



## **MD 308 COUNCIL FINAL REPORT for the Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009**

The MD 308 Council of Governors have pleasure in presenting their final report together with the audited financial statements for the Fiscal Year ended 30 June 2009.

### **1. MD 308 Council, Advisors and Committee Chairpersons**

The Multiple District 308 Council assumed its official duties following the successful installation of our District Governors on 27 June 2008 at the 91<sup>st</sup> Lions International Convention in Bangkok which was attended by approximately 500 Lions and family members from our MD.



#### **1.1 Council of Governors (COG)**

The COG was made up of 6 voting members as follows:

Council Chairperson	CC Patrick Chew	B2
Council Vice Chairperson	CVC Dr. George A Kunjan	A2
Council Secretary	DG Bobby Eng	A1
Council Treasurer	DG Kenneth Saw	B2
Council Member – LCIF	DG Sim Boon Chuan	A2
Council Member – Sight Conservation & Work With The Blind	DG Dr. JP Kamalanathan	B1

#### **1.2 Advisors and Committee Chairpersons**

The Council wish to put on records our sincere appreciation to our very supportive Advisors for the fiscal year namely ID Ellis Suriyati and PID Dato' Douglas KK Lee.

The following are 16 Committee Chairpersons who were appointed to serve the MD in their respective portfolios;

No	Portfolio	Committee Chairperson	District
1	Information Technology	PCC Dr. Mario Yoong	B1
2	Convention	PCC Albert Tan	B1
3	Protocol	PCC Tommy Choo	A1
4	Membership*	PCC Jeffrey CS Quah	B2
5	Extension*	PCC Dr. Winston Koh	A1



6	Retention*	PDG Mary Law	A2
7	Leadership*	PDG Leong A Sam	B1
8	Diabetes Awareness	PDG Dr. William Voon	A2
9	Alert	PDG William SL Tan	A2
10	Leo	PDG Dato' Khoo Kay Huat	B2
11	Constitution & By-Laws	PDG Eric JP Ng	A1
12	Public Relations & Lions Information	PDG Philip Ooi In Hee	B2
13	International Relations	PCC Datuk Dr. K Nagaratnam	B1
14	Women's Development & Participation	PDG Tan Kiang Hoo	A1
15	Youth & Campus	PDG Tan Soh Har	A2
16	Long Range Planning	PDG Jason Lee Poh Lee	B2

\* MD MERL team (2008 – 2011)

## 2. Vice District Governors (VDG)







The following VDG (non-voting members of the Council) were invited to all the Council Meetings as observers.

VDG	District
Anthony Tay	A1
Karen Koh	A2
Datuk Danny Ooi	B1
Choong Kwei Loi	B2

## 3. Theme

During the preliminary Council Meeting held in Kota Kinabalu on 27 April 2008, it was unanimously agreed that our LCI theme of "Miracles Through Service" be adopted for our MD and for the 47<sup>th</sup> MD 308 Convention in JB.

The Theme and Logo adopted during the Fiscal Year were as follows:

	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Logo</u>
LCI	Miracles Through Service	
MD 308	Miracles Through Service	
308 A1	Miracles Through Service	
308 A2	Service With Humility	
308 B1	Serve With Dignity	
308 B2	Simply We Serve	

## 4. Clubs & Membership

The new MD MERL team as indicated in 1.2 took office at the beginning of the fiscal year for a 3 years term. Under the dynamic MERL team and guidance/support of our Global Membership Team (GMT) Leader PCC Datuk Dr. Nagaratnam, assisted by PCC Dr. Mario Yoong as MD GMT Coordinator, our MD 308 should enjoy a reasonably good growth at the end of their term.



#### 4.1 Clubs

District	As at 30.6.08	Addition	Cancelled	Net Increase/(Decrease)	As at 30.6.09
A1	71	-	-	-	71
A2	72	2	-	2	74
B1	97	3	-	3	100
B2	77	1	2	(1)	76
	317	6	2	4	321

#### 4.2 Membership

District	As at 30.6.08	Addition	Dropped	Net Growth/(Loss)	As at 30.6.09
A1	1,766	215	254	(39)	1,727
A2	1,791	200	240	(40)	1,751
B1	2,722	424	329	95	2,817
B2	1,975	251	297	(46)	1,929
	8,254	1,090 (13.20%)	1,120 (13.57%)	(30)	8,224

Even though our MD managed to achieve a membership growth target of 10 percent we still suffer a net decrease of 30 during the Fiscal Year indicating that we have to continuously put more efforts on our membership retention.

#### 5. Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Congratulations to Soong Ming Shuan whose entry, which was sponsored by the Lions Club of Tapah Central (B2), has been chosen as a merit award winner in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest, "Peace Begins With Me".

Approximately 350,000 children from 70 countries participated in this year's contest which were judged at club, district and multiple district levels before reaching the international level, at which point, they had been narrowed down to 108 posters. Based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme "Peace Begins With Me", Soong's entry was chosen as one of 23 merit winners and was awarded with USD500 and a certificate of merit. Congratulations again to Soong!

#### 6. 47<sup>th</sup> OSEAL Forum

The above Forum was held in Hong Kong from 4 – 7 December 2008. The Forum theme being "A New dimension in Humanity" aimed to promote mutual respect among nations to alleviate the effects of polarization in order to enhance the lives of those less fortunate. The total number of registered delegates was 6000 which was below the targeted 7000. About 70 Lions registered as delegates, however, the figure did not reflect the actual contingent from MD 308. More Lions from our MD should be encouraged to register in future Forums in order to reflect a bigger contingent.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Leos OSEAL Conference, which was held on 6 December 2008 together with the 47<sup>th</sup> Lions OSEAL Forum, was successful in bonding Leos from our MD and all different regions.

PID Dr. Tam Wing-Kun from District 303 Hong Kong was endorsed as a Candidate for International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for 2009 Minneapolis Convention. In addition, PDG Michael S. So (Philippines), PCC Yasumsa Furo (Japan), and PCC Byeong – Deok Kim (Korea) were endorsed as ID Candidates for 2009 – 2011.

#### 7. 48<sup>th</sup> OSEAL Forum

The 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting held in Pattaya from 14 to 15 February 2009 was attended by ID Ellis Suriyati, CC Patrick Chew, PCC Datuk Dr. Naga and PCC Jeffrey Quah. The Forum was held in Pattaya from 19 – 22 November 2009 with the theme "REFLECTION". More details on the Forum will be reported by Simon Koh, Council Chairperson 2009 – 2010.



#### **8. 47<sup>th</sup> MD 308 Lions Convention**

The Convention was held at the Zon Regency Hotel by the Sea in Johor Bahru from 23 – 26 April 2009 with the theme “Miracles Through Service”. Our very own 1<sup>st</sup> Lady ID in OSEAL, Ellis Suriyati Omar, was the Official Representative from LCI. The Council thanked the COCC Koo Chi Seng and his Committee for a job well done. All the 1519 registered delegates were very happy with lots of praises extended to the very co-operative and efficient COC.

Schools for all the elected officers and a talk on “Move from Good to Great” by Dato’ Dr. Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman were well received and organized by our capable MD Leadership Chairperson PDG Leong A Sam.

Elections for fiscal year 2009-2010 new leaders were duly conducted and successfully completed for all the positions. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time, we had an election of a new 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position to comply with the LCI Constitution and By-Laws (as amended). Please refer to the said Convention’s Final Report and MD website for more details such as resolutions passed.

#### **9. 36<sup>th</sup> MD 308 Leo Forum**

1078 Leo delegates were registered at the Forum which was held in Penang from 5 – 7 June 2009 with the theme “Moving Forward....Youth of the New Era”. Our MD Committee Chairperson for Leos, PDG Dato’ Khoo Khay Huat did a great job ensuring that the Forum Organising Committee, under the leadership of Chairperson Leo Wah Si Sheng, complied with all the requirements and standards set by the Council. In addition, the Organising Committee managed to receive a Leo Forum Grant of USD2000 from LCI.

#### **10. International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sid Scruggs III Visit**

IVP Sid and Lady Judy visited our MD from 5 – 15 February 2009. During the visit, IVP Sid and Lady Judy attended the following projects and activities either as Guest of Honour or Special Guests.

- (a) Lions Eye Clinic launching in Kuala Lumpur;
- (b) Lions Family Park launching in Ara Damansara;
- (c) Lions Renal Center launching in Kota Bharu and Malacca;
- (d) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KL Host Club;
- (e) Charter Nite of Lions Club of Kuching Kota Sentosa;
- (f) Feed the Blind project in Kuala Lumpur;
- (g) Lions Down’s Syndrome in Kota Bharu;
- (h) Ground breaking ceremony of Lions Nursing Home in Kuching;
- (i) Water Project in Bau, Kuching; and
- (j) Lions Home for Elders and Befrienders Service Association in Singapore.

In addition, IVP Sid and Lady Judy had an audience with the following dignitaries:

- (a) Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak, YB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. George Chan Hong Nam;
- (b) DYMM AL Sultan and DYMM Raja Perempuan Kelantan; and
- (c) TYT Governor of Malacca.

Our IVP was very impressed with our Lions in MD 308 and all our signature projects. The Council would like to thank ID Ellis Suriyati, PCC Dr. Datuk Naga and all the Lions who had contributed in one way another, to make our IVP’s visit a very fruitful and memorable one. Our MD is looking forward to his visit again during his term as International President.

#### **11. International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2009 Candidate PID Dr Tam Visit**

In October and November 2008 PID Dr. Tam met some of our Present and Past Officers of the Association during his campaign trail in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur respectively, together with his Campaign Chairperson PID Paul Fan and Campaign Honorary Chairperson PIP Kajit Habanananda. Our Council endorsed PID Dr. Tam’s candidature and resolved to give him our full support.



Our heartfelt congratulations to PID Dr. Tam who was duly elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> IVP at the LCI Convention in Minneapolis on 10 July 2009.

## **12. LCIF Grants**

The following LCIF Grants obtained during the Fiscal Year were as follows:

- (i) Clean Water Project in Borneo – USD5000;
- (ii) Emergency Grant for relief efforts associated with the flood in Sarawak – USD10,000;
- (iii) Regional Leo Conference Grant – USD2000;
- (iv) Grant for RLLI in Kuching – USD10,000;
- (v) Standard Grant for the Lions Kidney Dialysis Centre in Penang – USD75,000
- (vi) Core 4 Grant for the purchase of a mobile Diabetes health unit in Singapore – USD45,702
- (vii) Standard Grant for Down's Syndrome Centre in Kota Bharu – USD75,000

## **13. New LCIF MD Coordinator**

Congratulations to ID Ellis Suriyati who was appointed by LCIF during the fiscal year to be the Multiple District 308 Coordinator for a 4 year term. This new LCIF Leadership structure, which fills the role formerly served by MD LCIF Chairpersons, will be effective following the LCI Convention in Minneapolis.

## **14. Presidential Awards For CSF II Coordinators**

Pleased to report that IP Al Brandel's Presidential CSF II Awards were presented during the fiscal year to PDG Wong Chang Wai and PDG Philip Chua for their leadership and accomplishments. Congratulations to our 2 PDGs!

## **15. Lions Leadership Trainings**

### **15.1 Senior Lions Leadership Institute (SLLI) in Singapore**

The Singapore SLLI held on 18 – 22 September 2008 was organized by LCI, and attended by 8 Senior Lions from our MD. PCC Shiva Banerjee and ZC Dr. Ben Ng (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG) were the facilitators and PDG Han Thien Fong was the appointed local Coordinator for LCI. CC Patrick Chew was invited to give a speech during the Closing Ceremony and he presented the certificates to all our Senior Lions who attended the SLLI.

### **15.2 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) in Santubong, Kuching**

The Kuching RLLI held on 13 – 17 November 2008 was attended by 60 Lions from our MD. During the Closing Ceremony, CC Patrick Chew thanked Council Committee Chairperson for Leadership PDG Sam Leong, DG BC Sim, facilitators from MD 308 and the organizing committee for organizing such a memorable and successful RLLI based on the positive feedbacks from the participants.

### **15.3 Faculty Development Institute (FDI) in Hong Kong**

The Hong Kong FDI held on 1 – 4 December 2008 was organized by LCI to coincide with the 47<sup>th</sup> OSEAL Forum. The Lions from our MD who attended the FDI are as follows:

- (i) Lion Kang Oyo Cheow (A1)
- (ii) Lion Chieng Eu Hea (A2)
- (iii) Lion Molly Yee Yok Fah (B1)
- (iv) Lion Michael Yeap Teck Chong (B2)
- (v) Lion P Ravindra Kumar (B2)

In addition to the above, a Regional FDI was organized from 28 – 31 May 2009 in Kuala Lumpur. One of the main objectives of the RFDI is to develop and expand a pool of skilled Lions Faculty to conduct Lions training at all levels within our MD 308.



#### 15.4 MD MERL School in Hong Kong

LCI organized a MD MERL School in Hong Kong during the 47<sup>th</sup> OSEAL Forum in December 2008 whereby all our MD 308 MERL team as indicated in Section 1.2 attended in full force.

In addition to the above, our MD organized a Seminar for the Districts' MERL on 17 – 18 January 2009 in Kuala Lumpur which was very well attended.

#### 16. Wildfires in Melbourne, Australia

LCIF awarded a USD100,000 major catastrophe grant in addition to the USD30,000 total in emergency grants for the Lions in Australia to provide relief supplies to displaced families and also to assist in rebuilding efforts.

As a small gesture to show our support and concern, our MD also donated RM11,500 as follows:

Districts (4 x RM2000)	8000
ID Ellis	1000
PID Dato' Douglas	1000
CC Patrick Chew	1000
PCC Dr Datuk Naga	500
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#### 17. Demise of PID Eng Ah Koon

Our Past International Officer of the Association Lion Eng Ah Koon (International Director for 1978 – 1980) passed away peacefully on 25 November 2008. Our late PID Eng will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by Lions and his loved ones.

A true advocate in our Lions motto "We Serve", he left behind a meaningful message for all of us.

"LIONISM IS ONE OF THE MOST HUMAN, NATURAL AND EFFECTIVE FORCE. THAT CAN, WILL AND MUST PLAY A MAJOR ROLE TOWARDS WORLD PEACE, HARMONY AND PROSPERITY".

#### 18. Conclusion

The cordial, friendly and harmonious working relationship that exist amongst the Council of Governors, Advisors and Committee Chairpersons have made the role of a Council Chairperson very meaningful and most rewarding.

The Council would like to salute and thank all the Lion Heroes in our MD 308 for their invaluable contributions, dedication and commitment to improve the lives of the less fortunate and our Lions image further under the motto "We Serve".

Thank You, Terima Kasih, Xie Xie Ni, Nandri.

"MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICES"

On behalf of the MD Council of Governors,

Patrick Chew  
Council Chairperson  
2008-2009