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Annual Report 2021

1. Introduction

In the year 2021, the Society's operation was still affected by the COVID-19 disease, the number of participants for courses and other activities were reduced to comply with the COVID-19 rules and safe-distancing measures laid down by the Government.

Notwithstanding the above, PSS continue to work closely with the Council of the 3rd Age (C3A) to provide course fee subsidies to seniors who attended courses approved by the National Silver Academy (NSA) and also with Skills Future to allow our course participants to apply for Skills Future Credit for their course fee.

In terms of operations and finances, for the financial year ended 31st December 2021, PSS recorded a surplus of S\$113,273 for the year as compared to the surplus of S\$2,261,297 recorded in 2020. If the property revaluation reserve of \$2,200,000 recorded in 2020 is not considered, the surplus before tax of S\$123,792 recorded in 2011 is higher than the surplus before tax of S\$66,297 recorded in 2020 by \$57,495. 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 2021 (KLPF) via their online platform with selected works from PSS members. We had 27 members submit a total of 96 photographs. From these submissions, 33 photographs were selected to exhibit their work at the festival.

Jeffrey Wong and Pang Teng Lin presented a talk in the KLPF webinar on 4 December 2021

The Society continued with its cultural exchange programmes in 2021 with Japan International Photographic Federation (JIPF). The Japan-Singapore Cultural Exchange Exhibition was held at the Kyoto City Museum of Art on 26-31 Oct 2021. 40 pieces of works from PSS members were selected and exhibited together with JIPF members' works.

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

In view of COVID-19, PSS continue to organise its PSS Masterclass Webinar Series via Facebook Live in 2021 and invited 15 well-known local and international photographers to share their photography works at the webinar.

4. **Exhibitions**

The following exhibitions held at our Loke Wan Tho Gallery in 2021:

- (i) The Call of The Sea Photography Exhibition: 7-13 Jan
- (ii) Precious Moments Photography Exhibition: 16-22 Jan
- (iii) Soul of Asia Photography Exhibition: 12-14 Mar
- (iv) ALIVE Fine Art Exhibition: 21-25 Apr
- (v) Ritual Singapore Photography Exhibition: 25-28 Nov

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 2021 included:

- (i) PSS & NParks Collaboration Project 2021 at Pulau Ubin: 2-4 Apr
- (ii) Opera Portrait Photoshoot: 18 Apr
- (iii) Christmas Model Shoot: 26 Dec
- (iv) Sunset At Lower Peirce: 2 Jan
- (v) Sunset At Raffles Marine Light House: 27 Mar

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:

- Rediscovering Singapore DSLR & Smartphone Quarterly Photography Contests
- PictureTogether photo and video challenge/exhibition held in conjunction with JCR.SG
- -Charm of Jiangsu Photography Contest held 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

Member - Mr David Tay Poey Cher

Member - Mr Lim Geok Khoon

Member - Associate Professor Dr Oh Soon Hwa

Member - Mr Sin Boon Ann (Chairman of Nominating Committee)

Member - Mr Daniel Teo Teow Hock (Chairman of Audit Committee)

Member - Mr Goh Kim Hui
President

Member - Mr Lim Leong Kiat
Honorary Secretary

Member - Mr Leslie Tan Chee Yong
Honorary Treasurer

During the year, Nominating Committee headed by Mr Sin Boon Ann and Audit Committee headed by Mr Daniel Teo were formed. Members of these two committees are Mr Lim Meng Ann and Dr Mok Wai Hoe.

7. **Finance**

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The increase of \$57,495 in surplus before tax was mainly due to higher course fee income (by \$55,837) as a result the increasing popularity of our courses which are eligible for skills future credit since December 2020. Our rental income had also increased by \$68,654 in year 2021. The higher course fee income and rental income were partially offset by increase in operating cost such as higher instructor fees etc.

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 2021:

EFIAP Diamond: Teo Giap Chiu
EFIAP: Steven Yee Pui Chung

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:

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:

S/No.	Name
1	Leonardus Novianto Depari
2	Leslie Joseph Chopard
3	Lin Lin Oo
4	Sng Peng Kiang Michael
5	Aung Kyaw Zaw
6	Hnin Wutyi
7	Lee Siok Chin

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
1	Pyiphyo Maung
2	E Ravindra EFIP AICS
3	Kyaw Zwa Win
4	Reshepu Gollapudi

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	Thigh Wanna

Exhibitor Distinctions

The following members were successful in the application for exhibitor distinctions in 2021:

No	Name	Award
1	Dr Arun Khanna	BEPSS
2	Hansa Tangmanpoowadol	BEPSS
3	Tin Tin Tun	SEPSS
4	Wolfgang Schweden	SEPSS
5	Teo Chin Leong	GEPSS

Service Distinctions

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

The recipients of Service Distinctions are listed below:

No	Candidate Name	Award Recommended
1	Angela Choo Lai Wan	SPSS
2	Low Poh Ai	Hon. FPSS
3	Daniel Tan	Service Cert
4	Raymond Chan	Service Cert
5	Bryan Goh	Service Cert
6	Yeaw Choon Wee	ESPSS
7	Cindy Ng Xing Yee	Service Cert
8	Chen Liang Hui	Service Cert

10. Photography Courses

In order to encourage members to further improve their photography skills, the Society introduced new courses such as B&W Fine Art Elementary Photography Course and also continue to promote photography courses for members as well as seniors. Our course income had increased from S\$68,727 in 2020 to S\$124,563 in 2021. 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.

11. 68th Singapore International Photography Award 2021

The 68th Singapore International Photography Awards (SIPA 2021) was chaired by Jack Goh Kok Leong. SIPA 2021 continues to receive strong interest based on the entries received. SIPA 2021 received a total of 6,646 entries by 360 authors originating from 57 Countries.

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

12. 6th Lion City International Salon 2021

The 6th Lion City International Salon (LCIS 2021) in Singapore received a total of 7,688 by 493 authors from 59 countries. Thus, re-ascertaining the popularity of LCIS by the global community.

13. **6th Pacific Atlantic International Circuit 2021**

The 6th Pacific Atlantic International Circuit (PAIC 2021) was jointly organised by PSS together with reputable photographic societies in USA and Greece. A total of 8,347 entries was received from 665 authors from 68 countries

14. **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.

15. **Membership**

The total membership of the Society as of 31 December 2021 was 726. The breakdown is as follows:

Honorary Life Members	5
Local Ordinary Members	174
Local Junior Members	2
Overseas Ordinary Members	107
Local Life Members	399
Overseas Life Members	39
Total	726

Our social media membership had reach about 37,000 members and about 3,300 followers.

16. **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.

17. **Publicity**

The Society continued to inform members through PSS Facebook, Instagram pages, 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.

18. 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 Old Strait Cafe
- Travellution

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.

19. 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