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36TH AGM - HON. GEN. SECRETARY, DR. WONG KAM SUN, STEPHEN

PAAM 36th AGM was held on 25th April 2021 at 2.00 pm at the Saujana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Saujana Resort, Jalan Lapangan Terbang SAAS, Shah Alam, Selangor. At the AGM, we were to adhere to the strict SOPs and social distancing. The total attendance was 27 members.

President Sharon BH Lim (2020-2022) chaired the meeting. She highlighted that due to the MCO and CMCO, PAAM could not carry out much activities. However, we managed to carry out a Japanese Language class and a health talk on "Dementia Awareness".

The minutes of the 35th AGM, the Annual report for 2020 as well as the audited accounts for 2020 were duly passed.



During the AGM, the constitution amendments from the past 35th AGM of PAAM were deliberated and passed. The approved amendments made were on Clause 4.5; 4.6; 7.2; 7.5; 13.1; 14.1; 15.1; 15.4. The Amendments were filed with ROS and the updated constitution was extracted from the ROS website on 4th March 2021.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PERSATUAN ALUMNI AOTS MALAYSIA

SUNDAY, 27 MARCH 2022, 2 PM

@ THE SAUJANA HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR SAUJANA RESORT
JALAN LAPANGAN TERBANG SAAS, SHAH ALAM, SELANGOR

2022 PAAM'S AGM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, PAAM



Welcome to this special edition newsletter! Why special edition? Because it contains all our PAAM activities during the term 2020 – 2022.

As I reminisce the day I was elected President in August 2020 in the midst of the pandemic Covid-19, I remember wondering what PAAM's CCM can plan in term of activities and services to the members. Due to the several CMCOs and travel restrictions throughout our term 2020-2022, certain plans we made were either aborted or postponed. But we still managed to plan two health talks via zoom and visits to Japan Embassy and SEERS Berhad.

We conducted our monthly CCM meetings via zoom when we could not meet physically. AOTS Japan physical training programs were also halted due to travel restrictions. With the latest information technology, AOTS Japan managed to develop a series of webinars in various fields of study led by the group of industry leaders to the AOTS alumni worldwide. PAAM's role was to administer and assist in recruiting participants to attend the training.

During the year 2021,

1. We completed a Japanese Language class to an employee of a corporate company who was preparing his trip to Japan for training.
2. We signed up 3 life members who are currently entrepreneurs and they were former participants of the Hippo Homestay Program. Indeed it was a challenge in increasing our membership. Like with other associations, many of our members are entering the twilight of their careers and are looking forward to a much deserved retirement. With that said we need to bring more young members into PAAM to give new creative ideas especially in the era of technology.
3. We had three representatives from PAAM attending the 15th FOSAAS Convention hosted by Jakarta, Indonesia via zoom.

As the term is coming to an end at the next AGM in March 2022, I would like to thank PAAM for allowing me to serve as President, giving me the opportunity to serve the members and creating friendships within PAAM. I also thank the Central Committee Members and the Secretariat for their commitment and support throughout the 19 months we were in office.

Indeed, I believe the remainder of the months of 2022 will be a year of blessings, opportunities and good health. I wish all our Muslim members and friends Selamat Berpuasa and Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri in advance.

Sharon BH Lim
PAAM President (2020-2022)

What is AOTS?

AOTS or the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarships, a Japanese agency, jointly supported by Japan METI and the industry, is entrusted with the task of developing human resources in the third world. It has trained over 8000 Malaysians over the last 3 decades.

All AOTS ex-trainees are entitled to be admitted as a member of the Persatuan Alumni AOTS Malaysia (PAAM) which is the alumni association for all who have participated in AOTS training programs or even events conducted locally by PAAM.

To be a member all you need to do is to fill up a membership application form and submit it to the Secretariat office. There are 3 categories of membership ie life member, ordinary member and affiliate membership.

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Announcements

Articles for Newsletter

To make your newsletter more interesting, we would like to appeal for interesting articles from members. Your articles can be on any topic but should not be too technical. We would appreciate articles that are original and will make an interesting read, between 100 to 200 words. As a token of appreciation, PAAM will send you cash vouchers for articles that are published in PAAM Newsletters.



35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - HON. GEN. SECRETARY, DR. WONG KAM SUN, STEPHEN



In spite of the Covid-19, the 35th AGM of PAAM was successfully held in the afternoon of Sunday, 23rd August 2020 with overwhelming attendance of 38 PAAM members, far exceeded the quorum of 26. The outgoing President, Mr. Tan Teng Ek opened the meeting with a shocker statement: that PAAM Malaysia has the higher aging membership among the Alumni in ASEAN, with 75% of members above the age of 50 years old. He advised the incoming Central Committee to organize activities more appropriate to attract younger members before we become extinct.

The annual report was presented, and after due explanation to clarify some questions pertaining to the conduct of the Japanese classes for members, the yet empty Second floor of the office premise and AOTS Convention in Japan was then passed accordingly.

Similarly, the audited accounts for year 2019 was presented and passed accordingly. It was recommended that big account items be accompanied with notes for some detail explanation in the future.

Seven proposed amendments to the Constitution were presented and opened for members to discuss. These amendments were mainly focused on the memberships – life membership and ordinary membership. The amendments were proposed to address the discrepant power of the different type of memberships. Some discussions followed this topic of membership amendments before it was decided to be put to a vote to the floor. The other amendment concerned the differential in time call of half-an-hour on the same day for the adjourned AGM should there be a shortage of quorum for an AGM. This was to ensure that members' time, money and efforts be not wasted. When no further query was made and upon the suggestion of the outgoing President, with the acceptance by the floor that the members of the floor vote only once for all the amendments enbloc to be accepted or rejected by a simple majority, the vote was then cast by show of hand. The votes by hands were cast and counted twice by the two scrutinizers, these proposed constitutional amendments were passed by a majority of 26 votes for, and 4 votes against. The motion to pass the all the seven amendments was then carried.

Next, the election for the Central Committee for the term 2020 – 2022 was called and presided by the election chairman, Ms. Lee Sin Peng proposed from the floor. The results confirmed the new CCM as follows:

President	Lim Boon Hong, Sharon	Vice President	Yap Choon Ming
Hon. Gen. Secretary	Dr. Wong Kam Sun, Stephen	Hon. Asst. Gen Secretary	Vacant
Hon. Treasurer	Yeong Soon Seng	Hon. Asst. Treasurer	Cheong Lye Foon, Valerie
Committee Members	Hoi Yow Yin, Irene	Lim Boon Lai, Karen	Yap Geok Lan, Stephanie
	Low Kiang	Khor Kai Tong	Siao Kent Wah
	Sew Kok Weng		
Internal Auditors	Tan Teng Ek	Low Ah Chap, Sharon	

With the conclusion of the election, the presiding chairman thanked the members of the floor. A vote of thanks was proposed for the presiding chairman before the AGM adjourned at 5.35 pm.

KNOWING YOUR PRESIDENT



President Sharon BH Lim attended the AOTS World Business Network Program at Yokohama, Japan from 8th – 26th February 1999. She became PAAM's life member in 1999. In appreciation and gratefulness to AOTS Japan's sponsorship, she served in PAAM's CCM as well as PAAM's internal auditor. She has also participated in the Hippo Homestay Program to Gunma, Japan in 2004.

She is indeed honoured to be elected as the first lady President of PAAM for the term 2020 – 2022.

Currently, she is a Director of an investment holding and property management Company. Her work experiences include banking, auditing and steel fabrication - manufacturing piling components, formwork components, steel tanks and threading of steel bars to the related construction industries.

As a former member of the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), she served in the FMM Selangor Branch Committee, FMM Hulu Langat Regional Committee, FMM SMI Committee and the Women in Business Committee. She was a Rotarian in Pudu Rotary Club under District 3300 from 1996 - 2011. As a Pudu Rotarian, she had served as Secretary, Club Service Director and Youth Director overseeing the Interact Clubs from 8 secondary schools in Kuala Lumpur.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW CCM: 2020-2022



MS. KAREN LIM BOON LAI (Committee Member)

Karen has been a PAAM's Life Member since 1999. Having attended and completed the Japanese classes in PAAM, she was encouraged by the Sensei to join the Hippo Homestay Program [HHP] to visit and know more about Japan. The very same year, she joined the HHP to Chiba Prefecture, Tokyo.

Currently, she is involved in collecting data and tracing the roots of the Lim family for Persatuan Keturunan Ling Tou KL & Selangor (隆雪嶺頭林氏家族會) which is a member of The Federation of Malaysia Lim Associations [TFMLA] (馬來西亞林氏宗親總會). Today TFMLA is a member of The World Lin's Association (世界林氏宗親總會) registered in Taiwan. (Note: Japanese surname 林 is read as Hayashi)



MR. LOW KIANG (Committee Member)

Low Kiang joined PAAM as its life member in the early 1990s after attending PAAM's public Japanese language training program under the tutelage of Mrs. Harima, the wife of the 2nd General Manager of AOTS, based in Kuala Lumpur.

He was PAAM's immediate past auditor for one term. At PAAM's 35th AGM, he was voted into the Central Committee as its committee member.

Professionally, he was a national sales manager for an international company dealing in consumer home appliances before starting his own printing business. Currently, he is a business consultant as well as a volunteer in social works.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW CCM: 2020-2022



MS. STEPHANIE YAP GEOK LAN (Committee Member)

Minasan Ogenki desu ka? Dozo Yoroshiku.
Greetings to you.

Stephanie Yap took Japanese classes in the 1980s at PAAM. With the language she was equipped with, she further a hairstyling course in Tokyo.

She is happily married to Jerry Lee Chiew Tin, a PAAM's life member who owns a business in the lift industry. Together they have 3 children and are blessed with 2 grandchildren.



MS. IRENE HOW YOW YIN (Committee Member)

Irene Hoi, born and raised in Kuala Lumpur is an adventurous person by nature. Currently, she is the Director of a company manufacturing steel water storage tank in Bandar Technology Kajang, Semenyih, Selangor.

She was also the Past President of Lions Club, Petaling Jaya Mutiara in District 308B2. Lions Clubs International is an international non-political service organization to empower volunteers to serve their communities and meet humanitarian needs.

COURTESY VISIT TO THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN - BY YAP CHOON MING

On 25th September 2020, our newly elected President Ms. Sharon BH Lim and I made a courtesy call to the Japan Embassy on the invitation of Mr. Nakagawa Kazutaka, Commercial Attache.

Mr. Kazutaka who is in charge of Trade took over from his predecessor Mr. Sousuke Tanaka sometime in 2019. He wanted to meet us earlier but the meeting was postponed due to the pandemic lockdown. The visit to the Embassy was rather strict with their SOPs in meeting guests. Mr. Kazutaka wanted to know PAAM's role and its activities and to explore any opportunities on how we can collaborate together in the future. During the meeting, we discussed on PAAM's role and its activities, how our management & technical visits to Japan have benefited us



From L to R : Yap Choon Ming (PAAM VP), Sharon BH Lim (PAAM President) and N. Kazutaka

in our business, exchange of ideas and information of our multicultural nation, customs & traditions. We ended our meeting with a gift of mooncake since it was the Mooncake Festival.

We met Mr. Oka Hiroshi, the Ambassador of Japan who officially took over from Dr. Miyakawa in Kuala Lumpur in October 2019. We were introduced to him by Mr. Kazutaka and we also manage to exchange greetings with him.

Indeed, we had a fruitful meeting and we hope that we will be able to support the activities of Japan Embassy in the near future.

HEALTH TALK

LET US WALK TOGETHER TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS DEMENTIA



This Webinar was hosted in collaboration with Alzheimer Disease Foundation Malaysia (ADFM). The guest speaker, Ms Jenny Lim is a retired Registered Nurse with nursing experience in Palliative Care Nursing, UK. Currently she is a Certified Dementia Care Skills Trainer and Project Manager with the Alzheimer Disease Foundation Malaysia. During the talk, she shared information on signs, habits and support care for dementia patients. There was a 30 minutes Q & A session for the 18 participants who attended.



“CHIROCARE - RIGHT POSTURE, RIGHT PLACE”

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Dr. Jo Wee on her talk via zoom to 22 participants on “CHIROCARE - Right Posture, Right Place” on 3rd October 2021.

TRAINING: VIA WEBINAR

AOTS JAPAN started to organise training via webinar due to Covid-19 travel restrictions since early 2020. They strategized plans and focused on a series of webinars targeting various segments in different industries and shared knowledge with participants on topics such as Kaizen, 5S and Quality Control.

The webinars were mostly subsidised by the Japanese Government and some organized by the Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) with collaboration with AOTS Overseas Alumni Societies.

These webinars were conducted in English and some in Japanese with translation into English by an interpreter. Applications to join were open to PAAM members/public and response have been moderately good. The webinars are still ongoing in the first quarter 2022.



15TH FEDERATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN AOTS ALUMNI SOCIETIES (FOSAAS) CONVENTION



On 27th November 2021, PAAM had the experience of attending the 15th FOSAAS Convention virtually via zoom with the participants from 13 AOTS Alumni Societies which comprises of 8 representative countries namely Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia. The host for this year was Yayasan Himpunan Alumni AOTS from Jakarta, Indonesia.

In attendance from Malaysia were President Sharon Lim, Ms Valerie Cheong (CCM), Ms Lim AL (the secretariat) and a representative from Pertubuhan Alumni ABK/AOTS, Penang.

The resolution of the 15th FOSAAS Convention towards Sustainable Development and Partnership in the New Normal was agreed and adopted. President Son Seng Huat from AASC Cambodia was elected as the next Chairman (2021-2023) and he had cordially invited PAAM members to Cambodia for the next FOSAAS meeting which will be sometime in 2023.



VISIT TO SEERS BERHAD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2021

In October 2021, the Malaysian government lifted the movement control restrictions for vaccinated people. That led PAAM to plan the 1st physical outing ever since the pandemic started in March 2020. 17 members and friends of PAAM visited SEERS Berhad in Shah Alam.

SEERS is an innovative company focusing on the invention of various products in the health and appliances industry.

We were warmly welcomed by the Chairman, Dato Dr Ken KH Foo and his health management team. A talk was given on "The Goodness of Hydrogen and how SEERS utilize hydrogen molecules as antioxidants that can fight free radical". Thereafter, the health consultants gave us a free blood screening and a live blood analysis followed by a 30 minute antioxidant treatment. From the blood analysis, we can determine our past, current and future health as all symptoms of sicknesses and diseases start from our blood. Hydrogen therapy is certainly life changing and it is also another art of natural healing.

At the close, we left SEERS with more knowledge about our health and lastly we want to thank Mr. KT Khor our CCM member who made this visit possible for PAAM.

37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN for the 37th Annual General Meeting of PAAM to be held as follows:

Date: 27th March 2022
Venue: THE SAUJANA HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR, Saujana Rersort,
 Jalan Lapangan Terbang SAAS, Shah Alam, Selangor
Time: 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Agenda:

1. Attendance registration for pre-registered members for the PAAM 37th AGM.
2. Opening Address by President.
3. Confirmation of minutes of 36th AGM
4. Matters arising from the 36th AGM minutes
5. Presentation and Adoption of 2021 Annual Report of PAAM
6. Presentation and Adoption of PAAM's Statement of Accounts ending 31st Dec 2021
7. Election for the PAAM Central Committee for 2022 – 2024
8. Any other business for which prior notification had been received (if any)
9. Adjournment of the PAAM 37th AGM

Dr. Wong Kam Sun, Stephen
 Hon. General Secretary

PROGRAMME FOR THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.30 pm to 1.45 pm	Buffet Lunch @ above-mentioned venue	1.45 pm to 2.00 pm	Attendance Registration for AGM Pre-Registered Members
2.00 pm	37 th AGM commences	5.00 pm	37 th AGM adjourns

ADJOURNED 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PAAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN for the Adjourned 37th Annual General Meeting of PAAM to be held (in the event there be absence of a quorum for the 37th AGM) as follows:

Date: 27th March 2022
Venue: THE SAUJANA HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR, Saujana Rersort,
 Jalan Lapangan Terbang SAAS, Shah Alam, Selangor
Time: 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Agenda:

1. Attendance registration for pre-registered members for the PAAM 37th AGM.
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PAAM takes this opportunity to wish all our Muslim members

Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri