



THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE

ANNUAL REPORT 1996/1997

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Representing the Eurasians in Cabinet
BG (NS) GEORGE YEO

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION
SINGAPORE

(established July 1919)

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NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Eurasian Association, Singapore will be held at the Auditorium, the People's Association, Kallang, Singapore 397750 on 28 April 1997 at 6.30 p.m.

2. AGENDA

2.1 President's Address.

2.2 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 1996.

2.3 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 1996.

2.4 To receive, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 1996.

2.5 To receive a presentation on the review of EA's organisation structure.

2.6 To review, and if deemed fit, adopt the attached proposed resolution to amend Rule 16 (b) and 16(c) of the Rules of the Eurasian Association

2.7 To elect a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Secretary and five other members of the Management Committee.

2.8 To appoint an Honorary Auditor for the term 1997/1998 for the Eurasian Association.

2.9 To transact any other business brought forward in accordance with the rules of the Association.

3. NOTES

3.1 The Annual Report includes the following:

a. Annex A: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 1996.

b. Annex B: Financial Statement of the Eurasian Association.

c. Annex C: Financial Statement of the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund.

d. Annex D: Resolution in respect of Rule 16 (b) and 16(c).

e. Nomination Form.

3.2 The Annual General Meeting is open only to registered members of the Association. Non-members will not be allowed to attend.

3.3 Members are entitled to attend and vote in person only and not by proxy

3.4 Nomination for Office Bearers and Committee members must be received by the Committee at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting and must be on the prescribed form as annexed hereto.

3.5 Registration and Ballot Procedures:

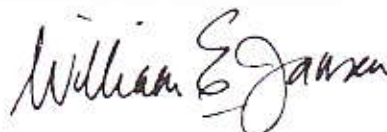
a. Each member shall produce his/her identity card to the relevant Registration Officer.

b. The Registration Officer shall check that the name of each person seeking admission to the Annual General Meeting appears on the Membership Roll.

c. Each member shall initial against his/her name in the Membership Roll.

d. 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

Registered Office
The Eurasian Association Community House
715/717 Mountbatten Road
Singapore 437737

Date: 20 March 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

Our programmes and activities during the term were conducted almost exclusively at our new home, the Eurasian Association Community House at Mountbatten Road. The Community House is turning out to be all that we want it to be. It is heartening to see the extensive use being made of the facilities, especially those in the service centre, 715, Mountbatten Road. The tuition rooms, computer room, and general purpose hall in particular are now used on a daily basis. Over at 717, Mountbatten Road, our Secretariat is a hive of activity at all times. Even on Saturday afternoons and evenings, there are comings and goings. Many visitors have been made welcome by our staff and impressed by their spontaneous good-will and eagerness to show them around. This is the Eurasian hospitality in all of us which comes through in a 'home' environment. It is so good to see.

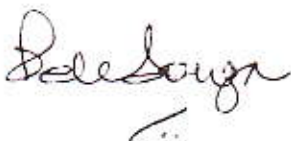
The signal achievement of the term was making the Community House our home. I know for many of us making the premises into a 'home', meant lots of planning and hard work and deadlines to meet but the effort was a most satisfying one. The official opening of the Community House on 11 November 96 was indeed a land-mark event. There was so much pride in the faces of all who laboured and volunteered their help for that special day. It was certainly a rallying event for our community.

It has been another busy year for the Association. Our programmes in educational advancement and welfare assistance have reached many more families. Through the CPF Board arrangement we have been able to send our newsletters and flyers to all working Eurasians. As a result, many more have become aware of what the Association is doing as a Self-Help Group. The monthly donations from the community have steadily increased and this is certainly a community endorsement of self-help. We have gained many new members this year through reaching out to the community, almost all of whom have become life members. There was a full programme of activities in every section of the Association. The Year in Review in this Annual Report is a record of the events and will provide an impression of the type of activities which our Association conducted or participated in.

Our fund-raising efforts this term have seen excellent results. I would like to thank every one of our donors for his or her contribution. With prudent financial management we have been able to fulfil our mission and set aside enough for that rainy day. Our total assets have increased significantly to \$1,816,522.

This year's achievements have been many and varied, and some have broken new ground. None would have been possible without the help of the many volunteers in the Association and the community. On behalf of the Management Community, I would like to thank everyone for his or her contribution. Together, we made this year a special year for the Association.

Yours sincerely,



TIMOTHY DE SOUZA

President

The Management Committee is pleased to present the Annual Report of the Eurasian Association, Singapore (henceforth referred to as the "Association") for the period 28 April 1996 to 28 April 1997 and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 1996.

1. MANAGEMENT REPORT

1.1 Management Committee At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on 27 April 1996, at the Auditorium People's Association, Kallang, Singapore 397750, the following members were elected into office:

Post	Name
President	LTC Timothy de Souza
Vice-President	Mr Robert Scully
Honorary Secretary	Mr William Jansen
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Benett Theseira
Asst Honorary Secretary	Mr Bryan Davenport
Committee Members	Mr Paul Desker Mr Frederick Fox Mrs Ursula Quah Mr Randal Snodgrass Ms Kathleen Woodford

1.2 Committee Meetings There were 13 Management Committee meetings during the term (as at February 97). These were held at the Association's premises, the Eurasian Association Community House. Various committee meetings were held as well. Management committee members' attendance at these 13 Management Committee meetings were LTC Timothy de Souza, 12; Mr Robert Scully, 12; Mr William Jansen, 12; Mr Benett Theseira, 8; Mr Bryan Davenport, 13; Mr Paul Desker, 11; Mr Frederick Fox, 9; Mrs Ursula Quah, 12; Mr Randal Snodgrass, 3; Ms Kathleen Woodford, 11; and Mrs Eulyth Fernandez, 9. It should be noted that Mr Randal Snodgrass suffered a major stroke in June 96 but continued his duties during the term.

1.3 Special Meetings Two meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Selection Committee of the Association's Endowment Fund were held during the term.

1.4 Minister's Meeting with EA Volunteers. BG (NS) George Yeo met members of the various committees and groups of the Association at a dinner on 2 August 1996.

1.5 Administration All administration for the Association was carried out from its Secretariat at the Eurasian Association Community House. The Association's administrative staff comprised MAJ (RTD) Hugh Oliveiro and Mrs Ruth Thariyan. Mr Winston Vaz provided consultancy services on all education matters. Mrs Frances Cross, a qualified social worker, co-ordinated the Welfare Task Force programmes until December 96. Mrs Judith Nonis, Mrs Cecilia Beins and Ms Lena Fox took on welfare co-ordination duties at various times of the year.

1.5.1 EA Secretariat Review Committee This Committee was formed with Mr William Jansen as Chairman. Other members of the committee were Mr Robert Scully, Mr Bryan Davenport, Mr Paul Desker, Mr Frederick Fox and a Management Consultant, Mrs Virginia Yzelman. MAJ (Rtd) Hugh Oliveiro, the EA Office Manager, attended the meetings of the committee.

The Committee held meetings to study the Administrative System of the Secretariat. Mrs Yzelman produced an excellent report with recommendations on the re-organisation of the Association's Secretariat. The report and recommendations will form the basis of the Management Committee's plan of action to improve the functioning of the Secretariat.

1.6 Legal Adviser Ms Carla Barker continued to act as the Association's Legal Adviser.

1.7 Honorary Auditor Mr Alwyn Lim of Alwyn Lim & Co. was the Association's Honorary Auditor.

1.8 Ex-Officio Members The President and Vice-President were ex-officio members of all projects and sub-committees.

1.9 Co-opted Member Mrs Eulyth Fernandez was co-opted onto the Management Committee during the term.

2 THE IMPERATIVES FOR 1996/1997

At the Annual General Meeting of 27 April 1996, the President identified the imperatives for the 1996/1997 term. These were putting in facilities in the EA Community House; reaching out to all Eurasians; consolidating the Eurasian Community Fund; expanding our community self-help programmes; and reviewing the organisational structure of the Association.

These imperatives will be reported on in various sections of the report.

3. EURASIAN ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Eurasian Association Community House Committee is headed by Mr Randal Snodgrass and comprises Mr Benett Theseira, Mr Bryan Davenport, Mr Derek Filmer, Mr Geoffrey Morris, Mr Cyril Seah and Mr David Naidu.

Renovations for the EA Community House began in December 1995. Based on the reduced scope and budget agreed with the Ministry of Information and the Arts (MITA) and the Ministry of Community Development (MCD), the House Sub-Committee, aided greatly by the Public Works Department (PWD), drew up plans and implemented the major phase of the renovation work by end March 1996. This enabled the Secretariat staff and the Association's committees to move in on 13 April 1996 after the provision of the basic furnishing for operations.

With staff in occupation, the House Sub-Committee and the PWD proceeded to complete the remainder of the renovation work. This arrangement enabled the Association to optimise funds for maximum benefit. The finishing touches and fuller furnishing and equipment – computers, telephone PABX, kitchen fittings etc. were put in place over the following months until final completion in October 1996.

The House was officially declared open by BG (NS) George Yeo, Minister for Information and the Arts and the Minister representing the Eurasians in Cabinet on 11 November 1996 amid a gala celebration of the community and guests, with much food, entertainment and general socialising. It marked a historical moment for the Association.

The EA Community House occupies a site of about 1400 sq. m and can now boast of the following amenities:

- A 38 sq. m air-conditioned secretariat office with a capacity for 7 staff
- A well furnished 41 sq. m air-conditioned conference room that can accommodate up to 30 persons
- A 9 sq. m counselling/discussion room. This air-conditioned room is used as a medical clinic every fortnight
- A 38 sq. m air-conditioned multipurpose hall
- A 20 sq. m air-conditioned computer room with 8 of the latest computers for courses
- A 20 sq. m air-conditioned tuition room for 15 students
- A toilet for the disabled at the Secretariat office
- A 7 sq. m room for the EA Dance Troupe
- Two 4.5 sq. m store rooms and two 15 sq. m garages converted into store rooms

- A 10 sq. m patio next to the multi-purpose hall
- A 600 sq m court for court games
- A landscaped garden fronting the basketball court

The total cost of the building as rendered on the PWD account was \$262,000, most of which (\$235,800) was met by MCD by arrangement with MITA. The Association made a contribution of \$26,200 towards this building renovation cost, and also paid \$65,724.27 for furniture and equipment.

The Management Committee has recently received an offer of a permanent site on Dunman Road. At the time of preparation of this annual report, the preliminary study and analysis of the site for suitability as our permanent home was underway.

4. EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMMES

The Committee for Education and Training (COMET) was chaired by Mrs Ursula Quah. Mr Winston Vaz, an Education Consultant was Secretary to the Committee and the members were Mr Harold Mathieu, Mr Lionel Zuzarte, Mr Edmund Rodrigues and Mr Mark Ferrao.

4.1 Merit and Excellence Awards On 19 October 1997 at 3.00 pm, 350 distinguished guests, Management Committee members, recipients and family members were at the Regional English Language Centre to witness the presentation of the Eurasian Community Fund merit and excellence awards. 68 recipients received awards ranging from \$250.00 to \$800.00 from the Eurasian Community Fund which is funded by contributions from working Eurasians through the Central Provident Fund Board.

The guest of honour Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, Minister for Community Development, said in his inspirational address that he commended the Eurasian Association for "mustering the support of the Community towards the educational advancement of the children" as education is an enduring gift. While he commended the recipients for achieving the award he reminded them of the "higher purpose" of contributing to community and country. Every community needs individuals whose actions and ideas benefit not only themselves but also the community. Without these individuals the country would have no direction. Speaking generally, he said that a community should have cohesion and cooperation but must never be closed to the rest of society, as ultimately Singaporeans are all in the same boat. In closing, the Minister congratulated the Eurasian Association for all the good work done for the advancement of the Eurasian community.

LTC Timothy de Souza, in his address said that the awards presented on that day were different from previous years in that students from the whole community were eligible for the awards. He went on to explain the status of a Self Help Group (SHG) and how the Association as a SHG discharged its responsibility to the community. He said that the merit and excellence awards reflected the desire of the Association to recognise scholastic achievement and effort. He reminded them to continue striving for excellence and urged those who have graduated to do their part in helping the community. In the long term "education is the surest way for the community to uplift itself" and ultimately benefit the whole nation. Finally, he thanked the Committee for Education and Training (COMET) for being the driving force behind the Association's effort in education.

4.2 Tuition In 1996, our links with SINDA and CDAC were maintained. Eurasian students were placed in the SINDA and CDAC tuition centres of their choice. As both the organisations maintained many tuition centres, our students were tutored in centres conveniently close to their homes. Realising the need to uplift the examination performances of our students in Malay language, which is not offered by SINDA, CDAC and Mendaki, COMET offered tuition in level groupings to students in the housing estates, provided there were at least four in the group, although this meant larger subsidies. In this way, four groups were formed, from P4 to 'O' level. The 'O' level group was housed in the Eurasian Association Community House and studied in air-conditioned comfort.

For 'O' level students, revision classes in mathematics and literature were organised and proved to be popular.

A survey conducted at the end of the year, endorsed the quality of the tuition provided and an overwhelming majority responded positively that they had benefitted from the tuition.

In all these ways, 151 students were provided with help in their studies.

For 1997, the desire for tuition is growing apace and there is a surge in applications which were still being processed at the time of printing. The total number of pupils receiving help in their studies will certainly exceed the number achieved last year. As a direct result of our efforts to increase the awareness of the importance of the mother tongue among the community, the number of students requesting tuition in the Malay language has increased dramatically. Three schools with many Eurasian pupils are actively supporting our Malay language programme. The number of students participating in the ML programme is about 100. COMET is thus catering to a wider

pool of students with diverse needs and satisfying these needs will pose a challenge to COMET IN 1997.

4.3 Computer Skills Course The participants of the first computer skills course have completed the course and are proficient in Microsoft Word 7. They will soon be proceeding to high order skills. The second course started on 17 February 1997. Courses will be held throughout the year. These courses which were originally conceived for homemakers who wanted to rejoin the work force are now open to all on a first-come-first-served basis.

4.4 Scholarships Several institutions have offered the Association a number of distance learning scholarships from certificate to postgraduate level. These scholarships are for free tuition from the institutions. Six scholarships have been awarded and the students are currently on course. Other institutions, including Informatics and Thames Business School, have offered a number of distance learning scholarships to the Association. Discussions with each institution have reached various stages of resolution from the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to the quantum and type of awards and the conditions governing the awards. The Association must express their gratitude to CDAC, SINDA and Mendaki for being firm on the principle that the number and type of awards for the Association are the same as that offered to the three larger SHGs.

4.5 Writers' Rap An eagerly anticipated event commenced on 1 March 1997. Eurasian authors Mr Rex Shelley, Mr Max Le Blond and Mr Wilfred Hamilton Shimmen began a series of four weekly seminars. The course content focused on creative writing and included a segment on how to get a work published.

4.6 Parents Seminar This seminar is scheduled for early April 97 and will be the last event for COMET's current term of office. It will focus on parenting skills and will include supervising, communicating and modeling behaviour.

4.7 CDIS Consults EA The Association, through COMET, rendered assistance to the Curriculum Development Institute of Singapore (CDIS) with their new text for social studies. CDIS had sought the assistance of the Association on a new chapter about Eurasians for the Primary 6 text-book.

4.8 Close Cooperation of the SHGs COMET is pleased to report on the close cooperation between the other SHGs and COMET. Meeting frequently and formally as well as informally, views are exchanged and help is extended. When the occasion demands it, a consensus is reached and a single

position presented at meetings with other institutions and organisations. This close cooperation has benefitted the Association.

4.9 Aid to Students In 1996, through merit and bursary awards, tuition and help with educational problems, COMET helped more than 400 students.

5 WELFARE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Welfare Task Force (WTF) was chaired by Mr Bryan Davenport and he was assisted by Mr Gerry Pereira, Mr Paul Desker, Dr Ronald Brett, Mrs Judith Nonis, Mrs Frances Cross, Ms Deborah Moment, Mr Burton Westerhout, Mrs Cecilia Beins, Mr Hans Lange, Mr Donald Quintal and Mrs Winifred Filmer. Mrs Francis Cross was our Senior Social Worker and she was assisted by Ms Victoria Valberg.

5.1 The Welfare Task Force 1996 began in earnest with renewed force and vigour to reach out to all Eurasians in need of intervention and support. The budget this year was approximately \$130,000.

5.2 WTF Health Clinic April 96 saw the humble beginning of the WTF health clinic. Twice a month, on Saturday afternoon, from 2 pm to 5 pm the EA Community House was the venue that our "not-so-well" Eurasians visited. Our invaluable volunteer Dr Ronald Brett was the doctor in the house.

5.3 Volunteers Sub Committee Our volunteers sub-committee was headed by Mr Hans Lange and Ms Deborah Moment. A special effort was made to get younger volunteers into the WTF social service programmes. An outreach programme devoid of volunteers is, in essence, without soul. The WTF recognises the fact that volunteers are needed to drive the programme.

The WTF held a seminar to familiarise the volunteers that had signed-up, on the outreach work expected of them. There was no turning back for the 10 strong who signed up. Bravo, volunteers, we salute you!!

5.4 Senior Citizens' Council Eurasian senior citizens met on 18 June, 1996 to elect a Senior Citizens' Council and to decide on the kind of activities to be carried out by the Council. The Council elected Mrs Winifred Filmer, as its chairperson.

The inaugural function was a tea party on 25th August 1996. The party was attended by about 180 people. On 18th October

1996 a trip to the Yakult factory was organised. Welfare recipients were also included in this outing. For the opening of the Community House on 11 November 1996, our Senior Citizens also set up a stall.

The Council aims at reaching out to the elderly and lonely. This reachout will begin with the Marine Parade sector. An outing is planned in March 1997 and an Easter Tea Party will be held on 6 April 1997. We also wish to place on record that at the recent meeting of the Community Care Network (CCN-East) it was announced that the Eurasian Association was the first in Singapore to start a Senior Citizens' Council whereby the elderly are encouraged to look after the more elderly in the community to make their lives more comfortable and meaningful.

5.5 Ageing with Dignity The WTF organised a seminar on growing old gracefully at the People's Association, Kallang on 27 November 1996. This outreach programme for our senior citizens and the care-givers in our community was well attended. Mr Philip Rosario from the Tsao Foundation presented the audience with a heart warming talk on how to care for the elderly. There was much interaction from the audience and they related their own experiences.

5.6 Children's Christmas Treat The WTF closed 1996 on a festive note with a Christmas party for our underprivileged children.

5.7 Programmes The WTF have established a large number of programmes to help the elderly.

5.7.1 The Elderly With No Means of Financial Support

Twenty four individuals were provided with assistance which included the disbursement of financial aid, advice on effective budgeting and financial help which included payments of monthly dues (e.g. rent, PUB, etc.). The disadvantaged also received rations from the WTF. The store is under the charge of Ms Lena Fox who is there daily and doing an excellent job. The generosity of NTUC Fairprice and the Bo Tien Home enable the WTF to more effectively provide for the basic needs of 55 households. The WTF store is well stocked with provisions including rice, sugar, cooking oil, packed drinks, biscuits, and cereal.

5.7.2 The Elderly With Little Social Support

Assistance included the befriending of the lonely and an occasional visit for a chat or attaching suitable volunteers to the person in need of social support.

5.7.3 The Elderly With Medical Needs and No Home Support

Twelve individuals were provided with assistance which included transport, accompanying them to keep hospital appointments and arranging appointments with relevant outpatient clinics etc.

5.7.4 The Elderly With Physical Needs

Twenty four individuals were provided with assistance. They were helped with their applications for suitable housing and the WTF helped to maintain their houses by doing cleaning, laundry and simple domestic chores.

5.7.5 The Elderly in Need of Nursing Care

Four individuals were assisted by liaising and networking with nursing homes and other specialised social service agencies.

5.7.6 Families in Distress

The WTF aided 5 single parents to cope with the trauma of the after effects of the dissolution of a marriage or situations such as the death of one partner. Affected children were helped to adjust as best as possible. The WTF also used its strong networking skills to bring on track 4 families that were having problems. The families were strengthened and integrated into the societal fabric.

5.7.7 RUAS

RUAS is an acronym for the Rent and Utilities Assistance Scheme. The National Council of Social Services entrusted the WTF with the worthy task of reaching out to households in the Eastern sector that have encountered financial difficulties in their monthly payments of rent and utilities. The WTF have so far served 28 households with a one-time investigation and 4 households with follow-up action. Currently 4 Eurasian families are assisted by the RUAS Scheme.

6 FINANCE

The Management Committee maintained its policy of managing its activities on a sound financial footing. Most of the activities organised were self-supporting. However, in some cases, part of the costs were subsidised in order to enable the maximum number of members to enjoy the activity.

6.1 Fund Raising 1996 has been another outstanding year for the Association's fund raising efforts. In excess of \$720,000 was raised during the year, contributing to significantly raising the Association's total assets to \$1,816,522 from \$1,468,509 in 1995. A summary of the major donations and their allocations to the various funds is shown

below:

Donor/Scheme	EA (\$000)	ECF (\$000)	EF (\$000)
ECF-thru CPF Board		258	
ECF-thru GIRO			16
S'pore Recreation Club		100	100
Government Grant		81	75
Singapore Pools	50		
SM Lee Kuan Yew			10
PM Goh Chok Tong			5
DPM Lee Hsien Loong			5

EA - Eurasian Association
 ECF - Eurasian Community Fund
 EF - Endowment Fund

As a result of the fund raising efforts in 1996, the Association's General Fund enjoyed a healthy surplus of \$122,570 at year's end.

6.2 Eurasian Community Fund The ECF continued to receive strong support in 1996. Through the CPF and GIRO contribution schemes, the ECF received an income stream of donations in excess of \$20,000 a month.

The funds raised are channelled towards the education and welfare programmes run by the Association for the entire community. The Association would like to thank all Eurasians who are supporting the ECF.

6.3 Endowment Fund The continued efforts to build up the Endowment Fund saw the increase in value from \$851,431 to \$1,070,503 through 1996. This was achieved primarily as a result of a major donation from the Singapore Recreation Club and the Government's annual matching grant.

The Association would like to thank all donors for their generous support.

6.4 Singapore Telecom Share Offer In August 1996, along with the other Self-Help-Groups, the Government offered the Association 120,000 Singapore Telecom shares at a discounted price of \$2.50 per share. The total share acquisition cost \$300,000, of which \$220,000 was funded by the Endowment Fund and \$80,000 by the ECF.

Although we have reflected this investment in our Balance Sheet at cost, based on the the current share price of around

\$3.20, the subsidy or "contribution" through this scheme amounts to over \$80,000.

7 REVIEW OF THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE EA

This study by Hay Management Consultants has been completed and a proposal will be tabled at the coming AGM.

8 MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee was headed by Mr Paul Desker. Other members of this Committee were Ms Cynthia Albuquerque, Mr Donald Arul, Mrs Euyth Fernandez, Mr William Fernandez, Mr Gerry Fernandez, Mr Geoffery Morris, Mr Michael Palmer and Ms Kathleen Woodford.

8.1 Membership Status The breakdown of membership as of 5 March 97 is as follows:

Category	1996	1997
Life	1226	1354
Ordinary	251	272
Associate Life	82	111
Associate Ordinary	69	69
Sub-total	1628	1806
Junior	284	329
Total	1912	2134

Two applications for Life membership were not approved as their cheques were dishonoured.

8.2 The Association was informed of the following:

Deaths : 8

Resignations : 3 (Ordinary Members)
1 (Associate Ordinary Member)

Emigration : 1 Life Member
1 Associate Ordinary Member

8.3 Many of our members who are now overseas have requested for the Association's newsletter to be sent to them. Accordingly our newsletters have been sent to Australia, England, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Switzerland and USA.

9 PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee was headed by Mr William Jansen. Other members included Mrs Patricia de Souza, Mr Brynley Scully and Mrs Sara Ann Desker.

9.1 Newsletter and Flyers For the term 1996/1997, two issues of EA News were published. The EA flyers were issued regularly. In an effort to institutionalise the production process of the newsletter, the committee has used the services of appropriate commercial agencies.

9.2 Rule Book A new rule book was published and distributed to all members during the term.

9.3 Packaging The packaging for all publications to members was performed by Welfare Task Force adoptees. This complemented the Welfare Task Force's welfare programme.

10 YOUTH

The Youth Committee was headed by Mr Frederick Fox. He was assisted by Ms Samantha Sta Maria Ms Deborah Moment, Mr Ashley Koek, Mr Emlyn Thariyan and Mr Donovan Baker.

10.1 The Committee held a barbeque at the EA Community House for our youth. 65 youths turned up for the get-together and enjoyed themselves.

10.2 Our youth took part in some functions and seminars organised by the Youth Council of Singapore and participated in Teen Camp 1996 organised by the SINDA Youth Group.

10.3 A youth combo band was formed in late November 1996.

11 SPORTS

The Sports Committee was headed by Mr Frederick Fox. He was assisted by Mr Allan Pereira, Mr Lawrence Oliveiro, Mrs Jennifer Fox, Ms Vivien De Silva and Mr Cedric Pereira.

11.1 Soccer training began at the end of January 1996 at the Farnborough Road field, Changi. The team played 26 friendly matches with local teams. We won 15 games, drew 4 games and lost 7 games. The soccer team was managed by Mr Allan Pereira and coached by Mr Frederick Fox.

11.2 The netball team trained at the Tanah Merah Community Centre court at Bedok South. They played a total of 12 games. They won 10 games and lost 2. The netball team was managed by Mrs Jennifer Fox and coached by Ms Vivien de Silva.

11.3 The Sports Committee organised an 8 day sports tour of Perth. The soccer team played 3 games, winning 2 and losing one. The Saints FC, comprising Eurasian ex-students from catholic schools in Singapore, presented a challenge shield to be competed for annually.

The netball team played 2 games, losing one and winning one. We were invited by the Eurasian Association, Western Australia (EAWA) and the Saints FC for dinner and we enjoyed ourselves very much. The Association contingent met many former Singapore Eurasians who are now Australians and made many new friends.

The trip was not only a sports encounter but our boys and girls also learned valuable lessons about loyalty, co-operation and forging closer bonds between themselves and the Association. They also made many new friends and renewed friendships with old friends.

11.4 Our netball team participated in the lowest division of the National Netball tournament for the first time and was placed runner-up. Next year, they will participate in Division 5, a higher division. The netball team also took part in the netball carnival organised by the Tanah Merah CC to help raise funds for the Tanah Merah CC Sports Club.

11.5 On the 14 December 1996, the soccer and netball players took on the Singapore Recreation Club (SRC) for the 'Crystal Cup' annual series. The soccer team lost 2-1 but the netball team beat SRC 22-19.

11.6 The Association's youth soccer team played against Saints soccer team from Perth for the Barry Hill Challenge Shield at the SRC ground on 2 February 97. The inaugural game was played in Perth when the soccer team visited the city last year. The game in Singapore was fast and furious but we lost the game by 2 goals to 1. After the game the teams and the invited guests adjourned to the EA Community House for a reception. There were lots to eat and everyone had a marvellous time. Both the teams are looking forward to the next game in the series which will be in Perth.

11.7 The Sports Committee is organising a walkathon on 20 April 97 in aid of Youth and Sports activities. Mr Oscar Oliveiro, a Life Trustee of the Association has kindly consented to be the Guest of Honour.

12 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

The Social and Cultural Committee was headed by Ms Kathleen Woodford. Other members of the committee were Mrs Eulyth Fernandez, Mrs Judith Arul, Mrs Jacqueline Chain, Mr William Fernandez, Mrs Theresa Pereira, Ms Ivy de Souza, Mrs Ivy Bohn, Mrs Lucille Marcus, Mrs Valerie Scully, Mrs Catherine Zuzarte, Ms Cynthia Albuquerque, Mrs Evelyn Rodrigues, Mr Aloysius de Rozario and Mrs Joyce de Silva.

12.1 New Year's Eve Ball This glittering event held at the Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel, suitably ushered out the old year and welcomed the New Year. 518 members and their families and friends attended the lavish function. They enjoyed themselves immensely and were appreciative of the beautifully decorated ballroom and the specially prepared table settings. Our thanks go to the many people who worked very hard to ensure that it was indeed an evening to remember.

12.2 Christmas on Sentosa A typical Eurasian house dressed up for Christmas was set up on Sentosa on 2 December 1996. This year the utensils for making bluder and agar-agar were featured. Suitable posters depicting the Eurasian heritage and photographs of prominent famous Eurasians were also exhibited. Our thanks to all who helped and provided the utensils.

12.3 Annual Christmas Treat December 15 1996 was a special day for 96 Eurasian children and their parents. This was the first Christmas Treat for children to be celebrated at our own home, the Eurasian Association Community House. The children enjoyed the fun-filled programme. James Andrew and his gang, Patrick, magician and ventriloquist extraordinaire and the EA choir entertained the gathering. The children were feasted on hot dogs, fruit and ice cream and were given decorations to hang on the Christmas tree. To round off the programme when it got dark the children joyfully lighted up sparklers and hung them on the tree.

12.4 Dance Troupe The dance troupe, ably led by Mrs Valerie Scully and Mrs Catherine Zuzarte, performed at the Singapore Recreation Club's Charity Night in February 97 and continued to participate in community events. The biggest community event being the Marine Parade GRC Concert held at the Indoor Stadium in November 96. Dialogue continues with the People's Association to expand the Dance Troupe's performances. One of the dancers from the Dance Troupe was chosen to appear in the national welcome address for the WTO delegates in December 96.

A cultural talk on Eurasians was given by Mrs Valerie Scully and Mrs Catherine Zuzarte for students of Dunman Secondary School on 19 August 1996. The Association's Dance Troupe also performed at this talk.

The Association's Dance Troupe, Kristang Class and Choir were filmed on 19 February 1997 by a Brazilian crew for a television documentary "Atem Mar" that traces the cultural heritage of the Portuguese navigators. The filming was under the sponsorship of the Brazilian Ministry of Culture and Ministry of External Affairs and assisted by the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board. A small reception was held for the visitors. This project was co-ordinated by Mrs Valerie Scully.

12.5 EA Choir The Choir, the initiative of Mrs Valerie Scully, consists of fifteen members, together with an organist and guitarist. The choir began practice sessions in October at the EA Community House. The main objective of the choir was to bring some Christmas cheer to the senior citizens in the care of the Welfare Task Force. Accordingly on 21 December the choir members visited the homes of four of our senior citizens. In addition the choir performed at Sentosa during the Christmas season.

12.6 Other Events and Programmes The Social and Cultural Committee met the challenge of 1996/97 with an expanded programme. In addition to the events already mentioned, these events and activities were:

- A Cooking Demonstration;
- An Enactment of an Eurasian Wedding at Sentosa;
- Aromatherapy Workshop;
- A Demonstration of Eurasian Snacks at the Marine Parade Carnival;
- A Workshop at SAF Beach Road on How Eurasians Celebrate Christmas;
- The Lantern Festival on Sentosa;
- Kristang Classes;
- The Craft Circle;
- Sentosa Christmas Party;
- The food arrangements at the official opening of the EA Community House.

13 PART OF THE NATION

13.1 National Day Awards The Association heartily congratulates the following persons on their National Day 1996 awards:

Pangkat Pentadbiran Awam (Emas) – The Public Administration Medal (Gold)

BG Wesley Gerard D'Aranjó

Pangkat Berkeholehan – The Efficiency Medal

Mr Christopher John De Souza

Mr Daryl Anthony Woodford

Mr Daniel Geoffery Stephens

Pangkat Bakti Setia – The Long Service Medal

Mr Lawrence Anthony

Mr Zaccheus Richard Bains

LTC Martin James Baptist

Mr Christopher Dennis Carvalho

Mr Anthony Clement

CPT Rudolph A Conceicao

Mrs Florence De Souza

1WO Melvyn D'Oliveiro

Mr Anthony Martin D'Silva

Mr Terry Jones Stanley Ess

Mrs Olive Fernandez

Mrs Mary Winifred Filmer

Mrs Mary Fletcher

Mrs Helen Galistan

Ms Therese Ann Galistan

Ms Catherine Jessie Gomez

Mr Robin Derrick Gonzales

Mdm Margaret Mary Hendricks

Mr Sebastian Clifford James

LTC Edward Joseph

Mr Fleury Herbert Macnald

Mr Simon Mathews

Mr Cedric Arthur Monteiro

Mr Winston Arnold Monteiro

Mdm Ann Veronica Nonis

Mrs Sally Agnes Oliveiro

Mr Michael Lancelot Pereira

Mr Wilfred Peter Pereira

Mr James Wilfred Phillips

Mr Edmund Rodrigues

Mrs Evelyn Rodrigues

Mr Mervyn Terrant Rodrigues

Ms Gretel M Shepherdson

Mrs Shirly Ann Singh nee Fernandez

Mrs Cekestine Snodgrass

Mr John Stephens

Mr Frederick Alexander Zuzarte

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13.2 National Day Parade Our Contingent at the 31st National Day Parade consisted of 41 members ranging from 8 to 65 years of age. More youth members participated this year. Initial practices, co-ordinated by Mrs Valerie Scully, were held at the Community House before the Association's contingent combined with the other three major ethnic groups. The contingent put in four months of long, hard training which resulted in a sterling performance on the 9 August 96. A member of our contingent Mrs Marion Wong and her family were interviewed on television.

13.3 Feedback Session The Association was invited to the feedback session on Community Bonding. Mr Hans Lange from the WTF attended the session.

13.4 Oral History Interviews The Institute of Policy Development of the Civil Service College is co-ordinating a documentary entitled "One United People". Mr Rudolph Mosbergen, Mr Terence Aeria and Mr Rex Shelly are involved in the production by providing oral history of their personal experiences.

14 REPRESENTATION ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS

The Association continued to be represented on the following national committees: National Communities Organisation Council, National Arts Council, National Council of Social Services and the Joint Consultative Committee on Education.

15 CONTACTS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

15.1 Self-Help Groups The Association continued to develop close rapport with the other self help groups (SHG). This year inter-SHG co-operation was brought to a higher plane through formal joint programmes. The Association was a co-planner and co-implementer of the following programmes:-

- SHGs Teen Camp 2000
- SHGs Computer Camp at Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- SHGs Visit to the Singapore Discovery Centre
- SHGs Visit to the Singapore Philatelic Museum and the National Heritage Trail
- SHGs Premature School-leavers Project and Seminar.

15.2 Singapore Recreation Club Ties between the Association and the Singapore Recreation Club were strengthened further in the course of the year.

16 IN REQUIEM

The Association extends its deepest sympathies to the families of members who have passed away. The Association was informed of the deaths of the following members.

Mr Oliver Carvalho
Mr Kenneth Cornelius
Mr Harold Foley
Mrs Coleen Valerie Lesslar-Ly
Mr A. R. P. O'Hara
Mrs Betty Hedwige Rodrigues
Mr Philip Vincent Rodrigues
Mr William Trail
Mr Harold Andrew Woodford

May they rest in peace.

YEAR IN REVIEW

May 96

- 05 National Day Parade (NDP). Practice at EA Community House
- 12 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 15 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 16 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 18 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 19 NDP practice at People's Association (PA) field
- 26 NDP practice at EA Community House
EA Football team won 1-0 against Cargo Complex team
- 29 NDP practice at EA House
- 30 EA Dance Troupe practice at EA House
 - Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday
 - ▲ Weekly Dance Troupe Training

June 96

- 02 NDP 1st Combined Mass Drama (CMD) rehearsal at National Stadium
- 09 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 10 EA Football and Netball teams leave for Perth, WA.
- 12 EA Football team lost 4-0 to Perth Stallions
- 16 NDP 2nd CMD rehearsal at National Stadium
EA Football team won 2-1 against Perth Saints. Won Challenge Trophy.
- 18 EA teams return to Singapore.
- 21 NDP practice at PA field
- 23 NDP practice at Stadium
- 27 EA Flyer (3/96) goes out to members
- 28 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 30 NDP practice at National Stadium
 - Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday

July 96

- 10 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 14 NDP Full Dress rehearsal at National Stadium
- 20 Aromatherapy class by Khypi International
EA Netball Team emerge 2nd in Div 6 in National Netball Tournament
- 21 EA Football team won 2-0 against Steel Co.
Demonstration of Eurasian Food at Marine Parade's Neighbourhood Day

- 26 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 28 NDP Preview at National Stadium
EA Football team won 5-3 against Befrienders
 - Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday
 - Kristang Classes every other Thursday

August 96

- 02 BG (NS) George Yeo meets members of EA Committees at EA Community House
- 04 NDP practice at EA Community House
- 09 EA contingent participates in National Day Parade
- 18 EA Football team lost 5-3 to Asian Broadcasting
- 19 Talk on Eurasian Culture at Dunman Secondary School
EA Flyer (4/96) goes out to members
- 20 EA Netball Team emerge Runners-up in Division in Pesta Sukan.
- 24 Appreciation Nite for NDP participants at EA Community House
- 25 Senior Citizens' Tea Party at EA House attended by about 180 persons. Dance Troupe performs at the function
 - Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday
 - ▲ Weekly Dance Troupe Training

September 96

- 14 Maths 'O' Level Revision classes begin at EA Community House
- 15 EA Football team won 1-0 against Marine Boys
EA Netball Team emerge Champanions in Bedok C.C. Competition
- 24 Lantern Festival on Sentosa
 - Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday
 - ▲ Weekly Dance Troupe Training
 - Craft circle every other Thursday

October 96

- 16 EA News (Sept 96 issue) and EA Flyer (5/96) goes out to members
- 18 Senior Citizens' Council members visit Yakult factory
- 19 ECF Merit and Bursary Awards at RELC
- 22 EA News (Sept issue) goes out to all Eurasians with CPF accounts
 - Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday

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November 96

- 11 Official Opening of EA Community House by BG (NS) George Yeo
Dance Troupe performs at Indoor Stadium at Marine Parade GRC Nite
- 16 Talk on Eurasian Culture and Traditions at Warrant Officers' Club, Beach Road
Maths 'O' Level revision classes EA House ends
SHGs visit to Singapore Discovery Centre.
- 17 EA Football team drew 1-1 with Changi Coastal team
- 22 SHG Teen Camp 2000 at Boys' Brigade Sembawang Camp begins. Ends on 25 Nov.
- 23 Literature 'O' Level revision at EA Community House commences
- 26 SHG Computer Seminar at Ngee Ann Polytechnic begins
Ends on 29 Nov.
- 27 Growing Old Gracefully Seminar at People's Association
- 30 Literature 'O' Level revision at EA House
- Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday

December 96

- 03 EA Flyer (6/96) goes out to members
- 07 'Christmas Eurasian Style' Exhibition at Sentosa, EA Choir performs at exhibition
- 14 EA met Singapore Recreation Club for the annual Crystal Cup games. The Football team lost 2-1. Netball Team won 22-19. Reception at EA House
- 15 First Christmas Treat at EA Community House attended by 92 children. EA Choir performs
- 16 Thank you party for the volunteers who help at the EA Community House Official Opening.
- 21 EA Choir entertain adoptees at their homes
- 31 EA New year's Eve Dinner and Dance at the Hyatt Regency
- Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday

January 97

- 06 1st Basic Computer Course conducted by EA commences
- 18 Heritage Trail organised by the Singapore Philatelic Museum for the Self-Help Groups
- 25 EA Flyer (1/97) goes out to members
- Weekly Dance Troupe Training

February 97

- 02 EA Football team lost to Perth Saints 2-1 at the Padang. Reception at EA Community House
- 13 1st Basic Computer ends
- 17 2nd Basic Computer at EA House commences
- 19 EA Choir and Dance Troupe filmed for Brazilian documentary feature
- 20 Kristang class filmed for Brazilian documentary feature
- 22 EA Dance Troupe performs at Suntec City for International Charities Week
- Weekly Dance Troupe Training

March 97

- 01 Writers' Rap 1st Session with Mr Rex Shelly at EA Community House
- 02 EA Dance Troupe performs for Handicap Welfare Association
- 03 EA News (Feb 97 issue) and Flyer (2/97) goes out to EA members
- 08 Writers' Rap 2nd Session with Mr Max le Blond at EA Community House
- 15 Writers' Rap 3rd Session with Mr Wilfred Hamilton-Shimmen at EA Community House
- 17 Senior Citizens' Council members visit Chocolate factory
- 22 Writers' Rap Final Session with the panel comprising of Mr Rex Shelly, Mr Max le Blond and Mr Wilfred Hamilton-Shimmen at EA Community House
- 24 2nd Basic Computer Course ends
- 25 EA News (Feb 97 issue) goes out to all Eurasians with CPF accounts.
- Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday
- Weekly Dance Troupe Training

April 97 – Forecast

- Parents Seminar } Date to
- Feedback Meeting } be confirmed
- 06 Senior Citizens' Tea Party at EA Community House
- 12 SHG Premature School Leavers Seminar
- 20 Sports Walkathon 1997
- 28 AGM 1997
- Soccer and Netball Training every Sunday
- Weekly Dance Troupe Training

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE, HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM, PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION KALLANG, SINGAPORE 1439 ON 27 APRIL 1996.

1 Opening of AGM 1996

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5 pm with a total of 69 voting members. The President, UTC Timothy de Souza, took the chair and declared the meeting open. He informed the meeting that only members of the EA could attend the meeting.

1.2 With reference to the agenda the President highlighted to the members that there was a second resolution which would be discussed. Hence agenda item 2.5 now consisted of two parts, 2.5.1 and 2.5.2.

2 President's Address

The highlights of the President's address were as follows :

2.1 The President began by saying that, a sign post with the name, The Eurasian Association Community House, now proudly stands at our premises at 715/717 Mountbatten Road. He said that the Community House belongs to all Eurasians and it was a historical milestone in the community's history.

2.2 On the EA Community House, he said that it was a place where fellow Eurasians and members of the EA could plan and conduct activities. It was also a place where our less-fortunate can seek comfort and solace through our welfare assistance service and where our children can receive special tuition, cultural seminars or learn about computers or study for their exams. In addition, it is a place where our culture can be promoted.

2.3 On reaching out to all working Eurasians, the President said that a write up on what the EA was doing for the Community and the up-coming programmes in addition to the latest EA News was sent out. To reach out to all Eurasian students and their parents, 4,000 brochures were sent out to all schools requesting the principals to hand them out to Eurasian students. He added that 23 students had responded to the offer of Malay language tuition and 47 people offered assistance to the Committee on Education and Training and the Welfare Task Force. 20 subsequently attended a seminar by the Welfare Task Force on how to become volunteers. Furthermore, 143 people expressed interest in joining the EA and 30 persons had so far become members. He said that these were tangible results of keeping working Eurasians committed to the

cause of self-help.

2.4 On the ECF, he said that it was now one year old and that the opt out rate was 6%. Through the CPF and GIRO scheme, the community donated a total of \$260,000 between April 1995 and April 1996. This was not inclusive of the Government's dollar for dollar contribution.

2.5 On educational advancement, he said that the very first bursary and merit bursary awards were presented to the community. A total of 131 awards were presented to Eurasian children. These awards worth \$21,000 were disbursed from the ECF and were for the levels of primary and secondary, up to Secondary 3. He added that the Guest of Honour, the Minister of State for Education, Mr Sidek Saniff, had given a clear affirmation to the Eurasian Association's contribution in the introduction of such a programme. He said that there would be annual presentations. He added that four scholarships worth a total of \$9,500 for Eurasian students were given by the Management Development Institute of Singapore.

2.6 On welfare, the President said the Welfare Task Force's (WTF) responsibility has grown significantly. It had 79 adoptees in 38 family units under its care. A total of \$35,835.00 was disbursed in all. He added that dysfunctional families faced numerous social problems and a new programme had been embarked upon to renegotiate their debts with government agencies. He added that ties between the WTF and Ministry of Community Development (MCD) had grown steadily and WTF had proved to the MCD that it was a welfare agency worthy of the status of being a RUAS agency which allows the WTF to investigate the particular request and make initial payment. He said that the WTF had a professional social worker to fulfil its responsibilities towards the community and other welfare agencies.

2.7 On the organisational structure of the EA, he said Hay's Management Consultants in its preliminary review had found that the organisational structure was sound. The consultant's would review the operation of the ECF's first year to establish if additional measures were necessary. The Management Committee has decided to follow through with the review.

2.8 On fund raising, the President said that it was an exceptional term with a total of \$1,109,000 received through donations from the community, various organisations and the Government. He added that the EA's Sports Committee had raised \$16,000 from a charity walkathon. The EA also received \$15,000 from the PM, DPM and SM Lee. He added that the EA's net assets had increased from \$861,234 at the end of 1994 to approximately \$1,600,000.

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2.9 In conclusion, he said that the EA today had the trust and confidence of donors and donor organisations and that these donations and President Ong Teng Cheong's personal encouragement was an affirmation that the direction and purpose of the EA was correct. He said that the EA today was the synergistic result of precious human effort. In addition, he added that having worked hard to get the EA to this level we must work hard maintaining it there. He said that it was another busy year for the EA as testified by the section 'A Year in Review'. He concluded by saying that the years' achievements were made possible because of many helping hands and thanked each and everyone for their contributions.

3 Confirmation of The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 29 April 1995

3.1 The President said that only one amendment was received and this concerned paragraph 2.7 on page A-2. The paragraph read, "stepping down namely Capt Burton Westerhout and Mr Keith Rodrigues". The amendment that was called for was "Mr Burton Westerhout and Capt Keith Rodrigues".

3.2 There were no further amendments. The minutes were adopted by a proposal by Mr Bill Plunkett and seconded by Mr Lionel Zuzarte. There were no objections.

4 Matters Arising From The Minutes of the AGM Held on 29 April 1995

4.1 The President stated that the only matter arising was found on page A4, paragraph 9 - Any other Business, in which Mr Terence Kein spoke on three points. Firstly, Mr Terence Kein proposed a biannual rather than an annual general meeting. Secondly, he felt that Eurasians contributing to ECF, although not being EA members should be informed of the community activities and lastly, he proposed a membership card for EA members.

4.2 The President then said that both the first and second points have already been dealt with. The first point was dealt with in paragraph 9.2 when the President said that it would be part of the Organisation review. He added that this review had not been finished. He said that the second point was dealt with in the 'reach out' programme which was spoken about.

4.3 As for the third point, the President said that the Management Committee had discussed this and concluded that since the EA Community House is open to all Eurasians, there was no reason to have membership cards specifically issued to EA members. He said that unlike a club or an association

where one would gain entry through the showing of a membership card, this was not so at the EA Community House. Hence, the Management Committee had decided not to implement the suggestion.

4.4 Mr Kein stated that he was thoroughly satisfied with the explanation.

5 Adoption of The Annual Report and Audited Accounts for 1995

5.1 The President said that no formal request for amendments had been made. He asked if anyone had amendments to make.

5.2 Ms Cynthia Albuquerque highlighted that on Page 11, paragraph 18. In Requiem, Mrs Joyce Carvalho should be Miss Joyce Carvalho.

5.3 There were no further amendments. The President invited questions from the floor on the Annual Report.

5.4 Mr Terence Kein commented on the tremendous work done by the Management Committee. He said that the total activities for the year was 111 which was an average of 8.5 activities per month and that showed how hard the Management Committee was working.

5.5 The President thanked Mr Kein and then moved on to the audited accounts. He explained that the accounts were laid out in three separate parts. Firstly, the general account and the education account of the EA which have been the two traditional accounts of the EA. Secondly, the EA Endowment Fund account and lastly, the Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) Account.

5.6 Mr Victor Olsen inquired into the details of the \$1,802 tax item under paragraph 12 of page 7.

5.7 The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Benett Theseira replied that the tax was payable on the income, profits for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994. For 1992 it was \$524.40, 1993 - \$4,359.60 and 1994 - \$918.

5.8 Mr Victor Olsen then suggested that the Management Committee consider letting the members have an idea of what the budget was like for the various activities, in particular the Welfare Task Force's activities and the Education Committee. He said that most members would be interested to know what kind of money the EA was forecasting to spend, on the major projects and activities. The President replied that if it was a

forecast of expenditure that Mr Olsen wanted, the Management Committee would consider the suggestion.

The President then asked for a proposer and seconder for the adoption of Annual Report and the Audited Accounts for 1995. The Annual Report and Audited Accounts for 1995 were adopted on a proposal by Mr Victor Olsen and seconded by Ms Joyce de Silva. There were no objections.

6 Resolution to Amend Rule 31 and Rule 33(c) and 33(d) of The Rules of the Eurasian Association

6.1 The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Bennett Theseira spoke on the proposal. He explained that the changes were proposed by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) in connection with EA being accorded a charitable institution status. He said that these changes were actually an addition to the rules that were passed at the last AGM.

6.2 Mr Bennett Theseira said the addition to Rule 31 is the insertion of the words "the Commissioner of Charities" before the words "and the Comptroller of Income Tax".

6.3 With reference to Rule 33, he said that the change in the rules was as follows: Paragraph c would have the insertion of the words "and registered under the Charities Act" immediately after the words "Income Tax Act"; Paragraph (d) would have the insertion of the words the "Commissioner of Charities" before the words "and the Comptroller of Income Tax".

6.4 The President said that according to the Rules of the Association's such a resolution would have to voted on by a show of hands. The vote was then called for after scrutineers were appointed and non-voting members reminded not to vote. 82 votes were cast in favour of the Resolution. The President declared the resolution carried unanimously.

7 Resolution to offer EA membership to all contributors of the ECF

7.1 The President explained that although the resolution arrived only on the 8th of April, hence not in accordance with the 1st April deadline as stated by the Rules, the Management Committee considered the matter to be of sufficient importance to be put to the members for their consideration.

7.2 The Honorary Secretary, Mr William Jansen then spoke on the proposal. The resolution as proposed by Mr Victor Olsen and seconded by Mr Burton Westerhout, called for the recognition and appreciation of all Eurasian Singaporeans who

are regularly contributing to the ECF through monthly CPF and or GIRO deductions, to be offered Life Membership in the Association. He added that the resolution also entailed that Rule No 9 - Life Membership - be deleted and replaced with the following : Any person who is eligible for Ordinary Membership shall be entitled to apply for Life Membership which shall be \$60,00.

7.3 The Honorary Secretary then asked the house to decide whether they would waive the notice required under Rule 24 which requires all resolutions to be given before the 1st day of April in each year. He explained that if the outcome of the vote was for a waiver the resolution would then be proceeded with. Otherwise the process would be terminal.

7.4 The President then asked for a show of hands on whether the waiver would be allowed. There were 72 people in favour of and 11 against. The waiver was thus approved.

7.5 The President invited Mr Victor Olsen to address the house. Mr Victor Olsen introduced his resolution. He said that the resolution was to recognise and appreciate the regular contributions to the ECF by members of the community. He added that he felt it was time the Association showed the recognition and appreciation of other Eurasians who are not yet members of the Association and hence offer them life membership. He added that the Association ought to recognise the magnanimity and the generosity of these Eurasians in contributing and as an association, we should show our gratitude by offering them life membership. He said that the second part of the resolution also addresses the concerns of current life members of the association. He stated that the resolution entailed a refund of subscriptions of life members but that an option clause would be included for these Eurasians to consider donating this refund back to the Eurasian Association. In concluding, he said that in essence, the spirit of the proposal would reflect on the character of the EA.

7.6 The seconder of the resolution, Mr Burton Westerhout, stated that the resolution was a golden opportunity to recognise the contributions of the community. He added that the resolution provided an avenue for contributors of the ECF to contribute to the activities which hence benefit the entire community.

7.7 The President then opened the discussion on the resolution to the house. Mr Paul Desker, the Chairman of the Membership Sub-Committee, spoke on behalf of the Management Committee on the resolution. Mr Desker added that he represented the stand of the Management Committee. Mr Paul Desker began by saying that in deciding to join, a person had to

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have the interest, passion and commitment to the EA. He added that the membership fee of \$60, though not a lot of money, was a significant gesture and a person's application in this manner speaks volumes as it shows that this person has exercised his or her choice to join the association. He added that the resolution would not be beneficial as the association would get uncommitted members who would be mere 'statistics'. Mr Paul Desker added that although the association was not able to provide facilities like swimming pools, membership is still growing and there was no need to change a winning formula. He concluded by saying that the resolution was financially disadvantageous and there was no actual benefit to be gained.

7.8 The President then called for questions from the floor. Mr Paul Desker speaking as a member said that the resolution would account for a potential deficit of \$73,000 and added that the resolution would eradicate the vetting procedure of members. He said that with no vetting, ECF contributors could one day opt out and remain members of the association.

7.9 Mr Victor Olsen asked what was the basis of this \$73,000 potential loss. Mr Paul Desker replied that it was based on a \$60 refund to most life members and asked whether Mr Victor Olsen had considered the matter financially. Mr Victor Olsen replied that he and Mr Westerhout were confident that most of the life members would donate the money back. Mr Paul Desker then asked if Mr Victor Olsen was willing to guarantee this scenario. Mr Victor Olsen then asked on what basis was Mr Paul Desker thinking about this scenario.

7.10 The President then declared a point of order. He stated that in accordance with the rules everyone would only have one opportunity to address the house.

7.11 Mr Paul Desker then asked how the association's membership could be controlled without the vetting procedure. He presented a scenario of an ECF contributor who had opted out but remained a member.

7.12 Mr Victor Olsen in his right of reply then commented that although there were many Eurasians contributing to the ECF, many were not members. He said that vetting was unimportant as the only criteria was that this person was a Eurasian. He added that the resolution aimed to recognise and appreciate the efforts made by Eurasians and the contributions they were making. He further added that maybe the proposal could be fine tuned into a better framework by the management committee. He added that the spirit and essence of the resolution was important and it was important to accept

that while there were Eurasians who were happy to give, they did not want to join the EA.

7.13 Mr Francis commented that the EA was an association unlike the three other self-help groups. He added that he did not agree to the resolution because the ECF is a contribution to the community, not to the association. He added that while many did not mind contributing, they did not want the added responsibilities of being a member.

7.14 Dr Myrna Braga-Blake stated, that she appreciated the spirit of the proposed resolution which was to reach out to Eurasians who were not yet members of the association but basing the resolution on a monetary principle goes against the spirit.

7.15 Mr Rene Pereira said that there was a need to distinguish between passive and pro-active members. He added that contributing to the Eurasian fund is really passive. He said that making contributors members just because they were giving to the fund should not be the criteria. He said that passing the resolution would send the wrong signal to the donors.

7.16 Mr Bryan Davenport speaking as a member, said that the spirit of the resolution was one consideration that should be looked at. He proposed that consideration be given for a sub-committee to be formed by the management committee to look at this proposal and study it very carefully and its implications to the community.

7.17 Mr Gerry Pereira said that the association should be a spokesman for a bigger number in the Eurasian community. He added that he agreed with Mr Davenport's suggestion.

7.18 Mr Randal Snodgrass said that he recognised the sentiment of the resolution in trying to extend the association to each and every Eurasian in the community. He said that there was a difference between the commitment of the Eurasian Association members and the views and attributes of people who want to make contributions to the ECF. He added that he was against the resolution as there was a monetary 'string' tied to it.

7.19 Mr Alan Oliveiro said that he felt the same way as Mr Paul Desker about the refund of \$60. He added that \$73,000 could do a lot for the less fortunate. He was against the resolution.

7.20 Mr Dick Skading said that life membership must be earned and could not be given free. He suggested that to

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become a life member, a person must be a contributor for at least 10 years or more of his CPF funds.

7.21 The President invited Mr Victor Olsen to sum up. Mr Victor Olsen said that he felt that the main objection was in tying the resolution to a monetary criteria. He added that he supposed Mr Davenport's suggestion that a sub-committee or small group have a deeper look into the matter.

7.22 The President told the house that such a resolution would have to be voted on by a show of hands. The vote was then called for after scrutineers were appointed and non-voting members were reminded not to vote. 2 votes were cast in favour of the resolution with 73 against and 8 abstentions. The President then declared the resolution defeated.

8 Election of Members of the Management Committee

8.1 The next item on the Agenda was to elect a President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Secretary and five committee members.

8.2 The Honorary Secretary, Mr William Jansen read out the nominations received for office bearers and committee members for the year 1996/97. He informed the members that when nominations for office bearers and Committee members closed at 1 pm on 13 April 1996, the following nominations were received:-

President	Timothy J. De Souza
Proposer	Terence A. Kein
Secunder	Edmund Rodrigues

Vice President	Robert W Scully
Proposer	Colin W. Meyer
Secunder	Richard G. Koek

Honorary Secretary	William Jansen
Proposer	Annabel Ess
Secunder	Colin W. Meyer

Honorary Treasurer	Benett Theseira
Proposer	Jean De Souza
Secunder	Hugh J. Oliveira

Assistant Honorary Secretary	Bryan A. Davenport
Proposer	Victoria T. Valberg
Secunder	Winston G. Vaz

Committee Member	Paul E. Desker
Proposer	Corrine A Woodford
Secunder	Euyth M. Fernandez

Committee Member	Frederick W. Fox
Proposer	Roderick Santa Maria
Secunder	Vincent E De Conceicao

Committee Member	Ursula M. Quah nee Snodgrass
Proposer	Rene A. Pereira
Secunder	John Geno-Oehlers

Committee Member	Randal B. Snodgrass
Proposer	Rene A. Pereira
Secunder	John Geno Oehlers

Committee Member	Kathleen J. Woodford
Proposer	Charles De Silva
Secunder	Ronald Fernandez

8.3 The President then said that as there were no other nominations there was no contest for any post. He then declared those 10 nominations as being the committee members for the term 1996/97.

8.4 The President then made his address for the coming team. He said that in this term the MC would focus on four imperatives. They were

- to make the EA Community House a Home
- to continue to reach out to the community
- to consolidate the three pillars of our new responsibility as a Self Help Group and
- to complete the review of the organisational structure of the Association.

8.5 On the first imperative – making the EA Community House a Home, he said that there was a lot of work to do and that it should be a community effort. He added that an official opening of the House was planned for in September or October.

8.6 On the second imperative – reaching out to all Eurasians he said that the next newsletter would include EA's self-help programmes and new ways in which to gain feedback from the community.

8.7 On the third imperative to consolidate the three pillars of our new responsibility, he said with reference

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specifically to educational advancement, that bursary and merit awards would be presented later in the year. He added that more students would be encouraged to join the tuition classes especially in second languages. He said that there could be parent out-reach clinics and seminars. With reference specifically to welfare assistance, he said that the EA would widen its out-reach in the assistance of elderly and dysfunctional families. He said that WTF would investigate the setting up of a Sheltered Home for the Elderly and a Day Care Centre and WTF would continue to work closely with the MCD and NCSS. On the ECF, he said that it would now need to support the maintenance of the EA Community House.

8.8 On the fourth imperative, – the review of the organisational structure of the EA, he said that the MC would follow through with the review during the term.

8.9 He added that the EA would have the usual programme of activities and where possible, these would be held at the EA Community House. In conclusion, he made an appeal for more 'helping hands' to shoulder the increasing work load of the EA as a self-help group.

9 Appointment of Honorary Auditor For the Term 1996/97

9.1 The President stated that the Management Committee recommended that Mr Alwyn Lim and Company be the Honorary Auditors for the Eurasian Association for the coming term.

9.2 The recommendation was approved unanimously by the house.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Dr Myrna Braga-Blake suggested that a record of the attendance of members of the Management Committee be included in the Annual General Report. The President agreed to look into the matter.

10.2 Mr Burton Westerhout said that due consideration should be given to the suggestion by Bryan Davenport that the Committee consider setting up a sub-committee to look into the defeated resolution. He added that there are many Eurasians out there and the Management Committee should put a Task Force together to try to attract this resource. The President reassured him that the management committee would consider the suggestion.

10.3 Mr George Pasqual said that the response given to the people who call in or enquire about the bursaries and merits was inadequate. The President said that the MC would look into the matter.

10.4 As there was no other business, the President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.



WILLIAM JANSEN
Honorary Secretary (1996/97)

The Eurasian Association, Singapore

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

Note	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	1996 \$	1995 \$
ACCUMULATED FUND					
2	199,755	-	-	199,755	77,185
3	30,167	-	-	30,167	30,167
4	-	316,097	-	316,097	309,726
5	-	200,000	-	200,000	200,000
6	-	-	1,070,503	1,070,503	851,431
	229,922	516,097	1,070,503	1,816,522	1,468,509
REPRESENTED BY:-					
1d,7	-	80,000	220,000	300,000	-
1b,8	3,291	47,975	-	51,266	4,820
CURRENT ASSETS					
1c,9	3,203	-	15,654	18,857	20,445
	4,491	4,055	-	8,546	7,080
10	-	26,740	-	26,740	26,740
11	15,380	104,485	75,090	194,955	213,594
	37,494	-	684	-	-
	132,657	208,500	-	341,157	332,224
	67,847	94,923	760,403	923,173	895,751
	261,072	438,703	851,831	1,513,428	1,495,834
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
	33,984	12,660	1,328	47,972	31,945
	257	37,921	-	-	-
12	200	-	-	200	200
	34,441	50,521	1,328	48,172	32,145
	226,631	388,182	850,503	1,465,256	1,463,689
	229,922	516,157	1,070,503	1,816,522	1,468,509
NET CURRENT ASSETS					

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

	Note	General Fund	Community Fund	Endowment Fund	1996	1995
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME						
Fund raising and donations		150,120	23,212	124,420	297,752	473,857
Eurasian Community Fund contribution scheme		-	285,117	-	285,117	184,646
Government grant	13	-	81,173	75,000	156,173	150,000
Interest on fixed deposits		987	8,243	-	9,230	6,236
Interest on savings accounts		2,570	4,780	17,815	25,165	23,116
Profit on sale of stocks		-	-	208	208	1,072
Other income		60	-	-	60	-
Social functions	14	7,225	-	-	7,225	10,658
Subscriptions		9,188	-	-	9,188	7,798
Dividend received		-	-	2,604	2,604	-
		170,150	402,525	220,047	792,722	857,383
EXPENDITURE						
Administrative expenses	15	25,906	44,031	975	76,968	59,552
Agency fee		-	39,178	-	39,178	28,721
Cultural expenses	16	-	21,208	-	5,951	4,583
E A Publications		9,088	14,503	-	23,591	15,496
E A House		3,880	12,621	-	31,758	3,731
Education and training	17	-	133,881	-	103,714	36,234
Meeting expenses		2,478	-	-	2,478	2,570
Income tax	12	-	-	-	-	2,002
Sports and youth expenses		6,039	-	-	6,039	12,371
System Development expenses		-	6,056	-	-	3,966
Welfare expenses	18	-	124,676	-	124,676	68,031
Loss on sale of stocks		189	-	-	189	-
		(47,580)	(396,154)	(975)	(414,542)	(237,257)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		122,570	6,371	219,072	378,180	620,126

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1996

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, which are expressed in Singapore dollars, 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 using 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:-

Office equipment	3 years
Furniture and fittings	5 years
Computers	3 years

c) *Stocks*

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks represent unsold items such as recipe cards acquired for Heritage Day held on 3 November 1991, T-shirts for EA Youth and "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes" books.

d) *Investment*

Quoted investments held on a long-term basis are stated at cost. Provision is made for any diminution in value which is considered to be permanent.

e) *Income recognition*

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

f) *Allocation of common administrative expenses*

With effect from 1 January 1995, the Association's administrative expenses are allocated to the various Funds Accounts based on proportion of time spent on the various activities. The allocation is as follows:-

General Fund - Administrative expenses	20%
Community Fund	
- ECF Administration	20%
- Education and training programme	30%
- Welfare programme	30%

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2 GENERAL FUND

Income and expenditure relating to the main activities of the Association are accounted for in this Fund.

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	77,185	89,783
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	116,514	(17,598)
To be reimbursed from Community Fund	-	5,000
- Donation to NUS study on less privileged Eurasian		
Balance at 31 December	<u>193,699</u>	<u>77,185</u>

3 EDUCATION FUND

The Fund is set aside by the Association and is used principally to provide bursaries, merit bursaries and merit awards to the students of Eurasian Community.

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	30,167	43,018
Payment of awards	-	(12,851)
Balance at 31 December	<u>30,167</u>	<u>30,167</u>

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4 COMMUNITY FUND

This Fund was set up in 1994. It represents monthly contribution from the Eurasian community, grants from Government and donations. It is utilized to finance education and welfare programmes run by the Association for the Eurasian community.

This Fund together with the Endowment Fund (Note 6) qualifies for a Government Grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per annum.

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	309,726	227,426
Surplus for the year	6,371	287,300
	316,097	514,726
Transfer to Building Fund (Note 5)	-	(200,000)
Transfer to General Fund (Note 2)	-	(5,000)
Balance at 31 December	316,097	309,726

5 BUILDING FUND

This Fund has been set aside to meet future development cost of Eurasian Association Community House.

6 ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund has been established to provide assistance to the poor and needy among the Eurasian community. The receipt, expenditure and investment of monies are made in accordance with the rules and regulations stated in the First Schedule of the Trust Deed dated 30 August 1992. This Fund together with the Community Fund (Note 4) qualifies for a Government Grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per annum.

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	851,431	476,593
Surplus for the year	219,072	350,424
Transfer from General Fund		
- Surplus in Endowment Fund Project Account	-	6,817
- Cost of books "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes"	-	17,597
	1,070,503	851,431

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7 INVESTMENTS

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Quoted shares in company at cost (Market value 1996: \$396,000)	300,000	-

8 FIXED ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Depreciation charged during the year
1996	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	18,664	11,808	6,856	5,016
Furniture and fittings	32,694	6,707	25,987	6,539
Computers	27,635	9,212	18,423	9,212
	78,993	27,727	51,266	20,767
1995				
Office equipment	10,938	6,791	4,147	2,196
Furniture and fitting	841	168	673	168
	11,779	6,959	4,820	2,364

9 STOCKS

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
<i>Endowment Fund:</i>		
Books "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hope"	15,654	16,783
 <i>General Fund:</i>		
Dance costumes	2,146	2,146
Recipe cards, T-shirts, etc	1,057	1,516
	3,203	3,662
	18,857	20,445

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10 ADVANCE PAYMENTS

These represent costs paid in advance in respect of renovations of Eurasian Association House at Blocks 715 and 717 Mountbatten Road.

11 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	General Fund	Community Fund	Endowment Fund	1996	1995
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Donations receivable	-	-	-	-	22,100
Eurasian Community Fund Contribution Scheme	-	22,302	-	22,302	21,121
Proceeds receivable from sale of stocks	480	-	90	570	480
Subscriptions receivable	1,109	-	-	1,109	2,655
Outstanding advertising fees in souvenir magazine	12,900	-	-	12,900	12,900
Fixed deposit interest	297	-	-	297	-
Proceeds receivable from social functions	594	580	-	1,174	4,338
Government Grant (Note 13)	-	81,173	75,000	156,173	150,000
Tuition fees	-	430	-	430	-
	<u>15,380</u>	<u>104,485</u>	<u>75,090</u>	<u>194,955</u>	<u>213,594</u>

12 TAXATION

Taxation is payable on the interest income shown in the Association's General Fund account.

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January	200	-
Under-provision in respect of prior years	-	1,802
Current year's tax payable	-	200
Balance as at 31 December	<u>200</u>	<u>2,002</u>

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13 GOVERNEMENT GRANT

This amount is estimated, the actual amount that will be received is subject to the approval by the Government. The funds raised for the Endowment Fund together with Community Fund are entitled to a dollar-for-dollar Government matching grant, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per annum.

14 SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

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

	Receipts	Expenditure	1996	1995
	\$	\$	\$	\$
New Year's Eve Ball	55,264	46,515	8,749	8,662
Christmas Party	2,506	4,024	(1,518)	450
Eurasian Fair	-	6	(6)	1,593
Others	-	-	-	(47)
	<u>57,770</u>	<u>50,545</u>	<u>7,225</u>	<u>10,658</u>

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15 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	General Fund	Community Fund	Endowment Fund	1996	1995
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Identifiable expenses</i>					
Audit fee	1,000	2,500	900	4,400	1,900
Bank charges	36	365	48	449	296
Clerical expenses	-	939	-	939	-
General expenses	100	560	27	687	14
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,938	17,829	-	20,767	2,364
Legal and professional fee	150	-	-	150	-
Printing, stationery and postage	-	156	-	156	20,795
	4,224	22,349	975	27,548	25,369
<i>Common Expenses</i>					
Accountancy fee	298	1,187	-	1,485	1,550
CPF	2,499	9,995	-	12,494	11,531
General expenses	971	3,886	-	4,857	1,306
Insurance	313	1,254	-	1,567	-
Postage	293	1,170	-	1,463	1,408
Repair and maintenance	1,400	5,602	-	7,002	1,027
Stationery and printing	1,230	4,921	-	6,151	3,389
Salaries, bonus and allowances	13,130	52,522	-	65,652	55,548
Recruitment expenses	-	-	-	-	742
Temporary staff	371	1,485	-	1,856	4,568
Staff training	25	99	-	124	202
Telephone	363	1,452	-	1,815	974
Transport	-	-	-	-	2,127
Water and light	789	3,157	-	3,946	1,087
	21,682	86,730	-	108,412	85,459
<i>Apportioned to:</i>					
Education and training (Notes 1f and 17)	-	(32,524)	-	(32,524)	(25,638)
Welfare expenses (Notes 1f and 18)	-	(32,524)	-	(32,524)	(25,638)
	25,906	44,031	975	70,912	59,552

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

16 CULTURAL EXPENSES

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Open House Ceremony	15,521	-
Dance troupe	1,066	990
National Day	4,373	2,209
Chinese New Year Garden Party	-	340
Macau Dancers	225	514
Heritage Day	-	530
Others	23	-
	21,208	4,583
	21,208	4,583

17 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
General expenses	296	-
Awards and bursary	62,411	-
Conference and seminars	503	540
Printing and education material	3,536	1,189
Tuition subsidies	10,811	1,501
Education consultancy fees	23,800	7,366
Share of common administrative expenses (Note 15)	32,524	25,638
	133,881	36,234
	133,881	36,234

18 WELFARE EXPENSE

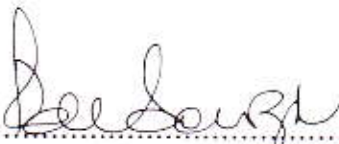
	1996	1995
	\$	\$
General expenses	3,571	-
Welfare allowances to needy families	50,005	35,835
Welfare coordinator/Social worker	36,087	5,103
Welfare Projects	647	1,455
Transport claim	1,842	-
Share of common administrative expenses (Note 15)	32,524	25,638
	124,676	68,031
	124,676	68,031

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STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In our opinion, the accompanying accounts set out in Pages 1 to 10 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 31 December 1996 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



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William Jansen
Honorary Secretary

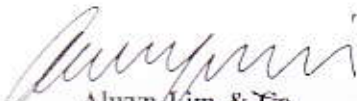
Dated: 14 MAR 1997

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

We have audited the accounts of The Eurasian Association, Singapore, set out in Pages 1 to 10. 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 accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Association and Statements of Accounting Standard, so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 December 1996 and of the results for the year ended on that date.


Alwyn Lim & Co
Certified Public Accountants

Dated: 14 MAR 1997

ANNEX C:
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

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THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
ACCUMULATED ENDOWMENT FUND		1,070,503	851,431
REPRESENTED BY:-			
INVESTMENT	1d,3	220,000	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	1c	15,654	16,783
Accounts receivable:-			
- Government Grant	4	75,000	75,000
- Others		90	12,090
Sundry debtors	5	684	5,457
Bank balance		760,403	742,501
		851,831	851,831
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses		1,328	400
		1,328	400
NET CURRENT ASSETS		850,503	851,431
		1,070,503	851,431

**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	Note	1996	1995
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Donations		124,420	244,675
Fund Raising Projects	6	208	12,513
Government Grant	4	75,000	75,000
Interest from autosave bank account		17,815	18,688
Dividend received		2,604	-
		220,047	350,876
 EXPENDITURE			
Audit fee		900	400
Bank charges		48	38
General expenses		27	14
		(975)	(452)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		219,072	350,424
 SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED ENDOWMENT FUND	 2	 219,072	 350,424

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1996

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1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTS POLICIES

a) *Basis of accounting*

The accounts, which are expressed in Singapore dollars, have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

b) *Interest income recognition*

Interest from deposits in the autosave bank account is recognised on a cash basis as shown in the monthly bank statements.

c) *Stocks*

Stocks, representing production cost of books entitled "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes" are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

d) *Investment*

Quoted investments held on a long-term basis are stated at cost. Provision is made for any diminution in value which is considered to be permanent.

2 ACCUMULATED ENDOWMENT FUND

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	851,431	476,593
Transfer from Income and Expenditure account	219,072	350,424
Transfer from The Eurasian Association's General Fund:-		
- Surplus in Endowment Fund Project Account	-	6,817
- Cost of books "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes"	-	17,597
Balance at 31 December	1,070,503	851,431

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE
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These notes form an integral part and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying accounts.

3 INVESTMENT

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Quoted shares in company at cost (Market value 1996: \$290,400)	220,000	-
	220,000	-

4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - GOVERNMENT GRANT

This amount is estimated. Although the funds raised for the Endowment Fund are entitled to a dollar-for-dollar Government matching grant, the actual amount that will be received is subject to the approval by the Government.

5 SUNDRY DEBTORS

This represent amount due from The Eurasian Association's General Fund and Community Fund.

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
<i>General Fund:-</i>		
Balance at 1 January	5,457	(313)
Audit fee and disbursements - Endowment Fund	-	(414)
Interest income to be transferred to General Fund	-	(1,111)
Donation money to be transferred from General Fund	256	308
Surplus in Endowment Fund Project Account to be transferred from General Fund	-	6,817
Proceeds from sale of books	(5,457)	170
Balance at 31 December	256	5,457
<i>Community Fund:-</i>		
Audit fee and disbursement	428	-
	684	5,457
	684	5,457

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1996

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

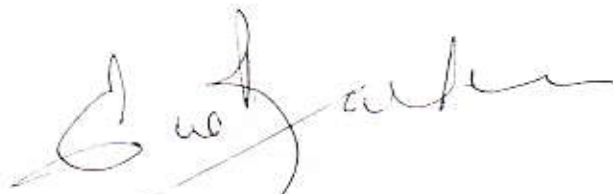
6 FUND RAISING PROJECTS

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Proceeds from sale of books "Singapore Eurasian - Memories & Hopes"	1,337	1,327
Cost of books	(1,129)	(814)
	208	513
Sale of Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew's CD Rom	-	12,000
	<u>208</u>	<u>12,513</u>

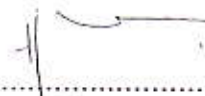
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STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES

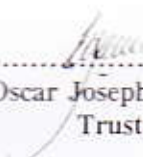
In our opinion, the accompanying accounts set out in Pages 1 to 5 are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Eurasian Association Endowment Fund as at 31 December 1996 and of the income and expenditure of the Fund for the year ended on that date.



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Edmund William Barker
Trustee



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Herman Ronald Hochstadt
Trustee



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Oscar Joseph Oliveiro
Trustee

Dated: 14 MAR 1997

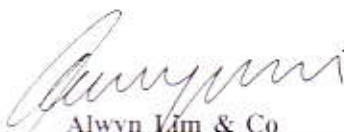
AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

We have audited the accounts set out in Pages 1 to 5 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:-

- 1 The accounts show fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 31 December 1996 and the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 December 1996.
- 2 The accounting and other records have been properly kept.
- 3 The receipt, expenditure and investment of monies during the year have been made in accordance with the rules and regulations stated in the First Schedule of the Trust Deed dated 30 August 1992.


Alwyn Lim & Co
Certified Public Accountants

Dated: 14 MAR 1997

**ANNEX D:
TO AMEND RESOLUTION RULES 16(b) AND 16(c)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT THE AGM TO BE HELD ON 28 APRIL 1997 AT THE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE, THE MEMBERS SHALL BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED FIT PASS A RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION'S RULES

Resolution 1

That the Rule 16(b) be amended by the addition of the words "for the tenure provided below and" after the word "office" in line 1.


Resolution 2

That the Rule 16(c) be amended as follow:

1. by the deletion of the words "from one AGM to the next", and
2. by the addition of the words "for a period of 2 years from the AGM at which the Committee was elected" after the word "from" in line 1

This Resolution is proposed by Mr Terence Kein and seconded by Mr Rudolph Mosbergen

BY ORDER OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



WILLIAM JANSEN
Honorary Secretary

NOTES

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NOMINATION FORM

PROPOSER

I, (name of proposer),
NRIC No (Proposer's NRIC No),
propose (name of nominee),
NRIC No (nominee's NRIC No)
to stand for (post)
for the term commencing in 1997.
Signature (signature of proposer)
Date

SECONDER

I, (name of seconder),
NRIC No (seconder's NRIC No),
second the proposal:
Signature (signature of seconder)
Date

NOMINEE

I hereby consent to the above nomination and to offer my services to the Eurasian Association if elected for the term commencing in 1997.

Full Name (name of nominee),
NRIC No (nominee's NRIC No)
Signature (signature of nominee)
Date

This nomination form should be returned in person or sent by registered mail to the Association's official address not later than 5 p.m. Monday 14 April 1997. The envelope should be marked "Nominations for AGM".

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