

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE RGS ALUMNAE

The first Executive Council of the RGS Alumnae was voted in on 31 January 2015 at the historic AGM held at No. 20 Anderson Road.

The office bearers for 2015/2016 are as follows:-

President	:	Leong Choi Fun
Vice-President	:	Patricia Liu
Secretary	:	Nadia Yeo
Asst Secretary	:	Chong Chiet Ping
Treasurer	:	Tang Shiuh Ying
Asst Treasurer	:	Jennifer Loh

Council Members

Dr Tan Wei Ching
Dr Teo Hui Ling
Lee Twe Jeog
Chua Yi Wen
Cai Zhijin

Co-opted Members

Dr Gan Su-lin
Law Shu Li
Carol Ho

2015 witnessed the initiation, launch and achievement of numerous milestones.

The Alumnae continued its donation drive launched in 2014 for the RGS New Campus Development Fund ("the Fund") and as at November 2015, the amount raised from direct donations was \$37,400.00. The Executive Council organized its inaugural Fund Raiser, the Wine Appreciation Night on 1st July 2015 and the fully sponsored Event raised additional moneys for the Fund. Collaborating with ORA, Parents for RGS and Raffles Parents

Association, the Alumnae jointly organized a Charity Golf Event on 30 September 2015 which raised \$51,000.00.

The RGS Alumnae however, is not only about helping RGS achieve its financial goals. We were deeply saddened by one of our alums' loss of her husband during the Sabah Earth Quake and proceeded to raise a sum of \$5,700.00 for her family's immediate needs. We hope that the gesture gives some measure of comfort to her that she is not alone and that her sisters in learning will be here for her.

In the course of the year, the RGS Alumnae's website went "live" and the Facebook Account came under the administration of the Executive Council. Since taking over the Facebook Page, the number of members in the closed group has crossed 1,000. Membership in the Alumnae has also reached 183 as at December. Chic Chats, a quarterly meeting in Raffles Place for all alumnae was also started to facilitate networking and create opportunities for alumnae to connect with each other.

The SG50 Tea was no doubt the biggest event for the RGS Alumnae. It was a collaboration between the RGS Alumnae and RGS Chapter. The sell out Commemorative Transit Link Cards (designed by our alum Tay Yi Farn) went into second print. Together with the sale of key chains and admission tickets a sum of \$28,200.00 was raised. The RGS Alumnae plans to donate a sum of \$20,000.00 to the Fund in Financial Year 2016 after the passing of the Special Resolution at its AGM.

The most meaningful accomplishment for the RGS Alumnae in 2015 was no doubt the creation of the RGS Alumnae Award for 2 Year 3 students. Apart from the cash component, what makes the Award special is that winners are assigned personal mentors (chosen from among the Council Members) who will provide guidance and mentoring to them until they leave school. The inaugural award was presented on 22 August 2015 at the Founders Day Celebration together with a \$10,000.00 donation from the Alumnae to the School.

The Executive Council organized various activities as a team, whether to connect with each other or with members from the Old Rafflesian Association (ORA) or its RGS Chapter. Informal lunches and dinners were held throughout the year, often initiated by the office bearers, allowing members to bond and create shared experiences and memories. The Appreciation Lunch jointly hosted by the Alumnae and the principal from Raffles Girls'

School to thank the ORA for the Donation from the Golf Event to the Fund fostered even warmer relations between the RGS Alumnae and the ORA and RGS and RI. The fun and laughter at the celebratory dinner hosted by the President at the end of 2015 and the “Descriptive Nouns” that each member gave to the team will be talked about and remembered for a long time.

Going forward, the RGS Alumnae plans to start a Resource Centre for the students. The Centre seeks to provide

- career talks including specialized Industries panel discussions in different fields;
- job attachment programs and internships;
- guidance on university application and essay paper writing and submission;
- guidance on writing of CVs and preparing for the interview process;
- general pointers on social, business and work etiquette;
- opportunities for students and alumnae to participate in voluntary welfare and community work;

The RGS Alumnae will continue to provide a platform for alumnae to connect with each other and with students of RGS. We will offer support to and work with the School to promote and develop a community embodying the Rafflesian spirit and values and contribute to shaping and achieving the goals of RGS.

The Executive Council is truly grateful to the School and the staff from the Alumnae Relations Office for the strong showing of support for the RGS Alumnae whether in organizing our events, assisting in implementing our programs or making available school facilities for alumnae use. We look forward to developing even closer working relations with the school for the benefit of the alumnae, school and students.

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Leong Choi Fun
President
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