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On behalf of the Society of Project Managers, I welcome all of you to our 21st anniversary dinner celebration.

SPM continues to be active in organizing seminars, talks and professional courses for our members. On top of our regular lunch time talks and evening talks at UniSIM, we have successfully carried out two half day forums that have been very well received. We will continue to do more since so many of you found them so useful.

We have focused much of our energy in the last one year on the development of the SPM accreditation of project managers. We have formed the PM Accreditation Board. We have already more than ten assessors in our panel of assessors. We want to have at least twenty in our panel so as to provide sufficient breadth. These would be made up of practitioners who are highly regarded in our industry. Simultaneously we are working on the accreditation handbook. Of course as we progress, we would be looking at the training requirements as well as training providers. We want this to start the process of putting Singapore Project Managers as the gold standard for project management.

SPM just signed an MOU with NTUC U Associate a month ago on 23 August. This is part of our strategy to connect the dots. We hope that this would help us to reach out to younger practitioners who want to develop their skills through interactions with more experienced practitioners.

The months ahead will be exciting and I hope to draw on your strong support as we drive PM accreditation and give project managers the recognition they deserve.

Lastly, as we celebrate the completion of every successful projects, let me remind all of you here that successful project completion is not fulfilling enough if workplace safety and health is not well looked after. It will ring hollow when someone among our midst cannot go home to his family and friends. I dread every time I receive a notification of fatal construction accidents for I know that something terrible had happened. Often it is easily preventable. So, as good project managers, let us strive not only to complete our project on time, within budget and with excellent quality but also with everyone going home safe and sound.

Let me now thank the dinner organizing committee chaired by Bernard Ho and his team comprising of Ruby, Swee Yee, Raymond and Patrick. I am confident you will appreciate what they have done as you enjoy the evening.

Please do not drink and drive. I do want everyone here to go home safely.

On behalf of the council, I wish all of you good health and every success in the years ahead. Enjoy the dinner and the friendships.

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