

## Chairman's Message



Dear Friends in St John Singapore,

Reflecting on 2022, much has been achieved within St John Singapore. We were careful by being vigilant against COVID. At the same time, we became more active on all fronts.

The Association and the Brigade conducted many training sessions and increased their outreach to the various stakeholders. The Brigade with the support from the Association conducted the SRFAC accredited Standard First Aid + AED provider course for 420 secondary 3 & 4 St John cadets. This is in line with improving the level of First Aid skills amongst the public. Another worthy mention is the Hospital Attachment Programme and an MOU signed between the National St John Council of Singapore and the SingHealth Group, which will provide the cadets with real-time nursing experiences to serve in our Hospitals, and also encourage them to

join healthcare related professions (e.g. nursing) for further studies and a career after leaving their schools.

The St John Responder Unit also continued to provide public duties with the lifting of the COVID restriction to a much higher level than the previous two years, with the return of the Singapore leg of the F1 Championships.

The Dementia Centre provided sterling services to the challenged community as the Centre is currently embarking to operationalize its capacity by 2.5 times for the benefits of the local ageing seniors with grace and dignity. This upgrading project is funded by AIC/MOH. The Fellowship also increased their activities. This was exemplified in their combined efforts with the Dementia Centre at the "Purple Parade 2022" held on 30th October 2022 at the Suntec City.

On behalf of the National St John Council of Singapore (NSJCS), I wish all St John Members Seasons' Greetings.

*Pro Fide and Pro Utilitate Hominum.*

**Dr Sayampanathan S R E PBM, KStJ**

Chairman, National St John Council of Singapore

## F1 Public Duty Coverage

Since 2008, St John Singapore has proudly provided key first aid and ambulance services at the Singapore Formula One Grand Prix (SGP F1). Every year, a volunteer force of doctors, nurses and first aiders come together to provide their services in support of ensuring the safety of the event patrons.

The SGP F1 has always been close to the hearts of racing fans across the world, but the beloved event was suspended at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has returned this year, to be the largest one held in Singapore ever.



*The team at Concert FAP huddling for team briefing. Ground conditions were not ideal due to the heavy rain earlier.*

Over the span of 3 days, over 100 volunteers have rendered their first aid services. It was a highly anticipated event, attracting thousands of patrons and spectators. Despite the ground conditions due to inclement weather, our dedicated first aid teams



A group photograph capturing our dedicated volunteers.

braved the adverse conditions to render help to over 130 casualties with professionalism. We are proud of their efforts and truly appreciate our volunteers' hard work and dedication.



Dr Nelson Chua, with the team at an Advanced Medical Post (AMP). The AMP oversees the first aid and medical coverage over a large area in the Circuit.



Dr Sayampanathan with part of the team coordinating from the Spectator Medical Command post. The Spectator Medical Command oversees the provision of medical help to all event patrons.

## Hospital Attachment Programme 2022

Since 2013, Singapore public hospitals have been hosting St John Singapore (SJS) cadets as part of the Hospital Attachment Programme to equip them with the skills and knowledge to care for the sick and frail. The collaboration was formalised with a memorandum of understanding signed between SJS and SingHealth on 30 Nov 2022.

This year, 124 SJS cadets had the opportunity to directly experience the delivery of nursing care under the guidance of nurse preceptors at 6 public hospitals, 1 centre and 1 community hospital. The cadets had 5 days of hospital attachment from 21 Nov 2022 to 16 Dec 2022. This immersive experience was thoroughly enjoyed by the cadets who gleaned many insights. The students had a rewarding and positive experience.



Collaboration between SJS and SingHealth formalised with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing witnessed during the visit of Mr Steve Evans, Sub-Prior of Order of St John on 30 Nov 2022 at St John Singapore Headquarters. Signing of the MOU by Dr Nelson Chua, Chief Commissioner, St John Brigade (left) and Ms Ng Gaik Nai, Chief Nurse, Singapore General Hospital, Deputy Group Chief Nurse (Nursing Education & Professional Development), SingHealth Group Nursing, Chair, SingHealth Academy College of Clinical Nursing (right).



SJS cadets working with nursing professionals from Singapore General Hospital as part of the Hospital Attachment Programme. There are a total of 36 SJS cadets who were attached to Singapore General Hospital from 28 Nov 2022 to 2 Dec 2022.



# Purple Parade 2022

This year marks the 10th year of the Purple Parade, a unifying national platform to promote awareness and celebrate abilities of Persons with Disabilities. The core of the movement is to ensure that Persons with Disabilities are included in the main chapter of the nation's growth and have equal access to education, employment, transport and social networks.

It was after a 2-year hiatus thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic on Saturday, 29 October 2022 at Suntec City.

A sea of purple flooded Suntec City as about 5,000 participants came together to support inclusivity and celebrate the abilities of persons with special needs. Our St John Purple Trooper formed by seniors from the St John Singapore Dementia Centre supported the Carnival Segment of the street parade. Led by the Council Chairman and together with members of the St John Fellowship and staff, they marched in solidarity to the carnival music of gongs and drums.



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