

## President's Message

Twenty years have passed since the Dyslexia Association of Singapore was initiated as a Community Service Project of the Rotary Club of Raffles City and when we had our first office provided by the People's Association in Kallang. I am very proud that today, the DAS has grown into an organization with ten centres, over 1,900 students enrolled and is recognized for its work and expertise in the field of Dyslexia not only in Singapore but internationally !

Our success would not have been possible without our supporters and donors. I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to the Ministry of Education for their continuous support since 1995. For FY 2010-2011, the MOE Grant for dyslexic students attending classes at DAS Learning Centres amounted to \$4,375,121. We have also received great support from the National Council of Social Services. Through the NCSS-managed Civic and Community Institution Space Scheme, the DAS was able to set up learning centres in popular shopping malls such as Bishan Junction 8, Jurong Point and Parkway Parade. It is also the NCSS that nominated the DAS to be one of the beneficiaries of the President's Challenge and a substantial sum was donated to the DAS in 2009 and 2010. This included a significant donation from the Capitaland Hope Foundation. We are most grateful to His Excellency President S.R. Nathan for his continuous support.

My thanks to the tremendous support of the Lee Foundation and the Singapore Totalisator Board who have both donated generously to the cost of building DAS centres. The Lee Foundation has also sponsored our international conferences in 2009 and 2010 while the Singapore Totalisator Board Social Service Fund provided for students from low income families who required DAS speech and language therapy.

A special 'thank you' is also in order for the kind contributions which were received with much gratitude in 2009 and 2010:

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many more individuals and organizations who have supported the DAS !

Above all, I would like to thank our beloved patron, Mrs Goh Chok Tong and our Advisor Dr Lee Wei Ling for their unwavering support for the DAS.

Finally, I would like to commend the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Robin Moseley and his team at the DAS for their excellent contributions in realising our corporate mission – *helping dyslexic people achieve.*

Dr Jimmy Daruwalla

President

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