

1. President's Address

SPM President, Mr Bernard Ho, addressed all members with the following speech:

I wish to first thank the SPM council and the Working Committee for the support and hard-work they have contributed to promote and elevate the Society over the last year despite the very difficult COVID19 situation.

During the past year 2019/2020, SPM has continued our involvement and engagement with both local and international partners. Like every individual and companies, SPM has adopted Digital and Virtual means to conduct our business and meetings. Our Secretariat staff have been working from home since the start of the Circuit Breaker until now.

The Council had focused on the five areas over the past year:

1. Accreditation of Project Managers
2. Increase in Membership
3. Arrange trainings for our members
4. To enhance the professionalism of the Secretariat
5. To raise funds to support these activities

We are pleased to update that the Council worked very closely with BCA to refine and align our Accreditation scheme, and this is now ready. We are waiting for a final presentation to BCA CPP Assessment Committee for Final acceptance. Many practising Project Managers heard about this SPM Accreditation scheme and how it will benefit their PM career and practices. With that and our Council's good effort, the total membership of SPM as of now stands at 505 comprising of 5 Honorary Fellows, 57 Fellows, 362 Ordinary Members, 80 Associate Member and 1 Student Member. Personally, I am very excited in the good progress that SPM Council has achieved on the Accreditation scheme. I believe that this will give SPM and all practicing Project Managers a bright future. The accreditation scheme will definitely bring in hundreds and thousands of practicing Project Managers in Singapore to join us as members and at the same time each member will gain much recognition and be rewarded for his PM skill and capabilities, as well as continue to grow in knowledge and competency.

We have to-date 53 Accredited Professional Project Managers, with some applications yet to be processed and we will be expecting these to be increased over the next few years.

The Working Committees have prepared a series of training programme and courses which will be started soon so as to enable our Members to have continuous learning opportunities and to provide the BE sector with continuous training on Project Management topics. This will also allow our Members to be able to have new opportunities to clock their CPD points which will become a requirement to maintain their Accreditation with SPM.

The Council is now actively looking to engage a fulltime Executive Director to help us to elevate the professionalism of the Secretariat, as well as to take on the expected increase in the secretariat workload due to the SPM Accreditation as well as the

increase in membership applications and to take charge of the day-today running and administrative duties of the secretariat.

In order to be able to support these activities, the Council has rolled out to have our inaugural Golf tournament in 2020, but this has to be postponed due to COVID19 to a later date. We intend to raise more than sufficient funds from these events (Golf, Annual Dinner, Training Courses, seminars, etc) so as to be able to support the above activities.

On behalf of the SPM Council, we thank each of you who have attended this virtual AGM and look forward to your continued support toward SPM. I wish everyone good health and to continue to play our part to be vigilant and to keep our safe distancing so that together we will be able to overcome this virus.

Thank you.

Bernard Ho

SPM President, 2019 - 2021