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Jeanette Lim
SII President 2019/2020

Message from the President

It has been an exciting period for the Singapore Insurance Institute especially in the last few months where we organized some of the most important events on the SII's calendar.

We celebrated SII's 55th Anniversary on 26th July 2019 where the industry came together to celebrate this important milestone and in just one night, we raised more than \$26,000 for the boys and girls at Chen Su Lan Methodist's Children Home. We are thankful for all the support and generosity of our members and friends and it was truly a memorable evening for all.

With the recent conclusion of our 45th AGM, I am pleased to present you the newly elected SII Council for 2019/2020 in this issue and together with the team, we look forward to increasing SII's presence as an institute to promote professional standards and conduct across our industry.

The 2020 SII membership is now open for ONLINE sign-up at our website - join us as a SII Member to enjoy the exclusive benefits and initiatives that we have in store for the upcoming year!

As we draw towards the end of the year, I want to take this opportunity to wish one and all a strong finish to the year!

Have a good and well-deserved break before we come back again for the new year. Happy Holidays and see you in 2020!

Council Members 2019/2020

SII had concluded the 45th Annual General Meeting on 28 August 2019. Thank you to our SII members who took time off their busy schedule to join us at the AGM and a big thank you to all our members and friends who have supported and contributed to our events and initiatives in 2018.

It is heartening to see familiar faces as well as members coming forward as candidates to serve as council members for 2019/2020. And we are pleased to present you the SII Council 2019/2020 as below.

SII Council 2019/2020

President	Ms Jeanette Lim	CHUBB Asia Pacific
Treasurer	Ms Nattakarn Prasitsumrit	Matson Driscoll & Damico
Council Member	Ms Summer Montague	RPC Premier Law
Council Member	Mr Clarence Ting	Swiss Re Asia
Council Member	Mr Thy Nguyen	Kennedys Legal Solutions
Council Member	Ms Tay Si Wei	Berkley Re
Co-op Member	Ms Catherine Cooper	McLarens Singapore
Co-op Member	Mr Jeremy Dam	CHUBB Asia Pacific

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to immediate past council members, Mr. Chan Hwee Seng, Mr. Kenneth Neo and Mr. Richard Tan for all their contributions to SII.



Left to Right: Mr Adrian Soh, Ms Tay Si Wei, Ms Nattakarn Prasitsumrit, Mr Clarence Ting, Mr Kenneth Neo(Immediate Past Council Member)

Starry Starry Night

SII held its 55th Anniversary Charity Ball on the 26 July 2019 at the Stamford Grand Ballroom of Fairmont Singapore. We are greatly honoured to be joined by members and corporations who all came together to support the event and raise funds for the children of the Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home. Through the generous contributions of members and corporate firms, we managed to raise S\$32,220 for the benefit of the home.

Prior to the auction, various generous members made donations of items that were being auctioned during the event and all proceeds from the auction contributed to the total raised. All collections from the event went directly to the home.

It is SII's aim to strengthen and grow our focus on corporate social responsibility (CSR). One of our objectives is to provide more opportunities for individuals and corporations connected to the insurance industry to make an active, hands-on contribution. It is this very reason why we held a charity auction during the dinner.

We look forward to greater support from our members and corporations for our future CSR activities and we all come together to do more and give back to our society.



Although the weather was hazy on the 18 September 2019, it did not dampen the spirits of the participants of the SII Night Race. Coincidentally, it was also the week of the Singapore Grand Prix which seem to have made the SII Night Race more interesting and exciting.

The participants of the SII Night Race congregated at the KF1 Arena in the evening of the event. After light refreshments and a safety briefing, participants were equipped with safety helmets before hitting the tracks.

After rounds of trial, semi final and final race, the top three champions finally emerged who are Mr Clarence Ting (Champion), Mr Tim Eastham (1st Runner Up) and Mr Alan Purbrick (2nd Runner Up). SII President, Ms Jeanette Lim, too joined us for the event and presented the trophies to the champions.

Ending the SII Night Race in good cheer, the participants then proceeded for drinks and networking session which was sponsored by Clyde & Co, Eastham Engineering Consultancy and Kennedys Legal Solutions.





Mr William Goh
SII Past President

As part of SII 55th anniversary, we are pleased to bring you an interview with Past President William Goh who served for two terms as SII President in the 1970s. SII was then known as IIS.

SII: *PP William, please share with us your journey in the insurance industry.*

PP William: *I was offered a teaching job when Prudential called me for an interview. At the interview, I was asked to write a one-page essay on insurance. I had the foresight to read up on insurance before I went for the interview. I got the job on the spot! (Learning lesson for job aspirants: read up on the industry you are going to join). With two job offers in hand, I asked my favourite school teacher for advice. He said, “Take the insurance job.” The rest is history.*

SII: *What contributed to your progress in the insurance industry?*

PP William: *Acquiring the appropriate insurance qualification was key to my progress in my insurance career. In those days, there were about a dozen ACIIs in Singapore. We were highly valued and respected by the insurance employers. We were roped in as part-time lecturers for the Singapore Insurance Training Centre (SITC) to prepare insurance employees for the CII examinations. There was an urgent need to augment the pool of qualified insurance practitioners.*

SII: *Please tell us something about your transition from insurance practice to insurance education and training?*

PP William: *I started my insurance career working for general and life insurance companies and insurance and reinsurance brokers. Prudential was my best starting point. I joined their General Insurance Division. Being a British insurer they naturally encouraged me to pursue the CII examinations. I was rewarded for successes in the examinations.*

My transition to insurance education and training was unplanned. In 1984, the Skills Development Fund invited SITC to nominate a “Centre Director” to represent the insurance industry to undergo a full-time half year training management diploma course in London. SDF also invited other industries like banking, hospitality, construction etc to do likewise. Their funding was 90%. The objective was to ensure that the industries in future could design and conduct “structured” courses (not ad hoc as in the past). SITC engaged me as a Director of Studies and I was sent to London. I returned with a Diploma in Training Management. SITC later changed its name to Singapore Insurance Institute (now known as Singapore College of Insurance). I retired as Executive Director.

SII: What is your impression of the Singapore Insurance Institute and the role it plays?

PP William: *The Institute has a more professional image today. Its members are mainly qualified insurance practitioners. In the early days, anyone in the insurance industry could join as members. The membership then was more than 1,000. There were more sports and social activities. Today, there are more professional activities. It plays a vital role in upgrading the knowledge and skills of the insurance workforce. Through courses, workshops, seminars and conferences, SII provides an excellent platform for people in the insurance industry to network and enhance their careers.*

SII: How do you envision the insurance industry in 10 years' time?

PP William: *Competition for the insurance pie will remain as keen as ever. Even keener is the competition for good staff. Are insurance employers doing enough to attract and retain their qualified staff? It's not just the dollars that keep good staff. To me it's just one word: RELATIONSHIPS. A sense of belonging. For example, does the CEO interact with his employees? Is his door open? Are opportunities available for staff at all levels to advance their careers?*

SII: In a sentence, please describe yourself.

PP William: *I am focused on what I do and I am approachable to those who need a listening ear.*



SII Council Members 1977/1978. Mr William Goh is seated 4th from the left



**Badminton at Selangor
Badminton Stadium 1978**



**Golfing at Royal Selangor
Golf Club 1978**



The Big Walk in the 1970s

Singapore Insurance Institute (“SII”) have a partnership agreement with the Chartered Insurance Institute (“CII”), an UK Chartered Professional Body, to drive educational standards and build public trust in the insurance profession.

Under this partnership, joint members can enjoy a list of privilege and membership benefits:

- ✓ **Enjoy free SII membership** - complimentary SII membership for all CII members
- ✓ **Access to the knowledge library of CII** - unrivalled access to vast array of insurance and finance services publications, reports, and past CII qualifications exam papers with model answers
- ✓ **Commitment to professionalism** - the CII Code of Ethics provides members with practical, realistic guidance to follow in the course of their professional duties
- ✓ **Qualification discounts** - joint members will get discount on CII study and revision materials, training courses and exam entry
- ✓ **Exclusive events for members** - invitation to SII-members only events, including breakfast seminars, lunch & learns and networking drinks

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The poster features a vibrant red background with traditional Chinese New Year motifs, including lanterns and floral patterns. The Singapore Insurance Institute logo is in the top left corner. The event details are centered in a large, stylized font.

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**Chinese New Year
Luncheon 2020**

**Tuesday, 4 February 2020
12.00 pm – 2.00 pm
Fairmont Singapore**

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The banner shows a scenic view of the Singapore skyline with the Merlion statue in the foreground. The SII logo is in the top left. Overlaid text lists the institute's focus areas.

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— 2020 SII Membership is OPEN for sign-up/renewal! —

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(eg Continuous Professional Development seminars, networking drinks, social activities),
industry engagement, updates and communications*

Complimentary SII membership for all CII members

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- To serve as the Institute for professional excellence in insurance and financial services
- To promote professional standards and conduct in the insurance and financial services industries
- To enhance the status of the insurance and financial practitioners and to further their interests, welfare and professional development
- To facilitate interactions, through social, cultural, sporting and educational activities within the local, as well as, exchanges with fellow international professional bodies



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