

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



This year marks AMP's Silver Jubilee and for it to happen in my first year as Chairman of the Group is an honour.

AMP has been a part of my life since before its formation in 1991. About two years earlier, I was asked to join in the planning for the 1st National Convention of Singapore Malay/Muslim Professionals and later, as a member of the Pro-tem Committee to form AMP. I agreed then because I thought it would be a meaningful way for me to contribute to the community. Two and a half decades later, AMP is still very much a part of me, and it remains one of the main platforms through which I am able to do my share to contribute to the community's long-term progress.

I have seen AMP chart tremendous growth over the last 25 years – from the earlier years when we were unsure if AMP could continue its operations, to what it is today – one of the leading Malay/Muslim organisations in Singapore, well-recognised for its efforts to uplift the Malay/Muslim community; a force to be reckoned with.

This year is an important year for us. The Board has decided that as this year marks AMP's Silver Jubilee, it is an opportune time to step back and reflect on the progress we have made thus far, and to chart out AMP's path for the coming years.

Engaging Professionals

Rallying and engaging professionals to play a role in providing intellectual leadership for the community was one of the main reasons why AMP was formed 25 years ago. Moving forward, we are looking at engaging more professionals to join us in playing this role of being the conscience of the community. We want to provide a platform to promote intellectual discourse among professionals, where they can come together and exchange ideas, views, insights and experiences on current national issues. It is hoped that through this, our professional community can play a bigger role in steering the Malay/Muslim community into the future.

Providing thought leadership, which is one of AMP's strategic thrusts, is something that we intend to continue in the years to come.

Preparing for the Future Economy

The economy of the future is one that is unpredictable and AMP intends to help the community through this time of uncertainty. We are in the midst of assessing areas in which we can help prepare the community for the future economy, be it in education, training, or other areas.

We will work with the relevant stakeholders to develop initiatives aligned to the recommendations of the Committee on the Future Economy aimed at building resilience amongst our youths and PMETs to face the tough economic times head on and prepare for the future economy.

Taking it to the Next Level

AMP is not an organisation that is happy to rest on our laurels and remain status quo. We are an organisation that likes to push our boundaries and continue redefining success for ourselves.

While we have focused our efforts mostly on the community, we will now extend our focus beyond that. We will continue to serve the community and its needs, but there is much for us to learn from national agencies and organisations.

This was apparent from our collaboration with the National Youth Council (NYC) to organise the CommaCon in October, which was a convention for youths of all races to come together to discuss sensitive issues such as socio-economic divide, racism, national identity and even terrorism, openly and honestly. This is the first time such a youth conference has been organised at a national platform to discuss these issues and where the lead initiator was a Malay/Muslim organisation.

Our experience with working with NYC had shown that the issues faced by the community cannot be faced in isolation, but in conjunction with all national efforts. As such, the spirit of collaboration is critical to our development as a community and nation. This is just one example of how partnering and working with national-level organisations can enrich our knowledge of not just the Malay community, but the Singaporean society as a whole. This, in turn, will help us to better serve our community in the future.

Our Supporters

However, our plans can only be realised if we have the support of the community. Over the past 25 years, AMP has grown larger as a group and has become financially stronger, progressive and innovative in running our programmes and services. This is made possible largely because of our activists, volunteers, donors, sponsors and partners. They, who share our vision of a brighter future for the community, are the ones driving us towards our goals.

I hope that this support from the community continues for the next 25 years and beyond. The future remains bright for the community and AMP intends to continue playing a part in the community's successes in the coming years.

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