



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AUGUST 2002

Dear Fellow Alumni

When I was elected President of ICAAS in 1996, my wish was to institutionalize the alumni so that it would have a structure that could address the challenges faced by most alumni. These challenges are the lack of funding for activities and support from members.

I was fortunate that we had a team of dedicated members who unselfishly devoted their time in our monthly EXCO meetings which helped steer the ICAAS through the millennium. We were lucky to have the support from two of our most senior and respected alumni, Rear Adm Teo Chee Hean as our Patron, and Mr J Y Pillay as our Advisor. We are very honoured to have had their presence at our major functions.

The significant milestones my team and I had achieved during the past years were:

- the crafting of the ICAAS mission statement, which is important as it puts in place the direction and objectives of the Alumni,
- the initiation of the ICAAS website that provides a very useful platform for communication with members on its activities as well as introduction of Alumni to others,
- the creation of the Advisory Council and the Youth Wing to further strengthen the foundation of ICAAS for its future development,
- the successful tie-up with National Library Board to start the two series of intellectual talks on life sciences and IT. We are proud to say that the initial life sciences talks had further raised the fervour of life sciences, especially amongst schools.

We also created significant events like the year-end Social BBQ, Summer Bowling Challenge amongst the alumni and the undergraduates when they came back in July/August, the inaugural Networking Nite in the first quarter of this year, and of course the infamous ICNite which you are attending tonight. In between we also held special gatherings, details of which were in the Secretary's report.

With the support from both senior and younger alumni, these events are well attended and well organized.

Another significant happening this year is the conferment of Fellowship by Imperial College to Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, which he has accepted. The conferment ceremony will be held on 22 October 2002.

It was never my intention to run the Alumni for more than four years but I have overrun that intended term by two years!! It is my belief that if we build ICAAS in the right direction, it will attract capable and dedicated alumni to come forward to help run ICAAS and takeover the helm.

Tonight, I am very pleased to announce that ICAAS is very fortunate to have Lim Soon who is prepared to take up the challenge. I would urge you to give him the same support that you have offered me in the past, if not more.

May I invite Lim Soon, the new President of ICAAS, on stage to share with us his vision for ICAAS in the coming years.

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President
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