

## **SPM 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner on 22 Sep 2017**

### **President's Speech**

Minister Indranee Rajah, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Society of Project Managers, I welcome all of you to our 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary dinner celebration.

SPM continues to be active in organizing seminars, talks and professional courses for our members. I hope all of you have learned much from our recent talk on “An Overview of The New SIA Building Contracts”. On top of our regular lunch time talks at SRC and evening talks at SUSS, we had successfully carried out a one day BCA-SPM seminar on “Maximising Productivity through Project Collaboration”. We will continue to do more to keep our members updated on the latest.

In fact, on 9 November 2017, SPM would be running a one day Project Management conference on “Project Management at the Cutting Edge”. Please register and I know you would learn much.

We launched the SPM accreditation of project managers on 6 June 2017 with very strong support from government entities, developers, consultants and contractors. We had more than 40 statements of support. This sent a very strong signal to SPM and the industry that we are proceeding in the right direction.

We have twelve assessors in our panel of assessors. They are practitioners who are highly regarded in our industry. We want to start the process of putting Singapore's Professional Project Managers (PPM) as the Gold Standard for Project Management.

For this, I welcome all of you to find out more and go for accreditation if possible. We need more PPMs.

SPM has signed an MOU with the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) a few days ago to signal the importance of continuous upskilling for our profession.

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.

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.