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# Annual Report 2020

## 1. Introduction

In the year 2020, in view of COVID-19, the Society had to close our premises for a few months during the first half of 2020 and observe the safe-distancing rule and other measures introduced by the Government to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease. As a result, most of our activities could only resume in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half year of 2020 and the number of participants for courses and other activities were reduced to comply with the COVID-19 rules laid down by the Government.

Notwithstanding the above, besides gaining the support from Council of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (C3A) to provide course fee subsidies to seniors who attended courses approved by the National Silver Academy (NSA), we also managed to obtain the support of Skills Future in December 2021 for our NSA approved courses. Course participants are allowed to apply for Skills Future Credit to pay for their course fees for such courses.

In terms of operations and finances, for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, PSS recorded a surplus of S\$2,261,297 for the year as compared to the surplus of S\$129,963 recorded in 2019. Please refer to Paragraph 7 for the detailed explanation of the variance.

## 2. Overseas Engagements

PSS continued to take part in the Kuala Lumpur Photography Festival 2020 (KLPPF) as it was held as an on-line event in 2020. PSS members Kim Hui Goh, Dixon Ng Chai Hee and Jeffrey Wong presented in KLPPF Online Webinars on 13 September 2020 Sunday 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

The Society continued with its cultural exchange programmes in 2020. The Japan-Singapore Cultural Exchange Exhibition was held in Loke Wan Tho Gallery from 10 to 18 October 2020. The online opening ceremony was attended by Japan International Photographic Federation (JIPF) President Mr Akio Fujii, Secretary General Mr Ichida, Treasurer Ms Okada and Curator Mr Okumoto. PSS was represented by President Mr Goh Kim Hui, Hon. Secretary, Mr Lim Leong Kiat, Asst. Hon. Secretary Ms Liz Liew etc.

### **3. Talks by Photography Artists and Professionals**

In view of COVID-19, PSS had successfully organised the PSS Masterclass Webinar Series in 2020 and invited 16 well-known local and international photographers to share their photography works at the webinar.

PSS also organised a Peranakan Fund Raising Dinner in 2020. The event was conducted via Zoom platform and the program included a photography talk by Mr Lim Leong Kiat on How to Take Better Smartphone Photos and a vocal performance by soprano Ms Lauren Yeo.

### **4. Exhibitions**

After the Circuit Breaker went into Phase 2, these were the following exhibitions held at our Loke Wan Tho Gallery in 2020:

- Pascale Monte Papee Photography Exhibition – Soul of Asia: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
- Japan-Singapore Cultural Exchange Photography Exhibition: 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.
- The 67<sup>th</sup> SIPA 2020 Photography Exhibition: 6 December 2020 to 4 January 2021.

### **5. Member Engagements & Other Benefits**

Our local monthly photography outings for PSS, led by Mr Dixon Ng Chai Hee has been popular with members and non-members; In view of COVID-19 breakout, the outing activities of PSS had to be organised in compliance with the COVID-19 rules and safe distancing measures laid down by the Government. The outings and studio shoot organised in year 2020 included:

- Batu Cave Thaipusam Overseas Outing
- Sunrise at Pulau Ubin and Changi Ferry Terminal
- Sunset at Lower Peirce Reservoir
- Kusu & St. John Island Photo Outing
- Christmas Model Shoot

Our Committee member Mr Phua Chong Tian also organised a Lunar New Year Celebrations with Talk by Mr Joseph Mak, the Fujifilm X-Photographer.

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

PSS also organised the following activities for volunteers and members to bonds and develop cohesiveness:

- Photography Talk on "Potential Works for an International Photography Festival" by Ms Amy Liu Xiaoxia, Director of International Program, Pingyao International Photography Festival (PIP)
- Stay-Home Photography Contest in conjunction with Raffles Medical Insurance with the support of MM2 Entertainment.
- Charm of Jiangsu Photography Contest in conjunction with Travellution Magazine.

## 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 Daniel Teo Teow Hock**

**Member - Mr Goh Kim Hui**  
President

**Member - Mr Lim Leong Kiat**  
Honorary Secretary

**Member - Mr Goh Thien Chee**  
Honorary Treasurer

## 7. Finance

As noted in the introductory remarks, the Society generated a surplus of S\$2,261,297 for the year as compared to the surplus of S\$129,963 recorded in 2019. The increase in surplus was mainly due to a revaluation surplus of S\$2,200,000 recorded for the investment property at 50 Amoy Street partially offset by a lower operating surplus of S\$61,297 recorded for 2020. The latest valuation of 50 Amoy Street property was at S\$8,200,000 as compared to the last valuation of S\$6,000,000 done in 2018. If the revaluation surplus is excluded, the net surplus of S\$61,297 was lower than the previous year's surplus of S\$129,963. The decrease in net surplus was mainly because of lower rental income recorded during the year due to the rental rebates given to the sub-tenants at Selegie Art Centre and the tenant at 50 Amoy Street and the 3-months' rent-free renovation period given to the new tenant of 50 Amoy Street in view of the COVID-19 situation.

## 8. 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 2020:

EFIAP/P Heng Zee Kek

EFIAP Ng Chee Gee

EFIAP Tan Lee Eng

EFIAP Teo Chin Leong

AFIAP Ramesh Letchmanan

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.

## 9. 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:

### Licentiate'ship (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:

S/No.	Name	S/No.	Name
1	Win Zaw	26	Pyae Phyo Htike (Phoe Char)
2	Nyi Thike Aung	27	Kyaw Min Htoo
3	Aung Kyaw Sann (Kogyi Sann)	28	San Win Ko
4	Soe Min	29	Moe Min Than
5	Kyaw Kyaw Htaik	30	Roger Ooi It Ping
6	Khai Khen Tung	31	Aung Zaw Latt
7	Nay Win	32	Pyi Phyo Maung
8	Dr Phone Myat	33	Aye Min Htike
9	Dr Htoo Aung Yin	34	Chaw Thada Yin
10	Tin Htut Naing	35	Thang Lian Kim
11	Kyaw Se	36	Dr Sai Lao Leng
12	Thin Thin Yee (Tun Thin Thin)	37	Hein Zan Htet
13	Myo Thu Aung	38	Kyaw Zwa Win
14	San Chit Oo	39	Chan Myei Maung
15	Kyaw Swar Nge	40	Ye Min Htike
16	Ye Pyae Soe Hlaing	41	Chit Wine
17	Saw Thein Shoo Htun	42	Lu Mei Yi Jessie
18	Ei Thinzar Kyaw@Emerald	43	Khun Wai Yan Phyo
19	Goli Venkata Sivakumar	44	Naing Min
20	Thar Lin	45	Myint Than Ko
21	Aung Thu	46	Wai Yan
22	Aung Myint Myat	47	Myo Than Htike
23	Nuu Nu San	48	Ye Htun Myat
24	Pyae Phyo Aung	49	Oggar Myint Aung Than
25	Aung Ko Ko	50	Myo San

### 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:

S/No.	Name	S/No.	Name
1	Aung Chan Thar	7	Gutta Sunil Kumar (Sunil Gutta)
2	Nay Tun Oo	8	Htay Win
3	Zaw Zaw Wai	9	Peng Jiong Xin
4	Saw Minn Naung	10	Htay Aung
5	Thin Thin Tun	11	Thin Thin Yee
6	Pyae Phyoe San Maung		

### 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:

S/No.	Name
1	Sim Kim Pheng

## 10. Service Distinctions

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

The recipients of Service Distinctions are listed below:

No	Name	Award
1	Jack Goh Kok Leong	Hon. FPSS
2	Liz Liew Yit Yen	Hon. EPSS
3	Jenny Peh Wenqi	Hon. EPSS
4	Heng Zee Kek	ESPSS
5	Daryl Yeo Eng Siong	ESPSS
6	Dixon Marcus Ng Chai Hee	ESPSS



7	Goh Thien Chee	ESPSS
8	Peter Cheng Woei Shiunn	SPSS
9	Jessie Lu Mei Yu	SPSS
10	Peggy Teo Lee Eng	SPSS
11	Michael Sng Peng Kiang	SPSS
12	Pang Teng Lin	SPSS
13	Choong Fook Yee Michael	Service Cert
14	Ng Wai Mun Maggie	Service Cert
15	Angela Choo Lai Wan	Service Cert

## 11. **Photography Courses**

In order to encourage members to further improve their photography skills, the Society introduced new courses such as B&W Fine Art Architecture Photography Course and also continue to promote photography courses for members as well as seniors. Our course income had increased from S\$62,962 in 2019 to S\$68,727 in 2020. From December 2020, participants of NSA approved courses could also use their Skills Future Credit to pay for their course fee.

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.

## 12. **67<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Photography Award 2020**

The 67th Singapore International Photography Awards (SIPA 2020) was chaired by Jack Goh Kok Leong. SIPA 2020 continues to receive strong interest based on the entries received. SIPA 2020 received a total of 8,673 entries by 484 authors originating from 61 Countries.

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

## 13. **5th Lion City International Salon 2020**

The 5th Lion City International Salon (LCIS) in Singapore received a total of 8,039 by 467 authors from 58 countries. Thus, re-ascertaining the popularity of LCIS by the global community.

#### 14. **5<sup>th</sup> Pacific Atlantic International Circuit 2020**

The 4th Pacific Atlantic International Circuit (PAIC) 2020 was jointly organised by PSS together with reputable photographic societies in USA and Greece. A total of 9,207 entries was received from 741 authors from 68 countries

#### 15. **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.

#### 16. **Membership**

The total membership of the Society as of 31 December 2020 was 682. The breakdown is as follows:

Honorary Life Members	3
Local Ordinary Members	116
Overseas Ordinary Members	147
Local Life Members	372
Overseas Life Members	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>682</b>

Our social media membership had reach about 29,000 members and about 3,000 followers.

#### 17. **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.

#### 18. **Publicity**

The Society continued to inform members through PSS Facebook, Instagram pages, PSS website at [www.pss1950.org](http://www.pss1950.org) as well as email updates on the latest PSS events for those members who are in the Society's email database.

#### 19. **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
- KHL Printing Co Pte Ltd
- mm2 Entertainment
- Singapore Pools Ltd
- Sigma Marketing (Singapore) Pte Ltd

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.

## 20. 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