



**NATIONAL FIRE
PREVENTION COUNCIL**

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2005/2006**

The Board of Directors 2005/2006



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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

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 my warm welcome to everyone at today's Annual General Meeting. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the NFPC and I am proud to share that since its inception in 1986, the Council has grown in strength and stature over the years to be an effective organization in promoting fire safety awareness and education in Singapore. 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.

The past year has been an exciting one for the Council and its committees in terms of the activities and the community outreach we have achieved. Across the board, every committee

has invested considerable amount of efforts toward planning and implementing the numerous activities that filled the work year which benefited the community. I am pleased to report on some of these key events that the Council undertook in Work Year 2005/06.

REPORT ON WORK YEAR 2005/06

FIRE SAFETY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES

The annual Fire Safety Seminar jointly organised by the Industrial and Commercial Premises Committees on 31 August 2006 at the Furama Riverfront Hotel continues to be an important event on the calendar of FSMs. Graced by Ms Indranee Rajah, the GPC Chairperson (Law & Home Affairs), over 300 participants attended the full-day seminar themed "Fires: Together We Can Prevent Them". 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.

Another event that I wish to highlight is the Fire Safety Excellence Award presentation that was held 29 November 2005 at the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel. 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. This is indeed encouraging. In total, 108 premises submitted their applications for the assessment. Following intensive 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.

The Mass Fire Evacuation Drill last year was another hugely successful event that drew a record participation of over 12,000 workers from some 930 companies over a two-week period from 21 November to 3 December 2005.

I would also like to compliment both the Committees for their active efforts in engaging the FSMs through regular dialogues where fire safety best practices are shared and feedback are obtained from the practitioners.

FIRE SAFETY FOR RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

For the Housing Premises Committee (HPC), the key initiative last work year was the implementation of a 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 events received overwhelming participation from residents who were provided with hands-on training on the use of fire extinguishers and essential fire prevention tips.

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 respective Civil Defence Executive Committees (CDECs), the HPC visited 3 blocks of flats in Elias Road, Marine Drive and Admiralty Drive. I am pleased to inform that since the visits, there has not been any reported case of rubbish chute fires in the blocks concerned.

FIRE SAFETY FOR SCHOOLS

The Fire Safety Committee for Schools and Youth 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 interesting programmes that educates its audience on fire safety while promoting creativity and exploratory learning. Last work year was no exception. In particular, I would like to highlight 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 indeed of a very high standard and that gave our judges a tough time to decide on the winning teams.

FUND RAISING

On 20 September 2005, the Council successfully organised a charity film premiere. An action movie, "The Myth", starring Jackie Chan was screened to a packed audience with Ms Indranee Rajah, the GPC Chairperson (Law & Home Affairs) as our Guest-of-Honour. The \$46,000 raised through the event had significantly surpassed the \$30,000 target set. Allow me to congratulate the Fund-Raising and Membership Committee for this excellent effort.

On membership privileges, the committee has also secured corporate membership to the Home Team NS clubs for both our corporate as well as individual members. Hence, our 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.

CONCLUSION

The activities that I had just reported showcase the Council and its Committees' commitment to promoting a high sense of fire safety awareness in Singapore. 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, I would like to commend my Board members and committees for their exceptional dedication and personal sacrifices. Thank you for the exemplary contributions and I am certainly looking forward to working with everyone for an even more successful new work year.

My heartfelt appreciation also goes out to all our patrons, members, friends and well-wishers who have been giving us their strong support and encouragement in our activities. 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 untiring support and invaluable advice to the Council and all its activities.

Thank you all.

Shaw Vee King
Chairman
National Fire Prevention Council

15 May 2006

The Board of Directors
2005-2006

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Fund Raising &
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Mr Khor Thong Meng



Mr Tong Kok Wing



Mr Tony Soh



Mrs Catherine Lam



Mr Seah Tjun Min



Mr Terence Tan



Mr John Wu Voon Liang

Minutes Of The 19th Annual General Meeting Of National Fire Prevention Council

Held on 19 July 2005 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 Christopher Tan	Executive Director
Ltc N Subhas	Hon Treasurer
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Mrs Catherine Lam	Board Member
Mr Larry Cheng	Board Member
Mr John Wu	Board Member
Mr Seah Tjun Min	Board Member
Mr Terence Tan	Board Member
Mr Yang Soo Suan	Advisor

SCDF

DC Peter Lim	Dy Commissioner SCDF And 76 Others
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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

- 1 Chairman, Mr Shaw Vee King called the meeting to order at 1140 hrs. He extended a warm welcome to everyone present at the 19th Annual General Meeting.
- 2 In his Address, Chairman said that from its inception 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. The Council has taken on a larger role through its expanded community outreach programmes and activities. It continues to collaborate and support the various government agencies and stakeholders in promoting public education on the aspects of all fire safety and security.

- 3** Chairman next highlighted three significant events that marked the Council's calendar during the workyear. These are the Home Team Councils Preventive Education Xperience, the Fire and Emergency Services Asia 2005 and the NFPC Corporate Retreat.
- 4** Chairman said the council was honoured to lead in organising the inaugural Home Team Councils Preventive Education Xperience together with its Home Team partners, the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA). This mega public education event was held from 29 to 30 Jan 2005 at the Toa Payoh HDB Hub. The event provided a one-stop informative platform for the public to learn the dangers of fire and crime and to pick up useful preventive tips on these issues that affect the community at large. He said that the two-day event attracted a turnout of 60,000 visitors.
- 5** Chairman highlighted that the Council together with SCDF had partnered with Pennwell Corp, the organiser of the leading Fire Dept Instructors Conference (FDIC) in the US to organise the inaugural Fire and Emergency Services Asia (FESA) 2005 Conference from 22 to 26 Feb 2005. The event was officiated by Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee, Sr Minister of State (Law and Home Affairs) was held at the SISEC at Suntec City. A total of 21 international and local speakers and about 200 local and overseas delegates attended the event.
- 6** To map out the strategic directions for the council in the light of the dynamic challenges in its environment, Chairman informed that key board members and secretaries of the committees held a corporate retreat on 3 March 2005 to discuss on the issues. The retreat has produced a revised set of the council's mission, objectives and organisation structure. He said these were tabled and endorsed at the Council Board meeting on 15 Mar 2005 and will be tabling it later at the AGM to seek support in giving the mandate to effect these changes and to steer the council forward towards greater heights.
- 7** Chairman said that he is pleased to note that the Housing Premises Committee (HPC) has been one of the most active committees in the Council. In response to a spate of fatal fires involving residential units, the HPC launched a 'Smoke Detectors for Home' campaign on 22 Jul 2004 to increase public awareness and to encourage residents to install smoke detectors at their homes. He said the event also received very strong support from the major petroleum companies, vendors, distributors and home insurance company to promote the use of these live-saving detectors at the petrol stations and various grassroots events. The response from the public was encouraging gauging by the sales.
- 8** Chairman highlighted the initiatives undertaken by the Industrial and Commercial Premises committee, such as the successful run of their joint annual Fire Safety Seminar. The event was held on 18 Aug 2004 at the Novotel Apollo Singapore. Highlights of the seminar included a workshop on the sharing of experience by the participants themselves on the implementation of In-Place-Protection at their premise and a presentation on Arson Protection Plan by SCDF. Chairman said that this event has always been over-subscribed and many applicants have to be turned away. The strong response indicated the seriousness of the fire safety practitioners in wanting to raise their knowledge and education in fire safety. He announced that the upcoming Fire Safety Seminar will be held on 31 Aug 2005.
- 9** Chairman also reported that the Industrial Premises Committee in developing new fire safety posters on hotworks to educate the workers on the safe handling of hotworks and flammable substances. The Commercial Premises Committee was complimented for proactively engaging the FSMs in commercial buildings through regular dialogues where best practices and feedback are solicited. They have also organised a Retail Workshop for Shopping Centres to remind retailers of common violations to fire safety and offer preventive tips and advice.

- 10** Chairman said that he noted the Fire Safety Committee for Schools has been successful in its effort to reach out to our young in learning about the hazards of fire. Through interactive, fun and yet creative platforms, eg Fire Safety Skit Competitions, Fire Safety Poster Design Competitions and Magic Shows, it has imparted valuable lessons to these school children.
- 11** Chairman congratulated the Membership and Fund Raising Committee for successfully organising a charity film premiere titled 'The New Police Story' starring famous movie-star Jackie Chan. He also made a special appearance at this premiere supported by local media artistes. The premiere was held on 23 Sep 2004 at Lido Cineplex and raised \$55,000 for the Council, surpassing the \$30,000 target set.
- 12** He reported that the committee had also reviewed and introduced changes to the categories of memberships to ensure sustainable source of funds to the council to self fund its various public education projects and activities. He hopes that members will continue to give their support and also to encourage their corporate friends to join the council.
- 13** In conclusion, Chairman said that the activities he had just reported provided some snapshots of the numerous and myriads activities that the council and its committees had organised in the last workyear to proactively reach out to the public to raise their level of fire safety awareness.
- 14** Chairman in his closing remarks, said that he owe the success of the council to the unwavering dedication, hard work and sacrifices of his Board members and committees in promoting the cause of the council. He also expressed his special thanks to all patrons, corporate members and friends for supporting and participating in our events and hope 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 unstinting support and advice to the council and activities.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

- 15** The minutes of 18th AGM held at the Grand Hyatt Singapore on 22 Jul 2004 was proposed for adoption by Mrs Catherine Lam and seconded by Mr John Wu.

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- 16** The meeting approved the NFPC Annual Report for WY 2004/2005, Mr Seah Tjun Min and Mr John Wu proposed and seconded to accept the report respectively.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MAR 2005

- 17** The accounts audited by Cypress Singapore PAC for the year ending 31 Mar 2005 were accepted and approved at the meeting. Mr Seah Tjun Min proposed to accept the financial report and Mr Markham Shaw seconded it.

APPROVAL TO THE CHANGE OF THE NFPC'S MISSION STATEMENT

- 18** The revised **mission statement** of the Council **'The NFPC is committed towards making Singapore safe from fires by promoting greater fire safety and prevention amongst the public'** was tabled for approval. Mr John Wu proposed to accept the changes and Mr Markham Shaw seconded it.

APPROVAL TO THE CHANGES TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL

- 19** The revised objectives of the Council as tabulated below were tabled for approval:-
- a. To educate the public on the dangers of fire
 - b. To involve the public in implementing fire prevention measures against loss of life and property in case of fire
 - c. To collaborate with any organisations involved with fire safety
 - d. To instill greater sense of self responsibility towards fire safety

The amendments were proposed to be accepted by Mr Larry Cheng and Ms Margaret Heng seconded it.

APPROVAL TO THE CHANGES IN THE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

- 20** The amended Organisation Structure were also tabled for approval so as to be aligned with the changes being made to the mission statement and objectives of the Council.

Mrs Catherine Lam proposed to adopt the amended organisation structure and Ms Margaret Heng seconded it.

CONCLUSION

- 21** 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 Christopher Tan
Executive Director NFPC

Approved by : Mr Shaw Vee King
Chairman NFPC

Date : 29 Jul 2005

Industrial Premises Committee

Committee Members

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

INTRODUCTION

The workyear of 2005/2006 proved to be another busy but fruitful period for the Industrial Premises Committee. During this past workyear, our members have actively participated in several events and spearheaded a number of projects, aimed at supporting the objectives of the Council.

4th NFPC FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR 2005

Jointly organized by the IPC and CPC for fire safety managers and practitioners in the industrial and commercial premises, the Seminar was successfully held on 31 August 2006 at the Furama Riverfront Hotel. The seminar was graced by Ms Indranee Rajah, GPC Chairperson (Law & Home Affairs). The seminar was well attended by more than 300 participants.

The full day seminar was organised around the theme of "Fires: Together We Can Prevent Them". Three papers were presented in the morning followed by a workshop on fire case studies in the afternoon.

The papers were presented by MAJ Derek Tan of SCDF, Mr Siew Yee Chong, Integrated Building Consultants and MAJ Lim Lam Kwang, SCDF. They dwelled on highly relevant fire safety topics such as the industrial and commercial fire situations in Singapore; fire safety audits for industrial premises; and recent changes to the Fire Codes, respectively. During the workshop, participants were asked to review two fire incidents; identify their root causes and propose fire preventive measures. The stimulating discussions were facilitated by officers from SCDF. Overall the seminar was a great success judging from the positive feedback received from most participants.

MASS FIRE EVACUATION DRILL 2005

The committee organised another mass evacuation drill campaign in 2005 and set a new participation record with 12,000 workers from 930 companies taking part in various evacuation drills held over a 2-week period from 21 November to 3 December. Several companies who had participated in previous mass evacuation drills were seen taking part in the drill again this year.

The 2005 Mass Fire Evacuation Drill was launched at the Parkway Parade Shopping Centre on the morning of 21 November 2006 with a simulated terrorist bomb attack that caused a fire outbreak in the Basement 1 level. This led to an evacuation of about 300 personnel working in the Office Tower and the deployment of the building security and fire-fighting teams. They were joined by the crew from the Paya Lebar Fire Station and Marine Parade Neighbourhood Police Centre who responded swiftly to the emergency call. Together the teams worked efficiently to rescue casualties, put out the “fire” and maintain crowd control.

The event was witnessed by Guest-of-Honour, Dy Commissioner, Peter Lim from SCDF. The launching ceremony received publicity on Mediacorp TV News and was featured in the Straits Times. Once again, the Mass Fire Evacuation Drill has proven to be an effective means for educating the public on the importance of fire evacuation.

NEW FIRE SAFETY BROCHURE ON HOTWORKS

Based on the fire statistics of 2004, the IPC noted that there has been an increase in the number of fire incidents involving hotworks, some of which were fatal. According to surveys conducted by the IPC, it was found that a lack of fire safety awareness coupled with poor supervision of workers were the common causes of hotwork fires. In order to arrest this trend, the IPC designed and produced a comprehensive brochure on hotwork safe practices. 2000 copies of the brochure were printed for distribution to the industry. Participants of the Fire Safety Seminar were also given complimentary copies of the fire safety brochures.

NEW FIRE SAFETY POSTER ON ELECTRICAL FIRES

A high percentage of fires in the industry were caused by electrical sources such as short-circuiting of electrical system. The IPC believed that electrical fires can be prevented by raising the awareness of common electrical fire hazards. A new fire safety poster on electrical fire was produced to highlight the common hazards and fire preventive measures to the workers and their management. 2000 pieces of the poster were first distributed to the industry at the Fire Safety Seminar held on 31 August 2005.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

In the new workyear of 2006/2007, the IPC seeks to further improve the fire safety awareness by partnering specific industries in fire safety promotion. The IPC will continue to organize key events like the Fire Safety Seminar and the Mass Fire Evacuation Drill which has always been well supported by the industry. The IPC also plans to produce more materials on fire safety education, such as posters, and a fire risk assessment toolkit to help workers reduce fire risk.

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

The Commercial Premises Committee (CPC) plays a critical role in promoting fire safety prevention and preparedness within all commercial premises in Singapore. In WY 2005/2006, 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 2005

Jointly organized by the Commercial Premises and Industrial Premises Committees, the NFPC Fire Safety Seminar 2005 was successfully conducted on 31st August 2005. The Guest-of-Honor for the event was Ms Indranee Rajah, GPC Chairperson (Home Affairs & Law) and MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC.

The theme of the seminar, "Fires: Together We Can Prevent Them", highlighted that fire safety and fire prevention is the responsibility of everyone. The seminar received strong support from the commercial and industrial premises with a total of 304 participants (151 from commercial premises and 153 from industrial premises) taking part in the seminar.

The seminar was divided into two sessions; three fire-safety related papers were presented in the morning session before participants were divided into groups for the afternoon workshop session.

During the morning session, the following 3 papers were presented:-

1. "An Analysis of the Commercial and Industrial Fire Situation in Singapore"
2. "Fire Certificate – Key Learning Points from Recent Industrial Premises Fire Audits"
3. "Recent Changes to the Fire Code"

This was followed by the break-out sessions in the afternoon whereby case studies of commercial and industrial fires were presented for discussion.

Overall, participants had given positive feedback with regards to the organisation and contents of the seminar. The participants highlighted that they are looking forward to further enriching their fire safety knowledge at the next seminar.

FIRE SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2005

Organised biennially, the Fire Safety Excellence Awards (FSEA) aim to audit and recognise organisations (including owners, management companies and fire safety managers) for their commitment to maintaining a high standard of fire safety in their premises or buildings and inculcate a greater awareness of the need for regular programmes to ensure that buildings are safe from fires at all times. Year 2005 marks the 6th time that the FSEA has been organised.

The FSEA 2005 received participation from a total of 108 commercial premises. After intensive on-site auditing, 77 premises received the FSEA. 22 other commercial premises were awarded the FSEA (Special Mention) for achieving the FSEA on 3 consecutive occasions.

The FSEA 2005 award ceremony was held on 29th November 2005 at the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Shaw Vee King, Chairman, National Fire Prevention Council.

MASS EVACUATION DRILL

In conjunction with the NFPC-organised Fire Safety Campaign 2005, the CPC and IPC jointly organised a Mass Evacuation Drill from 21st November to 3rd December 2005. The drills aim to enhance fire safety awareness in the community and familiarise premises with the Fire Evacuation Plan.

BI-MONTHLY DIALOGUE WITH HOTEL FSMS

The CPC, together with the Singapore Hotel Association continued its bi-monthly meetings with Fire Safety Managers (FSMs) from hotels. Through this forum, key fire safety messages, initiatives and developments are disseminated to the FSMs. The meetings have also provided an avenue for FSMs to network and share best fire safety practices within the industry.

CONCLUSION

In the WY 2006/2007, the CPC will continue with its mission to enhance fire safety knowledge and practices among commercial premises. CPC will continue to organise the Fire Safety Seminar and bi-monthly meetings to promote fire safety standards. Additionally, the mobile exhibit posters which contain messages on fire safety and prevention will be reviewed and upgraded to incorporate a new concept and design.

Housing Premises Committee

Committee Members

Chairman	-	Mr Larry Cheng
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr Seah Tjun Min
Secretary	-	Cpt Neo Seow Peng

INTRODUCTION

The Housing Premises Committee continues with its efforts to improve fire safety awareness and readiness level in both our public and private housing environment through education on the importance of home fire safety, prevention measures and actions to undertake in the event of a fire.

In the work year 2005/2006, the Committee introduced a new Fire Safety Prevention Programme aimed specifically at older private condominiums (above 25 years) to run together with the ever popular Fire Safety Day. The committee continues to roll out running fire safety awareness activities and programmes, and reviewed and updated educational/publicity packages.

FIRE SAFETY DAY

Encouraged by the earlier good response, the Committee continues to roll out the Fire Safety Day at private residential estates and condominiums. This work year, we covered several condominiums, such as Yishun Sapphire and Mandarin Garden. The event, often organised in conjunction with the estates' Residents' Day was again very well received as the Fire Safety magic show, Red Rhino, fire bikes and aerial appliances display thrilled the families and increased their fire safety awareness.

In the new workyear, the Committee will be working with more managing agents of condominiums to extend the outreach of this event with greater focus on the older condominiums/estates.

HOME FIRE SAFETY EXHIBITIONS

At Exercise Community Spirit (ECS) Day & Emergency Preparedness (EP) Day

This programme, officially launched on 16 Oct 94, continues to be conducted at many public housing estates on Exercise Community Spirit Day and Emergency Preparedness Day. This year, 5 ECS and 1 EP were held. The aim of the programme is to inculcate to the residents the importance of fire safety awareness at home. At the exhibitions, Fire Safety panels and other exhibits, which provide useful information on fire safety, basic fire fighting as well as proper evacuation in an emergency were displayed. Besides these, public education videos on home fire safety were screened and educational pamphlets given out to residents to promote fire safety awareness at home. In addition, vendors and distributor of fire safety products such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and fire blankets were invited to sell and promote their products so as to increase the awareness and availability of such items in households.

Rubbish Chute Fire Programme

The NFPC and SCDF jointly launched the Rubbish Chute Fire Alert Project in Dec 2005, targeting housing estates that have recorded repeated instances of rubbish chute fires. Together with the respective Civil Defence Executive Committees (CDECs), the Housing Premises Committee visited 3 blocks of flats in Elias Road, Marine Drive and Admiralty Drive and distributed the Rubbish Chute Fire Alert cards to the residents. Simple precautionary measures like the complete extinguishment of lighted cigarettes, charcoal embers and other combustible materials before disposal, as well as to avoid disposing flammable substances like paint, oil or kerosene down the chutes were printed in the card. Publicity on this programme was also highlighted in the Flashpoint newsletter.

Partnership With National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC)

The NFPC Housing Premises Committee partnered the NCDCC at launching of the Home Team Cadet Corps Service Day in Mar 2006. The launching was held at Greenridge Secondary School. NFPC supported the NCDCC with fire safety pamphlets and fridge magnets on home fire safety and these were distributed to the residents by the NCDCC cadets during their house visits.

Conclusion

The new workyear 2006/2007 will be another challenging year for the Committee. The HPC will continue to work closely with the Singapore Civil Defence Force and the CDECs to reinforce and instil a heightened sense of home fire safety awareness in the population within our homeland.

Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth

Committee Members:

Chairman	-	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 the children at an early age on fire safety through 'Learning in a fun way'. The types of activities organized and the platform chosen are to ensure effectiveness in outreach and inculcation of values as the students are from various educational levels. Reinforcement of fire safety messages and sustainability of pupils' interest are critical. Such activities also aim to promote creativity amongst the pupils.

FIRE SAFETY MAGIC SHOW

The positive and encouraging feedback given by the various schools in 2004 on the roving Fire Safety Magic Show provided the impetus for the Council to continue offering this informative and engaging programme this year. The objective of the show was that it should not only be entertaining, but also informative and educational. The pupils were educated on the dangers that fire has on lives and property, and also picked up useful and practical fire prevention tips.

In order to reach out to as many pupils as possible, the shows were staged during the school assemblies. This year, about 60 shows were carried out for the lower primary students between March and November 2005. The first show for the year was performed at the CHIJ Kellock Primary School on 29 Mar 2005.

The Fire Safety Magic show was also staged during various other NFPC events such as at the Fire Safety Day at housing estates as well as during the launch of the Fire Safety Campaign in Nov 2005.

POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

A total of 206 entries were received from a total of 114 schools. There were 2 categories- Category A was for secondary 1 and 2 pupils while Category B was for pupils from primary 3 to primary 6. The prizes for each category included 3 top prizes and 20 consolation prizes. The prize presentation was held in conjunction with the Skit competition at HQSCDF auditorium on 28th of July 2005 during which our Executive Director, LTC Christopher Tan was the Guest of Honour.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SKIT COMPETITION

21 schools participated in the competition and 3 preliminary rounds were held at Compassvale Secondary School. The top 10 schools were selected to perform at HQ SCDF on 28th July 2005. The top 3 winners were CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School, St Patrick's School and Regent Secondary School. It was noted that the standard of the performances was higher this year as compared to previous years.

The Champion team and the 1st runner up performed at Compasspoint Shopping Centre during the launch of the Fire Safety Campaign held in Nov 2005.

WEBSITE DESIGN COMPETITION

The competition was jointly organized by Victoria School and NFPC for primary school pupils. The purpose of the competition was for the pupils to spread the message of fire safety to their friends and families. Prior to the competition, a briefing was conducted for the pupils at HQ SCDF earlier in the year. The pupils also visited Paya Lebar fire station and the Heritage Gallery to learn more about the history of SCDF and our fire fighters in action. Armed with these experiences and knowledge, they went about designing web pages on fire safety. Participants were given all the support from NFPC and SCDF.

There were about 50 teams which took part in the competition. Of the 10 teams which made their presentations to the judges on 30th July 2005 at Victoria School, 3 schools, North View Primary School, Tampines Primary School and Changkat Changi Primary School, emerged as the top winners. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Alan Loh, Vice-Chairman, NFPC.

Highlight of Activities for



Fire Safety Campaign

- 19 November 2005



Charity Film Premiere

- 20 September 2005



Fire Safety Excellence Award

- 29 November 2005



WY05/06



Mass Fire Evacuation Drill

- 21 November 2005

19th Annual General Meeting - 19 July 2005



Fire Safety Seminar

- 31 August 2005



Publicity Committee

Committee Members:

Chairman - LTC N Subhas
Secretary - Cpt Daniel Seet

INTRODUCTION

The last workyear was truly fulfilling for the Publicity Committee arranging publicity for campaigns and activities to promote fire-safety; and to generate awareness for the many public education programmes organised by the Council. Some of the key activities organised are as follows:

LAUNCHING OF THE CD EMERGENCY HANDBOOK (5TH EDITION)

Since April last year, the 5th edition of the CD Emergency Handbook – a joint project between the SCDF, NFPC and the People's Association – has been made available to the public. Published in all four official languages, the updated handbook contains essential knowledge such as basic fire-safety tips, as well as new topics on emergency preparedness measures such as what to do during power outages, steps to take during a natural disaster as well as decontamination procedures in the event of a chemical incident. The handbook can be collected at all Home Team installations like CD Division HQs, Fire Stations, Fire Posts as well as Neighbourhood Police Centres and Home Team NS premises.

FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN '05

The Fire Safety Campaign '05 was launched at the Compass Point Shopping Centre on 19 November 2005 by Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee, Senior Minister of State (Law & Home Affairs). Boasting a wide range of colourful and interactive exhibits, such as a "smoke chamber" and a backdraft simulator, visitors to the event gained a deeper understanding of how to avoid fires at home, and what to do in the event of such emergencies. The annual Fire Safety Campaign is an anchor event which serves as an important platform to share fire-safety best practices and help spread fire-safety as a habit and lifestyle.

RUBBISH CHUTE FIRES - FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY

The PR Committee also produced public education pamphlets to be distributed to HDB residents with the aim of cutting down on the incidents of rubbish chute fires. Since December 2005, volunteers and community leaders from the Canberra, Marine Parade and Pasir Ris West CDECs (Civil Defence Executive Committees) have been making house-to-house visits to HDB blocks with repeated cases of rubbish chute fires to distribute these pamphlets and educate the public on good fire safety practices to prevent wanton rubbish chute fires.

ENGAGING THE PRE-SCHOOLS

NFPC's engagement of pre-schools was enhanced in 2005 through the introduction of the fire safety kit that is both interactive and fun. It was introduced for kindergarten teachers to conduct engaging yet entertaining fire safety and emergency preparedness programme for their pupils. With the support from the Ministry of Education and PAP Community Foundation, the fire safety kits were distributed to more than 450 kindergartens registered with MOE.

WEBSITE COMPETITION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

NFPC also reached out to primary schools in a creative manner through engaging the young in the website design competition. Targeting at primary school students, the competition requires students to design web pages and create web content based on an emergency preparedness theme. More than 90 entries were received and out of which 10 entries were shortlisted to present in the finals that was held on 30 July 2005 at THE Victoria School. The competition served as a useful channel in promoting interest among primary school students in fire safety through creativity, innovation and technology.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ROBOTICS COMPETITION (NERC)

Through collaboration efforts with SCDF and FSMAS, this new platform was jointly introduced by NFPC to reach out to and engage the school community at the secondary and post-secondary levels in an innovative manner. Co-Organized by Creative Robotics, Singapore Polytechnic and in partnership with the Trinity College Fire Fighting Robot Competition, Connecticut, USA, the NERC was conducted with a Fire Safety theme at the Singapore Polytechnic on 17 Nov 05. The team from Crescent Girls School emerged overall champion during the competition. The team and their award winning robot were showcased at the launch of the Fire Safety Campaign on 19 Nov 05.

CONCLUSION

Workyear 06/07 is set to be another challenging and exciting year for the PR Committee as we strive to enhance the Council's corporate image as well as to promote fire-safety awareness among the community. The Committee will continue to undertake meaningful projects to enhance fire-safety standards in Singapore.

Fund Raising and Membership Committee

Committee Members

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

The role of the Fund Raising and Membership Committee (FRMC) is to raise funds to aid the Council run its numerous public relations, promotional and educational campaigns and activities. Several fund raising projects in the form of Donation draws, Charity Golf Tournament and Charity Film Premieres are regularly organised. For this year, the funds were mainly used to fund activities such as Fire Safety Campaign, Fire Safety Night, Fire Safety Awareness Programme for Children, Fire Safety Talks and Seminars for Industrial and Commercial Premises.

Through these fund raising activities and fire safety awareness programmes, the committee aims to recruit new members who are eager to help the Council carry out its myriad of activities.

In work year 05/06, the FRMC was kept busy organising activities of which the Charity Film Premiere was one of the Council's flagship events to raise funds to drive its programmes and campaigns.

NFPC CHARITY FILM PREMIERE

The NFPC Charity Film Premiere held on 20 September 2005 was a huge success as the event raised over \$46,000 for the Council. The movie screening at the Lido 1 Cineplex was graced by Miss Indranee Rajah, GPC Chairman (Law & Home Affairs) and MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC. An action-packed movie, "The Myth" directed by Stanley Tong, and stars Asian superstar Jackie Chan, Tony Leung Ka-Fai, Mallika Sherawat of India as well as Kim Hee Seon of Korea was screened.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

In an effort to enhance our membership incentives, we have secured corporate membership to the HomeTeamNS for our corporate and individual members. Members are entitled to loan the HomeTeamNS Corporate cards to gain access and utilized the facilities at any of the five HomeTeamNS Clubhouses. In addition, we have designed a new membership certificate for all members who continue to sign up for the year 2006.

CONCLUSION

The committee would continue to source for new members to join the Council as individual or corporate members to ensure sustainable source of funds for the Council to self-fund its various public education projects and activities.

The Council would like to express its appreciation to all individual and corporate well wishers for their sponsorships and donations to the National Fire Prevention Council. In particular, the committee would like to specially thank the Shaw Organisation for their continuous support over the years. We look forward to welcome everyone to support our big family in achieving the common goal of increasing fire safety awareness in Singapore.

PLEDGE FORM

YES! I/We would like to be part of the Council.
Enclosed is my/our contribution in cheque for
the desired membership category

* All donations to the Council are tax-exempted

Second Fold

Name:
(Dr/Mr/Miss/Mdm/Ms)

ENTRANCE FEE
(One time)

SUBSCRIPTION FEE
(Annual)

Company:

☐

A. Corporate: \$50

\$500

☐

B. Individual: \$10

\$100

☐

C. SPECIAL DONOR*

I/We sincerely believe in the efforts of the NFPC and
would like to donate the following amount:

Cheque No:

S\$

Amount: S\$

** all donations made are tax exempt*

* Cheque Payment : National Fire Prevention Council

First Fold

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 copy 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 it representative at meetings of the Council.

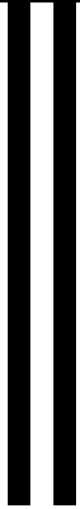


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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 March 2006

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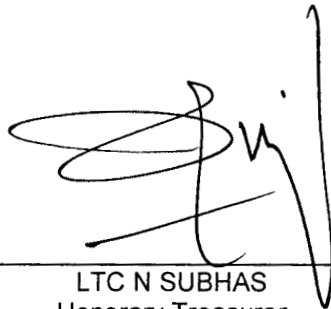
STATEMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

In the opinion of the Council Members, the accompanying financial statements and the notes thereon are drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 March 2006, its results and changes in equity and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

For and On behalf of the Council



SHAW VEE KING
Chairman



LTC N SUBHAS
Honorary Treasurer

Singapore,

18 MAY 2006

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

We have audited the financial statements of National Fire Prevention Council for the year ended 31 March 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council. 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 plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the council, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion:-

- i) the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards so as to present fairly the state of affairs of National Fire Prevention Council as at 31 March 2006 and of the results, changes in equity and cash flows of the Council for the year ended on that date;
- ii) the accounting and other records required by the regulations enacted under the Societies Act to be kept by the Council have been properly kept in accordance with those regulations; and
- iii) the fund-raising appeals held for the year ended 31 March 2006 have been carried out in accordance with regulation 6 of the Societies Regulations issued under the Societies Act Cap. 311 and proper accounts and other records have been kept of the fund-raising appeal.



CYPRESS SINGAPORE PAC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Singapore,

Date, 18 MAY 2006

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2006

	Note	2006 S\$	2005 S\$
MAINTENANCE FUND			
Accumulated fund	2	<u>999,365</u>	<u>939,446</u>
Represented by:			
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4	2,414	10,391
INVESTMENTS	5	755,439	504,250
GOLD COINS	6	-	18,766
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accrued income	7	-	8,145
Cash at bank and on hand		250,682	409,639
		<u>250,682</u>	<u>417,784</u>
Less:			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued operating expenses		4,520	6,510
Subscription fee received in advance		4,650	5,235
		<u>9,170</u>	<u>11,745</u>
NET CURRENTS ASSETS		<u>241,512</u>	<u>406,039</u>
		<u>999,365</u>	<u>939,446</u>

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

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Note	2006 S\$	2005 S\$
DONATION RECEIVED		114,150	110,000
CHARITY FILM PREMIERE		52,875	54,570
FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR		31,515	30,220
FIRE SAFETY ORIENTATION TOOLKITS		1,315	5,235
FIRE SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD		8,100	-
COMMERCIAL PREMISES COMMITTEE		-	1,235
FIRE SAFETY MOBILE EXHIBITS		7,650	4,985
FESA 2005		-	8,145
INTEREST INCOME			
- Deposit with banks		648	1,768
- Interest on bonds		24,659	13,822
SUBSCRIPTION FEE		12,895	1,745
GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF GOLD COINS		1,144	-
		<u>254,951</u>	<u>231,725</u>
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES			
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Commercial Premises Committee		(3,000)	(405)
Housing Premises Committee		-	(9,825)
Industrial Premises Committee		-	(2,500)
Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth		(27,264)	(23,093)
Publicity Committee		(5,650)	(11,443)
PROJECT EXPENSES			
Fire Safety Campaign		(54,626)	(51,423)
Annual General Meeting		(10,259)	(6,044)
Fire Safety Seminar		(12,829)	(13,328)
Charity Film Premiere		(8,959)	(6,675)
FS Excellence Award		(19,467)	(588)
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
Staff cost	8	(25,299)	(24,824)
Depreciation of plant and equipment	4	(7,977)	(7,977)
Printing, postage and stationery		(5,135)	(8,354)
Revamp of NFPC's website		-	(12,338)
Other operating expenses		(14,567)	(15,420)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		<u>59,919</u>	<u>37,488</u>
TAXATION	10	-	-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>59,919</u></u>	<u><u>37,488</u></u>

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

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Accumulated Surplus Fund S\$
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2004	901,958
Net surplus for the year	<u>37,488</u>
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2005	939,446
Net surplus for the year	<u>59,919</u>
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2006	<u><u>999,365</u></u>

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

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Note	2006 S\$	2005 S\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Surplus before taxation		59,919	37,488
Adjustment for non-cash items :			
Depreciation of plant and equipment		7,977	7,977
Gain on disposal of gold coins		(1,144)	-
Interest income		(25,307)	(15,590)
Operating surplus before working capital changes		41,445	29,875
Decrease in prepayment		-	22
Decrease/(increase) in accrued interest income		8,145	(7,296)
(Decrease)/increase in accrued operating expenses		(1,990)	2,889
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income		(585)	5,235
Net cash generated from operating activities		47,015	30,725
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
Investments in Bonds		(251,189)	(252,500)
Proceed for disposal of gold coins		19,910	-
Interest income received		25,307	15,590
Net cash used in investment activities		(205,972)	(236,910)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT		(158,957)	(206,185)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AS AT 1 APRIL	7	409,639	615,824
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AS AT 31 MARCH	7	250,682	409,639

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2006

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.

The Council is granted Institute of Public Character (IPC) status for the period from 19 August 2001 to 18 August 2006.

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.

The financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 were authorised to be issued on the date of the Statement by Council Members.

2.2 Adoption of new and revised Financial Reporting Standards

The accounting policies adopted in the financial year are consistent with those used in the previous financial year except for the adoption of certain new and revised Financial Reporting Standards effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2005. These new and revised Financial Reporting Standards have no significant effects on the company's accounting policies.

2.3 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.

2.4 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 significantly effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2.5 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. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.6 Plant and equipment

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%

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.

2.7 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.

2.8 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.

2.9 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.

2.10 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 (non-current)

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. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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.

2.13 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. The Council is exempt from income tax if it applies, in any tax year of assessment, not less than 80% of its tax adjusted income on charitable objects within Singapore by the end of the following financial year.

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.

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 1.4.2004	12,953	33,935	46,888
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31.3.2005	12,953	33,935	46,888
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31.3.2006	12,953	33,935	46,888
<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>			
As at 1.4.2004	9,856	18,664	28,520
Depreciation charge for the year	1,190	6,787	7,977
As at 31.3.2005	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
<u>Carrying amount</u>			
As at 31.3.2006	717	1,697	2,414
As at 31.3.2005	1,907	8,484	10,391

5. **INVESTMENTS**

	2006 S\$	2005 S\$
Unquoted investment in bonds:		
Power Seraya bonds with a coupon rate of 3.97% per annum, maturing on 30.9.2010	251,276	251,750
WBSP bonds with a coupon rate of 4.1% per annum maturing on 30.9.2019	252,050	252,500
CCL bonds with a coupon rate of 3.2% per annum maturing on 16.6.2008	252,113	-
	<u>755,439</u>	<u>504,250</u>

6. **GOLD COINS**

The 22 Mapleleaf Gold Coins were disposed during the year at a price of \$19,910.

7. **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2006 S\$	2005 S\$
Cash at bank	250,296	409,325
Cash on hand	386	314
	<u>250,682</u>	<u>409,639</u>

8. **STAFF COST**

	2006 S\$	2005 S\$
Staff salary and bonus	21,924	21,661
Staff CPF contribution	3,174	3,004
Staff welfare	201	159
	<u>25,299</u>	<u>24,824</u>

9. **FUTURE COMMITMENTS**

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

	2006/2007 S\$	2005/2006 S\$
Project planned		
Commercial Premises Committee	5,000	20,000
Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth	72,700	28,000
Fund Raising and Membership Committee	-	26,000
Industrial Premises Committee	3,000	4,500
Housing Premises Committee	7,000	1,200
Publicity Committee	130,000	137,000
	<u>217,700</u>	<u>216,700</u>

10. **TAXATION**

No allowance for income tax has been made for the current financial year as the Council is able to comply with the requirements for tax exemption.

11. 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

Centrepont Properties Ltd
City Gas Pte Ltd
Comfort Management Pte Ltd
Concorde Shopping Centre
Conrad Centennial Singapore
Ernergiser Singapore Pte Ltd
Four Seasons Hotel
Grand Hyatt Singapore
Housing and Development Board
NTUC Fairprice Cooperative Ltd
NTUC Income Insurance Cooperative Ltd
Ngee Ann Development Pte Ltd
Paramount Hotel
Peninsula, Excelsior Hotel
Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore
Singapore Institute of Architects
The Association of Banks in Singapore
The Fullerton Hotel
The Lee Foundation
The Management Corporation Strata Title No. 1008
The Shaw Foundation Pte
Tincel Properties (Pte) Ltd
Yat Yuen Hong Company Ltd
Yeo Eng Koon Singapore Pte Ltd

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Mr Goh Hoo Peng
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