



*Annual Report*  
**2008**

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# About Us

The Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) was founded in 1964, registered as a society in 1984 and has IPC (Institution of a Public Character) status as a charity since 1995. SCS is endorsed by the Ministry of Health and is a member of the National Council of Social Service and Singapore Hospice Council. SCS does not receive funding from the Community Chest or the National Council of Social Service. The Society organises various fundraising activities throughout the year as it is dependent on public donations to provide quality services to cancer patients, their families and the public.

SCS is governed by a Council comprising members who are volunteers without remuneration, and who hold office for a term of two years at a time. Both the Council members and senior staff have no business relations with the Society and none of them are related by blood.

## VISION

To be the leading charitable cancer organisation in Singapore and the region, with a reputation for effective programmes for the prevention and control of cancer.

## MISSION

The Singapore Cancer Society is a community-based voluntary health organisation dedicated to minimising the impact of cancer through public education, screening, patient services, financial assistance, research and advocacy.

## CORE PROGRAMMES

### *Public Education*

- Forums, talks and campaigns to educate the public on cancer prevention and control
- Quit-smoking counselling sessions to help smokers kick the habit

### *Cancer Screening*

- Free cancer screening services for members of the public
  - Pap smear to screen for Cervical Cancer
  - Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) to screen for Colorectal Cancer
- Health education
  - Breast Self-Examination for Breast Cancer

### *Patient Services*

- Free hospice homecare for terminally-ill cancer patients
- Free rehabilitation support for cancer patients and survivors
- Support-group activities for:
  - Breast cancer patients (Reach To Recovery Support Group)
  - Colorectal cancer patients (Ostomy Club)
  - Throat/Nasopharynx cancer patients (New Voice Club)
  - Female cancer patients (Look Good...Feel Better Programme)

### *Welfare Assistance*

- Cancer treatment subsidies for needy cancer patients
- Financial assistance for needy cancer patients
- Free medical supplies and transport service for needy cancer patients to and from hospitals

# 02 Chairman's Report



## Chairman's Report

Cancer is the leading cause of death in Singapore. Each year, on average, more than 8,500 people are diagnosed with cancer and close to 5,000 die from it. Yet, many are still ignorant that cancer is preventable and curable when detected early, while others are too complacent or fearful of going for regular screening.

Since its inception in 1964 and 44 years on, the Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) remains committed to minimising the impact of cancer in the community. Recognising the rising incidence of cancer, SCS has pressed on tenaciously and has over the years increased our efforts to raise the level of awareness of cancer. We rallied the support of partners, donors, volunteers and the community to work alongside us to persevere in the fight against cancer. The bottom-line is to save lives through regular screening and early detection of cancer.

It is heartening to note that our 2008 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Campaign and the free distribution of Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) kits for screening of colorectal cancer have yielded positive and tangible outcomes. Of the 12,497 individuals who participated in the FOBT screening, 715 who were tested positive with blood in the stools underwent follow-up investigations. Of the 471 who underwent colonoscopies, 32 were detected with cancer. It also led to the removal of polyps in 128 individuals, of whom 91 were found to have pre-cancerous polyps. Hence, the screening effectively saved 123 lives!

## Chairman's Report

In the year under review, our public education and screening efforts have benefited some 30,000 people who participated in our public education forums, FOBT and Pap smear screening. These community outreach programmes continued to heighten the awareness of major cancers so that more would gain the knowledge of the signs and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. Through our cancer prevention and control programmes, many would not need to succumb to cancer. But, when cancer strikes, SCS is here to lend a hand to enhance the well-being of cancer patients through our welfare programmes.

Since its launch in April 2005, the SCS Cancer Treatment Fund has disbursed \$6 million to subsidise the costs of chemotherapy and IMRT treatment for some 1,500 needy cancer patients. In 2008 alone, \$1.3 million was disbursed to help about 400 patients. Another \$517,000 was disbursed to some 300 welfare patients in the form of financial aid and medical supplies such as milk feeds and stoma bags to help them tide over the difficult periods in their lives.

The last quarter of 2008 signalled the start of an unprecedented economic downturn. During the year, our major fundraising events were the AIA-SCS Charity Golf and Flag Day. We ended the year with a deficit of \$777,000. In the year ahead, fundraising would be a challenge with corporates and individuals tightening their belts. We anticipate the deficit to widen in 2009 and we would need to dig into our reserves in order to sustain our programmes and services. Our current reserve is about twice our average annual budget of around

\$8 million. Our policy is to maintain three times the annual budget as reserves in order not to disrupt critical client services.

For the charity sector, doing good is no longer enough. With calls for good governance standards and greater transparency and accountability, it is now about doing good well. SCS is fully committed to upholding a high level of corporate governance and being accountable to all our stakeholders, especially to our donors who have made it possible for us to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. Going forward, the Society will focus on strengthening our capability to deliver quality and relevant services and programmes for cancer patients and the general public.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their wise counsel and guidance. To the management and staff, thank you for your dedication and contributions. I would also like to express my gratitude to our volunteers for their committed service and our partners for their unstinting support. My special thanks go to all corporate and individual donors for your generous contributions, without which we would not have been able to reach out and touch so many lives.



**Dr Koo Wen Hsin**  
Chairman

# 04 The Council and Sub-Committees

## The 44<sup>th</sup> Council



CHAIRMAN

**Dr Koo Wen Hsin**  
*Head, Medical  
Oncology Department  
National Cancer Centre  
Singapore*



VICECHAIRMAN

**Dr Ang Peng Tiam**  
*Medical Director  
Parkway Cancer Centre*



HONORARY SECRETARY

**Ms Lim Soo Hoon**  
*Permanent Secretary  
(Public Service Division)  
Prime Minister's Office*



ASSISTANT HONORARY SECRETARY

**Ms Daphne Hong**  
*Deputy Senior  
State Counsel  
International Affairs  
Division  
Attorney-General's  
Chambers, Singapore*



HONORARY TREASURER

**Mr Choo Eng Chuan**  
*Partner  
Ernst & Young Solutions LLP*



ASSISTANT HONORARY TREASURER

**Mr Phua Kia Wang,  
Calvin**  
*Director  
(Public Service Division)  
Prime Minister's Office*



COUNCIL MEMBER

**Mr Chew Mei Kwang,  
Kenneth**  
*Chairman  
Elite KSB Holdings Ltd*



COUNCIL MEMBER

**Mr Gerald Minjoot**  
*Managing Director  
Greendale  
Investments Pte Ltd*



COUNCIL MEMBER

**Dr Tan Kok Kheng**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
MycoBiotech, Inc*



COUNCIL MEMBER

**Mrs Mildred Tan**  
*Managing Director  
Ernst & Young  
Associates Pte Ltd*



COUNCIL MEMBER

**Mr Wee Sin Tho**  
*Vice-President  
Endowment and Institutional  
Development  
National University of  
Singapore*



COUNCIL MEMBER

**Mr Mark O'Dell**  
*Executive Vice-President  
AIA Company Ltd  
(resigned w.e.f.  
16 October 2008)*

# The Council and Sub-Committees

(AS AT 1 APRIL 2009)

## THE COUNCIL AND SUB-COMMITTEES

### SUB-COMMITTEES

#### **Executive Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Dr Koo Wen Hsin

##### *Members*

Dr Ang Peng Tiam  
Ms Lim Soo Hoon  
Mr Choo Eng Chuan  
Ms Daphne Hong  
Mr Gerald Minjoot  
Mrs Mildred Tan

#### **Audit and Risk Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Mr Gerald Minjoot

##### *Members*

Mr Chew Mei Kwang, Kenneth  
Dr Tan Kok Kheng

#### **Community Partnerships Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Dr Ang Peng Tiam

##### *Members*

Dr Tan Kok Kheng  
Dr Koo Wen Hsin

#### **Finance Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Mr Choo Eng Chuan

##### *Members*

Mr Calvin Phua  
Mr Wee Sin Tho

#### **Medical Services Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Dr Koo Wen Hsin

##### *Members*

Ms Daphne Hong  
Mr Calvin Phua

#### **Welfare Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Dr Koo Wen Hsin

##### *Members*

Ms Lim Soo Hoon  
Dr Donald Poon (co-opted)

#### **Public Education Committee**

##### *Chairman*

Dr Ang Peng Tiam

##### *Members*

Dr Koo Wen Hsin  
Mrs Mildred Tan

# Management Staff

(AS AT 1 APRIL 2009)

## MANAGEMENT STAFF

### Chief Executive Officer

Cheng Lay Tin

### Community Partnerships

#### Manager, Community Partnerships

Leong Fook Seng

### Finance

#### Manager, Finance

Ng Bee Hoon, Florence

### Human Resource & Administration

#### Manager, HR & Admin

Teo Guat Tin, Jennifer

### Welfare

- *Cancer Treatment Fund*
- *Financial Assistance*
- *Rehabilitation and Support Groups*
- *Patient Transport Service*
- *Volunteer Management*

#### Assistant Manager, Welfare

Lim Li Yong, Susan

### Marketing Communications & Public Education

- *Cancer Education Awareness Programmes*
- *Marketing Communications*

#### Assistant Manager,

#### Marketing Communications & Public Education

Ling Lee Hoon, Janet

### Medical Services

#### Senior Executive

Evelyn Ng

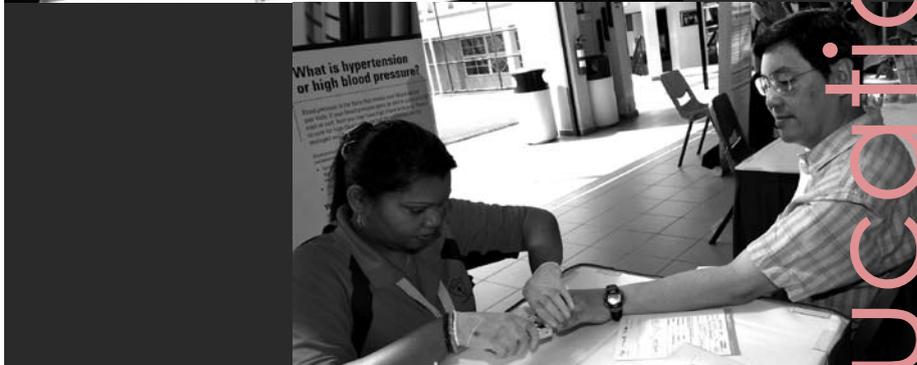
### Internal Audit

#### Internal Auditor

Koh Aik Kuan

### Conflict of Interest Policy

All Council Members and employees of the Singapore Cancer Society are required to read and understand the conflict of interest policy in place and make full disclosure of any interests, relationships and holdings that could potentially result in a conflict of interest. When a conflict of interest situation arises, the Member/employee shall abstain from participating in the discussion, decision making and voting on the matter.



Since its inception in 1964, SCS has remained dedicated to its mission of raising public awareness of cancer. The Society's public education programmes emphasise the importance of early screening in saving lives.

Through strategic partnerships with major healthcare groups and hospitals, SCS's public education campaigns have been successful in reaching out to the public islandwide. SCS has seen a heightened interest in cancer-related issues and cancer screenings as evident in the enthusiastic participation at cancer forums and increased requests for outdoor talks and screenings.

The campaigns conducted in 2008 were:

- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Campaign
- Cervical Cancer Awareness Campaign
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign
- Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Campaign
- Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign
- Gastric Cancer Awareness Campaign
- "My Happy Healthy Family" Campaign

#### **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (MARCH 2008)**

The theme for the 7th Colorectal Cancer Awareness Campaign was "A Dip Is All It Takes To Save Your Life!". The annual

## Public Education

campaign aimed to raise public awareness of colorectal cancer and encourage Singaporeans to go for regular screening as early detection and prompt treatment save lives.

The campaign saw the islandwide distribution of the Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) kits to those aged 50 years and above for the screening of colorectal cancer. These kits were made available at Guardian Health and Beauty outlets, SCS clinics, bus interchanges and at the various health fairs which SCS participated in.

Education talks were held at several community events such as the Seniors' Fair 2008 and Qualities of Life 2008 to provide more information on colorectal cancer to members of the public.

Pharmaceutical company, Merck Serono, expressed its support for the campaign by donating \$1 to the SCS Welfare Fund for every FOBT kit returned. This exercise raised \$15,000 to provide financial assistance for needy cancer patients.

### **CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (MAY 2008)**

The 3rd Cervical Cancer Awareness Month was launched on 2 May 2008 by Dr Amy Khor, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, at the KK Women's and Children's Hospital. Themed "Prevention is Easy", the objective of the campaign was to raise the awareness of cervical cancer and

stress the importance of preventive screening. The campaign also helped to promote the awareness of the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination and HPV, a causal factor of cervical cancer.

Present at the launch were members of the Asia and Oceania Federations Obstetrics and Gynaecology from 10 countries. They were in Singapore to discuss the best medical options to tackle cervical cancer, one of the top cancers which affects women.

Once again, SCS collaborated with doctors from various hospitals and clinics to educate and encourage women to go for Pap smear screening. The number of participating clinics increased by 8 per cent, from 109 in 2007 to 118 in 2008. Together with the two SCS clinics, about 2,200 women were screened for cervical cancer.

In addition, public forums in English, Mandarin and Malay were conducted at the Conrad Centennial Hotel, Bishan Community Club and Al-Muttaqin Mosque, respectively. Close to 370 participants attended the forums.

### **PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (JULY 2008)**

Themed "Find out more about your prostate", the public forum held at the Kallang Community Club attracted more than 900 participants.

Doctors from the Singapore Urological Association shared with the audience a range of topics covering benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostate disease protection, diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

The campaign was jointly organised by SCS, Singapore Urological Association and the Kallang Community Club to create awareness of prostate cancer.

#### **HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (JULY 2008)**

SCS partnered the Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Singapore to organise the second Head and Neck Cancer Awareness public forum at the Kallang Community Club. Close to 500 participants attended the forum.

The panel of doctors spoke on the risk factors, screening and prevention, signs and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancer.

#### **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (OCTOBER 2008)**

SCS, together with the Breast Cancer Foundation, National Cancer Centre Singapore and The Cancer Institute, once again organised another successful campaign during October 2008 to raise the awareness of breast cancer. Themed “The Women in Our Lives”, the campaign urged individuals to

encourage the women in their lives to go for regular breast screening.

In the face of rising incidence of breast cancer, this annual campaign served as a reminder for women to go for regular preventive screening.

The month-long activities included public forums in English and Mandarin at the Toa Payoh Central Community Club, which attracted close to 480 participants. The forums featured talks by medical doctors on breast cancer and sharing by two caregivers on how they have journeyed with their loved ones in battling cancer. In addition, various hospitals and medical institutions offered mammograms at discounted fees to encourage women to go for screening.

During the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, SCS also supported the Reebok Pink Ribbon Walk at Clarke Quay, the illumination light-up of the Arts House and Pink Bridges, a charity walk from Mount Faber to HortPark.

#### **GASTRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (NOVEMBER 2008)**

The Singapore Cancer Society and National University Hospital (NUH) jointly organised this campaign in collaboration with The Cancer Institute. The theme “Beyond Gastric Pain” was adopted to alert people to seek medical attention when gastric pains persist and to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of gastric cancer.

## Public Education

During the month, two public forums were conducted in English and Mandarin at the Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium (Singapore Management University) and the Toa Payoh West Community Club. These two forums drew a crowd of close to 400 participants. They went away with more information on the symptoms, prevention and treatment of gastric cancer provided by a panel of doctors from NUH, Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Changi General Hospital.

### **“MY HAPPY HEALTHY FAMILY” CAMPAIGN**

“My Happy Healthy Family” campaign, jointly organised by SCS, the Singapore Heart Foundation and Novartis Singapore Pte Ltd, was launched at MacPherson Community Club on 19 July 2008 by the Mayor for South East District, Mr Matthias Yao. Also present was Dr Fatimah Lateef, MP for Marine Parade GRC. The campaign, in its third consecutive

year, is a public education and health screening initiative aimed at raising the awareness of cancer and cardiovascular diseases through reaching out to help heartlanders learn more about the importance of healthy living and regular health screenings.

Residents of MacPherson and Geylang Serai estates attended free health talks and health screening at their doorsteps. SCS provided free FOBT kits and Pap smear screening.

### **SMOKING CESSATION CLINIC**

SCS staff, who are Health Promotion Board-certified smoking consultants, conducted smoking cessation clinics to provide support and counsel smokers aged 18 years and below who wish to kick the habit. During the year, 15 clients were counselled.

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Month	Event	Topics	Venue
January	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Sun Peak International
	Cancer Screening (BSE)		Singapore Khalsa Association
	<b>Sports &amp; Wellness Day</b>		Management Development
	Cancer Screening (BSE)		Institute of Singapore
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		NUS Medical Society
	<b>Silver Industry Conference &amp; Exhibition 2008</b>		Suntec Singapore International
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Convention & Exhibition Centre
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty)
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		MediaCorp Press Ltd
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	My Centre @ Moulmein (Viriya Community Services)
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		People's Association
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		NUS Medical Society
February	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		NUS Medical Society
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	As-Salaam PPIS Family Support Centre
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
March	<b>COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</b>		<b>Islandwide Screening</b>
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		1-Stop@Paya Lebar
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Bus Interchange - Tampines
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Bus Interchange - Boon Lay
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Bus Interchange - Ang Mo Kio
	<b>Seniors' Fair 2008</b>		Toa Payoh HDB Hub
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Sembawang Zone H RC
	Cancer Screening (All Screening)		Singapore Khalsa Association
	<b>Blood Donation Drive</b>		City Harvest - Joo Chiat Community Club
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	<b>Launch of Toh Guan Multiservice Cluster</b>		Blk 208 Jurong East ST 21
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Pasir Ris East Community Club
	<b>Qualities of Life</b>		Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	<b>Health Talk cum Block Party</b>		Paya Lebar Zone 7 RC & Senior Citizen Committee
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Guardian Health and Beauty Participating Outlets
Cancer Screening (FOBT)		ST Aviation Services Co Pte Ltd	
Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Yong En Family Service Centre	
Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Marine Parade Family Service Centre	
Cancer Screening (FOBT)		SCS Headquarters and Boon Keng Clinic	

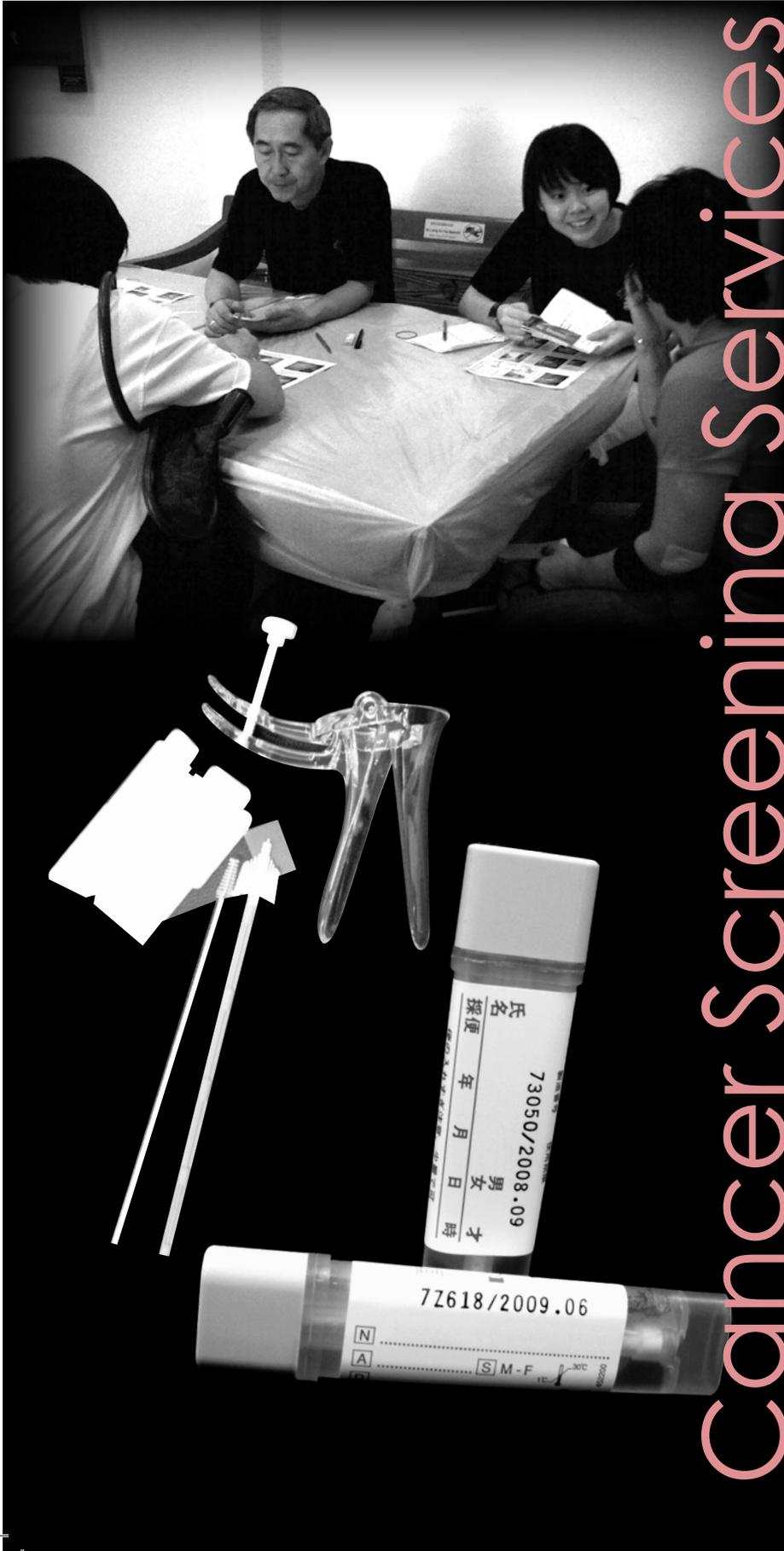
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March	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		As-Salaam PPIS Family Support Centre
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		NTUC CLUB
	Cancer Educational Talk	Breast Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Care Community Services Society
	Cancer Educational Talk	Lung Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Pasir Ris East Community Club
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	Paya Lebar Zone 7 RC
April	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Bedok Bunga Merah RC
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Ang Mo Kio Community Club
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Housing Development Board (HDB)
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Goldman Sachs (Singapore)
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Chartered Semiconductor
	Cancer Educational Talk	Lymphoma Cancer	Manufacturing Ltd
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		NUS Medical Society
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Pioneer Zone 6 RC
May	<b>CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PUBLIC FORUM</b>		<b>Conrad Centennial Hotel Singapore Al Muttaqin Mosque Bishan Community Club</b>
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Bukit Merah Community Club
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Bethel Assembly of God Church
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Educational Talk	Cervical Cancer	Housing Development Board (HDB)
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)	General Aspects of Cancer	The New Community Family Centre
	Cancer Educational Talk	General Aspects of Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)	General Aspects of Cancer	People's Association
	Cancer Educational Talk		
	Cancer Screening (All Screening)		Al Muttaqin Mosque
	Cancer Screening (Pap smear & BSE)		DHL Global Forwarding (S) Pte Ltd
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Thomson Shunfu RC
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Nee Soon South Community Club
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		Woodlands Constituency
	Cancer Educational Talk	General Aspects of Cancer	Clementi Ave 2 RC
	Cancer Screening (All Screening)		Singapore General Hospital
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)	Early Detection of Cancer	Public Service Division
	Cancer Educational Talk		
	June	Cancer Educational Talk	Cervical Cancer
Cancer Educational Talk		General Aspects of Cancer	TMC Education Corporation Ltd

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Month	Event	Topics	Venue
July	<b>Health and Environment Carnival - Community Outreach Efforts</b>		Lakeside Primary School
	Cancer Educational Talk	General Aspects of Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		MacPherson Community Club
	<b>PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PUBLIC FORUM</b>		Kallang Community Club
	<b>HEAD &amp; NECK CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PUBLIC FORUM</b>		Kallang Community Club
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	Radin Mas Community Club
	Cancer Educational Talk	Cancers in Women	Schott Electronic Packaging Asia Pte Ltd
	<b>My Happy Healthy Family</b>		MacPherson Community Club
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
Cancer Screening (All Screening)			
August	<b>My Happy Healthy Family</b>		Balam Road RC
	Cancer Educational Talk	General Aspects of Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (All Screening)		
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	Spring Singapore
September	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	<b>My Happy Healthy Family</b>		Bethel Assembly of God Church
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
October	Cancer Screening (All Screening)		MacPherson Moral Family Service Centre
	<b>BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PUBLIC FORUM</b>		<b>Toa Payoh Central Community Club</b>
November	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	KEA Oilfield Engineering Pte Ltd
	<b>Health Talk for Senior Citizens</b>		Siglap Community Club
	Cancer Educational Talk	Colorectal Cancer	
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)		
	<b>Health Talk for Senior Citizens</b>	General Aspects of Cancer	Metropolitan YMCA
	Cancer Educational Talk		
<b>GASTRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PUBLIC FORUM</b>		<b>Toa Payoh West Community Club Singapore Management University</b>	
December	Cancer Educational Talk	Prostate Cancer	Barclay Capital
	Cancer Screening (FOBT)	Colorectal Cancer	Nee Soon East Community Club
	Cancer Screening (All Screening)		Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore

# 14 Cancer Screening Services



Cancer screening helps to detect cancer at an early stage when treatment offers a better chance of cure. Early detection saves lives and reduces the cancer mortality rates.

SCS provides these free cancer screening services:

## SCREENING TESTS

- Pap smear to screen for Cervical Cancer
- Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) to screen for Colorectal Cancer

## PATIENT EDUCATION

- Breast Self-Examination to help detect Breast Cancer (We do not provide Breast Mammogram)

These free screening services are available at the SCS Headquarters at Realty Centre (Enggor Street) and the branch clinic at Boon Keng Road. Screening services are also extended to the public at community centres, corporations, institutions and community event venues during community outreach programmes.

Subsidised rates for follow-up investigations such as colonoscopies and mammograms are extended to those who need follow-up tests.

# Cancer Screening Services

## BREAST CANCER SCREENING

SCS educates patients on how to perform Breast Self-Examination (BSE) and advises women above 40 years to do mammogram annually. In 2008, 3,429 women were taught BSE at the SCS clinics.

During the Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October 2008, SCS collaborated with the various X-Ray centres, diagnostics centres, clinics and hospitals to provide mammogram at discounted fees to the general public. Of the approximately 5,300 women who went for their mammogram during the campaign month, 4 per cent were detected with abnormalities in their breast tissue.

## CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

Pap smear is able to detect pre-cancerous changes or early cancer in the cervix. In its early stages, cervical cancer can be completely cured by simple treatments. Patients with abnormal Pap smear results were referred to gynaecologists for further investigations and treatments.

During the Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in May 2008, SCS worked with 118 participating clinics to encourage women, aged 25 years and above, to go for Pap smear for early detection of cervical cancer. Close to 2,200 women were screened during the month.

SCS also conducted Pap smear screening at corporations, mosques, churches and Community Clubs. In the year, 3,720 women participated in the Pap smear screening. Of these, cytology reports showed that 91 women were found with Class II,

four with Class III, two with Class IV and none with Class V results. Two were found with cervical cancer. Patients who needed follow-up tests were referred to gynaecologists for further investigations and management.

## COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

This preliminary screening test for presence of blood in the stools has proven to be an effective tool to detect colorectal cancer. Men and women aged 50 years and above, are advised to take the Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) annually.

As part of the Society's 7th Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Guardian Health and Beauty outlets distributed free FOBT kits provided by SCS to the public during the month of March. FOBT kits were also distributed at SCS clinics and 20 other community event venues. The extensive media coverage helped to generate greater awareness amongst the public on the importance of preventive screening.

Outdoor events such as public forums, community health fairs and cancer education talks were also held to heighten awareness.

Colorectal cancer could be prevented by removing the polyps or benign growths in the colon/rectum. These polyps, if left alone, could over time develop into cancer. In 2008, the Society's free FOBT screening detected cancer in 32 individuals and led to the removal of polyps in 128 individuals, of whom 91 were found to have pre-cancerous polyps. The screening exercise effectively saved 123 lives!



# Hospice Homecare

Since 1987, the SCS's Hospice Homecare team has been providing palliative care to terminally-ill cancer persons in the comfort of the patients' homes.

The team, comprising nurses and doctors, provided holistic care including pain and symptom management, caregiver training, counseling and psychosocial support to patients, family members and caregivers. The nurses also arranged for the loan of equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes, walking aids and oxygen concentrators to assist patients at home. Due to staff turnover and manpower constraints, we catered to a smaller patient load in 2008. During the year, the team made close to 900 home visits.

A breakdown of the number of patients being cared for in 2008 is as follows:

Patients at start of year 2008	66
New Referrals	120
<b>Total number of patients</b>	<b>186</b>
Percentage of patients who passed away peacefully at home with SCS	
Hospice Homecare Services	30 (40%)
<b>Patients at end of year 2008</b>	<b>36</b>

# Hospice Homecare

## **Attachment Programme**

In 2008, the Hospice Homecare Department played hosts to a group of six students from Hwa Chong Institution. SCS was selected as one of the centres for the School's Talent Attachment and Grooming Programme. The students were attached to the Society for a week in the months of June and November. During their attachment, these students gained insights into the work carried out by the Society. At the same time, they were given the opportunities to participate in home visits to experience direct patient interaction.

# 18 Welfare Services



## SCS CANCER TREATMENT FUND

The SCS Cancer Treatment Fund is a programme for needy cancer patients referred by participating restructured hospitals i.e. NCC, TCI-NUH, SGH, TTSH and KKH. The objective of the SCS Cancer Treatment Fund is to provide financial assistance to help needy cancer patients subsidise part of their chemotherapy drugs and IMRT (Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy) costs.

All cancer patients who apply to the Fund will be means-tested under a set of criteria and must be within the required medical indications. A total of \$1.3 million was disbursed to help about 400 patients in the year 2008. Since the scheme was first started in April 2005, close to \$6 million has been disbursed to date.

Overall, the Fund brings hope to cancer patients, lightens the financial burden of the treatment costs and helps to bring normalcy to the patient's life.

## OTHER FUNDS

1. The Society continues to administer the Jonathan Tan Fund (JTF) under the Welfare Aid Scheme, whereby financial assistance is offered to children and youth aged 18 years and below and who are diagnosed with leukaemia. At the end of 2008, the balance in the Fund amounted to \$37,000.

Welfare Services

## Welfare Services

2. The Trailblazer-Chan Chiew Ping Fund (CCP Fund) was set up in memory of the late Madam Chan Chiew Ping in support of Iressa treatment for female lung cancer patients. The Society administers the grant on behalf of the Trailblazer-Chan Chiew Ping Fund.

3. The Joan Chan Shu Fang Fund was set up in memory of the ex-Raffles Girls' student who succumbed to tongue cancer. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial assistance to young cancer patients. The fund balance as at end 2008 was \$149,000.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – WELFARE AID SCHEME

Since 1964, SCS has been helping needy cancer patients under our Welfare Aid Scheme. The SCS Welfare Aid Funding Programme is a financial scheme to provide temporary financial assistance and/or medical supplies to enhance the well-being of needy cancer patients.

Our patients are usually referred by medical social workers and healthcare workers from various hospitals, hospices and other voluntary welfare organizations involved in cancer patient care services.

The application and approval for welfare aid is subject to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria and passing the financial assessment, the procedures of which are periodically reviewed by the Welfare Committee.

During the year under review, \$517,000 was disbursed under the scheme to some 300 welfare patients. This included monthly cash aid and

medical supplements such as milk feeds and stoma appliances.

Social activities were also organised for our welfare patients and their families to enhance their quality of life. These activities were:

- Chinese New Year “Hong Bao” Distribution
- Johnson & Johnson organised an excursion to Sentosa on 5 December 2008 for 30 cancer patients and their children
- Land Transport Authority fulfilled festive wishes/gifts for 37 needy cancer patients and their families
- Christmas party for children of cancer patients co-organised by SCS and Temasek Polytechnic
- Under its spring cleaning project, 120 students from Temasek Polytechnic helped to clean up the homes of 9 cancer patients

### JOHNSON & JOHNSON EXCURSION TO SENTOSA

Johnson & Johnson organised an excursion to Sentosa on 5 December 2008 for 30 cancer patients and their families. In addition to visiting the attractions on the island, the group was treated to a buffet lunch at Rasa Sentosa Hotel. This event brought sunshine and laughter to the patients and their families, organisers and volunteers. At the end of the excursion, each child participant was also given a goody bag sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. As a gesture of goodwill, the staff of Johnson & Johnson also made a cash donation to SCS.

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC**

35 patients and their children attended a fun and enjoyable Christmas party on 22 December 2008 at the Temasek Polytechnic. The event organised by the Polytechnic's Community Service Club brought joy and festive cheer to our needy patients and their children. The guests were treated to games, musical performance by the Polytechnic's Chinese Orchestra, magic show, food and special appearance by Santa Claus. All the guests were also given a Christmas gift at the end of the party.

## **SCS SATELLITE CENTRE AT THE NATIONAL CANCER CENTRE, SINGAPORE (NCCS)**

The SCS Satellite Centre was inaugurated on 14 August 2006 at the NCCS to better serve the public.

Services available at the Centre include:

- Application for the SCS Cancer Treatment Fund
- Information on cancer support groups
- Educational pamphlets on different types of cancer
- Information about the services provided by SCS

## **FREE HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION**

Since 1971, the Society has been providing free transportation services for needy cancer patients undergoing radiotherapy. Currently, the Society has two passenger vans providing free hospital transport to needy cancer patients receiving treatment from the NCCS, SGH, TTSH and NUH. By making it hassle-free for patients to go for their treatment, this programme has helped to reduce the stress for cancer patients and their caregivers.

## Rehabilitation and Support Groups



## Rehabilitation & Support Groups

### NEW VOICE CLUB

The New Voice Club (NVC) was formed in 1985 to provide rehabilitative support for throat/nasopharynx cancer patients during their journey towards recovery. Currently, the New Voice Club has 61 active members.

During their regular social and family activities organised by the members, facilitators, volunteers and SCS staff, the support group members come together to provide each other with emotional support. The strong bonds among the members and the encouragement and emotional support they received from each other were vital in helping the patients cope with difficulties in their daily lives.

Weekly on Tuesdays, members whose voice box had been removed due to cancer, turned up for voice training and social activities. Highlights of social activities included the mid-autumn festival celebration on 2 September 2008 and an excursion on 9 September 2008 for 40 NVC members and their families. The group visited a tropical fish farm, wheat/mushroom farm and Khong Guan Biscuit Factory. Members had an enjoyable time of bonding and sightseeing.

### THE OSTOMY CLUB

Since its inception in 1981, the Ostomy Club has remained dedicated to its objective of rehabilitating newly-operated colorectal cancer patients, helping them adjust to their new lifestyle and lead quality lives. The Club's membership stood at 161 as at end 2008.

To help new patients adjust to their new lifestyle, well-rehabilitated members conducted telephone calls or visits either to hospitals or homes to provide psychological and emotional support.

Members continued to meet every third Saturday of the month to share their experiences, exchange information and learn how others cope with their stoma and the problems they have encountered. Volunteer Enterostomal Therapist (ET) nurses were usually present to share their expertise. Other activities included talks on nutrition and keep-fit exercises.

In celebration of the annual World Ostomy Day, members of the Ostomy Club and Reach To Recovery members were treated to a half-day getaway at Lim Chu Kang agriculture farm on 18 October 2008.

### REACH TO RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Reach To Recovery (RTR), established in 1973, is a support group that helps women cope with breast cancer. The support group has 243 members.

Members meet monthly to share their experiences and update each other on strategies to cope with breast cancer and rehabilitation issues. Through social activities and sharing of experience, RTR members offer hope, encouragement, emotional support and information for newly-diagnosed patients. Social activities included fabric painting on T-shirts taught by a breast cancer survivor and cooking demonstrations.

The RTR Patient Support Volunteer Movement reaches out to newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients at Mount Alvernia Hospital by doing hospital or home visits, or via phone support.

In conjunction with the Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October 2008, RTR organised a public forum "Face It. Fight It. Win It." on 11 October 2008 at the Toa Payoh Central Community Club for breast cancer patients who were newly diagnosed or undergoing treatment.

### LOOK GOOD FEEL BETTER PROGRAMME

The Look Good Feel Better (LGFB) programme was developed specifically for women newly diagnosed with cancer, undergoing or about to undergo chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy treatment for cancer. The programme helps these women cope with the temporary side-effects of their treatments, such as hair loss and skin discoloration. LGFB was set up in 1997 by a group of volunteers, modeled after a similar

## Rehabilitation and Support Groups

programme offered in the United States by the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, the National Cosmetology Association and the American Cancer Society.

In 2002, SCS adopted the LGFB programme. Workshops are conducted by volunteer cosmetologists who teach make-up techniques and give tips on skincare, hair care and the use of wigs. A total of 23 workshops were conducted in 2008 and 188 participants attended the programme at Changi General Hospital, Gleneagles Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, National Cancer Centre Singapore and the National University Hospital.

On 18 November 2008, the LGFB programme marked its 10th anniversary with a press conference to launch its new website at [www.lookgoodfeelbetter.com.sg](http://www.lookgoodfeelbetter.com.sg). Through the website, more women will be able to get their hands on information such as make-up tips and workshop schedules. It also provides a platform for women who have benefited from this programme to share their experiences and encourage others who are battling with cancer. With greater awareness, the LGFB programme looks forward to recruiting more volunteers and sponsors for its workshops, and reaching out to more women cancer patients.

# 24 Volunteer Management



The support of volunteers is integral to the efforts of the Society in controlling cancer and enhancing the lives of people suffering from cancer.

The delivery of our services and programmes would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our volunteers in the following areas:

- Doctors who delivered cancer talks at all SCS public forums and corporations
- Students and individuals who provided support for all our fund raising activities, public forums, welfare activities and outdoor screenings
- Corporations who made a difference to our patients and their families by taking them out for outings
- Individuals who provided administrative support in the office
- Individuals who provided psychosocial and emotional support to our patients

In the year, the society saw over 3,000 volunteers who have taken their time to support us in reaching out to the community and the people afflicted with cancer.



# Community Partnerships

**“We engage the community to support us in our efforts to help our patients and their families in their daily triumphs over cancer.”**

The Community Partnerships Department raises funds for the Society’s various assistance, free screening and public education programmes. Through our activities and events, we enlist the community’s help so that cancer patients and their families can continue to lead active and productive lives.

### SCS FLAG DAY

The SCS Flag Day was held on 22 March 2008 with collection centres at Plaza Singapura, Simei MRT station and Nan Hua High School. More than 2,400 students from schools across the island participated in the event. We collected more than \$75,000 from this donation drive.

### AIA-SCS CHARITY GOLF

The AIA-SCS Charity Golf tournament was held on 16 July 2008 at the Tanah Merah Country Club, Tampines Course. More than 250 golf enthusiasts played for a good cause. The tournament achieved a new record with a car given

## Community Partnerships

away for a 2-metre Nearest-the-Pin Challenge! For the third year running and the best ever, a total amount of more than \$781,000 was raised from the event. All funds raised were channeled to the SCS Cancer Treatment Fund.

### **DIRECT DEBIT DONOR PROGRAMME**

This year-long fundraising programme began on 1 October 2008. Through house-to-house and street collections, new donors were encouraged to make regular or one-time donation to SCS.

This programme raised more than \$84,000 in donations from October to December 2008.

### **DIRECT MAIL APPEALS**

Two direct mail campaigns were conducted in 2008 to raise funds for SCS. We reached out to Yakult's distribution network of 50,000 residential customers and 500,000 households through SingPost. By the end of the year, the direct mail donation drive brought in \$199,000.

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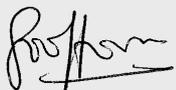
## Statement by the Council

In the opinion of the council, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31 December 2008 and the results, changes in funds and cash flow of the Society for the year ended on that date and at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

On Behalf of the Council



.....  
Dr Koo Wen Hsin  
Chairman



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Ms Lim Soo Hoon  
Honorary Secretary



.....  
Mr Choo Eng Chuan  
Honorary Treasurer

Singapore  
25 March 2009

# Financial Report

## Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of the SINGAPORE CANCER SOCIETY (Registration No : 124/64 WEL)

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Singapore Cancer Society ("the Society") which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, and the statement of financial activities, statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### Council's Responsibility for the provisions of Financial Statements

The Society's council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Society, the Charities Act, Cap 37, the Societies Act, Cap 311, Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and Recommended Accounting Practice 6. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In accordance with RAP 6, the assets and liabilities representing each category of fund should be summarised and analysed between those funds in the notes to the accounts. However, the treatment is currently not being practised by management.

### Independent Auditor's 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 auditor's judgment, 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 auditor considers internal control relevant to the Society'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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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 accompanying financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the Constitution of the Society, the Charities Act, Cap 37, the Societies Act, Cap. 311 and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and Recommended Accounting Practice 6 so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31 December 2008 and the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the year ended on that date;
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the above regulations to be kept by the Society have been properly kept in accordance with those regulations;
- (c) the total fund-raising expenses of the entity did not exceed 30% of the total gross receipts from fund-raising;
- (d) the use of donation money received is in accordance with the entity's objectives; and
- (e) the fund-raising appeals held during the financial year have been carried out in accordance with regulation 6 of the Charities (Fund-raising appeals) Regulations 2007 issued under the Charities Act, Cap. 37 and proper accounts and other records have been kept of the fund-raising appeals.

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 RSM Chio Lim LLP  
 Public Accountants and  
 Certified Public Accountants  
 Singapore

25 March 2009

Partner in charge of audit: Paul Lee Seng Meng  
 Effective from year ended 31 December 2006

**Statement of Financial Activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2008**

2008	Unrestricted Funds						Restricted Funds										Sub-Total	Total
	General Fund	Hope For Tomorrow Fund	NKF Cancer Fund	Cancer Treatment Fund	Cervical Cancer Prevention Fund	Sub-Total	Stoma Therapist Education and Training Fund	Run For Hope Fund	Chan Su Fang Joan Fund	Multiple Sclerosis Fund	Stoma Club Fund	Look Good Feel Better Fund	Jonathan Tan Fund	CAAS Fund	Lung & Liver Cancer Fund	Mongolian Patient Fund		
<b>INCOME</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Voluntary income	1,363,082	-	-	-	-	1,363,082	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,363,082
Charitable income	785	-	-	-	-	785	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	785
Funds generating Activities	2,152,930	6,947	-	-	47,483	2,207,360	-	10,015	-	2,027	-	-	7,424	-	-	-	1,825	2,228,651
Investment income	106,545	-	-	-	-	106,545	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106,545
Sundry income	278,105	-	-	2,000	-	280,105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280,105
Total income	3,901,447	6,947	-	2,000	47,483	3,957,877	-	10,015	-	2,027	-	-	7,424	-	-	-	1,825	3,979,168
<b>EXPENSES</b>																		
Costs of generating voluntary income:	137,644	-	-	-	-	137,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137,644
Fund raising																		
Costs of charitable activities: Cancer screening, public education and research	678,568	-	-	-	-	678,568	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,105	680,673
Costs of charitable activities: Welfare services	943,619	-	(3,169)	1,328,791	-	2,269,241	-	-	6,711	-	-	5,000	1,500	-	-	-	-	2,282,452
Costs of charitable activities: Hospice healthcare and support group expenses	227,553	-	-	-	-	227,553	-	-	-	1,716	7,097	-	-	-	-	-	-	236,366
Costs of fund generating activities	543,817	(76,365)	-	-	-	467,452	-	100,790	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	568,242
Administrative costs	850,517	-	-	-	-	850,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	850,517
Total expenses	3,381,718	(76,365)	(3,169)	1,328,791	-	4,630,975	-	100,790	6,711	1,716	7,097	5,000	1,500	-	-	-	2,105	4,755,894
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	519,729	83,312	3,169	(1,326,791)	47,483	(673,098)	-	(90,775)	(6,711)	311	(7,097)	(5,000)	5,924	-	-	(280)	(103,628)	(776,726)



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## Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2008

### ASSETS

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>2,016,437</u>	<u>2,078,681</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Asset Held for Sale	–	565,000
Inventories	48,897	46,421
Other Receivables	1,694,038	4,164,027
Other Assets	17,967	13,712
Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,739,546	10,972,125
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>14,500,448</u>	<u>15,761,285</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and Other payables	<u>643,761</u>	<u>1,190,116</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>13,856,687</u>	<u>14,571,169</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	<u>15,873,124</u>	<u>16,649,850</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>15,873,124</u>	<u>16,649,850</u>

### THE FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

#### Unrestricted Funds

General Fund	12,241,289	8,661,837
Hope For Tomorrow Fund	–	4,883,265
NKF Cancer Fund	210,219	207,050
Cancer Treatment Fund	2,942,323	2,260,300
Cervical Cancer Prevention Fund	47,483	–
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>15,441,314</u>	<u>16,012,452</u>

#### Restricted Funds

Stoma Therapist Education and Training Fund	12,667	12,667
Run For Hope Fund	178,414	267,838
Chan Su Fang Joan Fund	149,250	149,250
Multiple Sclerosis Fund	–	6,711
Stoma Club Fund	2,373	1,000
Look Good Feel Better Fund	1,997	9,094
Jonathan Tan Fund	37,109	42,109
CAAS Fund	–	97,742
Lung & Liver Cancer Fund	50,000	50,000
Mongolian Patient Fund	–	316
My Healthy Happy Family	–	671
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>431,810</u>	<u>637,398</u>

<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>15,873,124</u>	<u>16,649,850</u>
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## Statement of Changes in Funds For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2008

	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	16,649,850	13,350,757
Net surplus / (deficit) for the financial year	(776,726)	3,299,093
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<u>15,873,124</u>	<u>16,649,850</u>

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### Cash Flow Statement For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Net (deficit) / surplus for the financial year	(776,726)	3,299,093
Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	90,092	156,357
Bequeathed Property Received	–	(565,000)
Gain on disposal of Bequeathed Property Received	(105,384)	–
Interest income	<u>(106,545)</u>	<u>(279,628)</u>
Operating Cash Flow before Changes in Working Capital	(898,563)	2,610,822
Inventories	(2,476)	(40,438)
Other Receivables	2,469,989	(3,927,372)
Other Assets	(4,255)	127,350
Cash Restricted	–	7,296,676
Trade and Other Payables	<u>(546,355)</u>	<u>685,383</u>
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<u>1,018,340</u>	<u>6,752,421</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Disposal of Bequeathed Property Received	670,384	–
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	(27,848)	(17,792)
Interest Received	<u>106,545</u>	<u>279,628</u>
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<u>749,081</u>	<u>261,836</u>
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	1,767,421	7,014,257
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Cash Flow Statement, beginning Balance	<u>10,872,125</u>	<u>3,857,868</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, Cash Flow Statement, Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>12,639,546</u></u>	<u><u>10,872,125</u></u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2008

### IMPORTANT NOTE

The Summary Financial Statements as set out on pages 30 to 34 contain only a summary of the information in the financial statements of the Society's Annual Report. For the full financial statements, you may request a copy of the Annual Report from the Society or visit our website – [www.singaporecancersociety.org.sg](http://www.singaporecancersociety.org.sg).

### 1. General

Singapore Cancer Society ("the Society") is established in Singapore under the Societies Act, Cap 311. The functional currency of the Society is Singapore dollars and the financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars. It is also subject to the provisions of the Charities Act, Cap. 37 as one of the conditions for the renewal of its status as an Institution of a Public Character. The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the council ("the management") on 25 March 2009.

The principal objectivities of the Society are to foster national and international coordination and development of all activities in relation to Cancer and the rendering of services to persons suffering from Cancer.

The constitution of the Society restricts the use of fund monies to the furtherance of the objects of the Society. It prohibits the payment of dividends.

The registered office is : 15 Enggor Street, #04-01 to 04 Realty Centre, Singapore 079716.

### 2. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") as well as all related Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") issued by the Singapore Accounting Standards Council and the Recommended Accounting Practice 6, Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention except where an FRS requires an alternative treatment (such as fair values) as disclosed where appropriate in these financial statements.

### 3. Related Party Transactions

A related party includes the council members and key management of the Society. 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 influence by or for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any such individual. Key management personnel include the executive director/CEO and the direct reporting senior officers.

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The council members, or people connected with them, have not received remuneration, or other benefits, from the Society for which they are responsible, or from institutions connected with the Society.

There is no claim by the council members for services provided to the Society, either by reimbursement to the council members or by providing the council members with an allowance or by direct payment to a third party.

All council members, chairman of sub-committees and staff members of the Society are required to read and understand the conflict of interest policy in place and make full disclosure of interests, relationships and holdings that could potentially result in conflict of interests. When a conflict of interest situation arises, the members or staffs shall abstain from participating in the discussion, decision making and voting on the matter.

### 3.1. Key management compensation:

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	587,329	713,054

The above amounts are included under employee benefits expense.

### Number of key management in remuneration bands:

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
\$100,001 - \$150,000	–	1
\$50,001 - \$100,000	*5	4

\*: includes 1 person who resigned during the year 2008.

Key management personnel comprise the executive director/CEO and the direct reporting senior officers. The council members did not receive any compensation during the year.

There were no transactions with a corporation in which the above key management personnel have an interest.

Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all donors, sponsors and supporters who have helped us in advancing our mission. Your generosity and support have touched the lives of our beneficiaries and their families.

*The names are listed in alphabetical order. The donors listed have donated \$1,000 and above. Whilst we have taken great care to ensure the accuracy of these entries, we seek your kind understanding on any omission or oversight on our part.*

# Corporate Donors

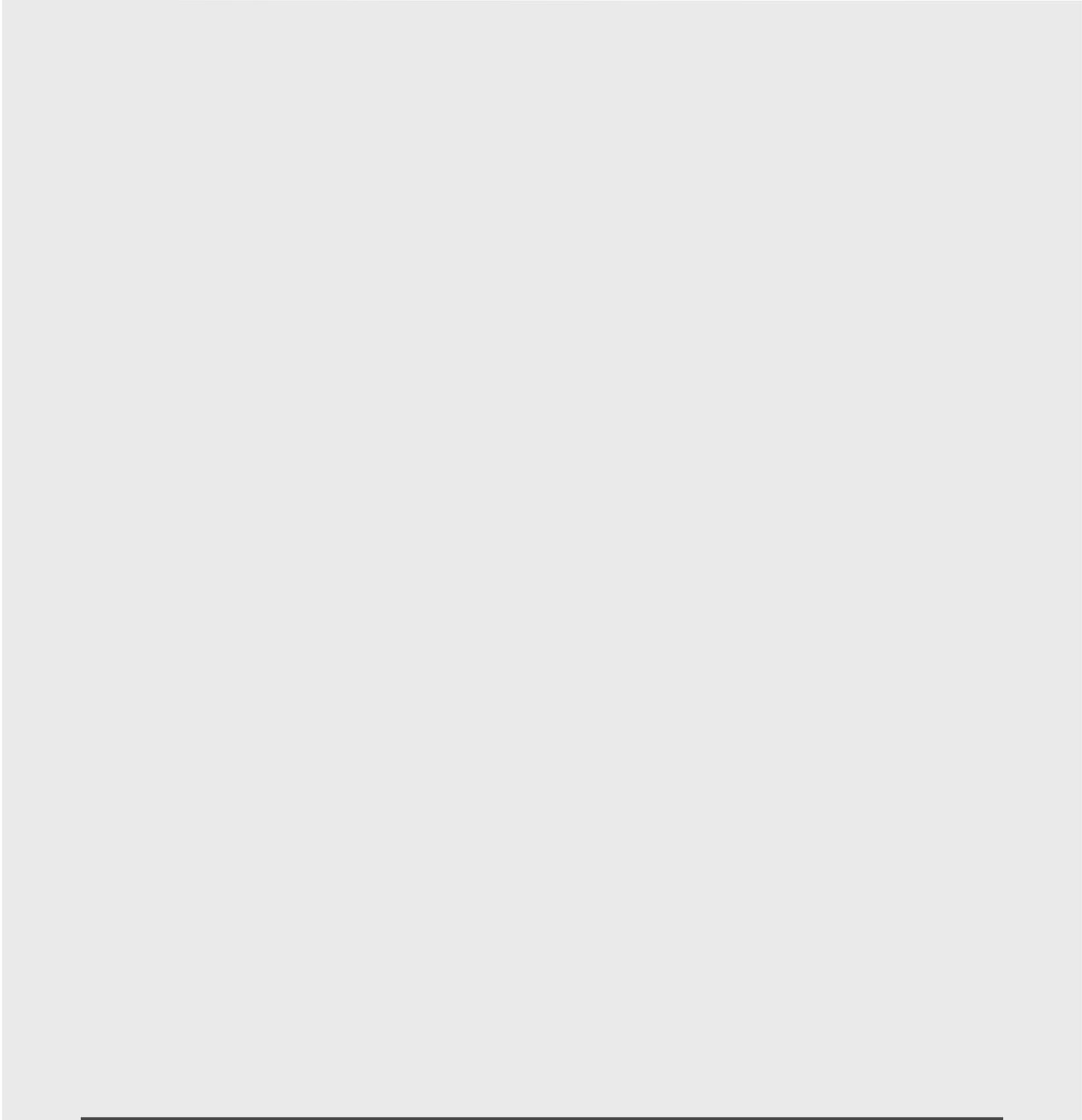
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 Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Ltd  
 AIG Global Investment Corp. (SG) Ltd  
 AIG Private Bank Ltd  
 Akashi Japanese Restaurant Pte Ltd  
 American Home Assurance Company Singapore  
 American International Assurance Ltd  
 Asia Enterprises (Private) Limited  
 Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation  
 Australian Chamber of Commerce  
 Bethel Community Services  
 BG Marketing Centre  
 Blue Max Enterprise Pte Ltd  
 Bosch Rexroth Pte Ltd  
 Bossard Pte Ltd  
 Boustead Singapore Ltd  
 C.K Tang Limited  
 Carestream Health S'pore Pte Ltd  
 Cathay Photo Store (Pte) Ltd  
 Changi Airport Recreation Club  
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 Citystate Travel Pte Ltd  
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 DBS Vickers Securities (SG) Pte Ltd  
 Dell Global B.V.  
 DMC Event Management Pte Ltd  
 D'Resources Pte Ltd  
 Fa Yew Construction Pte Ltd  
 Far East Organisation  
 FIL Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd  
 First State Investments (Singapore)  
 Fujilex Services Pte Ltd  
 GlaxoSmithKline Pte Ltd  
 Global Energy Trading Pte Ltd  
 Government Pensioners' Association  
 GT Industrial Pte Ltd  
 Guan Ho Construction Co. Pte Ltd  
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 Health Promotion Board  
 HITL Pte Ltd  
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 Insurance and Financial Practitioners Association  
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 Interlocal Exim Pte Ltd  
 International SOS Pte Ltd  
 Joe's Tailoring & Fashion Design  
 Johnson Decoration Contractor Pte Ltd  
 Jollibean Foods Pte Ltd  
 Khiam Chuan Marine Pte Ltd  
 Koyo Kaiun Asia Pte Ltd  
 Kuan Im Tng Temple (Joo Chiat)  
 Kuok (Singapore) Ltd  
 Kwang Peng Electrical & Engineering Pte Ltd  
 Lee Foundation Singapore  
 Lee Kim Tah Foundation  
 Little Ferries Agencies Pte Ltd  
 L'Oreal Singapore Pte Ltd  
 MDS Life Sciences (S) Pte Ltd  
 Mediacorp TV Singapore Pte Ltd  
 Merck Pte Ltd  
 MobileOne Ltd  
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 Nanyang Law LLC  
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