



# Old Paulians' Association Seremban

## Annual Report 2021



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**1. Annual General Meeting**

The 94th Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) scheduled for March 2020 at 11.00 a.m. at Paulian House, 324-1 (Lot 3029) Taman Bukit Kaya, 70200 Seremban was postponed due to the SOP restrictions on Covid 19. It was held on 28th November 2021 after SOP restrictions were relaxed. The 95th AGM was held on the same day immediately after the 94th AGM.

**2. Management Committee Meetings**

There was only one Management Committee Meeting held (“Meeting”) after the AGM. The details of the attendance of each Committee member are as follows:

	Attendance	(%)
Steven Chan Weng Choy (“Mr Steven Chan”)	1 of 1	100
Ng Yee Tim (“Mr Ng”)	1 of 1	100
Dr Mahadevan Deva Tata (“Dr Maha”)	0 of 1	0
Gerard Chan Hon Weng (“Mr. Gereard Chan”)	1 of 1	100
Tan Kok Chin (“Mr Tan”)	1 of 1	100
Dato’ Lai See Ming (“Dato Lai”)	1 of 1	100
Lee Kok Keong (“Mr Lee ”)	1 of 1	100
Sawarimutthu Rayappan (“Mr Mutu”)	1 of 1	100
Yam Kait Wah (“Mr Yam”)	1 of 1	100
Douglas Chan Wing Hong (“Mr Douglas”)	1 of 1	100
Jeffery Leong Chin Kui (“Mr Jeffery”)	1 of 1	100
Balu a/l Konodian (“Mr Balu”)	1 of 1	100

The Association was updated on the activities, developments and affairs of St Paul’s Institution, Primary (“SPI Primary”) and SPI Secondary by their Heads, Mr Santhanasamy Amaladas (“Mr Santhana”) and Mr Kaliselvam Muniandi (“Mr Kalai”) respectively or their representatives during the Management Meetings

2.1 The new Sub Committees were as follows:

<b>Sub-committee</b>	<b>Head</b>
Lasallian Liaison & Recreation	Ng Yee Tim
Sports & Games	Balu a/l Konodian
School Support	Dr Mahadevan Devan Tata / Gerard Chan
Finance & Welfare	Yam Kait Wah
Technologies & Multimedia	Dato’ Lai See Ming / Tan Kok Chin
Building & Facilities	Douglas Chan Wing Hong
Membership	Sawarimutthu Rayappan
Food & Beverages Matters	Jeffery Leong Chin Kui

**3. Lasallian Liaison & Recreation Committee**

During the year, no trips were organised due to travel restrictions.

**4. Sports & Games Committee**

The Association is affiliated to Negeri Sembilan Badminton Association, Persatuan Badminton Daerah Seremban (represented by Mr Lee Nam Yew, C77) and the Negeri Sembilan Hockey Association (represented by Mr Nantha Sabahnathan C94).

Hockey:

Nantha, Stephen V Huizen and Jijie Mohd Nor contributed old photos of Hockey team, coaches and other Hockey related past events which were posted on OPA SEREMBAN Facebook. Please take a look if you have not seen them. He, together with Vijayan Ramanjulu and some C94 hockey enthusiasts grouped together to try to revive the Hockey interest amongst the paulians. The volunteer coaches were Mr. Stephen V Huizen C75, Mr Kon Chen Choong C74.

The “Paulian Hockey Fund” was proposed by Nantha Sabahnathan, Adrian Van Huizen, R. Vijayan and Taranjit Singh. OPA will be custodian of the fund. It was launched in November 2020 and the target was to collect RM10,000 by November 2021. The fund stood at RM5,420 as at Jan 29, 2022.

The main objectives of the fund were:-

- 1). Rental of the artificial turf at Stadium Hoki Seremban,
- 2) Purchase of essential training equipment,
- 3) Provide food and transport subsidies to the players,
- 4) Preparing the school teams for each hockey season,
- 5) Finance tuition for players who need help with their studies.

22 Jerseys were donated by Nantha for players attending the weekend sessions. Those working payers paid RM 60 for each jersey where the proceeds were channelled to the Paulian Hockey Fund. Those still studying in universities and colleges were given the jerseys free of charge.

Nantha with the help of others has also donated for all turf bookings. No funds from OPA were used for the weekend bookings. Through word of mouth and social media, they managed to gather new Old Paulian hockey players and hope more school leavers will drop by the turf on weekends.

Annual Games (OPA vs SPI):

The 2021 Annual games were not held due to SOP restrictions on Covid-19.

The usual games and locations would have been held as below:

Games	Venue
Badminton	Ma Hwa Hall
Football	SPI Secondary
Squash	Royal Sungai Ujong Club
Basketball, Table Tennis, Volleyball	SPI Secondary
Hockey	S2 Hockey Pitch

Overall Result: None.

Please visit the Association's website <https://paulians.my> or Facebook [www.facebook.com/OPA SEREMBAN](http://www.facebook.com/OPA_SEREMBAN) for the coming games in 2022.

Reminder: If you wish to participate in these games, please sign up as OPA members.

OPA Golf Tournament:

The OPA Golf Tournament which was held annually on the first Saturday of September since 1973, was changed to Friday from 31st August 2018.

The Tournament for 2021 was cancelled due to the pandemic.

**5. School Support Committee**

(i) SPI Primary :

1. Building of an open hall in the school with a cost of RM340,000 budget.
2. The project was carried out and built in April with funding from the government and from Matrix Concepts.
3. New roofing for the grandstand in the field with a budget of RM70,000. Funding from the government.
4. New covered walkway from students' waiting area to the hall at a cost of RM8,000. Funding from the Government.
5. 13 new Smart Board Interactive System for 12 classrooms and an IT room at a cost of RM238,000. Each board costs RM18,000. Private sponsorship.
6. 51 sets of new workstations and chairs for teachers in the staffroom at a cost of RM 34,000. Private funding.

(ii) SPI Secondary:

Date	Activity
14.01.2021	SPI Ponggal Celebration 2021 (Online)
17.02.2021	Registration for Uniform Units 2021 (Online)
24.02.2021	SPI Chinese New Year Celebration 2021 (Online)
17.03.2021	Registration for Clubs/Societies 2021 (Online)
20.03.2021	Recycling Programme 2021

10.04.2021	SPI Inter-House Virtual Cross Country Run 2021
15.05.2021	Online Founder's Day Celebration 2021 (Online)
01.07.2021	Appointment Of The New Principal, Mr.Kalaiselvam a/l Muniandi
07-24.07.2021	Organisers of MSSD S1 Hockey Skills Competition 2021
05-31.07.2021	Organisers of Seremban 1 District-level Tamil Language Carnival 2021
22.07.2021	Food Basket Programme
11.08.2021	Academic Module Programme
16.08.2021	Patriotisme Month
March-Oct 2021	Online Co-curricular Activities (Clubs/ Societies / Uniform Units)
09.10.2021	PAJSK Online Workshop for teachers
30.10.2021	SPI Recycling Programme
29.12.2021	Annual General Meeting of SMK St. Paul Co-operative (Online)

## 6. Finance & Welfare Committee

- (i) Bro Felix Donohue (BFD ) Awards:  
RM15,600 were paid to 13 Form 6 students who received RM1,200 each from the Fund in 2021.

With the cessation of Form 6 classes in SPI w.e.f. 2022, the C70 group that initiated the fund has agreed to channel the Fund to the needy Form 5 students with academic potentials.

- (ii) Class of 78 Student Welfare Fund  
This was started by the generous contribution from this group. Objective was to provide monthly pocket allowances to needy students in both SPI schools.

On 26th March 2021, on behalf of Class 78, the president presented a cheque of RM3,000 to Mr. Santhanasamy, (Primary School Headmaster) for disbursement to 30 needy students.

- (iii) Appeal to Help Paralysed Paulian - Vincent Lee Yeow Pong (C88)  
Mr. Vincent Lee Yeow Pong, from the Class of 1988, was paralysed, bedridden, stricken by speech impairment and bleeding on the right side of his brain after a dreadful fall from the stairs of his home on 2 August 2021. The family was saddled with severe financial difficulties as Vincent, who worked as a marketing agent, was the sole provider. Since the 3rd Movement Control Order, Vincent has been jobless, causing his savings to dry up. Vincent's house in Taman Bukit Kaya was in danger of being auctioned off by the bank as he was in arrears of six months' instalments on his home loan.

Old Paulians' Association initiated a fundraising campaign and within a month, raised RM78,775. The proceed was fully disbursed to Mr. Vincent Lee's family.

- (iv) Bro James Macken Fund BJMF  
This fund was managed by the Primary school PIBG.

## 7. Technologies & Multimedia Committee

The OPA website, (<https://paulians.my>), as well as OPA Facebook (OPA SEREMBAN) were being updated to create a platform of communication for all Paulians from the oldest class to the present.

## 8. Building & Facilities Committee

The Paulian House was officially opened on the 28th November 2021 by our Patron, YB Anthony Loke Siew Fook, Member of Parliament Seremban. In conjunction with the opening ceremony, prayers and blessings on the premises were conducted by His Grace, Julian Leow Beng Kim, Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur. Present at the opening ceremony were our Advisor, the President, Members of the Management Committee, invited members and guests.

As of date, gatherings and events were held at Paulian House by school leavers from the various year groups. Based on feedback and input information from the attendees, the venue for gathering at Paulian House was specifically chosen because of its link to their Alma Mater and the Paulian spirit of togetherness and fellowship. In fact to them, missing acquaintances and friendship were renewed at this very important focal meeting point even after leaving school for more than 50 years.

Presently minor upgrading, general maintenance and enhancement work are being periodically carried out at the building. The squatting type WC will be replaced by seating type WC with safety bars installed to the toilet wall. A safety feature weatherproof box will also be installed to house the exposed electric meters located at the front external side of the building.

More facilities with good ambience and setup as the objective will be made available to members and introduced progressively. The Building Sub Committee is making a cost-effective feasibility study and looking at maximizing usage of available space for an extension of the building to house the proposed future facilities. Drafting of the extension plans and discussions are ongoing and will be submitted for further case study and deliberation to the Exco Committee when the blueprint is finalized.

**9. Membership Committee**

The Association had recruited 14 life members (2020:38; 2019: 39) from Jan to Dec 2021. The number of members as at Dec 31, 2021 was 1,038.

The Membership is open to all former students of SPI Primary and SPI Secondary as well as serving and past teachers of both schools. Kindly update the Association of any changes in members, address and contacts etc.

Below are the Membership Fees structure.

Membership	Fees (RM)
Entrance Fees	5.00
Ordinary Membership	30.00
Associate Membership	20.00
Life Membership	150.00

Associate Membership is open to former students of other Lasallian Schools.

Note: The 94th AGM adopted the Life membership fees to be raised from RM100 to RM150.

**10. Food and Beverages Matters Committee**

This new committee will look into the liaison with the caterer. Rules of regulations on the operations of the Paulian House will be determined and approved by the management committee.

OPA members can make a booking to use Paulian House through the Secretary. There is currently no fixed rental fees but members who book and use the Paulian House are encouraged to make a donation to OPA for the maintenance and upgrading of the place. The place should be cleaned after the session.

**11. OPA's 94th and 95th Annual Reunion Dinner**

It was originally scheduled to be held at the Regent Hall on 5th Sept 2020 and 4th Sept 2021 respectively. The events unfortunately had to be cancelled due to SOP restrictions during the Covid19 pandemic.

The 25th Year Group (Class of 1995) and 50th Year Group (Class of 1970) for the 94th Annual Reunion Dinner, and the 25th Year Group (Class of 1996) and 50th Year Group (Class of 1971) for the 95th Annual Reunion Dinner would be discussed if it would be held at the 96th Annual Reunion Dinner.

The 25th Year Group (Class of 1997) and 50th Year Group (Class of 1972) would be celebrating at the 96th Annual Reunion Dinner, scheduled to be held on 3rd Sept 2022.

Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak Award for the year 2020 and 2021 (Presented to the best all-rounder student of the year.) were presented during a school event, due to the SOP restrictions and lock-downs. Normally, the presentation would be at the Annual Reunion Dinner.

**Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak Award Winners:-**

2020 Keertan a/l Murugesvaran

2021 Divesh Mahdevan Tata

Both recipients received their prizes donated by Puan Sri Cecilia Chan.

OPA Scholastic Awards for Exam in 2020

The awards are pending to be given out at the next Annual Reunion Dinner.

**SPM**

Lim Huey Qi                    11A            Lim Chee Keong

Brian Sng Meng Ze        10A            Sng Ming Teck

**11. Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Alumni Associations ("MFOLSA")**

The Association sent representatives to the annual dinners of other members of the Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Alumni Associations ("MFOLSA") as well as to MFOLSA meetings regularly.

**12. Obituary**

Our sincere condolences to the families of the following ex Paulians who passed away:

- Sonny Asokeran Suppiah
- Chan Wai Choong
- Ganakumaran Subramaniam, Prof Dr.
- Balachandran a/l Ganapat Capt (R)
- William Fedelis
- Harbhajan Singh
- Jayendra a/l Punambai M Patel
- Leonard E D'Cruz (also ex SPI school teacher)
- Tham Yew Cheong, Peter
- Philip John Siow

The families of Former teachers

- Mrs Anges Thambu, ex-supervisor at SPI Primary.
- Miss Wong Lai Kwan, former teacher of SPI Secondary

Our sincere condolences also to:

- Dato Tock Min Kin and Datin Anna Liew on the passing of father/father-in-law the late Mr Tock Kai Seng,
- Dato Lai See Ming and Datin Wong Lai Hwa on the passing of his mother/her mother-in-law,
- Peter Tham Yew Cheong on the demise of his beloved mother,
- Tan Kok Tat, Dato Tan Kok Kwee, Tan Kok Yang, Tan Kok Suan on the demise of their beloved father, the late Mr Tan Ping Wee,
- Lee Yuen Loy and Lee Yuen Lin on the demise of their eldest brother, the late Mr. Lee Yuen Fong,
- Douglas Chan Wing Hong, Steven Chan Weng Choy, Andy Chan Wing Yuen on the demise of their beloved sister,
- Johnny Lau Thien Cheong on the demise of his beloved wife, Mdm Chua Lai Hoon,
- Bernard Ng Kuan Poh on the demise of his beloved father Mr. Bob Ng Weng Fook, former school teacher of St. Paul's Secondary.

**13. Important Announcement**

If your child has performed well in SPM (Minimum 7As) and STPM (Minimum 3A), please submit your application for the OPA's Scholastic Awards to the Association. The application form can be downloaded from The Association's website, <https://paulians.my/>

Closing date 31st July 2022.