My fellow Board members have carried out their portfolios admirably making my stint as Chairman smooth sailing except for the few inevitable odd hick-ups. My sincere appreciation to them. I feel the Board is making progress in changing from a working Board where members of the Board run initiatives and projects to one where we provide directions, ideas and guidance.

Our DSA(S) staff continued to strive to improve the quality of our programmes and services. Dr. Saba has worked hard to inspire and strengthen our staff.

I personally find it a great loss to DSA(S) with Dr. Saba leaving DSA(S) to seek and fulfill her other passion. The tasks of building a cohesive and effective team of DSA(S) staff now falls under Moses, our Acting Executive Director. Let's give Moses all our support to accomplish this critical task.

For DSA(S) to stay relevant we need to continuously renew the Board and enhance the stability and capabilities of our staff. The demand to come up with new ideas, operationalize and execute these will continue to increase as membership increases and expectation rises.

Membership strength as of August 2010 stands at 543 as compared to 429 in August 2009. Of these, persons with Down syndrome number 111 who are below 18 years of age and 74 who are aged 18 and above. The rest comprise parents, grandparents, aunties, siblings and caregivers.

Getting volunteers to sit on the Board is not easy especially given the increasing demands on time for all individuals. I urge more parents of persons with Down syndrome to step forward to serve on the DSA(S) Board. For our staff, I urge that we strive to work smarter even as we

work harder. I am concerned that because of their passion to champion the causes of persons with Down syndrome that some work extreme long hours at the expense of a good work-life balance.

In view of the economic turn around, the Board had reinstated annual increment for the staff. The Board is extremely grateful to staff for their understanding and for their sacrifice during the unfavourable economic situation.

## Strategic outlook

At the risk of sounding like a "broken record player", let me reiterate some of my last year's thoughts, and add social enterprise to the list of strategic thrusts:

Independent living, long-term financial security and good quality of life is pressing, especially for the members with Down syndrome and their parents who had joined DSA(S) 13 years ago. Many of their children are now young adults and ten years from now, more of our members will be above 18 years of age.

I urge parents to practice financial planning as soon as possible. With the creation of a Government-initiated trust fund, managed by Special Needs Trust Company (SNTC), parents have another avenue to ensure financial security for their child with Down syndrome.

Gainful employment is another important means to enhance the long-term financial security and good quality of life for persons with Down syndrome. We need to set up social enterprises where terms of employment, working conditions and social recreational needs are geared to persons with intellectual challenges.

With DSA(S) expanding to provide full day services such as the Adult Enhancement Program (AEP) and the Integration Facilitation Support Program (IFSP), the need for dedicated and motivated staff is paramount. I would like to appeal to our team, together with our pool of instructors to continue to serve members with passion and distinction. On our part, the Board will provide guidance and work towards promoting a better environment for all.

To run the additional programmes, we are faced with increased expenses. Hence we would need to tap on recurrent funding for these full day services. This will complement funds raised through our own efforts and provide for more stable revenue streams.

DSA needs to keep abreast on what is happening around the globe in the various research areas of Down syndrome; such as medical and health issues, education and employment, family quality of life and policy issues amongst others. DSA(S) continues to be plugged into the international arena with Dr Balbir Singh and Kristin Van Burm representing DSA(S) in Down Syndrome International (DSI). Very recently Dr Balbir was elected Deputy Chair of the DSI Board of Trustees.

I hope to see more parents volunteer in supervising some of our activities e.g. during actual dance performance or Christmas parties to take some work load off our staff as to provide a better work-life balance.

## Acknowledgements

What DSA(S) achieved in 2009-10 was made possible because of

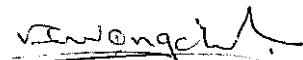
- The counsel and guidance from our Advisors, Dr. S Vasoo and Dr. Balbir Singh
- Board members for their invaluable contributions in their area of focus
- Staff and instructors for their commitment, passion and dedication
- Sponsors, donors, schools and volunteers for their generous donations and unstinting support
- Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), National Council Of Social Services (NCSS) and Tote Board for their support

Special expression of gratitude goes out to UPS (United Parcel Service), for their continued valuable contribution as volunteers to many events for the cause of persons with Down

syndrome and their families.

DSA(S) would also like to acknowledge Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK), Ms. Khoo Peng Ean and Mr. Cham Tat Jen in the making of One Friday, a buddy walk of sorts. This was a community documentary where 48 GSK staff spend one Friday with 17 host families from DSA(S). They came together to share and reflect openly the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and their families. This community documentary and its production rights were gifted to DSA(S) on 7 November 2009 with RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Acting Minister for Information, Communication and the Arts, gracing this momentous occasion.

Finally, our deep appreciation also goes out to CHIJ Secondary, a long-standing partner of DSA(S), whose Principal, teachers, students, and their families have continuously supported DSA(S) in its many initiatives and events.



Mr Ong Chin Wah  
Chairperson

# Honorary Secretary's Report

Early in 1995, a group of parents of children with Down syndrome recognized that a great need existed in Singapore to support and educate families, professionals and the public about Down syndrome. Out of a meeting held on 1 October 1995, the Down syndrome Support Group was formed. In May 1996, the group organized and hosted, with great success, the 2nd Asia Pacific

Conference on Down syndrome. The enthusiasm generated amongst parents, professionals and community members spurred the formal registration of the group as Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) in September 1996. The Association was awarded official recognition by the National Council of Social Services on 4 July 1997.

## **Patron**

Mr. Tan Soo Khoon

## **Advisors**

Dr. S. Vasoo

Dr. Balbir Singh

## **Board of Management**

Chairman

Mr. Ong Chin Wah

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Mr. Khairul Alam Bin Mohd

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Mr. Ratnasabapathy Sivanandam

Member

Ms. Han Su Ling Patricia

Member

Ms. Lia Delvia Marahusin

Member

Ms. Jean Wang

Member

Prof. Libby Cohen

Member

Mr. Lee Beng Tat, Benatt (up till November 2009)

Co-opted Member

Mrs. Monica Lim (from March 2010)

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Legal Advisor

Mrs. Christine Sekhon

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A/P Levan Lim

Children's Education

Ms. Thana Thaver

## **Affiliation/ Members**

National Council of Social Service

Asia Pacific Down Syndrome Federation

National Down Syndrome Society

Down Syndrome Education International

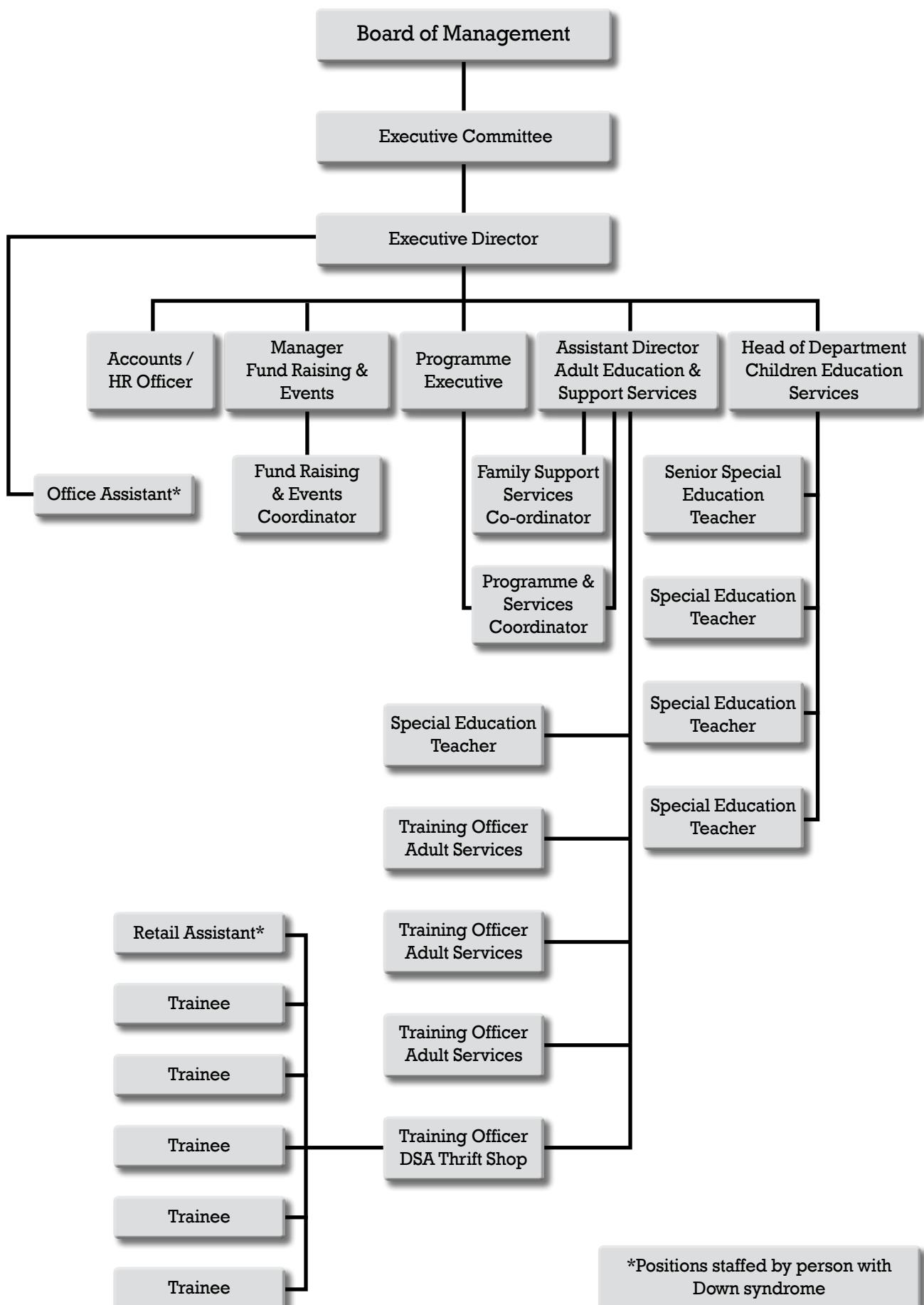
Special Olympics (Singapore)

Singapore Disability Sports Council

Down Syndrome International

Asian Federation of Mental Retardation

International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities



# DSA Staff & Instructors

## Administration

Dr Saba Iqbal	Executive Director (up till June 2010)
Fatimah BiBi Bte V Mohammad Kunhi	Accounts & HR Executive
Lau Su An	Office Assistant

## Adult Education and Support Services

Lee Yong King Moses	Assistant Director ( Education & Support Services) (redesignated to Acting Executive Director from July 2010)
Agasen Myra Nardo	Special Education Teacher
De Cruz Linda Veronica	Training Officer
Wan Noraini Bte Wan Ishak	Training Officer
Garcia Maria Theresa Quilao	Training Officer
Chin Yung Fung Amos	Training Officer
Hernie Lim Mui Yoon (Gladys)	Family Support Services Co-ordinator
Nallamah d/o Ambalavanar	Programmes & Services Co-ordinator

## Education Support Services for Children

Mithu Sen	Head of Department
Chew Peet Meng Calvin	Senior Special Education Teacher
Yong Kar Ngin David	Special Education Teacher
Thanamalar d/o Thanbalan	Special Education Teacher (from April 2010)
Tan Lee Huan Natalie	Special Education Teacher (up till April 2010)

## Fundraising & Events

Cheong Mei Ling Pauline	Fundraising & Events Manager
Ho Hui Pin Chealsea	Fundraising & Events Co-ordinator

## Programmes & Enrichment

Su Han Wei Daniel	Programmes Executive
Nallamah d/o Ambalavanar	Programmes & Services Co-ordinator

## Family Support Services

Hernie Lim Mui Yoon (Gladys)	Family Support Services Co-ordinator
Nallamah d/o Ambalavanar	Programmes & Services Co-ordinator

## Instructors / Therapists

Kavitha Krishnan, Khairul Shahrin, Zulfikar Ali	Fusion Dance
Shawn Akira Lau Kong Meng	Creative Dance
Jean Ng Li Sin & Julius Foo Jong Soon	Speech and Drama
Nanda Lourier, Gill Derbyshire & Suzanne van Duuren	Visual Arts
Tan Kim Joo & Daniel Chang Weng Keong	Bowling
Shamroz Khan & Shivaranjini Moorthy	Drums & Percussion
Chan Wei Han Aldwin	Swimming (Orientus)
SEALs Swim School	Swimming (Mt Faber)
Ng Mui Siang	Yoga
Kris Loy Shing Ching	Kindermusik
Ong Chin Wah	Computer Maths Class

## Administrative Committee

Ong Chin Wah	Lee Yong King Moses
Tan Tiong Own Roderick	Mithu Sen
Khairul Alam Bin Mohd	Cheong Mei Ling Pauline
Kan Lai Lai Monica	Su Han Wei Daniel
Dr Saba Iqbal	

## Fundraising & Events

Tan Tiong Own Roderick	Cheong Mei Ling Pauline
Ratnasabapathy Sivanandam	Ho Hui Pin Chealsea

## Programmes

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Ong Chin Wah	Garcia Maria Theresa Quilao
Kristin Van Burm	Chin Yung Fung Amos
Lee Yong King Moses	Nalla d/o Ambalavanar
Myra Agasen	Hernie Lim Mui Yoon (Gladys)
Wan Noraini Bte Wan Ishak	

## Children Education Services

Kristin Van Burm	Tan Lee Huan Natalie
Mithu Sen	Yong Kar Ngin David
Chew Peet Meng Calvin	Thanamalar d/o Thanbalan

## Family Support Services

Han Su Ling Patricia	Kan Lai Lai Monica
Kristin Van Burm	Hernie Lim Mui Yoon (Gladys)
Jean Wang	

## Corporate Communications

Jean Wang	Su Han Wei Daniel
Kristin Van Burm	Lee Beng Tat Benatt
Cheong Mei Ling Pauline	Stephen Repkin

## Social Enterprise and Open Employment

Ong Chin Wah	Tan Kim Joo
Lee Beng Tat Benatt	Lee Yong King Moses

## CHILDREN EDUCATION SERVICES

Education is the passport to greater opportunities in life. For a child with special needs, the prognosis of his/her adult life highly depends on the quality of education in his/her pre-school and ensuring schools years. A quality early intervention and education programme will lay a strong foundation for child's adult years and maximize his/her ability to:

- Live independently in the community
- Become gainfully employed
- Engage in lifelong learning
- Possess a quality life in the areas of socialization, recreation, leisure and healthcare
- Contribute to others at home and in the community

In alignment with DSA(S) mission and vision in promoting a holistic developmental approach to education for our group of young members with Down syndrome, *Children Education Services* aims to promote a range of support services and programmes. Over the past year, to foster closer working relationships to support a network of schools, students and their families, the department has expanded its current provision of services into its education programmes as:

- Integration Facilitation Support Programme
- Education Enrichment Programme
- Workshops for Teachers

### Integration Facilitation Support Programme (IFSP):

The purpose of **Integration Facilitation Support Program in Mainstream Schools (IFSP/MS)** is to support the enrollment of children with Down syndrome into mainstream pre-school and primary school. January 2010, Down Syndrome Association Singapore expanded their IFSP Programme to 7 different Mainstream Schools and extending their support to 10 different clients. DSA(S) hopes to spread its wings even further to reach out and extend their support to more clients in Primary Schools, as well as

to kindergartens and Pre-Schools. The Schools currently partnering DSA(S) for the Integration Facilitation Support Programme (IFSP) are:

- Naval Base Primary School
- Evergreen Primary school
- CHIJ (Our Lady of the Nativity) Primary School
- St Anthony's Primary School
- Fuhua Primary School
- Unity Primary School
- SJI Junior Primary School

These children with Down syndrome, enrolled in the above named Schools, follow mainstream curriculum and mainstream routine. The children need support to help them cope with the high and demanding pressure of mainstream curriculum. IFSP programme offers a three prong support to all stakeholders:

- Mainstream Schools, Mainstream Teachers, Typically developing peers
- Family raising children with Down syndrome
- Children with Down syndrome

### Support to the Mainstream Teachers and School, typically Developing Peers:

DSA(S) offers necessary tools that will help mainstream Teachers, mainstream Schools, and typically developing Peers support a child with Down syndrome in their midst by providing them with different workshops like:

- "Numeracy Development Across the Lifespan of People with Down syndrome"
- "Supporting the Special Needs Child in my Classroom"
- Advocacy Talks and Educating people about Down Syndrome and their strengths/ Weaknesses and Needs
- Strategies and providing IEP (Individualized Education Plan" for Each child
- Ongoing Evaluation and Progress Report

### Support to the Family:

DSA(S) provides the family with necessary information and connects them with different workshops, specialist services, including parent

and siblings support groups. DSA (S) provides enrichment programmes for all its clients. Parents get exposed to:

- Family Support Group (FSG) run by DSA(S), Support for the siblings, Support for adolescents, MOPS and DADS group
- Invitation to Occupational Therapist and other professional Talks for the family
- Providing opportunity for Enrichment Programmes like: Dance, Swimming, Drums, Yoga, Arts, Street Soccer, and Bowling etc.

#### **Support to the Clients:**

DSA(S) provides assistance for the child to cope with the pressure of Mainstream curriculum in these aspects: Cognitive, Emotional, Social and Behavioural and Educational goals.

- In class support: provide support to the client during lesson time sitting in class; support is also provided as a form of pull outs and one-on-one support
- Provide an Individualized Education Plan for each child and ongoing evaluation
- Sharing the Individualized Education Plan with Parents, Mainstream Teachers to maintain a

continuity in the work

- Child centered approach with all the needs in priority as short term and long term goals

#### **(Foster Independent Work and Group Work**

**- With or Without Teacher initiation): This program aims to support children with Down syndrome by providing:**

Educational Intervention, social interaction skills intervention, school based consultancy services, home based consultancy services all help to improve academic gains, social gains by improving communication skills in an integrated mainstream Education environment.

We are trying to promote and provide our clients with different skills that will be very beneficial for our clients' future growth. The skills that we focus to improve for our clients are:

#### **Memory (Improve short Term Memory, Working memory and Long Term Memory):**

One prevailing characteristic of children with Down syndrome is that of memory problems. Current literature on Down syndrome highlights that memory loss, can bring upon children and adults with Down syndrome great deficit and



*"Foster Independent Work and Group Work - With or Without Teacher initiation"*



*Promote: Independent work following written instructions*



*Promote: Group work / Play / Socialization*

has a tremendous effect on learning. During the study, the teachers have been observed to embed strategies that became routine in the classroom promoting learning through repetition and practice. Our strategies also focus to teach our clients following the same route to promote memory.

### **Speech and Language:**

Speech and language problems have been found to be quite current in majority of the students with Down syndrome within the project. The problems may be in expression - formal or informal social exchanges, articulation, fluency, etc. In order to cater to the needs of children with problems in these areas, the teachers felt that it was important to adapt both the content (what is being taught) as well as the teaching style (methods used) of everyday lessons to the level of their individual students. As a class, the overall learning objectives were planned as a whole but differentiated with adapted versions of the activities. Again our teaching style also adopted this theory with speech and language.

### **Attention Span:**

One challenge faced by the teacher in teaching their students with Down syndrome is the inability to focus on specific stimuli - attention span problems. This issue posed certain issues on the students' learning and the teachers had to use a variety of strategies to control it. Certain strategies observed to retain students' attention include removing distracting stimuli such as excessive decorations as well as limiting the amount of information on handouts to prevent overflow. Cueing attentions by using prompts such as a tap on a shoulder, a hand wave have been observed to be effective and did not interrupt the flow of a lesson. Selecting meaningful and worthwhile activities and lessons also aided with attention problems for more focus may be expected when material being taught is of interest. (e.g. incorporating the theme of the popular movie 'High School Musical' within the context of the lesson).

Successful Integration Facilitation Programme (IFSP) lead us towards conducting Education

Enrichment Programme for all our clients at DSA(s) during Christmas/ School holidays. A new development with the Education Enrichment Programme was the inclusion of the : "Société Générale Private Banking (Asia Pacific) Education Enrichment Programme".

For our clients age (7 to 16) for 12 weeks starting Wednesday September 15th 2010. This weekly education enrichment programme's main focus will be to equip our clients with practical and functional literacy and numeracy skills, mental math, reading, writing and comprehension skills, and self development skills.

### **Objective:**

This educational enrichment program aims to better equip our clients with practical and functional literacy and numeracy skills, mental math, reading, writing and comprehension skills, and self development skills. Some of the key competencies that would be acquired by the clients include the following:

- Mental math
- Reading
- Critical reading
- Comprehension
- Inferences
- Reaching educated conclusion
- Re-using the newly learnt skills to problem solve
- How to encode information from short-term memory to working memory and then retaining it into long-term memory
- Experimenting things and then writing about it
- Improving their eye, hand, and brain co-ordination
- Interacting with each other
- Getting used to different teachers with different styles
- Exploring on different styles of lesson delivery
- Hands-on learning in a fun and interactive way

The programme was open to all DSA (Singapore) members ranging from 7 to 16 years. On an

average all the enrolled clients received between 6 to 12 hours of lesson time, depending upon their number of day's enrollment. The functional and practical aspect of the programme was appreciated by our clients.

**Uniqueness of the Programme: Children in the mainstream & in the Special Schools:**

- They learn practical and functional aspect of Numeracy and Literacy skills
- They learn not only how to count money, but to go out and buy their own food and learn to manage their own money
- Learn social skills and self management skills keeping mainstream students as their role models
- Provide additional support to practice the skills that would better prepare them for future employment and independent living.

**Teacher Training Programme:**

Teacher training programme was carried out under the umbrella of IFSP (Integration Facilitation Support Programme). The main focus of this programme is to equip our mainstream teachers with necessary tools and strategies to cope with children with Down syndrome in their classroom. The training took place in the form of Workshops and daily feedbacks and being part of writing daily lessons for our clients.



## **ADULT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

The Adult Enhancement Program (AEP) is a 21st century contemporary programme targeted at young adults with intellectual disabilities who have graduated from special schools at 18 years old. It is a community integrative learning model which embraces as well as leverages on the community as a training platform. This learning model develops and nurtures its clients holistically, with a strong emphasis on self-determination and empowerment. It is a full-day program that seeks to nurture our clients to achieve the following programme key areas:

- Work Activities (Work)
- Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- Leisure Activities (Leisure)

AEP seeks to enhance the clients' skills in the above three areas so as to maximize their potential and to help them become more independent and productive in the course of their life. Clients in the program are placed in four tracks of specialization, namely Open Employment/Social Enterprise (OE/SE), Project-based, Leisure-based track, and Retail track, respectively.

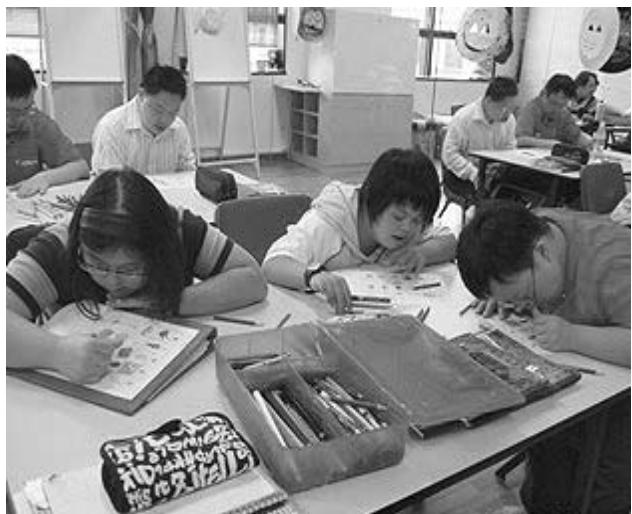
The objective of the OE/SE track is to provide open employment/social enterprise opportunities for clients through the capitalization of their

strengths and interests. Training in this track focuses on vocational, social and interaction skills for possibly between 9-12 months, before they transition to a more rigorous training platform at our social enterprises.

The objective of the Project track is to support the Social Enterprise unit in producing items for sales. The objective of the Leisure track is to enhance and facilitate socialization and interaction development among peers through recreational activities in the community. Training in this track focuses on interaction with others, participation in group activities, and engagement in self-directed leisure activity.

The objective of the Retail track is to provide social enterprise opportunities for our clients, as well as provide a training platform for more structured activities to empower our clients with the relevant vocational skills. We have grown from 6 clients in 2005 to 23 clients in the year under review, of which 8 clients are in the Open Employment/Social Enterprise (OE/SE) track, 6 clients are in the Retail track, 6 clients are in the Project track, and 3 clients are in the Leisure track. There are 20% of the clients in AEP who have transitioned to the next track.

In terms of the progress of our AEP clients, clients in each of the track have been progressively been able to learn new skills, which include caring for personal needs, managing personal finances, community mobility, interpersonal



skills, as well as the development of appropriate work habits and behavior. Specifically, 83% of clients are able to perform 1 skill learnt under their identified track, 66% of clients are able to perform 2 skills learnt, and 50% of clients are able to perform 3 skills learnt, and 40% of clients are able to sustain at least 3 of the learnt skills for at least 6 months.

Apart from functional learning, clients in AEP are also encouraged to adopt a well-balanced lifestyle through various activities such as community sports (e.g. swimming, basketball, soccer), Kid's READ, and gym sessions on a weekly basis. Other activities include weekly community learning outings to places such as the Yakult Factory, Birds Nest Factory, Fessler Gourmet Pte Ltd Factory, Crocodile Farm, Mycofarm, Nippon Koi Pte Ltd Fish Farm, Universal Studios Singapore, Snow City, Wild Wild Wet, Red Dynasty Paintball, Lilliput Mini Golf, Coin and Notes Museum, Civil Defense Museum, Air Force Museum, Changi Museum, and the Singapore City Gallery.

Clients also participate in the Visual Arts programme conducted by Ms. Gill Darbyshire and Ms. Suzanne Van Duuren as part of their enrichment.

### **Social Enterprises**

In alignment with the mission of DSA to provide opportunities for lifelong learning, social integration, as well as advocate for equal opportunities, quality of life and their contribution to society, DSA under AEP has set up a Pushcart business, Cart21, in December 2004 with assistance from Temasek Polytechnic, as well as a thriftshop, SHOP@DSA21, which is essentially a shop selling second-hand and/or donated goods in June 2008.

For the Push Cart, we have set up Cart21 at various ad-hoc events such as North East Care fair, Lotto Carpet Charity Event, Central Singapore CDC Project Include, World Down Syndrome Day 2010 at Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore Management University as well as various 93.3 road show events. In December 2009, Glaxo Smith Kline



(GSK) sponsored a cookie baking workshop at Bakerzin, where the baked cookies were sold at the GSK cafeteria the following day.

For the thriftshop, five clients from the OE/SE track have successfully transitioned to SHOP@DSA21 to undergo on-the-job training in retail operations since April 2008. In June 2009, one of the clients has been given part-time employment as a retail assistant, and 1 new client has also successfully transitioned from the OE/SE track to undergo on-the-job training at SHOP@DSA21.

There have been a number of good donation drives from various companies and institutions such as United Parcel Services, Richard-Ellis, Glaxo Smith Kline, and Singapore Management University. Since September 2009, we have also started opening the thriftshop for one evening every week to increase the customer base, as well as revenue of the thriftshop.

## Going Forward

While there has been a number of notable developments achieved during the year under review, there are a number of key challenges and initiatives in the upcoming year. They include increasing the enrolment of AEP clients to 30 by the end of 2010, further developing and sustaining SHOP@DSA21 which include aspects such as having regular good donation drives, as well as continuous marketing of the shop to

ensure its visibility. DSA is currently exploring a third social enterprise, namely, a mushroom farming initiative to serve as a new transitional platform for young adult clients with Down syndrome. In addition to the mushroom farm, DSA(S) will be offering a strategic planning session that will discuss the mushroom farm as well as other social enterprise options. This project seeks to meaningfully engage 15 clients in a mushroom farming social enterprise.

# Shop@DSA21

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Rabu : 3 petang - 7 malam

### 日常营业时间

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星期五  
上午十一点到下午三点整  
星期三  
下午三点到七点整



We sell items such as clothes, stationery, books, toys, household items, ladies accessories.

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## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

The main focus of DSA's Family Support Services (FSS) this past year has been to organise talks and workshops, to help our parents and caregivers have a better understanding of the physical and medical issues associated with Down syndrome and the impact these have upon our children's learning and development.

FSS has managed to reach out to 155 families, with a record number of 592 participants through various activities which we had organised. There were 271 participants who attended the closed support group activities, and 321 participants who attended the open support group activities.

Since January 2010, FSS has started presenting Awareness and Outreach talks to various healthcare professionals, to inform them of the developmental needs of children with Down syndrome, advice on the appropriate delivery of diagnosis to parents, prenatally or postnatally, as well as provide up-to-date information or local resources for parents with children with Down syndrome. We have to date, reached out to 82 healthcare professionals in Singapore General Hospital and Thomson Medical Centre. Similar talks will be presented at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital and Parkway East Hospital in the second half of 2010.

As much as possible, FSS has tried to provide our parents with the knowledge, coping skills and competencies required to raise a child with Down syndrome across the lifespan. Topics covered included vision issues, dental issues, challenging behaviours, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy, oral placement therapy and feeding tips etc. We had also invited speakers to address issues related to planning for their child's future, such as the Special Needs Trust Scheme, and the Mental Capacity Act.

In addition, DSA was privileged to be given the opportunity to invite overseas subject matter

experts to address relevant topics such as family support issues for parents/caregivers with children with special needs in May 2010 and the management of challenging behavior in the least restrictive way in July 2010.

### FSS Main Activities and Talks/Workshops for 2009-2010 includes:

- **Early Intervention for Children with Down syndrome**  
Speaker: Mr Vasu Govindasamy, Clinical Director, Communication for Life Pte Ltd
- **The Special Needs Trust Scheme (SNTC)**  
Speaker: Ms Lydia Tan, The Special Needs Trust Company
- **Health Issues for Adolescence & Adults with intellectual disability**  
Speaker: Dr Nicholas Lennox, The University of Queensland School of Medicine
- **The Mental Capacity Act**  
Speaker: Mr Chng Seong Huat, The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG), Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports
- **"Vision in Learning – The Link that Connects"**
- **Understanding the Importance of Vision and its Impact on Functional Performance**  
Speaker: Ms Sara Yeow, Occupational Therapist at KIDZ Pediatric Occupational Therapy Consultants Pte Ltd
- **Developing a Parent Mentor Programme**  
Speakers: Ms Faridah Ali Chang, Principal Trainer & Consultant and Mrs Veronica Lim-Lowe, Senior Social Worker/Parent Trainer Resource Trainer, Rainbow Centre Training & Consultancy
- **Oral Health Issues & Management for Persons with Down syndrome**  
Speaker: Dr H C Leong, Dental Surgeon LLP.
- **"I Can Do It! Seize Every Opportunity"**  
Speaker: Parent Ms Apple Wong

- **An Overview of Oral-Motor Therapy & its Impact on Feeding & Speech Production**  
Speaker: Ms. Renee Roy Hill, Speech & Language Pathologist, Lecturer & Author, TalkTools Innovative Therapist International, USA
  - **Hospital Awareness Talks at Singapore General Hospital and Thomson Medical Centre**
  - **Montessori for Special Needs**  
Speaker: Ms Jean K. Miller, Ph. D., Director of Training, Montessori
  - **Promoting Reading in Children**  
Speaker: Ms Jenny Lim, Vice-principal of a special needs school
  - **Family Support for Parents/Caregivers of children with Special Needs and Behaviour Problems**  
Speaker: Dr Jeffrey Chan, Senior Practitioner, Office of the Senior Practitioner, Department of Human Services, Victoria Australia
  - **DSA Annual Family Bowling Day – Organised by DADs ONLY**
  - **Numicon Workshop for Parents/Caregivers, Social Workers, Psychologist, Teachers and other Professionals**  
Trainer: Ms. Margi Leech, Numicon - New Zealand
  - **Down syndrome Medical Seminar**  
Speakers: Prof Lynne Lim, Associate Professor at Ear Nose Throat - Head Neck Surgery Department and Senior Consultant at National University Hospital, Mr. Mohd Fauzan Maideen Senior Physiotherapist, National University Hospital, Ms. Sara Yeow, Occupational Therapist, KIDZ Pediatric Occupational Therapy Consultants Pte Ltd
  - **Responsive or Restrictive: The use of medications, time out, mechanical devices & restrictive clothing for the purpose of behavioural control**  
Speaker: Mr Brent Hayward, Practice Advisor
- in the Office of the Senior Practitioner in the Department of Human Services, Victoria Australia
- **Foot related conditions in persons with Down syndrome: Presentation cum free foot assessment**  
Speaker: Dr. Jessica Tennant, Podiatrist, Orchard Clinic
  - **Integration Facilitation Support Programme (IFSP) for Children with Down syndrome in Mainstream Primary School**  
Speaker: Ms. Mithu Sen, Head of Children Services, Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)
  - **Managing Feeding Problems in Children with Down syndrome**  
Speaker: Mr Binu R. Nair, Senior Speech-Language Therapist in Early Intervention Program, Rainbow Centre
  - **Benefits of music and movement**  
Speaker: Ms. Chiat Goh, Managing Director and Founding Member of Kindermusik Asia Pte Ltd.
- Coping with the emotional and practical aspects of Down syndrome can be overwhelming for parents. Research has shown that parents benefit immensely when they meet other 'veteran' parents with children like theirs, who know firsthand about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with Down syndrome and who will be able to share what they have learned about coping with it.
- In April this year, 23 of our 'veteran' parents underwent a structured Parent Mentoring training programme which equipped them with the fundamental knowledge and skills, to be more effective supporting parent volunteers. A positive outcome of this programme was the formation of a Core group Committee. Some of the new initiatives of this Core Committee include creating a Parent Mentor profile database for more effective parent matching, updating the existing New Parent's Baby Kit and a Parent Mentors' Handbook.

FSS has also managed to revise DSA's Baby Booklet which provides new parents with up-to-date information, such as medical conditions, health checklist, parents' sharings of experiences and relevant links/websites on early intervention and other relevant resources on Down syndrome.

## **RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE**

DSA's Resource Library has a wide collection of materials on various relevant topics, which include reference books, research materials, children's books, videos and DVDs on Down syndrome, as well as related learning disabilities. The library intends to serve and inspire members

to use these resources to enhance their interest and knowledge on various topics related to Down syndrome.

Acknowledging the benefits of play for young children, we have a Toy Library for parents to borrow resources for their child with Down syndrome. These educational toys serve to encourage role playing, independence, and the development of the child's attention span, which are all critical to the child's developmental needs. There are currently over a thousand books and more than 300 toys at our centre.



*Numicon Workshop*



*A Parent's Sharing - "I Can Do It! Seize Every Opportunity!"*



*Foot Related Conditions....*



*The Special Needs Trust Scheme*



*DSA Family Bowling Day*



*Benefits of Music & Movement*

# Programmes & Enrichment

DSA provides a continuum of enrichment services and co-curricular activities for members with Down syndrome from all ages and all walks of life. These programs are based on the premise that persons with Down syndrome can attain productive, meaningful, and enhanced quality of life according to their interest, aptitudes, and abilities, within the least restrictive environment. Hence, the various programmes progressively enable the individual to fully realize his or her potential and talents apart from the academic curriculum.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### DANCE

DSA(S) progresses to provide continuity in dance practices for both the Junior Creative Dance Group and Adults Fusion Dance Ensemble, with the Fusion Dance Ensemble performing four new number together with committed volunteers Ms Rajali Rajkumar and Ms Nur Syafinaz Binte Mohamed Rafit.

#### *"Jai Ho"*

Inspired by the holly-bollywood hit Slumdog Millionaire, the dancers from the DSA Fusion Dance Ensemble first performed to the theme song entitled 'Jai Ho' at Mystique III – DSA Charity Dinner & Show 2010 in conjunction with Ms Singapore World beauty pageant. Defined as "victory" in the Hindi language, the fusion dancers depict celebration and triumph interpreted through the spirit of Bollywood dance. 'Jai Ho' was also performed at Lotto Carpets "Light up a life" Charity Carpet Auction 2010 and the 7th Asia Pacific Nurses Convention 2010. Choreographed by Khairul Shahrin and Zulfikar Ali from Apsara Asia.



#### *"Britney Medley"*

From jazz to hip hop and a show of acrobatic flexibility, the dancers enthralled the audiences with their dance moves with a taste of rhythmic gymnastics to the ever popular sounds of Britney Spears and her latest album Circus. 'Britney Medley' was performed as a second item of the evening at Mystique III – DSA Charity Dinner & Show 2010 in conjunction with Ms Singapore World beauty pageant. It was also performed at 'Colours' South East CDC Arts Festival 2010. Choreographed by Zulfikar Ali from Apsara Asia.



#### *"I know you want a Thrill"*

Making a tribute to the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, the fusion dancers thrilled the audiences at 'Fright Night' WRS (Wildlife Reserves) Docents Dinner 2009 at Singapore Zoological Gardens through the night with the all time favourite hit "Thriller", ending with a groove as a twist. Choreographed by Zulfikar Ali from Apsara Asia.



*"I've got a Feelin'!"*

"I've got a feeling (Woohoo) that tonight's gonna be a good night!" The fusion dancers groove to the catchy upbeat tune from the Black Eyed Peas and energised hundreds of participants for the DSA Charity Walk 2010 in commemoration of World Down Syndrome Day with an exciting warm up routine. The fusion dancers also performed an enhanced routine on the same day, braving the rain in the spirit of professionalism and gave a rousing performance. Choreographed by Khairul Shahrin from Apsara Asia.



## DRUM PRODIGY & PERCUSSION

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) kicked off Drums & Percussions lessons in March 2009, along with a group of enthusiastic drummers from DSA. The programme continues to bring joy, enthusiasm and musical creativity in the drummers, enhancing their overall quality of life. The Drumming Lessons emphasizes on hand techniques, basic drum techniques, drum rudiments, speed and endurance, practice routines and playing at different tempos.



*"Nature's Heartbeat"*

DSA Drums & Percussion Ensemble first debuted at Lotto Carpets "Light up a life" Charity Carpet Auction 2010 with item 'Nature's Heartbeat', which depicts the feel for Mother Nature and unity through the beats of drumming. The item was also performed at DSA Charity Walk 2010 in commemoration of World Down Syndrome Day, along with an enhanced version titled "Nature's Heartbeat II" which features more solos from each individual drummer.

The item wowed audiences from the community of Ang Mo Kio as well when the drummers gave a rhythmic beat to the evening and encouraged audiences to clap along at CDC Extraordinary Clap! 2010. The drums ensemble also performed a special item "Mystical Nature" at Nambikkai Natchatiranggal Musical Nite 2010 organised by Seven Rhythms Productions.



*"Even a Heart has A Beat" - Shamroz Khan and Shivaranjini Moorthy (Shisha Productions)*

# Programmes & Enrichment

## SPEECH & DRAMA

DSA Speech & Drama classes are in the 8th glorious year and the continual objective is to employ Drama as an educational tool to facilitate students' physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. Through theatre games and exercises, stories and re-enactment, music and movement, the Speech and Drama lessons hope to bring out the creativity of each participant. In the course of the work, there is also an emphasis on the need for teamwork and co-operation, for instance waiting for your turn, sharing your props etc.

This year, the first group on Saturdays has welcomed a number of new and younger participants. It is great to start new journeys with the new participants while some older participants progressed on further. The adults group on Tuesdays continues strongly with a lot of focus on tackling full-length drama scripts this year.

In August 2010, Jean and Julius were invited to give a talk at Celebrate Drama organized by the Singapore Drama Educators' Association about the Drama work that is being done at DSA. The talk went very successfully and served to inform the interested public about how drama can be used as an educational tool for people with special needs with the DSA model as an example.

*Jean Ng & Julius Foo*



## VISUAL ARTS

Arts enable members to express themselves and experience the pleasure of creating and communicating through their own unique artwork. DSA Visual Arts welcomes a new teacher, Ms Suzanne van Duuren, together with Ms Gill Darbyshire and Nanda Lourier. The program aims to provide a comfortable, happy, fun, supportive and inclusive environment in which clients can experience and enjoy the creative process. Using diverse materials and contexts, our goal is to discover what motivates each client, foster individual creativity, facilitate the development of new skills and provide new experiences. Through their participation in this process clients discover their own strengths and develop their unique artistic styles through which they express their personalities and communicate their ideas and their individual world view.

Some of the guided projects in the past year include painting to music, discovering art from around the world such as Australian Aboriginal and African art, learning to draw the human face and body, designing and painting t-shirts for the Buddy Walk in March.





## KID'S READ

Kid's READ reading programme encompasses dynamic reading activities and parents of members participating in the programme had observed improvements in aspects of pronunciation, verbalization and social communication in their child. The group sessions are conducted at Bishan Library and DSA Bishan Centre, together with volunteer groups, each taking turns to facilitate the group.



## YOGA & WELLNESS

DSA has started yoga sessions for children with Down syndrome in October 2008. Yoga sessions are facilitated by Mui Siang and her team who have undergone Yoga Therapy training. The program comprises a selection of yoga exercises benefiting children with learning and developmental disabilities. These exercises help to stimulate physical coordination, mental clarity and social development in special children.

The programme explores integrated series of balanced Yoga poses to increase body awareness, strength and flexibility. Also, specialized breathing exercises and relaxation techniques help to improve concentration and reduce hyperactivity.

Clients also contributed a number of pieces of abstract art to the "Labyrinth Exhibition" in November 2009, organized by The Artichoke.

Some of the art pieces produced by clients have been gifted or auctioned at the various charity events and it's great for the artists to see their work honoured in this way.

*(Photos of arts lessons courtesy of Ms Cheryl Phyllis)*

## KINDERMUSIK

Kindermusik's curriculum covers the aspects of education, musicality and creativity in the younger members of DSA, ages 7 years and below. For the past year, Kris Loy from kindermusik has been conducting sessions such as Family time theme "Make way for Music", "Movin & Groovin", Village "Dew Drops", "Dream Pillow", "Feathers", "Cock-adoodle-Moo!" which fosters and nurtures parental and family bonding through the course of sessions.

## BOWLING

DSA bowling programme introduced a new bowling coach in 2008, Mr Daniel Chang, who is a coach with Singapore Bowling Federation and member of the Singapore Recreation Club. Together with veteran DSA bowling coach, Mr Tan Kim Joo, they diligently train bowlers on the various skills and aspects of bowling. DSA held its 4th Charity Bowl Competition on 15 August 2009 at SAFRA Mt Faber with great success.



Collaborating with the Airline Club of Singapore in the fourth year running, twenty-nine members of DSA had great moments bowling together with sponsors. The champion team was from Singapore Airlines Team, together with DSA bowler Alan Yeo.

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the enthusiastic support from CB Richard Ellis Pte Ltd, Conan Wu & Associates Pte Ltd, Emirates, Nestle Singapore Pte Ltd, National Service Resort & Country Club, Pacific Arena Pte Ltd, Peninsular Excelsior Hotel, SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club, Silkair (S) Pte Ltd, Singapore Airlines Limited, Singapore Disability Sports Council, Singapore Petroleum Company Limited, Singapore Recreation Club, The National Forwarder (Singapore) Pte Ltd, UPS Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and Mr. Xavier Lim.

DSA Bowlers had also participated in the various competitions, notably the 5th National Disability League 2010 and SBF BOWLinks Bimonthly Bowling Challenge.

## **SPORTS**

DSA continues to engage and enrich the lives of our members through participation in other sports. Swimming lessons provided at SAFRA Mt Faber and Orientus Resort continue to train swimmers in the group on a beginners and intermediate level.

## **COMPUTER MATHS CLASS**

With the acquisition of new notebooks and software programmes, the computer maths class has expanded into beginners and advance group with a total of 19 members in the Sunday lessons. Lessons are taught by teacher, Mr Ong Chin Wah, providing continuity in learning the elements of mathematical skills and improving their cognitive abilities through interactive mathematics software.

## **AD-HOC PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES**

DSA(S) collaborates with various groups of volunteers to organize activities with members in efforts to promote social integration, interaction, awareness and community bonding.

Staff volunteers from Abbott Laboratories Singapore introduced science in a fun way to members through "Family Science" at Science Centre in March 2010. Adult volunteers from DENSO organized a movie outing "Mr Fantastic Fox" with members to Golden Village in November 2009. Adult volunteers from Singapore Cricket Club, Singapore Indian Association and Friven & Co Pte Ltd organized Christmas Party with members on different occasions in December 2009. Youth volunteers from Riverlife Church group organized a fun Kite Flying Escapade at Marina Barrage with members in June 2010.



*Student volunteers from NUS Basketball Club conducted a Basketball Workshop in Dec 2009.*



*Student volunteers from Singapore Polytechnic organized a "Musical Gathering" Party during holidays in March 2010.*



*Adult volunteers from Victory Family Centre organized a wonderful Mid-Autumn Festival Party in September 2009 and Chinese New Year Gathering in February 2010.*



*Adult volunteers from Discovery Asia organizes a terrific outing to the Singapore Zoological Gardens in July 2009.*



*Student volunteers from Tanjong Katong Primary School, along with youth student mentors from Singapore Polytechnic collaborates to celebrate a fun-loving Children's Day with members in October 2009.*



*Student volunteers from ITE College West (Clementi) organized a warming Christmas Celebration in November 2009.*

## **Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on DSA**

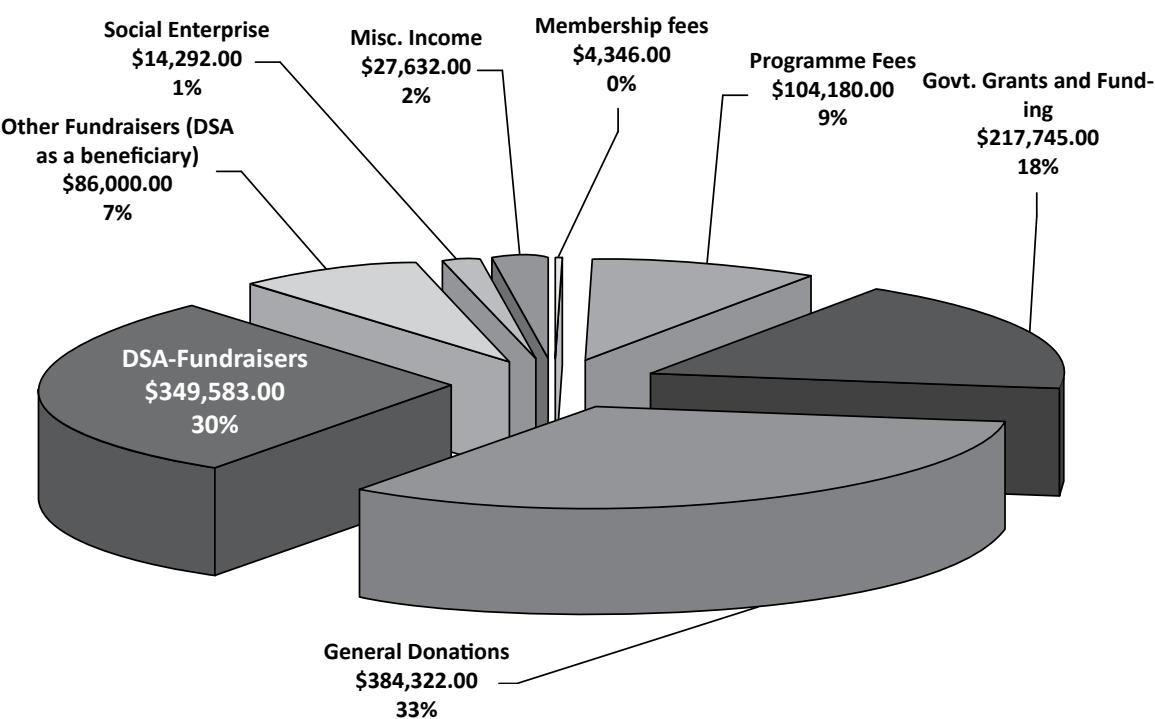
"Singapore out of Recession" was the headline in a local paper sometime in October 2009. With this upbeat sentiment, forecasts for growth estimates and the GDP were revised upwards. Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) [DSA] hopes that this will augur well for our fund raising for the coming financial year. The financial year June 2009 to July 2010, which we are reporting, had taken quite a beating with drop in donation from all avenues of fundraising.

Nonetheless, DSA persevered to raise funds to meet its monthly operational costs, and at times dipping into our meager reserves, so as to ensure continuity of our programmes and services provided for children and adults with Down syndrome.

In the year under review, from all avenues of fundraising (including general donations), collection of programme and membership fees, funding, income from DSA's Social Enterprise and other miscellaneous income, DSA collectively

raised a total of \$1,188,100 by the end of the financial year in July 2010. We barely managed to meet our operational costs and just posted a small balance surplus of \$45,432. DSA's expenditure for the financial year of 2009/2010 reached \$1,142,668. The chart below shows the breakdown of the streams of income received by DSA.

As seen from the chart below, the bulk of the funds received were from general donations, which amounted to 33% of total funds raised and DSA-organised fundraisers which came up to 30% of total funds raised. Almost half of the governments grants and funding received by DSA were from the Tote Board for DSA fundraisers. These fundraisers consisted of signature fundraisers of DSA including Mystique Charity Gala Dinner and Charity Bowl as well as a pledgecard drive held during the 2010 World Down Syndrome Day. A new fundraiser of DSA launched last year, the DSA Charity Movie Preview of "The Storm Warriors", proved to be a success bringing in \$106,670 (gross) in funds raised. With this initial success, DSA will continue to organize and include the DSA Charity Movie Screening into its annual fundraising calendar.



In comparison to FY 2009/2010, DSA received almost \$1.63 million in funds raised, collection of fees, income from DSA's Social Enterprise and other miscellaneous income in FY 2008/2009. A comparison is illustrated in the chart below on the fundraising efforts and receivables.

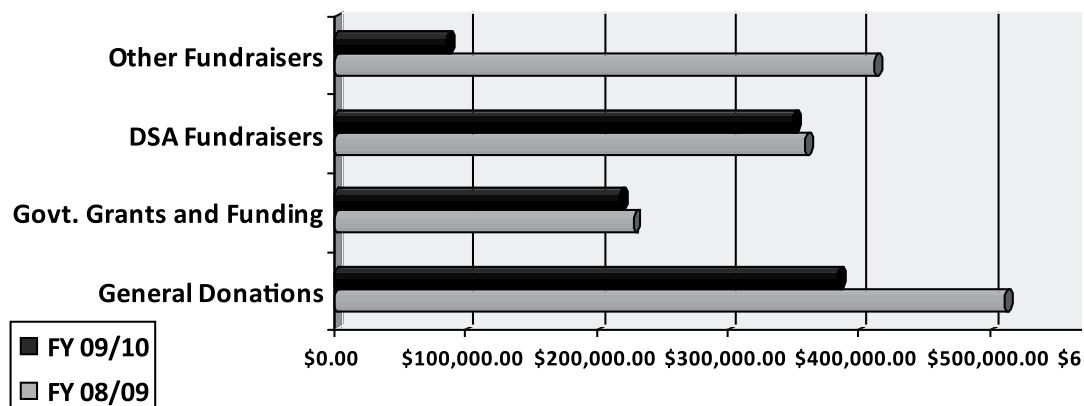
As reflected in the chart below, a drop in every category of fundraising was recorded. The highest decrease came from 'Other Fundraisers' – fundraisers organized by schools, companies, associations which selected DSA as the beneficiary. DSA is extremely grateful for the unstinting support and contribution in a very tough economic conditions especially from the following donors for the year: Singapore Turf Club and Singapore Tote Board, Central Singapore Community Development Council, Citispa, Lotto Carpets, Mind Edge Pte Ltd, Catholic Junior College, Friends of Golf and Marie France Bodyline. Individuals too, stepped forward to do what they could for DSA by participating in marathons to raise funds for DSA.

### Moving Forward

DSA continues to look into innovative ways to bring in funds into DSA. We welcome suggestions

from our members and contributing partners for new and creative ways to raise funds. You can also share your experiences with DSA with your friends and business partners and encourage them to join the "DSA Family".

DSA continues to strive to deliver affordable, cost effective programmes and services regardless of the financial outlook. Growing demand for our services is evident through the increase in enrollment rates across all programmes. New services and programmes are also being developed to cater to the varying needs of DSA's membership base from new-born infants, to adolescence, to adults in their 40's, and their parents/caregivers. With this growing demand, DSA's operational costs are expected to increase. DSA hence hopes that the support from current donors and volunteers remain, and that potential donors who value our cause would come forward to contribute their time, service or funds so that children and adults with Down syndrome and their families are able to have a better tomorrow in an inclusive Singapore.



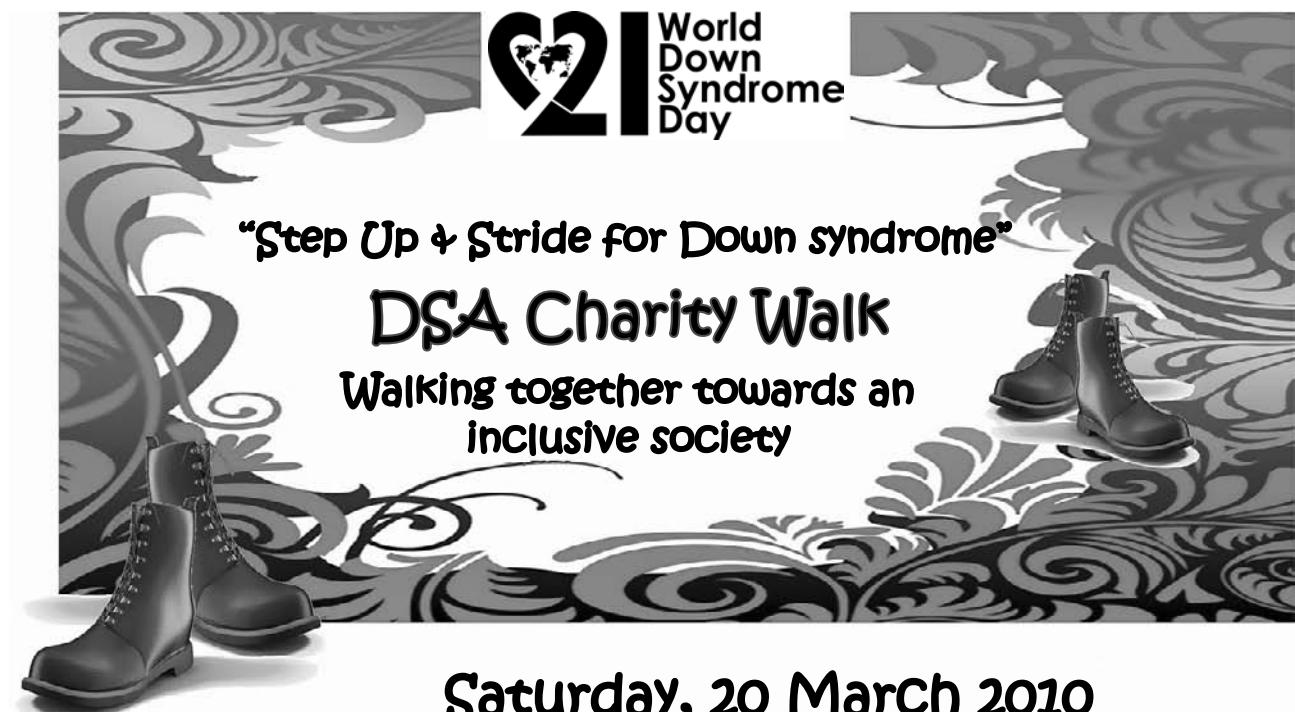


**"Step Up & Stride for Down syndrome"**

## **DSA Charity Walk**

**Walking together towards an inclusive society**

**Saturday, 20 March 2010  
Temasek Polytechnic**



World Down Syndrome Day has been celebrated every year for the past 5 years to deepen awareness of the condition and foster acceptance of persons with Down syndrome in our community, workplaces, and schools around us. It is a day to remind us that as people, we are all different and unique in our own right.

World Down Syndrome Day continues to be celebrated by more countries, with over 26 countries around the world celebrating it this year.

From Australia to Austria, Kenya to Puerto Rico, USA to Singapore, countries across all the continents celebrated World Down Syndrome Day and commemorated persons with Down syndrome on 21st March with the common objective of

heightening awareness of Down syndrome in their local communities and embracing people of different abilities, integrating them into our everyday life.

World Down Syndrome Day 2010 was celebrated in Singapore with a DSA Charity Walk aptly entitled "Step Up & Stride for Down syndrome" with the theme of "Walking Together Towards an Inclusive Community".

The DSA Charity Walk 2010's main objective is to raise the awareness and educate the public about Down syndrome. To this end, awareness talks were held in many participating schools before World Down Syndrome Day and the outreach numbered over 2200 people, mainly teachers and students.

## **DSA Charity Walk 2010**

### **Step Up and Stride for Down syndrome**

#### **In commemoration of World Down Syndrome Day 2010**

The main highlight for DSA (Singapore) was a Charity Walk, of about 2.6Km, starting from Temasek Polytechnic, winding around the scenic and often shaded Bedok Reservoir Park and back to the starting point again.

Despite overcast skies threatening rain, the "Step Up for Down syndrome" Charity Walk proceeded on an enthusiastic note. In a strong show of support, almost 1000 participants arrived at Temasek Polytechnic for the event. With an atmosphere that was buzzing with excitement, the participants warmly welcomed the Guests of Honour for the event, Mr Terry O'Connor, then President of the British Chamber of Commerce, and his wife, Janice. In spite of a persistent drizzle, the invited guests and participants, took to the field in a massive Warm Up Dance led by the Fusion Dance Ensemble of DSA (Singapore).

Dotting the field in their colourful, goodie-bag issued ponchos, the participants bravely proceeded with the Walk, determined to complete it. The rain, although a small challenge, was a juxtaposition of the parallels of the lives that persons with Down syndrome and their families lead; a path strewn with obstacles along the way. However, the fortitude of the participants to complete the walk also demonstrates the willingness of the community to support and accept people who may be different, namely, persons who have Down syndrome.

Participants who returned from the walk were treated to lunch, performances by the DSA Fusion Dance Ensemble, DSA Percussion Ensemble, St Patrick's School, Assumption Pathway School and APSN's student – John Chan. Persons with Down syndrome also played various traditional games such as hopscotch and limbo rock among others that were organized for them by students from various schools.

There were also awareness games on Down syndrome that piqued the interest of the participants with prizes for participation. The most popular stalls that attracted the participants included stalls selling popcorn and candy floss along with face painting and henna. All in all, it was an enjoyable day and experience for most participants, some of whom had never encountered a person with Down syndrome before.

Through this event, almost \$70,000 was raised through pledgecards distributed to the participants of the Walk prior to the event. The donations received will be directed towards generating further awareness of Down syndrome as well as benefitting the children and adults with Down syndrome who attend DSA's Educational and Enrichment Programmes. Special thanks to the sponsors, emcees, venue and media partners, participants and most of all, the persons with Down syndrome and their families for participating in a memorable World Down Syndrome Day.

Down Syndrome International (DSI) is a federation of national organizations and individuals committed to ensuring the quality of life and human rights for all people with Down syndrome. DSI exists to advance the interests of individuals with Down syndrome and those involved in their care, education, and support throughout the world.

DSI achieves these goals through facilitating various activities, which include World Down Syndrome day (21 March 2010) and the triennial World Down syndrome Congress, the development of infrastructure advice and support for developing countries, supporting on-site assessment of resources, organizational and social needs by a team of specialists.

The year under review has been an eventful year for DSI, and Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) (DSA) who has played a significant role, and has actively contributed much over the last 10 years in various activities such as organizing the 4th World Down Syndrome Congress , the Inaugural World Down Syndrome Day , hosting the World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) website as well as functioning as its Secretariat, which are managed very efficiently by Ms. Kristin Van Burn, Dr. Saba Iqbal and Ms. Pauline Cheong. DSI acknowledges and appreciates these contributions by DSA.

A new Code of Governance to support DSI's Articles of Association is in place. It is a wholesome document, which much credit to go to DSI's Manager – Mr. Andrew Boys. 14 trustees were elected, whose members include Ms Kristin Van Burn and Dr Balbir Singh. The appointed trustees are governed by the Charity Commission Charter, and perform as Directors at the UK Companies House. Mrs Penny Robertson was elected as Chair of Trustees and Dr Balbir Singh was elected as Vice-Chair. Both Penny and Balbir were also conferred the President's Special Recognition Award for a lifetime's contribution to Down syndrome advocacy.

A Scientific Advisory Committee comprising leading professional in the Down syndrome arena, to provide expert advice has also been set up. The Board of DSI has also identified the principal objectives of the organisation and has formulated a 5 Year Plan to achieve these objectives. Please refer to the link below for more details.

Former Formula One Race Champion Damon Hill and his wife, Georgine, have been appointed DSI's Patrons. Damon and Georgine have a son, Oliver who has Down syndrome. Both of them were supportive of DSA and attended the F1 Gala Balls in Singapore in 2008 and 2009 which were fund raising events for DSA.

DSI was well represented at the 2nd International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (IASSID) Asia Pacific Congress in June 2009, where the Down Syndrome Special Interest Research Group (SIRG) was established and a meeting convened.

**OUTREACH by DSI:** Following with the successful outreach study and intervention done in Libya along with the BG Group in 2007, Mrs Penny Robertson conducted a needs analysis in Ecuador in 2010, on request. The visit and findings were thought provoking and a great learning experience for all. The recommendations from this visit will be an integral part of Ecuador's plans to set up a Foundation.

**World Down Syndrome Congress (WDSC) August 2009:** Ms Jaspreet Sekhon was invited to attend and participate at the 1st International Synod of people with Down syndrome in Dublin, Ireland. It was a rich, interactive learning experience with a global attendance and also an honour for Singapore to represent DSI at the inauguration. The next World Down Syndrome Congress (WDSC) will be in Cape Town, South Africa in August 2012. Please refer to the link below for more details.

Dr. Balbir Singh PBM  
Vice-Chair of Trustees & Directors,  
Down Syndrome International & Past President (DSI)  
Advisor & Founding Chairman,  
Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)  
Member, Special Needs Trust Company, Singapore

#### List of relevant links

11 World Syndrome Congress  
[http://www.ds-int.org/events/wdsc/11th\\_wdsc](http://www.ds-int.org/events/wdsc/11th_wdsc)

DSI Mission and 5 Year Plan  
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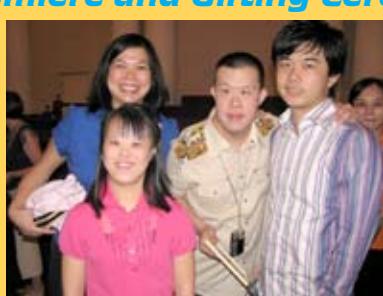
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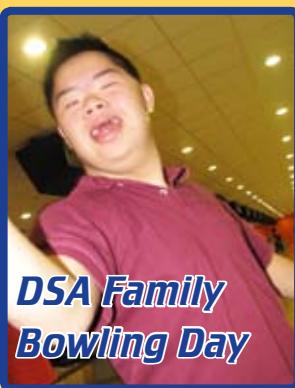




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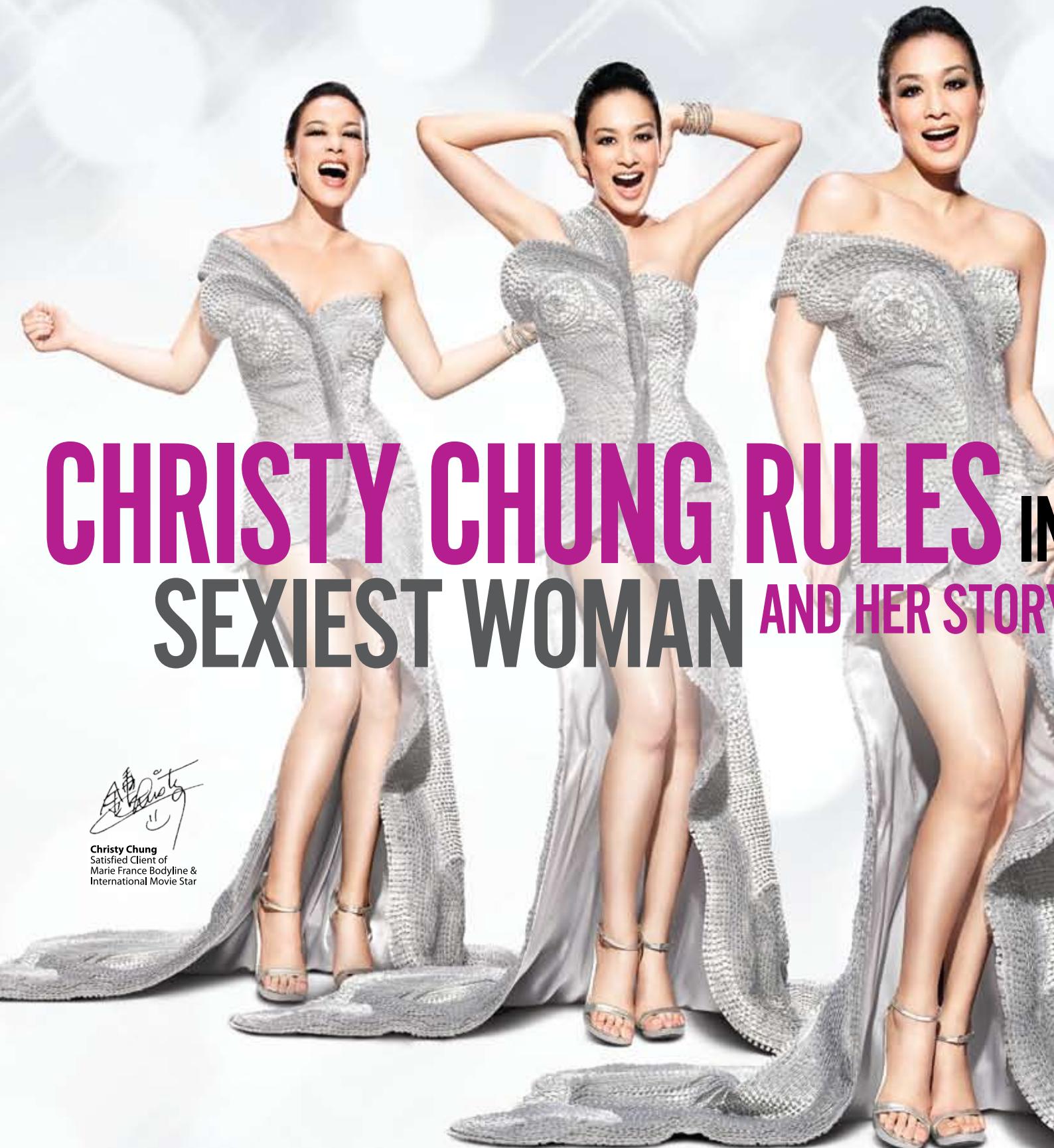
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56	Mrs	Maria Yustina Tjandrasari	08/0707				
57	Mdm	Mary Hon Yoke Cheng	06/0616/02				
58	Mdm	Mira Yoon	09/0760				
59	Mr	Ng Pak Siong David	09/0824				
60	Mrs	Nicci Millar	10/0894				
61	Mdm	Ong Bernadette May	10/0875				
62	Mdm	Ong Yin Yin	10/0858				
63	Mrs	Peggy Ong	10/0852				
64	Mdm	Poh Hui Ying Lydia	09/0817				
65	Mdm	Rafiyah Bte Wahab	03/0486				
66	Mr	Rajkumar Rajagopal	02/0411				
67	Mr	Raveen Pillai	08/0709				
68	Mr	Rizwaan Ahamed Marican	07/0675				
69	Mr	Saranpal Khaira Singh	03/0480				
70	Ms	Satwant Kaur Khaira	03/0481				
71	Mr	Seet Yan Xing, Alex	06/0624				
72	Ms	Shahul Hameed Barak Kathnisha	09/0830				
73	Mrs	Sherlyn Wong	09/0798				
74	Mr	Shu Sakashita	09/0807				
75	Mdm	Sim Ah Bee Ivy	10/0884				
76	Mr	Sng Ye Qin	07/0658				
77	Mr	Soh Chong Seng Johnson	97/0104				
78	Mdm	Soh Chuey Li Adeline	05/0534				

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS			
S/No	Title	Name	Member ID
1	Mr	Aaron James Yap Jin Hui	07/0676
2	Mr	Alhamdu Bin An'am	06/0631
3	Mr	Ang Chia Kai	08/0723
4	Ms	Ang Kai Lin	10/0892
5	Ms	Angie Ng Hui Bin	09/0825
6	Mr	Aqid Shahrudin Bin Daud	09/0823
7	Ms	Arshiyya Fathima d/o Shahul Hameed	09/0835
8	Mr	Cai Chen Xi Allan	09/0838
9	Ms	Chan Shu Yi	08/0727
10	Mr	Chan Yong Ze Chlive	09/0810
11	Ms	Chan Yun Xin	06/0590
12	Ms	Chan Yun Xuan	05/0546
13	Mr	Cheng Ching Kang	05/0535
14	Mr	Cheng Jia Zhe Jayden	10/0879
15	Ms	Chin Mei Amanda	02/0408
16	Mr	Chin Yi Wei	08/0708
17	Mr	Choo Jun Wei	08/0716
18	Mr	Chua Chee Han	08/0735
19	Mr	Chua Si Hui	07/0701
20	Ms	Elizabeth Joy Tham Si Ying	10/0865
21	Mr	Eugene Selva Rasaiah	09/0759
22	Mr	Foo Yi Ren Gideon	09/0836
23	Ms	Furtado Carmelina Sonia	01/0339
24	Ms	Goek Hui Si Grace	09/0751
25	Ms	Goek Hui Xue Michelle	05/0553
26	Mr	Goh Jia Chun Shawn	09/0837
27	Ms	Goh Jia Yun	10/0857
28	Mr	Goh Jiang Ker	99/0245
29	Ms	Goh Shai Fern Clare Elizabeth	09/0761
30	Ms	Grace Marie Lee	09/0795/01

31	Ms	Hana Dnial Mok	07/0686	87	Mr	Tan Zhi Wei Bryan Samuel	01/0370	
32	Mr	Hui Chen Fung Joshua	07/0700	88	Ms	Tan Zi Hui Gabrielle	09/0778	
33	Ms	Janelle Lee Hui	07/0679	89	Mr	Tan Zi Yi Christian	10/0881	
34	Mr	Jherel Gift D. Nova	08/0710	90	Mr	Tay De Sheng John	09/0756	
35	Mr	John Gan Oon Chuan	07/0704	91	Mr	Tay Kai Yang	10/0880	
36	Mr	Joseph Wu Jun Yew	06/0616/01	92	Ms	Teng Sok Sin	05/0560	
37	Ms	Khanal Kokila	06/0579	93	Ms	Teo Shui Shann	06/0606	
38	Mr	Khanal Reuben	05/0547	94	Mr	Teo Xuan He	08/0732	
39	Mr	Koh Ci Ming	08/0717	95	Ms	Teo Yi Yun Samantha	00/0283	
40	Ms	Koh Sze Chyi	04/0496	96	Ms	Teoh Li-Ann	05/0548	
41	Ms	Koh Sze Yen	04/0497	97	Mr	Toh Wei Kang Hansel	00/0316	
42	Mr	Koh Wen Xun	08/0725	98	Mr	Toh Wei Yang	00/0318	
43	Mr	Lee En Ci Samuel	03/0465	99	Ms	Toi Hsieh Hui Joanne	08/0743	
44	Mr	Lee Meng Tat Raymond	09/0809	100	Mr	Wee Hong Zhe Kyle	09/0775	
45	Ms	Lee Wei Ling Sarah	03/0442	101	Mr	Wong Jo Wayne Benjamin	10/0871	
46	Mr	Lee Xuan Yu	09/0754	102	Mr	Xenia Cariza Carvalho	08/0712	
47	Ms	Lee Zhi Yan Michelle	01/0374	103	Mr	Yap Wei Hern Ryan	08/0748	
48	Mr	Lew Ying Yi Jonathan	09/0786	104	Mr	Yeo Kai Jie Eugene	10/0878	
49	Ms	Lim Ai Chinn	05/0562	105	Ms	Yeo Wei Xuan	05/0542	
50	Mr	Lim Jun Han Lleyton	05/0537	106	Mr	Yik Yao Teng Bryan	10/0872	
51	Mr	Lim Kian Say	05/0552	107	Mr	Yuto Takeshima	07/0640	
52	Ms	Lim Li Jun Nadine	07/0672					
53	Mr	Lim Liang Jin Eugene	09/0808					
54	Mr	Lim Ming Hui	10/0843					
55	Ms	Lim Ming Jie Marianne	10/0888					
56	Mr	Lim Ri Sheng Louis	01/0367					
57	Mr	Lim Thye Ann	08/0728					
58	Mr	Lu Qijun Tyler	07/0641					
59	Mr	Lu Tian Wei	10/0854					
60	Mr	Michael Paul Tang Zhen Hong	08/0724					
61	Mr	Muhd Badrul Hafyz	05/0555					
62	Mr	Muhd Nurhalis Lim	08/0729					
63	Mr	Mui Wai Choon	09/0774					
64	Ms	Nadhrah Binte Daud	04/0506					
65	Mr	Ng Jun Ming Bryan	02/0415					
66	Ms	Ng Kai Li	06/0598					
67	Ms	Ng Li Shan	10/0842					
68	Mr	Ng Qing Kai Zach	04/0521					
69	Ms	Ng Xin Yao	07/0650					
70	Ms	Nur Hanis Bte Mohd Nazarudin	03/0487					
71	Mr	Oh Jia Xing	10/0840					
72	Mr	Ong Guo Sheng Victor	10/0853					
73	Ms	Ong Kye Ting	97/0198					
74	Ms	Ovinis Theresa Ann	05/0549					
75	Mr	Parekh Zubin	00/0303					
76	Mr	Phua Yu En Joseph	05/0539					
77	Ms	Rajkumar Arassi Maria	02/0411/1					
78	Ms	Rajkumar Rajali Maria	02/0411/2					
79	Mr	Sit Willson	10/0851					
80	Ms	Sophie-Anne Lim	08/0730					
81	Mr	Tan Jia Rong Marcus	04/0514					
82	Mr	Tan Jun Hao Joshua	07/0649					
83	Mr	Tan Jun Keat	09/0813					
84	Mr	Tan Kai En Shawn	07/0682					
85	Mr	Tan Yeong Qiang David	03/0489					
86	Mr	Tan Zhi Bang Kenneth	05/0569					

**FAMILY MEMBERS**

S/No	Title	Name	Member ID
1	Mr	Wong Ling Zheng Brandon	00/0299
	Mdm	Loh Mee Chun Doreen	00/0299/01
	Ms	Wong Li Ting Kerin	00/0299/02
	Mdm	Hui Chee Har Doris	00/0299/03
2	Mr	Ho Meng Huat Philip	01/0334
	Ms	Ho Zhi Xin Carolyn	01/0334/1
	Mdm	Han Su-Ling Patricia	01/0334/2
	Mr	Ho Zhi Qiang Luke	01/0334/3
3	Mr	Lee Siew Kuan Francis	01/0343
	Mr	Lee Shi Xin	01/0343/1
	Mdm	Tan Lee Meng Vivian	01/0343/2
	Mr	Lee Wan Xiang	01/0343/3
	Mr	Lee Zhao Yong	01/0343/4
4	Mrs	Crawford Laurel	04/0492
	Ms	Crawford Lily	04/0492/1
	Ms	Crawford Eve	04/0492/2
	Ms	Crawford Juliet	04/0492/3
	Mr	Crawford Mark	04/0492/4
5	Mr	Cheung Chak Shi Hardy	06/0585
	Ms	Cheung Seok Yee Lynette	06/0585/1
	Mdm	Chan Soo Chung	06/0585/2
	Mr	Cheung Cheong Chi Alexander	06/0585/3
	Ms	Cheung Seok Yan Sandra	06/0585/4
6	Ms	Monica Lim	07/0642
	Ms	Marie Ann Lim Rui Yan	07/0642/1
	Mr	Mark Lim	07/0642/2
	Ms	Victoria Ann Lim	07/0642/3
	Mr	Timothy James Lim	07/0642/4
7	Mr	S. Iswaran	07/0653
	Mr	Sanjay Robert Iswaran	07/0653/1
	Ms	Monisha C Iswaran	07/0653/2
	Mr	Krishan Z Iswaran	07/0653/3

# Membership

8	Mr	Lai Wen Kai Caleb	08/0747		Ms	Ho Rui Xin Linette	10/0845/03
	Mr	Lai Szu Ann Derrick	08/0747/01		Mdm	Law Mui Hong Marianne	10/0845/04
	Mdm	Lui Cheng Cheng	08/0747/02	21	Mr	Lim Wee Leng Jeffrey	10/0846
	Mr	Lai Wen Le Joel	08/0747/03		Ms	Lim Li Xuan Lecia	10/0846/01
	Mdm	Lee Soh Mui	08/0747/04		Mr	Lim Su Fen Yvonne	10/0846/02
9	Mrs	Mari Freida Aguila Guerzon-David	09/0752		Mrs	Lim Su Fen Yvonne	10/0846/03
	Mr	Gerard Lorenzo GuerzonDavid	09/0752/01	22	Ms	Lim Li En Leanne	10/0846/04
	Mr	Wenceslao Teddy Sison David	09/0752/02		Mrs	Niamh Clifford	10/0847
	Ms	Lolita Leddigario Dela Pena	09/0752/03		Mr	John Clifford	10/0847/01
	Mdm	Rose Marie Aguila Guerzon	09/0752/04		Ms	Laura Clifford	10/0847/02
10	Mdm	Lo Yoke Hwa Penny	09/0764		Mr	Colm Clifford	10/0847/03
	Mr	Lin Ziyou Patrick	09/0764/01	23	Mr	Darragh Clifford	10/0847/04
	Mr	Lim Tock Han	09/0764/02		Mr	Ang Si Eeng	10/0848
	Mr	Lin Zihui Anastasia	09/0764/03		Ms	Ang Ern Shan	10/0848/01
11	Mdm	Norliza Bte Rolan	09/0777	24	Mr	Ng Sok Peng	10/0848/02
	Mr	Wasif Aniq	09/0777/01		Mr	Tan Soon Seng Christopher	10/0855
	Mr	Ahsanul Kalam	09/0777/02		Mr	Tan Jun Kai Dominic	10/0855/01
	Mr	Wafi Ammar	09/0777/03		Mdm	Ee Pei Shan	10/0855/02
	Mr	Wabil Arfan	09/0777/04	25	Mr	Tan Kai Wen Ignatius	10/0855/03
12	Mr	Shane Savio Syed	09/0783		Mr	Peng Beng Tian	10/0856
	Mr	Schenan Syed	09/0783/01		Mr	Peng Kai En Erza	10/0856/01
	Mdm	Charmaine Athaide	09/0783/02	26	Mdm	An Siew Cuang	10/0856/02
	Mr	Shaneeq Syed	09/0783/03		Mrs	Barbara Walters	10/0866
13	Mr	Hew Yin Foh	09/0789		Ms	Millie D/O Roziah Bte Supah	10/0866/01
	Ms	Hew Hui Min	09/0789/01		Mr	David Walters	10/0866/02
	Mdm	Choo Yit Lai	09/0789/02		Ms	Elizabeth Walters	10/0866/03
	Ms	Hew Shi Min	09/0789/03	27	Ms	Katie Walters	10/0866/04
14	Mr	Wong Wei Kiong	09/0792		Mrs	Lee Hui Ling Caslin	10/0869
	Mr	Wong Xin Yeung Bryan	09/0792/01		Mr	Joshua Lee Cheet	10/0869/01
	Mdm	Chonthicha Kantawanitchakool	09/0792/02		Mr	Eugene Lee	10/0869/02
	Ms	Wong Xin Yee Alexis	09/0792/03		Mr	Lee Poey Heo Desmond	10/0869/03
15	Ms	Szeto Pei Ying Jessica	09/0793	28	Mdm	Foo Wai Ngoh Jenny	10/0869/04
	Mr	Szeto Jonathan	09/0793/01		Mr	Chan Hock Meng Vincent	10/0870
	Mdm	Chee Wai Lin Serene	09/0793/02		Ms	Chan Hui Jie Cathryn	10/0870/01
	Ms	Szeto Gerry	09/0793/03	29	Mdm	Chiang Rui Yin Jessie	10/0870/02
	Ms	Szeto Bernie	09/0793/04		Ms	Carina D'Souza	10/0877
16	Mr	Heng Siak Ling	09/0819		Mdm	Divya D'Souza	10/0877/01
	Ms	Heng Jing Wen	09/0819/01		Ms	Anya D'Souza	10/0877/02
	Mdm	Tan Kim Suan	09/0819/02	30	Mr	Errol D'Souza	10/0877/03
	Ms	Heng Kar Yee	09/0819/03		Ms	Karishma Kannan	10/0899
17	Mr	Vivienne Teo	09/0820		Mr	H. Kannan	10/0899/01
	Ms	Vanessa Teo	09/0820/01		Mrs	Kalpana Kannan	10/0899/02
	Mr	Bernard Teo	09/0820/02	31	Ms	Kajol Kannan	10/0899/03
	Ms	Victoria Teo	09/0820/03		Ms	Chua Wan Zhen Stacie	10/0900
	Mr	Bennett Teo	09/0820/04		Mr	Chua Tian Min Kenny	10/0900/01
18	Mr	Danny Chee	09/0821		Mdm	Sim Tow Khim Jenny	10/0900/02
	Mdm	Michelle Foong Li Ming	09/0821/01		Mr	Chua Zong Chen Robbie	10/0900/03
	Mr	Chee Jae Den	09/0821/02				
19	Mr	Andrew Wayne Croll	09/0826				
	Mr	Mirage Roswell A Croll	09/0826/01				
	Mdm	Maria Lourdes A. Joven	09/0826/02				
	Mr	Joshua A. Joven	09/0826/03				
20	Mr	Ho Fu Wei Samson	10/0845				
	Mr	Ho Tze Ming Lucas	10/0845/01				
	Mdm	Methilda Gomez	10/0845/02				

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## Organisation information

Unique entity number (UEN) S96SS0170K

Registered office Blk 17A Telok Blangah Crescent  
#01-270  
Singapore 091017

Executive committee members *Chairman*  
Mr Ong Chin Wah

*Deputy Chairman*  
Mr Tan Tiong Own Roderick

*Honorary Secretary*  
Mr Khairul Alam Bin Mohd Zaini

*Honorary Treasurer*  
Ms Kan Lai Lai Monica

*Committee Members*

Ms Han Su Ling Patricia

Ms Lia Delvia Marahusin

Mr Ratnasabapathy Sivanandam

Ms Jean Wang

Prof Libby Cohen

Co-opted committee member Ms Monica Lim

Executive director Dr Saba Iqbal (resigned on June 2010)

Immediate past chairperson Ms Kristin Van Burm

Bankers DBS Bank Ltd  
RHB Bank Berhad

Auditors P G Wee & Partners  
Certified Public Accountants Singapore  
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## ***Statement by Board of Management Committee***

*For the year ended 30 June 2010*

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The Board of Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Societies Act, Chapter 311, Charities Act, Chapter 37, Recommended Accounting Practice No. 6 (RAP 6) and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Down Syndrome Association (“Association”) as at 30 June 2010 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Association for the year ended on that date in accordance with the provisions of the Acts.

The Board of Management Committee have, on the date of this statement, authorised these financial statements for issue.

On Behalf of the Committee Members,

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Ong Chin Wah  
Chairman

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Khairul Alam Bin Mohd Zaini  
Honorary Secretary

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Kan Lai Lai Monica  
Honorary Treasurer

Singapore, 25 August 2010

**P G Wee & Partners**

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## ***Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)***

We have audited the financial statements of Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) (“Association”) which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2010, and the statement of financial activities, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows of the Association for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### **Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, Chapter 311, Charities Act, Chapter 37, Recommended Accounting Practice No. 6 (RAP 6) and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Management Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion

## Opinion

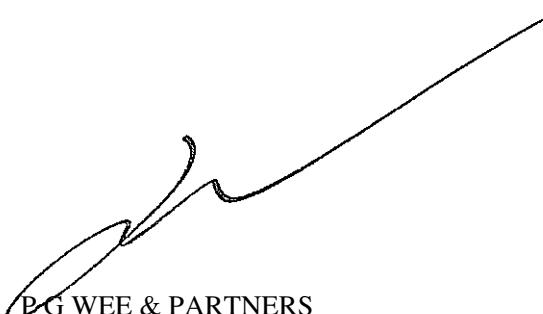
In our opinion,

- (a) the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the Societies Act, Chapter 311, Charities Act, Chapter 37, Recommended Accounting Practice No. 6 (RAP 6) and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2010 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Association for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Association have been properly kept in accordance with the Regulation; and

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 22. The Association has lodged a police report against an event organiser, Four Day Week Pte Ltd for breach of agreement for failure to pay the Association for proceed from the charity event amounting to SGD 34,400.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

During the course of our audit, nothing came to our notice that caused us to believe that the Association did not comply with the requirements of regulation 15 (fund-raising expenses) in the Charities (Institutions of a Public Character) Regulations 2007.



PG WEE & PARTNERS  
Public Accountants and  
Certified Public Accountants

Singapore, 25 August 2010

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## **Statement of Financial Activities**

*(Incorporating Statement of Comprehensive Income)*  
*For the year ended 30 June 2010*

Note	General Fund	Thrift Shop Fund	Programme Fund	Family Support Group Fund	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	Unrestricted Funds		Total	
						SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>									
<b>Voluntary Income</b>									
Donations - Tax exempt	43,001	-	-	-	-	150	110,000	153,151	398,904
Donations - Non tax exempt	204,425	1,438	-	-	-	22	-	205,885	89,088
Online donation	25,286	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,286	23,666
Organizing grant	-	-	-	3,584	-	-	-	3,584	-
Government grant	47,772	3,460	-	67,670	69,350	1,815	-	190,067	208,166
Jobs credit	27,678	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,678	19,761
<b>348,162</b>	<b>4,898</b>	-	<b>71,254</b>	<b>69,522</b>	<b>111,815</b>	<b>605,651</b>	<b>739,585</b>		
<b>Funds Generating Activities</b>									
Awareness and events activities	-	-	1,100	-	-	-	1,601	2,701	3,232
3 Fund raising income	435,583	-	-	-	-	-	-	435,583	770,713
Income from external events	-	-	6,650	10	-	-	-	6,660	-
Social enterprise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	646
<b>435,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>444,944</b>	<b>774,591</b>	
<b>Charitable Income</b>									
Membership fee	4,346	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,346	4,248
Programme fees	-	30,909	5,945	51,016	16,310	104,180	-	104,180	84,769
<b>4,346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,909</b>	<b>5,945</b>	<b>51,016</b>	<b>16,310</b>	<b>108,526</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,526</b>	<b>89,017</b>

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Note	General Fund	Thrift Shop Fund	Programme Fund	Unrestricted Funds			Education Fund	Total	Total
				SGD	SGD	SGD			
<b>Other Income</b>									
Interest income	7,828	-	-	-	-	-	7	7,835	5,676
Miscellaneous income	6,612	-	-	40	-	-	-	6,652	8,500
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-
Sales	-	11,600	-	-	2,692	-	-	14,292	9,165
	14,640	11,600	-	40	2,692	-	7	28,979	23,341
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>802,731</b>	<b>16,498</b>	<b>38,659</b>	<b>77,249</b>	<b>123,230</b>	<b>129,733</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,188,100</b>	<b>1,626,534</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
<b>Cost of Fund Generating Activities</b>									
Awareness and events activities expenses	-	-	2,876	6,646	-	-	-	9,522	7,836
Fund raising expenses	3	90,456	-	-	-	-	-	90,456	89,789
Social enterprise expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
	90,456	-	2,876	6,646	-	-	-	99,978	97,675
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>									
Advertisement	930	-	-	-	-	-	-	930	1,511
Annual staff and management work plan exercise	4,189	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,189	-
Bank charges/licence fees	1,136	10	-	-	-	-	54	1,200	466
CPF contribution and Skills Development Levy	24,818	4,417	5,077	3,955	23,307	17,165	78,739	71,177	-
Foreign Worker Levy	-	-	-	-	600	-	-	600	-
Depreciation of plant and equipment	42,867	-	-	-	121	4,113	710	47,811	49,795
General expenses	1,577	458	159	110	1,296	185	3,785	1,612	-
IT support	3,264	-	532	836	686	791	6,109	10,258	-
Members expenses	-	-	31	-	19	-	50	-	-
Medical expenses	883	-	34	332	705	296	2,250	1,585	-

Note	General Fund	Thrift Shop Fund	Programme Fund	Unrestricted Funds			Education Fund	Total SGD	Total 2009 SGD
				Family Support Group Fund	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	SGD			
Overseas expenses	4,403	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,403	-
Postages and courier	948	-	754	103	22	16	1,843	1,843	1,306
Printing and stationery	5,460	-	356	423	696	428	7,363	7,363	11,746
Programme materials	-	-	7,363	4,301	4,492	1,029	17,185	17,185	11,176
Refreshments	1,376	-	-	3,880	397	25	5,678	5,678	2,092
Rental of office equipment	607	-	607	191	491	607	2,503	2,503	-
Rental of facilities	-	-	2,600	213	1,494	-	-	4,307	-
Rental of office space	4,276	-	-	10,766	25,120	-	-	40,162	40,287
Repairs and maintenance	1,264	75	101	54	308	265	2,067	2,067	2,819
Resource materials	-	-	-	1,272	-	100	1,372	1,372	-
Salaries and bonuses	194,011	22,228	29,593	51,196	184,242	156,164	637,434	637,434	502,164
Staff welfare	705	-	20	90	490	130	1,435	1,435	804
Subscription fees	1,460	-	60	-	-	-	1,520	1,520	3,303
Telephone and internet charges	3,107	-	1,425	678	1,364	1,151	7,725	7,725	4,167
Trainer salary and allowances for programmes	-	9,800	73,501	-	19,775	150	103,226	103,226	99,197
Training and developments	2,762	-	304	962	958	1,252	6,238	6,238	8,574
Transport	3,339	152	793	175	1,761	2,084	8,304	8,304	13,525
Utilities	1,981	1,981	1,981	503	1,174	1,981	9,601	9,601	10,198
Volunteers allowances	-	-	100	15	1,030	3,460	4,605	4,605	7,055
	305,363	39,121	125,391	80,176	274,540	188,043	1,012,634	1,012,634	854,817

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Note	General Fund	Thrift Shop Fund	Programme Fund	Unrestricted Funds			Education Fund	Total 2010 SGD	Total 2009 SGD
				Family Support Group Fund	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	Total SGD			
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>									
Accountancy fees	8,354	2,163	580	1,841	4,027	3,220	20,185	9,240	
Auditor remuneration	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	
Insurance	4,186	2	232	473	996	493	6,382	7,626	
Newspapers and periodicals	227	-	-	-	-	-	227	208	
Professional fees	1,481	-	-	-	-	241	1,722	10,449	
	18,248	2,165	812	2,314	5,023	3,954	32,516	31,523	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>414,067</b>	<b>41,286</b>	<b>129,079</b>	<b>89,136</b>	<b>279,563</b>	<b>191,997</b>	<b>1,145,128</b>	<b>984,015</b>	
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>388,664</b>	<b>(24,788)</b>	<b>(90,420)</b>	<b>(11,887)</b>	<b>(156,333)</b>	<b>(62,264)</b>	<b>42,972</b>	<b>642,519</b>	

*See accompanying notes to the financial statements.*

***Statement of Financial Position****As at 30 June 2010*

	Note	2010	2009
		SGD	SGD
<b>Assets</b>			
<i>Non-current assets</i>			
Plant and equipment	6	<b>63,428</b>	87,817
<i>Current assets</i>			
Trade and other receivables	7	<b>59,038</b>	9,726
Other assets	8	<b>17,760</b>	21,393
Cash and cash equivalents	9	<b>1,340,724</b>	1,246,885
		<b>1,417,522</b>	1,278,004
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,480,950</b>	1,365,821
<b>Funds and liabilities</b>			
Unrestricted funds	10	<b>1,331,038</b>	1,288,066
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>			
Finance lease payables	16	<b>6,741</b>	5,778
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Trade and other payables	17	<b>100,641</b>	44,871
Receipt in advance	18	<b>38,999</b>	24,795
Finance lease payables	16	<b>3,531</b>	2,311
		<b>143,171</b>	71,977
<b>Total funds and liabilities</b>		<b>1,480,950</b>	1,365,821

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## Statement of Changes in Funds *For the year ended 30 June 2010*

	Unrestricted Funds						Total SGD
	General Fund SGD	Thrift Shop Fund SGD	Programme Fund SGD	Family Support Group Fund SGD	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund SGD	Education Fund SGD	
Balance as at 1 July 2009	1,160,672	-	-	18,588	110,940	(2,134)	1,288,066
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	388,664	(24,788)	(90,420)	(11,887)	(156,333)	(62,264)	42,972
Transfer of fund	(5,680)	5,680	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2010	1,543,656	(19,108)	(90,420)	6,701	(45,393)	(64,398)	1,331,038
Balance as at 1 July 2008	729,802	-	-	26,933	(111,206)	-	645,547
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	334,769	-	-	(8,345)	222,146	93,949	642,519
Transfer of fund	96,083	-	-	-	-	(96,083)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2009	1,160,672	-	-	18,588	110,940	(2,134)	1,288,066

*See accompanying notes to the financial statements.*

***Statement of Cash Flows***

For the year ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010	2009
		SGD	SGD
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>			
Surplus for the year		<b>42,972</b>	642,519
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation of plant and equipment		<b>47,811</b>	49,795
Interest income		(7,835)	(5,676)
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment		(200)	-
Operating surplus before working capital changes		<b>82,748</b>	686,638
Trade and other receivables		(49,312)	23,243
Other assets		3,633	(3,343)
Trade and other payables		<b>55,770</b>	8,262
Other liabilities		<b>14,204</b>	(38,915)
Cash flow generated from operations		<b>107,043</b>	675,885
Interest income		<b>7,835</b>	5,676
Net cash generated from operating activities		<b>114,878</b>	681,561
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>			
Purchase of plant and equipment		(17,323)	(7,606)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment		<b>200</b>	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<b>(17,123)</b>	(7,606)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>			
Payment for finance lease payables		(3,916)	(2,311)
Net cash used in financing activities		<b>(3,916)</b>	(2,311)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<b>93,839</b>	671,644
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<b>1,246,885</b>	575,241
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	9	<b>1,340,724</b>	1,246,885

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## ***Notes to the Financial Statements***

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These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

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***1138.Significant Accounting Policies***

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with applicable Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Recommended Accounting Practice 6 (RAP 6).

The financial statements expressed in Singapore dollar are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except as disclosed, where appropriate, in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on Executive Committee Members' best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those used in the previous financial year except as follows:

**Interpretations and Amendments to Published Standards Effective in 2009**

The following are the new or revised FRS and INT FRS that are relevant to the Association:

On 1 July 2009, the Association adopted the new or amended FRS and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory for application from that date. Changes to the Association's accounting policies have been made as required, in accordance with the transitional provisions in the respective FRS and INT FRS.

The following are the new or revised FRS and INT FRS that are relevant to the Association:

**FRS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements (Effective from 1 January 2009)**

The revised standard prohibits the presentation of items of income and expenses (that is, 'non-owner changes in equity') in the statement of changes in equity. All non-owner changes in equity are shown in a performance statement, but entities can choose whether to present one performance statement (the statement of comprehensive income) or two statements (the income statement and statement of comprehensive income). The Association has chosen to adopt the former alternative. Where comparative information is restated or reclassified, a restated statement of financial position is required to be presented as at the beginning comparative period. There is no restatement of statement of financial position as at 1 July 2008 in the current financial year.

### Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Association are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Association operates (“the functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar, which is the Association's functional and presentation currency.

### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured and the following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue are recognised.

- (a) Donations and contributions are recognised in the financial statements as and when received.
- (b) Government grant is recognised in the financial statements when they are due and receivable.
- (c) Interest income is recognised as the interest accrues unless collectibility is in doubt.
- (d) Membership fee is recognised on an accrual basis.

### Retirement Benefit Costs

Contributions to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are recorded as an expense as they fall due. Contributions made to government managed retirement benefit plan such as the Central Provident Fund which specifies the employer's obligations are dealt with as defined contribution retirement benefit plans.

### Income Tax Benefit (Expense)

The Association is a registered charity under the Charities Act 1982 and is exempted from income tax under Chapter 134 Section 19U of the Income Tax Act.

### Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line method to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives have been taken as follows:

Office equipment	-	5 years
Furniture and fittings	-	5 years
Renovation	-	5 years
Donation boxes	-	10 years
Library books	-	5 years
Library toys	-	5 years
Computers	-	5 years
IT laboratory	-	5 years

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The residual values, estimated useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the accounts until they are no longer in use.

On disposal of an item of plant and equipment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and its carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss.

## Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

The Association assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment assessment for an asset is required, the Association makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount.

An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset are discounted to their present value. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increase cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss be recognised previously. Such reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

## Fund Accounting

The Association maintains restricted funds and unrestricted funds. Funds set up for specific purposes are classified as restricted funds. All income and expenses other than those attributable to restricted funds and common overheads are recorded in the unrestricted fund's statement of financial activities.

In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of the resources available to the Association, the financial statements of the Association are maintained substantially in accordance with the principles of 'fund accounting' whereby the resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into specific funds that are in accordance with activities or objectives specified.

## Financial Assets

Financial assets are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value, plus directly attributable transaction costs.

A financial asset is derecognised where the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired. On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised or derecognised on the trade date i.e. the date that the Association commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets are require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned.

## *Loans and Receivables*

Financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, and through the amortisation process.

## Impairment of Financial Assets

The Association assesses at each statement of financial position date whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group financial assets is impaired.

## *Assets Carried at Amortised Cost*

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

When the asset becomes uncollectible, the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly or if an amount was charged to the allowance account, the amounts charged to the allowance account are written off against the carrying value of the financial asset. To determine whether there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets has been incurred, the Association considers factors such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor and default or significant delay in payments.

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If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortised cost at the reversal date. The amount of reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

This includes cash on hand and deposits with financial institutions.

## Finance Leases

Lease of assets in which the Association assumes substantially the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased item and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in finance lease payables. The interest element of the finance cost is recognised in profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

## Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value of the consideration received plus directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Gain and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process. The liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is extinguished.

## Provisions

A provision is recognised when there is a present obligation (legal and constructive) as a result of past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

## Operating Leases

Leases of assets in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expenses in the period in which termination takes place.

### Critical Judgements, Assumptions and Estimation Uncertainties

The preparation of the Association financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

#### *Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty*

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the statement of financial position date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### *Useful Lives of Plant and Equipment*

Plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The management committee anticipates the useful lives of these plant and equipment to be within 5 to 10 years. The carrying amount of the Association's plant and equipment at 30 June 2010 is SGD 63,428 (2009: SGD 87,817). Changes in the expected level of usage and technological developments could impact the economic useful lives and the residual values of these assets, therefore future depreciation charges could be revised.

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## *2. Association's Information*

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)'s registered office and principal place of business is located at Blk 17A Telok Blangah Crescent #01-270 Singapore 091017 and #06-04 Junction 8 Shopping Centre Singapore 579837 respectively. The Association was registered as a society on 16 September 1996 under Section 4(5) of the Societies Act, Chapter 311 and on 17 January 1997 it was registered as a Charity under the Charities Act, Chapter 37. The Association has accorded the status of an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) for the period from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012.

The principal activities of the Association are to enable persons with down syndrome to attain their full potential, to provide support and information to families of persons with down syndrome, to educate the public and to provide and promote an advisory service about all aspects of down syndrome.

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3. Fund Raising Activities	2010 SGD	2009 SGD
Asia works - Art of effective workshop	-	11,250
Buddywalk	-	94,038
Charity Golf	-	17,200
Charity Ride	-	6,200
Charity Bowl	<b>22,200</b>	6,000
Charity Movie Preview	<b>88,470</b>	-
Citibank YMCA	-	3,490
Deepavalli Dinner (Sg Banking)	-	8,700
Enduro	-	150,677
F1 Charity Golf and Gala Dinner	<b>9,000</b>	-
Fashion Show	-	177,800
Flag Day	-	80,788
ISG Asia Charity	<b>800</b>	63,051
Ikebana Singapore	-	1,899
Lotte Carpets Charity Auction	<b>56,200</b>	-
Motor Racing Golf	-	52,000
Mystique	<b>171,933</b>	-
Marie France Bodyline Xmas Promo	<b>20,000</b>	-
NSRCC Golf	-	95,750
Power in your Hands	-	1,870
World Down Syndrome Day	<b>66,980</b>	-
	<b>435,583</b>	770,713
<i>Less: Fund raising expenses</i>		
Buddywalk	-	18,221
F1 Charity Golf and Gala Dinner	<b>240</b>	-
Charity Bowl	<b>3,445</b>	2,851
Charity Movie Preview	<b>26,887</b>	-
Citibank YMCA	-	284
Deepavalli Dinner (Sg Banking)	-	4,252
Enduro	-	9,047
Fashion Show	-	48,303
Flag Day	-	6,735
ISG Asia Charity	-	96
Lotte Carpets Charity Auction	<b>179</b>	-
Mystique	<b>48,057</b>	-
World Down Syndrome Day	<b>11,648</b>	-
	<b>90,456</b>	89,789
<i>Surplus from fund raising activities</i>	<b>345,127</b>	680,924

	2010	2009
	SGD	SGD
Contributions to defined contribution plan (CPF) and Skills development levy (SDL)	<b>78,739</b>	71,177
Foreign Workers Levy (FWL)	<b>600</b>	-
Medical expenses	<b>2,250</b>	1,585
Staff salary and bonus	<b>637,434</b>	502,164
Staff welfare	<b>1,435</b>	804
	<b>720,458</b>	<b>575,730</b>

5. *Income Tax Benefit (Expense)* The Association is a registered charity under the charities Act 1982 and is exempted from income tax under Section 13U of the Income Tax Act.

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## 6. Plant and Equipment

	Office Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Renovation	Donation Boxes	Library Books	Library Toys	Computers	IT Laboratory	Total
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
At 1.7.2008	51,189	60,483	234,765	1,110	8,409	4,041	74,147	64,754	498,898
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,606	-	7,606
At 30.6.2009 and 1.7.2009	51,189	60,483	234,765	1,110	8,409	4,041	81,753	64,754	506,504
Additions	10,422	2,450	4,562	-	-	-	5,988	-	23,422
Disposals	(6,740)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,740)
At 30.6.2010	<b>54,871</b>	<b>62,933</b>	<b>239,327</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>87,741</b>	<b>64,754</b>	<b>523,186</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>									
At 1.7.2008	38,776	39,128	196,594	1,110	8,409	4,041	22,830	58,004	368,892
Depreciation for year	1,648	10,582	15,161	-	-	-	15,654	6,750	49,795
At 30.6.2009 and 1.7.2009	40,424	49,710	211,755	1,110	8,409	4,041	38,484	64,754	418,687
Depreciation for year	<b>4,711</b>	<b>11,088</b>	<b>17,147</b>	-	-	-	<b>14,865</b>	-	<b>47,811</b>
Disposals	(6,740)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,740)
At 30.6.2010	<b>38,395</b>	<b>60,798</b>	<b>228,902</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>53,349</b>	<b>64,754</b>	<b>459,758</b>
<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>									
At 30.6.2010	<b>16,476</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>10,425</b>	-	-	-	<b>34,392</b>	-	<b>63,428</b>
At 30.6.2009	10,765	10,773	23,010	-	-	-	43,269	-	87,817

Plant and equipment with net carrying amount of SGD 11,957 (2009: SGD 9,245) was acquired by finance leases (see note 16).

<i>7. Trade and Other Receivables</i>	<b>2010</b> <b>SGD</b>	2009 SGD
Course fee	4,100	4,126
Interest receivable	1,500	-
Tax-exempt donation	10,500	5,600
Other receivables	<b>42,938</b>	-
	<b>59,038</b>	<b>9,726</b>

Other receivables included an amount of SGD 38,196 in respect of fund receivable for financial assistance from government.

<i>8. Other Assets</i>	<b>2010</b> <b>SGD</b>	2009 SGD
Deposits paid	11,201	11,201
Prepayments	<b>6,559</b>	10,192
	<b>17,760</b>	<b>21,393</b>

<i>9. Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	<b>2010</b> <b>SGD</b>	2009 SGD
Cash on hand	488	488
Cash at bank	<b>620,919</b>	533,207
Fixed deposit	<b>719,317</b>	713,190
	<b>1,340,724</b>	<b>1,246,885</b>

Fixed deposit bear effective interest rate ranging from 0.5625% to 0.875% (2009: 0.5625% to 1.5625%) per annum and for a tenure of approximately 12 months (2009: 12 months).

During the year, the Association acquired plant and equipment with a total cost of SGD 23,422 of which SGD 6,099 was acquired by mean of finance leases.

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<i>10. Unrestricted Funds</i>	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>SGD</b>	<b>SGD</b>
General fund	<b>1,543,656</b>	1,160,672
Thrift Shop fund (see note 11)	<b>(19,108)</b>	-
Programme fund (see note 12)	<b>(90,420)</b>	-
Family support group fund (see note 13)	<b>6,701</b>	18,588
Adult Enhancement Programme fund (see note 14)	<b>(45,393)</b>	110,940
Education fund (see note 15)	<b>(64,398)</b>	<b>(2,134)</b>
	<b>1,331,038</b>	<b>1,288,066</b>

<i>11. Thrift Shop Fund</i>	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>SGD</b>	<b>SGD</b>
Transfer from general fund	<b>5,680</b>	-
Donation	<b>1,438</b>	-
Government grant	<b>3,460</b>	-
Sales	<b>11,600</b>	-
Expenditure (see pages 6 to 8)	<b>(41,286)</b>	-
	<b>(19,108)</b>	-

This represents revenues and funding into the social enterprise initiative as well as expenses generated from its maintenance.

<i>12. Programme Fund</i>	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>SGD</b>	<b>SGD</b>
Awareness and events activities	<b>1,100</b>	-
Programme fees	<b>30,909</b>	-
Other income	<b>6,650</b>	-
Expenditure(see pages 6 to 8)	<b>(129,079)</b>	-
	<b>(90,420)</b>	-

This represents fund designated to enrichment programs which provides enrichment services and co-curricular activities for members with Down Syndrome from all ages and all walks of life which aims to attain productive, meaningful and enhanced quality of life according to their interest, aptitude and abilities.

13. Family Support Group Fund		<b>2010</b>	2009
		<b>SGD</b>	<b>SGD</b>
Balance at beginning of year		<b>18,588</b>	26,933
Awareness and events activities		-	761
Programme fees		<b>5,945</b>	-
Government grant		<b>67,670</b>	48,318
Organizing grant		<b>3,584</b>	-
Other income		<b>50</b>	-
Expenditure (see pages 6 to 8)		<b>(89,136)</b>	(57,424)
		<b>6,701</b>	18,588

This represents fund designated to provide social and emotional support through peer encouragement to enable families to cope with their disabled members.

14. Adult Enhancement Programme Fund		<b>2010</b>	2009
		<b>SGD</b>	<b>SGD</b>
Balance at beginning of year		<b>110,940</b>	(111,206)
Donation		<b>172</b>	300,000
Programme fees		<b>51,016</b>	41,375
Government grant		<b>69,350</b>	133,859
Other income		<b>2,692</b>	4,862
Expenditure (see pages 6 to 8)		<b>(279,563)</b>	(257,950)
		<b>(45,393)</b>	110,940

This represents fund designated to provide adult enhancement programme.

15. Education Fund		<b>2010</b>	2009
		<b>SGD</b>	<b>SGD</b>
Balance at beginning of year		<b>(2,134)</b>	-
Transfer from general fund		-	(96,083)
Donation		<b>110,000</b>	146,774
Awareness and event activities		<b>1,601</b>	-
Fund raising income		-	52,250
Programme fees		<b>16,310</b>	23,100
Government grant		<b>1,815</b>	-
Other income		<b>7</b>	9,007
Expenditure (see pages 6 to 8)		<b>(191,997)</b>	(137,182)
		<b>(64,398)</b>	(2,134)

This represents fund designated to provide education and support services in the aspect of basic literacy skills (writing, reading), daily living, socialization skills, and communication skills.

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16. Finance Lease Payables	Minimum lease payments	Present value of payments	Minimum lease payments	Present value of payments
	2010	2010	2009	2009
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Not later than one year	<b>3,531</b>	<b>3,531</b>	2,311	2,311
Later than one year but not later than five years	<b>6,741</b>	<b>6,741</b>	5,778	5,778
Total minimum lease payments	<b>10,272</b>	<b>10,272</b>	8,089	8,089
Total present value of minimum lease payments	<b>10,272</b>	<b>10,272</b>	8,089	8,089

The lease term is 5 years and is non-interest bearing.

17. Trade and Other Payables	2010	2009
	SGD	SGD
Accrued liabilities	<b>100,641</b>	<b>44,871</b>

Accrued liabilities are normally settled on 30 days' credit terms.

18. Receipt in Advance	2010	2009
	SGD	SGD
ACS Charity Bowl	<b>60</b>	3,095
Financial assistance	<b>20,000</b>	-
Donation for Vacation Outing	<b>770</b>	-
Donation and sponsor for Charity Movie	<b>14,500</b>	-
Course fee	<b>1,669</b>	1,700
Membership	<b>2,000</b>	-
CB Richard Ellis Movies Screening	-	20,000
	<b>38,999</b>	<b>24,795</b>

**19. Operating Lease Commitments** As at statement of financial position date, the Association has outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rental of premises which fall due as follows:

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>SGD</b>	SGD
<i>Rental payable</i>		
Not later than one year	<b>35,885</b>	35,885
Later than one year but not later than three years	<b>23,924</b>	59,809
	<b>59,809</b>	95,694

**20. Related Party Transactions** A related party includes the trustees/office bearers and key management of the Association. It also includes an entity or person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common or joint control with these persons. It also includes members of the key management personnel or close members of the family of any individual referred to herein and others who have the ability to control, jointly control or significantly by and for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any such individual. Key management personnel include the chief executive officer and the direct reporting senior officers.

The top three key employees are within the annual salary range of SGD 154,000 (2009: SGD 178,000).

	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>SGD</b>	SGD
<i>Unrestricted fund</i>		
	<b>1,331,038</b>	1,288,066
<i>Ratio of Reserves to Annual Operating Expenditure</i>		
	<b>1.16</b>	1.31

The reserves of the Association provide financial stability and the means for the development of the Association's activities. The Association intends to maintain the reserves at a level sufficient for its operating needs. The Executive Committee Members review the level of reserves regularly for the Association's continuing obligations.

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## 22. Other Matters

On 24 September 2009, the Association organised a fund raising event “The Crystal Ball”. Four Day Week Pte Ltd was appointed as the event organiser for the dinner event held at The Ritz Carlton Singapore.

However, funds from donations, auction and table seats amounting to SGD 34,400 were not settled by the event organiser.

The Association wrote to the Commissioner of Charities (COC) on this matter on 14 March 2010 to ask for their advice to handle this incident. The COC reverted back on 19 July 2010 advising the Association not to issue any tax deductible receipts to the donors as the donations have not been received from the fund raising company. COC also advised that the Association may wish to advise the donors that they may make a police report since they are not able to receive any tax deductible receipts. The Association has accepted COC's recommendations and a letter informing donors of COC's recommendations has already been sent out on 25 August 2010.

The Association lodged a police report against Four Day Week Pte Ltd and breach of agreement for failure to pay the Association proceed from the charity event amounting to SGD 34,400.

At the date of report, the outcome is still unknown.

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## 23. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The main risks from the Association's financial instruments are liquidity risk, credit risk and cash flow and fair value interest rate risk. The policies for managing each of these risks are summarised below:

### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will not be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. The Association's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of the maturities of financial assets and liabilities.

The Association reviews its working capital requirements to assess the adequacy of cash and cash equivalents to finance the operations.

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Association's financial liabilities at the statement of financial position date based on contractual undiscounted payments.

	2010			2009		
	Within one year	Two to five years	Total	Within one year	Two to five years	Total
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Finance lease payables	3,531	6,741	10,272	2,311	5,778	8,089
Other liabilities	38,999	-	38,999	24,795	-	24,795
Trade and other payables	100,641	-	100,641	44,871	-	44,871
Total	143,171	6,741	149,912	71,977	5,778	77,755

*Financial Risk  
Management  
Objectives  
and Policies  
(Cont'd)*

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the Association to incur a financial loss.

The carrying amounts of cash at banks and fixed deposits and other receivables represent the Association's maximum exposure to credit risk. Cash at banks and fixed deposits that are neither past due nor impaired are mainly deposits with banks which have high credit-ratings as determined by international credit-rating agencies.

No other financial assets carry a significant exposure to credit risk.

Cash Flow and Fair Value Interest Rate Risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Association's exposure to changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Association's fixed deposits with financial institution at variable rates. Information relating to the Association's interest rate exposure is also disclosed in Note 9. Variation in short-term interest rate is not expected to have a material impact on the results of the Association.

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for fixed deposits place with financial institution at the financial position date. A 0.5% increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally and represents management assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 0.5% higher/lower with all variables held constant, the impact on the Association profit or loss is not material.

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*24. Fair Value of  
Financial  
Assets and  
Financial  
Liabilities*

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, other current receivables and payables, provisions and other liabilities and amounts payable approximate their respective fair values due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

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*25. Comparative  
Figures*

During the financial year, the Association reclassified funds under restricted and unrestricted funds.

Comparative figures was reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.

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<i>26. New Accounting Standards and FRSs Interpretations</i>	At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain FRSs and INT FRSs were issued but not effective as follows:		
	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Effective for annual periods beginning on or after</b>
	FRS 32	Classification of Right Issues	1 February 2010
	FRS 101	Limited Exemption from comparative FRS 107 Disclosures for First-time Adopters	1 July 2010
	INT FRS 119	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments	1 July 2010
	FRS 24	Related Party Disclosures	1 January 2011
	INT FRS 114	Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirements	1 January 2011
Improvements to FRS issued in 2009:			
	FRS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	1 January 2010

The Association expects that the adoption of the other standards and interpretations above will have no material impact on the financial statements in the year of initial application.

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## Buddy Walk @ Temasek Polytechnic



## Mystique III - DSA Charity Dinner & Show 2009





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