

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE
PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2018
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6 JULY 2018

Our Events and Initiatives

Since 2016, we have organized the following events and initiatives:

S/N	Dates	Oxbridge Events and Initiatives
1	Jan-16	Fireside chat with HE Philip Green, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore
2	Feb-16	President hosted a Cambridge Alumni Advisory Board member in Singapore for discussions on deepening collaboration
3	Mar-16	Annual Oxbridge Dinner / Black Tie / at Eden Hall (residence of the British High Commissioner).
4	Mar-16	Fireside chat with Dilhan Pillay, Deputy CEO, Temasek International
5	Mar-16	President prepared short history of Oxbridge Society
6	Apr-16	Singapore launch of the Campaign for Cambridge University and Colleges. Oxbridge Society was a key supporter of this launch.
7	Apr-16	Strategic meeting between Head of the Cambridge Alumni office and Oxbridge Society Cambridge committee members
8	Apr-16	One off Special In Conversation with former President of Singapore HE S R Nathan. He was already ill but kindly obliged us.
9	May-16	Fireside chat with Professor Low Teck Seng, CEO, National Research Foundation
10	Jul-16	AGM 2016 and fireside chat with Dr Johan Saravanamuttu, Adjunct Senior Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies
11	Aug-16	Fireside chat with Abdullah Tarmugi, former Speaker of Parliament
12	Aug-16	President represented Society at Chevening Awards
13	25 Aug - 16	Oxbridge Society co-hosted the first ever Job Fair in conjunction with Cambridge University Careers Service Event, for recent graduates to meet potential employers
14	26 Aug- 16	Fireside chat with Lim Chuan Poh, Chairman, A*STAR, and former Chief of Defence,
15	27 Aug- 16	Inaugural Row for Hope Singapore Boat Race (with NCCS). Oxbridge Society contributed \$ 10,000 to NCCS and we were featured in the Straits Times. The GOH was Ng Ser Miang, Board Member of IOC

16	Sep-16	Fireside chat with Prof Sir Tom Blundell, Cambridge University, former President of the UK Science Council, a member of the team which discovered insulin, Margaret Thatcher's advisor on science policy, and current advisor to the Singapore government on science policy and research.
17	Oct-16	Fireside chat with Victoria Schofield, British biographer, author and military historian
18	Mar-17	Fireside Chat with Han Fook Kwang, Editor-at-large, Straits Times
19	Mar-17	Oxbridge Singapore Boat Club demonstration "bumps" at World Water Day event
20	Mar-17	Our Society was responsible for conceptualizing and launching a strategic collaboration between Oxford University and the Singapore government in the presence of Oxford Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor, HRH Sultanah of Johor, Minister K Shanmugam, Minister Janil Puthuchery, Singapore Head of Internal Security, Singapore head of Cyber Security and other notables.
21	Mar-17	Supported Oxford University in the first ever Oxford Alumni Weekend held in Singapore
22	Mar-17	Reception at British High Commission for HRH the Sultanah of Johore and Oxford VC
23	Mar-17	Row for Hope 2017 Singapore Boat Race (with NCCS),
24	Apr-17	Meet the Ambassador series fireside chat with HE Lui Tuck Yew, Singapore's Ambassador to Japan, and HE Kenji Shinoda, Japanese Ambassador to Singapore
25	Jul-17	Launch of Oxbridge Society Wine Club and inaugural wine tasting.
26	Jul- 17	AGM 2017, Freshers' Event and Fireside chat with Dr Finian Tan, Chairman, Vickers Venture Partners
27	Sep-17	Visit to the Cambridge Centre for Advanced Research and Education in Singapore (CARES)
28	Oct-17	Inaugural Oxbridge Singapore & Oxbridge Malaysia Putrajaya Lake Boat Race. President addressed Oxbridge Malaysia
29	Oct-17	President represented Society during the visit of HRH Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall
30	Nov-17	President represented Society at the annual Remembrance Day at Kranji. Oxbridge Society laid a wreath for our fallen alumnus who served in WW1 and WW2.
31	Nov-17	Special Keynote Fireside chat with Minister Ong Ye Kung
32	Jan-18	Inaugural S R Nathan Hard Seats Lecture with Minister Chan Chun Sing. Covered by Channel News Asia and the print media and the Society was featured on prime time television.
33	Mar-18	Fireside chat with British High Commissioner HE Scott Wightman, on Brexit.
34	Apr 18	Dinner for Professor Dame Carol Black, Principal of Newnham College Cambridge, attended by President.

35	May-18	Dinner for Professor David Yates, Warden of Robinson College Cambridge attended by President.
36	Jul-18	AGM 2018, Freshers' Event and Fireside chat with Prof Dr Nawab on Malaysian Politics

Key Programme for 2016-2018

The Inaugural Row for Hope Singapore Boat Race (with NCCS) was launched on 27 August 2016, and the second edition of Row for Hope was held on 26 March 2017. Over the two years, close to \$150,000 was raised for cancer patients and survivors.

The Inaugural S R Nathan Hard Seats Lecture with Minister Chan Chun Sing was launched on 11 January 2018. Minister Chan Chun Sing (an alumnus) spoke about the issues that irk our society and shared his views on Singapore's future, our challenges and how we can help the less fortunate.

In February 2017 the Society conceptualized and helped to develop three areas of key collaboration between Oxford University and the Singapore government, in the areas of (1) cybersecurity; (2) Islamic studies; and (3) terrorism analysis. This received the support of Ministers K Shanmugam and Janil Puthuchery, with the involvement of Singapore's Heads of Internal Security and Cybersecurity as well as the intelligence section of the British High Commission.

The Oxbridge Singapore Boat Club (OSBC) was formally launched on 19 November 2016. On 14 October 2017 OSBC participated in the inaugural Oxbridge Singapore & Oxbridge Malaysia Putrajaya Lake Boat Race, where OSBC emerged the overall champion.

The Society participated in the inaugural Singapore Career Networking Evening with Cambridge University Services on 25 August 2016.

From 2016 to 2018 the Society supported the Public Service Commission with its annual UK information session and workshop on the UK university application process.

The Society's amended Constitution received the approval of the Registrar of Societies on 18 June 2018.

New Committee Structure

With our considerable workload and commitment to keep up the new tempo of activity of the Society and our enhanced standing as a Society making a meaningful contribution to our members, the President has proposed that the Committee be restructured post AGM 2018 more like a Board of Directors with each Committee member subject to KPIs and the creation of special emphasis Sub-Committees in various key areas each chaired by a key Committee

Member. The Sub-Committees will have sufficient autonomy and specific responsibility in the respective areas and be supported by its own set of Sub-Committee Members.

As part of this effort, the following Sub-Committees are proposed :

1. Secretariat Sub-Committee
Margaret Chew (proposed Chair)
2. Finance Sub-Committee
Lien Choong Luen (proposed Chair)
Andrew Khoo (proposed Co-Chair)
3. Events Sub-Committee
Melanie Chew (proposed Chair)
4. Oxbridge Singapore Boat Club (OSBC)
Ng Yeau Chong (current and proposed Captain)
Mark Nelligan (current and proposed Vice Captain)
5. Entrepreneurship Sub-Committee
James Marshall (proposed Chair)
6. Cultural Sub-Committee
Shaw Soo Wei (proposed Chair)
7. Media Sub-Committee
Manisha Tank (proposed Chair)

The Sub-Committees' composition will be clearly presented to the Society and the Sub-Committee Members will be named on the website and they will be encouraged to attend the Main Committee meetings.

Remembering Tyler

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our beloved Committee Member Tyler Hung in October 2017.

Tyler will be remembered as larger than life, a friendly, cheerful soul, always bearing a warm smile and wanting to help, serving with dedication and purpose in whatever he did. Many of us had the opportunity to know Tyler through his enthusiastic and energetic contributions to the Society, especially his successful organizing of our popular Freshers' events and our collaboration with the British Council to help applicants prepare for their Oxbridge interviews.

Membership

We have 292 Life Members and 72 Ordinary Members as of 5 July 2018.

Secretariat

We would like to thank Sandhurst Consultancy which provides secretariat services to the Society.

Dato Paul Supramaniam
President

With input from Ng Yeau Chong, Hon Secretary