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to PREVENT CRIME

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Our Vision

Making Singapore SAFE & SECURE for all



Our Mission

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Chairman's Message >

Our vision, going into the millennium is "Making Singapore Safe and Secure for All", complementing our mission of working in partnership with the *Community and Police* to prevent crime.

Crime Situation in 2002

Faced with challenges posed by global terrorism threats and a weak economy, the year 2002 saw a 9.95% increase in crime, with 31,971 seizable offences¹ recorded compared to 2001². Of the nine index crimes³, motor vehicle theft and murder recorded a 0.3% and 31.3% decrease respectively. Crime rate per 100,000 population⁴ increased from 704 in 2001 to 768 in 2002.

Despite the increase in total seizable offences, it is noteworthy that the Police have had a corresponding 15% increase in arrests in the past year. The crime rate in 2002 was in fact, the second lowest in 15 years.

While the Police have been in control of the crime situation, it is important to remember that every one plays a pivotal role in making Singapore a safer home. To mobilise the whole nation in preventing crime, the



National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) launched its new tagline, Crime Prevention: A Shared Responsibility, during the Festive Season Crime Prevention Campaign in November last year.

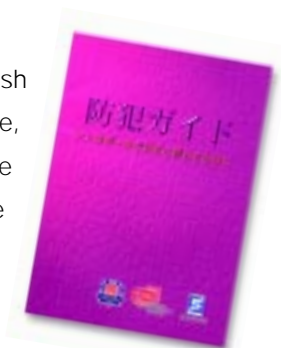


Major Initiatives & Achievements

In collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development and Sports (MCDS), the Security For Senior Citizen Committee under the Council co-funded and launched a Crime Prevention Ambassadors (CPAs) for Senior Citizens Project on 22 September 2002. The project has enjoyed great success as more and more senior citizens are inculcated with crime prevention knowledge, better awareness of the latest crime trends and the modus operandi of criminals.

In the past year, the Council has also reached out to the foreign communities in Singapore, by producing a Japanese-language edition of the Crime Prevention Booklet, *'Crime Prevention – Do You Know How?'* and a crime prevention video,

'Crime Prevention - A Home Away From Home' in English and six other languages, namely, Bengali, Myanmar, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and Thai. The NCPC will continue to engage residents in its crime prevention efforts while strengthening its existing programmes targeted at business enterprises.



Leveraging on the power of the mass media, the Council produced two social dramas, *Anak Metropolitan* and *Rehai* in 2002, with the former winning accolades in the Sixth Malay TV Festival (Pesta Perdana) on 23 February 2003. Rave reviews have also been received for the six-episode Tamil drama, *Rehai*. Riding on these successes, the Council has plans to produce sequels to both dramas, so as to further its reach in the Malay and Indian communities.

The Council strongly believes that the quintessence of a safe and secure neighbourhood lies in active citizenry and mutual self-help. To better protect our homes, the Council will be spearheading projects in the area of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), which entails proper design of buildings and their surroundings to prevent crime from taking place. The inaugural CPTED Seminar held in the new financial year and the production of a CPTED Guidelines Handbook will kick-start the Council's efforts in generating a heightened sense of understanding of the relationship between crime prevention and the physical environment.

In its pursuit of excellence, the Council enhances its operational effectiveness and professionalism through continuous learning and regular exchanges with its local and international strategic partners. Apart from a study trip and networking with our overseas counterparts, the Council has also assisted in the organisation of the Ninth Asian Professional Security Association (APSA) Conference held from 17-18 October 2002.

Conclusion



The past year has been an eventful and challenging one for the NCPC in all aspects. After serving the Council as Chairman for over a decade, the Council witnessed the stepping down of Mr Michael Yeo whose dedication in serving the community and the NCPC is undoubted. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr Yeo, the Council members and generous sponsors for their unyielding contribution and support in the past year.

A new chapter has begun. I look forward to scaling greater heights with the Council members, our strategic partners and the community in making Singapore safe and secure for all.

Tan Kian Hoon

Chairman

National Crime Prevention Council

¹ Seizable offences refer to cases in which Police may ordinarily arrest without warrant according to Schedule A, Criminal Procedure Code (Cap 68). They exclude Immigration Act offences handled by the Police.

² Statistics for 2002 are provisional. Statistics for 2001 were revised as in the Annual Statistical Report on Crime in Singapore 2001, published in November 2002.

³ The nine index crimes include cheating and related offences, motor vehicle theft, housebreaking, outraging of modesty, robbery, snatch theft, rioting, rape and murder.

⁴ Total population for 2002: 4,163,700. It comprises Singapore residents and foreigners staying in Singapore for at least one year (Source: Department of Statistics).

Preparing Our Youth >

The youth of today have a wide array of opportunities open to them. Their future will be bright, provided they make the right choices and decisions in their journey ahead.

To prepare our youths for the opportunities and dangers in a rapidly changing social and economic landscape, the Council's crime prevention programmes combine action and education to develop our youths into public-spirited and responsible potential movers and leaders of tomorrow.

Crime Prevention Competition for Students

The Internet has penetrated deeply into daily life, especially for our tech-savvy youths. Recognising that Information Technology is fast becoming an important tool in disseminating knowledge and information, the NCPC organised a Crime Prevention Website Design Competition targeted at secondary-and-tertiary level students, to promote crime prevention awareness among our youths.



A total of 63 group entries were received from 37 schools at the close of the competition in September 2002. The winners received their prizes from Associate Professor Yaacob Ibrahim, Acting Minister for Community Development and Sports at the launch of the Festive Crime Prevention Campaign on 16 November 2002.

The top three winning teams from Manjusri Secondary School, Campassvale Secondary School and Temasek Polytechnic were awarded a four-day crime prevention study trip to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 11-14 December 2002. The trip offered the students an excellent opportunity to enhance their crime prevention knowledge, and insights into the close working relationship enjoyed by the Singapore-Malaysia crime prevention councils.



Crime Prevention Proficiency Badge Scheme

The Crime Prevention Proficiency Badge Scheme for uniform groups (i.e. Scouts, Girl Guides, Brownies and the National Police Cadet Corps) has been ongoing since 1982. The scheme aims to generate greater awareness about crime

prevention among participants, and encourages them to put such knowledge into practice, becoming ambassadors and practitioners of crime prevention at their schools, homes and immediate community of friends.



Broad-based youth development and experiential-learning crime prevention programmes such as visits to a Neighbourhood Police Centre, exhibitions and talks have also been organised to make students acutely aware of the need for better crime prevention knowledge. Students can also sit for a written examination on crime-prevention-related concepts and knowledge such as the Crime Triangle and 4 Ds (i.e. Deterrence, Delay, Detection and Detention) of Crime Prevention to ensure a strong foundation in crime prevention.

To date, close to 50,000 uniformed group members have been awarded the proficiency badge since the launch of the scheme.

Crime Prevention Talks and Exhibitions for Schools

Regular crime prevention talks and exhibitions have also been conducted in schools throughout the year given the close partnership between school

communities, Honorary Volunteer Special Constabulary (School), Police and the NCPC. These talks and exhibitions help to extend the concept of crime prevention to schools, bring down youth crime, victimisation and detect early signs of delinquency.

The underlying philosophy of such proactive policing programmes is problem solving and early intervention, so as to enable young people to develop their ability to make positive life choices and act responsibly.

Safety on the Information Super Highway

With the Internet fast becoming an integral part of our lives, there is a greater need to create public awareness on the types of cybercrime and the preventive measures to take to avoid falling prey to child pornography, online auction frauds and other cheating scams.

In partnership with the Parent Advisory Group for the Internet (PAGi), the Security for Information Technology Committee will be producing a crime prevention booklet. The booklet will be inserted in the jewel case of *Caught In the Web*, a video compact disc (VCD) produced by PAGi. Ten thousand copies will be distributed to parents during PAGi-conducted workshops in the coming year.

Empowering Our Senior Citizens >

The Council strongly believes that with care and knowledge, victimisation amongst the elderly can be avoided. As such, crime prevention programmes targeted at senior citizens hinge on educating the elderly with precautionary measures to prevent them from falling prey to criminals.

Crime Prevention Ambassador for Senior Citizens Project

In collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development and Sports (MCDS), the Security For Senior Citizen Committee under the Council co-funded and launched a Crime Prevention Ambassadors (CPAs) for Senior Citizens Project on 22 September 2002.



Under this project, senior citizens are appointed as crime prevention ambassadors to work in partnership with Police to educate fellow senior citizens on crime prevention measures through talks and other interactive sessions. There are currently 31 CPAs, who have been very much sought after by the Neighbourhood Police Centres (NPCs) and grassroots organisations to assist in crime prevention chit-chat sessions and exhibitions targeted at the elderly. Thirty-one chit-chat sessions have been conducted between September 2002 and March 2003.



Crime Prevention Chit-Chat Sessions

The Council also collaborated with the Police and People's Association last year, to hold a series of Senior Citizens Crime Prevention Chit-Chat Sessions aimed to inculcate crime prevention awareness among the elderly.



Reaching Out To Our Community >

The safety of our community remains the driving force of all our crime prevention initiatives and programmes. Leveraging on the long-established relationship with the community and grassroots organisations, the Council works relentlessly to ensure that crime prevention messages strike home through a lineup of purposeful initiatives, joint projects and public education programmes.

Crime Watch TV Programme

An ingenious approach in soliciting public assistance in solving crime and fostering awareness of crime prevention, the Crime Watch TV programmes remains the only current affairs programme, besides the news, to be telecast in the nation's four official languages.



The new season of Crime Watch will be telecast monthly from March 2003 and will also be screened on TV Mobile, available on SBS buses, to reach out to passengers. The new broadcast medium is expected to reach out to another million viewers on the move.

Malay Social Drama- Anak Metropolitan

Targeted to realistically depict the social issues faced by the Malay community, the Community Working Group (Malay) produced a 7 episode Malay social drama, *Anak Metropolitan*, last year.

The weekly social drama with a crime prevention theme woven in was shown over Suria channel between 3 April-15 May 2002. The drama received rave reviews from the Malay community and won accolades for Best Newcomer

Actor / Actress, Best Director / Producer- Drama, Best Drama and Highest Rated Programme in the Sixth Malay TV Festival (Pesta Perdana) on 23 February 2003.

The accolades serve to affirm the efforts by the Working Group, which will continue to develop wide-ranging community-based crime prevention programmes in the coming year. Already on its agenda are the production of a sequel to the popular drama and the replication of the first season of *Anak Metropolitan* series into VCDs. The VCDs will be distributed to social and welfare organisations and serve as an added public education tool.

Tamil Social Drama- Rehai

Riding on the success of *Anak Metropolitan*, the Community Working Group (Indian) has produced a six-episode Tamil social drama, *Rehai*, to reach out to the Indian community on a weekly basis via Vasantham Central since 7 February 2003. The drama has also received rave reviews from both the Indian community and press. The Working Group will not rest on their laurels but will strive to reach out to the Indian community through more indigenous and pro-active crime prevention programmes.

Festive Season Crime Prevention Campaign 2002

The Festive Season Crime Prevention Campaign is a large-scale crime prevention programme, aimed at mobilising the whole nation in crime prevention initiatives. A new tagline, Crime Prevention: A Shared Responsibility, was launched amidst much fanfare by Guest-of-Honour, Associate Professor Yaacob Ibrahim, Acting Minister for MCDS, at last November's campaign launch, which culminated in a youth pop concert featuring local artistes and bands. The launch also kick-started a



three-month long public education programme which brought across crime prevention messages to the public through various media such as taxi advertisements, radio advertisements, display panels, print advertisements in magazines and roadside banners.



To encourage greater grassroots participation in crime prevention, and to target specifically at issues pertinent to the local community, the Council also worked with the five Community Development Councils (CDCs) and Police land divisions to organise satellite crime prevention events from December 2002- January 2003 to reach out to the general public.



Japanese Crime Prevention Handbook

An initiative mooted by the Council and The Japanese Association, Singapore led to the launch of a Japanese-language edition of the Crime Prevention Booklet, 'Crime Prevention - Do You Know How?' at The Japanese Association, Singapore on 18 May 2002. Aimed to create crime prevention awareness amongst the Japanese community in Singapore, a total of 10,000 such booklets have been distributed by The Japanese Association, Singapore to its members and the Japanese community residing in Singapore. The handy booklet contains information on how crimes such as housebreaking, robbery and motor vehicle theft are carried out and the various preventive measures that can be undertaken.

Present at the launch were Guest-of-Honour Mr Michael Yeo, then Chairman of the Council, Mr Masaru Tsuji, Minister of the Embassy of Japan and Mr Ken Kobayashi, President of The Japanese Association, Singapore. The launch of the book further signifies the unyielding effort the Council has put in to bring across crime prevention messages to the masses, and the close partnership it has with the foreign communities in Singapore.



Safeguarding Our Neighbourhood >

It is important to recognise the complexity of any crime problem, and acknowledge that the Police, or any one agency cannot be solely responsible for its solution. Self-help and active citizenry play an essential part in contributing to a safe and secure neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Watch Zone

Leveraging on a well-developed network of grassroots and leaders, the Council, through its Security in Housing and Neighbourhood Committee collaborates with the Police to implement the Neighbourhood Watch Zone (NWZ) Scheme in both public and private residential estates.

Through the scheme, residents receive crime prevention advice during house visits, crime prevention exhibitions, campaigns and bulletins, and play a part in ensuring the safety and security of their neighbourhoods. Fostering good neighbourliness helps strengthen the tripartite partnership between the community, Council and the Police.

The number of NWZs has since grown from a humble 26 in 1997 to an impressive 585 in February 2003, with more in the pipeline in the year ahead.

Best NWZ Competition and Day

Initiated in 1999, the Best NWZ Competition recognises residents who have played a part in the security of their neighbourhood as well as those who have raised crime prevention awareness and knowledge among the community.

Guest-of-Honour, Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs and Law, presented awards to NWZs displaying outstanding

performance and the best progress, at the fifth NWZ Day held at the Singapore Zoological Garden on 16 February 2003. Assoc Prof Ho also launched an NWZ Mobilisation System, which utilises Short Message Service (SMS) to alert volunteers in the event of fires or bomb threats, to assist in crowd control and evacuation.



The NWZ Day, organised annually by the Council and Police, aims to promote networking between the Council, Police and community, in particular, members of the NWZs and grassroots organisations. The NWZ Day serves to strengthen existing NWZs and encourages the adoption of the NWZ Scheme in other neighbourhoods.



Engaging And Protecting Our Business Enterprises >

Singapore has been upheld as a model for economic success. However, with terrorism threats and a difficult economy, 2002 will be remembered as a challenging year, not only for home front security agencies but for many industries as well.

In the face of mounting challenges, it is paramount that we strive even harder and be more innovative, to ensure that Singapore's internal security is not compromised. Security cannot be the sole domain of law enforcement agencies. The government, community, and the business enterprises must join hands to safeguard Singapore's reputation as a safe and secure home, conducive for commerce and tourism.

Retail Security Conference 2003

The Council, along with the Singapore Retailers Association and the Police jointly organised the fourth Retail Security Conference on 31 March 2003 at The Grassroots Club, to update participants of the current security concerns of the retail industry, and strengthen the partnership among the three parties.



Mr Mohamed Maidin, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Home Affairs), graced the event and presented the Safe Shopping Award to seven retailers who had gone the extra mile and taken conscious effort to ensure the safety and security of their patrons.



In addition, guest speakers from the Police and 7-Eleven also presented the latest retail crime statistics and trends to the participants and shared their crime prevention experiences, respectively. The other distinguished guest speaker, Dr Joseph Onizuka from the Family and Justice Prevention Centre, gave a briefing on the latest innovative security systems for retailers.



The total number of crime cases in the retail sector increased⁵ 16% from about 3600 cases in 2001 to more than 4000 cases last year. A significant number of youths were also apprehended for theft in shops last year, with a 39% increase⁶ from about 1100 persons in 2001 to about 1520 persons last year.

⁵ Total number of crime cases in retail sector increased 16.1%, from 3,626 cases in 2001 to 4,208 cases in 2002.

⁶ Number of youths apprehended for theft in shops increased 39% from 1095 persons in 2001 to 1522 persons in 2002

This is a concern for the public, Police, the National Crime Prevention Council and the retail industry. To highlight the seriousness of committing theft in retail outlets, the term “Shoplifting” was changed to “Shop Theft” during the launch of the Festive Season Crime Prevention Campaign last November.

Retail Security Talk

The Council and the Police held a crime prevention talk for retail security personnel from the NTUC Fairprice on 20 August 2002, with the primary objective of creating crime prevention awareness and preparedness to counter retail crime.

Crime Prevention Committee (CPC)

The CPC acts as a platform for tenants, shop owners and management to discuss various ways of enhancing the security of retail premises, as well as presenting security issues pertinent to the retail industry. Since its launch in 1982, a total of 133 CPCs have been formed to date.

Hotel Security Conference 2002

The Seventh Hotel Security Conference, co-organised by the Singapore Hotel Association (SHA), the Police and the Council, was held on 5 December 2002 at the Carlton Hotel. A total of 115 individuals and hotels from the hospitality industry were awarded with the Honesty, Bravery and Excellence in Hotel Security awards, for making the industry a safe and secure environment for their guests and colleagues. Close to 150 participants from 70 hotels participated in the conference graced by Mr Tan Kian Hoon, Chairman of the National Crime Prevention Council.

The guest speakers from the Police exchanged pointers and findings on the latest crime situation in hotel, hotel security audits, and topic: ‘Intellectual

Property Rights Protection in Singapore-Sale of Counterfeit Goods in Hotels’ with all participants. The rise of terrorism and its impact on hospitality was also addressed during the conference to warn the hospitality industry of the potential dangers and prepare them for the impacts of such challenges.



Security Shield for Hotels:

A Workshop for Hotel Owners and Operators

The objectives of the workshop, Security Shield for Hotels: A Workshop for Hotel Owners and Operators aimed to help hotel owners and operators explore ways to keep hotels free from the horrors of terrorist activities, and to create greater awareness about the current situation in relation to terrorism.

The half-day workshop jointly organised by SHA, Council and Police on 15 February 2003 at the Oriental Singapore, has been well received. More than 80 participants, including representatives from the Internal Security Department, Hotel Licensing Board and the Singapore Tourism Board, participated in the workshop.

Hotel Dialogue Sessions and Security Audits

Two dialogue sessions with hotel general managers have been held last year. The sessions provide a useful platform for hotels to give feedback to the Police on security issues affecting their hotel operations. Members were also given updates, statistics and trends pertaining to hotel security.

Fifty-six hotels participated in the annual Hotel Security Audit conducted in October 2002. The audit helped to review participants' effort in safeguarding their premises from crime and safeguarding Singapore's reputation while ensuring that their visitors remained safe and secure.

Video for Construction Workers and Construction Safety campaign 2002

In an initiative jointly undertaken by the NCPC and the Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL), a crime prevention video, Crime Prevention - A Home Away From Home, was produced in English and dubbed in six other languages, namely Bengali, Myanmar, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and Thai. Aimed at educating foreign construction workers in Singapore about the penalties of criminal offences, the video was presented to Guest-of-Honour, Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister of State for Education and Manpower, who graced the Construction Safety Campaign 2002 at Bishan construction site on 15 October 2002.



Targeted specifically at the construction industry, the Construction Safety Campaign is an annual crime prevention programme aimed to improve industry safety and security standards whilst enhancing crime prevention awareness at construction sites.

Security Audits at Construction Sites

The Singapore Construction Safety & Consultancy Private Limited (SC2), a subsidiary of the Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL) works closely with the Police to carry out security audits at work sites island-wide. Four audits were conducted in the year under review.



Crime Prevention Awareness for Bank Clients

On 28 May 2002, the Council and Police produced a crime prevention poster to promote greater awareness and vigilance among members of public conducting their day-to-day transactions, deposits and withdrawals at banks. The poster was launched by the Director of the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) Mrs Ong-Ang Ai Boon and Mr Tan Kian Hoon, Chairman of the National Crime Prevention Council, at the MAS Building.

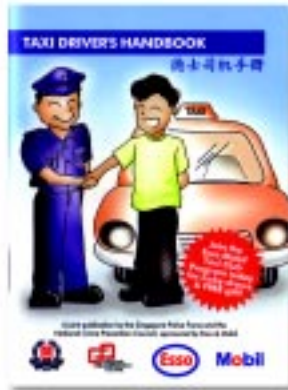
A thousand copies of the poster, along with brochures containing more detailed advices have been distributed to ABS members for display in their banking service areas and premises.



Enhancing Safety of Taxi Drivers

Recognising that taxi drivers provide an essential service in transportation and their safety is of primary importance, the Security in Transport Committee has conducted a study to enhance the safety and security of taxi drivers. Recommendations have been made to step up crime prevention awareness among these drivers with the introduction of security systems and a more comprehensive crime-prevention-training package.

A third edition of the 'Taxi Drivers' Handbook' was launched in March 2002, as part of the Council's efforts to imbue taxi-drivers of the importance of adopting crime prevention measures. The handbook contains useful information on personal safety and security such as preventive measures against robbery and theft, actions to adopt at traffic scenes and in the face of suspicious situations. About 60,000 copies of the handbook have since been distributed to taxi drivers through taxi companies and petrol kiosks.



Advisory Panel On Licensing >

The Advisory Panel on Licensing (APL) was set up under the auspices of the Council in November 2001 to gather and provide feedback to the Police on licensing conditions and policies. It comprises a cross-section of the community, including members from all walks of life: academia, business, law, student union representatives, to name a few.

The panel released its first project recommendations on licensing of amusement and gaming centres to the public in September 2002. It recommended that the existing licensing conditions for these amusement and gaming centres be retained and left unchanged for the moment, and suggested that operators form an association to find ways in which to self-regulate and devise industry standards. The industry and the Police have supported these recommendations.



Soon after the first project concluded, the APL embarked on its second project on the Licensing of Entertainment Outlets (Nightspots) in Singapore. This had largely been sparked off by cases involving licensees being summoned to court on charges of allowing patrons to dance on bar-tops in their outlets, and the increased public and media interest in related issues following Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong's National Day Rally Speech in August 2002.

The panel released its recommendations on the Licensing of Entertainment Outlets (Nightspots) at a press conference on 24 March 2003.

Professional Development Through Continuous Learning And Enhanced Operational Capabilities >

In pursuit of excellence, the Council enhances its operational effectiveness and professionalism through continuous learning and meaningful exchanges with its local and international strategic partners.

Study Trip to Australia

A delegation of 8 Council members and 3 Secretariat staff visited Australia as part of its international networking and exchange efforts between 14-20 April 2002. Invited by the Australia Federal Police, the delegation visited various cities in Australia to foster closer working ties between the Council and its Australian counterpart, as well as facilitate the exchange and sharing of experiences on crime prevention strategies and approaches.

The study visit allowed the Council to keep abreast with the various methodologies of crime prevention, and reinforced understanding and cooperation between the close partners.



Sharing of Expertise

On 28 August 2002 and 16 October 2002 Dr Adam Grayer, Director of the Australia Institute of Criminology and Superintendent NJ Nicholas, Director of the Hong Kong Crime Prevention Bureau visited Singapore, respectively, and shared their experiences with NCPC members and relevant Police units.



The Council also played host to a delegation from the Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) headed by its Chairman, YB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak between 16-18 October 2002. In addition to visiting NCPC and the Police establishments, representatives from the MCPF also paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Wong Kan Seng. The visit by the MCPF provided an opportunity for further discussion on ways to improve the working relationship between the two organisations.

Support for the Ninth Asian Professional Security Association Conference

The Council helped to organise the Ninth Asian Professional Security Association (APSA) Conference held between 17-18 October 2002 at the Marina Mandarin Singapore. The conference, which provided insights into the areas

of security, practices, financial fraud, terrorism, aviation security and behavioural approach to security management, allowed participants to have a better understanding of the fast changing socio-political landscape to facilitate planning of its security initiatives and programmes.



Video conferencing with Indian Police Services

At the invitation of the Indian Police Services (IPS), the Council conducted a video conference with its Indian counterparts on 9 January 2003 during its Crime Prevention management- Multi Pronged Approach seminar organised by the IPS. This was a first for the Council as it leveraged on technology to participate in a meaningful exchange of experience and knowledge.

Launch of NCPC Board Room

After years of shuttling between meeting rooms in various police buildings, the Council finally had a board room to call its own since January 2003. Launched by the Commissioner of Police Khoo Boon Hui and NCPC Chairman Mr Tan Kian Hoon, the NCPC Board Room at the Geylang Neighbourhood Police Centre helps to enhance the Council's operation capability with its ergonomic board room facilities and audio visual equipment.

Partnership With Home Team Agencies >

The Council works closely with its strategic partners in the Home Team to accomplish its mission. Apart from co-organising public education programmes, the Council has also, together with the National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) and National Fire Prevention Council (NFPC), produced display racks to generate awareness in the areas of fire prevention, drug abuse and the consequences of committing criminal offences. The racks are now displayed in public contact points such as Neighbourhood Police Centres and various establishments.

As an organisation facing an ever-changing environment, the NCPC is committed to meeting its challenges head-on. It will continue with its mission of close partnership with the community and police to prevent crime. Through constant self-renewal and conviction, the Council, together with the Police and the community, will make Singapore a safer and better home.

Auditors' Report

To The Members Of National Crime Prevention Council

We have audited the financial statements of the National Crime Prevention Council ("the Council") for the financial year ended 31 March 2003, set out on pages 19 to 22. 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 our audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with Statements of Accounting Standard and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council at 31 March 2003, the income and expenditure of the Council and statement of changes in the Council's fund for the financial year ended on that date.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Singapore

Income & Expenditure Statement

For the financial year ended 31 March 2003

	Note	2003	2002
		\$	\$
GENERAL FUND			
Income			
Donations		1,834,334	2,138,600
Interest income		38,039	84,451
Fund raising		-	295,190
Refund of sponsorship costs		22,140	1,529
Miscellaneous income		14,097	31,898
		1,908,610	2,551,668
Expenditure			
Special projects and NCPC sponsorship		1,644,634	2,103,688
Staff costs	3	95,816	86,870
Printing of stationery, certificates, publicity materials and Annual Report		9,733	5,098
Office and renovation expenses		7,700	3,666
Depreciation of fixed assets	5	28,137	33,211
Sundry expenses		3,128	3,994
Refreshments and Annual Dinner		5,406	4,676
Maintenance of vehicle		4,512	4,003
Training		40,319	11,782
Miscellaneous expenses for NCPC members		4,704	-
		1,844,089	2,256,988
Surplus of income over expenditure		64,521	294,680

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2003

	Note	2003	2002
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand		500	500
Cash at bank		17,383	80,860
Fixed deposits	4	4,072,073	4,013,764
Donation receivable		770,000	900,000
Interest receivable		12,475	5,596
		4,872,431	5,000,720
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed assets	5	6,544	34,681
		4,878,975	5,035,401
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued operating expenses		22,395	243,342
		4,856,580	4,792,059
GENERAL FUND		4,856,580	4,792,059

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Statement of Changes in Council's Funds

For the financial year ended 31 March 2003

	General fund	Youth activities fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2002	4,792,059	-	4,792,059
Net surplus for the financial year	64,521	-	64,521
Balance at 31 March 2003	4,856,580	-	4,856,580
Balance at 1 April 2001	4,235,055	262,324	4,497,379
Transfer to General fund	262,324	(262,324)	-
Net surplus for the financial year	294,680	-	294,680
Balance at 31 March 2002	4,792,059	-	4,792,059

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the financial year ended 31 March 2003

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

1. GENERAL

The Council is registered in Singapore under the Societies Act.

The address of the Council's registered office is:

Public Affairs Department
Police Headquarters Level 4
New Phoenix Park Tower P
28 Irrawaddy Road
Singapore 329560

The principal activities of the Council is to raise funds for the purpose of promoting crime awareness and prevention.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with and comply with Singapore Statements of Accounting Standard. The financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are expressed in Singapore dollars.

(b) Income and expenditure

Income and expenditure are taken up in the income and expenditure account on an accrual basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the financial year ended 31 March 2003

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(c) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Office equipment - 3 years Motor vehicle - 5 years

3. STAFF COSTS

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Salaries	86,416	74,035
Employer's contribution to Central Provident Fund	9,400	12,835
	95,816	86,870

Number of persons employed at the end of the financial year:

	2003	2002
Full time	3	2
Honorary	2	2
	5	4

4. FIXED DEPOSITS

The fixed deposits mature from one to twelve months from the financial year end. The interest rate of the deposit as at 31 March 2003 ranged from 0.25% per annum to 1.315% per annum (2002: 0.625% per annum to 2.25% per annum).

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment	Motor vehicle	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Cost			
At 1 April 2002 and at 31 March 2003	29,645	161,807	191,452
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2002	19,227	137,544	156,771
Depreciation charge	3,874	24,263	28,137
At 31 March 2003	23,101	161,807	184,908

Net book value

At 31 March 2003	6,544	-	6,544
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Net book value

At 31 March 2002	10,418	24,263	34,681
Depreciation charge for 2002	850	32,361	33,211

6. ESTABLISHMENT AND TAXATION

The Council was approved as an institution of public character for a further period of 5 years with effect from 1 May 2002. No provision for taxation has been made as the society has been registered as a charity under the Charities Act (Cap 37).

The receipts of the Council are exempt from tax under Section 13M of the Income Tax Act ("Act"), provided that the Council has utilised eighty percent of its adjusted income for charitable purposes in Singapore in accordance with Section 13M(2)(b) of the Act or obtained a waiver thereof from the Comptroller of Income Tax.

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council's activities are not exposed to any foreign exchange risk and there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The Council maintains sufficient cash and bank balances for its requirements.

The Council is exposed to interest rate risks arising from interest bearing assets. The Council monitors the interest rate closely to ensure that interest bearing assets are maintained at favourable rates.

8. FAIR VALUE

The carrying amounts of the Council's financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair value.

9. AUTHORISATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with approval of the Council on 30 June 2003.

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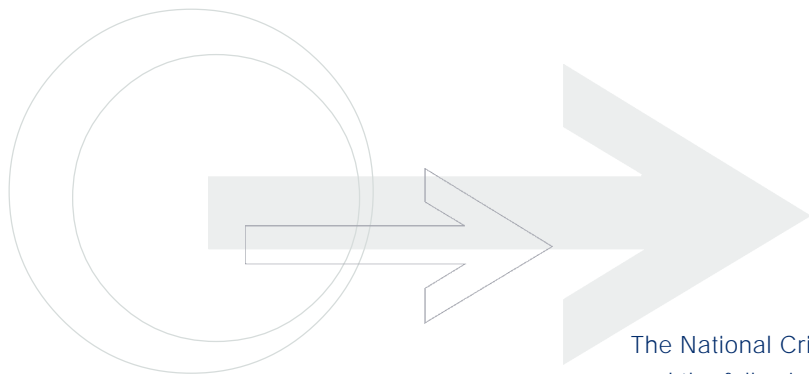
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