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**NATIONAL FIRE
PREVENTION COUNCIL**

The Board of Directors 2006/2007



Seated (left to right)

Mr Markham Shaw, LTC N Subhas, Mr Alan Loh, Mr Shaw Vee King,
COL Eric Yap, Ms Margaret Heng, Ms Teo Lian Geok

Standing (left to right)

Mr Tong Kok Wing, Mr Khor Thong Meng, Mr Seah Tjun Min, Ms Rosalind Li,
Mrs Catherine Lam, Mr Tony Soh, Mr Larry Cheng, Mr John Wu

Not in picture

Mr Terence Tan, Mr Rowan Tan



Mission

**The NFPC is committed towards making
Singapore safe from fires by promoting fire
safety and prevention amongst the public.**

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Chairman's Statement



On behalf of my Board and Committees, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone at today's Annual General Meeting.

At the last AGM, which was also the Council's 20th anniversary, I shared on how we have grown in strength and stature to be an effective organisation in promoting fire safety awareness and education in Singapore. While it may be difficult to measure the amount of contributions the Council had provided to our society, it is heartening to know that the 4,702 fire incidents recorded last year was the second lowest in the past 20 years.

The AGM this year is special because it will go down as one of the important milestones of the Council. I will elaborate on this after my report on some of the key events that the Council undertook in Work Year 2006/2007.

The past year was an exciting one for the Council and its Committees in terms of the activities and community outreach we achieved. Across the board, every Committee had invested considerable amounts of effort toward planning and implementing the numerous events that were targeted to benefit all members of our society.

REPORT ON WORK YEAR 2006/2007

Fire Safety for Industrial and Commercial Premises

The annual Fire Safety Seminar jointly organised by the Industrial and Commercial Premises Committees on 18 October 2006 at the Furama Riverfront Hotel continues to draw very strong support from the FSMs. Graced by Comr James Tan, Commissioner SCDF, nearly 300 participants attended the full-day seminar that was based on the theme 'Fire Destroys – Let's Prevent it'. From feedback, we gathered that the participants really enjoyed the seminar in particular the workshop segment where we shared with them a tool that the Council had developed in-house – the Fire Risk Assessment Guide. This guide is a safety tool which anyone can use to assist them to conduct a fire risk assessment of their workplace or home.

The Mass Fire Evacuation Drill last year was another very successful event. From a 2-week period in 2005, the event had to be extended to a full month in November 2006 given the overwhelming response we received from companies wishing to be a part of it. In total, over 60 buildings participated in the event. I would also like to compliment both Committees for their active efforts in engaging the FSMs through regular dialogues where fire safety best practices were shared.

Fire Safety for Residential Premises

Under the Housing Premises Committee (HPC), the 'Refuse Chute Fire Alert Programme' is one of the key initiatives introduced last year. It entailed a two-prong strategy targeted at the reduction of fire incidents in refuse chutes. The first strategy premised on public education. Riding on the success of the 2005 public education programme that reached out to all residents in apartment blocks that had registered repeated instances of rubbish chute fires, a similar approach was adopted but the outreach was wider to involve more constituencies.

The second strategy involved the installation of smoke detectors in rubbish chutes. Linked to the chute flushing system, water will be automatically activated once smoke is detected. This has proven to be effective in extinguishing incipient fires. The system was trial tested at Blk 193 in Toa Payoh in September 2006. All Town Councils were subsequently briefed on the system and encouraged to install it. Jurong Town Council is the first to install the system at Blk 546, Jurong West Street 52.

Fire Safety for Schools

I am also pleased to report that the Fire Safety Committee for Schools and Youth had a very eventful year in engaging a key segment of our society – students and youth. This committee has always pride themselves on organising interesting programmes that educates its audience on fire safety while promoting creativity and exploratory learning. Last year was no exception.

In particular, I would like to highlight the Fire Safety Puppet Show for primary school pupils. Through the use of art forms such as ventriloquism, songs and interactive theatre, important messages on the dangers of fire and what one can do in the event of a fire are conveyed to students. The 30 shows that were made available last year were fully taken up shortly after bookings were opened.

Fund Raising

On 4 October last year, the Council successfully organised a charity film premiere. The critically acclaimed movie 'World Trade Center' was screened to a packed audience with Assoc. Prof. Ho Peng Kee, Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs, as the Guest-of-Honour. From the generosity of our well-wishers, a record amount of over \$55,000 was raised. Allow me to congratulate the Fund Raising and Membership Committee for this excellent effort.

Looking Ahead

Having reported on the key events that the Council had delivered, I would like to return to a point I made at the start. We know that the global security environment that we live in today is constantly threatened by disasters, be it accidental or terror-related. While the NFPC is effective in serving its purpose of educating communities on fire safety, the environment by which the notion of how safety is defined has changed significantly in recent years. The need for a greater level of public emergency preparedness is evident in all parts of the world, including Singapore.

Admittedly, public emergency preparedness encompasses a larger framework of activities where fire safety is one component of us. In line with this view, it is imperative for the NFPC to expand our roles to incorporate elements of emergency preparedness. With the addendum of emergency preparedness to our existing mission, I am certain that it would serve to better enunciate the messages that the Council has been seeking to share with the public.

On this note, I would like to announce that the NFPC will change its name to National Fire and Civil Emergency Preparedness Council or NFEC with effect from this AGM. In line with this change, our Council's new Mission Statement shall be:

"The National Fire and Civil Emergency Preparedness Council (NFEC) is committed towards promoting fire prevention and civil emergency preparedness to make Singapore safe and secure."

Our Council has three new objectives and they are:

- a. To educate the public on the dangers of fire, proper use of emergency services and the importance of emergency preparedness;
- b. To involve the public in implementing fire prevention and emergency measures against the loss of life and property; and
- c. To instil a greater sense of self-reliance and preparedness towards civil emergencies.

Along with the changes are larger roles and responsibilities which the Council has been entrusted to undertake. With the strong support of my Board members and Committees, I am confident that we will live up to expectations.

To conclude, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our corporate and individual members, friends and well-wishers who have been giving us their unwavering support and encouragement. We are certainly counting on your continued support this year.

Last but not least, I would also like to express my gratitude to Comr James Tan, Commissioner SCDF, and his team of capable staff for their strong support and invaluable advice to the Council.

Thank you all.

Shaw Vee King
Chairman
National Fire Prevention Council

19 July 2007

The Board of Directors

2006-2007

The Board of Directors 2006-2007

PATRON-IN-CHIEF



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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs*

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Vice-Chairman*



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Mr Tony Soh



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Mr Rowan Tan



Mr Seah Tjun Min



Mr Terence Tan



Ms Rosalind Li

Minute Of The 20th Annual General Meeting Of National Fire Prevention Council

Held on 19 July 2006 at 1130 hrs at the Grand Hyatt Singapore

PRESENT:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mr Shaw Vee King	Chairman
Mr Alan Loh Peng Leong	Vice-Chairman
LTC Eric Yap	Executive Director
LTC N Subhas	Hon Treasurer
Ms Margaret Heng	Board Member
Mr Markham Shaw	Board Member
Mr Larry Cheng	Board Member
Mr Tong Kok Wing	Board Member
Mr John Wu	Board Member
Mr Seah Tjun Min	Board Member
Mr Terence Tan	Board Member
Mr Tony Soh	Board Member
Mr Yang Soo Suan	Advisor

SCDF

DC Peter Lim

Dy Commissioner, SCDF And 83 Others

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

- 1 Chairman, Mr Shaw Vee King called the meeting to order at 1140 hrs. He extended a warm welcome to everyone at the Annual General Meeting and said that this year also marks the 20th anniversary of the Council.
- 2 In his address, Chairman said that since its inception in 1986, the Council has grown in strength and stature over the years to be an effective organisation in promoting fire safety awareness and education in Singapore. He said that the existence of fire risks in our everyday lives underlines the importance for the Council's noble mission of making Singapore safe from fires by promoting fire safety and fire prevention amongst the public.
- 3 Chairman informed that the past year has been an exciting one for the Council and its committees in terms of the activities and the community outreach that the Council had achieved through its wide ranging programmes. He commended the Board members for investing considerable amount of effort toward planning and implementing the numerous activities that benefited the community.
- 4 Chairman highlighted several key activities which the Council undertook in Work Year 2005/2006. One of which was the annual Fire Safety Seminar that was jointly organised by the Industrial Premises Committee (IPC) and the Commercial Premises Committee (CPC). He said that the seminar continues to be an important event on the calendar of FSMs. Graced by Ms Indranee Rajah, GPC Chairperson (Law and Home Affairs), the seminar which was themed 'Fires: Together We Can Prevent Them', attracted over 300 participants. Amongst the highlights of the event was the breakout session where participants spent time to review 2 fire incidents that could have been prevented with better house-keeping measures.
- 5 Chairman also shared on the Fire Safety Excellence Award presentation that was held on 29 Nov 2005 at the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel. He said that since its introduction in 1996, this biennial event saw the keenest participation last year. This just testifies that fire safety ranks high on the agenda of companies and building owners in Singapore. Following extensive on-site fire safety audits, 77 premises eventually received the award. Another 22 premises were deservedly presented with the Fire Safety Excellence Award (Special Mention) for achieving the award on 3 consecutive occasions.
- 6 The Mass Fire Evacuation Drill held last year was another successful event that Chairman highlighted. It drew a record participation of 12,000 workers from some 930 companies over a two-week period from 21 November to 3 December 2005.
- 7 He complimented the IPC and CPC for their active efforts in engaging the FSMs through regular dialogues where fire safety best practises were shared and feedback exchanged with the practitioners.
- 8 Chairman said that one of the key initiatives implemented by the Housing Premises Committee (HPC) was the Fire Safety Prevention Programme that targeted older private condominiums. In collaboration with the respective management committees, the HPC reached out to 15 older developments to inculcate fire safety awareness to its residents. The event received overwhelming participation from residents who were provided with hands-on training on the use of fire extinguishers and essential fire prevention tips.

9 Another initiative of the HPC was its public education efforts targeted at housing blocks that have recorded repeated instances of rubbish chute fires. Together with the Civil Defence Executive Committees (CDECs), the HPC visited 3 blocks of flats in Elias Road, Marine Drive and Admiralty Drive. Chairman was pleased to inform that since the visits, there had not been any reported case of rubbish chute fires in the blocks concerned.

10 Chairman informed that the Fire Safety Committee for Schools and Youths has had a very successful year in engaging a key segment of our society – students and youths. This committee has always pride themselves on organising programmes that educate its audience on fire safety while promoting creativity and exploratory learning. He said that last year was no exception. In particular, he highlighted the Fire Safety Website Design Competition that was jointly organised with Victoria School. About 50 teams took part in the event and all entries were of a very high standard and that gave the judges a tough time to decide on the winning teams.

11 Chairman congratulated the Membership and Fund Raising Committee for successfully organising a charity film premiere titled 'The Myth' that starred Jackie Chan on 20 September 2005. The movie was screened to a packed audience with Ms Indranee Rajah, GPC Chairperson (Law & Home Affairs) as the Guest-of-Honour. The premiere raised \$46,000 for the Council.

12 On membership privileges, Chairman said the committee had secured corporate memberships to the Home Team NS Clubs for both the corporate as well as individual members. Members can now enjoy a wide range of facilities and services available at any of the conveniently located Home Team NS clubhouses across the island.

13 In conclusion, Chairman said that the activities he had reported showcased the Council and its Committees' commitment to promoting a high sense of fire safety awareness in Singapore. He said that each and every activity requires considerable amount of planning and supervision in implementation to ensure that they fully capture the intended aim and objectives to benefit our society. On this note, he commended the Board members and committees for their exceptional dedication and personal sacrifices and look forward to working with everyone for an even more successful new Work Year.

14 Chairman also expressed his heartfelt appreciation to all members, friends and well-wishers who have been giving the Council their strong support and encouragement and he hopes to count on their continued support. Finally, he also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Comr James Tan, Commissioner of SCDF and his staff for their untiring support and invaluable advice to the Council.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

15 The minutes of 19th AGM held at the Grand Hyatt Singapore on 19 Jul 2005 was proposed for adoption by Mr John Wu and seconded by Mr Terence Tan.

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16 The meeting approved the NFPC Annual Report for WY 2005/2006. Mr Markham Shaw and Mr Larry Cheng proposed and seconded to accept the report respectively.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MAR 2006

17 The accounts audited by Cypress Singapore PAC for the year ending 31 Mar 2006 were accepted and approved at the meeting. Mr Seah Tjun Min proposed to accept the financial report and Mr Tony Soh seconded it.

CONCLUSION

18 There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 1215 hrs. All members adjourned to a luncheon.

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Admin Executive

Vetted by : LTC Eric Yap
Executive Director, NFPC

Approved by : Mr Shaw Vee King
Chairman, NFPC

Date : 29 Jul 2006

Housing Premises Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman - Mr Larry Cheng
Vice-Chairman - Mr Seah Tjun Min
Secretary - CPT Jerry Teoh

INTRODUCTION

As part of its on-going efforts to promote fire safety awareness to residents, the Housing Premises Committee (HPC) continues to educate the public on the importance of home fire safety, preventative measures, and actions to undertake in the event of a fire.

HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION AT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY (EP DAY)

Home Safety Exhibitions continue to be conducted at many public housing estates on Emergency Preparedness Days. This year, the HPC participated in over 30 EP Days held island-wide with the aim of educating residents on the importance of fire safety awareness at home. At the exhibitions, fire safety exhibits which provided useful information on fire safety, basic fire fighting as well as proper evacuation procedures in an emergency, were displayed. Besides these, public education videos on home fire safety were screened and educational pamphlets were also given out to residents to promote fire safety awareness at home. In addition, vendors and distributors of fire safety equipment such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and fire blankets were invited to promote their products with residents.

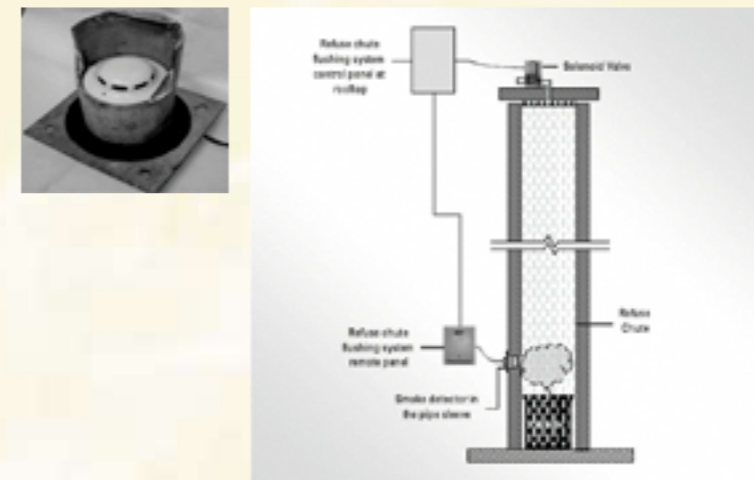
REFUSE CHUTE FIRE PROGRAMME

Based on the analyses of the fire statistics between 2002 and 2005, there was an average of 1,064 refuse chute fires annually. This accounts for about one-third of the total number of residential fires. Given the numbers, the HPC re-focused its efforts to address the situation which occurred more frequently in public housing blocks.

A two-prong approach under a Refuse Chute Fire Programme was initiated. Firstly, the HPC continued to work with the Town Councils and the Civil Defence Executive Committees (CDECs) to educate the public on preventing refuse chute fires. This includes the distribution of fire safety cards and literature to the residents at Emergency Preparedness Day and through house-to-house visits.

Secondly, the Committee explored the use of smoke detectors in refuse chutes. Conducted in collaboration with SCDF and HDB, the project sets out to use smoke detectors in refuse chutes to quickly detect and automatically activate the refuse chute flushing system to extinguish any fires at its incipient stage.

To demonstrate how smoke detectors work in refuse chutes, a prototype system was developed and successfully trial tested at Block 193 in Toa Payoh in Sep 06 (see pictures below). The system serves as a good complement to the HPC's on-going public education efforts in reducing incidences of rubbish chute fires. All Town Councils were subsequently briefed on the system and encouraged to adopt it in their respective constituencies. Jurong Town Council is the first to install the system at Jurong West St 52, Blk 546.



FIRE SAFETY DAY

With the encouraging response and publicity received in previous years, the Fire Safety Day continues to be a key event by the HPC.

For instance, on 30 Sep 06, a Fire Safety Day was held at The Tropicana, in conjunction with the estate's Mid-Autumn Festival Day. At the event, exhibition panels and several booths were set up to educate the residents and home-helpers on CPR skills, household fire safety, and the proper use of fire extinguisher. Vendors of fire safety products were also invited to share their equipment with residents. The event was very well-received and more importantly, the residents were able to take back knowledge in fire prevention.

FIRE SAFE CONSTITUENCY AWARD

In recognition of the constituencies that had recorded the lowest number of fire incidents in their respective housing estates in 2006, the Council together with the SCDF, presented the Fire-Safe Constituency Awards to 8 CDECs. The awards were presented to the following CDECs by Chairman NFPC at the Annual Fire Safety Seminar held on 18 Oct 2006 at the Furama Riverfront Hotel:

Admiralty CDEC	Kembangan-Punggol CDEC
Aljunied-Hougang CDEC	Paya Lebar CDEC
Bukit Gombak CDEC	West Coast CDEC
Cheng San CDEC	Yuhua CDEC

LOOKING AHEAD

Alongside the expansion of the Council's roles and responsibilities, the HPC is all geared-up to help bring the message of emergency preparedness and its related skills to all households in Singapore.

Industrial Premises Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman	-	Mr Alan Loh	
Secretary	-	CPT Keith Ting	
Members	-	Mr Rowan Tan	Mr Chew Siang Heng
		Mr Ng Hock Huat	Mr Peter Ho
		Mr Edwin Yap	Mr Wong Siew Hong
		Mr David Goh	Mr Ong Pak Shoon
		Mr Steven Teo	Mr Lawrence Low
	Mr Lee Kah Bee		

The Work Year of 2006/2007 was an eventful and challenging period for the Industrial Premises Committee (IPC). The committee embarked on a number of key initiatives and organized several fire safety events aimed at delivering the objectives of the Council and meeting the fire safety needs of industrial premises.

FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR 2006

Jointly organized by the IPC and Commercial Premises Committee (CPC), the seminar was designed specially for Fire Safety Managers (FSMs) and practitioners in both industrial and commercial sectors. Graced by Comr James Tan, Commissioner SCDF, the event was held on 18 Oct 2006 at the Furama Riverfront Hotel with an attendance of about 300 participants.

The full-day event was organised around the theme of "Fire Destroys – Let's Prevent It". Three papers on fire safety and prevention were presented in the morning, followed by workshops on fire risk assessment in the afternoon session. The seminar papers were presented by MAJ Derek Tan from the SCDF, Mr Edwin Yap from ESIS Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and Mr Tim Magee from Viking Corporation (Far East) Pte Ltd. The speakers touched on highly relevant fire safety topics such as the industrial and commercial fire situation in Singapore, fire risk assessment for industrial and commercial premises, and recent innovations in fire protection devices for building storage systems.

At the workshop, the participants were challenged to apply what they have learnt by conducting fire risk assessment on work processes commonly found in industrial or commercial settings. They participated in the identification of fire hazards, assessing the fire risk levels and selecting the appropriate control measures to minimize the chances of fire occurrence. Judging from the positive feedback received, the Fire Safety Seminar was certainly another successful NFPC event.

MASS FIRE EVACUATION DRILL 2006

The IPC also organised a successful Mass Fire Evacuation Drill (MFED) in Nov 2006 that attracted a record participation of over 60 commercial and industrial premises. The participating companies took part in the MFED by organizing and executing fire evacuation drills at their work premises. While several of them had participated in previous years and have returned to take part in this annual event, there were also many first-time participants as well. Overall, they found the drill useful in familiarizing their staff and building occupants on the fire evacuation procedures, which is an integral part of any building's Fire Evacuation Plan.

MFED 2006 was officially launched on 22 Nov 2006 at the Alexandra Point. The event was officiated by Mr Tong Kok Wing, General Manager of the Fraser Centrepoint and witnessed by several members of the Council. The drill started with a simulated letter bomb explosion that caused a fire outbreak on the 7th storey of the main office tower. This led to an evacuation of about 500 personnel working in the office tower and the deployment of Alexandra Point's building security staff, fire-fighting teams and fire wardens to assist in the evacuation process. Fire fighters from the nearby Alexandra Fire Station responded to the emergency call and arrived swiftly to mitigate the fire and rescue the casualties.

Due to the overwhelming response from building owners who wanted to be part of the MFED, the NFPC decided for the event to be a month-long activity in Nov 2006 instead of just two weeks as in the previous year.

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDE (FRAG)

Based on the 2006 fire statistics, the IPC observed that despite the general heightened level of fire safety awareness in Singapore, there was a small reduction in fire incidents at industrial and commercial premises when compared to previous years. In line with the Ministry of Manpower's workplace risk assessment where the Workplace Safety and Health Act had included fire hazards as one area of workplace hazards, the IPC produced a comprehensive guide on fire risk assessment to guide FSMs and other professionals.

A project team was set up to develop the Fire Risk Assessment Guide (FRAG). This is an invaluable safety tool that can be used by any individual to conduct a fire risk assessment on any work processes that carry a risk of fire occurrence. A copy of the guide was given to every participant at the Fire Safety Seminar 2006 for use at the fire risk assessment workshop. The FRAG can be downloaded at no cost from the NFPC website.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

In the new Work Year 2007/2008, the IPC will further promote fire safety awareness by working with specific industries on fire prevention activities. And in line with the expansion of the roles and responsibilities of the Council, the IPC is looking forward to implement a host of initiatives that will help to raise the level of emergency preparedness of the industrial community.

Commercial Premises Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson	-	Ms Margaret Heng
Secretary	-	CPT Ser Boon Hui
Members	-	Mr John Wu Mr Hassan Bakar Mr Richard Wong Mr S Ganasan Mr Steven Lee Mr Steven Yeo

The Commercial Premises Committee (CPC) plays a critical role in promoting fire safety prevention and preparedness within all commercial premises in Singapore. In Work Year 2006/2007, a host of events and activities were organised with the objective of enhancing knowledge on fire safety for hotels, high-rise office buildings, shopping centres and retail outlets.

NFPC FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR 2006

Jointly organized by the CPC and Industrial Premises Committee (IPC), the NFPC Fire Safety Seminar 2006 was successfully conducted on 18 Oct 2006. The Guest-of-Honor for the event was Comr James Tan, Commissioner SCDF.

The theme of the seminar, "Fire Destroys: Let's Prevent It!", highlighted the importance of fire prevention and the role every individual plays. The one-day seminar saw about 300 participants from the commercial and industrial sectors in attendance. Several hotels and shopping malls' Fire Safety Managers were present at the event.

During the first half of the seminar, the following three papers were shared:

1. "An Analysis of the Commercial and Industrial Fire Situation in Singapore".
2. "A Practical Approach to Fire Risk Management for Industrial and Commercial Premises".
3. "Storing Goods or Storing Fires".

This was followed by workshops in the afternoon where participants were taught how to conduct fire risk assessments using a guide developed by the NFPC. Overall, the participants gave very positive feedback with regards to the organisation and contents covered at the seminar. Many expressed that they were looking forward to the next event.

MASS FIRE EVACUATION DRILL

As part of the Fire Safety Drive 2006, the CPC and IPC jointly organised a Mass Fire Evacuation Drill Campaign in the month of November 2006. The drills were aimed at enhancing fire safety awareness in the community and to familiarise occupants with their respective Fire Evacuation Plans.

The official launch for the event was held at Alexandra Point on the 22 November 2006. In all, over 60 buildings island-wide participated in the month-long event.

BI-MONTHLY DIALOGUE WITH HOTEL FSMs

The CPC continued its partnership with the Singapore Hotels Association in conducting the bi-monthly meetings with Fire Safety Managers (FSMs) from hotels. Through the forum, key fire safety messages, initiatives and developments were shared. The meetings also provided a platform for FSMs to network and share fire safety best practices.

FUTURE PLANS

In Work Year 2007/2008, the CPC will continue with its mission to enhance fire safety knowledge and practices among commercial premises owners. And in line with the expansion of the Council's role and the entrusting of new responsibilities to the CPC, the Committee will seek to introduce more initiatives that will benefit the level of emergency preparedness of the commercial community.

Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson :	Ms Teo Lian Geok
Secretary :	Cpt Goh Boon Han
Members :	Mr Lak Pati Singh Mr Eric Lim Mdm Tan Lee Choo Mrs Eileen Goh Mrs Ang Ju Lang Mrs Jean Sng Cpt Pandi Karrupiah

The strategy of the Fire Safety Committee for Schools and Youth is to educate children from an early age on fire safety through learning in a fun way. The committee organized a range of activities to enable better effectiveness in outreach and inculcation of values as the students are from various educational levels. Reinforcement of fire safety messages and sustainability of pupils' interests are critical. Such activities also aim to promote creativity amongst the pupils.

FIRE SAFETY PUPPET SHOW

To educate the pupils on the importance of fire safety through a fun, interactive and innovative way, the Council introduced the Fire Safety Puppet Show as an informative and educational programme for primary school pupils in 2006. It is an interactive show that teaches students on fire safety and prevention. Through the use of art forms such as Puppeteering (Ventriloquism), songs and interactive theatre, students are made aware of the dangers of fire on lives and property and how they should react in the event of fire. Students were also taught useful fire prevention tips and how fire safety and prevention is a shared responsibility.

In order to reach out to as many pupils as possible, the shows were staged during school assemblies. This year, 30 shows were conducted for the primary students between Jan and Oct 2006.

WEBSITE DESIGN COMPETITION

To create greater awareness of fire safety among students and to encourage creative expression of knowledge, a website design competition was organized for the schools. The aim was to enable the students to express the NFPC theme on 'Fire Safety – A Shared Responsibility' through a webpage design.

A total of 63 entries were received from 48 schools. There were 2 categories - Category A was for secondary schools while Category B was for primary schools. 10 teams each from both categories were shortlisted based on merit for the finals that was held on 31 July 2006 at the HQ SCDF auditorium. Each finalist gave a presentation before a team of 4 judges. The prizes for each category included 3 top prizes and 7 consolation prizes. Mr Alan Loh, Vice-Chairman, NFPC was the Guest-of-Honour.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSICAL SKIT COMPETITION

This year's event saw 2 preliminary rounds being held at the St. Patrick's School on 19 and 21 June 2006. 8 schools were then selected to take part in the finals at HQ SCDF auditorium on 14 July 2006. Unlike the previous year's event, the competition this year included a musical component within the skit. The exciting songs and dance drew rave reviews from the audiences and was highly popular with the students. The top 3 winners were Zhonghua Secondary School, CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School and Hougang Secondary School. The Guest-of-Honour for the finals was Mr Shaw Vee King, Chairman NFPC.

The 1st runner up from CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School performed at the SCDF Community Bonding Day's official launch on 9 Sep 2006 at HQ CD 3rd Division in Yishun.

FUTURE PLANS

The new Work Year 2007/2008 looks set to be another exciting year where the Committee is looking forward to implement numerous activities. Along with the expansion in the roles of the Council, the Committee is all geared-up to bring forth emergency preparedness messages and activities to its audiences so as to contribute in making Singapore safe and secure.

Highlight of Activities for WY 06/07

Fire Safety Puppet Show Launching - 14 Apr 2006



NFPC Musical Skit Competition
- 14 Jul 2006



Fire Safety Seminar - 18 Oct 2006

20th Annual General Meeting
- 19 Jul 2006



Fire Safety Drive - 18 Oct 2006



Mass Fire Evacuation Drill
- 22 Nov 2006



Fire Safe Constituency Award - 18 Oct 2006



Charity Film Premiere - 4 Oct 2006



Publicity Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman - LTC N Subhas
Secretary - CPT Eric Chua

INTRODUCTION

Work Year 2005/2006 was yet another busy year for the Publicity Committee as we continued to perform our key task of generating media and public awareness for the Council's various campaigns and activities, as well as to spearhead key initiatives aimed at promoting fire safety amongst the general public. Returns for the Publicity Committee were good as we are proud to report that all targets set for Work Year 05/06 were met. Some highlights in the year include:

NEW LOOK FOR www.nfpc.gov.sg

The NFPC online portal received a spanking new look this year! Designed to comply with IDA's Web Interface Standards¹, the revamped website was unveiled at the Council's Fire Safety Seminar on 18 October 2006. Celebrating the website's new lease of life, the Publicity Committee rolled out its Fire Safety Online Quiz in tandem with the website's re-launch. Participation rate for the quiz was encouraging as the Committee received nearly 1,000 entries. With the revised interface, the website now contains wider spectra of interactive and fun-filled online games which serve to engage and educate web-savvy public on the importance of fire safety.

PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGH YELLOW PAGES

A four-page emergency preparedness advisory was published in the Yellow Pages Buying Guide's "Community Pages". The advisory broached on a wide assortment of topics including In-Place Protection, decontamination procedures, the Ready Bag as well as the Community Emergency Preparedness Programme. Some 1.4 million copies of the Buying Guide were distributed free to all households between August and September 2006. This project was jointly undertaken with the support of the SCDF.

¹ Web Interface Standards (WIS) is a set of standards and guidelines introduced by the Infocomm Development Authority (IDA) to streamline the "look and feel" of government websites and online services. The WIS aims to (a) Facilitate ease of navigation, information retrieval and access to online services within and across government websites; and (b) Ensure a consistent, intuitive and smooth online experience when moving from one government website to the next.

FIRE SAFETY DRIVE 2006

The inaugural Fire Safety Drive was launched at the Fire Safety Seminar held at the Furama Riverfront Hotel on 18 October 2006. The new Fire Safety Drive approach replaces its predecessor, NFPC's long running annual Fire Safety Campaigns. With the enhanced approach, the Council will vary the theme of each Fire Safety Drive to target specific problem areas identified via analyses of prevailing trends in the fire incident statistics. The first such Fire Safety Drive launched in October last year targeted LPG users. The Publicity Committee also tied-up with local LPG distributors for their support in the campaign. Brochures detailing the safe and proper use of LPG cylinders were distributed to households during deliveries that period.

FLASHPOINT PUBLICATION

The Council's well-read publication, Flashpoint, continues to be an important vehicle through which friends of the NFPC are updated on activities and initiatives organised by the various Committees. The NFPC Charity Film Premiere and the Fire Safety Seminar 2006 were some of the events which were publicised on the Flashpoint. Readers were also updated on initiatives such as the "Refuse Chute Fire Programme" as well as the Council's Fire Safety Puppet Show introduced to Primary schools.

MEDIA PUBLICITY FOR NFPC EVENTS

The Publicity Committee continued in our endeavours to generate greater fire safety and prevention awareness in the general public as well as to project the Council's corporate image through media publicity. Two events that received extensive local media support were:

- a. Fire Safety Puppet Show: Mr Joseph Then and his puppet friends have hopped onto the NFPC omnibus on the 10 July 2006 with their official maiden performance at the Changkat Primary School. The launch for this exciting new programme offered to primary schools was publicised extensively by the various local media including The Straits Times, Lianhe Zaobao, Tamil Murasu and Suria Channel.
- b. Fire Safety Seminar cum Launch of Fire Safety Drive 2006: This event was held on 18 Oct 2006 at the Furama Riverfront Hotel. Like past years, the Fire Safety Seminar was well-received by fire safety practitioners from various industrial and commercial sectors. The Fire Safety Drive 2006 which targeted the issue of safe use of LPG cylinders was also launched in the same platform. Media coverage for this 2-in-1 event was extensive and was covered by The Straits Times, Lianhe Zaobao, Berita Harian and Channel NewsAsia.

LOOKING AHEAD

With the conclusion of another fruitful Work Year, the Publicity Committee will be gearing itself for yet another challenging year ahead.

Fund Raising and Membership Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman - Mr Markham Shaw Members - Mr Khor Thong Meng
 Secretary - CPT Ivan Kwok LTC Eric Yap
 LTC N Subhas

Each year, the NFPC spends more than \$300,000 on a host of public education activities aimed at raising public awareness and knowledge on fire-safety related issues. The role of the Fund Raising and Membership Committee (FRMC) is to raise funds to aid the Council in running its numerous public relations, promotional and educational campaigns and activities. Several fund raising projects in the form of Charity Golf Tournament and Charity Film Premiere are regularly organised. This year, the funds were used mainly to support activities such as the Fire Safety Drive, Fire Safety Puppet Shows and the Fire Safety Seminar for industrial and commercial premises.

Through fund raising activities and fire safety awareness programmes, the Committee also aims to recruit new members who are eager to help the Council to implement its myriad of activities.

In Work Year 2006/2007, the FRMC was kept engaged in recruiting new corporate and individual members to the Council and in organising various fund-raising activities.

NFPC CHARITY FILM PREMIERE

The Charity Film Premiere was the flagship fund-raising event in 2006. Held on 4th Oct 2006, the event was a huge success as it raised a record of over \$55,000 for the Council. Assoc. Prof. Ho Peng Kee, Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs was the Guest-of-Honour. The movie, "World Trade Center" was based on the Sep 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the twin towers of New York City. Directed by Academy Award winner Oliver Stone, the movie revolves around the true story of two Port Authority Police Department officers John McLoughlin (played by Nicolas Cage) and Will Jimeno (played Michael Peña). The movie received widespread critical acclaim for its poignant portrayal of how the human spirit triumphed over terrorism. Indeed, the support for the event was over-whelming with a sell-out of all seats.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

In recognition of the commitment and support provided by the Council members, NFPC secured a corporate membership to all the five HomeTeamNS Clubs for our members. Members may loan the HomeTeamNS Corporate Cards from any of the Clubs' front desk to utilize the facilities. Members are also accorded with privilege access to NFPC's Fire Safety booklets, posters and brochures to assist them in promoting fire safety at their workplaces.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Committee will continue to attract new members to join the Council as individual or corporate members to achieve a wide membership base that will help to propagate its messages at workplaces and homes. In addition, the Committee is looking forward to hold various fund-raising activities in the new Work Year beginning with a Charity Golf Tournament at the Laguna Golf and Country Club on 19 Apr 2007.

The Council would like to express its appreciation to all individual and corporate well-wishers for their generous sponsorships and donations to the NFPC. In particular, the Committee would like to specially thank the Shaw Foundation for their continual support over the years. Having been entrusted with new roles and responsibilities in the new Work Year, we look forward to welcoming everyone to support our Council to achieve the common goal of making Singapore a safe and secure environment for our families to live, work and play in.

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 the desired membership category

* All donations to the Council are tax-exempted

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* Cheque Payment : National Fire Prevention Council

* all donations made are tax exempt

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BENEFITS FOR CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF NFPC

- Membership in NFPC has its rewards and all corporate and individual members of the council can look forward to the following benefits:-
- Members will be issued with a Certificate on signing up.
- Members will be able to promote public awareness and concerns about outbreaks of fire and to secure co-operation of the public in establishing proper prevention and protection measures against loss of life and property in case of fire under the guidance of the NFPC.
- Members shall have access to the FS booklets, posters and brochures produced by any of the committees of the Council.
- Members shall have access to the Home Team NS Clubhouse as Corporate members.
- Members shall have access to and be invited to attend all activities organised by NFPC at a special rate.
- Members shall have special rates for rental of the Council's Fire Safety Exhibition Panels.
- Members will receive copies of the NFPC Newsletter 'Flashpoint' to keep them updated on fire safety issues, activities and events organised by the council.
- Any member, whether individual or corporate shall be entitled to one vote at all general meetings held by the Council
- Any corporate member may nominate any individual as its representative at meetings of the Council.



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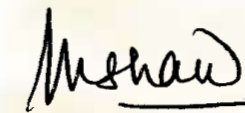
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended
31 March 2007

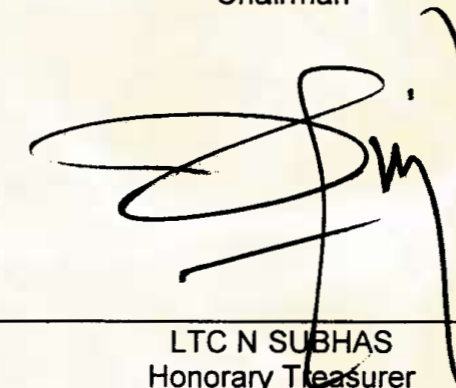
STATEMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 March 2007 and of its results and changes in accumulated fund and cash flows for the year ended on that date, and at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL



SHAW VEE KING
Chairman



LTC N SUBHAS
Honorary Treasurer

Singapore,

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**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
(REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT, CAP. 311)**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Fire Prevention Council which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Council Members' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Council members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, Cap. 311 (the "Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Council members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion,

- (a) the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, Cap. 311 (the "Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 March 2007 and the results, changes in equity and cash flows of the council for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Council have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.


CYPRESS SINGAPORE PAC
Certified Public Accountants, Singapore
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Date, 25 MAY 2007

**NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
(REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT, CAP. 311)**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2007

	Note	2007 S\$	2006 S\$
MAINTENANCE FUND			
Accumulated fund	3	<u>1,100,487</u>	<u>999,365</u>
Represented by:			
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4	-	2,414
INVESTMENTS	5	754,004	755,439
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and on hand		356,259	250,682
		<u>356,259</u>	<u>250,682</u>
Less:			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued operating expenses		4,841	4,520
Subscription fee received in advance		4,935	4,650
		<u>9,776</u>	<u>9,170</u>
NET CURRENTS ASSETS		<u>346,483</u>	<u>241,512</u>
		<u><u>1,100,487</u></u>	<u><u>999,365</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

**NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
(REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT, CAP. 311)**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007

	Note	2007 S\$	2006 S\$
DONATION RECEIVED-TAX EXEMPT		112,000	114,150
CHARITY FILM PREMIERE-NON TAX EXEMPT DONATION		27,568	15,630
CHARITY FILM PREMIERE-TAX EXEMPT DONATION		36,207	37,245
FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR		38,400	31,515
FIRE SAFETY ORIENTATION TOOLKITS		1,294	1,315
FIRE SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD		-	8,100
FIRE SAFETY MOBILE EXHIBITS		2,500	7,650
NFPC CHARITY GOLF 2007		5,000	-
INTEREST INCOME			
- Deposit with banks		988	648
- Interest on bonds		26,740	24,659
SUBSCRIPTION FEE		6,905	12,895
GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF GOLD COINS		-	1,144
		<u>257,602</u>	<u>254,951</u>
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES			
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Commercial Premises Committee		(704)	(3,000)
Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth		(20,605)	(27,264)
Publicity Committee		(14,608)	(5,650)
PROJECT EXPENSES			
Fire Safety Campaign		-	(54,626)
Fire Safety Drill 2006		(9,208)	-
Annual General Meeting		(10,895)	(10,259)
Fire Safety Seminar		(22,672)	(12,829)
Charity Film Premiere		(8,066)	(8,959)
FS Excellence Award		-	(19,467)
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
Staff cost	7	(51,554)	(25,299)
Depreciation of plant and equipment	4	(2,414)	(7,977)
Printing, postage and stationery		(3,106)	(5,135)
Other operating expenses		<u>(12,648)</u>	<u>(14,567)</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		101,122	59,919
TAXATION	9	-	-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>101,122</u>	<u>59,919</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

**NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
(REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT, CAP. 311)**

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007

	Accumulated Surplus Fund S\$
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2005	939,446
Net surplus for the year	<u>59,919</u>
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2006	999,365
Net surplus for the year	<u>101,122</u>
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2007	<u>1,100,487</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007

	Note	2007 S\$	2006 S\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Surplus before taxation		101,122	59,919
Adjustment for non-cash items :			
Depreciation of plant and equipment		2,414	7,977
Gain on disposal of gold coins		-	(1,144)
Interest income		(27,728)	(25,307)
Operating surplus before working capital changes		75,808	41,445
Decrease in accrued interest income		-	8,145
Increase/(decrease) in accrued operating expenses		321	(1,990)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income		285	(585)
Net cash generated from operating activities		76,414	47,015
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
Decrease/(increase) for investments in bonds		1,435	(251,189)
Proceed for disposal of gold coins		-	19,910
Interest income received		27,728	25,307
Net cash generated from/(used in) investment activities		29,163	(205,972)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT		105,577	(158,957)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AS AT 1 APRIL	6	250,682	409,639
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AS AT 31 MARCH	6	356,259	250,682

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2007

These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Council is registered as a Society in Singapore under the Societies Act, Cap. 311 and is domiciled in Singapore. The mission of the Council is to make Singapore safe from fire by promoting fire safety and prevention amongst the public.

The registered address of the Council is at Singapore Civil Defence Force, Central Fire Station, 62 Hill Street, Singapore 179367.

The Council is a registered Charity under the Charities Act since 30 September 1986.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards issued by Council on Corporate Disclosure and Governance of Singapore.

The financial statements are presented in Singapore Dollars.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2007 were authorised to be issued on the date of the Statement by Council members

2.2 Issue but not yet effective Financial Reporting Standards

As at the date of this report, the council has not applied any new or revised Financial Reporting Standards that has been issued but not yet come into effect. These new or revised standards upon adoption will not have significant impact on the financial statements.

2.3 Significant judgments by the Council Members in applying accounting policies

In the process of applying the council's accounting policies, the council members did not made any significant judgments, apart from those involving estimations, that have significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2.4 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on the directors' best knowledge of current event and actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

There are no significant key assumptions concerning the future, nor other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that would have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

2.5 Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are initially stated at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation of an asset commences when the asset is available for use. Depreciation is provided on gross carrying amounts less residual value in equal annual installments over the estimated lives of the assets. The annual rates of depreciation are as follows:

Office equipment	20%
Fire safety robots	20%

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.5 Plant and equipment (Continued)

The residual value and the useful life of an asset is reviewed at each balance sheet date, and if expectations different from previous estimate, changes are made to the depreciation charge for the remaining undepreciated amount.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use or disposed and no further charges for depreciation is made in respect of these assets. Any gain or loss arising from the derecognition of the asset is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

When events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carry amount of an asset is not recoverable, impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

2.6 Impairment assets

As at each balance sheet date, assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure statement unless it reverses a previous revaluation credited to reserve. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's net selling price and value in use. The net selling price is the amount realisable from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction. Value in use is the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continuing use of the asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life. Recoverable amounts are estimated for individual assets or, if impossible to be estimated individually, for the cash-generating unit in which the asset is deployed.

Reversal of an impairment loss previously recognised is recorded to the extent the impairment loss had previously been recognised. A reversal of an impairment loss on a revalued asset is credited directly to reserve, unless the impairment loss on the same revalued asset was previously expensed in the income and expenditure statement, in which case it is recognised as income.

2.7 Financial assets

Financial assets, are classified as 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss', 'loans and receivables', held-to-maturity investments', or 'available-for-sale' financial assets. Financial assets are recognised in the balance sheet when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial assets.

All financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transactional costs, except for 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' which are measure at fair value only. The classification of financial assets, after initially recognition, is re-evaluated and reclassified where allowed and appropriate.

2.8 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables, are classified and accounted for as 'loans and receivable' as they are non-derivatives financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses are recognised in the income and expenditure statement when these loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

2.9 Cash at bank and on hand

Cash at bank and on hand are classified and accounted for as 'loans and receivable' as they are non-derivatives financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses are recognised in the income and expenditure statement when these loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

2.11 Investments

These investments are non-derivatives financial assets that are designated as held-for-maturity financial assets. These investments are stated at cost less amortised cost at the balance sheet date.

2.12 Trade and other payables

These liabilities, are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses are recognised in the income and expenditure statement when these liabilities are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.13 Income recognition

Income from donations and sponsorships are recognised on a cash basis. Income from charitable events and other events are recognised upon the completion of such events. Interest income is recognised on an time proportioned basis.

2.14 Taxation

The Council is assessed as a charitable institution under section 13M(2)(b) of the Singapore Income Tax Act. As a registered charity, the Council is enjoying income tax exemption.

2.15 Functional currency

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The financial statements are prepared using Singapore dollar as the functional currency.

2.16 Employee benefits

As required by law, the Council has a defined contribution plan to make contributions to the state pension's scheme, the Central Provident Fund (CPF). CPF contributions are recognised as compensation expenses in the same period as the employment that gives rise to the contribution.

Employees' entitlements to annual and other leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A allowance is made for the estimated liability for leave as a result of services rendered by the employees up to the balance sheet date.

2.17 Foreign currencies transaction

Foreign currency transactions are recorded, on initial recognition in the functional currency, by applying to the foreign currency amount to the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. All transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are treated as transactions in foreign currencies.

At each balance sheet date, foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are converted into the functional currency at the spot rate on the balance sheet date. Exchange differences are taken to the income and expenditure statement.

2.18 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the council has a present obligation as a result of a past event which is probable and will result in an outflow of economic benefits that can be reliably estimated.

3. ACCUMULATED FUND

The accumulated fund is an unrestricted fund to meet the expenditure in accordance with the mission of National Fire Prevention Council as stated in Notes to the Financial Statements 1.

4. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Office equipment S\$	Fire Safety Robots S\$	Total S\$
<u>Cost</u>			
As at 1.4.2005	12,953	33,935	46,888
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31.3.2006	12,953	33,935	46,888
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31.3.2007	12,953	33,935	46,888
<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>			
As at 1.4.2005	11,046	25,451	36,497
Depreciation charge for the year	1,190	6,787	7,977
As at 31.3.2006	12,236	32,238	44,474
Depreciation charge for the year	717	1,697	2,414
As at 31.3.2007	12,953	33,935	46,888
<u>Carrying amount</u>			
As at 31.3.2007	-	-	-
As at 31.3.2006	717	1,697	2,414

5. INVESTMENTS

	2007 S\$	2006 S\$
Unquoted investment in bonds:		
Power Seraya bonds with a coupon rate of 3.97% per annum, maturing on 30.9.2010	251,025	251,276
WBSP bonds with a coupon rate of 4.1% per annum maturing on 30.9.2019	251,555	252,050
CCL bonds with a coupon rate of 3.2% per annum maturing on 16.6.2008	251,424	252,113
	<u>754,004</u>	<u>755,439</u>

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2007 S\$	2006 S\$
Cash at bank	355,846	250,296
Cash on hand	413	386
	<u>356,259</u>	<u>250,682</u>

7. STAFF COST

	2007 S\$	2006 S\$
Staff salary and bonus	46,482	21,924
Staff CPF contribution	4,875	3,174
Staff welfare	197	201
	<u>51,554</u>	<u>25,299</u>

There was no remuneration to key management personnel.

8. FUTURE COMMITMENTS

The Council has the following future commitments approved or budgeted by the Board of Directors but not provided for in the financial statements as follows:

	2007/2008 S\$	2006/2007 S\$
Project planned		
Commercial Premises Committee	12,967	5,000
Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth	39,450	72,700
Fund Raising and Membership Committee	-	-
Industrial Premises Committee	2,167	3,000
Housing Premises Committee	10,666	7,000
Publicity Committee	15,000	69,800
Secretariat Committee	15,200	60,200
	<u>95,450</u>	<u>217,700</u>

9. TAXATION

No allowance for income tax has been made for the current financial year as the Council is a registered charity enjoying income tax exemption.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is exposed to the following risks through its normal operations.

i) Liquidity risk

The council relies on the financial support of its member and well-wishers to fund its operation. The Council monitors the council's funding requirements on a regular basis to ensure that sufficient funds are available for the council's operating requirements.

ii) Interest rate risk

The Council closely monitors interest rates to ensure that favourable interest rates are obtained from its investments.

iii) Foreign exchange risk

The Council is not exposed to foreign exchange risk as all of its transactions were carried out in local currency.

iv) Credit risk

The Council places its cash with creditworthy institutions.

v) Fair value risk

The fair value of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities reported in the balance sheet approximate their carrying value.

vi) Derivative instruments

The Council does not utilise any derivative instruments.

The responsibility for managing the above risks is vested in the Council Members

Corporate & Individual Members

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Association of Banks in Singapore
City Developments Ltd
City Gas Pte Ltd
Energizer Singapore Pte Ltd
Grand Hyatt Singapore
Housing and Development Board
Le Meridien Singapore
Lee Foundation
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Management Corporation Strata Title No. 1143
MTU Asia Pte Ltd
Ngee Ann Property Management Pte Ltd
NTUC Fairprice Cooperative Ltd
Peninsula, Excelsior Hotel
Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore
The Shaw Foundation Pte
Singapore Institute of Architects
Yat Yuen Hong Co Ltd

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