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The Singapore Teachers' Co-operative Society Ltd

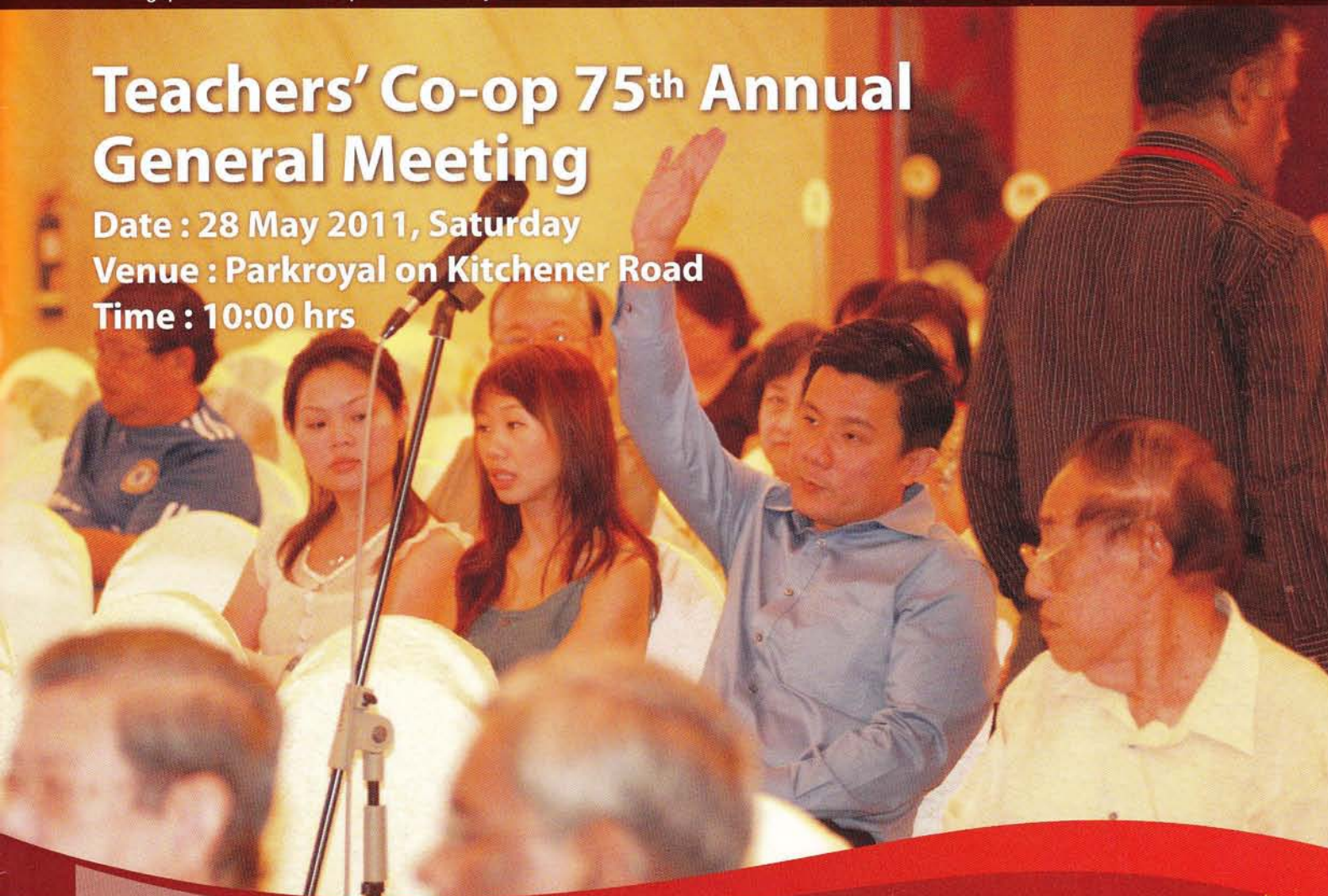
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Teachers' Co-op 75th Annual General Meeting

Date : 28 May 2011, Saturday

Venue : Parkroyal on Kitchener Road

Time : 10:00 hrs



The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday!!!

Please note that as usual, lunch will be served after the meeting. As the seating capacity is limited, members are advised to purchase their lunch tickets early.

75th AGM

Lunch Ticket \$10

Lunch Tickets will be sold at the Society's office from 18 April 11

Attention!!!

Please note that the Society's office will be closed for all business transactions on Saturday, 28 May 2011 as it will be holding its 75th Annual General Meeting on this date at Parkroyal on Kitchener Road.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



The year 2011 has certainly brought joy to Singaporeans. The economy is doing well with the promise of better things to come for Singaporeans. The inclusive budget has certainly gone down well with most Singaporeans- albeit labelled as an election budget. If the inflation is well contained then we can be more optimistic for a prosperous 2011.

The Singapore Teachers' Co-operative had performed very well in 2010. This was due to the astute administration and prudent management of the funds. We are well positioned to see 2011 to a successful conclusion.

The Co-operative is in the process of rebranding itself to stay relevant in the ever changing co-operative landscape of Singapore. We have produced a corporate video to encapsulate the Society's mission, vision, activities, services, products and future plans to enhance the new image of the co-operative. This video, we hope would have the desired impact on the younger teachers who have yet to join the co-operative. It is hoped that the video gives the existing members a new perspective about the co-operative. The management is trying to mould the co-operative into a more energetic, contemporary and professional entity. To realize this objective, Teachers' Co-op would like to welcome more younger teachers to join the co-operative and participate in the Management by contributing their suggestions and views.

The Co-operative had also undertaken the project of upgrading our new web page. This project is nearing completion and soon all members would be able to access the web page and be updated on the latest news about the Co-operative and be able to access the on-line facilities.

We hope these new initiatives would be of benefit to the members. The main concern of the committee of management is to ensure that the Co-operative functions effectively to benefit all our members. We would like to urge the members to feel free to give us your input on how we can serve you better.

On behalf of the staff and members of the committee of management, I wish all of you a fruitful year ahead.

STUDENT WELFARE GRANT

As mentioned by the Minister of education, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, education is the crucial means to give the next generation a head-start in life and no child should be deprived of a quality education due to family financial circumstances.

The Teachers' Co-op shares the same viewpoint.

Since 2002 the Society had been presenting Student Welfare Grant to schools. In the year 2010 the officials and a staff visited 10 schools to present cheques of \$1800 each to the school principals or their representatives.

The following schools received the grant: Siglap Secondary School, Coral Secondary School, Canossa Convent Primary School, Cedar Primary School, Da Qiao Primary School, Ang Mo Kio Primary School, Yishun Secondary School, Teck Whye Secondary School, Greenridge Primary School and Queensway Secondary School



Siglap Secondary School



Da Qiao Primary School



Coral Secondary School



Greenridge Primary School



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE @ NIE

Date: 15 Feb 2011

The Society's officials and staff were pleased to be present at the National Institute of Education (NIE) Teachers' Investiture ceremony on 15 February 2011 to promote membership. Graduates were given a goodie bag containing materials on the Society's activities and application form for membership. Society's staff were at hand to answer queries. Four teachers signed up as members on the spot. The Committee of Management wishes to thank the management of NIE for providing the opportunity for the Society to be present at their function.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY LADIES' COMMITTEE



Date: 25 February 2011 (Friday)

Venue: New Horizon Centre, Toa Payoh

The Society's Ladies' Committee visited the Alzheimer's disease Association at the New Horizon Centre in Toa Payoh on Friday, 25 Feb 2011.

This community outreach programme was organised to bring cheer as well as to show our care and concern for the 60 elderly residents at the daycare centre.

The residents were treated to a sumptuous lunch and they also received some useful daily necessities, all generously sponsored by The Singapore Teachers' Co-operative Society Ltd .

The Boy Scouts from Coral Primary School were roped in once again to help out in this meaningful event. The boys, all dressed in their scout uniforms, lit up the faces of the residents the moment they stepped into the centre. These boisterous but caring boys sang and danced enthusiastically, much to the delight of the elderly audience who clapped, sang and joined in the action. The boys also mingled and interacted with the residents during their activity time.

It was indeed a truly meaningful and enriching experience for all!



SOUTHERN ISLAND JUNK CRUISE



Date: 19 March 2011
Venue: HIGH TEA CRUISE

The Ladies' Committee of the Singapore Teachers' Co-operative organized a high tea cruise on Saturday, 19th March 2011 on board a replica of the famous Ming Dynasty imperial vessel, Cheng Ho. Although it threatened to rain and dark clouds hung overhead, the weather held and the 37 members and their families enjoyed a very relaxing two and a half hour afternoon cruise off the southern coast of Singapore.

During the cruise, the group was able to admire the panoramic view of the Singapore skyline and her bustling port at Keppel. There was also a good view of the integrated resort at Marina Bay, the Singapore Flyer and the houses along Sentosa Cove. The group also enjoyed a sumptuous spread of pastries and savories on board the vessel.

When the vessel stopped at Kusu Island, everyone got off to spend about half an hour walking around the tranquil island. They spent the time reading about the history of the island from the information board located at the pier and visited the popular Da Bo Gong Temple which had a wishing well and a tortoise enclosure. Some of the more adventurous ones climbed the 152 steps to the top of the hill located on the island where three Malay shrines are found.

Other than the slight drizzle while we were on Kusu Island, the weather was cool and pleasant and made the trip a truly enjoyable one for all.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR RAYMOND POON SIOW LENG



The Society's Youth Committee Chairman Mr Raymond Poon was promoted to the post of Vice Principal in October 2010. The Committee of Management congratulates Mr Poon on his elevation and wish him success in all his endeavors.

CO-OPTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBER



Mr Allan Tok

Welcome!!!

The society is pleased to have Mr Allan Tok of Anglo Chinese Junior School co-opted as a member of the Committee of Management with effect from 1 February 2011.

OUR CORPORATE VIDEO

The Society is in the process of producing a corporate video. This video is targeted to be completed by 31 March 2011. The corporate video would be used for membership promotion as well as for introducing the Society to visitors. This video would be made available for the member viewing at the 75th Annual General Meeting

Honouring a dedicated Co-operative Leader



Mr K Kesavadas
(13 Oct 1930 - 11 Feb 2011)

Our deep sympathy and condolence to the family members of Mr Kesavadas. Mr Kesavadas was the Society's Hon Secretary from 1987 to 2002. The Society has lost a great co-operative leader. The Committee is grateful for his invaluable service and contribution during his tenure.

Check out our **RATES!**

Savings & Deposits

General Savings:

The interest rate for General Savings account remains at 0.25% p.a.

Bonus Savings:

The interest rate for Bonus Savings account has increased to 2.5%p.a.

Interest rate for 1st year: 2.5% + 10% on Interest Earned

Interest rate for 2nd year: 2.5% + 20% on Interest Earned

Upon maturity at the end of 2 years, this will translate into an effective rate of 3.08% p.a.

Term Deposits:

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Renewal: 0.75%p.a.

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