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Annual Report 2020/2021

Dear MBA alumni,

I hope you are safe and keeping well, and for those who celebrate, I wish you a Happy Lunar New Year! 2020 has been a challenging year for many of us, and I hope that with the new year things will change for the better.

Like almost everyone around the world, the alumni association's plans for 2020 was affected by the pandemic. We had a slew of programs planned for 2020, including our signature events such as the NUS Business School Golf Reunion Challenge, the jointly organized Explore Singapore as well as the Oktoberfest networking event with BIZAlum (previously known as GANO), which were all cancelled.

However, with almost all activities going online we saw a silver lining, we saw this as a unique opportunity to connect with alumni not in Singapore.

In 2020, together with the MBA student clubs, we jointly organized webinars on topics of interest for our alumni and students. Among the highlights was the Energy Pulse panel discussion, this was spearheaded by Janesh and moderated by Prashant. The topic of discussion was "Opportunities in the Energy Value Chain" with 5 of our alumni on the panel. The student clubs have continued this effort throughout 2020 with the alumni association selectively contributing to events.

In 2020, we also saw a greater effort to connect with alumni throughout the world. The NUS BizAlum organized activities to connect with alumni from Indonesia and India. In 2021 and moving forward, we plan to jointly organize this effort to reach out to our global alumni.

To continue to recognize outstanding contributions by MBA students, we have renewed and expanded our collaboration with the NUS Business School. This commitment will involve a new year 5-year contract and will increase our co-sponsorship of awards from 2 to 3. Financially, this will mean that the alumni association is committing \$2,000 annually, an increase of \$1,000 from the previous agreement. Our esteemed director, Yeo Keng Joon, has volunteered to raise funds for this effort. The third award will be called the MBA Alumni-NUS Community Service Award.

Financially, we are healthy. However, the pandemic has put paid to any efforts to raise revenues for 2020 and most likely 2021 as well. We are in discussions with the BSA alumni association to collaborate on events to increase revenues.

With Singapore expected to remain in Phase 3 for most of 2021, I expect in-person activities to be minimum. However, I hope this will change once most of Singapore is vaccinated. Until we can meet in person, please do stay connected digitally and take care.

Yours sincerely,

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President of MBA Alumni-NUS (2020/21)