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Dear Members and Friends,

The YMCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2010 was held on 10 May. We witnessed the retirement of long-serving Board members Dr Robert C K Loh (49 years), Mr Ernest Chen Hai Siang (34 years) and Ms Packiam Williams (22 years), the conferment of Honorary Life Memberships to Dr Robert C K Loh and Mr Cecil Wong (53 years) as well as the Board's nomination of four members to serve on the Board for the term 2011/2012 to 2014/2015. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 were unanimously adopted by members at the meeting. You can now view or download them from our website.

On 19 May, the 2011 Citi-YMCA Youth For Causes programme was officially launched at a ceremony witnessed by Mr Lui Tuck Yew, then Minister for Information, Communication and the Arts. The 100 participating teams received seed funds to execute their social entrepreneurship projects to raise funds and awareness of their respective adopted charities over a period of 15 weeks until 2 September.

The 5th annual YMCA Mandarin Speaking Awards (MSA) drew to a close on 31 May with an Awards Ceremony graced by Mr Seng Han Thong, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC. Held outside YMCA at public libraries for the very first time to increase public awareness of the YMCA MSA and the importance of spoken Mandarin, this year's competition saw 114 students from 78 schools pitting their oratorical skills against each other over five weeks of competition.

Its English counterpart, the YMCA Plain English Speaking Awards commenced on 29 June.

Currently in its 25th year, the competition will end on 18 August, with the Awards Ceremony scheduled for 16 September.

In June 2011, NTUC FairPrice staff joined YMCA volunteers in two YMCA Community Service Programmes to bring cheer to the less privileged. This is part of a collaboration between NTUC and YMCA that sees NTUC supporting the YMCA-Lim Kim San Volunteers Programme with a \$150,000 donation to be disbursed over three years (since 2010), as well as mobilising staff to serve the community through the YMCA Community Service Programmes.

The first YMCA Opera Treats for this year was held on 18 June. Elderly beneficiaries from five voluntary welfare organisations were treated to a traditional Cantonese opera performance by the Queenstown Community Centre Senior Citizens' Executive Committee Opera Troupe. They were befriended by 80 YMCA youth volunteers during the programme. Subsequent YMCA Opera Treats are scheduled for September and December.

Over 200 guests attended the inaugural YMCA Appeal Luncheon on 21 June. To be held annually, this Luncheon will be the third annual fund raising event organised by YMCA alongside YMCA Flag Day and YMCA Charity Golf. The Luncheon is designated for raising funds and awareness for the YMCA Community Service Programmes, YMCA Project Bridge and YMCA FACES (Financial Assistance and Capability for Employment Scheme).

On 25 June, nine corporations and non-profit organisations mobilised their staff to befriend the less privileged from 17 voluntary welfare organisations at the YMCA Proms @ the Park.

Over 1,000 volunteers and beneficiaries were present at the event with Guest-of-Honour MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Minister of State of for Information, Communication and the Arts. The next YMCA Proms @ the Park will be held on 29 October at Hong Lim Park.

I would like to encourage more corporations to join us and use this programme as a stepping stone to experience volunteering, to embrace corporate social responsibility and to embark on a long-term volunteering journey.

Matt 5:16

"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

In-His-Service

Stephen Loh
President

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Beneficiaries from Christian Outreach To The Handicapped having a Y Proms @ the Park good time! Christian Outreach To The Handicapped is one of YMCA's 34 partnering voluntary welfare organisations for YMCA's 17 structured and sustained YMCA Community Service Programmes.

Photo: Xavien Ang, YMCA volunteer photographer

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YMCA Opera Treats for 250 needy elderly



Queenstown Community Centre Senior Citizens' Executive Committee Opera Troupe with Guest - of - Honour Dr Chia Shi-Lu

On Saturday 18 June 2011, beneficiaries from five voluntary welfare organisations watched "Reincarnation of Lady Red Plum", a traditional Cantonese opera performance staged by the Queenstown Community Centre Senior Citizens' Executive Committee Opera Troupe, at the Queenstown Community Centre auditorium.

To promote inter-generational bonding, 80 young YMCA volunteers befriended and assisted the elderly beneficiaries from Moral Seniors Activity Centre (Macpherson), AWWA Community Home for Senior Citizens, Peace Connect, Lions' Befrienders and My Centre @ Moulmein.

Dr Chia Shi-Lu, Member of Parliament, Tanjong Pagar GRC, who was the Guest-of-Honour said, "I hope that this series of performances will expose the younger generation to a valuable piece of their heritage, while allowing the older generation to have an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

I also hope that this setting will foster better understanding and interaction between

the young and the not-so-young!" Dr Chia also thanked YMCA for continually supporting Opera Treats for the elderly.

He highlighted the merits of YMCA Opera Treats in building a bond between the young and elderly over the shared appreciation of a traditional opera show, in providing opportunities for members of the opera troupe to polish their performing skills, and in providing a platform for collaboration between Queenstown CC and YMCA, in a common mission to serve the community.

YMCA of Singapore had invited the Queenstown CC Senior Citizens' Executive Committee Opera Troup to stage four performances last year and a total of 1,200 seniors attended. This year, another 1,200 beneficiaries will be attending three 2011 YMCA Opera Treats.

The next two YMCA Community Service programmes will be held in September and December.

<http://www.ymca.org.sg/operatreats/>



YMCA volunteers and beneficiaries

The objectives of YMCA Opera Treats are:

- To bring cheer to the elderly poor through entertainment and interaction opportunities with youth volunteers / befrienders.
- To reinforce the value of filial piety and providing youth volunteers with valuable take-away that they can mirror in their homes with aging/aged family members.
- To provide a platform for corporate social responsibility.
- To help preserve Cantonese opera as a national cultural heritage.



Queenstown Community Centre Senior Citizens' Executive Committee, YMCA staff and volunteers with Dr Chia Shi-Lu

Photos: Queenstown Community Centre Senior Citizens' Executive Committee

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1,000 goodie bags sponsored by NTUC Fairprice, Eagle Eye Centre, Yeap Medical Supplies



L-R: Mr Chew Kwee San, Mr Samuel Chan, MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Mr Leslie Wong, Mr Albert Ching



Percussion performance by SMU Samba Masala



Fitness routine by YMCA Korean Mums group



Noelle Cassandra representing YMCA Manila Downtown

Organisations embrace CSR at YMCA Proms @ the Park

Photos: Leong Peng Mun and Xavien Ang, YMCA volunteer photographers

On Saturday, 25 June 2011, nine corporations and non-profit organisations mobilised their staff to befriend the less privileged for a day through a mega concert and picnic at the Botanic Gardens. Organised by the YMCA of Singapore, YMCA Proms @ the Park seeks to bring cheer to beneficiaries through various stage performances and befriending by volunteers.

Over 1,000 volunteers and beneficiaries were present at the event which was graced by MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Minister of State of for Information, Communication and the Arts.

NTUC Fairprice Foundation Ltd, Eagle Eye Centre Pte Ltd and Yeap Medical Supplies Pte Ltd made donations in kind for the beneficiaries.

Senior management from several participating corporations accompanied their employees to befriend and attend to the beneficiaries. They included Mr Clarence Pong, (Vice President Head of Corporate Communications & Marketing) of MediaCorp, Mr Leslie Wong (Managing Director) of ESRI Singapore, Mr Shin Mukaikubo (Managing Director) of Bridgestone Tyre Sales Singapore and Mr Jerome Hewlett (Executive Director Global Head of Operations) of Intellectual Ventures.



Having fun together: Bridgestone Tyre Sales Singapore staff and Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled residents

YMCA has staged Proms @ the Park since 2007 to make it easy for corporations to come on board to experience volunteering, recognising that many corporations want to venture into corporate volunteerism. YMCA hopes that after the initial introduction, corporations will commence their long-term volunteering journey. The programme also facilitates corporations to embrace corporate social responsibility and engage their staff in volunteering to serve beneficiaries in a meaningful way.

MediaCorp Pte Ltd, Bridgestone Tyre Sales Singapore Pte Ltd, Citi Singapore, ESRI Singapore Pte Ltd, Intellectual Ventures Asia Pte Ltd, International Y's Men's Club of Singapore (Alpha Chapter), Lubrizol Southeast Asia (Pte) Ltd, Lourve Design Associates Pte Ltd and New Creation Church sponsored and partnered assigned Voluntary Welfare Organisations during Proms @ the Park.

Mr Shin Mukaikubo said, "Our goal at Bridgestone is 'Serving Society with Superior Quality' and Corporate Social Responsibility activities rank high in our company policy. We partnered YMCA for Y Movies last year. We were impressed that the event was so well organised for beneficiaries. Hence, we decided to participate in Y Proms to further serve the less fortunate and to provide them with unforgettable memories. The event also enabled our staff to bond amongst themselves and with the beneficiaries. Thank you YMCA for the arrangements and the opportunity to participate at Y Proms! Bridgestone looks forward to partnering you for future events".

Bridgestone executive Wendy Lim shared, "I was really thrilled to volunteer at Y Proms. Not only was I doing my part for society, I also brought joy to the residents from Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled. I hope to continue to volunteer actively".



YMCA volunteers rewarded with a souvenir snapshot with Acting Minister MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing



Mr Shin Mukaikubo (right) of Bridgestone Tyre Sales Singapore greeting Acting Minister MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing



Acting Minister MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing with Mr Jerome Hewlett of Intellectual Ventures



Lubrizol Southeast Asia befriending Spastic Children's Association of Singapore beneficiaries



A perfect afternoon for YMCA Proms @ the Park for beneficiaries, volunteers, guests and tourists



A beneficiary enjoying herself and entertaining YMCA volunteers

For more information on YMCA Proms @ the Park, please visit www.ymca.org.sg/promsatthepark

YMCA would like to acknowledge:
Participating corporations



Supporting sponsors

Supporting organisations



Participating voluntary welfare organisations:

- Asian Women's Welfare Association
- Association for Persons with Special Needs Delta Senior School
- Blue Cross Thing Kheng Home
- Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled
- Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home
- Christalite Methodist Home
- Fei Yue Family Services
- Metta School
- Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS)
 - MINDS Ang Mo Kio
 - MINDS Guillemard
 - MINDS SIA
- New Hope Community Service
- Pertapis Bukit Batok Boys Hostel
- Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH)
 - SAMH Bukit Gombak
 - SAMH Activity Hub @ Pelangi Village
- Singapore Christian Home for the Aged
- The Spastic Children's Association of Singapore
- Y STARS (YMCA Special Talents, Arts and Recreation Society)

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Local Community Service: YMCA – Tan Chin Tuan Community Service Programmes

If you have a heart for the intellectually, physically and mentally challenged, abused and underprivileged children or elderly, we want YOU! YMCA of Singapore organises regular activities to improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Do contact our staff if you or your company are interested in volunteering for YMCA Community Service Programmes:

- Corporations - Wong Li Yi at liyiwong@ymca.org.sg / 6586 2352
- Individuals - Cheryl Lim at cheryllim@ymca.org.sg / 6586 2347

Weekly

Y Green Fingers

Volunteers with green fingers will enjoy gardening with our beneficiaries.

Date : 27 July 2011
Time : 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue : Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled

Y Outings

Accompany our beneficiaries to places of interest and have a great time bonding with them.

Date : 30 July 2011
Time : 8.30am - 2.00pm
Venue : APSN Centre for Adults

Y Arts Challenge

A weekly programme that employs dance, performing and visual arts as a platform to develop the hidden talents of our beneficiaries.

Date : 29 July 2011
Time : 2.00am - 4.00pm
Venue : YMCA of Singapore
Activity : Y Chorus with Christian Outreach to the Handicapped

Date : 6 August 2011
Time : 9.00am - 12.30pm
Venue : 95 Goodman Road, Blk B, #05-02
Activity : Dance and art class for Y STARS (YMCA Special Talents, Arts and Recreation Society)

Date : 20 August 2011
Time : 9.00pm - 12.30pm
Venue : 95 Goodman Road, Blk B, #05-02
Activity : Dance and art class for Y STARS (YMCA Special Talents, Arts and Recreation Society)

Monthly

Y Visits

Held monthly, you can help organise and conduct a series of dance, baking and arts & craft workshops for our beneficiaries at their respective locations.

Date : 29 July 2011
Time : 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: NKF - Simei
Date : 13 August 2011
Time : 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Venue: MacPherson Moral Family Service Centre

Y Reading Clubs

This club aims to set up libraries at Voluntary Welfare Organisations where volunteers befriend and help our beneficiaries to improve their reading skills.

Date : 12 August 2011	Date : 13 August 2011
Time : 2.00pm - 5.00pm	Time : 9.00am - 2.00pm
Venue: Metta School	Venue: Spastic Children's Association for Children
Date : 19 August 2011	Date : 26 August 2011
Time : 2.00pm - 5.00pm	Time : 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Metta School	Venue: Metta School

Y Confidence

This programme helps youths who have experienced mental trauma as well as sexual and physical abuse to regain their self-confidence and esteem through various physically challenging activities.

Date : 27 August 2011
Time : 9.00am - 2.00pm
Venue: Singapore Association for Mental Health (Youth)

Quarterly

Y Camp Challenge

An outdoor adventure camp designed for intellectually and mentally challenged beneficiaries to build their self-confidence. Volunteers must be 18 years-old and above to participate in the camp.

Date : 16 – 18 September
Venue: MOE Dairy Farm

Volunteers are required to attend a mandatory briefing on:

Date : 2 September	OR	Date : 10 September
Time : 7:00pm-10pm		Time : 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: YMCA of Singapore		Venue: YMCA of Singapore

Y Nature Walks

A quarterly programme designed to give our beneficiaries the opportunity to appreciate the fauna of our community and nature parks. Volunteers will plan, organise and conduct fun and informative activities during the hikes and walks.

Date : 30 July 2011
Time : 10.00am - 2.30pm
Venue: Dairy Farm

Date : 27 August 2011
Time : 10.00am - 2.30pm
Venue: Wallace Education Centre

Y Makan Fellowship

An intergenerational programme where needy elderly from voluntary welfare organisations will be invited to YMCA for a meal, games and songs. Volunteers will serve as befrienders.

Date : 5 August 2011
Time : 4.00pm - 7.30pm
Venue: YMCA of Singapore

Please note that these dates are subject to change. To register as a volunteer with YMCA, please visit <http://vms.ymca.org.sg/vms>

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NTUC FairPrice has collaborated with YMCA of Singapore for the company's 2011 corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative.

For the first half of the year, NTUC FairPrice sent over 40 Staff to participate in two YMCA Community Service Programmes.

On 21 April, NTUC FairPrice volunteers spent an afternoon planting ornamental plants, common vegetables, herbs and seedlings during the Y Green Fingers community service programme at Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled.

Y Green Fingers is a week day volunteering programme that allows volunteers and beneficiaries to learn the values of care, compassion, respect and responsibility as they jointly tend to the development of the plants and garden at the premises of YMCA's partnering voluntary welfare organisations.

On 18 June, NTUC FairPrice volunteers spent a morning at the MacRitchie Tree Top Walk with 32 youths from Teck Ghee Youth Care Corner during a Y Nature Walk.

Through Y Nature Walks, volunteers will plan, organise and conduct fun and informative activities during these hikes and walks with the aim of giving our beneficiaries the opportunity to appreciate the flora and fauna of our many community and nature parks.

Y Nature Walks encourages volunteers to befriend and bring beneficiaries with special needs out to appreciate nature.

A NTUC FairPrice volunteer said, "I have come out richer from this experience. I eagerly look forward to participating in such activities again".

NTUC FairPrice 2011 CSR initiative with YMCA

Photos: NTUC FairPrice Foundation Ltd.



Y Nature Walks: YMCA volunteers, NTUC FairPrice staff with Teck Ghee Youth Care Corner beneficiaries



A Y Nature Walk through MacRitchie Reservoir Park



YMCA volunteer giving a helping hand



Y Green Fingers: NTUC FairPrice staff with Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled residents

Photos: Wong Li Yi, YMCA Volunteers Programme Executive

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100 teams received seed funding for their social entrepreneurship projects on 19 May at the NTUC Auditorium.

Mr Lee Lung Nien, Chief Operating Officer of Citi Singapore presented the mock cheque to Mr Leslie Wong, Chairman of the Youth For Causes Committee, who received it on behalf of the 100 teams, witnessed by Guest-of-Honour Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport and Second Minister in his capacity as Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts.

The teams will be carrying out their fund raising projects across Singapore from 21 May to 2 September 2011. One of the interesting fundraising projects include team iPaint 2011's first ever mass blindfold painting in Singapore which was held on four consecutive Sundays in July, in support of the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH).

This year, Citi Singapore is offering four internship positions for outstanding university participants.

The teams are recruiting volunteers for their fundraising projects. To find out more about the participating teams this year and volunteering opportunities, visit www.facebook.com/youthforcauses. For more information on the programme, visit www.youthforcauses.com.

Seed funding kickstarts 2011 Citi-YMCA Youth For Causes

Photos: Chua Rui De, YMCA volunteer photographer



Clockwise from left: Guest-of-Honour Mr Lui Tuck Yew, team n-ABLE'11 from Saint Andrew's Junior College, Mr Leslie Wong, Mr Stephen Loh, Mr Lim Puay Tiak from Wheelchair Basketball Association (n-ABLE'11's partnering VWO)



L-R: Mr Lee Lung Nien, Mr Stephen Loh, Guest-of-Honour Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Mr Leslie Wong,

YMCA Food of Love

The monthly programme is a community outreach to elderly beneficiaries from PEACEConnect.

Volunteers from Uni-Y and Hi-Y will gather to prepare food taught by a volunteer chef.

Date : Every last Saturday of the month
Time : 10.30am - 3.00pm
Venue: YMCA of Singapore

If you are interested to volunteer your culinary skills for the YMCA Food of Love, please email danieltai@ymca.org.sg

Jericho's Rooftop Cafe

Good Food. Good Fun. Good Friends. Good Entertainment.

Located at the YMCA of Singapore Pool Terrace, Jericho's Rooftop Cafe is part of Singapore Management University Uni-Y's Social Entrepreneurship team.

Jericho's Rooftop Cafe, brought together by their passion to serve the community and a raging entrepreneurship spirit.

Uni-Y

Jericho's
rooftop cafe

Date: **Every last Friday
of the month**

Time: **7.00pm – 10.00pm**

Food prices: **under \$10**

For more information, email danieltai@ymca.org.sg



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From 18 to 26 April 2011, a team of 10 doctors, nurses, social workers, YMCA volunteers and staff travelled to Sri Lanka on a medical mission as part of the YMCA of Singapore's Rebuilding Communities Programme there. The team visited three villages and provided medical treatment for over 600 villagers.

In addition, the team conducted health education for the villagers and taught them basic dental care and personal hygiene. Toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap were also distributed to the villagers.

This is the second medical mission to Sri Lanka

YMCA Rebuilding Communities Programme in Sri Lanka

Photos: James Ji, YMCA International Programmes Executive



organised by YMCA. Another mission is scheduled for September 2011.

YMCA also funds a local team comprising a doctor, nurse, medical dispenser and driver to visit villagers twice a week. This on-going programme serves the medical needs of five villages.

YMCA aims to organise missions to Sri Lanka on a bi-annual basis. If you are interested to serve as a volunteer or make a donation to support the missions, please email James Ji at international@ymca.org.sg



YMCA International Service Programme to Cambodia (23 October – 1 November 2011)

If you have always wanted to do something for the less fortunate in neighbouring countries, now is your chance to sign up as a volunteer.

We invite interested individuals to join us on this trip:

- Teach English and computing skills to 120 students at the Boys' Brigade Learning Center in Proyouth Village, Siem Reap
- Infrastructure work i.e. assisting in the construction of a dam to prevent flooding in the nearby high school
- Visit to Angkor Wat (Siem Reap) as well as Toul Sleng Genocide Museum and Killing Fields (Phnom Penh)
- Dedicated YMCA staff or volunteer leader will accompany the team
- Tentative costs S\$650 (with YEP* funding) and S\$950 (without YEP* funding) covering flights, accommodation, meals, transportation and insurance for the trip.

**The Youth Expedition Project (YEP) is for Singaporeans or Permanent Residents between 15 and 35 years old. Past YEP recipients are not eligible for the fund.*

Interested groups or individuals can contact James Ji at international@ymca.org.sg by 20 August 2011. Space is subject to availability.

Serve Overseas!

YMCA plans regular trips to Cambodia, China and Thailand to teach English, arts, music and to set up libraries. We aim to help disadvantaged children gain knowledge and break out of the poverty cycle. For more information on how to be a volunteer leader for YMCA International Service Programmes, please email James Ji at international@ymca.org.sg

The Inaugural YMCA Appeal Luncheon

YMCA of Singapore held its inaugural YMCA Appeal Luncheon on Tuesday, 21 June 2011 at the Orchard Parade Hotel. Aimed at soliciting support and creating awareness for the YMCA Community Service Programmes, YMCA Project Bridge and YMCA FACES (Financial Assistance and Capability For Employment Scheme), the event was well attended by over 200 guests.

Delivering an Endorsement Speech in his capacity as the Chairman of the newly formed YMCA Advisory Council, Mr S Dhanabalan, Chairman of Temasek Holdings, shared with the audience on how he came to be associated with the YMCA of Singapore, despite the little he knew about the organisation until just recently. Mr Dhanabalan also shared briefly on the work of the YMCA and called on the audience to find out even more and go further to explore how they can join the YMCA's mission of being a blessing to others.

Special Guest Speaker, Mr Hsieh Fu Hua, founder of Binjai Tree charity and the Executive Director and President of Temasek Holdings, exhorted the audience to not grow immune to appeals and the many problems in the society. He offered a simple rule of thumb, that though an individual cannot respond to everything, he or she could and should at least respond to something that is closer to the heart.

YMCA of Singapore thanks Mr Philip Ng, CEO, Far East Organization for his generous sponsorship of the luncheon, as well as all guests for taking time off their busy schedules to attend the event.

Should you wish to make a financial contribution towards the YMCA Community Service Programmes, YMCA Project Bridge and YMCA FACES, please visit the YMCA Appeal website www.ymca.org.sg/appeal/



L-R: Mr Heng Chih Yang,
Mr Teo Zi-Ming



L-R: Mr Tan Ee Chian,
Mr Leslie Wong,
Mr Teo Cheng Woon



Clockwise from top left:
Mr Albert Ching, Assoc Prof Quek Ser Aik, Mr Leong Hsueh Fu Hua, Mr Eric Teng, Dr Tan Khe



L-R: Mrs Lee Shook Ken,
Mr Lee Liat Cheng



L-R: Mr Bill Fong,
Assoc Prof



L-R: Mr Anil Wadhvani, Mr S Dhanabalan, Archbishop the Most Revd, Dr John Chew, Mr Richard Magnus



L-R: Mr Jimmy Teo,
Mr Leslie Wong,
Mr Ken Goi



L-R: Mr Ricky Sim, Mr Joe Foo, Mr Tan I



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ng Lian, Mr Anthony Teo, Mr Terry Alan Farris



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Mr Yasuhiro Tomimori,
Mr Andrew Leo



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L-R: Mr Cecil Wong, Mrs Robert Loh, Mr Robert Loh, Mr Cheong Boo Hong, Mrs Cheong Boo Hong



Hui Nam, Mr Jamie Teo, Ms Lynette Yeo



L-R: Mrs Lee Foong Ming,
Ms Karen Koh,
Mr Bryan Tan



Mr Chew Kwee San delivering the Thanksgiving prayer



L-R: Ms Helen Tan, Mr Andrew Chew



L-R: Mr Ler Hwee Tiong, Mr Leslie Wong, Mr Loh Wai Meng



L-R: Mr Steven Chia, Mr Pierre Habib



L-R: Mr Gregory Vijayendran, Mr Xian Ming



L-R: Mr Ho Chee Hon, Mr Leslie Wong, Mr Ho Choon Hou



Mr S Dhanabalan, YMCA Advisory Council Chairman

YMCA forms Advisory Council with notable committee

The YMCA of Singapore has formed an Advisory Council led by Mr S Dhanabalan (Chairman, Temasek Holdings) who will serve as Chairman. The YMCA Advisory Council will assist as a strategic resource to the YMCA in its work, advise the YMCA Board of Directors on how the YMCA is fulfilling its mission, and serve as a public endorsement of the YMCA of Singapore.

YMCA expects, with the formation of the Advisory Council, additional input to our strategic direction, new resources to expand our services and periodic independent review of our work. The Advisory Council is advisory in nature while the Board of Directors governs the organisation.

Council Members are:

- Justice Andrew Ang (Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore)
- Mr Khoo Boon Hui (President, Interpol & Senior Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs)
- Mr Jonathan Larsen (Head of Consumer

- Banking and Global Cards, Citi Asia Pacific)
- Mr Lee Liat Cheng (Business Consultant)
- Mr Tan Gee Paw (Chairman, Public Utilities Board)
- Mrs Mildred Tan (Managing Director, Ernst & Young Advisory Pte Ltd) and
- Mr Tay Puan Siong (Company Director).

Over the years, the YMCA has expanded its services and is mindful of its corporate governance and need to stay relevant to the needs of youths and the community. In line with its emphasis on corporate governance, YMCA had five years ago, embarked on its plans for leadership renewal at the Board level. The Advisory Council is the next step in this direction.

It is a permanent council put in place and each term of office of a Council member is for two years. There will be no limit to the number of terms a member may serve. The YMCA Advisory Council Chairman and Members serve in a voluntary capacity.

Photo: Leong Peng Mun, YMCA volunteer photographer

Updates from the 2010/2011 YMCA Annual General Meeting

Photo: Christopher Leow, YMCA volunteer photographer

The YMCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2010/2011 convened on Tuesday, 10 May 2011 at the YMCA of Singapore.

In his address, Mr Stephen Loh, President, YMCA of Singapore highlighted that by the grace of God, our surplus for 2010 had crossed the \$2 million mark for the first time in our history.

Mr Loh also shared that we mobilised over 23,000 volunteers who serve more than 290,000 hours in YMCA community service programmes locally and overseas, effectively contributing \$5.8 million* in service value to the community last year.

The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 were unanimously adopted by the Full members who were present at the meeting.

We witnessed the retirement of three Board members. They were Dr Robert C K Loh who served 49 years on the Board from 1962 - 2011, 22 years as President from 1970 to 1992; Mr Ernest Chen Hai Siang who served 34 years on the Board, two years as Executive Director from 1996 to 1998

and Ms Packiam Williams who served 22 years on the Board from 1987 to 2008 and 2010 to 2011. Each of them was presented with the Dendrobium YMCA orchid in appreciation of their service to the Association. The meeting unanimously accepted the Board's nomination of four members to serve on the Board for the term 2011/2012 to 2014/2015. They are Mrs Magdalene Sik Swee Hiang, Mr Stephen Loh Sur Yong, Mr Bryan Tan Suan Tiu and Mr Leslie Wong Kin Wah.



Mr Stephen Loh (left) and Dr Robert C K Loh

Honorary Life Memberships were conferred on two long-serving Board members for their distinguished service. They are Dr Robert C K Loh and Mr Cecil V R Wong who served 53 years on the Board from 1955 to 2008 and 44



Mr Stephen Loh (left) and Mr Cecil V R Wong

years as Honorary Treasurer from 1956 to 1969 and 1971 to 2002. Certificates of Honorary Life Membership and limited edition YMCA cufflinks were presented to each of them in salute of their honourable service to the Association.

In the first Board meeting for the year 2011/2012 that convened immediately after the AGM, the Board elected the following as Office Bearers for the year 2011/2012: Mr Stephen Loh Sur Yong (President), Mr Ed Ng Ee Peng (Vice President) and Mr Chew Kwee San (Treasurer).

**based on the \$20 per hour wage of a service sector employee Source: NVPC, December 2010*

The YMCA of Singapore's 5th Annual Mandarin Speaking Awards (MSA) Prize Presentation was held at the Woodlands Regional Library. The winners received their prizes from Guest-of-Honour Mr Seng Han Thong, Member of Parliament, Ang Mo Kio GRC.

A total of 114 students from 78 local schools pitted their oratorical skills against each other. The annual YMCA MSA is a national level public speaking competition supported by the Ministry of Education, the Confucius Institute and the Promote Mandarin Council.

The MSA competition was held over five weeks (from 23 March to 21 April, 2011) with the aim of sharpening Mandarin speaking skills and building self-confidence among the youths. Students were judged on speech content, language, delivery manner and expression.

The different categories for this year's Awards are: Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary CL1, Secondary CL2, JC/ CI/ ITE/ Poly (H1CL) and JC/ CI/ ITE/ Poly (H2CL). Previously, there was only one Secondary and one JC/ CI/ ITE/ Poly category.

This year's competition had attracted many non-native Mandarin-speaking students studying in Singapore. They hail from New Zealand, Korea, Finland and USA and competed mainly in the Primary schools' categories.

YMCA Mandarin Speaking Awards 2011 Awards Prize Presentation

Photos: Mark Ong, YMCA volunteer photographer

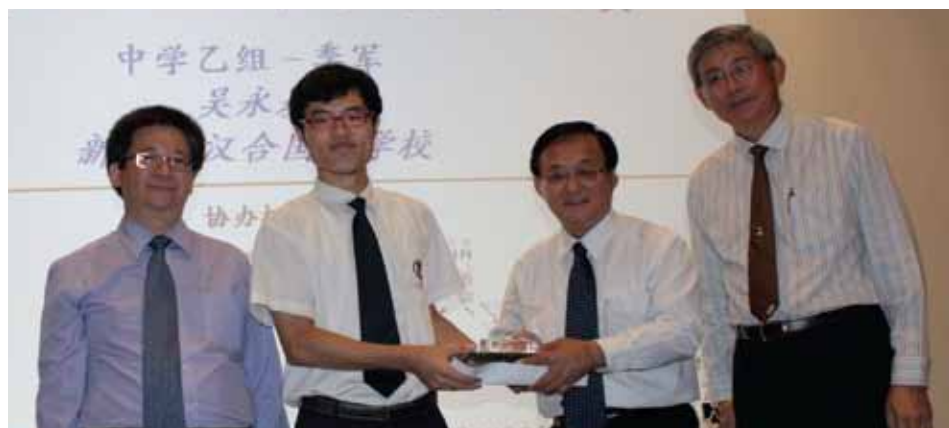


YMCA MSA 2011 winners with Dr Lee Peng Shu (Council Member, Promote Mandarin Council) 2nd row second from left; Mr Kenneth Tan front extreme right, and Mr Stephen Loh back row extreme right.

Mr Seng said that the competition has not only become more inclusive but also more competitive. "Participants shall experience a kind of 'global competition' and draw lessons from it. I believe all speeches delivered are more colourful and at the same time, the contents help promote cultural exchanges between Singapore and other countries too".

For local students, mastering English and their mother-tongue tantamounts to mastering a language skill that is needed in a globalised economy. And one who masters a language and is able to articulate his views to a wider audience, is in fact enjoying the art of public speaking".

Since its introduction in 2006, over 280 primary schools to junior colleges have sent their students to participate in MSA. Registration for MSA 2011 saw an increase of 21% compared to last year's participation.



L-R: Mr Kenneth Tan (Chairman YMCA Speaking Awards & YMCA MSA), Korean student Oh Yeong Gi, Mr Seng and Mr Stephen Loh (President, YMCA of Singapore).

Lower Primary Category

Champion:

Tan Xin Yi (West View Primary School)

1st Runner Up:

Sui Qinyi (Naval Base Primary School)

2nd Runner Up:

Zhang Jing Wen (Yang Zheng Primary School)

Upper Primary Category

Champion:

Xu Chong (Naval Base Primary School)

1st Runner Up:

Wang Mo Lei (Casuarina Primary School)

2nd Runner Up:

Cheng Min Jing (Innova Primary School)

Secondary Group A Category

Champion:

Li Zehan (Raffles Girls' School *Secondary*)

1st Runner Up:

Sun Yuanyuan (Nanyang Girls' High School)

2nd Runner Up:

Chen Yinzhe (National Junior College (High) School)

Secondary Group B Category

Champion:

Chen Lin (Pasir Ris Secondary School)

1st Runner Up:

Wu Xiner (Ngee Ann Secondary School)

2nd Runner Up:

Oh Yeong Gi (Chinese International School)

JCCI Category

Champion:

Zhang Shiqi (Hwa Chong Institute *College*)

1st Runner Up:

Lin Hsuan (Catholic Junior College)

2nd Runner Up:

Wang Guoli (Anglo-Chinese School Independent)

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“You Are Not Alone” Charity Concert

On 16 April, youths banded together to perform at a concert entitled “You Are Not Alone”(Anatawa Hitorijana) at Far East Plaza to raise funds for the survivors of the Japan tsunami and earthquake.

The concert is an initiative started by the youth performers from the 2011 Singapore Street Festival. The event was supported by YMCA of Singapore and other organisations (Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports, National Youth Council, National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre, YMCA of Singapore, Universities Alumni and Singapore Management University.

As a voluntary welfare organisation which exists to serve the community, YMCA of Singapore mobilised volunteers to assist at the event and also made a donation of S\$8,216. The concert successfully raised S\$147,474. All the proceeds were channelled to the Singapore Red Cross Society for the Japan Disaster 2011 fund.

The concert serves as a platform for youths to showcase their talents while giving them the opportunity to touch the lives of survivors in Japan.

TYREPAC aids causes of YMCA Singapore

Singapore-based online tyre retailer Tyrepac will donate \$1 from every tyre sold on Tyrepac Singapore’s website (www.tyrepac.com.sg) to the volunteer welfare organisation.

The innovative sponsorship marks the first time an online retail website is dedicating proceeds to YMCA of Singapore.

Proceeds will be channelled to the YMCA-Lim Kim San Volunteers Programme “We are proud to be able to do our part for the community by sponsoring YMCA for its cause.” said Tyrepac Managing Director Ler Hwee Tiong.

“With Tyrepac gaining momentum in Singapore, we are pleased to dedicate time and effort to support YMCA in its cause, and hope our effort will also entice more companies to follow suit,” he added.



“We commend Tyrepac for their innovative approach to corporate social responsibility and donating to the YMCA of Singapore.

By contributing a part of their profits to supporting the YMCA-Lim Kim San Volunteers Programme, they are allowing their customers to be part of the giving process too,” said YMCA General Secretary Albert L H Ching.

YMCA welcomes corporate giving. Interested companies may email Jean Chai at jeanchai@ymca.org.sg.

Run for good, Run for YMCA Standard Chartered Marathon

YMCA of Singapore is excited to share that we are one of the beneficiary charities of the Standard Chartered Marathon Run For Good Charity Programme.

We hope that you too will participate in the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon 2011 and use your participation to raise funds for YMCA of Singapore using GIVE.sg in a simple and easy way.

1. Register for the run (Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10 km or 5 km Fun Run) at www.marathonsingapore.com

2. Go to www.marathonsingapore.GIVE.sg to create your fundraising page on behalf of YMCA of Singapore
3. Once you have created the fundraising page, share it with friends, family and colleagues who will be able to make online donations to sponsor your charity run

Thanks for your support! We hope to see you running for good in December with our other passionate supporters!

Harvard Singapore Foundation - YMCA Social Capital Conversation Series (20 April 2011) With Professor Dr Paul Brest, President & CEO of Hewlett Foundation



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About YMCA Student Care Centre

The Student Care Centre programmes are designed to provide each child with the educational and emotional guidance and support that they need through a warm, nurturing and stable learning environment with character building as a key focus. Our centres also incorporate a Christian-based character-building programme, as part of the daily activity.

Eligible age: 7-14 years

Programme: Basic care (meals, bath and rest), Supervised study, Character building activities, Fitness sessions, Enrichment activities

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Eco-visit at YMCA Student Care Centre @ Sengkang

Upper primary children at the YMCA Student Childcare Centre @ Sengkang received supplementary environmental awareness instruction by 15 Uni-Y @ Lingnan University Hong Kong students who were in Singapore to learn more about the environmental efforts of Singapore and to share their knowledge on environmental conservation.

The children were highly enthusiastic and bonded with the Uni-Y youths instantly, and further learned about saving the environment through some video clips and played games which reinforced the concept of recycling.

The Uni-Y @ Lingnan University students accompanied by a staff from Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong also visited the Singapore Polytechnic InnoVillage, attended the NEWater Visitor Centre Tour & Talk, and had an Interaction Session with Uni-Y@ Singapore Management University (SMU) and toured the SMU campus.



Photos by YMCA Student Care @ Sengkang



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YMCA Outdoor Adventure

Join YMCA in leading a healthy lifestyle via programmes that build the body, mind and spirit. For more information, please send your enquiries to lifestyle@ymca.org.sg

Y Adventures Kuching

Home to kolok mee and 3-layer tea, the "cat" city is worth exploring. YMCA will be taking participants to view the sunset at Mt. Serapi, to take a look at Mt Santubong's outline (shape of a pregnant lady lying on her back) and an amazing adventure amongst the wildlife and secluded beaches at Bako National Park.

Registration deadline	8 August 2011
Date	18-21 August 2011
Land price	S\$375
	<i>Self-arrangements for Air Tickets</i>

Y Adventures Fraser's and Skytrex

Nestled quietly at 1,524 meters above sea level, Fraser's Hill is blessed with cool mountain air, abundant vegetation, peace and tranquility. Participants will be taken on a 6-hour hike along the Pine Tree Hill Trek.

En route back to Singapore, participants will be taken on a SkyTrex adventure, an **outdoor 'eco-recreational cum educational'** activity where participants will enjoy clearing 34 aerial obstacles suspended at 3 to 22 metres in the air.

Registration deadline	26 August 2011
Date	2-4 September 2011
Land price	S\$280

Y Sparks Fencing Team ladies clinch top three spots in Women's Foil at the Singapore Cadet World Cup 2011

Congratulations to Liane Wong Ye Ying (1st), Lynn Yeo (2nd), Lim Qi Hui and Talia Lee (joint 3rd) for doing YMCA proud!

Other members of the Team have also been participating in national fencing trials and competitions since early this year.

YMCA conducts a regular fencing programme for both children and adults. For more information, please email lifestyle@ymca.org.sg



YMCA Fencing Class Schedule

Class	Pre-requisites	Weapon	Days	Time
Pre-competitive	With more than one year of fencing experience	Foil	Monday	5.00pm - 7.00pm
			Tuesday	5.00pm - 7.00pm
			Wednesday	5.00pm - 7.00pm
			Saturday	2.00pm - 4.00pm 4.00pm - 6.00pm
		Epee	Monday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
			Thursday	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Children Foil	No fencing experience required	Foil	Saturday	10.00am - 12.00pm
			Tuesday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Foundation Foil	No fencing experience required	Foil	Saturday	12.00pm - 2.00pm
			Tuesday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Adults	No fencing experience required	Foil	Saturday	12.00pm - 2.00pm
			Tuesday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
			Thursday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Sparring nights	Any fencer who wishes to spar		Saturday	4.00pm - 6.00pm
			Wednesday	8.30pm - 10.00pm

*Class timings are subjected to change. For enquiries, please email lifestyle@ymca.org.sg

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At the YMCA of Hokkaido, participants can expect a fabulous time at the award-winning Rusutsu Resort with our experienced ski instructors from the YMCA Ski School. Enjoy sumptuous Japanese food, warm hospitality and four full days of winter sports and activity in powdery snow conditions.

Date: **16 – 23 December 2011**

Registration deadline: **30 September 2011**

Land price:

Type/Accommodation	Twin/Triple	Single
Adult Ski	S\$2,412	S\$2,996
Adult Non-ski	S\$1,935	S\$2,298
Child Ski	S\$1,954	N.A.
Child Non-ski	S\$1,635	N.A.

Self-arrangements for Air Tickets. For those who do not wish to fly into Tokyo, kindly note that there are alternative routes to get into Chitose, Sapporo. We'll be happy to assist you on the matter. Please email us your enquiries at lifestyle@ymca.org.sg

Y Japan Ski: Hokkaido



Y Korea Ski (Varsity & Open)



If you are an enthusiast of winter sports and all things Korean, come on board this unique YMCA programme which combines both passions. Make yourself at home at Daemyung Vivaldi Ski Park over 4 Days to learn Skiing or Snowboarding and then head over to the town of Chuncheon for a Korean homestay experience organised by Chuncheon YMCA. Thereafter, transfer down to Seoul for an unforgettable time of eating and shopping for an amazing cultural and sporting adventure this December!

Registration deadline	30 September 2011
Date	5 – 12 December (Varsity group), 12 – 19 December (Open group)
Land price	S\$975 (Varsity)
Land price	S\$1,020 (under 18 years) & S\$1,180 (18 years and above)

Self-arrangements for Air Tickets.
Please email us your enquiries at lifestyle@ymca.org.sg

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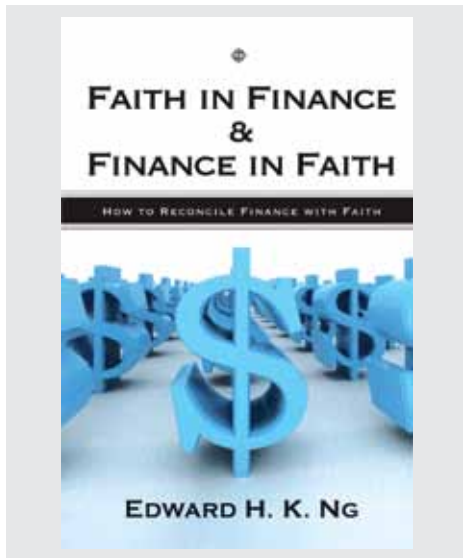
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Book review

Faith in Finance & Finance in Faith

Product description from Campus Crusade Asia Ltd



Faith in Finance & Finance in Faith is a much-needed practical tool with spiritual insights to help us work out our financial dealings in personal and in corporate faith.

With clarity and warmth, Dr Edward H K Ng who specialises in risk management among financial institutions, shows us how to avoid pitfalls and provides sound advice on the wise handling of finance for the individual, and for church leaders who have to instruct and counsel on this aspect in the Christian community.

Church leaders and board members will appreciate the guidelines he has set out to ensure good financial governance for churches and Christian organisations.

Retail price: **S\$19.26 nett**
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Tel: **6356 8336**

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Present this write-up to get a discount of 20% for this title. **While stock lasts.*

Word from the Chaplain

To Judge or not to Judge by Rev Derek Kingston (Interim Moderator of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church)

I received an email recently entitled "Complaints choir.... For kiasu Singaporeans". As I am not a kiasu Singaporean, I decided not to open it!

But it set me thinking. When we are poor, we tend to be more thankful and less complaining. As we become richer, we become more complaining and less thankful. And as Singapore has become a much richer and more developed nation, it has also become a more critical and complaining society.

There is nothing wrong in being critical as long as that does not just mean complaining. True criticism always has a positive side. A true critic is one who tries to portray things truthfully and honestly, pointing out the good as well as the bad. Good music critics, film critics, and book critics all provide a healthy balance for assessment for us to decide.

Jesus himself was critical at times. He was critical of those who were misusing the Temple for commercial purposes. And he was very critical of those religious leaders, who were judgemental of others, people who thought that they were above criticism, people who in their

own eyes were good and righteous. They did not realise that their very goodness was turning sour because they were becoming judgemental and exclusive.

Sometimes good religious people, Christians included, can be very judgmental of others in a way that sets up barriers. The Bible is very clear about judging others. In the Sermon on the Mount, which is Jesus' handbook for Christian living, he says "Do not judge and you will not be judged. For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged..... Why do you look at the speck of dust in your brother's eye, and pay no attention to the plank in your own?" It is often easier to see the small mistakes and failures of others, than it is to see ourselves as we really are, and the often more secret but no less deadly sins that dominate our lives.

So let's have positive criticism by all means. But let us be very careful when we are judging people. James 4:12 reminds us "There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you- who are you to judge your neighbour?"

Y Knot

Connecting youths through MUSIC, FRIENDS and FOOD

You and your friends are cordially invited to chill out in an evening of live music, complimentary dinner and heartwarming stories on 28 July 2011.

This month we are featuring Caroline Tjen from Oops Asia Singapore, a Christian media organisation.

Caroline is an accomplished singer/songwriter currently residing in Singapore. She has created many inspiring songs (gospel, pop, personalised wedding song, musical) that have touched many

people in Indonesia, Singapore and around the world.

Y Knot is organised by YMCA of Singapore, supported by Oops Asia and Singapore Youth For Christ.

It is open to all tertiary Students.
Free admission.

A short Christian message will be shared during the programme

If you would like to serve in Y Knot as a befriender or musician, please contact Ms Seraph Ng at 6586 2242 or email her at seraphng@ymca.org.sg

YMCA Public Lecture

In life, there are outward and inward battles. Very often, we focus only on the outward achievements and victories; and many times at the expense of compromising the inner man and our core values. Come discover how we can win the battle that ultimately matters.

The speaker, Rev Lawrence Seow has travelled to major cities across Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and North America as an Evangelist.

He was ordained by the Association of Christian Evangelists (A.C.E) and holds a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies.

Date : **Wednesday, 27 July 2011**

Time : **7pm – 8:30pm**

Venue : **YMCA of Singapore
Level 4 Tan Chin Tuan Room II**

Light refreshments will be served after the lecture.

To register, please call Ms Rebecca Choong at 6586 2220 or email rebeccachoong@ymca.org.sg by 26 July 2011. As seats are limited, admission will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

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YMCA Merchandise

Enquiries:

YMCA Member Services: 6586 2255



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- Opportunity to join special interest groups
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To join, fill up the YMCA Membership Application Form from www.ymca.org.sg/enews/membership.pdf and fax back to us at 6336 8003 or email to members@ymca.org.sg

Celebrate National Day at YMCA

Red & White Party @ YMCA Roof Terrace!

Date	: 9 August 2011
Time	: 6.00pm onwards
Venue	: YMCA of Singapore, Level 9, YMCA Pool Terrace, One Orchard Road
Dress code	: Smart casual (in red and white colours)
Price	: S\$20 nett (buffet dinner included)

Tickets are available at the YMCA International House front desk at YMCA of Singapore, Level 1.

For more information,
please contact YMCA Member Services counter at 6586 2255 or
email members@ymca.org.sg

Sign up for our eNews!

We have a monthly e-newsletter (Y eNews) which we send to members to keep them updated on upcoming events and recent announcements. To receive our eNews, please email to corpaffairs@ymca.org.sg.

YMCA Director re-appointed for 2nd term on National Youth Council



Mr Steven Chia, Director, YMCA of Singapore was recently re-appointed to the National Youth Council to serve his second two-year term as a Council member.

The 12th National Youth Council is chaired by MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Minister of State for Information, Communication and the Arts.

The National Youth Council is the Advocate, Connector and Enabler for Youth.

Together with its partners, the Council develops a vibrant and supportive environment for youth who are inspired to dream and committed to action.

YMCA of Singapore extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr Chia on his re-appointment.

For more information about the work of the National Youth Council, please visit the website at <http://www.nyc.pa.gov.sg>.

Founded in 1902, YMCA of Singapore is a Christian voluntary welfare organisation, affiliated worldwide, which serves the community, regardless of race, language or religion through wholesome programmes to develop body, mind and spirit. YMCA also owns various social enterprises, such as the YMCA International House, YMCA Child Development and Student Care Centres, YMCA School and YMCA Tertiary Education. Due to rapid expansion, we are looking for dynamic and committed individuals to join us.



We offer flexible working hours, competitive remuneration, staff training as well as career advancement opportunities. Interested applicants are invited to mail/email a detailed resume, indicating current and expected salaries to:

The HR Department, YMCA of Singapore, One Orchard Road Singapore 238824.
Email: hr@ymca.org.sg Fax: 6336 8003 Website: www.ymca.org.sg

Manager, Community Service Programmes

You will be responsible for the team that designs, develops and implements the YMCA community service programmes which seek to engage our members and volunteers, for the benefit of the less fortunate in our community. You will ensure that the Association stays relevant and responds to the community meaningfully through structured and sustained programmes, for the beneficiaries of YMCA and its partnering VWOs.

Requirements:

- Degree in Sociology, Social Work, Business Management or a related discipline
- At least 5 years experience, preferably with 2 years managerial experience
- An innovative team player with strong communication and interpersonal skills

Manager, Volunteers Programme

You will be responsible for the team that designs, develops, implements and maintains the YMCA volunteer management initiatives. You will also engage and manage a ready, vibrant and energetic pool of passionate and socially responsible volunteers who are committed to the vision and mission of the Association. You will be responsible for developing and implementing marketing strategies to attract and recruit volunteers and promoting Corporate Social Responsibility to Corporations and SMEs.

Requirements:

- Degree in Business Management, Social Work or a related discipline.
- At least 5 years experience, preferably with 2 years managerial experience
- Excellent presentation, communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively with different levels of management

Senior Executive / Executive, Volunteers Programme

You will assist the Volunteers Programme Manager in promoting Corporate Social Responsibility to Corporations and SMEs. You will be involved in raising the corporate volunteerism rate by providing a meaningful volunteering platform for corporate staff to serve, so as to provide significant resources for the social service sector.

Requirements:

- Diploma/Degree in any discipline, preferably with 2 years experience in community work and/or social work

- Professional individual with a vibrant personality and a natural flair for interacting with people of all levels

Night Manager (International House)

You will supervise a team of Front Office assistants during the night shift and provide excellent customer service to hostel guests. You will ensure that guests receive prompt attention, resolve issues that may arise during the night.

Requirements:

- Minimum GCE 'O' Levels, Diploma in Hospitality Management preferred
- Minimum 1 year relevant experience and possess excellent guest relations and customer service skills
- Willing to work permanent night shift

Sales Executive (International House)

You will be responsible for maintaining a good level of sales proficiency, professionalism and ensure profitability in accommodation, function rooms and food & beverage.

Requirements:

- Diploma in Sales & Marketing or related discipline
- Minimum 1 year sales experience in hospitality industry with a proven track record of meeting sales targets
- Have a wide network of business contacts in the travel & hospitality industry
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment and work independently to effectively manage multiple clients and events

Senior Teacher/Teacher, Child Development Centre (CDC) and Student Care Centre (SCC)

You must be a good team player and dedicated to cultivating young minds.

Requirements:

CDC:

- Minimum 5 'O' levels with a B4 in English DECCE (Diploma Early Childhood Care & Education – Teaching) / DECCEL (Leadership) qualifications.
- Have at least 2-3 years experience in a preschool setting
- Those about to complete their DECCE (T) / DECCE (L) may apply

SCC:

- GCE 'O' levels or equivalent
- At least 1 year working experience, preferably as a private tutor at a tuition centre. Suitable candidates will be sent for training to learn how to provide an environment, which is safe, entertaining and supportive of learning