



# **THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE**

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**ANNUAL REPORT 1997/1998**

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**THE MINISTER**  
**Representing the Eurasians in Cabinet**  
**BG (NS) GEORGE YEO**

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SINGAPORE**

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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 25 April 1998 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 28 April 1997.
- 2.3 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 April 1997.
- 2.4 To receive, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report, and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 1997.
- 2.5 To elect a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Secretary and five other members of the Management Committee.
- 2.6 To appoint an Honorary Auditor for the term 1998/1999/2000 for the Eurasian Association.
- 2.7 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:
  - 3.1.1 Annex A: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 April 1997.
  - 3.1.2 Annex B: Financial Statement of the Eurasian Association.
  - 3.1.3 Annex C: Financial Statement of the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund.
  - 3.1.5 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

- 3.5.1 Each member shall produce his/her identity card to the relevant Registration Officer.
- 3.5.2 The Registration Officer shall check that the name of each person seeking admission to the Annual General Meeting appears on the Membership Roll.
- 3.5.3 Each member shall initial against his/her name in the Membership Roll.
- 3.5.4 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**



**BENETT THESEIRA**  
Honorary Secretary

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

Date: 20 March 1998

*Dear Members,*

Another year has flown by. For many, 1997 will be remembered for the currency crisis the effects of which are still being felt. In these hard times, let us spare a thought for those who have been badly affected by the turmoil. Let us try and lighten their burdens.

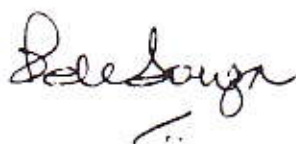
Our Association continued to work hard in its mission to assist the community to up-lift itself. Our community self-help programmes in educational advancement and welfare assistance were enhanced with the addition of new activities and programmes during the term. Another 185 students at primary, secondary and tertiary levels were awarded Merit, Bursary and Excellence awards by the Minister of Education, Rear Admiral Teo Chee Hean. The Minister gave some special advice to the students and their parents as well on how, through education, Eurasians could improve themselves. In our tuition programmes, our student attendance in the classes in Mathematics, Science and Chinese organised by SINDA and CDAC has steadily increased whilst attendance in the Malay classes organised by the Association has been excellent. It is evident now that more attention is being focused on improving the mother tongue proficiency. To meet the needs of the Elderly, a new programme, 'Health Screening for the Elderly' was launched which proved to be most appreciated by the 95 elderly Eurasians who were put through the programme. The number of families and individuals receiving financial assistance increased slightly however those being assisted through the issue of food provisions have received substantially larger amounts due to more generous donations in kind.

These community self-help programmes have made differences in the lives of the recipients. This was possible because the Association continued to receive monetary support for the community, the Government and many generous donors. Through the CPF Check-off Scheme and the Government's dollar-for-dollar matching, the vital sustenance for these self-help programmes was provided. I want to thank each and every donor for his contributions especially in these difficult times when more families and individuals will be in need.

The Association has had a busy year with a lot of activities at home and abroad. The variety of activities ensured that as many interests were catered for. It is most pleasing to see the range of activities that was successfully conducted under the section 'Year in Review'.

The term's achievements have been many but none would have been possible without the effort of the many volunteers who came forward. It is my privilege, on behalf of the Management Committee, to thank everyone for his or her contribution. Once again, together we made this special year for our Association.

Your 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 29th April 1997 to 25th April 1998 and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1997.

## 1 MANAGEMENT REPORT

**1.1 Management Committee** At the Annual General Meeting of the Association on held on 28 April 1997, 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 Bryan Davenport
Honorary Secretary	Mr Benett Theseira
Honorary Treasurer	Mrs Jean de Souza
Asst Honorary Secretary	Ms Kathleen Woodford
Committee Members	Dr Ronald Brett Mrs Euyth Fernandez Mr Mark Ferrao Mr Frederick Fox Mrs Ursula Quah

**1.2 Committee Meetings** There were 14 Committee Meetings during the term (as at 20 March 98). These were all held at the Association's premises, the Eurasian Association Community House. Various Committee Meetings were held as well. Management Committee member's attendance at these 14 meetings were LTC Timonthy de Souza 14; Mr Bryan Davenport 14; Mr Benett Theseira 8; Mrs Jean de Souza 11; Ms Kathleen Woodford 11; Dr Ronald Brett 13; Mrs Euyth Fernandez 9; Mr Mark Ferrao 11; Mr Frederick Fox 11; Mrs Ursula Quah 13 and Mr Randal Snodgrass 2.

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

**1.4 Administration** All administration for the Association was carried out from its Secretariat at the Eurasian Association Community House.

The Association's administration staff comprised Major (RET) Hugh Oliveiro and Mrs Ruth Thariyan. Mr Winston Vaz provided consultancy services on all education matters till December 1997 when he took ill. Mr Harold Mathieu took over the appointment of Educational Consultant in January

1998. Mr Richard Joseph, a qualified social worker, and Ms Lena Fox were assigned welfare co-ordination duties during the year.

**1.5 Legal Advisory Board** Ms Carla Barker, Mr William Jansen and Mrs Annabel Ess comprised the Association's Legal Advisory Panel.

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

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

**1.8 Co-opted Member** Mr Randal Snodgrass was co-opted onto the Management Committee during the term. He is the chairman for the Permanent Eurasian Association Community House Project.

## 2 THE IMPERATIVES FOR 1997/1998

At the Annual General Meeting of 28 April 1997, the President identified the imperatives for the 1997/1998 term. These were to refine our community self-help programmes in educational advancement and welfare assistance; to continue to reach-out to all Eurasians; to implement the recommendations of the review on the organisational structure of the Association; and to start work on the Permanent Eurasian Association Community House.

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

## 3 EURASIAN ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY HOUSE

**3.1** The Management Committee formed a new Permanent Eurasian Association Community House Committee (known as PEACH) to undertake the development of a permanent home for the Association in a few years time when the Government is expected to request us to vacate our present temporary premises at Mountbatten Road. The committee is headed by Mr Randal Snodgrass and also comprises Mr Robert Scully, Mr Geoff Morris, Mr Brynley Scully, Mr Cyril Seah and MAJ (RET) Hugh Oliveiro.

**3.2** The Government has now earmarked the use of a plot of land of about 1335 sq.m in area at Ceylon Road - near Dunman Road - and the Association has accepted this proposal. Details of the lease are at the moment in the process of being worked out.

**3.3** Meantime, the PEACH Committee has initiated planning. Currently, this is at the stage of information gathering

from potential users of the facilities. Members of the Association's committees are being invited to indicate their expected usage requirements for activities organised by them. This is being done through questionnaires and discussion meetings held with small groups. This data and suggestions from these and from other interested persons are subsequently being studied and integrated into a development plan which will also involve scheduling and budget costing for the new building.

3.4 Mr Chan Soo Sen, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Community Development and Member of Parliament for Joo Chia was briefed on our initial progress of planning for this facility on 26 February 1998. We continue to elicit the support of BG (NS) George Yeo and his Ministry of Information and the Arts for this building project.

#### 4 EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMMES

**4.1 Committee** The committee for education and training (COMET) was chaired by Mrs Ursula Quah. Mr Winston Vaz was secretary to the committee up to December 1997, after which Mr Harold Mathieu took over from January 1998. Committee members were Mr Mark Ferrao, Mr Edmund Rodrigues, Mr Lionel Zuzarte, Mr Winston Hodge, Mr Michael De Silva, and Dr Vilma D'Rozario.

The committee suffered a sad loss in the passing away of Mr Winston Vaz who had been the Education Consultant for the Eurasian Association since 1995. He was the central figure in co-ordinating and organising the Association's educational programmes. His sincere and dedicated contribution to the educational advancement of Eurasian children will be sorely missed by all he has served. Mr Harold Mathieu, formerly a Senior Inspector of Schools, has taken on the post of Education Consultant to the Association.

**4.2 Merit and Excellence Awards** On 14 Oct 97, 166 award recipients, together with their family members, Association members, and guests from the Self-Help Groups and community associations gathered at the Singapore Labour Foundation to witness the presentation of Bursary, Merit and Excellence awards by the Minister for Education, RADM Teo Chee Hean. The awards, given to encourage effort and perseverance in studies and to recognise academic excellence, ranged from \$150 to \$800. The awards were funded from the Eurasian Community Fund and were open to all students of Eurasian parentage, from the primary right up to the tertiary levels. Bursaries were given to children who were financially disadvantaged and had shown progress in their studies. Merit awards, subject to an income criterion, were given to students with good academic performance in school examinations. Excellence awards were given to students who excelled in national examinations or who had graduated from post-

secondary and tertiary institutions with high honours. These academic stars of the Eurasian community would serve as role models for all our young people.

In his speech at the awards ceremony, Admiral Teo congratulated the recipients for their praiseworthy performance and commended the parents for the support and guidance given to their children. He urged parents to continue to supervise and guide their children in their studies and to demonstrate the values and behaviour they desired to inculcate in their children. Admiral Teo had some sound advice to give to students and parents. First, Eurasians must do better in second language by approaching it as an important means of communication with fellow Singaporeans. He pointed out that facility in an Asian language would yield social, economic and cultural advantages to the Eurasian community. Second, Eurasians must balance their traditional strengths in the humanities and communication with an equal strength in the sciences and technology. This would ensure that Eurasians would be able to command a premium on the job market in high-tech high value-added occupations. Finally, Eurasians must develop a passion for learning, and skills of critical thinking and problem solving, so that the community could remain vibrant and successful despite its small size.

The President, LTC Timothy de Souza, said that through the academic awards the community affirmed its desire to encourage all Eurasian students to persevere in their studies at all levels and develop their potential to the fullest. The president also urged those who had newly graduated to come forward and do their part to help uplift the community.

Mr Mark Minjoot, a newly graduated teacher and a recipient of the Excellence award, spoke on behalf of all the recipients. He thanked the Association for its tangible demonstration of the community's commitment to education, and the parents for their unfailing support. He then urged all Eurasian students to value education as a precious resource which would empower them to face the challenges of life. He concluded with the hope that Eurasians would be proud of their heritage and take on the responsibility of ensuring the community's continuing success in the years ahead.

**4.3 Tuition Programmes** Our links with SINDA and CDAC continued and Eurasian students were placed in SINDA and CDAC tuition centres of their choice close to their homes. Pupils in CDAC classes are studying mainly Chinese and Mathematics, while those in SINDA classes take a package of English, Mathematics and Science at the primary level and separate mathematics and science subjects at the secondary level. There were 36 children enrolled in these classes in 1997, and 43 in 1998.

In addition, the Association organised tuition classes in Malay language at four centres to cater to groups of pupils. In 1997,

51 pupils attended these classes. Currently there are 55 pupils enrolled, all at the primary level.

**4.4 Scholarships** Several institutions offered the Association scholarships for part-time study ranging from certificate to post-graduate courses. In the 97/98 term, seven scholarships were awarded to Eurasians whose applications had been endorsed by the Association after careful assessment.

**4.5 Seminar for Parents** A seminar for parents was attended by about 40 parents who came to hear Dr Esther Tan, Head, Division of Psychological Studies at the National Institute of Education speak on *The Three M's of Skilful Parenting* with Dr Vilma D'Rozario, Vice Dean, School of Education, National Institute of Education. Dr Tan's warm and lively presentation was well received by her attentive audience. She gave parents many valuable suggestions on how to motivate their children to behave well, how to manage their behaviour and communicate effectively with them. She stressed the importance of parents themselves demonstrating the values and behaviour they wished to see in their children. Dr D'Rozario then conducted case-study group discussions to enable the parents to share their experiences and reflect on how Dr Tan's pointers could be applied.

The next seminar for parents in April 1998 will focus on education as a preparation for the future.

**4.6 Computer Courses** Two computer courses for adults were conducted. Another is scheduled for April 1998.

**4.7 Combined SHG activities** Eurasian students joined Malay, Chinese and Indian students in several activities throughout the year. These were natural history walks at Fort Canning, the Teen Camp on Sentosa, National Education programmes, and a talk on overseas education. These combined activities reflect the warm relations and spirit of co-operation that exist among the self-help groups.

**4.8 COMET's Objectives** Through its activities, COMET has worked hard to achieve its objectives, namely,

- to encourage all students to aim high and to be the best they can be,
- to assist under-achieving students to improve their performance,
- to support parents in their efforts to help their children succeed in their studies.

## 5 WELFARE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**5.1 The Welfare Task Force** The Welfare Task Force (WTF) is chaired by Mr Bryan Daveport and assisted by Dr Ronald Brett, Mr Gerry Pereira, Mr Paul Desker, Ms Deborah

Moment, Mr Burton Westerhout, Mrs Cecilia Beins, Mr Hans Lange and Mr Donald Quintal. The WTF was strengthened with Mr Fred Fox, Mrs Valerie Scully and Ms Sharon Estrop joining it in the later half of 1997. Mr Richard Joseph is our Senior Social Worker and Ms Lena Fox is the Welfare Assistant.

The WTF has established a large number of activities and programmes to help the needy within the Eurasian community. Some are described in the following paragraphs.

**5.2 Health Screening for the Elderly** This was held on Saturday, 18 October 1997. 95 elderly Eurasians arrived at the EA Community House between 9 am and 1 pm for this inaugural health screening. With the help of Dr Ronald Brett and other doctors and volunteers, the participants were tested on their glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure levels, visual and auditory capability and given an X-ray, conducted by SATA. Many of the participants were obviously in good health, judging from the results from the doctors and SATA.

**5.3 Volunteers Training Session** Ten new volunteers attended a Volunteers Seminar held at the EA Community House on 27 September 1997. Mrs Anne-Marie Guiterrez from NCSS and Mr Joseph Cheong from the Lions Befrienders spoke on the spirit of volunteerism and the many benefits derived from helping the disadvantaged.

**5.4 Happy Hearts Get-Together** The welfare recipients of the WTF had a get-together at our Community House on 19 July 97. Television personality, Ms Melissa Sidek and volunteers Mr Gerry Pereira and Mr Fred Fox entertained them with a medley of songs. This will be made a regular event soon.

**5.5 WTF Christmas Party** Approximately 100 people, including families attended the Christmas Party for the EC welfare recipients on 20 December 1997. They were entertained by the EA Song and Dance Troupe, as well as television personality, Ms Melissa Sidek and volunteers Mr Gerry Pereira and Mr Fred Fox, who led them in a medley of carols. A sumptuous dinner followed by a lucky draw helped to close the evening. Many thanks to the members who sponsored children and parents to the EA Christmas Treat and the WTF Christmas Party.

**5.6 CCN East Directory** The WTF is a member of the Community Care Network-East, comprising organisations that provide services for the Elderly. The WTF undertook the task of producing a directory of these services. This was completed and distributed on 20 November 1997 on the anniversary of the CCN-East network.

**5.7 Financial Assistance** The WTF has assisted 36 individuals with financial assistance. Approximately 50



individuals receive assistance in the form of food provisions from the WTF store. Our kind benefactors from NTUC Fairprice and the Bo Tien Home for the Aged have enabled the WTF to effectively provide for the needs of approximately 50 households. This has been effective in assisting households to reduce their expenditure on essential items like rice, sugar and cooking oil.

**5.8 RUAS** RUAS is an acronym for the Rent and Utilities Assistance Scheme. The WTF has been entrusted with the task of assisting financially needy households in the eastern sector by disbursing vouchers to cover monthly payments of rent and utilities. There are five families currently assisted on the RUAS Scheme.

**5.9 Befriending** This year has seen an increase in the number of volunteers befriending and assisting our welfare recipients in bringing provisions to those who are unable to collect them from EA themselves.

**5.10 Meals on Wheels** With the assistance of Sunlove Abode, the WTF has enabled meals to be delivered daily to ten individuals. This has the added advantage of reducing food expenditure as well as enabling the recipients to have a healthy diet.

**5.11 Equip homes with railings** Five households were fitted with handrails as well as toilet pedestals, with the kind assistance of Lions Befrienders. These were fitted to make the household user-friendly as well as provide physical support in movement for the handicapped.

**5.12** The WTF has also undertaken other worthy projects like painting and cleaning houses of our welfare recipients, providing information and referral, job placement for some unemployed as well as individual counselling.

## 6 FINANCE

The Management Committee maintained its policy of managing its activities on a sound financial footing. Most of the activities were self-supporting.

**6.1 Fund Raising** The Association's fund raising efforts this year benefited mainly the Community Fund. The General Fund and the Endowment Fund received insignificant donations this year. The New Year's Eve Ball which typically is the Association's major fund raising effort for the General Fund netted only a small profit. 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	—	297	—
ECF – thru GIRO	—	16	—
Government Grant	—	148	—
SM Book sales	—	71	—

EA – Eurasian Association – General Fund

ECF – Eurasian Community Fund

EF – Endowment Fund

As a result of the lack of donations funds in 1997, the Association's General Fund suffered a deficit of \$28,971 as at 31 December 1997. The Community Fund however raised a total of \$642,662 and enjoyed a healthy surplus of \$200,733 as at 31 December 1997.

**6.2 Investment of Funds** A review of the investment possibilities for the Association's accumulated cash funds was made during 1997 to take advantage of higher interest rates. This resulted in an increase in interest income over 1996 for each of the follows:

Funds	1997	1998
EA	\$ 5,435	\$ 3,557
ECF	\$13,428	\$13,023
EF	\$28,291	\$17,815

**6.3 Singapore Telecoms shares** The above investment was sold in 1997 to realise a total profit of \$69,569 (ECF – \$17,484; EF – \$52,085).

**6.4 Eurasian Community Fund** The ECF continued to receive strong support in 1997. Through the CPF and GIRO contribution schemes, the ECF received an income stream of donations of approximately \$26,000 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.

**6.5 Endowment Fund** The increase in value of the Endowment Fund in 1997 of \$89,409 was due mainly to the profit derived from the sale of Telecoms shares in 1997 and the interest income from fixed deposits.

## 7 REVIEW OF THE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE OF THE EA

7.1 The recommendation raised at the last AGM which was to form a Finance Review Committee has been implemented. The Endowment Fund Selection Committee now carries out this function as well.

## 8 MEMBERSHIP

8.1 **Membership status** The breakdown of membership as of 28 February 1998 is as follows.

Category	1997	1998
Life	1,354	1,426
Ordinary	272	277
Associate Life	111	120
Associate Ordinary	69	71
Sub-total	1,806	1,893
Junior	329	356
Total	2,134	2,249

8.1 The Association was informed of the following:

Deaths: 3

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

## 9 PUBLICATIONS

The Publication Committee was headed by Mr Benett Theseira. Other members included Mr Paul Ryan and MAJ (RET) Hugh Oliveira.

9.1 **Newsletter and Flyers** For the term 1997/1998, two issues of the EA News were published. A total of 7 flyers were issued. In an effort to institutionalise the production of the newsletter, the Committee has used the services of appropriate commercial agencies.

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

## 10 YOUTH

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

10.2 **Camp Teen 2000** MAJ (RET) Hugh Oliveira and Mr Richard Joseph organised and conducted Camp Teen 2000 for 12 to 14 years old students. This year, was EA's turn to organise this cross-cultural live-in camp on Sentosa from 5 to 7 December 1997.

56 students attended this Camp which was sponsored by National Youth Council. Dr Aline Wong, Senior Minister for Education and Health officiated at the Opening Ceremony. The participants impressed everyone with their organisation and conduct of the ceremony.

10.3 **National Youth Carnival** This year's National Youth Carnival was held on 1 June 1997. The Youth Movement organised a special stall which showed its involvement in education, welfare, sports and culture. There was also a recruitment section. The EA stall was one of 38 which participated in the carnival.

## 11 SPORTS

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

11.2 Soccer training was conducted at the Changi prison ground. The team played 14 friendly matches against local teams and won 8 games, drew 2 and lost 4. The netball team trained at the Bedok CC in Bedok South. They played a total of 8 matches, and won 6 and lost 2 games.

11.3 A walkathon was organised by the Sports Committee on 20 April 1997 at the EA. A total of 250 people participated in the 2.5k walk and there was plenty to eat and drink afterwards. The Sports Committee managed to raise a total of \$14,000.

11.4 The Sports Committee also organised an 8 day tour to Perth. The EA subsidised the expenses with proceeds from the walkathon. The soccer team drew both the games played. The netball team lost their game against the Perth Angels and the Perth State team U/17. They won their next match against the WA College 27-21.

11.5 In the seven-a-side soccer tournament organised by the Singapore Kerata Association, the "A" team emerged 4th

while the "B" team was placed 8th. We beat SRC in the annual Crystal Cup, both in soccer and netball.

11.6 The Netball team performed well in the local tournaments. They took part in the National Summer Carnival organised by the Singapore Netball Association and emerged champions in Div 3. Other achievements include:

- 12th position in the Mid-Year National Tournament Div 3 on 20 July 97.
- Runner-up in the Bedok CC Sports carnival held on 9 February 98.

## 12 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

12.1 The Social and Cultural Committee was headed by Ms Kathleen Woodford. Other members of her committee were Mrs Euyth Fernandez, Mrs Jacqueline Chain, Mr William Fernandez, Mrs Theresa Pereira, Mrs Evelyn Rodrigues, and Mrs Joyce De Silva.

**12.2 Eurasian Lunch** The lunch was held on 23 November 1997 at the EA Community House. Favourites like Curry Devil and Smore were served with Pang Susi and Curry Puffs for desert. 53 members attended this enjoyable event. Mr Rex Shelly rounded off the afternoon with a talk and demonstration on 'T' shirt painting.

**12.3 Christmas on Sentosa** The Hall of a typical Eurasian house dressed up for Christmas was set up on Sentosa at the lobby of the Images of Singapore for the month of December. This year's theme was the layout of a child's room on Christmas eve. Suitable posters depicting the Eurasian heritage and photographs of famous Eurasians were also exhibited. The usual delights like suggee and pang susi were available on 6, 13 and 20 December.

**12.4 Annual Childrens' Christmas Treat** This year the Treat was held on 14 December 1997. It was the second Christmas Treat for children to be celebrated at our own home – the EA Community House. The children enjoyed the fun-filled programme. There was Michael, the magician who entertained the children before Santa Claus made his entrance on a tricycle carriage. There was a presentation of the Nativity scene by CHIJ Katong Primary pupils with their parents performing as the choir. 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. Our thanks to Mrs Merle Shepherdson, Mr Burton and Mrs Maureen Westerhout for helping to make this occasion a success.

**12.5 New Year Eve Ball** This year, the event was held at the Le Meridien Hotel. 350 members and their families and

friends attended the function and enjoyed themselves immensely. In addition to the usual grand buffet dinner, mulligatawny soup was served, after the New Year was brought in the traditional EA way. Our thanks go to Mr Burton Westerhout and his committee and the many people who worked very hard to ensure that it was indeed an enjoyable evening.

**12.6 Other Events and Programmes** The Social and Cultural Committee had a very busy year. In addition to the events mentioned earlier, the Committee organised and participated in these activities.:

- Singapore Food Festival in July 97
- Roots Heritage Tour to Malacca in September 97
- Lantern Festival on Sentosa in September 97
- Kristang classes

**12.7 Dance Troupe** The EA dancers spent another busy year promoting the Eurasian cultural through dance at various public and private functions. The EA Choir, formed last year took a bold step forward by teaming up with the EA Dance Troupe. They made their debut at the Asian Festival Fringe Activity held at Chong Pang Amphitheatre. Now known as the EA Song and Dance Troupe the dancers and singers were invited by the National Youth Council in September 97 to perform in a production called "Youth Express – What Singapore means to me", which was produced by Act 3, a well known theatre company. At the invitation of Grupo Dancas e Cantares, a Macau Dance Group, the Song and Dance Troupe went to Macau to learn the finer points of Portuguese cultural dances. This visit was also reported in the Macau Newspaper.

**12.8 Noite De Danca** An evening of dance, organised by the EA and jointly sponsored by the People's Association, was held at the People's Association Auditorium in July 1997. Some 150 guests attended the performance and were treated to two hours of song and dance by the EA Song and Dance Troupe and the visiting Macau Dance Troupe. The event was graced by the presence of Mr Artur Robarts, President of Club De Macau and Dr Jorge Moreby, Cultural Counsellor of the Embassy of Portugal in Bangkok.

## 13 PART OF THE NATION

**13.1 National Day awards** The Association heartily congratulates the following persons on their National Day 1997 awards

**Pingat Pentadbiran Awam (Gangsa)  
(The Public Administration Medal Bronze)**

Ms Evelyn Van Schoonbeck,  
Mr Simon John Longman

**Pingat Penghargaan (Tertera)****(The Commendation Medal (Military))**

MAJ Roland Terence Neubronner

**Pingat Bakti Masyarakat (The Public Service Medal)**

Mrs Felice Isaac

**Pingat Berkebolehan (The Efficiency Medal)**

Mrs Katherine Isabel Oehlers

**Pingat Bakti Setia (The Long Service Medal)**

Mr D'Cruz Augustine J  
SSG Soliano R. Galistan  
CPT De Silva Raymond  
Mr John Gabriel  
Mr Basil Victor George  
Mrs Clarke Jean  
Ms Collars Charlotte  
Mrs Davida Mae Pereira  
Mr Donald J Magness  
Mr Ethelred Fernandez  
Mrs Evelyn Pennefather  
Mdm Fobrogo Nancy  
Mrs Jenny Henson  
Mr Larry S Henson  
Mr Pereira J Napoleon  
Mrs Pereira Veronica  
Mr Reginald R Johns  
Mdm Rozario Brenda M  
Mr Adrian Cordeiro  
Mrs Barbara J Gomes  
Mrs Celine Rosen  
Mr C John De Souza  
Mrs Colleen Sheares  
Mrs David Freeman  
Mr De Roza Charles G  
Mr Derrick G De Alwi  
Ms Elizabeth George  
Mrs Evelyn Lawrence  
Mrs J. P. De Cotta  
Mrs Janice Pereira  
Mrs Katherine I Oehlers  
Mrs L. A. Batchelor  
Mdm Oehlers J U. N.  
Mr Rex Ian Hobday  
Mrs Teresa De Silva  
Mrs May Bartholomeusz  
Mr Varella Philip Richard  
Mr William D'Cruz  
Mr Lauzar Vincent  
Mr Costa Henry  
Mr Dick Shading  
Mr Albuquerque Basil J  
Ms Evelyn Van Schoonbeck

Mr Basil Louis  
Mdm Morris Josephine  
Mdm Josephine P Gomez  
Mrs Anna Benedict  
Ms Betty M Augustine  
Mr Colin Bernard Pereira  
Mrs Constance Proctor  
Mr De Souza Jeffrey J  
Mrs Eleanor George  
Mrs Eva Gomez  
Mrs Fernandez Salina C  
Mrs Francis Matilda  
Mrs Josephine S Anthony  
Ms Linda P De Souza  
Mrs Pereira Joseph F  
Mr Philip James Puspalm  
Mrs Rosaline Almenoar  
Mr Sequeira Leo Boxie  
Mrs Anderson Percival M  
Mrs Celia Paul  
Mr Charles A Remedios  
Mr Clifford A Oliveiro  
Mr Cynthia Pereira  
Ms De Cruz Carmen  
Mrs De Souza Marianne  
Mrs Eleanor B Roy  
Ms Elizabeth Jacobs  
Mr Humphries Lionel ER  
Ms Janet D'Silva  
Mrs Joceyln De Souza  
Ms Kathleen Woodford  
Ms Lona A. Ambrose  
Mrs Philomina A Gomez  
Mrs Susan Lopez  
Mrs Zehnder Molly J  
Mr Martin Thomas  
Mr M W De Souza  
Mr Gerald A Rodrigues  
Mr Joseph F Xavier  
Mrs Stella De Souza  
Mr Batchelor Cuthbert  
Mr Joshua Francis

**13.2 National Day Parade** This year's NDP saw the participation of the Eurasians in the People's Association Multi Ethnic mass Display. Practices started as early as April 97. Ms Anatasia Marsh, a participant in the NDP '97 was featured on television while Mrs Carmen Nonis was interviewed by the New Paper. The EA Contingent was organised by Mrs Valerie Scully. This is the fourth year Mrs Scully has headed the contingent.

## 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, National Youth Council, National Helpline, Community Development Councils, Joint Social Services Committee and 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. The co-operation has grown stronger each year with frequent interaction. The Association was a co-planner and implementer of the following programmes:-

- National Youth Carnival at Pasir Ris.
- Camp Teen 2000. (organiser)
- Launching Ceremony of JSSC.

**15.2 'Singapore 21' Discussions.** The Association hosted a focus group discussion on 27 February 1998 for a Singapore 21 committee. Thirty persons participated in the discussion.

**15.3 Singapore Recreation Club** Ties between the Association and the Singapore Recreation Club were further strengthened in the course of the year. The SRC donated \$25,000 to the Association at its Charity Ball on 27 Feb 98.

**15.4 Parsi Association** The Management Committee of the met their counterparts from the Parsi Association at the EA Community House on 20 Nov 97.

## 16 REQUIEM

The Association extends its deepest sympathies to the families of members who have passed away

Mr Terrence O. Aeria  
Mr Winston G. Vaz  
Mrs Marcia Westerhout

May they rest in peace.

## May 97

- 03 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir Practice
- 04 NDP practice at PA field
- 06 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir Practice
- 08 EA Netball Team won 22-18 against Bedok CC
- 11 NDP practice at PA field
- 12 End of 3rd Computer Course for Adults
- 13 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir Practice
- 15 EA Netball Team won 23-16 against Katong Convent
- 18 NDP practice at PA field
- 20 Weekly Dance & Choir Practice
- 25 NDP practice at PA field

Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## June 97

- 01 • EA Youth participated in National Youth Carnival at Pasir Ris
- NDP practice at PA field
- 03 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 06 EA Soccer and Netball teams leave for Perth, WA
- 07 • EA Soccer team drew 1-1 to Perth Saints
- EA Netball team lost 21-19 to Perth Angels
- EA Dance Troupe performs at Festival of Arts Fringe at Chong Pang Amphitheatre
- 09 • EA Soccer team won all 5-a-side team games at Murdoch University Indoor Stadium
- EA Netball team lost 28-25 to Murdoch University.
- 10 EA Netball team lost 47-20 to Perth State
- 11 EA Soccer team drew 1-1 Quantas Team at Inglewood Stadium
- 13 EA teams return to Singapore
- 15 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 17 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 19 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 22 NDP practice at PA field
- 26 Dance Troupe Workshop with Grupo Dance e Cantaras at EA Community House
- 29 NDP practice at PA field

Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## July 97

- 03 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir Practice
- 06 NDP practice at PA field
- 10 EA Netball Team in 12th position in the Mid-Carnival organised by Singapore Netball Association
- 12 EA (SACE) at Singapore Food Festival at Clarke Quay
- 14 EA Dance Troupe representative filmed at TCS studio for

Opening segment of NDP

- 15 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 16 NDP practice at PA field
  - 17 NDP photo shoot of EA Dance Troupe representative
  - 19 • Happy Hearts get-together at EA Community House
  - NDP practice at PA field
  - 20 EA Soccer team won 4-0 against Awei Co
  - NDP Combined Rehearsal at National stadium
  - 26 Noite de Danca, cultural exchange performance at PA Auditorium.
  - 27 NDP Combined Rehearsal at National Stadium
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## August 97

- 03 NDP 97 Preview National Stadium
  - 09 NDP 97 practice at PA field
  - 16 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir Practice
  - 17 EA Soccer teams played 7-a-side tournament organised by Singapore Kerala Association with 'A' and 'B' teams placed 4th and 7th respectively
  - 21 EA Soccer team drew 2-2 with Singapore Chinese Association.
  - 23 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 26 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 30 EA Dance Troupe performed for Keppel Sing Marine at Jurong Shipyard
  - 31 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## September 97

- 05 EA Dance Troupe rehearsed for play "Youth Express - What Singapore Means to Me"
- 06 EA Dance Troupe rehearsed for play "Youth Express - What Singapore Means to Me"
- 11 Departure for Malacca - EA (SACE) "Back to our Roots" Tour
- 12 EA Dance Troupe rehearsal for play "Youth Express - What Singapore Means to Me"
- 13 • EA Dance Troupe Performance at Suntext City Auditorium of "Youth Express - What Singapore Means to Me"
- Return of EA (SACE) "Back to our roots" Tour
- 14 EA Soccer team won 2-1 against Wing Yung United
- 16 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 21 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 27 EA Dance Troupe Performance at St Vincent de Paul's Charity Dinner

Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## October 97

- 05 • EA Netball team lost 21–18 to Bedok CC
  - EA Dance Troupe performed at St Joseph's Church, Bukit Timah Food and Fun Fair
  - 07 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 12 EA Netball team won 21–16 against Pasir Ris Sec School
  - 14 • EA (COMET) Merit and Bursary Awards at the Singapore Labour Foundation Auditorium
  - Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 18 EA (WTF) Health Screening for the Elderly at EA Community House
  - 21 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 28 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## November 97

- 02 • EA Soccer team drew 1–1 with Shell Sports Club
  - Outdoor filming by film crew from Perth for STPB project
  - 03 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 05 EA Netball team emerged Champion in Div 3 in Summer Carnival organised by Singapore Netball Association
  - 13 EA Cultural Talk & Dance Performance at RGS Primary School
  - 18 EA Song and Dance Troupe leave for Macau for Cross Cultural Exchange Programme
  - 20 EA (MC) Dinner with Pasir Association at EA Community House
  - 23 • Sunday Lunch with 'T' shirt painting demonstration at EA Community House.
  - EA football team drew 1–1 with Aerospace Ltd
  - 27 Weekly Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## December 97

- 01 Commencement of Christmas Eurasian Style display at Sentosa by SACE
- 02 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 05 Commencement of Camp Teen 2000 at Sentosa
- 06 • Dr Aline Wong officiates at Camp Teen 2000 Opening Ceremony
- Crystal Cup, annual sport tournament with Singapore Recreation Club at the Padang
- EA Dance Troupe performs for Japanese Women's Association at British Club.
- Sale of cakes at Christmas Eurasian style at Sentosa.
- 07 End of Camp Teen 2000

- Little Sisters' of the Poor visit by EA Dance Troupe & Choir and SRC's Women's Wing.
  - 13 EA (SACE) Sale of cakes at Christmas Eurasian style at Sentosa
  - 14 EA Christmas Treat at EA Community House
  - 18 EA Dance Troupe performs for MacPherson Moral Home for the elderly
  - 20 • EA (WIT) Christmas Party for the Elderly at EA Community House
  - EA (SACE) Sale of cakes and Nativity scene performance at Christmas Eurasian style at Sentosa.
  - EA Dance Troupe & Choir Practice
  - 27 EA participates in exhibition and Dance Troupe performs at opening of Joint Social Service Centre at Toa Payoh West Community Centre.
  - 31 New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance at le Meridien Hotel
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## January 98

- 19 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 27 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## February 98

- 02 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 09 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 14 EA Dance Troupe performs at Marine Parade at Gong Xi Raya
  - 16 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 23 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
  - 26 • EA (PEACH) briefing to Mr Chan Soo Sen on Permanent Eurasian Association Community House
  - Dialogue Session on Singapore 21.
  - 27 Open Air movie at EA Community House
- Soccer training every Sunday and Netball training every Friday.

## March 98 – Forecast

- 02 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 03 Mystery Bus ride for the Elderly by WTF
- 16 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 23 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice
- 30 EA Dance Troupe & Choir practice

## April 98 – Forecast

- 17 Cultural Exchange performance at People's Association Auditorium by EA Song and Dance Troupe
- 25 EA Annual General Meeting 1998

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE, HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM, PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, KALLANG, SINGAPORE 397750 ON 28 APRIL 1997.**

**1 Opening of AGM 1997**

1.1 At 6.30 pm, the President announced that the registers did not indicate that a quorum was present. In accordance with Rule 27, Quorum, he announced that the meeting would be adjourned for up to 30 minutes. The meeting would commence as soon as a quorum was reached.

1.2 At 6.45 pm the President declared that the registers had 93 persons, 83 of which were voting members. He then declared the meeting open.

**2 President's Address**

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

2.1 The President said that the Eurasian Association Community House had become our 'Home' in many ways. He said that programmes and activities had almost exclusively been held there and the use of the facilities had steadily increased.

2.2 He said that the Management Committee at last year's AGM had chosen to focus on four priorities. These were firstly, reaching out to all Eurasians. Secondly, consolidating the Eurasian Community Fund, thirdly, expanding the self-help programmes on educational advancement and welfare assistance and the lastly, reviewing the organisational structure of the Association.

2.3 In reaching out to all Eurasians, he said that through an arrangement with the Central Provident Fund Board, the EA is able to send out its newsletters and flyers to the Eurasian Community on a regular basis. The EA also corresponded directly with the principals of Catholic schools as a means of reaching the Eurasian children in their schools. The Welfare Task Force was also connected to the National Council of Social Services by computer and had access in the national welfare network. The EA had also increasingly used the media which resulted in a higher awareness among the community of what the Association was doing as a self-help group.

2.4 He said that the number of contributions to the ECF had steadily increased and consequently the ECF had consolidated well in its second year of operation.

2.5 He added that the membership applications had shifted to the wider community from being almost exclusively through the EA and there were 178 new members in the first 10 months of the term.

2.6 He said that the Association had helped more than 400 students through its educational programmes and 142 persons through its welfare assistance programmes. There had been a successful feedback session and a Parents seminar.

2.7 He said that the Annual Report highlighted that much had been done in expanding the community's self-help programmes. On the organisational review of the EA, he said that the AGM's agenda would include a special presentation by the Hay Management consultants.

2.8 On fund raising, the President said that the term had seen an excellent result. An excess of \$720,000 was raised during the year. This increased the Association's total assets to \$1,816,522 from \$1,408,509 in 1995. The Sports Committee raised \$12,000 during a walkathon.

2.9 The President then acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the Management Committee and the various committees in making the year's achievements possible. He thanked the staff of the EA Secretariat and the Educational Consultant for their commitment. In addition, he thanked each and every one for their contribution.

2.10 The President then acknowledged the work of each of the four committee members that were standing down from the MC. He noted that Mr Bob Scully had been Vice President for 5 terms and will be remembered for a series of fund raisers. He said that the EA's final raising abilities, demonstrated each year by a healthy surplus, was the principal reason why the government granted the EA the status of a charity. He told the house that Mr Bob Scully would be a member of the EA Community House Committee. He said that Mr Bill Jansen had done four terms as the Honorary Secretary. He noted that Bill had nurtured the secretariat organisation. He thanked him for the effort put into the secretary appointment and said that Bill would be part of the EA Legal Advisory Panel. He next acknowledged Mr Paul Desker. He noted that Paul had held a variety of appointments in his 10 years on the management committee. Paul had been involved in different aspects of the EA-Membership, the computerization programme, the Welfare Task Force and the Honorary Secretaryship. He then said that Paul would continue to serve the EA in welfare work. He then went on to acknowledge the work of Mr Randal Snodgrass. He noted that

Randal had done four terms on the Management Committee and would be remembered as 'Mr EA Community House'. Despite a major stroke in June last year, Randal dedicated much effort on the Community House. He told the house that Randal had requested to step down from the Management Committee for this term as his rehabilitation needs his full attention but has volunteered to head the New EA Community House Project as a co-opted member.

2.11 The President announced two more changes in appointment in the Selection Committee of the Endowment Fund. Mrs Annabel Ess, the vice-chairman stepped down but would continue to be involved with the EA as part of the Legal Advisory Panel. Dr Myrna Braga-Blake had join the Committee. The chairman of the Selection Committee, Mr Ruby Mosbergen, would also step down after serving for two terms. The President recorded his thanks and appreciation for the key role Mr Ruby Mosbergen had played as the pioneer chairman of the Endowment Fund Selection Committee.

2.12 The President concluded his address by remembering EA members who passed away during that term, with an observation of a minute's silence.

### **3 Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM held on 27 April 1996.**

3.1 The President invited those present to raise any other amendment which was not on the amendment list.

3.2 There were no further amendments. The minutes were adopted by a proposal by Mr Victor Olsen and seconded by Mr Rudy Mosbergen. There were no objections.

### **4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the AGM held on 27 April 1996**

4.1 The President said that the Management Committee had taken the necessary action on matters that were raised at the last AGM. There were no further comments.

### **5 Adoption of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 1996.**

5.1 Mr Terence Kein noted the progress made during the year. He was pleased to see that MC meetings were now recorded and that MC members generally had recorded good attendance. He noted that the only exception was Mr Randal Snodgrass who despite his illness during the year attended some meeting. Mr Kein also noted that the Welfare Task Force headed by Mr Bryan Davenport had 12 projects during the

year and that in Dr Ronald Brett the EA had an invaluable volunteer. Mr Kein further noted that Mr Frederick Fox who headed the youth committee had taken a great interest in sports for our youth. He also noticed that the EA was setting up a choir headed by Mrs Valerie Scully. Mr Kein said that he attended one feedback session and urged fellow members to attend as many interesting points could be brought up and forwarded to the Management Committee. He concluded by congratulating Mr Timothy de Souza and Mr Benett Theseira for being appointed as CDC members.

5.2 The President thanked Mr Kein then invited any other questions from the floor on the Annual Report.

5.3 Mr Terence Aeria asked about the administration and certain staff movements. His queries were answered by the President and Mr Davenport. He then queried the lack of survey results of the benefits of tuition in the annual report. Mrs Ursula Quah took note of it.

5.4 As there were no further comments, the President asked for a proposer and seconder to adopt the Annual Report for the year ending 31 December '96. Mr Lionel Zuzarte and Mr Bill Plunkett proposed and seconded the annual report respectively. There were no objections. The President then moved on to the audited accounts of the EA, the ECF and the Endowment Fund (EF).

5.5 Mr Victor Olsen questioned the amount of \$22,302 in the 'accounts receivable' section. Mr Benett Theseira replied that this amount is due from members of the community through the CPF Board. He said that there were a lag in time between the collection by CPF Board and the actual deposit in EA's account.

5.6 Mr Olsen then questioned the \$12,900 outstanding for an advertising fee in the souvenir magazine. He wanted to know what was being done to recover this amount. Mr Theseira replied that it was not recovered yet but further attempts would be made.

5.7 Mr Olsen observed that the ratio of money spent to the money given away for education and welfare was a bit high. Mr Theseira noted it.

5.8 The President invited any other comments and queries on the Audited Accounts. As there were no further comments the President asked for a proposer and seconder. The Audited Accounts for 1996 were adopted on a proposal by Mr Burton Westerhout and seconded by Mr Geoffrey Morris. There were no objections.



**6 Presentation on the Review of EA's Organisation Structure.**

6.1 The President explained that the MC asked Hay Management Consultants to study the organisation of the EA with regards to the structure of the Management Committee and the financial arrangements. Mr Aloysius Gomez and Ms Jeanette Rosanowski, consultants from the Company had agreed to do the study on a volunteer basis. They have been working with the MC for the past year on the project. The President then invited Mr Gomez to address the members.

6.2 Mr Gomez said his original brief was to look at the EA's structure and examine the length of the MC tenure as well as the financial safeguards. He said that Ms Rosanowski and him were of the opinion that the current organisation structure, structure of the MC and the supporting organisations was sufficient. However, they felt that in the longer term those components would have to be strengthened. They felt that the tenure of office for the MC should be lengthened to 2 if not 3 years for the reason of continuity in leadership to allow time for the MC to plan, implement and review programmes for the EA. They also recommended that the EA introduces a new committee called the Finance Review Committee to strengthen existing safeguards for the ECF. Mr Gomez pointed out that the EA already has a Board of Trustees to look after the EF. The MC could make recommendations to the Board on the use of the ECF as well. The Finance Review Committee could consist of 2 members appointed by the Trustees and 2 members appointed by the MC one of whom was the Treasurer. This Finance Review Committee would act as a watchdog committee whose function would be to review expenditure made from the ECF and report directly to the Trustees if any irregularities are found. Mr Gomez concluded by hoping that the members and the MC would find their recommendations useful.

6.3 The President invited discussion on the recommendation so that everyone had a part in whatever changes would be made.

6.4 Mr Burton Westerhout questioned whether the Finance Review Committee would review the investment strategy which he believed rested with the Board of Trustees. Mr Gomez replied that this committee was the watchdog to the expenditure that the Board of Trustees have already approved for the MC to spend thus it was not an investment review committee.

6.5 Mr Westerhout questioned if that particular activity was addressed at all in the review or if it was subjected to a

different review. Mr Gomez replied that the consultants did not look at investments, they only looked at financial safeguards. Mr Westerhout then directed the question to the MC. The President replied that the Board of Trustees were aware of their responsibility – that of investment control and enhancement.

6.6 Mrs Judith Arul said that the continuity of office already exists currently. She added that the current President had been President for six terms and most of the MC members had served for more than two terms each. She felt that serving for two years at a time on the MC is very daunting and since all MC members serve as volunteers their circumstances outside the EA organisation could change in a year. A two year term would be difficult for them in such situations. She stated that she opposed a two year term of office.

6.7 Mr Gomez acknowledged what Mrs Arul said but noted that the consultant's recommendations were based on the structure and form and not on some of the difficulties members could be faced with which he agreed could happen.

6.8 The President clarified that even though the term may be for two years, AGM will continue annually.

6.9 There being no other comments, the President thanked Mr Aloysius Gomez and Ms Jeanette Rosanowski for their excellent work. The house responded with loud applause.

**7 Resolution to amend Rule 16(b) and 16(c) of the Rules of the Eurasian Association.**

7.1 The President introduced the proposal to amend Rules 16(b) and 16(c) of the rules of the EA. He said that the proposer was Mr Terence Kein and the seconder Mr Rudy Mosbergen and that the resolution called for the rule to be amended to extend the tenure from 1 to 2 years. There would be no change to the AGM will be held annually. He then called on Mr Terence Kein to address the house.

7.2 Mr Kein said that during the previous year, he suggested that the MC look into amending the rule on the one year term of office, and this year he had decided to be the proposer to the resolution. He said the EA grew steadily in recent years to become a self help group on the same level as MENDAKI, SINDA and CDAC. He said that the amount of work the EA was doing had increased a great deal. He said that the EA was now looking after the community's long term needs in education advancement and welfare assistance. Mr Kein stated that many of the programmes in place had to run for a long time before the benefits can be felt by all. He said the EA

needed an MC which can see long term programmes through without having to change annually. He noted that the AGM will still be held so that progress may be reviewed at the half-way mark in a two year term. The opportunity to meet the committee and share views will still be there every year. He concluded by urging support for this resolution.

7.3 The President then invited Mr Rudy Mosbergen as seconder to the motion, to address the floor.

7.4 Mr Mosbergen said that this amendment was a step in the right direction. He said that it was time now for EA to have a committee which will have a two year term so there will be continuity in the implementation of programmes and believed this kind of continuity would result in better efficiency. He concluded by stating that this is the right time to have this amendment and urged all members to give it their support.

7.5 The President then invited comments or queries from the floor. There were none. The vote was then called for after scrutinisers were appointed and non-voting members reminded not to vote. 106 votes were cast in favour of the resolution with 8 against and 4 abstentions. The President then declared that the resolution to take the 1 year term of office for the MC to 2 year term of office as carried. He then thanked the proposer and seconder for their time and effort.

## **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 1997/98. He informed the members that when nominations closed at 5.00 pm on 14 April 1997, the following nominations were received:

President	Timothy de Souza
Proposer	Edmund Rodrigues
Secunder	Lionel Zuzarte
Vice President	Bryan Davenport
Proposer	Gerald Pereira
Secunder	Edwin Thompson
Honorary Secretary	Benett Theseira
Proposer	William Jansen
Secunder	Dr Antonio Rappa

Honorary Treasurer	Jean de Souza
Proposer	Roderick Santa Maria
Secunder	Peter Aloysius De Rozario
Assistant Honorary Secretary	Kathleen Woodford
Proposer	Brenda Ann Pereira
Secunder	Rodney J Carroll
Committee Member	Ronald Brett
Proposer	Gerald Pereira
Secunder	Edwin O Thompson
Committee Member	Euylyth Fernandez
Proposer	Corrine A Woodford
Secunder	Daryl Woodford
Committee Member	Mark Ferroa
Proposer	Harold Mathieu
Secunder	Colin Pereira
Committee Member	Frederick Fox
Proposer	Cedric Pereira
Secunder	Vincent de Conceicao
Committee Member	Ursula Quah
Proposer	Edmund Rodrigues
Secunder	Evelyn Rodrigues

8.3 The President then said that as there were no other nominations there was no contest for any post. He then declared these 10 nominations as being the committee members for the term 1997/98. He welcomed those coming on to the MC.

8.4 The President made his address for the coming term. He noted that the EA has grown steadily on its way to become the Self Help Group for the Eurasian Community. He said that in the new term, the Management Committee would direct its energies at four imperatives. They were:

- To refine our community self help programmes in educational advancement for all our children and students and in welfare assistance for our less privileged.
- To continue to reach out to our community.
- Carry out the organisational changes to strengthen the financial set up of our association.
- Start work on the new EA Community House.

8.5 He said that there would be the usual programme of activities throughout the year.

8.6 He introduced the new committee members and appointment holders. He first introduced Mr Bryan Davenport as the Vice President. He introduced Mr Bennett Theseira as the new Honorary Secretary, Mrs Jean de Souza as the New Honorary Treasurer and Ms Kathleen Woodford as the Assistant Honorary Secretary.

8.7 He then introduced the committee members. He introduced Dr Ronald Brett who has been working in the Welfare Task Force for the past two years. He said that Ronald is a doctor and he conducts the Saturday clinics at the Community House. He then introduced Mr Mark Ferroa who like Ronald has been working in the Education Committee for two years, Mr Frederick Fox who was in his third term on the committee and looked after the development of the Sports and Youth in the EA, Mrs Eulyth Fernandez who assisted Kathleen in SACE in the last term and Mrs Ursula Quah who had been at the helm of all the educational advancement programmes for the community for the past 5 years.

8.8 He told the house that there were now more women on the committee and that the average age of the committee had also gone down from 51 to 47. He added that self renewal of the committee members is important to remain relevant and dynamic and appealed to younger members to come forward and take up appointments on the committee.

8.9 In conclusion, he added that the Management Committee looked forward to another challenging year in the EA.

## **9 Appointment of Honorary Auditor for the Term 1997/98**

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 Mr Bob Scully asked to address the house. He noted that the EA has developed rapidly from an association with little activities to a vibrant group recognised by the government. He also noted that unlike the other self-help

groups, EA was also an association with our own cultural programmes, sports and youth activities and our own special newsletters and publications. He then gave a special thanks to LTC Timothy de Souza, the President for his dedication and leadership. He also thanked his son Brynley for work with the publication sub committee and his wife Valerie for organising various activities such as the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance and together with Mrs Catherine Zuzarte, the EA dancers. In conclusion, he appealed for people to come forward and assist the Association.

## **11 Closing of AGM**

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



**BENETT THESEIRA**  
Honorary Secretary (1997/98)

The Eurasian Association, Singapore

**ANNEX B:  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION**

**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997**

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# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1997

Note	General Fund	Community Fund	Endowment Fund	1997	1996
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>					
2	164,242	-	-	164,242	199,755
3	30,167	-	-	30,167	30,167
4	-	416,830	-	416,830	316,097
5	-	300,000	-	300,000	200,000
6	-	-	1,159,912	1,159,912	1,070,503
	194,409	716,830	1,159,912	2,071,151	1,816,522
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>					
7	-	-	-	-	300,000
1b,8	1,089	55,350	-	56,439	51,266
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
1c,9	5,895	-	14,379	20,274	18,857
	6,151	11,330	-	17,481	8,546
	-	-	-	-	26,740
10	21,171	181,822	19,567	222,560	194,955
	8,105	3,594	-	-	-
	110,255	211,962	1,117,806	1,440,023	341,157
	63,876	263,475	14,766	342,117	923,173
	215,453	672,183	1,166,518	2,042,455	1,513,428
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
	22,133	4,710	900	27,743	47,972
	-	5,993	5,706	-	-
	-	-	-	-	200
	22,133	10,703	6,606	27,743	48,172
	193,320	661,480	1,159,912	2,014,712	1,465,256
	194,409	716,830	1,159,912	2,071,151	1,816,522

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997

	Note	General Fund	Community Fund	Endowment Fund	1997	1996
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>						
Fund raising and donations		6,880	131,479	2,433	140,792	297,752
Eurasian Community Fund contribution scheme		-	313,183	-	313,183	285,117
Dividend received		-	1,440	3,960	5,400	2,604
Government grant	11	-	148,000	2,000	150,000	156,173
Interest on fixed deposits		4,122	7,238	18,324	29,684	9,230
Interest on savings accounts		1,313	6,190	9,967	17,470	25,165
Profit on sale of stocks		-	-	-	0	208
Profit on sale of quoted shares		-	17,484	52,085	69,569	-
Other income		2,690	20	-	2,710	60
Social functions	12	76	-	-	76	7,225
Subscriptions		7,404	-	-	7,404	9,188
		22,485	625,034	88,769	736,288	792,722
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Administrative expenses	13	27,030	56,772	3,408	87,210	70,912
Agency fee		-	38,616	-	38,616	39,178
Cultural expenses	14	-	16,168	-	16,168	21,208
E A Publications		17,897	23,158	-	41,055	23,591
E A House		-	10,767	-	10,767	16,501
Education and training	15	-	134,732	-	134,732	133,881
Loss on sale of stocks		14	-	-	14	189
Meeting expenses		2,379	-	-	2,379	2,478
Irrecoverable debts		880	-	-	880	-
Sports and youth expenses		3,256	-	-	3,256	6,039
System Development expenses		-	6,056	-	6,056	6,056
Welfare expenses	16	-	138,032	2,694	140,726	124,676
		(51,456)	(424,301)	(6,102)	(481,859)	(444,709)
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(28,971)</b>	<b>200,733</b>	<b>82,667</b>	<b>254,429</b>	<b>348,013</b>

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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
Renovations	5 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) *Income recognition*

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

#### e) *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%

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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

### 2 GENERAL FUND

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

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	199,755	77,185
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(28,971)	122,570
Over-provision for Income Tax	200	-
To be reimbursed to Endowment Fund:-		
- Funds from closure of bank account	(6,742)	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>164,242</u>	<u>199,755</u>

### 3 EDUCATION FUND

The Fund was established in the 1930's for the education needs of the members of the Association. There was no movement in this Fund during the year.

### 4 COMMUNITY FUND

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

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	316,097	309,726
Surplus for the year	200,733	6,371
Transfer to Building Fund	(100,000)	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>416,830</u>	<u>316,097</u>



# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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

### 5 BUILDING FUND

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

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	200,000	200,000
Transfer from Community Fund	100,000	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>300,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

### 6 ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund has been established to provide assistance to the poor and needy among the Eurasian community and was granted the Institution of Public Character Status for a period up to 31 March 2000 or when a total sum of \$2,000,000 is collected, whichever is the earlier. 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 year.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	1,070,503	851,431
Surplus for the year	82,667	219,072
Transfer from General Fund	6,742	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>1,159,912</u>	<u>1,070,503</u>

### 7 INVESTMENT

The investment in a quoted company was disposed of during the year for a consideration of \$369,569 (1996: \$Nil).

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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

### 8 FIXED ASSET

1997	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Depreciation charged during the year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	21,303	16,968	4,335	5,160
Furniture and fitting	37,595	14,226	23,369	7,519
Computers	29,900	19,179	10,721	9,967
Renovations	22,518	4,504	18,014	4,504
	<b>111,316</b>	<b>54,877</b>	<b>56,439</b>	<b>27,150</b>
<b>1996</b>				
Office equipment	18,664	11,808	6,856	5,016
Furniture and fitting	32,694	6,707	25,987	6,539
Computers	27,635	9,212	18,423	9,212
	<b>78,993</b>	<b>27,727</b>	<b>51,266</b>	<b>20,767</b>

### 9 STOCKS

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
<b>Endowment Fund:</b>		
Books "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hope"	14,379	15,654
<b>General Fund:</b>		
Dance costumes	5,001	2,146
Recipe cards, T-shirts, etc	894	1,057
	<b>5,895</b>	<b>3,203</b>
	<b>20,274</b>	<b>18,857</b>

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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

### 10 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	1997 \$	1996 \$
Tax credit receivable	-	375	1,029	1,404	-
Eurasian Community Fund contribution	-	22,488	-	22,488	22,302
Proceeds receivable from sale of stocks	-	-	-	-	570
Subscription receivable	1,109	-	-	1,109	1,109
Outstanding advertising fees in souvenir magazine	12,900	-	-	12,900	12,900
Fixed deposit interest	1,788	3,776	16,538	22,102	297
Proceeds receivable from social functions	5,374	580	-	5,954	1,174
Government Grant (Note 11)	-	154,173	2,000	156,173	156,173
Tuition fees	-	-	-	-	430
Others	-	430	-	430	-
	<u>21,171</u>	<u>181,822</u>	<u>19,567</u>	<u>222,560</u>	<u>194,955</u>

### 11 GOVERNMENT 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 year.

### 12 SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

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

	Receipts \$	Expenditure \$	1997 \$	1996 \$
New Year's Eve Ball	37,362	36,824	538	8,749
Christmas Party	3,423	3,885	(462)	(1,518)
Eurasian Fair	-	-	-	(6)
	<u>40,785</u>	<u>40,709</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>7,225</u>

# THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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

### 13 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	General Fund	Community Fund	Endowment Fund	1997	1996
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Identifiable expenses</i>					
Accountancy fee	-	4,090	-	4,090	-
Audit fee	1,000	2,500	900	4,400	4,400
Bank charges	22	389	18	429	449
Clerical expenses	-	-	-	-	939
General expenses	-	1,040	2,490	3,530	687
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,203	24,947	-	27,150	20,767
Legal and professional fee	-	-	-	-	150
Printing, stationery and postage	-	-	-	-	156
	3,225	32,966	3,408	39,599	27,548
<i>Common Expenses</i>					
Accountancy fee	-	-	-	-	1,485
CPF	2,223	8,893	-	11,116	12,494
General expenses	247	991	-	1,238	4,857
Insurance	-	-	-	-	1,567
Postage	248	990	-	1,238	1,463
Repair and maintenance	942	3,766	-	4,708	7,002
Stationery and printing	1,170	4,679	-	5,849	6,151
Salaries, bonus and allowances	16,745	66,978	-	83,723	65,652
Recruitment expenses	145	578	-	723	-
Temporary staff	226	905	-	1,131	1,856
Staff training	-	-	-	-	124
Telephone	313	1,254	-	1,567	1,815
Transport	375	1,500	-	1,875	-
Water and light	1,171	4,686	-	5,857	3,946
	23,805	95,220	-	119,025	108,412
<i>Apportioned to:</i>					
Education and training (Notes 1e and 15)	-	(35,707)	-	(35,707)	(32,524)
Welfare expenses (Notes 1e and 16)	-	(35,707)	-	(35,707)	(32,524)
	27,030	56,772	3,408	87,210	70,912

## THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997

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

#### 14 CULTURAL EXPENSES

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Netball Tournament	410	-
Open House Ceremony	-	15,521
Youth Carnival	210	-
Dance troupe	2,884	1,066
National Day	1,597	4,373
Social Food Gathering	1,629	-
Soccer Meet	1,729	-
Macau Dancers	3,380	225
Heritage Day	1,672	-
Others	1,175	23
Camp Teen 2000	2,722	-
Perth Tour/Walkaton	(1,240)	-
	<u>16,168</u>	<u>21,208</u>

#### 15 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
General expenses	284	296
Awards and bursary	49,722	62,411
Conference and seminars	3,429	503
Printing and education material	-	3,536
Tuition subsidies	20,090	10,811
Education consultancy fees	25,500	23,800
Share of common administrative expenses (Note 13)	35,707	32,524
	<u>134,732</u>	<u>133,881</u>

**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997**

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

**16 WELFARE EXPENSE**

<i>Community Fund</i>	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Welfare activities	6,595	-
General expenses	3,056	3,571
Welfare allowances to needy families	49,100	50,005
Welfare coordinator/Social worker	40,763	36,087
Welfare Projects	-	647
Senior Citizens	1,768	-
Transport claim	1,043	1,842
Share of common administrative expenses (Note 13)	35,707	32,524
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	138,032	124,676

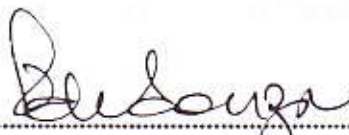
<i>Endowment Fund</i>	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Health Screening Event for Senior Citizens	2,694	-
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**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**

**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 1997 and of the receipts and expenditure of the Association for the year ended on that date.

**Signed on behalf of the Committee Members**



.....  
**Timothy de Souza**  
President



.....  
**Bennet Theseira**  
Honorary Secretary

Dated: 10 March 1998

**THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**

**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 1997 and of the results for the year ended on that date.

  
Alwyn Liro & Co  
Certified Public Accountants

Dated: *10th March 1998*



**ANNEX C:  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND**

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

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

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

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1997**

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED ENDOWMENT FUND	2	<u>1,159,912</u>	<u>1,070,503</u>
REPRESENTED BY:-			
INVESTMENT	3	-	220,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	1c	14,379	15,654
Accounts receivable:-			
Government Grant	4	2,000	75,000
Others		17,567	90
Sundry debtors		-	684
Fixed deposits		1,117,806	-
Bank balance		14,766	760,403
		<u>1,166,518</u>	<u>851,831</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry creditors	5	5,706	-
Accrued expenses		900	1,328
		<u>6,606</u>	<u>1,328</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,159,912</u>	<u>850,503</u>
		<u>1,159,912</u>	<u>1,070,503</u>

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

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997**

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Profit on sale of quoted shares		52,085	-
Donations		2,000	124,420
Dividend received		3,960	2,604
Fund raising projects	6	433	208
Government grant		2,000	75,000
Interest from autosave bank account		9,967	17,815
Interest from fixed deposits		18,324	-
		<u>88,769</u>	<u>220,047</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Audit fee		900	900
Bank charges		18	48
General expenses		2,490	27
Welfare expenses		2,694	-
		<u>(6,102)</u>	<u>(975)</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>82,667</u>	<u>219,072</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	2	<u>82,667</u>	<u>219,072</u>

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997**

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

**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.

**2 ACCUMULATED ENDOWMENT FUND**

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January	1,070,503	851,431
Transfer from Income and Expenditure account	82,667	219,072
Transfer from the Eurasian Association's General Fund:-		
- Surplus in Endowment Fund Project Account	6,742	-
Balance at 31 December	1,159,912	1,070,503

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 1997**

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

**3 INVESTMENT**

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Quoted shares in company at cost (Market value 1996: \$290,400)	-	220,000
	-	220,000

The investment in a quoted company was disposed of during the year for a consideration of \$272,085 (1996: \$Nil).

**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 CREDITORS**

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

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
<i>General Fund:-</i>		
- Administration expenses	2,112	-
<i>Community Fund:-</i>		
- Audit fee and disbursements	900	-
- Senior Citizen (Health Screening Event)	2,694	-
	5,706	-
	5,706	-

**6 FUND RAISING PROJECTS**

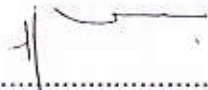
	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Proceeds from sale of books "Singapore Eurasian - Memories & Hopes".	1,708	1,337
Cost of books	(1,275)	(1,129)
	433	208
	433	208


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

**STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES**

In our opinion, the accompanying accounts set out in Pages 1 to 4 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 1997 and of the receipts and expenditure of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

.....  
**Edmund William Barker**  
Trustee

  
.....  
**Herman Ronald Hochstadt**  
Trustee

  
.....  
**Oscar Joseph Oliveiro**  
Trustee

Dated: 10 March 1998

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

We have audited the accounts set out in Pages 1 to 4 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 1997 and the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 December 1997.
- 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: *10th March 1998*

# The Eurasian Association, Singapore

(Established July 1919)

## 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 1998.  
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 1998.  
Full Name ..... (name of nominee),  
NRIC No ..... (nominee's NRIC No)  
Signature ..... (signature of nominee)  
Date .....

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