

# **NEWSLETTER**

#### **Presidential Address**

Dearest ASC Members,

In the light of WHO declaring COVID-19 as pandemic, ASC has taken all necessary precautionary measures under the guidelines and advisories provided by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Singapore. Procedurally and with due diligence, we have maintained records of members attending meetings as a precautionary measure for immediate contact tracing if required in the event of any community infections. In the meantime, we have implemented electronic meetings as an alternative approach instead of our usual meetings as we continue to monitor the developments of the situation. We are equally concern of the general health and well-being of all Members and remind all to remain vigilant and adopt good personal hygiene practices as part of our social responsibilities.



ASC celebrated the 2020 Lunar New Year of the Rat with a Lo-Hei Dinner held on the 7th February 2020 with fewer members. Although the attendance is lesser than expected, attending members were supportive, lifting up the festive mood with joyous celebrations. The technical talk sponsored by Armstrong Fluid Technology and lucky draw prizes from Camfil Singapore respectively added joy and complemented the harmonious spirit amongst Members. Contributing funds to organize donations of food packs for the low-income families during the Dinner was a heartfelt activity, signifying our effort and as part of our as a community sustainability social activity. Through Food Bank Singapore, food packs will be distributed to these families sometime in March/April 2020. ASC thanked all Members for your generous donations.

Although we have several seminars lined up to June 2020 and due to the Covid-19 pandemic, ASC have been informed that several dedicated lecturers have shelfed their visits to Singapore. This is anticipated and ASC acknowledges that this is a necessary interim preventive measure to avoid large scale community gatherings. The Society has also suspended all travel plans for the DL world-wide. Likewise, the proposed Golfing Event scheduled for April/May is cancelled. Subject to Covid-19 developments and control in Singapore, ASC Annual Dinner scheduled to be held on the 17th July 2020 is an event Members can look forward to celebrate our milestones. ASC is monitoring the situation closely and may reschedule this event if necessary. Members will be notified accordingly.

During this critical period ASC GAC chair, Yuichi Takemasa has contributed and is sharing with the relevant governmental bodies with useful information relating to ASHRAE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Preparedness Resources. For details, please click the link, ASHRAE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Preparedness Resources at: <a href="http://ashrae.org/COVID19">http://ashrae.org/COVID19</a>. For information relating to ASHARE Standards on Control of Infectious Diseases, click the link below: <a href="https://www.ashrae.org/about/news/2020/ashrae-resources-available-to-address-covid-19-concerns">https://www.ashrae.org/about/news/2020/ashrae-resources-available-to-address-covid-19-concerns</a>.

The Constitution Committee has completed the review on the up-dates for the ASC Constitution. Members', Society and ROS comments on the updates will be sent to all Members prior to the voting at the forthcoming AGM scheduled in June 2020. ASC is in the process to nominate Officers and Board of Governance for the new term 2020-2021. Henceforth, Members who are keen to contribute towards the growth of the Society are encouraged to contact the various chairs at <a href="mailto:asc@ashrae.org.SG">asc@ashrae.org.SG</a>. Your early confirmation is welcomed.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every sector of businesses, disrupting our usual routine and plans. Notwithstanding the developments, our strengths and beliefs is that ASC with the ardent support from all Members will continue to face these challenges ahead, standing united together, overcoming the odds in anticipation for a majestic rainbow.

Florence Chan

President 2019-2020

**ASHRAE Singapore Chapter** 

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# MP-RP Night & Chinese New Year Celebration

07<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

The CNY Celebration which sponsored by Armstrong Fluid Technology was held on 07<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 at SPGG.

The celebration began with Lion Dance and followed by Lo-Hei as tradition. A technical talk on Energy Saving was given by Armstrong Fluid Technology.



Lion Dance



Lion Dance



Technical Talk



**Group Photo** 

#### Resources to Address COVID-19 Concerns

ASHRAE has developed proactive guidance to help address coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) concerns with respect to the operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems.

Please visit the Resource Pages for more details.

- <u>COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Preparedness Resources</u> (https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/resources)
- <u>ASHRAE Resources Available to Address COVID-19 Concerns</u> (https://www.ashrae.org/about/news/2020/ashrae-resources-available-to-address-covid-19-concerns)

## **Upcoming Events**

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, travel of Distinguished Lecturer (DL) is being suspended effective March 12, 2020 through the end of the Society year. All in-person DL visits are cancelled. Please visit ASC website (https://ashrae.org.SG) for more updated details.

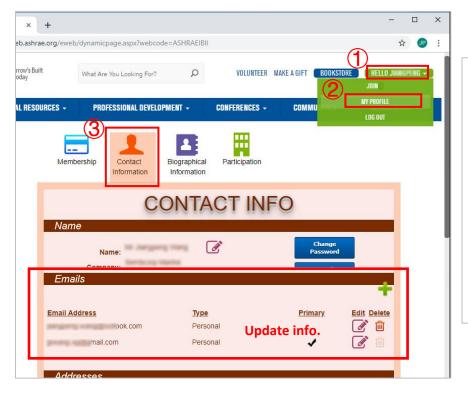
The local monthly BOG meetings are switched to tele-conference through electronic meeting tools. The communication between BOG and ASC members will also be turned to tele-communication as much as reasonably practicable.

## **Update Contact Information**

ASC will contact members through phone or email for necessary chapter activities during the Circuit Breaker period.

ASC members are encouraged to keep your contact information up-to-date on ASHRAE Society website (<a href="https://ahsrae.org">https://ahsrae.org</a>) so that you will not miss out the electronic communications. Please follow the steps below to update your contact information if you have not done so.

ASC will not ask for members' personal particulars or bank transfer through email\*. Please notify ASC (https://ashrae.org.SG/contact.php) if you receive suspicious email or phone call.



Steps to update email address after login

① Click your name at the top right corner after login
② Click MY PROFILE

③ Click Contact Information and then

<sup>\*</sup>Membership renewal notification will be sent by ASHRAE Society

# **Student Internship**

ASHRAE Singapore chapter is actively assisting the students to secure internship among ASC registered members' companies. Recently, ASC assisted the student from Temasek Polytechnic to secure their internship for the term 30th March till 14th Aug 2020. ASC in support with Student Chair will continue to support the student branch for internship programs.

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