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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and friends,

2018 has been an eventful year for HWA as we completed renovation of our premises, a project which was kindly supported by the Care & Share movement. We also hosted Singapore's President Mdm Halimah Yacob, who visited us on 5 December 2018 to inaugurate our newly renovated premises.

I have decided to pen this message, as this is probably the last printed version of the HWA Digest that you will be receiving. There are two reasons why we decided to stop the printed version of HWA Digest; reasons which we highlighted during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018.

We are slowly moving towards communicating with you through electronic media instead of paper circulars so we can be more environmentally friendly. E-communications not only make information more accessible, as you can access them at your convenience, it allows information to reach you faster. We are seriously considering alternative media to reach to our members. A circular was sent to all Members recently, requesting you to update your particulars and your preferred mode of communicating with us. Please do so, as we would like to know what is the best way to reach you. I would appreciate your kind understanding and assistance on this matter.

HWA Digest was initiated in HWA's early years to update Members and friends on our activities. During those years, HWA Digest also assisted us to raise the much-needed funds via advertisements. The funds raised were sufficient to cover the cost of the Digest's publication, and the excess was used to support our other operations. In this internet age, very few advertisers buy print media advertising space. This shrinking supply means we are getting less funds to support the Digest. However, we will continue to publish a digital version of the Digest, and will make it available to you via our website.

2019 will be an exciting year for us in HWA as we are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. It will be a year full of activities, and culminating in a gala dinner which will be held on 18 December. Details of these and other events will be announced on our website, so do visit our website periodically.

In conjunction with our 50th anniversary, we have scheduled a townhall discussion with interested Members on 23 February. This discussion will explore the possibility of changing our organisation name and logo. All of you are encouraged to come and share your views, comments and/or suggestions on this matter.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2019. God bless and a happy new year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmund Wan'.

**Mr. Edmund Wan Fook Wing, PBM**  
President

# Our Executive Committee

Our Executive Committee comprises 12 Members of the Association. Elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), these dedicated men and women serve on an honorary basis.

The Executive Committee oversees, and advises on, the management of the Association, and ensures its compliance with sound governance practices so that its objectives are fulfilled.



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# President Halimah's Visit









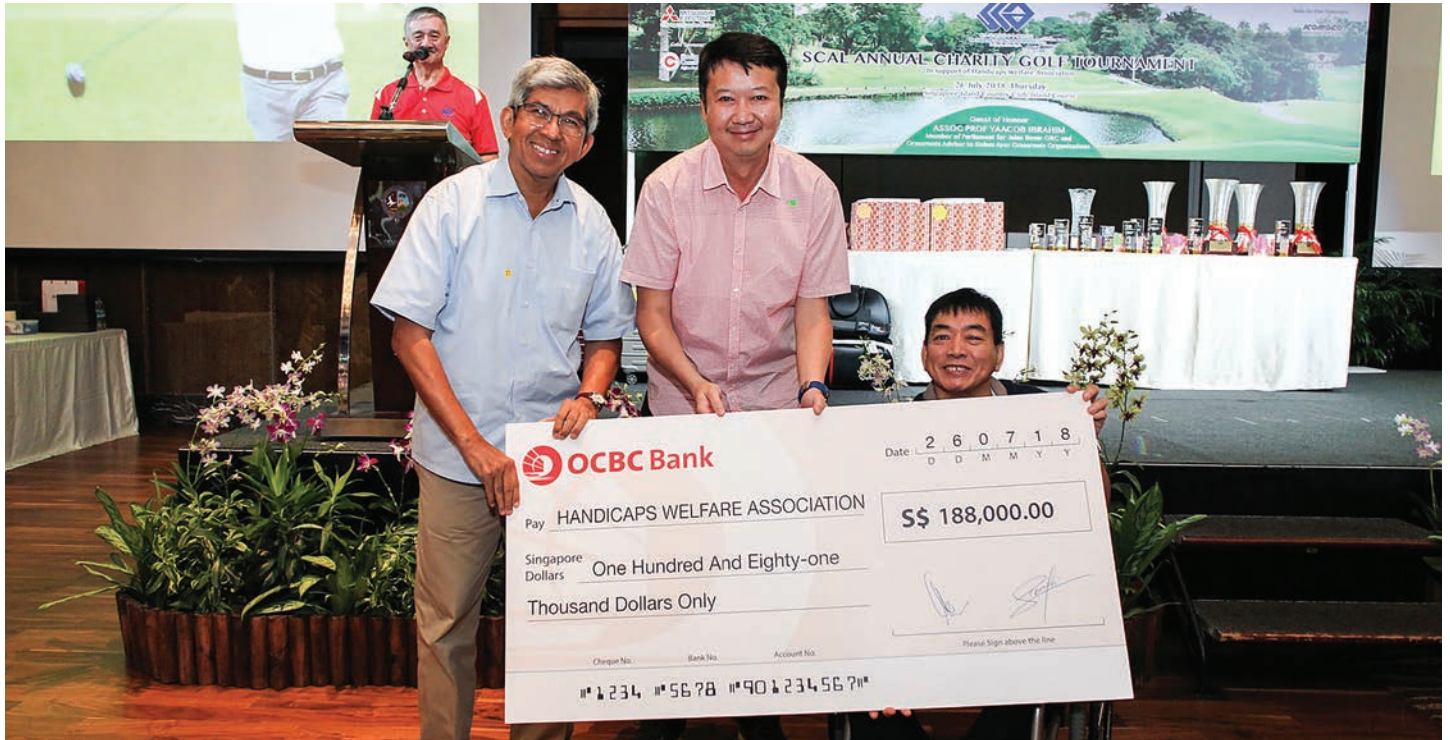








# In & Around









# HWA's 49<sup>th</sup> AGM

HWA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 25 August 2018. It was an informative session where HWA Life Members, HWA Ordinary Members, and the executive committee gathered to discuss latest developments and the future of HWA.

The AGM was chaired by HWA President Mr Edmund Wan, Honorary Secretary Ms Desiree Lim, and Treasurer Mr Larry Ng. The meeting started with Ms Lim and Mr Wan's addresses to members, informing them on the details of HWA's current position and future direction. The panel then went on to address queries raised by Ms Daisy Teh regarding the Handicaps Digest, Interest Groups, and the Assessment of Parking Label, among other things.









# Flag Day

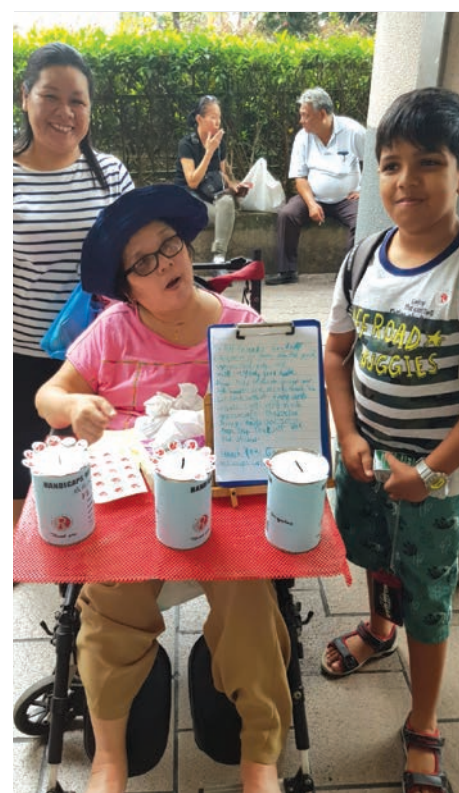


HWA's Flag Day is a memorable annual event held on 15<sup>th</sup> September in 2018. Together with enthusiastic volunteers from 12 schools and organisations, HWA members and staff hit the streets to receive donations that will be useful to provide much-needed services to HWA beneficiaries, especially those who require additional financial assistance.

We at HWA are extremely grateful for the community's generous and heartfelt contributions to HWA. With all your caring hearts, HWA Flag Day has been a resounding success. You have truly made a difference in enabling HWA to reach out and impact more lives.









# Donation Draw





# YEP Party

Ending the year with a bang was HWA's Year End Party, held annually at the Suntec City Convention Centre. Back by popular demand were the boisterous and energetic emcees, Wang Lei and Aderene Choo. Together with their friends such as Huang Hao Feng, Bao Bei Sister, Tian Yue, and many others, the singers serenaded our Members with familiar songs in English, Mandarin, Malay and Hokkien. We also had an exciting new addition to the programme - the Sing! Men's Chorus, which shared with us the Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols. Special thanks must go to our kind sponsors, Aerospec Supplies Pte Ltd, MS Amlin Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, and Wah Cheng Pte Ltd, who made the event possible with their kind contributions.





The Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA) was founded to encourage and foster the ideals of self-help and mutual assistance among people with disabilities, and to promote their welfare. All members of the Executive Committee are persons with disabilities, elected to lead and serve in the Association's running.

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# EVERY THOUGHT COUNTS!

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For 50 years, HWA has responded to the call of Singaporeans with disabilities, providing programmes and services specially tailored to their individual needs. However, we humbly seek your help, to continue helping them. Please pledge us your kind support.



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