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Annual Report 2019/2020

At the AGM last year, I highlighted 2 key priorities: to work closer with the school to collaborate on deeply meaningful and purposeful projects and to create a greater awareness of the Alumni association amongst the students such that we can have a steady stream of new members. To create the requisite capacity for these priorities, we have scaled down on our smaller activities and rode on NUS and other sister alumni related activities for our members to participate in. The number of activities have also been reduced due to the Covid-19 outbreak in the later part of the year. That said, we continued to successfully organize our signature events such as the NUS Business School Golf Reunion Challenge 2019 at Orchid Country Club, jointly organized the Explore Singapore as well as the *Oktoberfest* networking event with BIZAlum (previously known as GANO).

On building a more purposeful collaboration with the schools, I am happy to announce that we have successfully raised and exceeded our initial target of \$45,000 for the MBA Alumni –NUS Advancement fund to support financially needy business school students. We jointly organized an appreciation dinner on 20 Mar 19 to celebrate this milestone. I would like to thank Chee Siang, Keng Joon and James for leading this effort and all our generous donors for making this initiative a success. I urge all members to continue supporting this very worthwhile cause.

On working more closely with the students, we continued to make good progress. Close to a hundred new students have signed up as our associate members this year and we continued to work with them to organize and involve them in our networking events.

I would also like to thank Abhinav and Clodimir for rejuvenating our monthly drinks, which has grown in attendance. We have also started to revamp our MBA website and I would like to thank Tim, Eddy, Nari and our new secretariat Sophie for driving this initiative.

Financially, we are healthy. We need to be good stewards of our finances but we will continually be on the lookout for worthwhile initiatives to invest our resources in.

It has been a privilege serving on the board of the MBA Alumni for the past 10 years, and as the President for the past 2 years. I would like to thank my strong core exco team, who has been relentless. Without their passion and drive, we would not have achieved any of these outcomes in the past years. I would also like to thank board members, alumni members, BIZAlum, the NUS Business School and many others for their strong support. It is time for me to move on and hand over the reins to a younger and more dynamic team. Therefore, I have decided not to stand for board election for 2020/21. I hope that you can continue to give your strong support, endorsement and encouragement to the new President and his team, as you had given to me and my team for the past 2 years.

Yours sincerely,

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