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Annual Report 2019

1. Introduction

In the year 2019, the Society continue to achieved significant milestones. Besides managing the Selegie Arts Centre and the Loke Wan Tho Gallery, we have initiated the Selegie Artlane project as part of the commitment to engage local visual artists including photographers to showcase and sell their works.

PSS has gained the support from Council of the 3rd Age (C3A), we have designed a Smartphone Photography Course held in collaboration with National Silver Academy (NSA) for senior to encourage them to remain active with photography. Singapore Citizens and Seniors age 50 and above will receive subsidy from NSA.

In terms of operations and finances, for the financial year ended 31st December 2019, PSS recorded a surplus of S\$129,963 for the year as compared to the surplus of S\$60,674 recorded in 2018. The increase in surplus was mainly due to higher rental income and more income from courses conducted during the year.

2. Overseas Engagements

PSS presented members' works depicting Singapore at the Kuala Lumpur Photography Festival 2019 (KLPPF), the only annual photography festival in Malaysia. The Society was also invited to curate members' works in 2019 Pingyao International Photography Festival, 2019 Hwangshan Yixian Photography Festival and 2019 Beijing International Photo Week.

The Society continued with its cultural exchange programmes in 2019. A collection of works from PSS members were exhibited in Kyoto, Japan for the Japan International Photographic Federation Cultural Exchange Exhibition (JIPF).

3. Talks by Photography Artists and Professionals

PSS organised workshop by guest speakers to present their area of research and creative process. This include fund raising talks and workshops for PSS SPARK Program for youths at risk as following:

Wildlife photography by *Christopher Ang*,
Master Class Workshop by War Photographer *Tim Page*,
Street Photography by Neo Geo Photographer *Catherine Karnow*.

Besides we have talks on various topic:
What you Need to Know about Freelancing in Photography by *Jeremiah Choy and Kevin Ou*.
How to Start your Photography Business by *PPAS*
What do Judges Look for in a Winning image by *Vincent Liew*,
Smart Photo Storage Management by *Synology and PPAS*,
Landscape Photography by *Dr Kah-Wai Lin*,
Birds and Flora Photography by *Lee Hai Poh*.

4. **Service Distinctions**

The Council reviews and recognizes the services rendered by hard-working volunteers periodically.

5. **Member Engagements & Other Benefits**

Our local monthly photography outings for PSS, led by Mr Dixon Ng Chai Hee has been quite popular with members and non-members; there have been many interesting themes organized. These includes:

1. Action themed Outing:

- Dragon Kiln firing at Thow Kwang Pottery
- Chef Heman in action
- Seletar Airport Emergency Services in action
- Otter Photo shoot
- Jurong Fishery Port

2. Night Scene themed Outing:

- National Day Fireworks and Mini-Picnic at Gardens by the Bay East.
- MBS Waterscreen Laser Lights
- I-Light Festival

3. Nature themed outings:

- Lotus flower at Ang Mo Kio garden
- Sunrise at Pulau Ubin and Changi Ferry Terminal
- Sunset at Raffles Marina Lighthouse,
- Butterfly Photo Shoot at Butterfly garden at Ubin

4 . Model themed Outing:

- Swimwear Photo shoot at Sentosa beach
- Model Photo shoot at Haw Par Villa

5. Collaborations with team Olympus :- Birdie Shoot at Satay by the Bay

6. Collaborations with Huawei Team :- Walkabout in Little India

These local photography outings have expanded members' knowledge and skills of the different types and themes of photography. There has also been an increase in interest and participation in these outings.

Mr Phua Chong Tian organised the following activities for volunteers and members to develop membership bonds and cohesiveness:

1. Lunar New Year Celebrations
2. Mid-autumn Festival Celebration
3. Christmas Gathering

6. **The Board**

The Board is currently chaired by Mr Tan Soo Nan. The Board continues to be a valuable resource for the Council to address both long and short-term challenges.

The following are members of The Board:

Chairman - Mr Tan Soo Nan

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Member - Mr David Tay Poey Cher

Member - Mr Lim Geok Khoon

Member - Associate Professor Dr Oh Soon Hwa

Member - Mr Sin Boon Ann

Member - Mr Goh Kim Hui
President

Member - Mr Lim Leong Kiat
Honorary Secretary

Member - Mr Goh Thien Chee
Honorary Treasurer

7. Selegie Artlane Project

In support of the National Arts Council's effort to promote arts in Singapore, PSS had initiated the Selegie Artlane Project during the year. This was a one-day art fair to promote the works of local artists. It was organised by PSS with the sponsorship from Singapore Pools and Singapore Land Authority and with the support of National Art Council, Housing and Development Board, People's Association, MeidaCorp, Singapore Press Holdings, NAFA and other art schools as well as several other photographic societies. The art fair was successfully launched by the Major of Central Singapore District, Ms Denise Phua on 28th September 2019 and attracted the participation of more than 40 local photographers and artists.

8. Finance

As noted in the introductory remarks, the Society generated a surplus of S\$129,963 for FY 2019, S\$69,289 more than the S\$60,674 recorded in FY 2018. This huge increase in surplus was mainly due to higher rental income and more income from courses conducted during the year.

9. International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP)

PSS continues to be recognized by FIAP as the national body representing photographic art in Singapore and retains its Operational Member status of FIAP. PSS manages all applications for FIAP distinctions by local photographers, who have achieved a good track record in international salons. PSS also manage applications for FIAP patronages by local institutions or photographic societies holding international exhibitions in Singapore.

The Council would like to congratulate the following members who achieved the following FIAP distinctions in 2019:

EFIAP/p : Teo Giap Chiu

EFIAP/g : Heng Zee Kek

EFIAP : Goh Seh Guan

AFIAP : Ng Huee Ling

Tan Lee Eng

Teo Chin Leong

For the year under review, PSS continues to maintain a close tie with FIAP through the Society's immediate past President Mr. David P C Tay, a Member of the FIAP Directory Board, and current President Mr. Goh Kim Hui who is the Society's FIAP Liaison Officer.

The Council would like once again to record its appreciation to Mr Tay and Mr Goh for enhancing the ties between PSS and FIAP as well as serving the interests of local photographers.

10. PSS Distinctions

The Society recognizes its members' achievements in photography with the award of PSS Distinctions. During the year under review, the numbers of successful applications for PSS Distinctions are as follows:

LicentiateShip (LPSS)

For competence in practical photography based on a set of 10 monochrome or colour prints or digital images submitted by the applicants.

Successful LPSS applications:

Aung Chan Thar	Nan Pan Aye Phyu	Thaw Zin Aung
Aung Phyo Min	Nay Tun Oo	Thaw Zin Oo
Aung Tun	Ng Keng Kerng	Thet Htut Aung
Chan Myae Aung	Nyi Nyi Kyaw	Thin Thin Tun
David Lian	Phyo Maung Maung	Win Zaw Htun
Han Lin Mon	Pyae Phyo San Maung	Wunna Phyo
Kaap Chian Mung	Sai Kyaw Zin	Ye Min Tun
Kay Thi Win	Saw Hla Htun	Ye Win Hlaing
Kyaw Htut Aung	Saw Kyar Doe	Ye Wint Naung
Kyaw Kay Thi	Saw Minn Naung	Yu Maung

Kyaw Swar Myint	Saw Zar Hay	Zey Yar Aung
Maw Khone	Soe Moe Aung	
May Theingyi Myat Kyaw	Swe Tun	
Myat Ko Ko	Than Aye	
Myo Min	Than Sint	
Myo Min Kyaw	Thandar Tun	

Associateship (APSS)

For high degree of proficiency and the demonstration of a high technical and visual competence; based on a set of 12 monochrome or colour prints or digital images submitted by the applicants.

Successful APSS applications:

Hlaing Myint Min	Kyaw Kyaw Oo	Edward Wong
Cho Mar Htun	Thura Maung Maung	Maung Maung
Wolfgang Lin (Lin Tat Chi)	Pang Man Chung Patrick	Ng Huee Ling
Wunna Win	Ong Sai Lian Pauline	Sim Kim Pheng

Fellowship (FPSS)

Only Associates of The Photographic Society of Singapore may apply for this Distinction which consists of 18 monochrome or colour prints or digital images. Successful criteria are based on originality and advance techniques. The materials must also show the applicant's creativity, individuality and treatment of subject.

Successful FPSS applications:

Yeaw Choon Wee	Jeffrey Wong Choh Foo
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11. Service Distinctions

The Council reviews and recognizes the services rendered by hard-working volunteers.

The recipients of Service Distinctions are listed below:

No	Candidate Name	Award Recommended
1	Gho Lay Tin	Hon EPSS
2	Michael Ee	Hon EPSS
3	Phua Chong Tian	ESPSS
4	Thigh Wanna	SPSS
5	Tan Wei, David	SPSS
6	Sun Tao	SPSS
7	Jeffery Wong Choh Foo	SPSS
8	Tan Lee San, Vanesa	SPSS
9	Paul Chin Yong Tong	SPSS
10	Liew Tong Leng	SPSS
11	Peter Cheng Woei Shiunn	Service Cert
12	Mak Choong Weng	Service Cert
13	Jessie Lu Mei Yi	Service Cert
14	Peggy Teo Lee Eng	Service Cert
15	Joe Tham Chu Yuen	Service Cert
16	Michael Sng Peng Kiang	Service Cert
17	Alice Kwek Peng Soo	Service Cert
18	Phang Chuay Mei	Service Cert
19	Sandy Jiang Wei Ping	Service Cert
20	Tan Keng Hong	Service Cert
21	Gao Liping Grace	Service Cert
22	Lim Keow Choon	Service Cert
23	David Yap Guan Kwee	Service Cert

12. **Photography Courses**

In order to encourage members to further improve on their photography skills, the Society had conducted several new courses for software such as Snapseed, Affinity Photo and Luminar during the year. In addition, the Society had also enhanced its partnership with the Council of 3rd Age by introducing more photography courses for the senior citizens with the subsidy from National Silver Academy. As a result, the income from courses conducted had increased from S\$15,496 in 2018 to S\$62,962 for the year.

The Council would like to record its appreciation to the photography instructors and PSS staff for their time and effort in ensuring the effective running of the courses.

13. **Selected Photographic Competitions**

During the year under review, PSS had collaborated and supported the following organizations in their photo competitions. Below are some of the events we organized and/or supported.

1. Singapore Garden Photographer of the Year (SGPY)
2. Lianshan Shuanglin Monastery 120th Anniversary Photo Competition

14. **Selected Photographic and Arts Exhibitions**

1. Transform, Progress and Cherish, a Photographic Exhibition commemorating Singapore Bicentennial organised by PSS and Sponsored by Huawei.
2. Battlefield Lens, a collection of the IndoChina War 1950-1975.
3. Singapore Garden Photographer of the Year 2019
4. Sperendipity II an art exhibition by *Vietnamese artist Kieu Hanh Morel and French Artist Frédérique Stref*
5. Shanghai Streets by *Pascale Monté-Papée*

15. **66th Singapore International Photography Award**

The 66th Singapore International Photography Awards (SIPA 2019) was chaired by Jack Goh Kok Leong. SIPA 2019 continues to receive strong interest based on the entries received. SIPA 2019 received a total of 6,393 entries by 366 authors originating from 62 Countries.

The PSS Exhibitor Distinctions continues to be well received locally and internationally. The interest in the distinction continues to increase.

16. **4th Lion City International Salon 2019**

The 4th Lion City International Salon (LCIS) in Singapore received a total of 6,214 by 387 authors from 47 countries. Thus, re-ascertaining the popularity of LCIS by the global community.

17. **4th Pacific Atlantic International Circuit 2019**

The 4th Pacific Atlantic International Circuit (PAIC) 2019 was jointly organised by PSS together with reputable photographic societies in USA and Greece. A total of 7,929 entries was received from 650 authors from 59 countries.

18. **PSS Staff**

The Society would like to record its appreciation for its dedicated staff in their effort to sustain the daily operations and ancillary projects of the Society while ensuring the needs of members are met.

19. **Membership**

The total membership of the Society was 623. The breakdown is as follows:

Honorary Life Members	5
Local Ordinary Members	174
Overseas Ordinary Members	62
Local Life Members	337
Overseas Life Members	45

Our social media membership had reach about 28,410 members and approximately close to 3000 followers.

20. **People's Association Corporate Membership**

For the year under review, PSS continued to be an active Corporate Member of the People's Association (PA). As a record, PSS is also a Founding Corporate Member of PA. Our President, Mr Goh Kim Hui, was appointed as PSS's representative to PA.

21. **Publicity**

The Society continued to inform members through PSS Facebook page, PSS website at www.pss1950.org as well as email updates on the latest PSS events for those members who are in the Society's email database.

22. **Acknowledgement**

The Council would like to thank the following companies for their support for the Society during the year under review:

- Audio & Photo Distributor (F.E.) Pte Ltd
- Canon Marketing Pte Ltd
- Huawei Singapore
- KHL Printing Co Pte Ltd
- mm2 Entertainment
- Photogenie Pte Ltd
- Singapore Pools Ltd
- Sigma Marketing (Singapore) Pte Ltd
- Swissco Technology

The Council is also grateful to the local newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations for their support in publicizing the Society's events and activities.

23. **Conclusion**

The Council would also like to take this opportunity to thank all PSS patrons, donors, well-wishers and the volunteers whom devoted considerable time and effort in ensuring that the Society's activities are carried out successfully.

For and on behalf of the Council



Lim Leong Kiat
Honorary Secretary
The Photographic Society of Singapore