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தமிழர் பேரவை

for the year ended 31st December 2016

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20 அக்டோபர் 2017

தமிழர் பேரவையின் பொதுக்கூட்டம் **26-11-2017, ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை காலை 11.00 மணிக்கு**, 101 பாலஸ்டியர் சாலை, சிங்கப்பூர் 329678-ல் அமைந்துள்ள இலங்கை விளையாட்டு மன்றத்தில் (இரண்டாவது மாடி), நடைபெறும் என்று இதன்மூலம் முன்னறிவிப்பு செய்கிறோம்.

<u>கூட்ட நிரல்</u>

1. தலைவர் உரை

2. 25.9.2016 அன்று நடைபெற்ற பொதுக்கூட்ட குறிப்புகளை உறுதிப்படுத்துதல்.

3. 25.9.2016 அன்று நடைபெற்ற பொதுக்கூட்டத்தின் குறிப்புகளிலிருந்து எழும் பிரச்சினைகள்.

4. 2016 காலக்கட்டத்திற்கான மேலாண்மைக் குழுவின் அறிக்கையை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளுதல்.

5. 2016-ம் ஆண்டுகக்கான தணிக்கைச் செய்யப்பட்ட நிதிக் கணக்கு அறிக்கையை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளுதல்.

6. 4 தேர்தல் கண்காணிப்பாளர்களை தேர்ந்தெடுத்தல்.

7. 2017-2019 காலக்கட்டத்திற்கான மேலாண்மைக் குழுவை தேர்ந்தெடுத்தல்.

8. 2017-2019 காலக்கட்டத்திற்கான உள் கணக்காய்வாளர்களை தேர்ந்தெடுத்தல்.

9. 2017-2018 காலக்கட்டத்திற்கான வெளி கணக்காய்வாளர்களை உறுதிப்படுத்துதல்.

10. பொதுக்கூட்டத்திற்கு குறைந்தது 3 நாட்களுக்கு முன்னதாகப் பொதுச் செயலாளரிடம் சமர்பிக்கப்பட்ட மனுக்களை விவாதித்தல்.



சு தர்மராஜ்
பொதுச் செயலாளர்

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AGENDA

20 October 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Tamils Representative Council will be held on **SUNDAY 26 November 2017, at 11.00 a.m**. **at CEYLON SPORTS CLUB (Function Hall, Level 2), 101 Balestier Road, Singapore 329678.**

AGENDA

1. Address by President.

2. To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 September 2016.

3. Matters arising out of the minutes of the General Meeting of 25 September 2016.

4. To receive and adopt the Report of the Management Council for 2016.

5. To receive and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2016.

6. To elect (4) Scrutinizers to conduct the voting process.

7. To elect the Management Council for the period 2017 to 2019.

8. To elect 2 Internal Auditors to the Management Council for the period 2017 to 2019.

9. To confirm appointment of External Auditors for the period 2017 – 2018.

10. To consider such other business of which at least 3 days' notice in writing shall have been given to the General Secretary.



S Tharmaraj
General Secretary

பொதுக்கூட்டத்தில் கடைப்பிடிக்க வேண்டிய கூட்ட விதிமுறைகள்.

1. கூட்டம் தொடங்கியதுமுதல், நிகழ்ச்சிகளை அமைதியாகவும் ஒழுங்கு முறையோடும் நடத்துவதற்கு உறுப்பினர்கள் அனைவரும் தலைவருடன் ஒத்துழைக்க வேண்டும்.

2. கூட்ட நிரலை ஒளி / ஒலிப்பதிவு செய்ய விரும்பினால் உறுப்பினர்கள் தலைவரின் அனுமதியை முன் கூட்டியே பெறவேண்டும்.

3. உறுப்பினர்கள் தலைவரின் அனுமதியைக் கேட்டுப் பெற்ற பின்னரே பேச வேண்டும். மற்றவர்கள் பேசிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் போது யாரும் குறுக்கிட்டுப் பேசக் கூடாது.

4. பேசுகிற ஒவ்வொருவரும் தலைவரை நோக்கியே பேச வேண்டும். விவாதிக்கப்படும் பொருள் பற்றி மட்டுமே பேசலாம்.

5. ஒரு பொருள் பற்றி பேச ஓர் உறுப்பினருக்கு **மூன்று (3)** நிமிடமோ அதற்குக் குறைவான நேரமோ மட்டுமே அளிக்கப்படும்.

6. தலைவரின் அனுமதியுடன், உறுப்பினர் எவரும், அவர் ஏற்கெனவே பேசியிருந்தாலும் பேசாவிட்டாலும், ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்சினையை எழுப்பலாம்; அல்லது தன் பேச்சின் முக்கிய கருத்து சரியாக புரிந்துகொள்ளப்படவில்லை என்று கருதினால் விளக்கம் அளிக்கலாம்.

7. சம்பந்தமில்லாத கருத்து, கூறியதையே கூறுதல், கண்ணியமற்ற மொழி, அல்லது ஒழுங்குமுறையை மீறுதல் ஆகிய காரணங்களுக்காக ஓர் உறுப்பினரை அவருடைய பேச்சை நிறுத்துமாறு தலைவர் கட்டளையிடலாம்.

8. ஒழுங்குமுறை, விவாத விஷயங்கள் பற்றிய எல்லா அம்சங்களிலும் தலைவரின் தீர்ப்பே முடிவானது. அதுபற்றிய விவாதம் எதுவும் அனுமதிக்கப்படாது.

9. உறுப்பினர் எவராவது நிரந்தர விதிகள் எதனையும் மீறி ஒழுங்கற்ற முறையில் நடந்துகொண்டால், அத்தகைய உறுப்பினரைக் கூட்டத்தை விட்டு வெளியேறுமாறு கேட்கத் தலைவருக்கு அதிகாரம் உண்டு.

STANDING ORDERS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The objective of the Standing Orders is to ensure the smooth running of the Annual General Meeting:

1. That every MEMBER shall co-operate and help the Chairman conduct the proceedings in a peaceful and orderly manner.

2. That every MEMBER shall seek the prior permission of the Chairman if he wishes to record the proceedings by any electronic means.

3. That every MEMBER who wishes to speak shall stand, mention his name and seek the prior permission of the Chairman. All observations shall be addressed towards the Chairman only.

4. That every MEMBER shall confine his observations to the subject under discussion and may not introduce matters irrelevant thereto and will be allowed to speak for three (3) minutes only. It shall be out of order to use offensive and insulting language about any Member.

5. That every MEMBER shall, with the permission of the Chair, be allowed to raise a point of order or in explanation of some material point in his speech, if he thinks it has been misunderstood.

6. That the CHAIRMAN shall put an immediate stop to a member's speech on grounds of irrelevancy, repetition, unbecoming language or behavior and shall direct such member to discontinue his speech.

7. That the CHAIRMAN's decision upon all questions or orders and matters in debate shall be final and shall not be open for discussions.

8. That the CHAIRMAN has the authority to request a member to leave the meeting on account that he disobeys any of the provisions of the Standing Orders or behaves in a disorderly or unbecoming manner or is up to mischief.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL METING HELD ON SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 11.00AM AT THE CEYLON SPORTS CLUB 101 BALESTIER ROAD SINGAPORE 329678

Attendance: 70 Voting Members

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1	**Welcome Address**
1.1	Gen Secretary (GS) welcomed members and called the meeting to an order at 11.00am. The quorum was 62 at the time of meeting.
1.2	GS requested a 1 minute silence to be observed as a mark of respect for former President S R Nathan.
1.3	GS on behalf of TRC and its members, present congratulated Mr Sathinathan on being conferred the BBM award during this year's National Day Celebrations.
2	**Standing Orders**
2.1	GS proposed that the Standing Orders for the AGM be adopted before the commencement of the AGM.
2.2	The Standing Orders were adopted as proposed by Mr Harikrishnan and seconded by Mr Mashuthoo.
3	**President's Speech**
3.1	President welcomed everyone and thanked all for their continued support and attendance. At the last AGM held in August 2015, he had indicated that he would be stepping down before his term was over. As such, he informed the AGM that he will be stepping down immediately after this AGM to give way to someone younger.
3.2	President said that the current worrying economy meant that there could be less job opportunities for Indians and he urged members to help Indians who are jobless or left out in the Society. He said Tamils must learn new skills to make them employable.
3.3	President said he wanted to ensure he leaves TRC in good hands as time may not be on his side.
3.4	President also highlighted some of the achievements that TRC had made in the past 16 years.

1	Took over as President in July 2000 and has served for 16 years
2	Number of Affiliates increased from 18 to 33
3	Life Members increased from 143 to 275
4	TRC Assets (Funds) increased from $200,000 to $800,000
5	Better Recognition by Govt Leaders
6	Pioneer Organiser for 'Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Awards' together with Tamil Murasu and STTU
7	Reinstated the Academic Excellence Awards for Top TL2 Students

	8	Sorpor (National Tamil Debate series for Primary Schools) telecast on TV
	9	Closer ties with community organisations like SINDA, LISHA, Narpani etc
	10	Involvement in National events
	11	Launch of 1st Tamil Movie produced in Singapore
	12	Coordination of Tamil Murasu's 75th Anniversary
	13	Indian Community Bursary Awards together with SINDA and SIET
	14	Collaboration with MOE to ensure that School Exams do not clash with Deepavali Festival
	15	Ensuring that Tamil Language retains its stature and prominence in the Street Signs and wordings
	16	Key Ministers attending TRC events
	17	Coordination of dialogue session with Dr Tony Tan before he became President

3.5 President also pointed out that Ceylon Sports Club (CSC) is being used by Affiliates for their meetings and events at subsidized rates - a benefit given being affiliated to TRC.

3.6 President also mentioned that CSC had recently elected its new President, Mr Lukshumayeh. He said it was a smooth transition.

3.7 President said that financial stability was very important and hoped that it will remain steady under the new President of TRC.

3.8 President thanked its corporate supporters and partners, Design Terminal, LISHA, TCC, MDIS, SINDA, Tamil Murasu, HEB, Josco Travels and MES for their continued support.

3.9 President said that he was glad that he was leaving TRC in good hands. He announced that the Management Committee had agreed for Mr V Pandiyan to be elected as the next President of TRC and that he will move on to be the Immediate Past President. In addition Mr R Balan and Dr N R Govinden had also indicated that they would like to step down and allow for younger members to take up the challenge.

3.10 He requested all members to continue giving their support to Mr Pandiyan V.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes of last AGM**

4.1 As there were no amendments the minutes of the AGM held on 30 August 2015 was duly confirmed as proposed by Mr Rajid Mohammed and seconded by Mr Kalaichelvam.

5 **Matters Arising**

5.1 There were no matters arising out of the minutes of 30 August 2015.

6 **Adoption of the Annual Report for 2015**

6.1 Mr Illangovan commented that the Annual Report was well written and also proposed a vote of thanks to the Membership Review Committee (Mr Kalaichelvam, Mr Kunaseakanan, Ms Thamizhkotthai, Ms Janagi, Mr Tharmaraj, Ms Thiruselvi and Mr Pandiyan) for the good efforts.

6.2	However, he enquired as why only 5 had become Life Members despite the discount given. He suggested that the membership committee reviews its process to increase the membership of TRC.
6.3	GS replied that more efforts will be made by the membership committee to reach out to more people and encourage them to become members.
6.4	Mr Illangovan also enquired as to why there was no mention of subcommittee meetings in the report.
6.5	GS replied that currently there were no sub-committees but there were plans for such committees to be set up in future.
6.6	Mr Illango suggested that TRC publishes the list of primary schools providing Tamil as 2nd language on its website and any other publicity materials. This should include kindergartens too. Such information would be useful to parents who can then decide the schools of their choice as some schools are of a distant and our Tamil students spend quite a bit of time travelling. In addition this information could also be put on the notice boards of Temples and Indian businesses as the reach will be wider and cover those who may not be IT savvy.
6.7	Mr Illango proposed that Dr Veeramani should be in the new MC. Dr Theyvendran replied that this may not be possible as Dr Veeramani had extended his teaching stint in Japan for another 2 years.
6.8	As there were no further queries, the Annual Report for 2015 was adopted as proposed by Mr Muthuvel and seconded by Mr Kunaseakanan.
7	**Adoption of Accounts for year 2015**
7.1	Mr Illangovan enquired as to why no funds had been raised in 2015 as the accounts showed a deficit of over $3,000.
7.2	GS replied that funds had been raised for major events like Sorpor and the project expenses were covered by such funds. However, there were operating expenses like staff salary, rental, and donation requests. Further the National Day Dinner (major fund raising event) was not held in 2015 due to operational reasons. GS also added that TRC's operational expenses was about $60,000 annually.
7.3	President added that TRC's financial stability must always be sustained and all Tamils should help as it will eventually benefit their own children.
7.4	As there were no further queries, the audited statement of accounts for 2015 was adopted as proposed by Mr Hariskrishnan and seconded by Mr Abdul Shareef.
8	**Any Other Business**
8.1	GS reported that he had not received any representations or notices prior the AGM for discussion

9	**<u>Any other Matters</u>**
9.1	President thanked Dr N R Govinden and Mr R Balan for their tremendous contribution to TRC all these years. He was also grateful to them for giving way to younger members to take more responsibility in TRC. He added that he was happy that he was handing over while TRC was in a good shape. He hoped that the new MC will look into issues raised at the AGM and that it attracts more youths into the committee as well as membership.
9.2	Dr Veeramani stated that TRC was a key organization as it dealt with key issues affecting the Tamil population. He conveyed his support to Mr Pandiyan and the new MC. In addition he suggested that the new MC could look into the following issues: • Setting up a Constitution Review Committee to relook the constitution as update as may be necessary • Appoint Sub-Committees for the MC to better manage its events and administration • Do a review on how TRC could sustain itself for the next 10 years • Increasing support from Volunteers for its events
9.3	Mr Pichannikaadu Elangovan commented that TRC had done well under Dr Theyvendran and was happy that there will be a smooth transition of leadership.
9.4	A member, Mr Viswalingam said he was not aware of TRC's National Day Dinner and mentioned that those members who don't have email or Facebook should be sent letters informing them of upcoming events.
9.5	Members also suggested that TRC should continue with its newsletters and Dr Theyvendran urged the MC to re-start the newsletter every quarterly.
9.6	Mr Vivakanandan proposed that the AGM record a vote of appreciation to Dr Theyvendran for his services and for him Chairing the meeting. This was was seconded by Mr Harikrishnan.
9.7	As there were no other matters, GS announced that the conclusion of the meeting at 12.45pm and invited everyone to lunch. . A vote for the Chair was given by Mr Kalaichelvam and Mr Harikrishnan

Minutes Recorded by: **Ms Janagi, Deputy General Secretary**

Vetted by: **Mr S Tharmaraj, General Secretary**

Approved by: **Mr V Pandiyan, President**

TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (TRC) MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2016 TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

1 APPRECIATION

The TRC Management Council places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to all its Advisors, Affiliate Organizations, Partner Organizations, Donors, GIRO Contributors and Well-Wishers for their continued support towards TRC's activities.

The Management Council would also like to thank all its **Friends and Partners of TRC,** for their continued support and generous contributions towards TRC's programs in 2016 (*Appendix B*)

2 COMPOSITION OF MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting held on 25 September 2016, Dr R Theyvendran informed members that he wished to step down as the President to allow for leadership continuity and for someone younger to lead the organization. In addition Mr R Balan and Dr N R Govinden had also indicated their wish to step down as Vice Presidents.

At the subsequent Management Council meeting held on the same day (25 September 2016), the Management Council elected the following new office bearers to the respective positions.

Dr R Theyvendran	Immediate Past President
Mr V Pandiyan	President
Mr V Kalaichelvam	Vice President
Mr K Sathinathan	Vice President
Mr S Tharmaraj	General Secretary
Ms R G Thiruselvi	Deputy General Secretary *(appointed on 15 Nov 2016)*
Mr Khader Sultan	Assistant Treasurer

2.1 The following new members were incorporated into the Management Council on 2 February 2017 to fill the 3 vacancies that had arose due to earlier resignations.

Mr T Durairajoo
Mr Danapal Kumar
Mr Seeni Jaafar Ghany

2.2 The Management Council records its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dr R Theyvendran, Mr R Balan and Dr N R Govinden for their exemplary services and commitment to the Tamil Community and TRC.

2.3 The full list of the elected Management Council can be seen in Appendix C.

3 REVIEW OF 2016

TRC organized 5 events and supported various other events organized by its Affiliates and Partners.

3.1 Calendar of Activities Organized by TRC in 2016

Date	Venue	Event	Target Group/No of Participants
10 Jan	UPTLC	Bursary Awards 2016	Primary Students & Parents/ 270

9 Apr	MDIS	Munnetram - Tamil Language Forum 2016	Primary Students / 300
9 Jul	NLB	Tamil Heritage Series - Suvadugal	Adults & Students / 50
16 Jul & 24 Aug	MDIS	Maanavar Muzhakkam	Primary Students / 100
27 Aug	Grassroots Club	National Day Dinner	Adults & Students / 500

3.2 TRC Bursary Awards

Since 2000, TRC has been presenting bursaries to Indian students from needy families. The awards range from $100 - $300. To date more than 2,000 students have benefitted from this, receiving about $200,000 in total.

For the Year 2016, TRC presented 100 primary students taking Tamil as a second language with nett family income not exceeding $2000/-per month with bursaries to assist them in their studies.

3.3 Munnetram - Tamil Language Forum

The forum aims to inspire students to pursue their dreams and goals in life confidently and courageously by sharing with them success stories of ordinary individuals who have achieved extraordinary results in their lifetime. Additionally, it provides students with tested strategies and techniques in maximizing their time to learn efficiently manage stressful situations effectively and keep themselves ever-relevant, abreast of time, providing them a unique opportunity in successfully gearing for the future.

Tamil students from Primary 5 and 6 participated enthusiastically in this interactive forum. Students also had an opportunity to raise questions during this meaningful event.

3.5 Tamil Heritage Series - Suvadugal

As part of its 65th anniversary celebrations, TRC collaborated with the National Library, Singapore to hold a Tamil Heritage Series to explore the rich heritage of Singapore Indians. The first edition of the series focused on the importance of Tamil pioneers. Writer Mr SP Panneerselvam and young Tamil enthusiast, Ms Jayasutha shared their experiences, observations and insights. The programme was moderated by Ms Elakeyaa, Broadcast Journalist from Vasantham.

The edition helped to create interest in this subject among the younger generation and to also promote NLB's resources such as the Tamil Digital Heritage.

The 2nd and 3rd series of Talks on Traditional Businesses and Tamil Language were held on 24 January and 4 March 2017.

3.6 International Maanavar Muzhakkam

International Maanavar Muzhakkam is an annual oratorical cum debating competition organized by Astro Vaanavil and Vanakkam Malaysia.

In 2016, TRC continued its role as the coordinating organisation for this event representing Singapore with the support of the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLPC), under the

auspices of MOE. The final rounds of the competition was held in Dubai, UAE from 1 Dec to 3 Dec 2016. A total 18 Students from India, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and UAE participated in the grand finals. Ms Ilangovan Harishiga from Marymount Convent School emerged as the 2nd Runner-up in the competition and the other 2 representatives qualified for the quarter-finals.

Team Singapore was led by our President, Mr Pandiyan V & General Secretary, Mr S Tharmaraj and accompanied by 7 family members.

3.7 Events Supported by TRC in 2016

S/No	Event	Period	Organiser
1	Pongal Festival Celebrations	January	LISHA
2	Indian New Year Celebrations	April	LISHA
3	MDIS 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner	April	MDIS
4	Thirukkural Vizha	April	TLCS
5	Tamil Language Festival	April	TLC
6	Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Awards	June	Tamil Murasu / STTU
7	Simplified Kundalini Yoga Society 25th Anniversary	June	Simplified Kundalini Yoga Society
8	STYC 2016	July	NUS Tamil Language Society
9	Association Of Singapore Tamil Writers 40th Anniversary	September	Association Of Singapore Tamil Writers
10	Sirpigal 10th Anniversary	September	Sirpigal
11	SKML 75th Anniversary	September	Singapore Kadayanallur Muslim League
12	New Year Count Down	December	Ceylon Sports Club
13	Back To School Programme & Indian Community Bursary Awards	December	SINDA/SIET/TRC

4 ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Meetings

In 2016, TRC held a total of 6 Management Council Meetings, 4 Executive Committee Meetings, 4 Secretariat Meetings and various project meetings. The attendance for the MC meetings can be found in *Appendix D-1 & D-2*.

Attendance at the Executive Committee meetings were very regular as these meetings served to assist in organizing the various events and attend to administrative matters.

4.2 TRC Staff

Ms Akila Ramu continued to be appointed as an Executive with effect from 1 April 2016. Her gross salary was fixed at $2,000.00.

4.3 Public Engagement

TRC's newsletter "*MUNETTRAM*" was sent to all members, schools and community organizations in December 2016. The edition highlighted the leadership changes, new directions in TRC and activities

organized for the community. The next issues are targeted for March/April and August/September 2017.

The TRC website was revamped in 2016. It is more user-friendly and carries useful information on TRC, its affiliates, upcoming activities, publicity articles and photo albums.

TRC continued its active engagement of the public through its Facebook page. It regularly updates its own and affiliates' activities and calls out for volunteers to assist in TRC's activities. There are more than 4500 followers in TRC's Facebook.

5 FINANCIAL STATUS as at 31 December 2016

TRC's financial status continued to be healthy. TRC's total funds amounted to: $793,461.00
This comprised of:

- Cash in Hand : $370.00
- Cash in Bank (DBS) : $144,442.00
- Fixed Deposits : $648,649.00

S/No	Bank Name	Deposit Amount	Maturity Date
1	State Bank of India	$314,271.19	23 Feb 2018
2	Bank of East Asia	$103,897.37	02 June 2018
3	Indian Overseas Bank	$128,722.66	10 Apr 2018
4	UCO Bank	$101,757.65	23 Feb 2018
	Total	**$648,648.87**	

TRC's total expenditure for 2016 was $126,326.00 and total income was $128217.00 (before tax). There was a surplus of $1,722.00 after provision for tax. It has to be noted that this was an improvement over 2015 where TRC had a deficit of $3,637.00.

In 2016, TRC contributed a total of $17,555.00 as donations and contributions to various organisations and events. The increase in such contributions was due to many key organisations and partners celebrating anniversaries and organising major activities. Such support was necessary for TRC to consolidate its excellent relationship with its Affiliates and Partners. All contributions were approved by the Management Council after careful deliberations.

6 MEMBERSHIP / GIRO

6.1 As at end 2016, our membership figures were as follows: -

Membership Type	2013	2014	2015	2016
Life	262	262	275	281
Ordinary	803	650	617	619
Youth	39	39	30	30
Affiliate	28	31	34	36

6.2 GIRO Contributions

TRC records its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all members who have been contributing through GIRO. Over the years these contributions have been a constant source of funding for TRC's administrative expenses and towards the various programs organized by TRC.

In 2016 there was an average of 450 contributors with a total contribution of $29,188.00. Compared to 2015 (456 contributors and $31,033), there was a 2% drop in the total amount of contributions.

This can be attributed to more unsuccessful deductions amongst those who had pledged a higher sum and a number of older members either passing away or having not enough funds in their accounts. There has been no new GIRO contributors in the past few years and new members are more willing to be either, Life or ordinary members rather than making GIRO contributions.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Amount Contributed	$30,424	$31,723	$31,033	$29,188.00

It is hoped that the new Management Council will take steps to study this trend and arrest the slide in contributions and identify an action plan to promote this scheme.

6.3 Affiliation

As at end of 2016, there were a total of 36 Organisations affiliated to TRC. The full list is listed in *Appendix E*.

No specific dialogue sessions were done with the Affiliates. However, through events interactions and ad-hoc meetings, TRC continued to engage them and garnered their feedback.

It is to be noted that of the 21 MC members, 15 had direct link with respective Affiliate organisations as they were also office-bearers in their own organisations.

TRC continued its corporate membership with Peoples Association. TRC also continued its representation in the Tamil Language Council and the Tamil Language, Literary and Promotion Committee. President, Mr Pandiyan continued to represent TRC in all these committees.

7. CONCLUSION

TRC's new management team has plans to engage its members and affiliate organisations more often and explore new areas to focus on. Restructuring of the administration to better manage its affairs and finances is in the pipeline.

TRC hopes for the continued support of its members and partners and more active participation in its events.

S Tharmaraj
General Secretary
For & on behalf of the TRC Management Council

Appendix A: President's Speech

Before I continue with the address proper, I would like to take a moment to remember a mentor and a good friend, my friend and everyone's' friend, the Late President S. R. Nathan.

Could we rise and honour his memory with a moment of silence.

Let me first take this opportunity to thank all affiliates and well-wishers of TRC for your continued support over the years. With the support of its affiliates, TRC has become a harmonious and stable Organisation.

Under the theme, "Unity under One Umbrella", TRC has been organising the National Day Celebrations since 2000. This event is a showcase for the unity, cohesiveness and cooperation amongst the various Tamil based Community Organisations in Singapore.

TRC has been promoting progress through educational upliftment by providing scholarships and bursaries to students studying at various levels. The Literacy Club was a well-received programme which teaches children to read better in English. Gearing for the Future programme has helped motivate students to do well in exams.

In addition, TRC has been promoting the Tamil language through various events for students such as SORPOR – National Debates for Primary school students, Maanavar Muzhakkam – International Oratorical competition between students from India, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Malaysia, Tamil language Forums and Fun@Library programmes.

Writing workshops and budget talks have also been organised for the public to create awareness. We have also worked closely with SINDA for programmes such as Futsal and various community engagement programmes and with LISHA for the annual Ponggal Festival and Indian New Year celebrations.

We have also managed to convince the authorities to shift the School End of Year Final Examinations such that our Indian students could enjoy Deepavali without the burden of an exam looming over their heads, and to be able to sit for the exam with a peace of mind.

As part of the 65th-Anniversary celebrations, TRC has also collaborated with the National Library Board for the Tamil heritage talk series - Suvadugal. I am also proud to inform that TRC was one of the supporters of the Singapore Tamil Youth Conference 2016 organised by NUS Tamil Language Society in July.

As we celebrate the past, we also need to prepare for the challenges ahead. With constant change abound, we need to keep reinventing ourselves through learning and re-learning. Our ideas and ideal processes set are shared to ensure continued relevance to workforce and society. We hope to create awareness within the community on schemes such as Skills Future and urge more people to get on board so that they are equipped for the long haul. Remember, that our future is in our hands.

Singapore is a safe place. However, we must not take things for granted and be vigilant always. Let us help each other in times of difficulties and danger rather than only caring for ourselves.

At this juncture allow me to thank the following sponsors:

- LEE Foundation

- TRC was present at the wake, myself and Lukshumayeh were glad to see that he helped the many to come to Singapore.
- Mr Daniel Loh from Design Terminal Pte Ltd
- Management Development Institute of Singapore
- Little India Shopkeepers & Heritage Association
- Telecoms Credit Cooperative
- SINDA
- Tamil Murasu
- Hindu Endowment Board
- Tamil Murasu
- Josco Travel & Trading Pte Ltd
- Mini Environment Services Pte Ltd
- (and the many Affiliates who had contributed and bought tables too.)

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Sathinathan, management committee member of Tamils Representative Council for his service to the Community. He has been awarded the Public Service Star Medal (BBM) as part of this year's National Day Honours.
There are many other things we have presented to and enquired on, and in many cases, we have received much of the Government's attention.

Allow me now a few moments to air a worrying trend, and the purposes of this is not to shame the below-mentioned societies, but to make aware. I believe that you should be serious, especially when it is time to lead. Not putting your money where your mouth is, to me, tantamount of your intentions of not being serious and in extension, your fortitude to lead.

Despite the numerous periodic reminders and these organisations have turned a deaf ear:

1. Saiva Sithanda Sangam - $300
2. Singai Tamil Sangam - $400
3. Namakkal Association - $400
4. Thamizhavel Narpani Mandram - $400

These are relatively petty amounts, and we have written these amounts off. Unfortunately, as such, the 4 said organisations are no longer affiliates of the TRC. If organisations have any difficulty, we urge everyone to let us know, and we will help.

I would now like to thank you all for making today's event a success with us! Let's continue to work together to contribute effectively to our community, to our Nation, to Singapore and our fellow Singaporeans. Let us all be together and stand by each other in good times as well as in bad times.

It is also time for me to say goodbye - I assure you, and I hope to see TRC continue to grow. I have been the President of TRC since 2000 (16 years), and I am not getting any younger. It is time that I step down and handover to someone younger and able to continue to build on and improve on what I have achieved. I will continue to remain as the 'Immediate Past President' and continue to support and guide the new leadership.

I believe that I am leaving the TRC in better shape than when I found it.

1. As mentioned earlier, I took over the presidency in July 2000 and have served for 16 years.
2. Greater Unity within the Indian community, as we enjoy closer ties with SINDA, LISHA, Narpani etc. Our affiliates have also increased from 18 to the current 33;

3. We have increased our Life members from 143 to 275
4. Financially, the Assets of the TRC have increased from $200,000 to $800,000
5. I believe in children and that our legacy continues with them, thus, Academically, We have reinstated the Academic Achievement Awards and together with SINDA and SIET, the Indian Community Bursary Awards. We have also initiated the 'Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Awards in conjunction with the Tamil Murasu and Singapore Tamil Teachers Union, and SORPOR or the National Tamil Debate series for Primary Schools broadcasted on National Television. We have also sat down with the Ministry of Education to ensure that School Examinations does not clash with the festival of Deepavali.
6. MDIS Scholarship to TRC.
7. We have worked hard in ensuring that the Tamil Language retains its stature as one of the National Languages of Singapore, and this is evident in its prominence in more Street Signs &
8. We helped coordinate the Tamil Murasu's 75th Anniversary
9. The TRC enjoys better recognition by the Government, which can be inferred from the fact that more ministers are gracing our events, and from our greater involvement in National Events. We have further, coordinated a dialogue session with Dr Tony Tan, prior to His Excellency's ascension to the Presidency.
10. CSC grounds are open to TRC members.
11. And finally, on a lighter note, we launched the 1st Tamil Movie produced in Singapore.

The Management Council has proposed that our General Secretary, Mr V Pandiyan be elevated as the next President of TRC. He is experienced, having served as the General Secretary under Mr Kandasamy and myself for more than 20 years. He is well received by the various community bodies and is actively involved in the grassroots and various Indian and Tamil organisations. I am confident that with all your support he will be a leader of substance and will strive to continue to grow TRC.

Together with me, two others will also retire. Give them a round of applause for the commitments, passion and drive to make TRC continue to be ahead. Let us help if Tamil is to flourish.

Once again, I would like to end by thanking each and every one of you, thank you for your support, thank you for your kindness, thank you for many the things in life – I have enjoyed working with the Tamil community – As it is in life, there were difficult moments from which we overcame peacefully, and have effectively expanded the bounds by our increased unity– Good luck – good health.

Appendix B – Friends & Partners of TRC

1	Lee Foundation
2	Design Terminal Pte Ltd
3	Little India Shopkeepers & Heritage Association
4	Management Development Institute of Singapore
5	Singapore Indian Development Association
6	Singapore Tamil Teachers Union
7	Tamil Language Council
8	Tamil Language Learning & Promotion Committee
9	Tamil Murasu
10	TCC Credit Cooperative Ltd
11	Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
12	Narpani Pearavai
13	JOSCO GSA Travel
14	Mini Environment Service Pte Ltd
15	Casuarina Curry Restaurant

Appendix C – TRC Management Council

S/NO	Title of Office	Name
1	Immediate Past President	Dr Theyvendran S/O Ramanathan PBM
2	President	Mr Pandiyan S/O Vellasami PB, PBS, PBM
3	Deputy President	Mr Vivakanandan S/O Sinniah
4	Vice President	Mr A R Mashuthoo
5	Vice President	Mr Kalaichelvam S/O Veerappan
6	Vice President	Mr Balakrishnan S/O Veerasamy PBM
7	Vice President	Mr Sathinathan S/O M R Karuppiah PBM
8	General Secretary	Mr Tharmaraj S/O N G R Subbiah
9	Deputy General Secretary	Ms Janagi Somu
10	Deputy General Secretary	Ms R G Thiruselvi
11	Treasurer	Mr Vengidusamy Sourirajalu
12	Assistant Treasurer	Mr Khader Sultan S/O Ismail
13	Council Member	Mr Ramaiyah Pillai Thanagasundram
14	Council Member	Mr Yousuf Rowther Rajid Ahamed
15	Council Member	Ms Shoba Gunasekaran
16	Council Member	Mr M Lukshumayeh
17	Council Member	Mr M Kunaseakanan PB, PBS
18	Council Member	Ms Illamaran Thamizhkkothai PBS
19	Council Member	Mr S Gunasegaran
20	Council Member	Mr T Durairajoo
21	Council Member	Mr Danapal Kumar
22	Council Member	Mr Seeni Jaafar Ghany

Appendix D-1: Management Committee Meeting Attendance for 2016 as of 25 Sept 2016

S/NO	POSITION	NAME AS IN NRIC	5 Jan 2016	8 Mar 2016	14 Jun 2016	16 Sep 2016	25 Sep 2016	Total
1	President	DR R THEYVENDRAN PBM	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
2	Dy President	MR S VIVAKANANDAN	√	A	√	√	√	**4/5**
3	Vice President	MR V BALAKRISHNAN PBM	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
4	Vice President	MR R BALAN	√	√	√	X	√	**4/5**
5	Vice President	MR A R MASHUTHOO	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
6	Vice President	DR N R GOVINDEN PBM, BBM	A	A	A	A	√	**1/5**
7	Gen Secretary	MR PANDIYAN V PBM	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
8	Dy Gen Secretary	MS JANAGI SOMU	A	A	A	√	√	**2/5**
9	Dy Gen Secretary	MR S THARMARAJ	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
10	Treasurer	MR VENGIDUSAMY SOURIRAJALU	√	A	A	A	√	**2/5**
11	Assistant Treasurer	Mr V KALAICHELVAM	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
12	Council Member	MR K SATHINATHAN PBM	√	A	√	√	√	**4/5**
13	Council Member	MR KHADER SULTAN	A	√	√	√	√	**4/5**
14	Council Member	MR M KUNASEAKANAN PB PBS	√	√	√	A	√	**4/5**
15	Council Member	MR M LUKSHUMAYEH	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
16	Council Member	MR R P THANGASUNDRAM	√	√	X	√	√	**4/5**
17	Council Member	MR RAJID MD ROWTHER	A	√	A	√	√	**3/5**
18	Council Member	MS SHOBA GUNASEKARAN	√	√	√	√	√	**5/5**
19	Council Member	MS R THIRUSELVI	√	√	√	√	A	**4/5**
20	Council Member	MS THAMIZHKKOTHAI ILLAMARAN	√	A	A	√	√	**3/5**
21	Council Member	MR S GUNASEGARAN	√	A	√	A	√	**3/5**

√	Present
A	Absent (Apology)
X	Absent

Appendix D-2: Management Committee Meeting Attendance for 2016
(after 25 Sep 2016 AGM)

S/NO	POSITION	NAME AS IN NRIC	15.11.2016	Total
1	President	MR PANDIYAN V PBM	√	**6/6**
2	Dy President	MR S VIVAKANANDAN	√	**5/6**
3	Vice President	MR V BALAKRISHNAN PBM	√	**6/6**
4	Vice President	MR A R MASHUTHOO	√	**6/6**
5	Vice President	Mr V KALAICHELVAM	√	**6/6**
6	Vice President	MR K SATHINATHAN PBM	√	**5/6**
7	Gen Secretary	MR S THARMARAJ	√	**6/6**
8	Dy Gen Secretary	MS JANAGI SOMU	A	**3/6**
9	Dy Gen Secretary	MS R THIRUSELVI	√	**5/6**
10	Treasurer	MR VENGIDUSAMY SOURIRAJALU	√	**3/6**
11	Assistant Treasurer	MR KHADER SULTAN	√	**5/6**
12	Council Member	MR M KUNASEAKANAN PB PBS	√	**5/6**
13	Council Member	MR M LUKSHUMAYEH	√	**6/6**
14	Council Member	MR R P THANGASUNDRAM	√	**5/6**
15	Council Member	MR RAJID MD ROWTHER	A	**3/6**
16	Council Member	MS SHOBA GUNASEKARAN	√	**6/6**
17	Council Member	MS THAMIZHKKOTHAI ILLAMARAN	√	**4/6**
18	Council Member	MR S GUNASEGARAN	√	**4/6**
19	Council Member	*Vacant*		
20	Council Member	*Vacant*		
21	Council Member	*Vacant*		

√	Present
A	Absent (Apology)
X	Absent

Appendix E: TRC Affiliate Organizations (As at 31 Dec 2016)

S/NO	AFFILIATE NAME
1	ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE TAMIL WRITERS
2	ATHIPATHI INTERNATIONAL THEATRE
3	CEYLON SPORTS CLUB
4	DARMA MUNEESWARAN TEMPLE
5	IVANN PRODUCTIONS
6	JAMAL MOHAMED COLLEGE ALUMI ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE CHAPTER)
7	KAVIMALAI
8	KRISHNA OUR GUIDE
9	MAKKAL KAVINGAR MANDRAM
10	MATHAVI LITERARY SOCIETY
11	MURUGAN HILL TEMPLE
12	NEWS VENDORS ASSOCIATION
13	PERIYAR COMMUNITY SERVICE SINGAPORE
14	RAVINDRAN DRAMA GROUP
15	SAIVA SIDDHANTHA SANGAM
16	SEMBAWANG TAMILS ASSOCIATION
17	SEMBAWANG TAMILS MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY
18	SIMPLIFIED KUNDALINI YOGA SOCIETY
19	SINGAPORE CEYLON TAMILS' ASSOCIATION
20	SINGAPORE HINDU SABAI
21	SINGAPORE KADAYANALLUR MUSLIM LEAGUE
22	SINGAPORE THAMIZHAR EYAKKAM
23	SIRPIGAL
24	SOORYA@SINGAPORE
25	SREE RAMAR TEMPLE, CHANGI
26	SRI GURU RAGAVENDRA SOCIETY SINGAPORE
27	SRI MUNEESWARAN TEMPLE
28	SRI RUTHRA KALIAMMAN TEMPLE
29	TAMIL BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATION
30	TAMIL PATTIMANDRA KALAI KAZHAGAM
31	TAMILS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY
32	THE SOCIETY OF KALAI PITHERS
33	UMAR PULAVAR TAMIL HIGH SCHOOL OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
34	UNITED INDIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION
35	SINGAPORE ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION
36	VETHATHIRI MAHARISHI SIMPLIFIED KUNDALINI YOGA

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2016

TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
(Registered in the Republic of Singapore under the Societies Act, Chapter 311)
UEN S51SS0010G

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
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Tamils Reprsentative Council is registered as a Society in accordance with the Societies Act, Chapter 311 .
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Management Committee

President	Pandiyan s/o Vellasami
Deputy President	Vivakanandan s/o Sinniah
Vice President	Balakrishnan s/o Veerasamy
	A R Mashuthoo
	Kalaichelvam s/o Veerappan
	Sathinathan s/o M R Karuppiah
General Secretary	Tharmaraj s/o N G R Subbiah
Deputy Secretary	Janagi Somu
Deputy Secretary	R G Thiruselvi
Honorary Treasurer	Vengidusamy Sourirajajalu
Assistant Treasurer	Khader Sultan s/o Ismail
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Committee Member	Ramaiyah Pillai Thanagasundram
Committee Member	M.Kunaseakanan
Committee Member	M Lukshumayeh
Committee Member	Yousuf Rowther Rajid Ahamed
Committee Member	Shoba Gunasekaran
Committee Member	S Gunasegaran
Committee Member	Durairajoo T
Committee Member	Seeni Jaafar Ghany
Committee Member	Danapal Kumar

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In our opinion, the accompanying statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows, together with the notes thereon are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Tamils Representative Council and Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Tamils Representative Council as at **31 December 2016** and of the operations for the financial year then ended.

The Office Bearers have authorised these financial statements for issue on the date of this statement.

On behalf of the Tamils Representative Council

Pandiyan s/o Vellasami
President

Vengidusamy Sourirajajalu
Treasurer

Date: 26 OCT 2017
Singapore

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL UEN: S51SS0010G

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Tamils Representative Council ("the Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the income & expenditure statement, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The management committee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Societies Act, Chapter 311 (the "Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
UEN: S51SS0010G

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 31December 2016 and the financial performance, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the year ended on that date.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the regulations enacted under the Societies Act to be kept by the Society have been properly kept in accordance with those regulations.

D.ARUMUGAM & CO.
Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants,
Singapore

Date: 26 OCT 2017

	Note	2016 $	2015 $
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	793,461	790,596
		793,461	790,596
Total assets		793,461	790,596
		-	-
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
General fund			
Accumulated general fund		787,247	785,525
Other fund		2,634	2,634
		789,881	788,159
Current liabilities			
Accrued operating expenses	5	3,500	2,226
Provision for taxation		80	211
		3,580	2,437
Total reserves and liabilities		793,461	790,596

The notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this statement.

	Note	2016 $	2015 $
Revenue			
Affiliate Fees		1,700	2,200
Life Membership Subscription		29,343	31,971
Bursary Awards-Income		2,000	-
National Day Dinner		74,577	-
Tamil Language Forum		5,000	-
Maanavar Muzhakkam income		10,000	9,000
Sorpor Forum income		-	16,500
		122,620	59,671
Other income			
Interest income		5,157	2,112
CPF refunds		240	-
Write back of prior year expenses		-	4,019
Miscellaneous income		200	60
		5,597	6,191
Less: Expenses			
Depreciation		-	319
Donations		17,555	11,981
Bursary Awards expense		12,074	-
Maanavar Muzhakkam income		6,282	7,088
National Day Dinner		43,686	-
Sorpor Forum income		-	15,966
Tamil Language Forum		3,053	-
Rental expenses		900	1,800
Staff costs	6	28,140	21,100
Other operating expenses	7	14,636	14,929
		126,326	73,183
(Deficit) before tax		1,891	(7,321)
(Under) / over provision of prior year tax		(89)	3,895
Income tax expense	8	(80)	(211)
		(169)	3,684
Net (deficit) for the year		1,722	(3,637)

The notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this statement.

	Accumulated general fund $	Kandasamy trust fund $	Total $
Balance at 1 Jan 2015	789,162	2,634	791,796
(Deficit) for the financial year	(3,637)	-	(3,637)
Balance at 31 December 2015	785,525	2,634	788,159
Surplus for the financial year	1,722	-	1,722
Balance at 31 December 2016	787,247	2,634	789,881

The notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this statement.

	2016	2015
	$	$
Operating activities		
Surplus / (deficit) before taxation	1,891	(7,321)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	-	319
Operating surplus / (deficit) before working capital changes	1,891	(7,002)
Increase in operating receivables	-	25,210
Increase / (decrease) in operating payables	1,274	(6,959)
Cash generated from operating activities	3,165	11,249
Income tax paid	(300)	(3,562)
Net cash generated from operating activities	2,865	7,687

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,865	7,687
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	790,596	782,909
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	793,461	790,596

Cash and cash equivalents comprises of:	2016	2015
	$	$
Cash in hand	370	500
Cash at bank - Sing dollar	144,442	146,535
Fixed deposit	648,649	643,561
	793,461	790,596

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These notes form an integral part and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying statement of financial position, statement of financial activities, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Tamils Representative Council (the "Society") is registered and domiciled in Singapore with its registered office and principal place of business at 101 Balestier Road, Singapore 329678.

The principle activities of the Society is to promote, encourage, enhance, upgrade and improve the performance of the members and the community by organizing social, educational and recreational activities.

The financial statements of the Society for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 were authorized for issue by the Management Committee on the date of the Statement by Management Committee.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Society have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS"). The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Society during the financial year.

The Society has complied in all material respects with FRS and each applicable Interpretation of a FRS, effective for the financial year in the preparation of the financial statement. The adoption of the new or revised FRS does not affect the financial statements of the Society for the current or prior years.

b. Basis of accounting

The financial statements, expressed to the nearest Singapore dollars ("functional currency"), are prepared under the historical cost convention, except for those disclosed in the accounting policies below.

Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial period. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

a. Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are recognised on the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Society becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. The Society determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value, plus, in the case of financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

The Society does not hold financial assets classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity investments and available-for-sale financial assets.

Loans and receivables

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. Such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses. Gains and losses are recognised in profit and loss account when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

The Society classifies the following financial assets as loans and receivables:
- Other receivables.
- Cash and cash equivalents

Other receivables

Other receivables are classified and accounted for as loans and receivable under FRS 39.

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment. An allowance for impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Society will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.
The amount of the allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Receivables with a short duration are not discounted. The amount of the allowance is recognized in the income statement.

Bad debts are written off when known and specific provisions are made for those debts considered to be doubtful.

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Any gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets are recognised in the profit or loss. Net gains or net losses on financial

assets at fair value through profit or loss include exchange differences, interest and dividend income.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised where the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired. On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss.

b. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and bank balances, are classified and accounted for as loans and receivable under FRS 39. Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits with financial institutions

c. Funds

General funds are also commonly known as accumulated or unrestricted funds. The Society is free to use such funds for both capital and revenue expenditure without having to take into account of any restrictions imposed.

Designated funds are general funds earmarked by the Society itself for specific purposes or to meet future commitments.

Restricted funds are funds where specific conditions which are legally binding on the trustees as to how the funds should be used. The restriction has been externally imposed, usually by the person providing the fund.

The funds balances, unless specifically indicated, are not represented by any specific assets but are represented by all assets of the Society.

The Society does not have any designated or restricted funds for the current year.

d. Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Society becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. The Society determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.
All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and in the case of other financial liabilities, plus directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

Other financial liabilities

After initial recognition, other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through amortization process.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference between the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the profit or loss.

e. Revenue recognition

Program and registration fees are recognised when the services are preformed and accepted and such fees are recognised as income on an accrual basis.

Donations and sponsorship income is recognised when cash or cheques collections are verified, accepted and recorded in accordance to the constitution of the Society.

Membership fees are recognised when due and receivable.

Rentals on operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

4. Cash and cash equivalents

	2016 $	2015 $
Cash at bank	793,091	790,096
Cash in hand	370	500
	793,461	790,596

Cash at bank comprise the following:

	2016 $	2015 $
Cash in hand	370	500
Current account	144,442	146,535
Fixed deposits	648,649	643,561
	793,461	790,596

5. Other payables

	2016 $	2015 $
Accruals	3,500	2,226
	3,500	2,226

6. Staff costs

Allowance	-	180
CPF	4,080	2,880
Skills development levy	60	40
Staff salary	24,000	18,000
	28,140	21,100

7. Other operating expenses

Admin expense	500	1,249
Advertisement	462	-
AGM expense	2,420	3,181
Audit fee	3,500	2,140
Bad debts	-	2,510
Bank charges	2,175	1,706
Gifts	600	344
Miscellaneous expense	-	1,210
Printing and stationery	2,436	731
Refreshments	776	1,405
Telephone charges	429	453
Website maintenance	1,338	-
	14,636	14,929

8. Taxation

Income tax expense

Reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit multiplied by the applicable corporate tax rate for the financial years 31 December 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	2016 $	2015 $
Surplus / (deficit) before tax	1,891	(7,321)
Income tax using the statutory tax rate of 17%	321	(1,245)
Tax effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	2,091
Others (including tax exemption)	(241)	(635)
Income tax expense	80	211

Income tax payable

	2016 $	2015 $
At the beginning of the financial year	211	7,457
Income tax expense of the financial year	80	211
Income tax paid	(300)	(3,562)
Overprovision of prior year tax	89	(3,895)
At the end of the financial year	80	211

9. Financial risk management

The Company has no written risk management policy. The board of directors adopts policies that seek to mitigate the risk when they arise.

10. Fair Values

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other current debtors, creditors approximate their respective fair values due to the relative short term maturity of these financial instruments.

11. Events occurring after the balance sheet date

No event took place after the balance sheet date that might have any significant impact on the financial statements.