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# NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

July 2005

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

### **Resounding election results membership soars past 2300.**

It was an exciting AGM with a mixed line of candidates to strengthen the new committee. Two young and vibrant graduates from the fields of Accountancy and Arts joined our Board of Directors. They are joined by another new Board member, committed to Community Service. They were voted in by a resounding majority and will lend their hands and their hearts to our efforts. The young wave sweeping through the organisation, promises signs of succession and renewal which is an asset to our society.



Chairman, Mr R.A. Nathan, PB, PBS



Officials at the helm



Members with all ears and eyes



Mr TRC Raja speaks

### TALK ON VASTHU SASTRA

Indian Feng Shui

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**T. SELVA**  
 Vasthu Sastra  
 Columnist, Author &  
 International Speaker



**MASTER YUVARAJ SOWMA**  
 7th Generation Vasthu Sastra  
 Consultant from Chennai

Date : Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005  
 Time : 7.00 p.m.  
 Venue : Sri Sempaga Vinayagar Temple  
 19, Ceylon Road, Singapore 439613  
 Admission : \$10 for members  
 light refreshments will be served  
 Contact Person : Mr Srinivasan / Ms Rani at Tel: 6333 4656

*Vasthu Sastra is an ancient Indian science of construction for health, wealth, happiness, harmonious living and peace of mind.*

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**3 % dividend declared for the year 2004**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2005/2006

S/No	Name	Position
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4	Mr V Balu	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman
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15	Ms G Kanniga	Director

## INTERNAL AUDITORS

1	Mr TRC Raja
2	Mr Somasanma s/o M. S. Velu

## Highest Dividend in 10 Years

Our Chairman, Mr R A Nathan, at the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 28 May 05, rolled out the Report card for 2004. He said it was an exceptional year with healthy growth all round.

And for the first time in the Society's ten years of existence, the report card showed:

- a 3% Dividend for Shares and Thrift Savings.
- a 1% Dividend for General Savings.
- Two members raised \$33,000 through a Classical Dance Performance and gave \$13,000 to the Society.
- A new detailed Statement of Account for members was unveiled.

Chairman cautioned that the growth of the Society will go down the slippery road faster than we expect without proper leadership. The right people with commitment and drive as well as proper systems in place are vital for the success of the Society. In this regard, he drew relevant excerpts of speeches made by two previous Chairmen.

## Mr V. Jayakody in his 2000 AGM speech had these to say:

"If a Board member by reason of his democratic right chooses to merely function as a seat warmer, a great disservice will be done to the society and its members. Such members needless to say, will only help to slow down the progress of the Society. The Board must be quick to identify ineffective members and make tough decisions to replace them with capable people. We must induct potential leaders into our fold and constantly engage in leadership renewal. The message is simple if you can't contribute make way for someone else to serve the members".

And Mr Jayakody added: "Nothing can be more destructive than mere debates and rhetoric. These have been the style of the past and we must move away from that trend forthwith. We must realize that we are a minority race. Singapore is committed to meritocracy. It simply means that we the Indians will have to match up to the rest and most able if we are to have a respectable and dignified place as in our society. As Singapore Indians we have to help each other to attain high performance. Imagine if every Indian could acquire at least an 'O' level. There will be no Singapore Indians working in the streets as menial workers. It is indeed a noble aspiration and if we could play our part positively and strategically, much would be achieved and 20 to 30 years from now we may well realize our vision."

## Dr Theyvendran, PBM, in his 2002 AGM speech, had these to say:

"Loan defaulters who try to take advantage of our community, will bear the full consequences of their actions. As a Society we care. That doesn't mean anyone can just borrow from us and run away - thinking that we will not be able to track them down".

## And Dr Theyvendran further said:

"We have lived our lives - we want to make sure that our children have a better future. Our children should be able to compete on an equal basis with any other children in Singapore. Come forward and help us. Give yourself to a large Mission and Purpose."

What were said by Mr V Jayakody and Dr R Theyvendran PBM are still strongly relevant today.

Chairman said that the search for a new two-storey free hold shop-house in the Little India vicinity is still on going and we will not rush into it. Better benefits for members and full time staff will continue to be looked into. Business ventures will be looked into as well. Not forgetting, internal controls will also continue to be strengthened.

And Chairman wrapped his speech with "Concerns":

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### Chairman raises concerns

#### Concern No 1 ☆

- We are not the sole player in the credit sector doing similar nature of business. We are one of 26 co-operative societies. We have to be careful not to be swallowed by the giants or die a natural death due to poor management of funds and poor leadership. We need to be alert to the changing environment and keep pace.

#### Concern No 2 ☆

- We have an aging membership profile. The younger generation is not taking up membership.

#### Concern No 3 ☆

- The older group prefers to hold office with the younger ones kept abay or at the sidelines. We need to change this worrying trend, and for the first time, if I am not wrong, we have two of the 8 candidates below 30 - both graduates - who are standing for election today.

#### Concern No 4. ☆

- Translate talk into action. If you want to be a Board member, show that you can contribute. Do not just be a seat warmer or just talk, talk and talk only.

#### Concern No 5 ☆

- Don't live beyond one's means. Be thrifty for the betterment of our families and for times of adversity. There is a lack of thrift savings but more loans are being taken out by most of our members.

#### Concern No 6 ☆

- Be more passionate about your society. Come forward willingly and do your part without having to be asked. Continually ask yourself 'What are you doing for others'

Be like our members, Ms Selvamalar Sivasubramaniam and Ms Jayanthi Arumuganathan, exponents of the Indian Classical Dance, who have done their part through a fund-raising Classical Dance performance for the Society.

Cheers for a better 2005! Let the rose flower continue to sparkle and delight one and all year by year.

Make the Society a sunrise industry; not a sunset industry.

#### Best Wishes

**R. A. Nathan, PB, PBS**

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Mr. T. Selva

Master Yuvaraj Sowma

## ADDING CHARM TO YOUR LIFE

TRC Co-op has embarked on selected talks which has added value to members.

The first of its series was on Vasthu Sastra (Indian *Feng Shui*) on 30th April 2005 at the Wedding Hall of the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple at Ceylon Road.

*Vasthu* refers to both the site on which a building is raised and to the building itself, "*Sastra*" means science. It is an ancient Indian science of architecture which assures a dweller health, prosperity, happiness, love, bliss and peace of mind.

The 170 attendees received tips on the ancient art of placement without demolishing or tearing walls of their properties from Mr T Selva and Master Yuvaraj Sowma. Mr Selva is the disciple of 7th Generation *Vasthu Sastra* Master Yuvaraj Sowma. For instance, the prayer room should be located in the North-

east and the alter place facing East. The curry-leaf plant should not be grown within your compound as it is believed it is harmful to the male child. Many more! The attendees had no regrets attending the talk as they left with time well spent, enriched with a wealth of knowledge and a brighter future.

For those who were unable to attend the talk, not to worry. Another is planned for 8th October 2005 at the same venue in the evening by popular demand. This time the focus will be on Office, Deepavali celebration and with an added flavour of Ayurveda.

So not to be disappointed, you can make your bookings early by calling Rani or Sri 63334656 between 12 Noon and 6pm on weekdays. Tickets are priced at \$10/- for members.



An attentive audience

### Compliments

### From Well Wishers

Dear Mr Nathan,  
Thank you for your kind mail. I should have met you earlier. However it's not too late to get to know such a wonderful leader. I assure you my fullest support for the Indian Community and Tamil Language thru TRCCOOP. Wish you all the best. God bless you and your family.

Thanks  
MGovindaRaju

Dear Mr Nathan,  
I wish to record my sincere appreciation to Mr Nathan and Mr Bala for organising a Vasthu Sastra talk on April 30th. I have been receiving many emails from those who attended the event for more information.

I would be delighted to do another similar event titled

Vasthu Sastra as a Business Management Tool and for Deepavali on Oct 8, one month before Deepavali.

Once again thank you for your kindness, hospitality and selfless service to mankind. May God bless you.

Best regards,  
T. Selva

### Membership Drive...

for the year 2005

Members are urged to play their part by recruiting friends and family members to join our Co-operative. The top 3 recruiters will receive at the next AGM.

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