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Message from the



PRESIDENT

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD.

Last year we saw a lot of activities in Persatuan Stedfast under the capable leadership of Mr. Tung Kam Seng and his team of committees. Mr. Tung being the founding President of Persatuan Stedfast has decided to call it quits and handed the rein of a healthy and viable Association to my care.

On behalf of my newly elected committee for 1999-2000, I would like to thank Mr. Tung for his past efforts and hope for his continued invaluable advice and assistance for the future.

The newly elected committee who will lead the Stedfast Association into the new millennium consist of new and old faces.

In our first Committee meeting for 1999 held recently a lot of activities were planned by the committee to move into next year. But, as in all organisations, its very survival depends on members' active participation. Therefore, I personally appeal to all members to fully participate in our activities and to help increase our strength by bringing in new members from former Boys' Brigade Members and also current serving officers.

By the Grace of God, we shall succeed and go forward in all endeavours for the progress of our Association, that in the finality will bring "Glory and Honour to His Kingdom."

DANNY CHEAH
President
Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur

PERSATUAN STEDFAST 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association's 4th A.G.M. was held on Saturday, 5 March, 1999 at 6.30 p.m. in Menara Wesley, Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur. Members did not have to wait very long before the required quorum was met. Attending the A.G.M. for the first time were several new faces including Patrick Benjamin and Chan Chee Leong (formerly 1st K.L.), Yong Chee Seng (formerly 1st P.J.) and Dato Vincent Ho Seng Kung and Tan Geok Soon (formerly 2nd K.L.).

Resolutions presented by the Executive Committee and accepted at the meeting were as follows:

1. Provision of applications by serving officers for Ordinary Membership
2. Provision of Life Membership status for serving and former members of the Boys' Brigade on payment of a single donation of not less than RM300 without becoming Ordinary Members
3. Provision of Associate Life Membership without voting rights
4. Waiving of entrance fee for serving members to become members of the Association
5. Election of the Committee of the Association to be held biennially
6. The filling of the vacancy of a member of the Committee as a result of death or resignation until the next election of the Committee
7. The inclusion of the Immediate Past President as ex-officio member of the Committee
8. Honorary auditors will hold office for 2 years and be eligible for re-appointment

Highlight of the meeting was the election of the Executive Committee for 1999/2000. The following were elected:

President	: Danny Cheah
Vice-President	: Andy Chan
Hon. Secretary	: Michael Yei
Hon. Treasurer	: Loo Leong Swee
Committee Members	: Low Ching Cheong Yong Chee Seng Looi Kwong Hon Sonny Chin Kaynis Chong
Hon. Auditors	: Dennis Lim Hock Keong Patrick A. Benjamin

CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

At the 1st meeting of the Executive Committee, the following were co-opted:

Mr. Yeoh Seng Kooi
Mr. Robinson Pan

Ex-officio members appointed were:

Rev. Tan Jin Huat – Chaplain
Mr. Tung Kam Seng – Immediate Past President

Kuala Lumpur Battalion Representative:

Mr. Cheong Seng Yuen

The meeting concluded with a fellowship dinner served in the canteen. As it was a rare occasion that we met with each other, we chit-chatted into the wee hours of the night.

PROGRAMME FOR 1999

The Executive Committee also accepted the following programme for 1999:

17th January	Farewell Dinner for Bishop Emeritus Denis C. Dutton
6th March	4th Persatuan Stedfast Annual General Meeting
13th March	Talk on Economic Outlook for 1999 and Beyond
26th June	Stedfast Family Outing
16th July	2nd Stedfast Golf Tournament
July	Badminton Tournament
15th August	Garage Sale
2nd October	Founder's Day Dinner
6 & 7th November	Malaysia/Singapore Stedfast Fellowship
12th December	Stedfast Christmas Fellowship

Bon Voyage to our Dear Bishop Emeritus

Persatuan Stedfast bade farewell and godspeed to Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton and Datin Emme Dutton with a dinner on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at the Pik Wah Restaurant, MABA House, Kuala Lumpur. The dinner was attended by 270 guests including 30 boys from the 1st Kuala Lumpur Company Boys' Brigade Brass Band.

Among those who turned up to say farewell to the Bishop Emeritus and Datin Emme Dutton were heads of churches Archbishop Soter Fernandez from the Catholic Church and Bishop Gideon Chang from the Anglican Church, Council of Churches, Malaysia's Secretary General Rev. Dr. Herman Shastri, Tan Sri and Puan Sri Chong Hon Nyan and members of Methodist Churches.

Our Guests of Honour arrived promptly at 7.45 p.m. to the sounds of fanfare by the 1st Kuala Lumpur Company Brass Band led by instructor, Mr. Yap Meng Hon.

In his welcome speech, the President of Persatuan Stedfast, Mr. Tung Kam Seng thanked Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton for his encouragement and support to the Association since its inception.

Grace was said by Rev. Dr. Herman Shastri. Dinner was then served with soft brass band

music led by Mr. Yap Meng Hon. Guests were pleasantly surprised when they heard popular numbers like "New York! New York!" and "O, Carol". The brass band specially dedicated the popular song entitled "Friends" to our Guests of Honour with Mr. Yap Meng Hon playing solo on the saxophone.

Persatuan Stedfast also had the honor of the Bishop Emeritus to present scholarship grants to 3 of the 4 beneficiaries of the Association's Trust Fund.

Mr. Yong Chee Seng, close friend and colleague of Bishop Emeritus paid tribute to him. In his presentation, he outlined the many achievements of Bishop Emeritus including his involvement not only at church level but also in education (Methodist Boys' School, Methodist College, Methodist Education Foundation), Seminary Theologi Malaysia, Inter-Religious Council, TRAC Conference and the Methodist Church in Malaysia. He also thanked Datin Emme Dutton for her quiet support in the many involvements of Bishop Emeritus.

The evening would not be complete without an address from the Guest of Honour. Bishop Emeritus said that he was leaving the country with mixed feelings. On the one hand he was looking forward to reuniting with his children and grandchildren and the challenge of



pastoring a church again. On the other hand, he was sad to leave his many friends here in Malaysia. But he assured friends that he would be back every now and then.

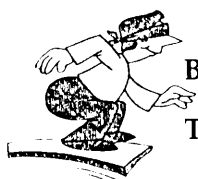
Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton and Datin Emme Dutton were presented with a farewell gift of a half-moon shape antique table and stand which were shipped in a container together with their other household effects earlier.

The evening came to a close with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" by all guests and benediction by Bishop Emeritus. ❖



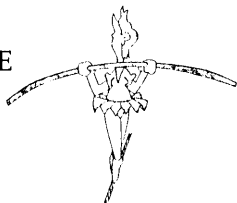
Lo Kuan Che receiving his scholarship award.

PONDER OVER THESE



**BEGIN...
THE REST IS EASY**

**I ACKNOWLEDGE
MY PERSONAL
POWER**



**I CAN DO ANYTHING
ANYTHING
IF I WANT TO**

**I APPRECIATE
MY UNIQUENESS**



**Keep doing the right things
you are afraid of, and you will
increase your courage and faith.**

***Do the best you can today;
and when you make it big,
you will forget what you
were yesterday, and
tomorrow will take care of you.***

***A Person Who Can Make
Decisions Is A Thinker.
A Person Who Can Act On His
Decisions Is A Doer.
But A Person Who Can
Stick By His Decisions Is
A Leader.***

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

– WINSTON CHURCHILL –
British statesman

Anything less than a conscious commitment to the important is an unconscious commitment to the unimportant.