



Group photo of most of the PAAM members who were present at the 40th AGM.

Report of the 40th Adjourned Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Persatuan Alumni AOTS Malaysia (PAAM)

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The 40th Adjourned Annual General Meeting of Persatuan Alumni AOTS Malaysia (PAAM) was held due to a shortfall of quorum in the 40th AGM and President Cheong Lye Foon, Valerie duly called it to order at 2.31 pm.



After welcoming the members present, President Valerie Cheong shared brief updates on PAAM's activities during 2024, including participation in the FOSAAS Convention, as well as outlining general challenges facing the Association.

The minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held on 28th April 2024, were then tabled and duly confirmed passed by Dr. Stephen Wong and seconded by Mr. Yap Choon Ming.

The Honorary General Secretary, Mr. Tan Teng Ek, presented the 2024 Annual Report. As there were no further questions raised, the report was then adopted and passed by Mr. Yap Choon Ming and seconded by Mr. Jerry Lee Chew Tin.

Thereafter, the audited financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2024 was presented.

A member raised questions on some discrepancies in the Clinic's rental deposit and also cost saving measures. These questions were then discussed at length by the floor and finally resolved accordingly. The house then endorsed the accounts, being subsequently passed by Mr. Yap Choon Ming and seconded by Mr. Ma Meng Fook.

To a query by Mr. Khor Kai Tong, as to why he was terminated from the Central Committee; the Honorary General Secretary, Mr. Tan Teng Ek and the Vice-President, Dr. Stephen Wong clarified to the house that he was NOT terminated but had resigned according to PAAM's Constitution. This matter was then brought to a close.

The 40th Adjourned Annual General Meeting was then adjourned.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Esteemed Alumni Members,

Warmest greetings to you all.

As we conclude 2025 and look forward to the year ahead, I am honoured to address you as President of PAAM. This is a time to reflect on our shared journey and to reaffirm the values and connections that continue to unite us as alumni.

In 2025, we strengthened engagement through some activities, including a visit to the Profes Lipid Sdn. Bhd. factory, Japanese language classes supporting employees in Japanese-linked companies, and a Fellowship Dinner that brought together alumni and their families. These activities enhanced learning, strengthened relationships, and reinforced the camaraderie within our association.

As we move forward, we aim to expand these efforts by organizing more networking opportunities, cultural exchange activities and knowledge-sharing platforms. Their success, however, depends greatly on your continued involvement and support.

Your participation, whether through your time, expertise, ideas, or encouragement, is vital to the growth and vibrancy of our association. As many of our members are advancing in age, it becomes increasingly important to stay connected, preserve our collective knowledge, and ensure the association remains active and relevant for the future.

I encourage all members to attend events, reconnect with fellow alumni, share your experiences and achievements, and contribute to shaping the future of our PAAM.

Serving as your President has been a responsibility I deeply value. Thank you for your trust, support, and commitment, especially to those who took time off to participate in the activities.

Let us continue to reconnect, reminisce, and reimagine what we can achieve going forward together.

Best Wishes and a Healthy and Successful 2026 to all PAAM Members.

Valerie Cheong

**Cheong Lye Foon, Valerie
President
Persatuan Alumni AOTS Malaysia**

MR. ICHIKAWA'S VISIT TO PAAM



While on a visit to Malaysia in early 2025, Mr. Takeshi Ichikawa, a former AOTS General Manager of PAAM (2001 – 2005), took time off and met up with a few Central Committee members in PAAM office. He was very happy to be able to see PAAM office in a long while. However, due to his tight schedule, his visit was a brief one and unable to have a meal with us.



Mr. Ichikawa is second from (R), next to Mr. Tan Teng Ek.

VISIT TO PROFES LIPID SDN. BHD.

A visit to Profes Lipid Sdn. Bhd. a refining plant for red palm oil, was mooted in 2024 but somehow only materialised in May 2025.



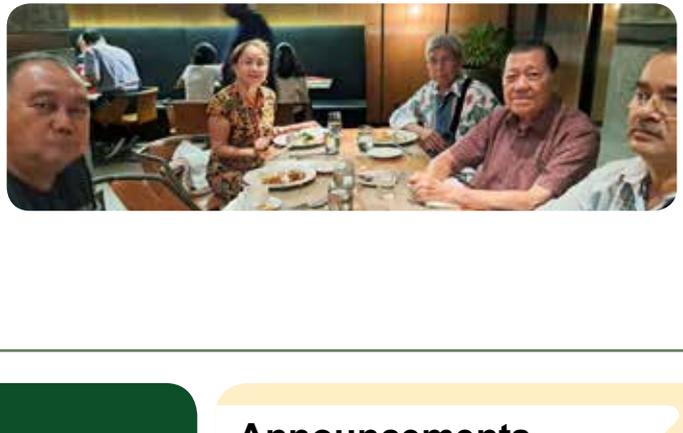
Some members, families and friends car-pooled to the factory. The staff there gave a presentation, explaining their refining processes to extract the red palm oil, which contain natural carotene also known as pro-vitamin A and vitamin E. We were taken on a tour round the factory and each of us was presented with a door gift and even had a taste of the food that was cooked there with the red palm oil. Before departing, we visited their shop where special discounts were accorded for those who purchased their products.



PAAM FELLOWSHIP DINNER



The Central Committee members worked hard and organized a Fellowship Dinner for members, families and friends. Those who attended enjoyed the fellowship and buffet dinner; meeting up with fellow alumni and catching up with each other, some of whom were not seen for some time at PAAM's events.



What is AOTS?

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) is an organization for human resources development in developing countries to promote technical cooperation through training, expert dispatch and other programs.

All AOTS ex-trainees are entitled to apply to be a member of the Persatuan Alumni AOTS Malaysia (PAAM) which is the alumni association for all who have participated in AOTS Japan training programs or training 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



JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS WANTED

PAAM is looking for freelance Japanese Language teachers who can teach small groups during daytime or evenings in clients' office premises. The person must have teaching experience and must be able to speak the language fluently if he/she is not a native speaker. Must have own transport. Interested – please write in to paam@aots.org for further details etc.