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UPDATES ON INDIAN ASSOCIATION PENANG (IAPG) - December 2017

Hon. Members of IAPG,

The Management Committee (MC) of Indian Association Penang would like to humbly present the following report to our members on the overall activities and developments.

The last updates on the activities were reported to members in May 2017.

New Appointments

We are glad to appoint Dato' P. Kuvenaraju into the Management Committee effective December 2017 and the MC has agreed that he will carry out duties as Building Chairman henceforth.

We are confident that with his vast experience in building projects, he will be able to help us in realising the progress and completion of the Building Project within the current financial constraints.

With this new appointment, the current Independent Committee will be dissolved.

Mr. Ananda Krishnan Naidu and Mr. L. Naresh Kumar will continue to support the building project besides their respective portfolios.

Building Project

As reported in the AGM held on 30th June 2017, IAPG has formed the Independent Committee (IC) to look into the Phase I and Phase II of the Project and also the Old Club House (OCH).

The IC has submitted a full report on the entire project status and recommendations on the way forward for the projects.

The main points in the recommendations on Phase I, Administrative Building are:-

- i) Immediate discussion with the Architect and all Consultants to relook at all civil and M&E works and on ways to move forward. (Done)**
- ii) To get the consultants to revalue all the completed works and the remaining jobs especially M&E and other building services. (Done)**
- iii) Work together with the consultants on cost cutting and down grading so as to complete Phase I without any compromises to safety and CCC qualification.(Done)**
- iv) To have discussions with the main contractor and secure the proposed changes, to the best interests of IAPG (In progress)**

For the kind attention of members, Phase-I, completion rate for the 4-storey Admin Building, stands at 72.64%. The major structural work has been completed. Thus major modifications or omission may not be possible except to defer certain works to Phase II or cost cutting activities .The following are the areas that has been targeted for the deferment or cost down in Phase I Admin Building:-

- i) Flooring materials
- ii) Toilet fittings
- iii) Air conditioning
- iv) Infra- works (Defer to Phase II)
- v) Linking bridge from phase I to phase II (Differ to Phase II)
- vi) Power sub-station (Defer to Phase II)

The idea of the cost-down for Phase I is to immediately complete Phase-I with CCC requirement and to deliver as functional facility

We will start the discussion with the main contractor soon on possibilities of resuming works under best terms and conditions

On the Old Club House, effective 1st December 2017, work has resumed on the repair and refurbishment works. In all probabilities, we are indeed hoping to resume basic operations in IAPG which includes the Bar and Restaurant facilities by June 2018.

The MC has always kept in mind the need to provide at least minimum facilities for the members for the time being. We seek cooperation and understanding of all valued members in the interim period.

We shall re-look at the Phase II upon completion of Phase I under the same approach and handling.

Financial Status

For the knowledge of all members, the 'interest-free loan' effort which was highlighted in the last AGM, had a major setback where both the well-wishers who were prepared to render the support by way of contributing RM500K each respectively, have withdrawn, citing current financial constraints. However MC will continue to pursue on this approach with other sources.

MCs' Continuous Effort

The MC will continue with the effort to move forward in the fund raising effort. Among the projects that will be continued and engaged in as our action plan will be:-

- Continue relentlessly to gain funds from members and individuals who have pledged.
- Take further on- going effort to get funds from State and Federal levels.
- Constant approach to donors and well- wishers who will come forward and support us.
- Fund Raising Dinners in KL, Ipoh and Penang involving well-wishers.

IAPG Activities- Highlight for the Year 2017

With the tight schedule and the effort required to see through the IA project, the Management Committee members under the various portfolios have engaged themselves in organising some of the main annual events for IAPG:-

18th Literary Competition for Tamil Schools, 1st October 2017

The 18th Literary Competition for Tamil Schools in Penang as our premier educational event was held on the 1st October 2017 at River Road Tamil School. All 28 Tamil Schools in the state participated with the presence of Headmasters, Teachers, PIBG members IA MC and members. YB Yap Soo Huey was the guest of honour for the event.

IAPG thanks the HMs, PIBG, Teachers, the Sponsors and all well-wishers for the trust and continuous support rendered year after year.

The overall champion schools for 2017 are:-

Champion School : Sek. Jen. Keb. (Tamil) Permatang Tinggi

Runner Up School : Sek. Jen. Keb. (Tamil) Mak Mandin

3rd position : Sek. Jen. Keb. (Tamil) Ramakrishna

Transition to Secondary Schools Program, 2017

The Transition to Secondary Schools project undertaken by IAPG for the Std. VI children for 2017 has been completed. Most Tamil schools in the island and mainland schools have benefitted this year in the program.

This Program is aimed at empowering Std. VI children in Tamil Schools who will move on to Secondary Schools. This program is much needed and carefully chosen by IAPG as our children may face numerous problems and uncertainties as they move on to secondary level.

Hash Annual Dinner, 2017

IAPG Hash Section organised the Deepavali Annual Dinner on 11th November 2017 in Priya House of Curry. All members, MC members were invited to dinner and music entertainment. Over 40 members and MC members attended the function. Our hash Section had an active year. Regular Hash sessions have been on-going.

International IA Soccer 7's, 2017

IAPG Soccer Section organised the annual 6th International IA Soccer 7's on 1st July 2017 at Penang Sport Club. The event was for veteran and masters categories.

The Opening Ceremony of the tournament was officiated by YB Prof. Dr. P. Ramasamy, Deputy Chief Minister (II) of Penang and the closing was officiated by YB Dato' Haji Mohd Rashid, Deputy Chief Minister (I) of Penang state. 22 teams participated in this tournament which saw over 500 players and supporters converging in PSC ground for a day full of intense competition and comradeship. The results this year:-

CATEGORY	CHAMPION	RUNNERS UP
Veteran	IRC Negeri Sembilan	Ipoh Friday Club
Master	MIFA 2020	IRC Negeri Sembilan

Congratulations

We would like to convey appreciation and congratulations to the following members of IAPG for the Honorary Awards received from the State as well as Federal levels for year 2017:-

<i>Dato' Seri Suppiah Manikam</i>	<i>DGPN</i>	<i>State Award</i>
<i>Dato' Palaniappan Krishnan</i>	<i>DMPN</i>	<i>State Award</i>
<i>Dato' Kuvendaraju Pachappen</i>	<i>DMPN</i>	<i>State Award</i>
<i>Dato' Dr. Periyathamby Sinnathamby</i>	<i>DSPN</i>	<i>State Award</i>
<i>Mr. Dhinakaran Jayabalan</i>	<i>KMN</i>	<i>Federal</i>
<i>Mr. Palaniveloo Govindasamy</i>	<i>PJK</i>	<i>State Award</i>
<i>Mr. Kathiresan Maratha Pillai</i>	<i>PJM</i>	<i>State Award</i>
<i>Mr. Jeevan Madavan</i>	<i>PJM</i>	<i>State Award</i>

Proposed Annual IAPG Festive Dinner

The Management Committee will organise an annual Festive Dinner in early 2018 to entertain all members to an atmosphere of togetherness, friendship and understanding. Announcements will be made on the event appropriately. We look forward to meeting all members. Please give us your support.

Request to All Members by MC

It is indeed a fact that we need tremendous support and understanding from our valued members. We appeal to all members to come forward and be part of the building project for the benefit of all of us and the community.

We seek support of members for the effective completion of the project, day-to-day operations and activities which would be the key areas and we seek involvement of each and every member on the following:-

- Members take kind effort to seek assistance from circle of friends who could support on any kind of cash donation.
- All PLM Members are requested to update membership and pledged amounts which are to be paid as soon as possible.
- All Ordinary Members (OM) to update the subscriptions
- All members are requested to one payment of RM240.00 as yearly subscription for the year 2018. This mode of subscription payment has been endorsed by members in the 2017 AGM.

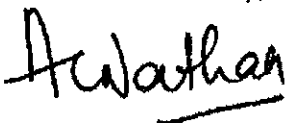
The Indian Association Penang belongs to all of us, the members. It is only through our effort and commitment IAPG will be able to realise the objectives set forth and move on with its activities for years to come. This cannot be the effort of a handful of people but the combined effort of all of us who subscribe to the objectives and wish to see IAPG as an excellent avenue and base for our community development.

Thank You.

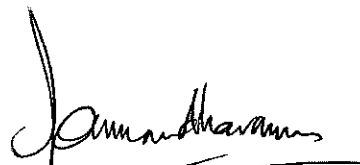
'Together We Shall Achieve'

Wishing all Members and Happy and Prosperous New Year

Yours Sincerely,



LINGANATHAN AMIRTHASINGAM
President



SOMASANDHARAM SUPPIAH
Secretary