



# CONVENT BUKIT NANAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### "Gratitude makes everything in life better..."

What an incredible time we have come through in these last two years. World shaking events such as the Covid pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war will remain in our memories as a time of great upheaval, and we are still recovering from the impact. Meanwhile, closer to home, there is a new government in Malaysia through a process that has exposed the deep polarization in the electorate.

The Alumni Association represents people of diverse ethnicity and creed. We are a microcosm of Malaysia. Therefore, it is our motivation to be a unifying platform to engage with each other in sincerity, embracing the diversity that we are blessed with. We are borne of a common history, having walked the halls of Convent Bukit Nanas together, not caring for our differences but finding friendship and acceptance.

There was significant curtailment of activities during the current EXCO's 2021-2022 term however, a few events managed to be done. During this period, the Association has been putting in place processes and structures which will ensure that the Association will function smoothly and in compliance with requirements. Having established this foundation, we will be in good stead to reach out with better plans to engage with the alumni so that we live up to the motto that was such a big part of our young lives.

We are excited to host the first in-person event for alumni since the start of the pandemic in early 2020, which is the AGM and the school tour on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.

Let's hold on to gratitude for having come through such a difficult time in history and take this opportunity to contribute to society through the Alumni Association.

Your fellow CBNer Marina Yong



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The Alumni's vision is to uphold the ethos and values of the school, enshrined with a sense of purpose and charity to the community at large.

"Charity as a State of the Heart"

## PERSATUAN ALUMNI SEKOLAH CONVENT BUKIT NANAS (PPM 005-14-28062018) c/o SMK Convent Bukit Nanas, Jalan Bukit Nanas, 50250 Kuala Lumpur



CBN ALUMNI CORPORATE INFORMATION	
Organization name	Persatuan Alumni Sekolah Convent Bukit Nanas
	(Convent Bukit Nanas School Alumni Association)
Also known as	CBN Alumni
R.O.S. Reg. no.	PPM-005-14-28062018
Bank details	Maybank 514012-109509
Website	https://www.cbnalumni.org
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### THE 2022-2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



#### **Members' Demographic**

We have close to 2,000 registered members, and we track demographics so that we can make better planning for activities.

We encourage all registered members to submit their annual fees as approved in the constitution, to support the activities of the Association.



The majority of our members reside in Malaysia. Those residing out of Malaysia includes countries such as, the US, the UK, Australia, Singapore, Switzerland and New Zealand.

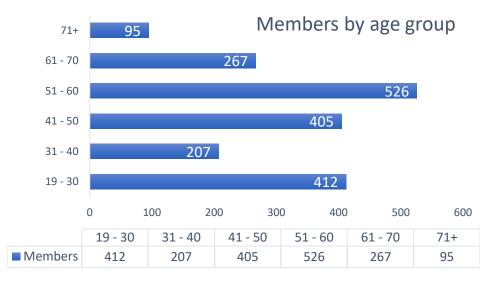


**1912** 

**Total** 

Registered

Alumni



The average age of our members is in the range of 45 to 50.

We hope to increase our recruitment for younger members.

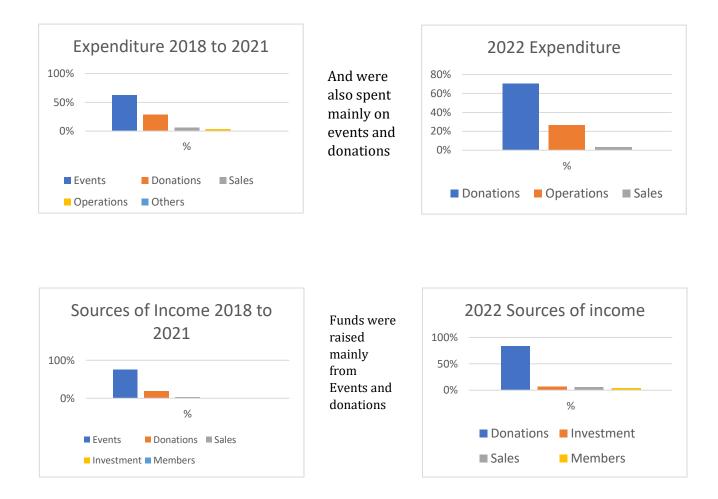




#### **Financial Status**

The CBN Alumni Association was set up by nine former CBNers led by Tengku Nurul Azian Bte Tengku Shahriman who was given the task by Mrs. Indrani Manuel, the principal of SMK CBN (1977-1993). Through their hard work, resolute and selfless, giving their time, energy and resources, they succeeded in June 2018. We are now approximately 4 ½ years old.

When the CBN Alumni first started, funding was primarily from one source, i.e., Fundraising events such as the Hi-Tea launch and the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in 2019. In addition, souvenirs were made mainly to commemorate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



The CBN Alumni has been operating on these accumulated funds and our financial resources are now running low. The 2021-2022 EXCO realized the dire situation and decided to make changes to the Alumni's constitution to allow for annual subscription of RM30 per member as an avenue for sustainable income generation. With almost 2,000 members, this would give the CBN Alumni a potential income of about RM60,000 per year, providing of course that collections are 100%.

The CBN Alumni has no liabilities, and we have one fixed asset i.e. a 15" laptop which was acquired in 2022 for management of the accounts and record keeping.

The status of the CBN Alumni was regularized by registering as a taxpayer with Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022. In accordance with that, the accounts of the previous years were also regularized to a calendar year basis for submission of annual tax returns and for

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reporting to the Registrar of Societies. The Registrar of Societies had also recommended that the financial accounts be based on a calendar year.

We are happy to report that our application for MyICE grant from the Registrar of Societies has been approved and the funds shall be used to:

- 1. Enhance the security of our website
- 2. Conduct School tours
- 3. Conduct an E-bazaar

#### Alumni Merchandise

New Alumni merchandise has been developed for sale to the members. The items for sale are:

#### **Coffee mugs**



#### **T-shirts**



#### **Funds for School Repairs**

There is an urgent need for funds to repair both the primary and secondary school as the allocation to schools from the education ministry is barely adequate for operational expenses. Therefore, the Board of Governors and the CBN Alumni came together to help the IJ Sisters raise funds for this purpose. A total of about RM327,000 was raised and after deducting for event expenses, about RM271,000 is available for use.

The chairwoman of the Board of Governors, Miss Yip Jian Lee, was indefatigable in sourcing for donors and managed to secure very large donations through private individuals and organizations. The rest of the organizing committee comprised of Sr Theresa Chua (Head of the IJS), Angela Tan (IJS staff), Gerard Chan (Treasurer, Board of Governors), Marina Yong (CBN Alumni President), Karen Wong (CBN Alumni Asst Treasurer) and Grace Yew (CBN Alumni Committee Member).

The CBN Alumni is proud to highlight the donation of an artwork from an alumni, Christianne Goonting (CBN 1978), which netted RM2000 for the school. The artwork is titled Friends Forever which is so appropriate to the school fundraiser.



Friends Forever

Other alumni also donated items for the silent auction which was very successful, including a basket of goodies for pasta dinners with a home-made organic tomato sauce made by Selena Mokhtar (CBN 1980), a woven basket made by Marina Yong (CBN 1980), and a table-top globe from Karen Wong (CBN 1981).







The beautiful mug that was put on sale during the dinner was designed and sourced by Karen Wong (CBN 1981) and was completely sold out that night. Due to further demand, the mug has been reproduced for sale to alumni members.



Special mention goes to Karen Wong and Grace Yew and their school mates for tireless effort in putting everything together for the dinner. There were many praises too for Grace's fantastic performance as auctioneer for the auction event. She was quite entertaining!