



THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rajaneesh Kurup, Head of Healthcare Strategy & GTM @ Equinix Asia-Pacific



Dear Members & Partners,

I am extremely honoured and excited to take on the responsibility as the President of AAS. AAS being the umbrella organisation representing over 200,000 Singapore based graduates from Australian Universities is a strong community with a huge potential - potential to help each other, learn from each other, collaborate and be successful together.

My journey with AAS started in 2017 as a Management Committee member and I had the opportunity to work with and learn from 2 of the most talented Presidents Mr. Christopher Cheah and Mr. Joseph Kwok. I am thankful for their support, guidance and mentorship during their terms at AAS.

Many of you have engaged with Mr. Joseph Kwok and Paul Ho in the past. They have played a significant role in the journey AAS has taken in the past years. As both Joseph and Paul are stepping down from AAS management Committee, I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to both of them for their commitment and hard work over the years. You will be thoroughly missed. Thank you for inspiring us!

COVID-19 has been tough on a lot of us but the ties that bind us together is stronger. I would also like to urge your participation and support in the upcoming events where we will have an opportunity to interact and know each other better and discuss how we can take AAS further.

Together with a team of dedicated and committed management committee, I am sure we will be able to take AAS to new heights.

Please reach out to me directly or to any of the management committee office bearers if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions.

We are at your service.

Yours Sincerely,

Rajaneesh R Kurup
#forwardtogether



AAS WELCOMES NEW PATRON

His Excellency, The Hon Will Hodgman
Australian High Commissioner to Singapore

"Honoured to be appointed patron of Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS). Over 200,000 Singaporeans have studied in Australia, including two who went on to become President of Singapore! Strong people-to-people connections are at the heart of the deep friendship between Australia and Singapore."

AAS' 2021 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WAY FORWARD, STRONGER TOGETHER



President

Mr. Rajaneesh Kurup

James Cook University
Head of Healthcare Strategy &
GTM @ Equinix Asia-Pacific



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Mr. Clarence Lee

Bond University
Managing Director at
Clarence Dynamics



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Sales Director at
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Mr. Geoff Howie

University of
Queensland
Market Strategist at
SGX

SPECIAL THANKS

Joseph Kwok & Paul Ho, who have both recently retired from AAS Management Committee after devoting time and effort to serve AAS for the past few years. We are truly grateful and would like to acknowledge both their dedication and legacy.



"Congratulations Joseph and thank you for your leadership and commitment." **Bruce Gosper**
Former AAS Patron & VP Administration and Corporate Management at ADB

"Joseph, excellent job and thank you once again for taking AAS to the next level. Now it is our role to do our very best to support the new president Raj and his team to further strengthen AAS. There is so much more AAS can achieve and promote Australian tertiary education, friendship between the peoples of our two great nations etc." **Christopher Cheah**
AAS Council of Advisors' Chairman

"Congratulations on your achievements while President Joseph. Always fantastic to work with you and AAS." **Kate Baldock**
Executive Director AustCham Singapore

"Well done Joseph, Congrats on a very fruitful and productive AAS presidency." **Philip Forrest**
Director-Honorary Treasurer at Australia-ASEAN Chamber of Commerce

AAS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

AAS Life Membership Applicants who registers via AAS.EVENTBANK.COM before 30 June 2021 will be entitled to redeem TWO bottles of wine



PALATE A chalky, structural wine that shows off the Langhorne Creek region. Leafy varietal characters work well with the plush plummy and cassis fruit. The finish is long and even, with fine tannins.



WOLF BLASS
Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz

Retailing @ SGD 68 each



PALATE Plush and lavish, yet elegant and focused, the palate offers bountiful fruit flavours with a flirtatious touch of cedary oak, hints of stony earth and fine velvety tannins.

^AAS reserves the rights to change the wines available for redemption to wines of equal or higher value, from the same country of origin. Redemption is limited to the first 30 members only.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
AND BUSINESS IN ASIA (CITBA)

30 March 2021, Tuesday | 2-3 pm

CITBA Webinar Series:

The new www:// Work, Workplace, Workforce

Summary



The pandemic has been a challenge, and a big part of 'navigating' and the future appears to be around the Digital transformation that is now in the forefront of 'traditional' banks like ours, and in the minds of our demanding customers.

Mr Sreeram Iyer
Chief Operating Officer - Institutional, ANZ



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PAST EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



AAS PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

by Joseph Kwok & Raj Kurup

Feb 19, 2021

"Great meeting Joseph and Raj from Australian Alumni Singapore, 2 of the 200,000 Singaporeans who are graduates of Australia's great universities. Since 1955, AAS has forged closer business, social and cultural links between Singapore and Australia. Strong foreign relations are as important now as they have ever been."

His Excellency, The Hon Will Hodgman - Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore & AAS Patron

AAS' FIRST CYCLING EVENT

by Clarence Lee of Clarence Dynamics

Feb 26, 2021

AAS' first cycling event was a great success. The group kicked off the ride at The Sail, ventured off to Marina Barage and ended at the Esplanade. The weather was perfect and the sunset was spectacular. It was indeed a fun and meaningful activity and we look forward to having more of such bonding yet healthy events.



CHARITY INITIATIVE

by Clarence Lee & Raj Kurup

Feb 27, 2021

AAS was privileged to partner with Bond University Singapore Alumni in their second CSR initiative for 2021. Bread and noodles were hand delivered to St. John's Home for Elderly Persons. It was a meaningful occasion to mark the end of Chinese New Year Season.

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