

# **THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE**

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**ANNUAL REPORT 1992/93**

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## NOTICE AND AGENDA

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE, WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM, TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE, 22 BEDOK SOUTH ROAD, SINGAPORE 1646, ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 31, 1993, AT 7.30 P.M.

### AGENDA

1. President's Address
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 27 March, 1992
3. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Annual Report and Audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1992
4. To review, and if deemed fit, adopt the attached proposed resolution and constitutional amendment to the EA Rules and Regulations
5. To elect a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Secretary and five other members of the Management Committee
6. To transact any other business brought forward in accordance with the rules of the Association

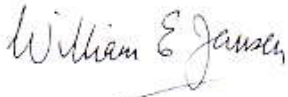
### NOTE

1. The Annual Report includes the following:
  - Annex A : Financial Statement of the Association
  - Annex B : Financial Statement of the Endowment Fund
  - Annex C : Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
  - Annex D : Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting
  - Annex E : Resolution to gain members approval to advance up to \$15 000 of the Association's funds to finance the ~~tuition~~ programme
  - Annex F : Constitutional amendment to include a new category of membership called Associate Life Member
  - Annex G : Proposed amendments to EA Rule no. 4 - Ordinary MembershipNomination form.
2. The Annual General Meeting is open only to registered members of the Association. Non-members should not attend.
3. Members are entitled to attend and vote in person only and not by proxy.
4. Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee Members must be received by the Committee at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting and must be in the prescribed form as annexed hereto.

5. Registration and Ballot Procedures

- i. Each member shall produce his or her identity card to the relevant Registration Officer
- ii. The Registration Officer shall check that the name of each person seeking admission to the Annual General Meeting appears on the Membership Roll
- iii. Each member shall initial against his or her name in the Membership Roll
- iv. Ballot entitlement slips shall then be issued to each Life Member and Ordinary Member by the persons appointed for this purpose by the Committee who shall keep a record of its issue.

**BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**



**WILLIAM JANSEN  
HONORARY SECRETARY  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**

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11 February 1993

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This has been a watershed year for the Eurasian Association. A number of significant developments took place.

We have a Minister, BG (Res) George Yeo to represent us in government. As the Association evolves into a fully fledged self-help organisation, there will be many areas we will need help in. BG (Res) George Yeo's assistance will be invaluable. We are indeed honoured that he has consented to act as a voice for Eurasians.

The Four Pillars identified for 1992/93, namely, the approval of the Endowment Fund, the raising of money for the Fund, intellectual development and obtaining premises for the Association, have been realised to a large extent.

At an EGM called to approve the establishment of the Endowment Fund, our members unanimously supported the resolution thereby breathing life into a scheme from which all Eurasians could benefit. The launching of the Fund by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ong Teng Cheong, was an unprecedented success. Eurasians were complimented publicly for their contributions to the nation over the past decades and for their foresight in establishing the Endowment Fund. The good publicity has enhanced the image of the Eurasian community considerably. Many a Eurasian has said he is proud to be EURASIAN.

The all important education and welfare programmes for which the Endowment Fund was established are running. Of significance here is the close co-operation with SINDA in developing our education programme. This inter-ethnic co-operation has been applauded by many.

Fund raising took on a new perspective. The total income from our two fund raising events specially organised for the Endowment Fund is \$184 910. With dollar-for-dollar from the government, the Fund will stand at \$329 276. The Association's assets have been substantially increased too.

Finally, we have our own office premises at the PA Headquarters in Kallang, from which we operate the Association Secretariat.

After many years of work, 'Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes' was launched. All 2 000 copies were sold in four months. The second publication is out. The book has done much to raise our fellow Singaporeans' awareness of our community.

In addition we have maintained all our usual activities. We have had a number of social and sporting events, participation at National level has increased, and our culture continues to be promoted. We have more members now and our publications have been regular.

These achievements have been possible only because of people. They range from those who worked hard in the Sub-Committees to those who came forward as Trustees, Selection Committee members, donors, sponsors, underwriters and participants, your commitment and contribution has been exceptional. On behalf of the Association, I thank you all for this.

We have done well, my sincere thanks go to my team. The Management Committee, our Legal Adviser and Honorary Auditor, have by their collective energy and dedication to the task been the driving force which has made possible this year's success.



Timothy de Souza

## ANNUAL REPORT

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### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 1992 TO 31 MARCH 1993 & STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1992

The Management Committee is pleased to present the Annual Report for the period 27 March 1992 to 31 March 1993 and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 1992 of the Eurasian Association, Singapore, (henceforth referred to as "the Association").

#### OFFICE BEARERS

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on 27 March 1992, at the Auditorium, Singapore Labour Foundation Building, 512A Thomson Road, Singapore 1129, the following members were elected into office:

President:	Timothy de Souza
Vice-President:	Robert Scully
Honorary Secretary:	William Jansen
Honorary Treasurer:	David Oehlers
Assistant Honorary Secretary:	Judith Arul
Committee Members:	Bryan Davenport Paul Desker Martin Pereira Ursula Quah Kathleen Woodford
Honorary Auditors:	Alwyn Lim & Co

# 1. MANAGEMENT REPORT

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## 1.1 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Seventeen Management Committee meetings were held during the period under review. Seven of these were held at the Board Room, Singapore Recreation Club (SRC), courtesy of the President and Committee, four at the Meeting Room, People's Association (PA), Kallang, courtesy of PA, four at the Association's office premises at PA Kallang and two at the homes of the Committee Members.

Sub-Committee meetings were held at the homes of the chairmen and members of the Sub-Committees as and when the need arose.

## 1.2 ADMINISTRATION

The Association continued to use the firm of M/s Emmanuel and Barker as its official address although it acquired office space at PA, Kallang. The assistance of its secretary in taking mail, telephone and other messages was also made available to the Association. These services were rendered at no charge to the Association.

The Association employed Mr Vincent Gabriel as its Executive Secretary on a half-day basis from January 1993. It was strongly felt that the volume of business together with the administration of the programmes that were coming into being with the establishment of the Endowment Fund could no longer be handled on a voluntary basis by the Management Committee and members of the Association. Advertisements for the post were sent out in flyers to members of the Association and placed in the Straits Times. In all seven applications were received.

Although most of the Sub-Committees remained in place, the Association ran most of its functions and activities on a project basis. This organisation is reflected in the format of the Annual Report.

Carla Barker (Life Member) continued to advise the Association on legal and constitutional matters in her capacity as legal adviser.

## 1.3 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The President and Vice-President were ex-officio members of all projects and sub-committees.

## 2. THE COMMUNITY

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### 2.1 MINISTER TO ASSIST EURASIANS' REQUESTS TO GOVERNMENT

The Association is delighted that BG (Res) George Yeo, Minister for Information and the Arts and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, has consented to act as a voice in Cabinet for Eurasians until such time as there is a Eurasian representative in Cabinet. BG (Res) Yeo is an ex-Christian Brothers' School boy, has strong ties with the Holy Family Catholic Church in Katong and still lives in the East Coast where 60% of our members live. BG (Res) Yeo showed his interest in the Eurasian community when he was Guest of Honour at Eurasian Heritage Day in 1991.

In his reply to the association, BG (Res) Yeo said "I will gladly assist the Eurasian Association in whatever way I can and help provide the association with a link to the government. It is much too formal to call me the Minister for Eurasian Affairs. There is no such portfolio. As a Non-Eurasian, I am greatly honoured to be asked to help represent the Eurasian Community. I shall of course give way when we again have a Eurasian in Cabinet."

### 2.2 "OTHERS" ISSUE

At the last AGM the issue of the "others" category under which Eurasian Singaporeans are grouped was once again raised. The President of the Association took up this issue by writing to the Political Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Subsequently, the Association was informed that after studying the statistics of the 1990 census, the Government feels that, under normal circumstances, it is not necessary to have a category for Eurasians in official forms and demographic information. There are other ethnic groups (eg. Malayalees - 16 000 and Sikhs - 13 000) who are about the size of the Eurasian community.

At the Charity Ball on 25th October 1992, the First Deputy Prime Minister said, "I know that many of you feel uncomfortable when grouped under the "Other Races" category. But take heart. These are only statistical groupings. It does not mean that if you are neither Chinese, Malay nor Indian, you are second class. The statisticians may not think your numbers significant, but the Government certainly does. You are not mere statistics. You are an essential part of Singapore. You are full-fledged, full-blooded Singaporeans."



### 3. THE FOUR PILLARS OF EA FOR 1992/93

In his address at the EA AGM 1992, the President said that the Association would focus on four major areas, while maintaining the regular activities of the Association. These areas were - the establishment of the Endowment Fund, fund raising, intellectual development and the search for a home for the Association. These four areas are reported on below.

#### 3.1 ENDOWMENT FUND

A major accomplishment for the Association was the establishment of the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund on 25 October 1992. At an EGM held on 7 July 1992, the members of the Association gave the Management Committee the mandate to set up and administer the Fund. (Minutes in Annex D) The Fund was officially launched at a Charity Ball by the First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ong Teng Cheong. The Endowment Fund's objective is to raise the status of Eurasian Singaporeans and Permanent Residents through Educational advancement and Welfare assistance. The Fund aims to amass a capital of \$2 million in five years. The government has given the Fund a dollar-for-dollar grant of up to \$1 million and Institution of Public Character status. The latter means that all donations to the Fund are tax exempt.

In his message carried in the souvenir programme of the Charity Ball, the Deputy Prime Minister said "Today, community self-help groups are doing their bit in helping the nation realise its aspirations. By marshalling the support of their communities and running various programmes, self-help groups direct essential community energy and resources to the vital advancement areas. It is pleasing to see the Eurasian Association take the leadership role in introducing an Endowment Fund for the benefit of the Eurasian Community. I congratulate you on this initiative, and on this occasion of the Fund's launching, wish you every success in its implementation."

While the EA Management Committee will administer the Fund, a Board of Life Trustees consisting of E W Barker (Chairman), Herman Hochstadt and Oscar Oliveira will manage its finances and a Selection Committee consisting of Rudy Mosbergen (Chairman), Lawrence Da Silva, Bryan Davenport, Annabel Ess and Joseph Tessensohn will select the recipients of the Fund. Two sub-committees were set up in connection with the Endowment Fund - the Education Sub-Committee, incorporating the existing Education Sub-Committee to see to the educational needs of the community and the Welfare Task Force.

The Association is deeply grateful to William Jansen, Carla Barker and Colin Meyer for all the hard work they have put in over the last two years in the formulation of the Trust Deed of the Endowment Fund.

#### 3.2 FUND RAISING

Two major events in the year under review raised funds for the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund. They were the Charity Ball and the publication of the book, Singapore Eurasians - Memories and Hopes.

##### 3.2.1 Charity Ball

The Charity Ball in aid of the Endowment Fund was held on 25 October 1992 at the Marina Mandarin Ballroom. 620 people attended and the Guest of Honour was the First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ong Teng Cheong. Mr Ong presided at the launch of the Fund and in his speech praised the Eurasian community for the Fund's establishment and announced that the government would make a dollar for dollar grant to the Fund of up to \$1 million.

The Charity Ball raised a total of \$144 638 through the sale of donation tables and outright donations.

The Association thanks Brian Richmond for providing the disco and being emcee, Royston Minjoot, Vernon Cornelius Plus, The Heritage and the Ferdinand Brothers for their excellent entertainment which contributed so much to making the night most enjoyable and memorable. The Association also thanks all the donors and sponsors and the numerous people who gave of their time and service in countless ways.

The Charity Ball was organised by Tim de Souza and Bob Scully and their team of Kathleen Woodford, Burton Westerhout, Ernest Marsh, Val Scully, Yvonne Pereira and Brynley Scully.

### 3.2.2 Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes

The sale of the first print run of 2000 copies of the Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes raised a total of \$40 000 for the Endowment Fund, \$20 000 will be transferred to the EA Endowment Fund. The other \$20 000 will finance the second print run of 1000 copies which will be on sale by the end of February 1993.

Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hope was bought not only by Eurasians in Singapore but also by Eurasians in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia, U.S.A., United Kingdom and other far flung corners of the world.

The Association greatly appreciates the efforts of the Book Sub-Committee in bringing this project to fruition and sincerely thanks the sponsors, donors, underwriters and buyers of the book.

### 3.2.3 Fund Status

To date, the Association has raised \$164 638 for the Fund. Together with the dollar for dollar grant from the government, this makes a total of \$329 276. There is an \$8 000 pledge, \$1 654 724 needs to be raised in the next five years to meet the Fund's target of \$2M.

## 3.3 INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

### 3.3.1 Education Sub-Committee

The Education Sub-Committee was headed by Mrs Ursula Quah and included the following members - Geoff Morris, Lionel Zuzarte, Edmund Rodrigues, Kevin Shepherdson and Judith Arul.

### 3.3.2 Annual Bursary and Merit Awards

The following members and children of members of the Association received these awards for the academic year 1992/93:

University:	Kevin Shepherdson Gail Pereira Renay Pereira David Scott Arul Leigh Pasqual Constance Paglar Karen Anthony
Polytechnic:	Karen Koek Lawrence Benn Brendan Sheares
Pre-University:	Samantha Santa Maria
Secondary:	Richway Ponnappalam
Primary:	Rachel Goh Peter Marini

### 3.3.3 Pilot Tuition Programme

The Association enlisted the assistance of SINDA to run a joint tuition programme. As this is an Endowment Fund project the Tuition Programme is open to the entire Eurasian community. SINDA has kindly opened its own tuition programme to Eurasians. Tuition is available in Mathematics, Science and English at Primary Four, Five and Six and in English and Mathematics at Secondary Three and Four. Classes are conducted at 19 centres spread across the island by trained teachers employed by SINDA. The cost per student is subsidised by the Association.

The Association received 100 telephone calls inquiring about this programme and 50 asked for application forms. Of the 32 that were returned 28 were placed. The other 4 children had very high grades and it was felt they needed a different type of programme from the one offered. In addition, 20 parents requested tuition in Second Language. The Association will consider making Second Language tuition available in the near future.

A Parent Outreach and Briefing Session was held on the 27 February 1993 at Katong Convent to advise parents and students on the Pilot Tuition Programme. Students started attending tuition on 1 March 1993.

### **3.3.4 Education Study**

The Association will be conducting a study to ascertain the educational needs of the community. Approval has already been obtained from the Ministry of Education for the release of data pertaining to the educational achievement of Eurasian children. Work has already started on this study.

### **3.3.5 Educational Resources**

The greatest resource of the Association are its members. The Association has identified through its data bank more than 60 members who are education officers. Letters have been sent to these members asking for their co-operation in identifying Eurasian children who are in need of tuition. It is hoped that these education officers will form our teaching pool when the Association starts its own tuition classes.

### **3.3.6 Dinner Talks**

The Association is catering to the intellectual development of its young people in the 20 to 35 age group and its members in a more informal manner through a series of dinner talks. The first dinner talk, held on 11 November 1992 at NTUC Club, Shenton Way, was given by Mr Lim Boon Heng, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, on "Cost of Living". 46 people attended of which a good number were in their twenties and early thirties.

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### **3.3.7 Feedback Sessions**

The Association was invited to participate in the Feedback Sessions organised by the Feedback Unit. Martin Marini represented the Association at a session on health issues and Martin Pereira at another session on the cost of living. The President was invited to, and attended the Institute of Policy Studies discussion on the Report of the Study on the Management of Ethnic Relations in Public Housing Estates held on 25 February 1993.

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## **3.4 PREMISES FOR THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION**

### **3.4.1 Search for Association Premises**

The Management Committee actively continued its search for a home for the Association. It investigated all suitable government premises which came on the open market and which were suggested by members. The most promising was 718 Mountbatten Road. However, the government withdrew these premises as they intend to use them for other purposes.

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## 4. SUB-COMMITTEES

### 4.1 MEMBERSHIP

#### 4.1.1 Membership Sub-Committee

The Membership Sub-Committee, comprising Paul Desker, Geoff Morris, Harold Desker, Virginia Yzelman and Denise D'Almeida, recruited new members through the newsletter and by sending out forms to members to pass on to others. Membership booths with displays of the Associations activities were also set up at various events. The most successful recruitment is still by a direct approach through a current member.

The Membership Sub-Committee continues to provide invaluable support for all the activities of the Association through the provision of information on members and general mailing lists. This Sub-Committee assists the Treasurer in the despatch of membership receipts and the collection of subscriptions.

#### 4.1.2 Membership Status

As of 7 February 1993, the membership was as follows:

Category	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93
Life	728	866	947
Ordinary	286	278	262*
Associate	84	101	107
Total	1098	1245	1316

\* The number of Ordinary members declined because 19 converted to Life membership

Youth (Junior) Membership	253
Resignations	5 (2 Ordinary, 3 Associate)
Deaths	12

#### 4.1.3 Lapsed Subscriptions and Members in Arrears

The Sub-Committee succeeded in collecting a total of \$6 144 from members, some of whom had been in arrears since 1989. Members were reminded to pay their subscriptions through reminders in the EA News and personal letters. Non-payment may be due to the fact that the member has changed his address without informing the association, death (not known to the Association), emigration or loss of interest. It was heartening though, that some members, when made aware of their arrears, paid their subscriptions and converted immediately to Life membership. All members, whether in arrears or not, continue to be sent the newsletters and flyers.

#### 4.1.4 Friends of EA

There is a group of people who are interested in the Association but do not qualify for membership by reason of race or citizenship. For a mailing charge of \$12 per annum, these people are sent the Associations's newsletters and flyers. So far there are five people in this group.

### 4.2 FINANCE

The Management Committee has maintained its policy of managing its activities on a sound financial footing. Most of its activities were self-supporting. However, in some cases the Association defrayed part of the costs with a small subsidy so as to allow the maximum number of members to enjoy the activity. The use of People's Association and Government facilities helped to keep expenditure to a minimum.

#### 4.2.1 Accumulated Funds

In 1992, the Accumulated Funds, represented by funds in fixed deposits, bank balances and accounts receivable increased substantially.

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#### 4.2.2 Income

The Association's income was derived from members' subscriptions, social activities, advertisements and donations. The bulk of the income was raised through advertisements in the New Year's Eve Ball Souvenir Programme. Income was also generated for the Association through the performances of the EA Dancers, the use of the Devil Curry transparency by Singapore Telecoms and the sale of tee shirts, recipe cards and items made by the Ladies' Circle. The Association will also be paid for its consultancy services on the Sentosa Heritage Museum Project.

#### 4.2.3 Donations

A donation of \$1 000 was made to the St Vincent de Paul Society. A donation was also made to SINDA from the proceeds of a Ladies' Circle lunch held at Annalakshmi Restaurant.

#### 4.2.4 Auditors

The Association is grateful to Alwyn Lim (Associate Member) of Alwyn Lim & Co. for kindly auditing the accounts.

#### 4.3 PUBLICITY

The launch of the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund put the Association on the front page of the Straits Times. As a run up to the launch, Straits Times ran a major feature entitled "The Eurasian Re-awakening" and several articles followed closely the progress of the Fund. On 16 January 1993, the Association held a joint Press Conference with SINDA to announce the joint pilot tuition programme. SBC also reported on the events of the Fund.

The Eurasians were also featured in the PA magazine and the Singapore International Foundation extracted the first chapter of Singapore Eurasians - Memories and Hopes in an issue of their newsletter. This newsletter enjoys a large distribution overseas.

Once again, in this term of office, Eurasians and the Association received favourable publicity which has done much to enhance our image.

#### 4.4 PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Sub-Committee comprising Judith Arul, Pat de Souza, Brynley Scully, Michelle Sheares and Kisane Filmer once again had a very busy year. The Sub-Committee put out three issues of the Association newsletter, EA News in May, August and December; two souvenir programmes - one for the Charity Ball in October and one for the New Year's Eve Ball and this Annual Report of the Association. In addition, flyers were designed by Brynley Scully and were sent out as required.

The Association thanks its members who volunteered their services to pack the newsletters and other mail. Our thanks especially to Christina Monteiro and her family who took sole charge of one packing exercise.

#### 4.5 CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### 4.5.1 EA Dancers

The EA Dancers kept the Association flag flying high. They gave 12 performances in this term including appearances at EA functions and national and community functions. For their performances they collected a total of \$2 700. They were paid a fee of \$400 per performance by commercial organisations and provided with transport by charitable and government organisations. As most of the dancers are in school, the Association decided to re-imburse them for attendance at weekly rehearsals at a rate of \$5 per head to cover transport. However, the revenue they have generated makes them almost self-sufficient.

The 16 dancers are trained and managed by Catherine Zuzarte and Val Scully. They have added to their repertoire of traditional Portuguese dances and now include Dutch and English folk dances as well. The Association thanks the Albuquerque family for the use of their premises in Still Road for the weekly practices.

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#### 4.5.2 Heritage Museum

The Association is acting as consultants to Graphic Communications, a company which is setting up a Heritage Museum on Sentosa. The Association will advise on the Eurasian segment of the display. The museum is scheduled to be opened in November 1993.

#### 4.5.3 Telephone Cards

The traditional Eurasian Devil Curry was featured as one of the dishes on a Collector's Set of Singapore Telecoms phone cards. The S10 card is also sold separately.

#### 4.5.4 Future Projects

1993 will see a growing awareness of the Eurasians in Singapore through three projects. The Association will participate in the National Museum Heritage Exhibition in September and New Park Hotel's Eurasian Promotion in April/May. The Association will also advise SBC on a docudrama featuring the Eurasians.

### 4.6 WELFARE TASK FORCE

The Welfare Task Force is a new sub-committee set up to cater to the welfare needs of the Eurasian community as stipulated in the Endowment Fund. The current sub-committee comprises - Bryan Davenport, David Oehlers, Vincent Gabriel, Richard Pereira, Keith Kleinman, David Naidu and Allen Walters.

#### 4.6.1 Services

The following services of the Welfare Task Force came on line in 1993:

- \* Hotline and Crisis Support Service commenced January 26 1993
- \* Support for Single Parents commenced 1 February 1993
- \* Visit a Friend programme for handicapped and aged Eurasians in Welfare Homes commenced 1 March 1993

The following services are scheduled to come on line in 1993:

- \* Senior Citizens' Sub-Committee to be formed on 1 April 1993
- \* Programme to assist unemployed Eurasians to commence later in 1993

All these services were advertised in a flyer to the Association's members sent out in January 1993. As these services were available to all Eurasians, members were asked to spread the word to non-members.

To date the Welfare Task Force has visited two homes for the aged and identified Eurasians who are in need of financial assistance and support services. Three single mothers are also currently receiving support services. The Association has applied for membership on the National Council of Social Services. This will enable it to fulfil its aims in welfare.

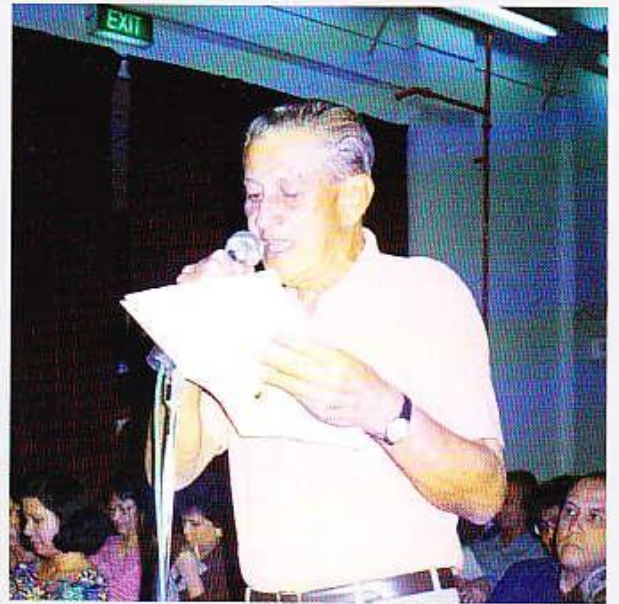
The Welfare Task Force will participate in a seminar on welfare issues organised by the National Council of Social Services on 13 March 1993.

#### 4.6.2 A Study of the Less Privileged in the Eurasian Community

The Social Work and Psychology Department of the National University of Singapore will conduct a study on the less privileged in the Eurasian Community. Dr Myrna Braga-Blake will be the Project Director. The study will enable the Welfare Task Force to introduce the required intervention programmes.



▲ AGM – 27 March 1992



▲ EGM – 7 July 1992



▲ Book Launch – 18 July 1992



▲ Charity Ball – 25 October 1992



▲ Charity Ball



## 5. EVENTS

### 5.1 LAUNCH OF "SINGAPORE EURASIANS - MEMORIES & HOPES"

It was with enormous pride and satisfaction that Dr Myrna Braga-Blake (editor), Ann Ebert-Oehlers (co-researcher) and the authors of what has become affectionately known as "The Eurasian Book" watched its launch on 18 July 1992 at a function attended by some 270 people. Mr S Rajaratnam, Patron of the Reading Trust Fund, National Book Development Council of Singapore, was Guest-of-Honour. The high tea that followed, catered by Eisler Pereira, featured such Eurasian delicacies as green chilli sambal sandwiches and sugce cake.

The Book Sub-Committee consisted of Tim de Souza, Myrna Braga-Blake, Paul Desker, Colin Meyer, Anne Oehlers, Gerry Pereira, Keith Rodrigues, Claudine Tessensohn, Burton Westerhout.

Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes was distributed through the good offices of T O Aeria, Ian Urquhart, Maurice Sheares, Ann Ebert-Oehlers, Myrna Braga-Blake, Val Scully, Keith Rodrigues, Claudine Tessensohn, Fred Hellewell, G W Pereira, Ernest Marsh, Pat de Souza, Paul Desker and Burton Westerhout.

The Curriculum Development Institute of Singapore has approached the Association for permission to use information and pictures from the book for the CDIS History programme.

### 5.2 SOCIAL EVENTS

As in previous years the Association continued to have a full calendar of social activities. In addition to the regular fare like Noite Euroisiana, new activities like the Family Nature Ramble added spice and variety to the social scene.

#### 5.2.1 Noite Euroisiana

This annual dance was held on 3 July 1993 at the SRC. About 100 people attended and this gave the function a cosy, family atmosphere. The Association thanks Kathleen Woodford and her team of Yvonne Pereira, Angela Fernandez and Victoria Valberg for organising the event.

#### 5.2.2 New Year's Eve Ball 1992

This annual event held at the Pan Pacific Hotel saw a record crowd of 500 people. Tickets remained at \$90 as in the previous year. Music was provided by the Klansmen and the mobile disco, The Richmond Connection with compere Mr X. There was a special appearance by The Heritage. The four "fairies" who brought in the New Year were an instant hit.

#### 5.2.3 Christmas Party and Family High Tea

This combined event was held on 17 December 1992 at the PA East Coast Camp site. 68 children and 110 adults attended and everyone joined in the fun and games. Father Christmas traded in his traditional sleigh for a boat to land on our tropical shore. Desmond Zuzarte provided the sound system and the evening included with a rousing sing-a-long of Christmas carols led by Gerry Pereira and Gabriel Koh. The event was organised and run by the families of Bob Scully, Burton Westerhout Vernon Lim, Ernest Marsh and Geoff Morris.

#### 5.2.4 Family Nature Ramble.

Geoff Morris and his team organised this event at the Pasir Ris Park. 80 members, their families and friends took part in what began as a leisurely ramble through the park and ended as an arduous run up hill and down dale through bamboo jungle. Fortunately there was provision for less fit members to sit by the beach and wait for the other more adventurous members to return. This family oriented activity was a tremendous success and had everyone asking for more events of this nature.

#### 5.2.5 Fathers' Day Celebration

Another family activity at Pasir Ris Park was the Fathers' Day Celebration organised by the Ladies Circle on 21 June 1992. 60 people attend this tribute to fathers. Games like the fathers versus sons tug-of-war and wine tasting made this another successful evening.

### 5.3 GAMES

In spite of numerous appeals, the St Patrick's School field remained unavailable to the Association. Saturday games were held for 4 months at Tampines Junior College grounds. Although excellent facilities were available and 60% of our members live on the Eastern side of Singapore, the turn-out was poor. The games were finally suspended as the numbers attending did not justify the expenditure. The Association sourced many other schools but none were found to be suitable. The PA facilities were only available for a limited period of the year and not exclusive to the Association.

#### 5.3.1 Friendly Games with SRC

The Singapore Recreation Club hosted two sets of matches between the Club and the Association. The Christmas Shield (football) and the Crystal Cup (netball) matches were played on 18 December 1992 at SRC grounds. SRC then entertained the Association's players and members to a buffet dinner held at the Club's premises. This will become an annual event on the Association's calendar.

#### 5.3.2 Eurasian Association, Selangor, Anniversary Celebrations

The EA, Selangor, invited its Singapore cousins to join them in their anniversary celebrations to be held from 26 March 1993 to 28 March 1993 in Kuala Lumpur. These celebrations include participation in friendly games. At the time of writing, the Management Committee has agreed to send a delegation to the Malaysian capital.

### 5.4 LADIES CIRCLE

The Ladies Circle was formed in 1991 to tap the resources of the Association's women members and to cater specially to the needs of its female members. This Sub-Committee is led by Kathleen Woodford and includes Judith Arul, Pat de Souza, Victoria Valberg, Valerie Scully, Ivy de Souza, Tilly Woodford, Denyse Tessensohn and Mei Urquhart.

#### 5.4.1 Assistance to the Association

Besides organising the Fathers' Day Celebration, the Ladies Circle assisted in coordinating the food at the EGM and at the Book Launch. A small profit was realised for the Association through the sale of handmade gift items at the Christmas Treat and Family Day.

#### 5.4.2 "Other Cultures"

The Ladies Circle celebrated Chinese New Year, Hari Raya and Deepavali with appropriate lunches in order to get to know the cultures of the other ethnic groups in Singapore. At all these lunches, there were talks by invited speakers on their customs and traditions. Between 30 to 50 members attended these events.

#### 5.4.3 Raffles Hotel Visit

The Ladies also spent a morning at the newly refurbished Raffles Hotel. They watched a show on the history of the hotel and were served a delicious morning tea. This occasion was organised jointly with the Singapore Teachers Union.

#### 5.4.4 Handicraft

In June 1992, six ladies got together once a week for tea and knitting with Louise Branson. The ladies not only learnt something new but also enjoyed the camaraderie of getting together with old friends and making new ones.

#### 5.4.5 "Eurasian Day" at Katong Convent Primary

The ladies are organising a Eurasian awareness programme at the school in March. The EA Dancers will also perform.




▲ Merit and Bursary Awards – 3 July 1992



▲ Membership Sub – Committee



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▲ Dinner Talk – 11 November 1992



▲ EA Dancers

## 6. A PART OF THE NATION

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### 6.1 PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS

#### 6.1.1 National Day Parade

The Association once again participated in the National Day Parade. This year the Association contingent joined the other ethnic groups to form part of the PA display. The Association thanks all those who participated for their dedication and effort in representing the entire Eurasian community at this premier national event.

#### 6.1.2 National Community Day

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### 6.2 REPRESENTATION ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

The Association continues to be represented on the following national committees:

National Communities Organisation Council  
National Arts Council

In this term, the Association became a member of the following committee:

Advisory Council on Social and Psychological Defence

The Association has asked to be represented on the following:

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National Council of Social Services

### 6.3 CONTACT WITH OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS

The Association continued to keep close and friendly contact with other ethnic groups and associations.

The co-operation with SINDA on the tuition programme has already been reported on. In fact SINDA has been most helpful in assisting the Association get the Endowment Fund off the ground. Both SINDA and CDAC premises were visited so that the Association could benefit from their experience in running an ethnic self-help group.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION  
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# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1992

	Note	1992 \$	1991 \$
ACCUMULATED GENERAL FUND	2	132,768	115,736
SPECIFIC FUNDS			
Education Fund	3	70,000	69,000
Special Project Account	4	40,272	47,182
Eurasian Association Endowment Fund	5	144,638	-
		387,678	231,918
REPRESENTED BY:-			
FIXED ASSETS	1b.6	2,538	3,988
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	1c	1,211	1,418
Deposits		2,500	7,500
Accounts receivable			
- General	7	75,386	31,535
- Endowment Fund	5	33,500	-
Fixed deposits		163,497	183,531
Cash at bank			
- General		31,285	31,084
- Endowment Fund	5	113,490	-
Cash in hand		16	120
		420,885	255,188
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses and other creditors			
- General		33,261	27,006
- Endowment Fund	5	2,352	-
Subscriptions in advance		132	252
		35,745	27,258
NET CURRENT ASSETS		385,140	227,930
		387,678	231,918

*The annexed notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with these accounts*

## THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1992

	Note	1992 \$	1991 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions		6,124	9,541
Donations		822	705
Social functions	8	35,894	34,412
Interest on fixed deposits		5,262	7,964
Interest on saving accounts		983	504
Other income		673	-
		49,758	53,126
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administrative expenses	9	16,679	13,891
Donations		1,650	1,000
Meeting expenses		3,185	7,769
Dance troupe		847	-
Hiring of sports facilities		3,435	5,968
Other functions expenditure	10	480	3,471
		(26,276)	(32,099)
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		23,482	21,027
 <b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO:-</b>			
Accumulated General Fund	2	17,032	11,899
Education Fund	3	6,450	9,128
		23,482	21,027

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# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31st December 1992

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

### 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) **Basis of accounting**

The accounts of the association have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

b) **Fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. 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 are taken as follows:-

Computer equipment	3 years
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c) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks represent unsold items such as T-shirts and receipt cards acquired for Heritage Day held on 3rd November 1991.

d) **Income recognition**

Subscription collections and interest on fixed deposits and saving accounts are recognised on cash basis.

### 2 ACCUMULATED GENERAL FUND

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
Balance at 1st January	115,736	103,837
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	17,032	11,899
Balance at 31st December	<u>132,768</u>	<u>115,736</u>

## THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31st December 1992

#### 3 EDUCATION FUND

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
Balance at 1st January	69,000	65,272
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	6,450	9,128
Awards	(5,450)	(5,400)
Balance at 31st December	70,000	69,000

#### 4 SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT

The sum represents net balance of monies received for book orders, donations and advertising income set aside for Singapore Eurasian Book Project. Upon completion of the project, the proceeds after deducting the production cost of the second print run will be donated to the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund.

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
Balance at 1st January	47,182	-
Income		
Sale of books "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes"	36,995	24,722
Advertising income	-	25,530
Donations	10,348	5,000
Sponsorship	1,595	-
	48,938	55,252
Expenditure		
Publication cost	49,553	8,070
Book launch expenses	6,295	-
	(55,848)	(8,070)
Balance at 31st December	40,272	47,182

## THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31st December 1992

### 5 EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund has been established to provide assistance to the poor and needy among the Eurasian community such as direct financial, medical and educational assistance.

All the Monies received for the purpose of the Endowment Fund will be transferred to the trustees upon the execution of the Trust Deed.

	1992 \$
Income	
Donation tables	82,900
Ordinary tables	8,760
Outright donations	92,465
	184,125
Bank interest from "Endowment Fund" account	731
Advertisement	2,000
	186,856
Expenditure	
Audit fee	300
Band	3,000
Bank charges	4
Decoration	280
Dance troupe performance	500
Films and prints	142
Food and beverages	32,693
Postage and stationery	2,514
Printing	2,785
	(42,218)
Balance at 31st December	144,638
Represented by:-	
Cash at bank	113,490
Accounts receivable	33,500
Accrued expenses and other creditors	(2,352)
	144,638

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## THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31st December 1992

### 6 FIXED ASSETS

1992	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Depreciation charged during the year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer equipment	4,350	1,812	2,538	1,450
1991				
Computer equipment	4,350	362	3,988	362

### 7 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – GENERAL

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
Outstanding pledges from well wishers advertising in:-		
– Heritage Day Programme	–	3,400
– New Year's Eve Ball Souvenir magazine	28,050	21,500
Proceeds receivable from sale of:-		
– T-shirts and receipt cards	480	955
– books " Singapore Eurasians- Memories & Hopes"	9,576	–
Proceeds receivable from ticket sale of New Year's Eve Ball	37,280	5,580
Donations receivable	–	100
	<u>75,386</u>	<u>31,535</u>

### 8 SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

These represent net proceeds from functions and projects organized during the year.

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
Noite Eurasiana	(1,867)	2,783
New Year's Eve Ball	37,110	4,190
Heritage Day	320	30,445
Christmas party	201	–
Others	130	(3,006)
	<u>35,894</u>	<u>34,412</u>

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31st December 1992

### 9 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
Bank charges	93	37
Postage and stationery	832	550
* Publications	11,361	12,942
Depreciation	1,450	362
Audit fee	600	-
General expenses	932	-
Recruitment expenses	1,411	-
	<u>16,679</u>	<u>13,891</u>

\* Publications include cost of producing EA News, annual reports and various publicity circulars on the Association's activities.

### 10 OTHER FUNCTIONS EXPENDITURE

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
National Day Parade	-	1,256
Eurasian Book Project	-	2,215
Eurasian Endowment Fund Ball	480	-
	<u>480</u>	<u>3,471</u>

### 11 EXPENDITURE COMMITMENT

As at 31st December 1992, there is a commitment of about \$13,000 for the refurbishment of the Eurasian Association's office at the Peoples' Association premises in Kallang. The sum will be payable in 1993.

### 12 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In our opinion, the accompanying accounts set out on Pages 1 to 7 are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Eurasian Association, Singapore as at 31st December 1992 and of the income and expenditure of the Association for the year ended on that date.

Signed on behalf of the Committee Members



.....  
Timothy de Souza  
President



.....  
David Oehlers  
Honorary Treasurer

Dated: 22 February 1993

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**

We have examined the balance sheet of The Eurasian Association, Singapore, as at 31st December 1992 and the related income and expenditure account for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with Statements of Auditing Guideline and Statements of Auditing Practice and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered appropriate in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements, together with the notes thereto, set out on pages 1 to 7 present fairly the state of the Association's affairs as at 31st December 1992 according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association.

  
Alwyn Lim & Co  
Certified Public Accountants

Dated: 22 February 1993

## ANNEX B

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND BALL  
HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 1992.

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**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**  
(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)


**THE EURASIAN ENDOWMENT FUND BALL  
HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER 1992**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

	Note	1992 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donation tables		82,900
Ordinary tables		8,760
Outright donations	3	92,465
		184,125
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Bank interest		731
Sale of surplus liquor		45
Advertisement	4	2,000
		186,901
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Audit fee		300
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Dance troupe performance		500
Films and prints		142
Food and beverages	5	32,738
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Printing	6	2,785
		(42,263)
<b>SURPLUS</b>		144,638

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Timothy de Souza - President

  
Robert Scully - Vice President

Dated: 27 JAN 1993

**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**  
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**2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICY**

The account of the function is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

**3 OUTRIGHT DONATIONS**

The above refers to donations received up to 15th January 1993

**4 ADVERTISEMENT**

The above income has not been received as at 15th January 1993

**5 FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

Buffet dinner	30,400
Drinks	248
Snacks	170
Sugee cakes and boxes	840
Alcohol	1,080
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	32,738
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**6 PRINTING**

Souvenir magazines	1,936
Invitation cards	350
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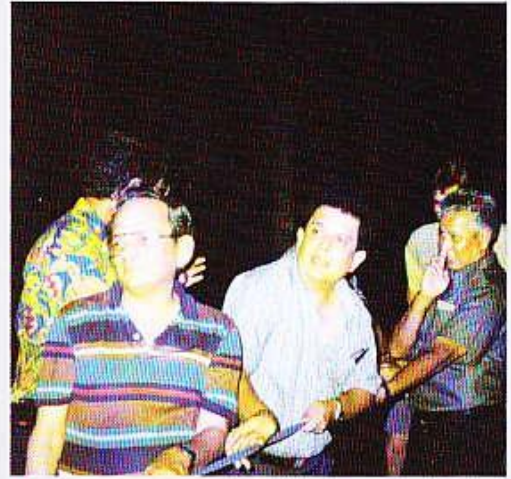
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▲ Noite Euroasiana – 3 July 1992



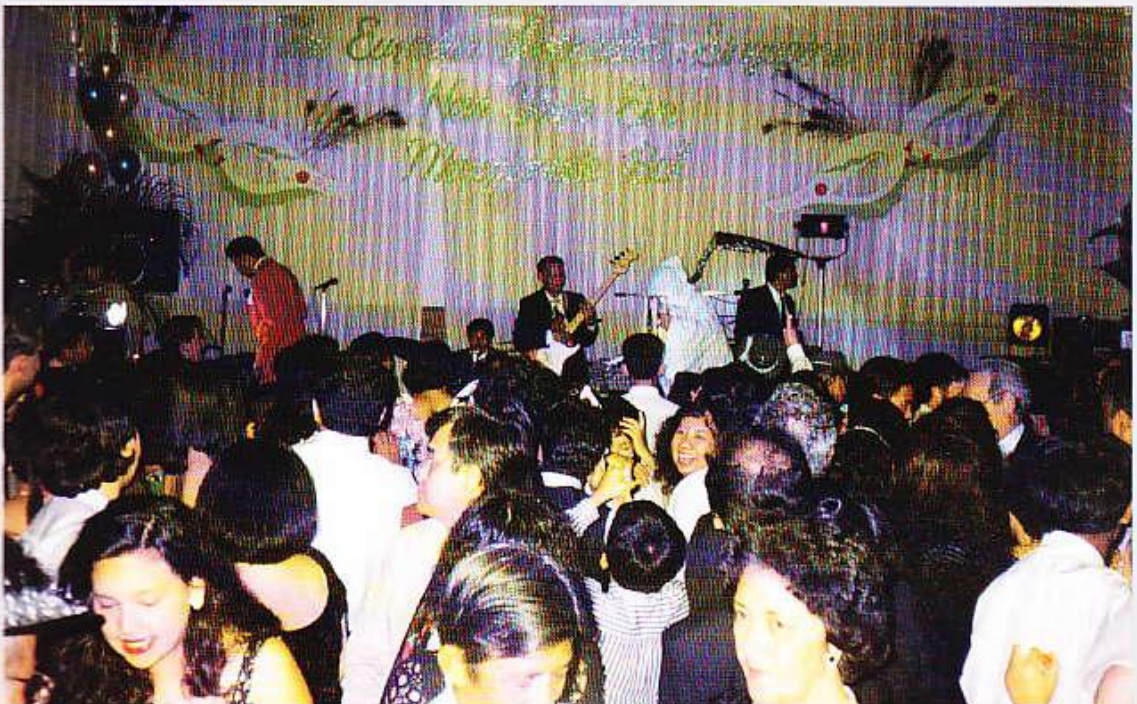
▲ Father's Day – 21 June 1992



▲ Christmas Treat – 17 December 1992



▲ SRC Games – 18 December 1992



▲ New Year's Eve Ball – 31 December 1992

## ANNEX C

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM, SLF BUILDING, 512A THOMPSON ROAD SINGAPORE 1129 ON FRIDAY MARCH 27, 1992 @ 7 P.M.

#### 1 OPENING OF AGM 1992

The meeting commenced at 1925 hrs. LTC Timothy de Souza, President 1990-1991, took the chair and declared the meeting open. He announced that there was a quorum with the presence of 95 voting members.

#### 2 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Following were highlights of the President's address

- 2.1 LTC Timothy de Souza began by saying that 1991 was a challenging and eventful year. The main focus was to optimise and maximise participation in EA activities.
- 2.2 The Heritage Day held at the National Museum was an unparalleled success. Some 300 people were acknowledged for their support and more participated under anonymity. About 8 000 people visited the heritage day exposition. Quote was made of BG Yeo's comment ... "Because of our cultural heritage, the Eurasian community in Singapore, of all the ethnic communities, is probably the most accepting of others. Indeed this can be one of the great contributions of the Eurasian Community in Singapore, to remind us to be tolerant of one another and that all men are brothers." The community had every right to be proud of themselves.
- 2.3 The publication of the book "Singapore Eurasians - Memories and Hopes" was twinned with our Endowment Fund. The book project had been funded by several underwriters, about sixty sponsors and a dozen donors who gave undertakings of covering liabilities and contributions to cover publication costs. A total of 731 books had been sold and this included sales to Perth and Melbourne. The book project account stood at \$80 000. Money was also raised through the sale of advertisements in the New Year's Eve Ball programme.
- 2.4 The EA had been conferred membership status of the National Communities Organisation Council of the Ministry of Community Development. This had been achieved through participation and commitment to national community activities.
- 2.5 New programmes like the Endowment Fund, Ladies Circle and the Dance troupe had been introduced.
- 2.6 Fund raising had been successful. \$44 856 was collected for the St Joseph's Home and \$80 000 for the book project. Assets of the Association was increased to \$184 736 from \$169 109.
- 2.7 Appreciation was also expressed for those who contributed, supported or participated in the programmes and projects. This was also done for those who worked tirelessly in sub-committees.
- 2.8 Special mention was made of the three committee members who were stepping down. Gerry Pereira and Edmund Rodrigues served for three years and introduced several pioneer projects successfully. Colin Meyer served for one year as Treasurer and had been a vital factor in the pioneering work done on the Endowment Fund.
- 2.9 The President ended his address indicating that at the end of his team's term, the EA had advanced substantially.

#### 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH, 1991

3.1 Following were raised for correction:

- 3.1.1 Mr Mosbergen - Pg 2, 3.0 "1991 AGM" should read "1990 AGM"

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- 3.1.2 Mrs Virginia Yzelman - Pg 3, 4.3.3 "Ezeilman" should read "Yzelman"
- 3.1.3 Mr Bill Jansen - Pg 5, "sensinty" should read "sensitivity"
- 3.1.4 Mr G. Morris - Pg 5, 8.5.1 should insert "Lim's" between Catherine and Book.
- 3.1.5 Mr John Oehlers - Pg 5, 8.6 "truely" should read "truly"
- 3.1.6 Mr John Oehlers commented that in view of the many spelling errors, the corrections should be recorded and submission made to the ROS accordingly.
- 3.1.7 Pg 4, 4.3.7 "controibution" should spell "contribution"  
 Pg 4, "4.3.7" after 4.3.7 should read "4.3.8".  
 Pg 4, 4.3.8 "advertisment" should spell "advertisement"  
 Pg 4, 4.3.8 "offesetting" should spell "offsetting"  
 Pg 5, 8.3 "discrepancies" should spell "discrepancies"  
 Pg 6, 8.6.7 "Encounterp" should spell "Encounter"  
 Pg 6, 8.6.8 "one" should be "ones"  
 Pg 6, 8.8 "withdraw" should be "withdrew"  
 Pg 7, 8.9.9 "Shepardson" should spell "Sheperdson"
- 3.1.8 Mr Victor Olsen raised the issue on Pg 5, 8.2 and 8.3 with regard to discrepancies in the ballot slips but was told that the issue should be raised under any other business to be brought forward.
- 3.2 The minutes of the meeting were confirmed in order by Mr Terence Aeria and seconded by Mr Cleaver Eber.

**4 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1991.**

The chairman, in seeking adoption of the Annual Report 91/92, then went through the report as disclosed in the booklet. The following were raised in the process:

- 4.1.1 Mr John Oehlers - Pg 4 Treasurer should read Honorary Treasurer.
- 4.1.2 Mrs Daphne Thexeira-Huisjes - Requested to know what the personal reasons were for the resignation of the Vice President Mr Edwin Thompson in November, 1991.

The chairman emphasised that it was for personal reasons that he resigned as Vice President. They were his reasons and they were personal.

Mr Victor Olsen stated that his understanding was that Mr Thompson resigned because he was subject to insubordination, had his decisions overridden by lesser officials and felt that the leadership was over powered by women power. Mr Terence Aeria said that after hearing what Mr Olsen had said, the word "alleged" would have to be used. He said that he knew Mr Thompson quite well and if there was anything he had wanted to say, he would have certainly been present to speak for himself. Mr Aeria said that since he was not present, the house would have to accept that he resigned for personal reasons.



▲ National Community Day – 31 May 1992



▲ Handicraft



▲ Deepavali Lunch – 14 November 1992



▲ National Day Parade – 9 August 1992

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The house applauded Mr Aeria's comments.

- 4.1.3 Mr John Oehlers raised the issue of one committee member holding two posts and sought clarification. He made reference to the Hon Secretary holding the Vice President's post as well. The chairman then read the EA Constitution on Pg 6, Para 19.

Mr Oehlers felt that his question was not quite answered as he wanted to know if there was any such provision for someone holding two posts at the same time. If there was none then he would recommend that such a provision be made during its constitution review to that effect.

The chairman then stated that there was no such provision in the constitution but legal advice was sought before such a decision was made. The chairman then indicated that the suggestion made by Mr Oehlers would be borne in mind.

- 4.1.4 Dr Myrna Braga-Blake requested that under EURASIAN BOOK PROJECT, the words "authored by" be changed to "edited by".

- 4.1.5 Mr Aloysius de Souza suggested that "IN REQUIEM", names of deceased members be inserted. The point was noted.

- 4.2 There were no comments made on the Financial Report.

- 4.3 Mr Victor Olsen proposed a vote of thanks to the Management Committee for a good job.

- 4.4 The 1991 Annual Report and Audited accounts were adopted after a proposal by Mr T.M. Plunkett and seconded by Mr George Pasqual.

## 5 AMENDMENT TO EA RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 5.1 A notice for a resolution, proposed by Ms Carla Barker and seconded by Mr Colin Meyer, that the word "political" appearing in line 1 of Rule 2a should be deleted.

- 5.2 Ms Carla Barker in her submission of her proposal explained that this proposal was not done on the initiative of the committee. Higher authority directed that that be so. Letter from the Registrar of Societies was read out by Ms Barker. From interpretations of the two rules, to leave the word "political" in both the rules would give rise to confusion. It was then advised that the word "political" be deleted from Rule 2a but left in Rule 34e.

Mr Colin Meyer gave his reason for seconding the proposal and added that Rule 2a was indeed conflicting with Rule 34e. He further stated that we should take the letter from the Registrar of Societies more as a directive than as a suggestion. After reading out Rule 34e, he added that if any Association wished to indulge in any political activities then they should set up a political party.

- 5.2.1 The proposed amendment was accepted.

For the motion : 98  
Against the motion : 0  
Abstentions : 2

## 6 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

- 6.1 The committee recommended the firm of Alwyn Lim and Co. to act as external auditors for the Association. No objections were raised.



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## 7 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 Gerry Pereira then took the chair and read out the nominations received for office bearers and committee members for the year 1992. Following members were returned unopposed:

Post/Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
<b>President</b>		
Timothy de Souza	Colin Meyer	Edmund Rodrigues
<b>Vice President</b>		
R W Scully	T M Plunkett	Colin Meyer
<b>Secretary</b>		
William Jansen	Annabel Ess	Colin Meyer
<b>Asst. Secretary</b>		
Judith Madelein Arul	Valerie Scully	Colin Meyer
<b>Treasurer</b>		
David Oehlers	Colleen Sheares	Colin Meyer
<b>Committee Members</b>		
Ursula Quah (nee Snodgrass)	Edmund Rodrigues	Colin Meyer
Martin Pereira	Corinne Woodford	Colin Meyer
Kathleen Woodford	Charles de Silva	Colin Meyer
Paul Desker	Theresa Woodford	Colin Meyer
Bryan Davenport	Richard Pereira	Colin Meyer

7.2 Outgoing office bearers and committee members congratulated the new committee members and stepped down from their respective seats on the panel for the new office bearers. The house applauded the new committee in.

7.3 The President 1992, LTC Timothy de Souza then addressed the floor. Following were highlights:

7.3.1 The EA had grown from strength to strength and that it was time to consolidate. Focus had to be on priorities that would reap the optimum benefit for the Association and the community.

7.3.2 Focus would be on Education, the Endowment Fund, Youth and the Clubhouse.

7.3.3 On Education, Ursula Quah Asst. Director of Secondary Schools in the Ministry of Education, would review the present scheme and introduce upgrading programmes.

7.3.4 The Endowment Fund would be approved shortly. The Fund would comprise two components.

- i) The first component would be for Education assistance and Ursula Quah would be involved.

ii) The other was for Welfare assistance and Bryan Davenport and David Oehlers would help develop.

A target of \$134 000 was envisaged at year end and dollar for dollar backing from Government would be applied for.

- 7.3.5 Character Development and leadership training would continue for our Youth through Outward Bound courses. For intellectual development, Martin Pereira would head this and organise dinner talks of concern and interest by suitable speakers.
- 7.3.6 The establishment of an EA Clubhouse although a priority, would have to be handled very carefully. Because of limited assets, the decision to go ahead would have to be done logically so as not to jeopardise our small hard earned nest-egg. A Clubhouse Project sub-committee would be set up to examine the feasibility of our own clubhouse. Some form of membership arrangements would be worked with the SRC and the PA.
- 7.3.7 The current programmes that were being run would continue. All activities would be advertised and reported in the regular newsletters and flyers.
- 7.3.8 Tribute was paid to the elected committee 1992 and the president called for the able to step forward to volunteer their services to allow for continuity. The responsibility was that of the whole organisation and not only that of the incumbent committee alone.
- 7.3.9 The president looked forward to continued support and another fruitful year in office.

## 8 OTHER MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Eighty year old Mr Cleaver Eber requested the Management committee assist in approaching the Ministry of Health look into the discrimination that was still present in the use of "others" for Eurasians.

Mr John Oehlers then mentioned that the issue brought up by Mr Eber was a sensitive one and his concern then was that the word "political" had been removed from the constitution, hence, he would like to know under which terms of reference the management committee would use to proceed with the matter. That was the reason why he abstained during the vote to remove the word "political".

The chairman then read the first object of the constitution after the word "political" was removed. He indicated that there was sufficient room for taking the matter up and would pursue it in the light of what Mr Eber had said.

Mr Oehlers added a point of clarification that by terminology, race, was already political and that was why he abstained in the voting. He suggested that the committee handling the constitutional review look into the constitution and come up with some terminology to enable the matter to be pursued.

Ms Carla Barker informed the floor that the committee could approach the Government under the heading of social. Ms. Barker then defined the word "political" as found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary and in the light of the meaning given, if the issue was brought up to the Government, it would not be under any political objective in any event. She suggested that the word "cultural" be considered when looking at the next constitutional revue.

- 8.2 Mr Victor Olsen referred to the 1991 AGM minutes and cited items 8.2 and 8.3 regarding the number of ballot slips issued and the number of members registered as present. He wished to have it recorded that an investigation was carried out headed by Mr E O Thompson and that in his findings there was nothing irregular about it.

Ms Carla Barker then pointed out that she assisted Mr Thompson in the investigation that he carried out. The report was looked at together and the investigation made was not on the matter of the ballot slips but on three other matters which he dealt with and that there were no irregularities.

On matter of ballot slips, since she was directly involved, she explained that there was some inconsistency in the slips and the number of people present. Hence there was some uncertainty in the number of slips printed and delivered. However if a closed ballot was called for, there was another set of ballot slips available for use. The second set would have been distributed to each member present by having their names called out. That however was not necessary as there was no closed ballot.

8.3 As there was no other matter arising, the meeting was called to a close at 10.40 pm.

Hon. Secretary, 1991-1992

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.W. Pereira', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

G.W.Pereira.

## ANNEX D

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 1992 AT THE AUDITORIUM, PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, KALLANG, SINGAPORE 1459.

#### 1. Introduction

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Eurasian Association, Singapore was held on Tuesday, 7 July 1992 at 8.00 p.m. to consider and if deemed fit, pass, the following resolutions:

1. That a Fund to be known as the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund for the provision of welfare and financial assistance to Eurasians as provided in a Trust Deed shall be established.
2. That Mr E W Barker, Mr Herman Hochstadt and Mr Oscar Oliveira should be nominated as Trustees of the Fund for life.
3. That the Deed declaring the Trust's powers and provisions upon which and subject to which the Fund should be held be approved.

#### 2. Attendance

95 members ( 92 Ordinary and Life members and 3 Associate Members) of the Eurasian Association, Singapore, attended. The meeting was chaired by LTC Timothy de Souza, President of the Association.

#### 3. Opening Address

In his opening address, LTC de Souza thanked the members who had come to give their support for the establishment of the Endowment Fund for the Eurasian community.

He acknowledged especially the work of Ms Carla Barker and Mr Colin Meyer in the drawing up of the Trust Deed of the Endowment Fund.

LTC de Souza said that the Endowment Fund was for all Eurasians. The arrangements of the Fund provided Eurasians with the opportunity to uplift themselves and to achieve the greatest good for the entire community. The Eurasian Association, Singapore, was prepared to administer the Fund for as long as necessary. The granting of Institution of Public Character (IPC) status by the government to the Fund was a recognition that the Association was representative of the Eurasian community in Singapore.

A Board of Trustees comprising Mr E W Barker, Mr Herman Hochstadt and Mr Oscar Oliveira and a Selection Committee comprising Mr Rudy Mosbergen, Mr Bryan Davenport, Ms Annabel Ess and Mr Joseph Tessensohn had agreed to discharge the functions of the Fund. These were all Eurasians of standing and LTC de Souza acknowledged and thanked them.

#### 4. The Trust Deed

Mr William Jansen, Honorary Secretary of the Eurasian Association, Singapore, addressed the meeting. He said that according to the rules of the Association, one of the objectives was "to promote the cultural, economic, social, moral, physical and intellectual advancement of all Eurasian Singaporeans and Eurasian Permanent Residents". The Endowment Fund Trust Deed had been framed so that this objective could be realised for all Eurasians even if they were not members of the Association. Besides raising the educational status of all Eurasians, the welfare provisions of the Deed provided for the following:

- a. assistance to poor and needy
- b. assistance to victims of disaster
- c. medical care and relief of poverty

He then took the meeting through the Trust Deed. He noted and amended the typographical errors and explained the provisions of the Clauses 1 to 8 of the Deed. Mr Jansen pointed out that the First Schedule referred to the workings of the Fund and the Second Schedule, the workings of the Selection Committee.

The Endowment Fund was targeted to reach a capital of S2 million in five years. He also noted the Government had agreed in principle to grant IPC status to the Fund which meant that all donations to the Fund would be tax exempt.

#### 5. Plan of Action

Mr Bryan Davenport reported on the plan of action for the Endowment Fund. The Fund, he said, existed for the betterment of less fortunate Eurasians. In late 1950s, there were 50 000 Eurasians in Singapore. In the last census (1990) this number had gone down to 13 000. The Eurasian community had produced leaders in the Civil Service, the private sector and the Armed Forces and there were 20 Eurasian owned companies. Although on the surface, the community appeared successful, there were still 10 to 15% of Eurasians in need of assistance. To this end the Welfare Task Force and Education Committee of the Endowment Fund had been set up. The following groups had been identified as needing assistance in the form of money and self help:

- a. the destitute and handicapped
- b. needy students
- c. single parents
- d. those who had suffered a mid-life loss of job

The two committees would liaise with the Ministry of Community Development and other government agencies to provide financial assistance and a support network.

Mr Davenport spoke of the problems of support to sustain the various Endowment Fund projects and programmes. He spoke of the possibility of a CPF check-off scheme similar to that of other ethnic self-help groups. He called on all Eurasians to give generously not just money but time and service as well.

#### 6. Discussion

Dr Myrna Braga-Blake noted that there was an assumption that single parenthood was caused by death. She suggested that the wording should be amended to allow the flexibility to accommodate different causes of single parenthood. The point was noted.

Mr Burton Westerhout noted a typographical error on Page 3, Para 5 in the Second Schedule. He also asked what would become of the Association's existing Education Fund. LTC de Souza replied that the S70 000 in the EA fund would continue to be disbursed as a separate fund for the educational advancement of children of members of the Association.

Mr Hugh Oliveira commented that Page 3, para 1-A, b should be allowed for beneficiaries through the maternal line. His point was noted.

Mr Randall Snodgrass questioned the power of the Trustees to amend the Trust Deed. He was informed that any amendment required the approval of EA management committee and the Comptroller of Income Tax. Ms Carla Barker explained that the power of the Trustees was a Ministry of Finance requirement. Mr Snodgrass suggested that to safeguard against mismanagement any amendments should be taken back to the Association body. His suggestion was noted.

Mr Martin Marini noted that the provisions of the Trust Deed did not cover pre-primary education. He felt that all levels of education should be included. His point was noted.

Mr Martin Marini also asked for the inclusion of the requirement that Trustees and members of the Selection Committee be Eurasian although Ministry of Finance did not deem this necessary. His suggestion was noted.

Mr Marini suggested that powers of the Selection Committee should be such that the Committee be able to set criteria at their discretion. His suggestion was noted.

Ms Carla Barker pointed out that the Ministry of Education's representative of the Selection Committee need not be Eurasian.

Mr Marini also suggested that the heading for the Second Schedule, Clause 5, should read "Eligibility To Apply for Education Assistance". His suggestion was noted.

Ms Barker asked if the year of accounting should be included. Mr Marini suggested that the year of accounting should be a calendar year except for the first year. The suggestion was noted.

Mr Boris Theseira was of the opinion that there was no need to stipulate that the Trustees and members of the Selection Committee be members of the Eurasian Association. His comment was noted.

Mr Randall Snodgrass suggested that a suitable clause be inserted so that the Board of Trustees could meet the expenses of administering the Fund. He was informed that this point was covered by the Trustees Act.

Mr Burton Westerhout suggested that "of the Selection Committee" be added to Paragraph of the First Schedule so that it was clear who the signatories should be. His suggestion was noted.

Mr Martin Marini noted that power in the administration of the Fund was vested in the Trustees and that the Selection Committee had no powers. Ms Carla Barker replied that was how it should be. Clause 1 of the Second Schedule should be amended to reflect this. The point was noted.

## 7. Summary of Proposed Amendments

Mr Martin Marini proposed that the points raised by the members be incorporated into the draft Trust Deed, subject to the approval of Ministry of Finance and the relevant authorities. Mr Boris Theseira seconded this proposal.

The proposed amendments were as follows:

Pg 2, 3a. "...to pursue primary, secondary, pre-university and tertiary education..." to be amended to "...to pursue pre-primary, primary, secondary, pre-university and tertiary education..."

Pg 5, 8a. "The Selection Committee shall consist of at least five (5) persons..." to be amended to "The Selection Committee shall consist of at least five (5) Eurasian persons..."

Pg 5, 8b, iv. "Two Ordinary Members." to be amended to "At least two Ordinary Members."

Pg 6, 9. "...such accounts made up to the day of each year." to be amended to "...such accounts made up to the 31st day of December of each year."

Pg 6, 10. "...prior approval in writing is obtained from the EA management committee..." to be amended to "...prior approval in writing is obtained from the Eurasian Association, Singapore..."

### The First Schedule

Pg 1, d. "...by any two of the following office bearers..." to be amended to "...by any two of the following office bearers of the Selection Committee..."

### The Second Schedule

Pg 1, 2a. To be extended to include "v. Any other circumstances the Selection Committee deems relevant."

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Pg 2, 2b. To be extended to include "iv. Any other circumstances the Selection Committee deems relevant."

Pg 3, 5. "Eligibility Education Assistance" to be amended "Eligibility to Apply for Education Assistance"

Pg 4, 7. "...together with the following documents:" to be amended to "...together with supporting documents which may include the following documents:"

8. **Voting on Resolutions**

1. That a Fund to be known as the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund for the provision of welfare and financial assistance to Eurasians as provided in a Trust Deed shall be established.

Proposer: Mr Ronnie Barth

Seconder: Mr Richard Pereira

Result: Unanimously approved

2. That Mr E W Barker, Mr Herman Hochstadt and Mr Oscar Oliveiro should be nominated as Trustees of the Fund for life.

Proposer: Mr Trevor Hale

Seconder: Mr Burton Westerhout

Result: Unanimously approved

3. That the Deed declaring the Trust's powers and provisions upon which and subject to which the Fund should be held be approved.

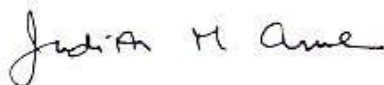
Proposer: Mr Boris Thescira

Seconder: Mr Bill Plunkett

Result: Unanimously approved

There being no other business, the President thanked the members for their support and the meeting ended at 11 p.m. with supper.

Recorded by



Mrs Judith Arul  
Asst Hon Secretary  
The Eurasian Association, Singapore

## ANNEX E

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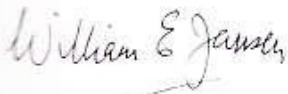
### RESOLUTION TO GAIN MEMBERS APPROVAL TO ADVANCE UP TO \$15,000 OF THE ASSOCIATION'S FUNDS TO FINANCE THE TUITION PROGRAMME

NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN that at the Annual General Meeting of The Eurasian Association the members shall be requested to consider and if deemed fit, pass the following Resolution:-

That the Management Committee be authorised to utilise funds up to the sum of \$15,000.00 to subsidise tuition programmes for the benefit of Eurasian school goers for the year ending December 1993, and that the Management Committee be directed to raise funds up to the amount so utilised for reimbursement to the Association's account.

This Resolution has been proposed by Ursula Quah and seconded by Edmund Rodrigues.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



WILLIAM JANSEN  
HONORARY SECRETARY  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE



## ANNEX F

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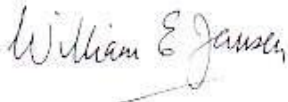
### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE A NEW CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP CALLED ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBER

NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN that at the Annual General Meeting of The Eurasian Association the members shall be requested to consider and if deemed fit, pass the following Resolutions:-

1. That in Rule 3 the words "Ordinary, Associate Life" be included after the word "Associate" in the present form.
2. That in Rule 8 the word "Ordinary" be included after the word "Associate" in the present form.
3. That in Rule 9 the words "and Associate Life" be included after the word "Life" in the 1st line; the words "or an Associate Ordinary Member" be included after the words "Ordinary Member" in line 3; and the words "or Associate Life Member respectively" be included after the words "Life Member" in line 3 of the present form.
4. That the words "in either the Associate Ordinary or Associate Life category" be added to the end of Rule 10 (a).

These Resolutions have been proposed by Paul Desker and seconded by Martin Pereira.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



WILLIAM JANSEN  
HONORARY SECRETARY  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## ANNEX G

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EA RULE NO. 4 - ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP.

NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN that at the Annual General Meeting of the Eurasian Association the members shall be requested to review and, if deemed fit, adopt the following Resolution:-

That Rule No. 4 (a), (b)(i) and (ii) of the Constitution be deleted in its entirety, and a new Rule inserted namely:-

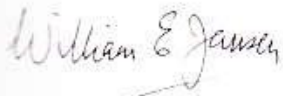
#### 4: ORDINARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Any Singaporean or Permanent Resident of the age of eighteen and above shall be eligible for Ordinary and Life Membership if he or she holds a Singapore Identity Card which states that he or she is a Eurasian AND

- (i) both or one of his or her parents is or was a Eurasian OR
- (ii) one of his or her parents was Caucasian and the other Asian.

This Resolution has been proposed by Victor Olsen and seconded by Gerald de Vries.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



WILLIAM JANSEN  
HONORARY SECRETARY  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

# The Eurasian Association, Singapore

(Established July, 1919)

## NOMINATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, NRIC No. \_\_\_\_\_

propose \_\_\_\_\_, NRIC No. \_\_\_\_\_

to stand for \_\_\_\_\_

for the term commencing in 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, NRIC No. \_\_\_\_\_

second the proposal.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to the above nominations and to offer my services to the Eurasian Association if elected for the term commencing in 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIC No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form should be returned in person or by registered post to the Association's official address not later than 5 p.m. 17 March, 1993. The envelope should be marked "Nominations for AGM".



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