



# The Eurasian Association Singapore



Annual  
Report  
2000-2001

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Cover Rationale

People are the pillars of the Eurasian Association. Therefore they are the cover focus of EA's first Annual Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Eurasians of different age groups are highlighted to show the vibrancy and love-for-life characteristics of people in all age groups. Orange and blue are used to complement this excitement of the people who make up the Association.

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Representing the Eurasians in Cabinet  
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(established July 1919)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The new Management Committee is at the half-way point of its 2-year term, and we are happy to report our progress and achievements details of which are documented in the pages that follow.

At the last AGM, I laid down the vision of creating a strong, vibrant Eurasian Community. To realise our vision, the Management Committee has focused on six critical areas.

In the area of education, we identified proficiency in the second language as a key problem for our students. To overcome this, we initiated Malay Motivation classes at St Patrick's School for 130 students. Parents and their children are involved in this upliftment exercise. Soon we will be introducing Mandarin Motivation classes. We hope that in the next two years, we will see better results in the second language performance of our Eurasian students.

We have recently initiated a new project to help our students perform better in school. The Student Day Care Centre project at St Patrick's has been welcomed by parents who are hard-pressed and are unable to devote time for their children after school. The Day Care Centre provides students with a conducive environment to do their homework under the supervision of a teacher and a counsellor. We are now planning for a second Student Day Care Centre in the Tampines/Pasir Ris area.

Our Welfare Assistance programmes are on track. We are continuing to help the elderly in our community who require assistance. A happy trend to note is that our younger senior citizens are now better equipped to handle the problems of growing old. Our volunteers are now more focused, and assisting the EA in its upliftment process.

Last year I said bonding was an aspect we should pursue. We have successfully increased our efforts at Community Bonding through our Sunday lunches and our annual Family Day Get-Togethers. These have been roaring successes. They have made Singapore Eurasians more aware of our aspirations to create a truly Singapore Eurasian spirit.

In the field of sports, 30 young children are being trained to play better soccer by professional coaches.

Communications has been another crucial aspect. More frequent, and better communications are critical to keep us close and to keep us informed. We have doubled the frequency of our Newsletters, as well as designed them in a new look to make them more attractive. We have sent out more flyers. Currently we are revamping our Website, attempting greater pro-active media relations and as you can see a new-look Annual Report. These communications efforts and instruments assist in reflecting the vibrancy of our community and help to keep us updated on what is happening among Eurasians.

Our Song and Dance Troupe has been an awareness beacon for our Eurasian Community. Now we are looking at the possibility of raising the performance level by aspiring to achieve semi-professional status. This will require bringing in new talent and new inputs.

In less than one and a half years' time we will move into our new Community House at Ceylon Road. When completed the new EA Community House will be the focal point for Eurasians. The House will cost us approximately \$5.8 million. The Government will fund 90% of the cost and the EA will have to bear the remaining 10%. To further equip the House we will need an additional \$300,000, for which we have begun our fund-raising efforts.

This year we had a surplus of approximately \$234,000. Our finances are in a healthy state.

Many challenges lie ahead of us. We have to address them as we move ahead to achieve our vision.

The involvement of our children and youth in EA activities is an area of concern and one that is likely to be the most challenging for the Management Committee. We will have to come up with innovative ideas to get our children and youth actively taking part in EA activities.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century will pose new challenges for our elderly workforce. The digital divide between the computer savvy and those with no computer skills will increase. We will train approximately 500 Eurasians in the next two years to bridge this divide. To fulfil our promise made at the last AGM, we have given out computers to 15 Eurasian families who could not afford to own one.

Our Prime Minister has directed that Self-Help Groups work closely together in involving the other races in their activities. He has urged that we conduct remedial classes involving a multi-racial mix of students and teachers. The EA is taking up this challenge. We subscribe strongly to the view that the future success of our nation depends on the cohesion and understanding between the different races. How well we do this will depend on all of you as we journey along in our efforts at building a truly integrated Singapore Community.

Yours sincerely,

Bryan Davenport  
President

## NOTICE AND AGENDA

**1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM, PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION KALLANG, SINGAPORE 397750 ON SATURDAY, 28 APRIL 2001 AT 6.30PM.**

### 2. AGENDA

- 2.1 President's Address
- 2.2 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2000.
- 2.3 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2000.
- 2.4 To receive, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2000.
- 2.5 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 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2000.
  - 3.1.2 Financial Statement of The Eurasian Association.
  - 3.1.3 Financial Statement of The Eurasian Association Endowment Fund.
- 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 Registration Procedures:
  - 3.3.1 Each member shall produce his/her identity card to the relevant Registration Officer.
  - 3.3.2 The Registration Officer shall check that the name of each person seeking admission to the Annual General Meeting appears on the Membership Roll.
  - 3.3.3 Each member shall initial against his/her name in the Membership Roll.

#### BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



GERRY de SILVA  
Honorary Secretary

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Date 15 March 2001

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Management Committee is pleased to present the Annual Report of the Eurasian Association, Singapore (Henceforth referred to as the "Association") for the period 29 April 2000 to 28 April 2001 and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2000.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### 1 Management Committee

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on 29 April 2000, at the Auditorium, People's Association, Kallang, Singapore 397750, the following members were elected to the Management Committee:

Post	Name
President	Mr Bryan Davenport
Vice-President	Mr Burton Westerhout
Honorary Secretary	Mr Gerry de Silva
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Gerald Minjoot
Asst. Honorary Secretary	Mr Paul Desker
Committee Members	Mr Edward D'Silva
	Mr Gerry Peacock
	Mrs Valerie Scully
	Dr Brian Rodrigues
	Mr Benett Theseira
Co-opted Member	Mr Rene Shepherdson Jr

#### 1.1 Committee Meetings

There were 9 Committee Meetings during the year (as at end February 2001). These were all held at the Association's premises, the Eurasian Association Community House. Various Sub-Committee Meetings were held as well. Management Committee members' attendance at these 9 meetings were: Mr Bryan Davenport 9; Mr Burton Westerhout 8; Mr Gerry de Silva 7; Mr Gerald Minjoot 6; Mr Paul Desker 8; Mr Edward D' Silva 8; Mr Gerry Peacock 8; Mrs Valerie Scully 9; Dr Brian Rodrigues 8; Mr Benett Theseira 4.

#### 1.2 Special Meetings

Two meetings of the Board of Trustees and two of the Selection Committee/Finance Review Committee of the Association's Endowment Fund were held during the year.



Children at  
EA Family Day





**EA Management Committee (from left to right):** Burton Westerhout, Edward D'Silva, Gerry Peacock, Bryan Davenport, Paul Desker, Rene Shepherdson, Brian Rodrigues, Gerald Minjoot, Gerry de Silva, Valerie Scully and Benett Theseira

- 1.3 **Administration**  
All administration for the Association was carried out from its Secretariat at the Eurasian Association Community House.  
  
The Secretariat was headed by the General Manager, Ms Beatrice Oliveiro. LTC (RET) Victor Pinto took over as General Manager from February 2001. He is assisted by Ms Lorraine Bligh. Mr Harold Mathieu provides consultancy services on all educational matters. He is assisted by Mr Bernard de Cruz. Mr Peter Lean is the Senior Social Worker assisted by Mrs Cecilia Beins, the Welfare Assistant. Mr Percy Leicester-Dunn is the Premises Assistant.
- 1.4 **Advisor since May 2000**  
LTC (RET) Timothy de Souza was appointed by the Management Committee to be the Advisor to the Committee.
- 1.5 **Legal Advisory Board**  
Mr William Jansen, Mr William da Silva and Mr Michael Palmer 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 Rene Shepherdson was co-opted in October 2000.

## PERMANENT EURASIAN ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY HOUSE (PEACH)

### COMMITTEE

The Permanent Eurasian Association Community House (PEACH) Committee consists of Mr Edward D'Silva (Chairman), Mr Bryan Davenport, LTC (RET) Timothy de Souza, Mr Randal Snodgrass, Mr Robert Scully, Mr Geoffrey Morris, Mr Benett Theseira, Mr Burton Westerhout, Mr Gerald Minjoot, Mr Michael Shelley, Mr Barry Pereira and Mr Harold Mathieu. The Committee appointed a full team of consultants sometime in March 2000 to start working on the project. Over the past twelve months, steady progress has been made on its design development, statutory planning application/approval and building tender.



The new EA Community House

### DESIGN OF THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

After several months of intensive work, the schematic design for the Community House was finalized in mid-2000 and by late September 2000, the project consultants had started working on its detailed design.

At the new EA Community House, some of the Eurasian heritage features will be accentuated on the external facade, columns, windows and even the louvred sunscreens. Feedback from the Committee Members has been quite positive and they felt that using the right choices of materials could create an ambience of warmth. Naturally, warm and neutral colours would also be preferred.

### PLANNING APPROVAL

In early October 2000, the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) granted Provisional Permission for the project and by mid December 2000, the Grant of Written Permission was released by the Authority.

Since late last year, our project consultants have also separately made direct submissions to the various relevant technical departments/authorities in the run-up to obtaining Building Plan approval from the Building & Construction Authority by end-March this year.



First pile into the ground

### PILING CONTRACT

Following the completion of soil investigation work on site and the calling of tenders for piling works, the bored piling contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, M/s Resource Piling Pte Ltd in December last year. Piling started in January 2001 and the work is expected to be completed by mid-March this year.

### MAIN BUILDING TENDER

Eight pre-qualified contractors were invited by the Association in early January 2001 to submit their tender bids for the main building contract. When the tender closed on 8 February 2001, six tender bids were received. Our consultants have just completed the tender evaluation and several tenderers were shortlisted for interview in late February 2001. By early March 2001, the Association expects to receive the Architect's recommendation on the building tender award. Once the building contract is awarded to the successful contractor, construction should commence in April 2001. The target completion date of the project is mid-2002.

### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Following an appeal by the Association, the Ministry of Community Development & Sports (MCDS) had announced in late December 2000 that the Ministry of Finance (MOF) had approved a revised capital grant of just over \$5.0 million to support the funding of our PEACH project.

### THE ROAD AHEAD

The main building contract is due to be awarded some time in late March/early April 2001 and the building work will commence in April 2001. In the months ahead, the Committee will be looking into the interior design aspects of the new premises with due consideration to the functions, purpose and activities intended for the rooms or areas.



## EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMMES

### 1 Committee

The Committee for Education and Training (COMET) was chaired by Dr Brian Rodrigues. Mr Harold Mathieu was the secretary. Committee members were Mr Michael de Silva, Dr Vilma D'Rozario, Mr Mark Ferroa, Mr Winston Hodge, Mr Wilfred James, Mr Barry Pereira, Mr Gerry Pereira, Mrs Ursula Quah, Mr Edmund Rodrigues and Mr Lionel Zuzarte.

The following Workgroups were set up:

✓	Tuition Programme
✓	Data Base
✓	Computer Application Courses for Adults
✓	ECF Merit and Bursary Awards
✓	Mentorship Programme
✓	Seminars/Workshops for Parents
✓	Basic Education/Day Care Programme.

There were five formal monthly meetings in 2000.

#### 1.1 Workgroup Reports

##### 1.1.1 Tuition Programme

Subsidised tuition to help underachieving students continued to be provided through our links with SINDA and CDAC. Eurasian students were placed in SINDA and CDAC tuition centres of their choice close to their homes. Pupils in CDAC centres studied mainly Mandarin and Mathematics while those in SINDA classes took a package of English, Mathematics and Science at the primary level and separate Mathematics and Science subjects at the secondary level. There were 27 children enrolled in these classes in 2000. In addition the Association organised tuition classes in Malay language at five centres to cater for the 62 pupils who attended these classes conducted by a pool of qualified government school Malay language teachers. All academic tuition classes were monitored through periodic visits to the tuition centres, feedback from parents and students and students' examination results.

The SINDA, CDAC and Malay Tuition programmes were discontinued in November 2000 with the exception of tuition in Mandarin at CDAC centres. Parents were duly informed by letter of this decision, the reasons for which were twofold, firstly, schools provide academic tuition to weak students under the umbrella of remedial classes, and secondly, EA is channelling funds into programmes to improve the performance of Eurasian students in the Mother Tongue (Malay and Mandarin), two consistently weak areas. The EA recognises that Mother Tongue is not one of our strong subjects and traditional programmes have not been effective, hence the new focus.



**Briefing On Malay Language Classes**

### New Malay Motivation

#### programme



#### New Malay Motivation Classes (MMC) 2001

EA embarked on a new, innovative, interactive and student-centred approach to learning the Malay language in the year 2001. This replaced the Malay Language Tuition Programme that was conducted in 2000 and earlier. The Course is for Primary 1 – 6 students.

There are 130 students following the course. The programme is split into two courses as follows:

Course 1 : 20 January – 31 March 2001

Course 2 : 30 June – 1 September 2001

Eurasians pay a subsidised rate of \$10 for each Course, while non-Eurasians pay \$80 per Course.

These classes are conducted by Excellence Communication Consultancy, an organisation that specialises in conducting such classes for both Malay and non-Malay students, at St Patrick's Secondary School on Saturday afternoons from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm. The focus is on encouraging and motivating our students with a view to improving their vocabulary and its use in creative writing and communication.

##### 1.1.2 Data Base

This Workgroup has started to build up a data base of teachers and students with a view to identifying students with problems and addressing the concerns by tracking students' performance from year to year.

##### 1.1.3 Computer Application Courses for Adults

Under its Learn New Skills Programme 2001, EA introduced computer classes for all Eurasians at a subsidised rate of \$10 per Course.

Courses cover the following :

Microsoft Word	(Thursdays)
Microsoft Power Point	(Wednesdays)
Internet and Email	(Tuesdays)
PC Assembly and Maintenance	(Fridays)



There are 25 Eurasians who have responded to the above programme. Five (5) classes were started since January/February 2001. Courses are on-going to cater for the encouraging response from members of our community.

Computer classes comprising 5 to a class are conducted on weekdays (Mon-Fri) from 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. The Course Conductor is Mr Anuwar bin Abdul Wahab, a qualified Instructor.

**1.1.4 ECF Merit and Bursary Awards 2000**

It was a big day for 193 students and their parents when BG George Yeo, the Minister for Trade and Industry, presented them with awards for academic achievement and progress on 4 Nov 2000 at the PSB Building Auditorium.

**The Awards**

Four categories of awards were given out, three of which were for students from lower-income families. These were:

- 44 *Bursaries* to help parents defray the cost of education and encourage students to strive hard;
- 86 *Merit Bursaries* to recognise good school performance of students and motivate them to persevere;
- 23 *Study Grants* to encourage and assist students pursuing post-secondary and tertiary education.

In addition, the community gave recognition to 40 of its academic 'stars' by presenting them with *Excellence Awards* for outstanding performance at national and graduating examinations. The recipients were those in the top 10% of the national cohort for the PSLE, GCE N, O and A levels, or those who had graduated with distinction or high merit from ITE, the polytechnics and the universities.

In 2000, 193 awards valued at \$26,650 were disbursed. Recipients of the Excellence Award received a special plaque and a book voucher, while other recipients received certificates and cash.



One of the recipients at the award ceremony



Recipient with the Minister, BG Yeo and EA President, Mr Davenport

**1.1.5 The Mentorship Programme and Special Interest Groups**

The Mentorship programme was initiated to develop a sense of belonging and awareness among our best and brightest young Eurasians, in the hope of identifying and developing leaders. The programme brings together Eurasian professionals to act as mentors to our bright young Eurasian students and recent graduates to develop both student and career mentorship for our community. The goals are to develop a network of young professionals from our community to meet and interact, to develop an awareness about our own heritage and culture and a sense of belonging to the community, and to provide an avenue for career guidance.

Students are matched with a Mentor, and the pair are given various objectives, depending on interest, time commitments and expected outcomes of either member of the pair. There are currently 37 Mentors and 12 Mentees.

Activities conducted to date are as follows:

- Matching of new members
- Nature Ramble in Katong Park
- Discussion with National Youth Council on their National Mentoring Network Programme
- Discussion with a Consultancy on running a workshop for Mentors
- Setting up a website for the programme.

**1.1.6 Seminars/Workshops for Parents**

A paper on the subject has been drawn up. The recommendations will be implemented once the data base project is completed. This group is looking into ways to get parents to respond to seminars/workshops which had hitherto received very poor support.

**1.1.7 Basic Education/Students Day Care Centre Programme**

Elementary education was provided initially to a dysfunctional family consisting of a mother and two children. The case was subsequently referred to the Movement for the Intellectually Disabled in Singapore (MINDS). We are currently providing basic education to 3 EA Song and Dance Troupe girls.



Joining in the EA Song and Dance Troupe



### Students Day Care Centre Programme

This programme was launched on 20 March 2001 at St Patrick's Secondary School. There are currently 18 Secondary 1 students in the programme. They comprise Eurasian and non-Eurasian students. The aim is to provide these students with a place to study after school under adult supervision. A trained student counsellor and a retired teacher are on call. Students are located in a suitable environment in which to do their homework. They also have time for recreation and social interaction. The Centre operates from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm (Mondays to Thursdays).

## 2 COMBINED SELF-HELP GROUP ACTIVITIES

Activities organised by SINDA, CDAC and MENDAKI requiring self-help group involvement received virtually poor responses from Eurasian students despite EA's invitations to parents for their children to participate.

### Camp Teen Workshop 2000

This stay-in camp organised by SINDA was held from 9-12 November 2000 at NACLI for 160 Secondary 1 and 2 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) students. Only 5 Eurasian students participated in this camp after several attempts to get a response from the community.

## 3 DONATED SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES/ LOANS

### 3.1 Donated Scholarships

In 2000/01 two institutions offered the Association student scholarships for part-time study ranging from diplomas to graduate courses. These were the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) and the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS). Seven applications from needy Eurasian students were submitted for the 2001 Singapore Buddhist Lodge scholarships. The outcome is pending.

### 3.2 Loans

#### Education Loan Funding

In 2000 four applications were approved, two for degree courses and two for diploma courses.

#### Computer Loan (Education)

One computer was loaned to a student pursuing a diploma course.



Four of EA's top students

## 4 COMMUNITY LINKS

The Association maintained its close links with the Ministry of Education (MOE) through Dr Brian Rodrigues who, with Mr Bryan Davenport and Mr Harold Mathieu represented EA in the MOE Joint Consultative Committee on Education (JCCE) at two meetings in 2000.

## 5 CONCLUSION

Through the activities that it has organised, COMET has worked towards achieving its objectives, namely, to

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

## WELFARE

### MEETINGS

Since the last AGM the Welfare Committee has been streamlined to comprise 4 members: Paul Desker, the Chairman, Gerry Peacock, the Vice-Chairman, Peter Lean, the Senior Social Worker (SSW) and Cecilia Beins, the Welfare Assistant. The structure was chosen to allow for more flexibility in terms of administration. The Welfare Committee had 9 meetings during the period of review.

### ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

There are 67 families on the Welfare Financial Assistance Scheme and/or in receipt of rations on a regular basis.

The Rent and Utilities Assistance Scheme (RUAS), a scheme where families living in 1-3 Room HDB flats are subsidised through the Community Development Councils for rentals, power supply, service and conservancy charge, is administered by EA Welfare. We have 5 families currently on the scheme.

During the period of review financial assistance was disbursed on an urgent-need basis for meals and transport, medical attention and to Eurasians waiting for MCD to process their claim for Public Assistance.

Welfare has also made representation to Governmental and Non-Governmental organisations for assistance in allocation of HDB rental flats, job placement, medical-fee waivers and admission to homes for the aged.

### MEDICAL ATTENTION

Apart from the Senior Social Worker making regular hospital visits to our Welfare clients, arrangements were also made for volunteers to escort some of our sick clients to hospitals.

In April 2000, the Welfare Committee with Parkway Holdings Ltd organised free health screening for some 102 Eurasians.



A new way to keep in touch and stay healthy at the same time

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

During the period of review, Welfare clients with the assistance of our volunteers participated in the following activities:

- a visit to the Night Safari on 3 September 2000. There were 45 Adults, 5 of whom were from the St Joseph's home and a total of 15 children who attended the outing.
- a carnival organised by the Boys' Brigade on 9 September 2000 with 25 participants from Welfare.
- health screening and a colouring competition for children organised by the Central Singapore Joint Social Service Centre (CSJSSC) on 23 September 2000.
- a visit to TCS to watch the Sitcom "Phua Chu Kang" live at Caldecott Hill on 13 October 2000
- participation in the Senior Citizens Sports Fiesta and Tree Planting at Pasir Ris Park on 12 November 2000. Altogether 28 senior Eurasians attended the function.
- a Thai Festival at the Turf Club on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2000. Trials for night racing were also on the agenda for the evening.
- a celebration of Family Day on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2000. Apart from our Welfare clients 20 residents from the Villa Francis Home were also invited for the occasion.



30 participants survived the live shooting of PCK Private Ltd



### SCHOOL ATTACHMENT

At the beginning of September 2000, two students from Ngee Ann Polytechnic were attached to EA Welfare for a period of 6 weeks.

### CENTRAL SINGAPORE JOINT SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE (CSJSSC)

The Welfare Committee contributes to the CSJSSC by sending our Senior Social Worker every Monday to man the Centre.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Welfare Committee would like to acknowledge all its donors without whom much of what we are trying to achieve would not be possible. They include the following:

- Mr Sim Wong Hoo, CEO of Creative Technology
- NTUC Bedok
- NTUC Toa Payoh
- Bo Tien Mutual Help and Care Division
- Lotus Light Charity Society (S'pore)
- NTUC Plaza Singapura



One of the welfare activities

## WORKER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

This is a joint NTUC/EA-sponsored programme for retrenched workers. Five candidates completed the NTC 3 Electronics Course, one candidate the Office Skills Course and one the Tower Crane Operator Course. Two candidates have progressed to the NTC2 course.

## FINANCE

The Management Committee maintained its policy of managing its activities on a sound financial footing. The surplus generated this year was \$234,000 increasing the Association's reserves to \$2,686,000.

### FUND RAISING

The major source of funds continued to be the community fund deductions through the CPF and GIRO. Donations totalling in excess of \$204,000 were received during the year. The golf tournament raised \$59,000. The guest-of-honour at the golf tournament was our Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong. Our government grant was increased to \$200,000 with effect from the year 2000.

A summary of the major source of funds is noted below.

Donor/Scheme	EA \$'000	ECF \$'000	EF \$'000
ECF (CPF & GIRO)	-	317	-
Government Grant	-	200	-
Donations	-	173	31
Subscriptions	8	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>31</b>



Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong teeing off the charity event

### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

The Association's excess cash funds continued to be left in fixed deposit. During the year although there was a softening of rates, deposit renewals were made to maximise the interest received. The interest income for the year can be summarised as follows:

Funds	EA \$'000	CF \$'000	EF \$'000
Interest Income	3	21	29

### EURASIAN COMMUNITY FUND

Income during the year largely paralleled the pattern of 1999. The association would like to record its thanks to all donors for their generous contributions to the fund. An on-going task is to ensure that the maximum number of Eurasians within the community continue to contribute to this fund as it is the Association's major income source.



Eurasian Charity Golf 2000

### ENDOWMENT FUND

A donation of \$30,000 was made to the Endowment Fund during the year.

## PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee was headed by Mr Gerry de Silva.

### NEWSLETTERS AND FLYERS

A complete revamp of the EA Newsletter was carried out. Greater frequency was also attempted. For the year 2000/1, 3 issues of the EA News in its new more vibrant, racy format was published. Another is scheduled for May 2001. A total of 7 flyers were issued. In an effort to inject professionalism into the production and to brighten the design of the newsletter, the Committee has used the services of appropriate commercial agencies.



### PACKAGING

The packaging of all publications to members was performed by Welfare Task Force clients. This complemented the Welfare Task Force's welfare programme.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Status. The breakdown of membership as at 28 February 2001 is as follows:

Category	2001	2000
Life	1,630	1,555
Ordinary	305	322
Associate Life	150	137
Associate Ordinary	82	77
Junior	418	418
Friend	-	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>2,514</b>



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### NYE MILLENNIUM BALL REPORT

The 2000 New Year's Eve Millennium Ball was held at the Grand Copthorne Hotel with over 400 patrons attending the function.

While the guests wined and dined, several lucky ones had their ticket numbers drawn and won some great prizes. These were donated by Gulf Air (thanks to Robin Tessensohn); Eve and Ed Rodrigues; Dot and Joe Tessensohn; Universal Resorts; Swiss Air (thanks to Sir Michael Seymour) and Genevieve Theseira. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century was brought in with a bang and showers of confetti and streamers rained on the crowded dance floor and the party continued to the early hours of January 1, 2001. A light supper of Mulligatawny Soup (now a tradition at the EA NYE Ball) reinforced tired bodies although spirits remained high up to the end.



Enjoying a good time at NYE Millennium Ball

### FAMILY DAY 2000

On Sunday, Dec 10 2000, some 400 adults and children showed up at the Peoples Association, Kallang for EA Family Day 2000. The programme featured Lunch, Children's Christmas Treat followed by a Tea Dance. A record number of 151 children registered for the Christmas Treat. We wish to thank the 70-strong volunteer team led by Maureen Westerhout who made the event a success. The response by the Community to our appeal for sponsorships was overwhelming which enabled us to host 39 underprivileged children for the Christmas Treat; 23 adults receiving EA welfare support for lunch; and 20 elderly folk from the Villa Francis Home for tea.

For the Children's Christmas Treat, each child received a snack pack in a hand-sewn goodie bag and a Christmas gift. The hard-working sub-committee organized a full programme of activities and entertainment to ensure that the children had a whole afternoon of fun. Two colourful bouncy playsets were also available for the children to play on the whole afternoon until it rained.



What's going on over there?



Fun and laughter for kids at EA's traditional celebration

Having lunch at EA Family Day



### SUNDAY LUNCH

The first monthly Sunday Lunch was held on July 30, 2000 and has proved to be very popular, with every Lunch to date a sell-out. Usually held on the last Sunday of each month, attendance has averaged about 70 for each Lunch, which features home-cooked Eurasian cuisine (with a different menu each month).

To spice things up, a raffle is a regular feature with prizes ranging from Sugee cakes to bottles of wine. Live music and a sing-a-long round up an afternoon of good fun. A special thanks to our regular minstrels, Gerry Pereira and Paul Desker for enlivening the Lunches. At \$10 a person (no charge for children below 12), it is very good value for money.

### SPORTS

#### EA Soccer School

The EA Soccer School commenced in October 2000. The Soccer School is open to young soccer enthusiasts (Pr 2 to Sec 2 students). Training is conducted on Sundays at St Patrick's School. Aptly conducted by licensed and experienced coaches Mr. Fred Fox & Mr. Sebastian Yap, the school aims to teach our young soccer enthusiasts the proper way to play. In addition, it provides an excellent opportunity for our members and their children to meet. Training normally takes an hour, after which the parents come in for a match with the trainees. Currently, there are 49 male participants and we look forward to more. We also welcome female players.

Soccer on Sundays at St. Patrick's School has been revived by Mr. Colin Braberry and former EA footballers. This will provide an opportunity for our members to meet and play soccer weekly. We hope for more members' participation.

#### Netball

Attempts at reviving this activity were not fruitful due to lack of participants. However, we are not abandoning our attempts. We will continue to revive this sport.



Teaching our young soccer enthusiasts the proper way to play



Join these pretty ladies



## CULTURAL AND SONG & DANCE TROUPE

### Committee

The committee comprised Mrs Valerie Scully, Mrs Catherine Zuzarte, Mrs Yvonne Pereira, Mrs Marion Lazaroo, Ms Cynthia Albuquerque and Mr Jonathan Pereira.

### Song & Dance Troupe

Team spirit played an important role as the troupe entered its 10<sup>th</sup> year. With motivation the group was able to keep on going and spreading the Eurasian culture far and wide, averaging one performance per month.

### Cultural Talks

We were invited to give a cultural talk-cum-dance demonstration to St Hilda's Secondary School and Changkat Changi Secondary School.

### Carnival @ the Bay

Organised by MINDEF's Committee for NDP 2000, this 4-day event was held at Marina South Bay. EA had an exhibition booth and an arts and craft/food booth. Our Song & Dance Troupe gave two performances nightly. President & Mrs Nathan paid a visit to our booths.

CSJSSC invited us once again to put up a multi-ethnic dance performance. President Nathan was the Guest of Honour.

Macau Tourist Promotion Board invited our Song & Dance Troupe to perform at their Board's promotion of Macau. This was held at the Hyatt Hotel.

### People's Association

Strong ties continued and we supported their Senior Citizens Day with a welcome dance for Guest of Honour, Mr Wong Kan Seng and a performance at Pasir Ris Park.

### National Heritage Board

NHB made a recording of our Kristang lessons for their National Archives.

### National TV Media

Channel 12: Malay Media did a short play incorporating our Kristang class as well as our dancers.  
 Channel 8: Chinese media featured our dancers on their programme on X'mas Day.  
 Channel NewsAsia: Our dancers were filmed at the Art Museum (former SJI) for Channel NewsAsia's programme "Young Asians celebrate."



Our Song & Dance Troupe



Posing with President Nathan at the Joint Social Service Centre

### Portuguese Embassy in Bangkok

Ties with the Embassy were further strengthened. Portuguese Ambassador, His Excellency Jose Tadeus Soares, has promised to donate to EA's new Community House some decorative Portuguese tiles. Cultural Attache Joao Azeredo has promised to continue to assist our Song and Dance Troupe by providing dance material etc. upon request.

### Song & Dance Workshop

Four trainers were sent from Portugal and Macau to provide four days of intensive training for our Song and Dance Troupe. EA hosted their 4-day stay and a Thank You dinner at the end of the workshop.

### NDP 2000

There were 18 participants who formed the EA contingent at the National Day Parade. For the first time some of our Eurasian dancers were chosen to join the other three major ethnic races in a specially choreographed item on the main stage at the Parade.



One for the album of the EA contingent

Carnival @ the Bay-cum-NDP Thank You Party was held in September at EA Community House.

### Kristang Classes

Classes began with a small but enthusiastic group. Numbers swelled and an additional class was added to cater for two different levels. A proper format was laid out, making the classes interesting. Classes were self-funding. A visiting Professor, Dr Georg Bossong from the University of Zurich who was making a study of Creole Languages all over the world sat in on our Kristang class one evening. He commended the way the lessons were put together and was impressed at the keen interest shown by the group.

### Singapore Recreation Club

Support for SRC continued for the year under review.

### SRC's Christmas Ladies Luncheon and X'mas Dinner

We supported them by providing the carolling. A letter of appreciation was received from SRC's Vice-President.

### Cultural Awareness Programme

This one-day workshop was held in November at EA Community House for children between the ages of 6 – 12 years of age.

### Challenges Ahead

The challenge facing us is the recruitment of new members to continue help make the EA Song & Dance Troupe a truly vibrant group and the flagship of our Association.



EA Dancers



## EA WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Concurrent with the CD-ROM Project, the same Team is also working on developing a new Eurasian Association website. The Main Menu Page prototype has been developed and currently the various EA working groups are developing input for loading on the website.

It is anticipated that the new website will contain full information by the 2000/2001 Annual General Meeting.

## CD-ROM PROJECT

The primary objective of this special project, launched in October 1999, is to provide an interactive multimedia documentation of the Singapore Eurasian to enhance awareness of the Community in Singapore.

It is planned to distribute a copy of the CD-ROM to every Eurasian home; to every educational institution and library; and to all community organizations in Singapore. Hopefully, it will serve as an IT learning kit for everyone.

The prototypes for the Main Menu Page and navigational programming have been completed. Data gathering is well underway with information received from a large number of content providers.

A custom-built PC was acquired, sponsored by GUL TECHNOLOGIES (thank you, Jerry Rodrigues) and this has helped to accelerate the programme development and overall project design. Project completion is planned for mid-2001.

The Team members are: Geoffrey Morris, Alan Oliveiro, Kerry Reutens, Kevin Shepherdson, Cuthbert Shepherdson, Denise D'Almeida and Rodney de Souza; supported by Burton Westerhout.

## PART OF THE NATION

### NATIONAL DAY PARADE 2000

A total of 18 contingents formed the EA contingent at the National Day Parade. For the first time some of our Eurasian dancers were chosen to join the other three major ethnic races in a specially choreographed item on the main stage at the Parade. Mr & Mrs Rene Shepherdson and family took the pledge on behalf of the Eurasian Community.

### 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, Central Singapore Joint Social Services Centre and Joint Consultative Committee on Education.

### CONTACT WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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 interactions. The Association was a co-planner and co-implementer of the following programmes:

- Camp Teen 2000
- Official Opening of the CSJSSC at our Toa Payoh premises.
- Street Soccer Tournament 2000



Our dancers took centrestage at the Opening of the Joint Social Service Centre

## YEAR IN REVIEW

*2000 April* **08** Health Screening held at E.A. House. Cultural Performance during the event. **14** Cultural talk cum dance demonstration at St. Hilda's Sec School. **15** Cultural Performance at Bishan Constituency.



*May* **06** Health talk given at East Shore Hospital. **13** Mother's Day tea at Carlton Hotel. **26** Cultural Performance for Macau Tourist Promotion Board at Hyatt Hotel.

*June* **07** Media brief at Jurong Camp for Carnival @ the Bay.

*July* **18** Cultural talk cum dance demonstration at Changkat Changi Sec School. **19** Filming by TV 12 (Malay programme) of Kristang class and dances. NDP - 2 National Education shows and Preview.



*August* **04** New Look EA Newsletter Launched. **09** National Day Parade. **09-12** Carnival @ the Bay - 4 day event from 10am-10pm. Exhibition and sale of food and handicraft. **19** Cultural Performance at NUS - Eurasian Night. **19** Cultural Performance at private function - Soroptimist International. **26** Sunday Lunch A 'First'.

*September* **02** Thank You party for NDP participants and helpers of Carnival @ the Bay. **03** Visit to the Night Safari. **04-08** Macau trainers conduct dance workshop for dance troupe. **08** Thank You dinner for Macau trainers and performance on newly acquired skills from the dance workshop to MC members. **08** Creative Discovery Workshop. **09** Boys' Brigade Carnival. **16** Performance at Ceylon Sports Club's National Day celebrations. **23** Health Screening and Colouring Competition organised by CSJSSC. Cultural Performance. **30** Sunday Lunch.



*October* 14 Cultural Performance at Singapore Turf Club. 23 Recording of Kristang lessons by National Heritage Board for their archives. 28 Sunday Lunch.



*November* 03 EA Newsletter. 04 Annual Merit and Bursary Awards Presentation at Productivity and Standards Board (PSB) Auditorium, and Cultural Performance at the function. 07 Filming of dance troupe by TCS Channel 8 for their Xmas Day programme. 09-11 Camp Teen (Combined Self-Help Group activity). 12 Senior Citizens Sports/Tree Planting at Pasir Ris Park. Cultural Performance at function. 13 Filming of dancers by Oak Films for Channel NewsAsia for their New Year's Eve programme. 22 Cultural Awareness programme for children between the ages 6 – 12. 23 Influenza Vaccination at Kallang P.A. grounds. 26 Cultural Performance at Tg. Pagar CDC. 25 Sunday Lunch.



*December* 03 Cultural Performance at SRC for Ladies X'mas Lunch. 10 A Xmas Treat/Family Day. 16 Performance at SRC Xmas Dinner and Dance. 31 Millennium Ball/New Year's Eve.

*2001 January* 20 Commencement of Malay Motivation Classes at St Patrick's Secondary School for Primary 1-6 students (Course 1). Briefing of parents in School Lecture Theatre.



*February* 05 Commencement of Mandarin Tuition Classes at CDAC Centres. 20 EA Newsletter. 25 Sunday Lunch.



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE, HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM, PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, KALLANG, SINGAPORE 397750 ON SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2000 AT 6.30PM

### 1 OPENING OF AGM 2000

- 1.1 At 6.33pm, the President announced that as at 6.30pm, according to the registers, 78 members were present, comprising 72 life members, 2 ordinary members and 4 associate life members. As a quorum was present, the President declared the meeting open.
- 1.2 He informed the meeting that Burton Westerhout, a Committee Member was not present as he was overseas, and another Committee Member, Randal Snodgrass, could not be present.

### 2 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

- 2.1 The President announced that the AGM marked the end of the first 2-year term for the current Management Committee. At the 1998 AGM, the President had highlighted the priorities of the Management Committee for the first 2-year term as:
  - 2.1.1 The conceptualisation and architectural planning of the permanent Eurasian Association Community House, PEACH.
  - 2.1.2 The strengthening of our educational programmes.
  - 2.1.3 The widening of our financial assistance to a greater number of needy Eurasians.
  - 2.1.4 The introduction of new fund-raising means to complement existing ones.
- 2.2 He highlighted the achievements for each of the priority items.
- 2.3 There was considerable achievement in PEACH, which was the top priority for the Management Committee. The President announced that Edward D' Silva would update members with a special presentation later.
- 2.4 The President informed that Randal Snodgrass, who had been Chairman of PEACH since the project started, handed over chairmanship of the Committee to Edward D' Silva in November 1999, due to health reasons. He, however, continued as Vice-Chairman. The President acknowledged the excellent work Randal had done for the project so far. The President explained that Edward D'Silva had been co-opted as the Vice-Chairman of PEACH in 1999. Edward was also the Chairman of the Government Committee of "Singapore 21 Construction". He was confident that the PEACH project was in the best of hands.
- 2.5 On the educational programmes, the President highlighted that on 9 December, the Senior Minister of State for Education presented 180 awards for academic excellence achievements worth \$29,850. There were also 2 seminars arranged for parents during the year, one on "Reading" and the other on "How Parents Could Help Their Children in School".
- 2.6 On the subject of financial assistance, the President highlighted that our welfare arm reached out to more Eurasians. A total of \$36,380 was given out to a monthly average of 22 families. The number of persons helped during the year increased to 124. Our donation of food items reached out to 54 families. Earlier in the month, 105 persons attended a health-screening programme.
- 2.7 The President announced that the Fund-raising event for the year was the very successful Eurasian Community Golf. The Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong, was the Guest-of-Honour. The event attracted 120 golfers and brought in \$88,000. The President acknowledged the excellent effort put in by Gerald Minjoot and the members of his Organising Committee.



- 2.8 The President highlighted the second Fund-raising event, the publication of "Message of the Millennium" – a full colour documentation of the Association's past, present and future as seen through the eyes of the Eurasian Community. The publication commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association.
- 2.9 Our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was also celebrated at the New Year's Eve Ball, at which Mr Abdullah Tarmugi and his wife were the Guests-of-Honour. The President acknowledged the effort put in by Mr Burton Westerhout, who was Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball and the production of the "Message for the Millennium".
- 2.10 The President also acknowledged the performance of the Eurasian Association Soccer Team which emerged the champions in the Abdullah Tarmugi Football Competition, under the captainship of Kevin Rozario.
- 2.11 The President announced that at the end of the 2-year term, there was a healthy surplus of \$146,000, not including the \$88,000 raised from the Community Golf. He acknowledged with gratitude, the contributions of the donors.
- 2.12 The assets of the Association had increased substantially to \$2,451,391 as at the end of last year. Of this \$550,000 was reserved for the Building Fund.
- 2.13 The President announced that the membership stood at 2,540.
- 2.14 He acknowledged the excellent work of the professional staff who did the massive amount of day-to-day work.
- 2.15 The President announced that five members of the Committee would be standing down. Beside himself, they were Mr Ronald Brett, Mr Mark Ferroa, Ms Ursula Quah and Ms Catherine Zuzarte. He thanked them for their selfless contribution to the Association.
- 2.16 The President informed the meeting that Ronald Brett joined the Management Committee 3 years ago as a committee member. Prior to that he had done 2 years on the Welfare Task Force. He paid tribute to Ronald Brett as a committee member who had brought his considerable knowledge of the problems of the Eurasian elderly to bear in his work on welfare.
- 2.17 The President praised Mark Ferroa for his steadfast commitment to the Eurasian Association's cause and his devotion to duty. Mark had been on the Management Committee for 3 years, serving in the Education portfolio. Prior to this he had spent three years with the Education's sub-committee, COMET.
- 2.18 The President thanked Catherine Zuzarte for her contributions to the song and dance troupe, as one of its directors since it started ten years ago. She was co-opted into the Management Committee at the start of the Committee's term, two years ago.
- 2.19 Finally, the President paid tribute to Ursula Quah who had been Chairman of the Education Committee for eight years. She was responsible for the establishment of the SINDA-Eurasian Association tuition classes, the Mandarin tuition classes with CDAC and the Malay tuition classes. She was also responsible for drawing up the Eurasian Association Annual Education Awards Scheme. He praised her for the soundness of her judgement on difficult issues.
- 2.20 The President concluded by remembering EA members, Mr Ronald Barth, Mr Ivan Baptist and Mr Kenneth Campbell, who had passed away during the term, with an observation of a minute's silence.

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 24 APRIL 1999

- 3.1 The President invited members to raise any amendments to the minutes of the AGM of 24 April 1999.
- 3.2 Mr Bill Jansen sought clarification on paragraph 5.2 line 9 of the minutes, in which it was stated that "\$40,000 was paid to give out \$40,000". The President clarified that the expenditure on salaries for the Welfare Task Force was \$40,000, and the actual financial assistance that was given out was also \$40,000.

- 3.3 The Vice-President, Mr Bryan Davenport put forward that the amendment should read as "Mr Pereira went on to state that \$40,000 was actually paid out to salaries". The amendment was accepted.
- 3.4 As there were no further amendments, the minutes were adopted on a proposal by an unidentified member (inaudible name in the tape transcript) and seconded by Mr Bill Scathing.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 24 APRIL 1999

- 4.1 The President referred members to paragraph 6.1 of the minutes under "Any Other Business". Mr Burton Westerhout had at that meeting proposed to merge the EA General Fund and the Eurasian Community Fund. The President informed members that the matter was discussed at committee level, and Mr Westerhout had indicated that he would not want to move the matter further beyond just a suggestion. As such, no action would be taken on the proposal.

### 5 ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

- 5.1 The President invited queries on the Annual Report. As there were no comments or queries, the Annual Report was adopted on a proposal by Bob Scully, seconded by Lionel Zuzarte.
- 5.2 The President then invited queries on the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1999. There were no queries. The Audited Accounts were adopted on a proposal by Victor Olsen, seconded by George Pasqual.

### 6 ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Mr Bill Jansen, the Chairman of the EA Legal Advisory Panel, informed the meeting that as at 1pm on 15 April 2000, the following nominations were received:
- 6.1.1 For President  
Bryan Davenport (Proposer – Timothy De Souza, Seconder – Gerald Minjoot)
- 6.1.2 For Vice-President  
Burton Westerhout (Proposer – Harold Mathieu, Seconder – Cecilia Beins)
- 6.1.3 For Honorary Secretary  
Gerry De Silva (Proposer – Gerald Minjoot, Seconder – Bryan Davenport)
- 6.1.4 For Honorary Treasurer  
Gerald Minjoot (Proposer – Myrna Braga-Blake, Seconder – Paul Desker)
- 6.1.5 For Assistant Honorary Secretary  
Paul Desker (Proposer – Myrna Braga-Blake, Seconder – Aloysius De Rozario)
- 6.1.6 For Committee Members  
Edward De Silva (Proposer P J De Rosario, Seconder – Ursula Quah)  
Gerard Peacock (Proposer – Rene Pereira, Seconder – Victor Olsen)  
Brian Rodrigues (Proposer – Paul Desker, Seconder – Gerard Pereira)  
Valerie Scully (Proposer – Edmond Thomson, Seconder – Ronald Brett)  
Benett Theseira (Proposer – Bryan Davenport, Seconder – Maureen Naidu)
- 6.2 As there were no other nominations, Mr Bill Jansen announced that Bryan Davenport and his team were deemed to have been elected as the new Management Committee.

## 7 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR FOR THE TERM 2000/2001/2002 FOR THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION

- 7.1 The Auditor informed the meeting that the Management Committee proposed to appoint Alwyn Lim as the Auditor for the Eurasian Association for the term 2000/2001/2002. The meeting accepted the appointment of Alwyn Lim as auditor for the term 2000/2001/2002.

## 8. OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

- 8.1 The President said that his 11 years in the EA Management Committee had been an immensely satisfying one for him. He recalled that the one special thing he remembered was working with people, many of them volunteers, who had come together to further the cause of the EA. He expressed his thanks to all of them.
- 8.2 The President expressed his gratefulness to BG George Yeo, the Minister representing the Eurasians in the Cabinet, the Association's Patron and Trustees, Mr E.W. Barker, Mr Herman Hochstadt and Mr Oscar Oliveira and the members of the Selection Committee and the Legal Advisory Panel for their contribution and support.
- 8.3 He also expressed his thanks to the professional staff for ensuring the smooth operation of the EA.
- 8.4 The President was especially thankful to the members of the Management Committee for their individual contributions to the EA, their commitment to the cause of the EA, their devotion to the work required of them and their personal friendship.
- 8.5 The President acknowledged the special contribution of his wife, Pat, who was very supportive of him and the EA. She was also a member of the Editorial Committee for a number of years.
- 8.6 In his closing remarks, he called upon members to give their full support to Mr Bryan Davenport and his team. He said that he was confident that Mr Bryan Davenport would keep the EA moving forward.

## 9 INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

- 9.1 The new President began his address by thanking Mr E.W. Barker and Mr Oscar Oliveira for their presence at the meeting. He said that he was deeply honoured to serve as President of the Eurasian Association. His 8 years of experience in the Management Committee had given him a good insight into the difficulties faced by the elderly and our younger dysfunctional families. His desire was to see how the EA could help these dysfunctional families and make the Eurasians a bonded community.
- 9.2 The President paid special tribute to LTC Timothy De Souza.
- 9.3 The President introduced the members of his new team and then outlined his vision for the Eurasian Community, built on 4 pillars
- 9.3.1 1<sup>st</sup> Pillar - Encouraging community bonding to make Eurasians and fellow Singaporeans more aware of our aspirations to create a new Singapore Eurasian spirit;
- 9.3.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar -Advancing the educational achievement for Eurasians - from Primary to Tertiary levels and conducting retraining for those seeking new employment opportunities;
- 9.3.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Pillar - Assisting the less fortunate in our community by continuing our welfare projects; and
- 9.3.4 4<sup>th</sup> Pillar - Expanding the base of volunteers.
- 9.4 The President said that in order to realise the vision, the Management Committee would continue with programmes which were initiated before the election. The Committee would also initiate several new programmes.

- 9.5 The President said that the EA Community House project, which was initiated by the past Committee, was a concrete expression of the new spirit of the new Singapore Eurasian, as we moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. His hope was that the many activities at the new Community House would make the building the focal point in the public lives of Eurasians. However, he reminded them that the new Community House would bring about community bonding, only if the Eurasian community came forward to participate in these activities. He reminded members that in order to be successful, the planning for the activities must begin now.
- 9.6 The President announced that one of the projects he would like to start in the new EA House was a Family Service Centre. This project would however require volunteers to help make it a reality. The Committee was approaching the CDCs and St Luke's Hospital to assist in the funding and running of the project, so that it would not burden EA's finances.
- 9.7 Touching on the subject of communications, the President said that the Committee was planning on ways and means to raise the awareness of EA activities within the community and outside the community as well. The aim was to foster a perception that Eurasians are outward in outlook, and that they are relevant and positive contributors to multi-racial Singapore.
- 9.8 The President announced that a new project, called the CD-Rom project would be initiated, to raise the profile of the EA. The CD-Rom would document the history of the community and capture the distinct Eurasian facets of life. The project would come under the purview of the Vice-President, Burton Westerhout.
- 9.9 The President announced that in June a seminar on Eurasians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century would be held. The President called on Mr Benett Theseira to brief the meeting further.
- 9.10 Mr Theseira said that the purpose of the seminar was to look at the issues facing the Eurasian Community and the role EA could play in the advancement of the community in the years ahead. The expectation at the end of the seminar was to come up with a clear workplan for the EA for the next 5/10 years.
- 9.11 The President also announced that the Committee would continue to focus on Education and Welfare. He pledged that the EA would lend its helping hand to those in need. He felt that as a priority item, the Committee would help Eurasians attain some measure of computer literacy. The Committee's aim was to put a PC into every Eurasian home. On the subject of the elderly, the sick and dysfunctional families, he said that they should live their lives with hope and some dignity. He said that the Management Committee would be planning to combine Welfare and Educational activities to better tackle what was seen to be related issues. Full time education and welfare officers would be recruited. However, in order to be prudent and cost effective, the bulk of the work would have to be shouldered by volunteers. Hence the need to expand the volunteer base.
- 9.12 Touching on membership of the EA, he said that the membership stood at 2,540. However there were 15,900 Eurasians in Singapore. The contributions of Eurasians to the Eurasian Community Fund so far was about \$1,200,000. The President said that the Committee would work towards finding ways to recognise their contribution and get them to participate actively through a membership drive.
- 9.13 The President concluded his address by speaking on the need for instilling the Eurasian Spirit through reaching out to the Eurasian Community and getting Eurasians to join in EA activities. He saw education as the means to instill a sense of vibrancy into the community. In conclusion he said that the vibrancy and upliftment of our community could take place only if we bond together and have a vision.



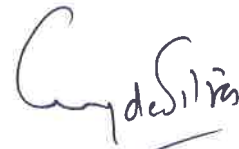
## 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 The President called upon Mr Edward D' Silva, Chairman of PEACH to brief the members on the progress of the new EA House, which he hoped would be completed by March 2002
- 10.2 Mr Edward D' Silva informed members that the site of the new EA House was at the junction of Ceylon Road and Dunman Road. A model of the EA House was on display. The approved total floor area was approximately 1850 sq meter. The building would be 4-storeys high. The design and the preliminary works had already started. The project was at the schematic design stage, and the feedback of members was being sought.
- 10.3 Mr Edward D' Silva explained that the ground floor would house the public/commercial areas. The multi-purpose hall would be located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor (2<sup>nd</sup> storey), while the rest of the facilities would be at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> storeys). There would be a semi-basement housing about 18 car park lots.
- 10.4 He said that piling works would start by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year with the completion date being end of 2001. This would allow 3 months for fitting out and for the staff and management to get used to the place.
- 10.5 The President called for questions from the floor. There were no questions raised.

## 11 CLOSING OF AGM

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

### *Certified correct:*



Gerry de Silva  
*Honorary Secretary*

### *Approved by:*



Bryan Davenport  
*President*

1 March 2001

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	Note	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>Accumulated fund</b>						
General Fund	2	78,565	—	—	<b>78,565</b>	125,247
Education Fund	3	30,167	—	—	<b>30,167</b>	30,167
Community Fund	4	—	655,751	—	<b>655,751</b>	526,784
Building Fund	5	—	650,000	—	<b>650,000</b>	550,000
Endowment Fund	6	—	—	1,271,416	<b>1,271,416</b>	1,219,193
		108,732	1,305,751	1,271,416	<b>2,685,899</b>	2,451,391
<b>Represented by:-</b>						
<b>Fixed assets</b>	1b, 7	1,414	34,729	—	<b>36,143</b>	53,094
<b>Community House under construction</b>	8	—	129,121	—	<b>129,121</b>	—
<b>Current assets</b>						
Stocks	1c, 9	—	2,241	530	<b>2,771</b>	3,328
Deposits and prepayments		2,050	4,544	—	<b>6,594</b>	7,490
Accounts receivable	10	1,277	243,042	4,683	<b>249,002</b>	194,214
Sundry debtors		3,770	88,213	—	<b>91,983</b>	4,970
Fixed deposits		122,869	762,958	1,238,264	<b>2,124,091</b>	1,782,649
Cash and bank balances		77,119	60,698	38,708	<b>176,525</b>	438,037
		207,085	1,161,696	1,282,185	<b>2,650,966</b>	2,430,688
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Accrued expenses and other creditors		17,648	19,795	905	<b>38,348</b>	27,421
Sundry creditors		82,119	—	9,864	<b>91,983</b>	4,970
		99,767	19,795	10,769	<b>130,331</b>	32,391
<b>Net current assets</b>		107,318	1,141,901	1,271,416	<b>2,520,635</b>	2,398,297
		108,732	1,305,751	1,271,416	<b>2,685,899</b>	2,451,391

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THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	Note	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>Income</b>						
Fund raising and donations		100	172,709	31,282	<b>204,091</b>	111,090
Eurasian Community Fund contribution scheme		—	317,848	—	<b>317,848</b>	299,684
Government grant	11	—	200,000	—	<b>200,000</b>	150,000
Interest on fixed deposits		2,890	13,333	28,109	<b>44,332</b>	48,671
Interest on saving account		594	7,728	446	<b>8,768</b>	9,011
Other income		2,430	67	—	<b>2,497</b>	2,720
Subscriptions		8,257	—	—	<b>8,257</b>	5,468
		14,271	711,685	59,837	<b>785,793</b>	626,644
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Administrative expenses	1e, 12	33,969	62,004	3,351	<b>99,324</b>	101,128
Agency fee		—	29,019	—	<b>29,019</b>	27,572
Youth Development/ Cultural expenses	13	—	11,155	—	<b>11,155</b>	10,063
E A Publications		21,705	68,022	—	<b>89,727</b>	43,992
Education and training	1e, 14	—	162,284	—	<b>162,284</b>	133,829
Loss on sale of stocks		—	—	—	<b>—</b>	181
Meeting expenses		2,138	—	—	<b>2,138</b>	2,038
Sports and youth expenses		2,198	—	—	<b>2,198</b>	2,766
Social functions	15	943	—	—	<b>943</b>	721
Stocks written off		—	—	—	<b>—</b>	12,463
System Development expenses		—	2,019	—	<b>2,019</b>	6,057
Welfare expenses	1e, 16"	—	148,215	4,263	<b>152,478</b>	139,628
		(60,953)	(482,718)	(7,614)	<b>(551,285)</b>	(480,438)
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		(46,682)	228,967	52,223	<b>234,508</b>	146,206

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31 DECEMBER 2000

These notes form an integral part of 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:-

Motor vehicle	5 years
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 "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hopes" books and Dance Troupe costumes.

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%

**2 GENERAL FUND**

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

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Balance at 1 January	125,247	143,665
Deficit for the year	(46,682)	(44,751)
Transfer from Community Fund:- - Reclassification of publication cost of newsletters incurred from 1995 to 1998.	-	26,333
Balance at 31 December	<b>78,565</b>	125,247

**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 \$200,000 (1999: \$150,000) per year.

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Balance at 1 January	526,784	475,411
Surplus for the year	228,967	177,706
Transfer to Building Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)
Transfer to General Fund:- - Reclassification of publication cost of newsletters incurred from 1995 to 1998.	-	(26,333)
Balance at 31 December	<b>655,751</b>	526,784

**5 BUILDING FUND**

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

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Balance at 1 January	550,000	450,000
Transfer from Community Fund	100,000	100,000
Balance at 31 December	<b>650,000</b>	550,000

## 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 an extended period up to 31 March 2005 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 \$200,000 (1999: \$150,000) per year.

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Balance at 1 January	1,219,193	1,205,942
Surplus for the year	52,223	13,251
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>1,271,416</b>	<b>1,219,193</b>

## 7 FIXED ASSETS

	01.01.2000 \$	Additions \$	Disposals/Transfers \$	31.12.2000 \$
<b>Cost</b>				
Motor vehicle	38,000	-	-	38,000
Office equipment	23,630	1,731	-	25,361
Furniture and fittings	39,495	1,214	-	40,709
Computers	33,897	4,299	-	38,196
Renovations	22,518	-	-	22,518
	157,540	7,244	-	164,784
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
Motor vehicle	7,600	7,600	-	15,200
Office equipment	22,078	1,353	-	23,431
Furniture and fittings	30,024	7,974	-	37,998
Computers	31,233	2,765	-	33,998
Renovations	13,511	4,503	-	18,014
	104,446	24,195	-	128,641
	<b>Depreciation for the year</b>		<b>Net book value</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>31.12.2000</b>	<b>31.12.1999</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Motor vehicle	7,600	7,600	22,800	30,400
Office equipment	1,353	1,655	1,930	1,552
Furniture and fittings	7,974	7,899	2,711	9,471
Computers	2,765	2,087	4,198	2,664
Renovations	4,503	4,504	4,504	9,007
	<b>24,195</b>	<b>23,745</b>	<b>36,143</b>	<b>53,094</b>

## 8 COMMUNITY HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This amount was incurred for expenses related to the project management, design and preliminaries associated with the building of the new Community House. 90% of this expenditure, will be reimbursed by the Government. The Association will bear the remaining 10% as part of their contribution.

## 9 STOCKS

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Endowment Fund:		
Books "Singapore Eurasians - Memories & Hope"	530	595
Community Fund:		
Dance Troupe costumes	2,241	2,733
	<b>2,771</b>	<b>3,328</b>

## 10 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	2000 \$	1999 \$
Tax credit receivable	-	2,181	-	2,181	1,404
Eurasian Community Fund contribution	-	25,086	-	25,086	22,824
Education loans	-	11,765	-	11,765	-
Subscription Receivable	-	-	-	-	252
Donation receivable	-	-	-	-	100
Fixed deposit interest	1,123	2,010	4,683	7,816	7,356
Proceeds receivable from social functions	154	-	-	154	12,040
Government Grant (Note 11)	-	200,000	-	200,000	150,000
Tuition fees	-	2,000	-	2,000	142
Others -	-	-	-	-	96
	<b>1,277</b>	<b>243,042</b>	<b>4,683</b>	<b>249,002</b>	<b>194,214</b>

## 11 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

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 the Community Fund are entitled to a dollar-for-dollar Government matching grant, up to a maximum of \$200,000 (1999: \$150,000) per year.



**12 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>Identifiable expenses</b>					
Audit fee	1,000	2,500	900	4,400	4,400
Bank charges	51	493	51	595	478
General expenses	—	3,750	2,400	6,150	5,976
Depreciation of fixed assets	926	23,269	—	24,195	23,745
	1,977	30,012	3,351	35,340	34,599
<b>Common Expenses</b>					
Accountancy fee	2,010	8,040	—	10,050	9,650
CPF	1,817	7,266	—	9,083	7,594
General expenses	679	2,718	—	3,397	3,177
Insurance	309	1,237	—	1,546	1,227
Postage	312	1,249	—	1,561	813
Repair and maintenance	2,469	9,874	—	12,343	21,329
Stationery and printing	2,848	11,390	—	14,238	8,525
Salaries, bonus and Allowances	18,403	73,610	—	92,013	93,924
EA House	—	—	—	—	4,844
Recruitment expenses	764	3,058	—	3,822	729
Temporary staff	309	1,237	—	1,546	5,683
Telephone	843	3,372	—	4,215	2,631
Transport	92	369	—	461	660
Water and light	1,137	4,550	—	5,687	5,537
	31,992	127,970	—	159,962	166,323
<b>Apportioned to:</b>					
Education and training (Notes 1e and 14)	—	(47,989)	—	(47,989)	(49,897)
Welfare expenses (Notes 1e and 16)	—	(47,989)	—	(47,989)	(49,897)
	33,969	62,004	3,351	99,324	101,128

**13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/CULTURAL EXPENSES**

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Cultural nites	—	285
Camp Teen	—	420
Evening to remember	—	460
Dance Costumes written-off	1,843	1,842
Dance troupe	3,886	6,445
National Day	2,995	2,141
Line dancing	—	(1,530)
Heritage Day	17	—
Carnival at the Bay	(135)	—
Kristang classes	26	—
Mother's Day	22	—
CD Rom	450	—
Macau Dancers	2,051	—
	11,155	10,063

**14 EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

	2000 \$	1999 \$
General expenses	2,422	1,271
Awards and bursary	32,108	34,391
Conference and seminars	—	633
Transport	1,451	616
Tuition subsidies	23,551	22,563
Education consultant's salary	54,763	24,458
Share of common administrative expenses (Note 12)	47,989	49,897
	162,284	133,829

**15 SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

These represent net expenses incurred in functions and projects organised during the year.

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Family Day	—	—
Sunday lunch	—	—
New Year's Eve Ball	—	—
Children's Christmas Party	—	—
80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Magazine	—	(5,211)
President's Tea	—	5,202
Others	943	730
	943	721

**16 WELFARE EXPENSE**

	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>Community Fund</b>		
Upkeep of van	2,845	2,773
Welfare activities	10,559	3,751
General expenses	2,661	2,708
Welfare allowances to needy families	31,290	35,620
Welfare coordinator/Social worker	51,670	36,272
Welfare skills redevelopment programme	840	6,987
Transport claim	361	1,620
Share of common administrative expenses (Note 12)	47,989	49,897
	148,215	139,628
<b>Endowment Fund</b>		
Health Fair expenses	4,263	—
	152,478	139,628

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

## STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements set out in Pages 28 to 35 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 2000 and of the income and expenditure of the Association for the year ended on that date.

### *Signed on behalf of the Committee Members*



Bryan Davenport  
*President*



Gerry de Silva  
*Honorary Secretary*

Dated: 15 March 2001

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE

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

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We have audited the financial statements of The Eurasian Association, Singapore. These financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2000, and the income and expenditure account for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the committee members of the Association. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by committee members of the Association, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up with the provisions of the Statements of Accounting Standard, and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Eurasian Association, Singapore as at 31 December 2000 and of the results of the Association for the year then ended on that date.



Alwyn Lim & Co  
*Certified Public Accountants*

Singapore

Dated: 15 March 2001



FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION  
ENDOWMENT FUND

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THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	Note	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>Accumulated endowment fund</b>	2	<b>1,271,416</b>	1,219,193
<b>Represented by:-</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	1c	530	595
Accounts receivable		4,683	6,515
Fixed deposits		1,238,264	1,209,448
Cash at bank		38,708	6,835
		<b>1,282,185</b>	1,223,393
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors		9,864	3,300
Accrued expenses		905	900
		<b>10,769</b>	4,200
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>1,271,416</b>	1,219,193
		<b>1,271,416</b>	1,219,193

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

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	Note	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Fund raising projects and donations	3	31,282	248
Interest from AutoSave bank account	1b	446	91
Interest from fixed deposits		28,109	28,071
		<b>59,837</b>	28,410
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Audit fee		900	900
Bank charges		51	18
General expenses		2,400	2,400
Stocks written off		-	11,841
Welfare expenses		4,263	-
		<b>(7,614)</b>	(15,159)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>52,223</b>	13,251
Surplus for the year transferred to accumulated endowment fund	2	52,223	13,251

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



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2000

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

**1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING 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**

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Balance at 1 January	1,219,193	1,205,942
Transfer from Income and Expenditure account	52,223	13,251
Balance at 31 December	1,271,416	1,219,193

**3 FUND RAISING PROJECTS AND DONATIONS**

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Proceeds from sale of books "Singapore Eurasian - Memories & Hopes".	1,347	896
Cost of books	(65)	(648)
	1,282	248
Donations	30,000	-
	31,282	248

STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES

In our opinion, the accompanying accounts set out in Pages 40 to 42 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 2000 and of the income and expenditure of the Fund for the year ended on that date.



Herman Ronald Hochstadt  
Trustee



Oscar Joseph Oliveiro  
Trustee

Dated: 15 March 2001

THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE

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We have audited the financial statements of The Eurasian Association, Endowment Fund. These financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2000, and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the trustees of the Endowment Fund. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by trustees of the Endowment Fund, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion:-

- 1 The financial statements show fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 31 December 2000 and the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 December 2000.
- 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

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Dated: 15 March 2001



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