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TIONG BAHRU QI TIAN GONG TEMPLE

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023**





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About Us

The history of Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong (“the Temple”) dates back to 1920. It was first located in the 'taro garden', which is the present Tiong Bahru estate. The original site of the Temple is an attap hut located across Eng Hoon Street. In 1938, the Temple moved to its current location.

In 1979, in line with the Government’s plan to preserve historical buildings and monuments, the Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple Management Committee was set up to apply for retention of the Temple and its monuments. In 1985, the committee acquired ownership of the Temple after a few years of fundraising and application for permit from the Government. Towards the end of 1992, it commenced the rebuilding of the Temple by maintaining its original structural layout but with a facelift. In 1993, the Temple celebrated the completion of its reconstruction. It was also granted approval by the Government to register as a public temple.

The Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple is dedicated to the worship of the Monkey God, who is featured in the novel Journey to the West’s Monkey King 'Sun Wu Kong'. There are more than 10 monkey god statues in the Temple, the oldest of which, with nearly one hundred years of history, is also the first statue in the Temple. The Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple can be said to be the first temple in Singapore dedicated to the worship of the Monkey God.

The Monkey God who is almighty, resourceful, mercurial, brave and vigorous, able to identify true and false and helps the poor and needy, is deeply respected and loved by people of many generations. Believers worship the Monkey God hoping for his blessings and protection, eliminate bad luck, gain prosperity and longevity. Businessmen worship the Monkey God to pray for a quick mind and resourcefulness to make their business flourish.

The Monkey God of Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple has many devotees both local and overseas from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, and as far as the United States.

Vision

To be the chosen temple of worship to the Qi Tian Da Sheng for all devotees in the region.

Mission

To propagate the Taoist Doctrine and help devotees uncover their innate goodness through Qi Tian Da Sheng’s benevolence, bravery and resourcefulness.

Objects

1. To worship and perform Taoist religious rites, ceremonies and to pay homage to “Qi Tian Da Sheng”.
2. To render religious services and welfare services in accordance with the Taoist Doctrine.

Core Values

Cultivate strength, kindness, integrity and faith and living with resourcefulness, care, honesty and selflessness.



President's Message



The year, enhance governance, members who were on the Management Committee for more than 10 years decided not to seek reappointment to make way for new members to be appointed to serve on the Management Committee. As one of the newly appointed member, I am honoured and humbled to deliver this message as the President of the Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple.

In 2023, the Temple continued to render religious services and contribute to the community despite the challenging post-pandemic environment. This year, the Temple was able to organize more elaborate celebrations to celebrate the Monkey God's Birthday and the Temple's 103rd anniversary. We were also able to organize a procession of the Monkey God around the estate to offer blessings. As part of the celebrations, a total of \$41,000 was donated to seven charitable organizations and the National University of Singapore Education Fund.

With the increase in footfall to the Temple, we achieved a surplus after tax of \$263,400 for the year (2022: \$213,500). The Temple remained financially healthy with a total restricted and unrestricted fund balance of \$2,528,000 up from 2022's \$2,265,000.

As we continue to see higher footfall to the Temple, the Temple will continue to serve its devotees and the community. We look forward to reaching out to more people who need assistance in the community.

I would like to extend my appreciation to a few members of the Management Committee, who has not sought reappointment in 2023, for their hard work and commitment that helped shape the Temple over the years. In particular, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to former President Mr Goh Kim Hua, whose passion and leadership have been crucial in reorganizing the Temple to become a reputable and systematic place of worship it is today. With his wealth of experience and wise counsel, we will no doubt continue to benefit immensely from having Mr Goh remain as Temple Affairs Adviser. We would like to thank former Management Committee members, Mr Teng Chee Tong, Mr Quah Lip Hua, Mr Nah Kok Kim, Mr Ng Chwee Seng and Mdm Low Siew Gek for their invaluable service and contributions over the years they were serving on the Management Committee.

This year, we also saw the appointment of Mdm Loh Mei, Mr Tan Kee Tiok, Mr Seow Seng Hwee, Ms Ong Shaw Fen, Mr Goh Boon Huat, Mr Koh Seng Kee, Mr Koo Yew Keong and Mr Tan Kay Mong and as new members of the Management Committee. The Management Committee is delighted with their appointment and looks forward to work with the team to serve the devotees and the community.

We would like to convey our appreciation to our volunteers and staff for their selfless dedication during the year and our devotees for their long-standing unwavering support for the Temple. Most importantly, I would like to also thank our Honorary Advisers, Legal Advisers, Temple Affairs Advisers and Trustees for their invaluable advice during the year. Together, we will continue to serve our communities to the best of our abilities.

GOH BOON SIONG

President
16 June 2024



Management Committee

As at 31 December 2023, members of the Temple's Management Committee are:

Name	Designation /Date of Current Board Appointment	Occupation	Past Charity Board Appointment
Goh Boon Siong	President 25 June 2023	General Manager of M/s South West Employment Agency	
Loh Mei	Vice-President 25 June 2023	Director of M/s Wood Atelier Pte Ltd	
Tan Kee Tiok Donald	Vice-President 25 June 2023	Deputy Chief Executive Officer of SAFRA (Business Group)	
Seow Seng Hwee	Honorary Secretary 25 June 2023	Canvasser of M/s SPH Media Ltd	
Goh Boon Leong	Assistant Secretary 25 June 2023	Manager of M/s Goh Geok Kwee Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Secretary 2019 to 2022
Ho Kah Hock	Honorary Treasurer 25 June 2023	Self Employed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Member 2019, 2021 to 2022 • Honorary Treasurer 2020
Ong Shaw Fen Karen	Assistant Treasurer 25 June 2023	Financial Consultant of M/s AIA	
Ho Boon Hong Eugene	Officer-in-charge 25 June 2023	Retired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Treasurer 2021-2022
Soh Yiow Chong	Assistant Office-in-Charge 25 June 2023	Self Employed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Officer-in-Charge 2001 to 2008, 2019 to 2022

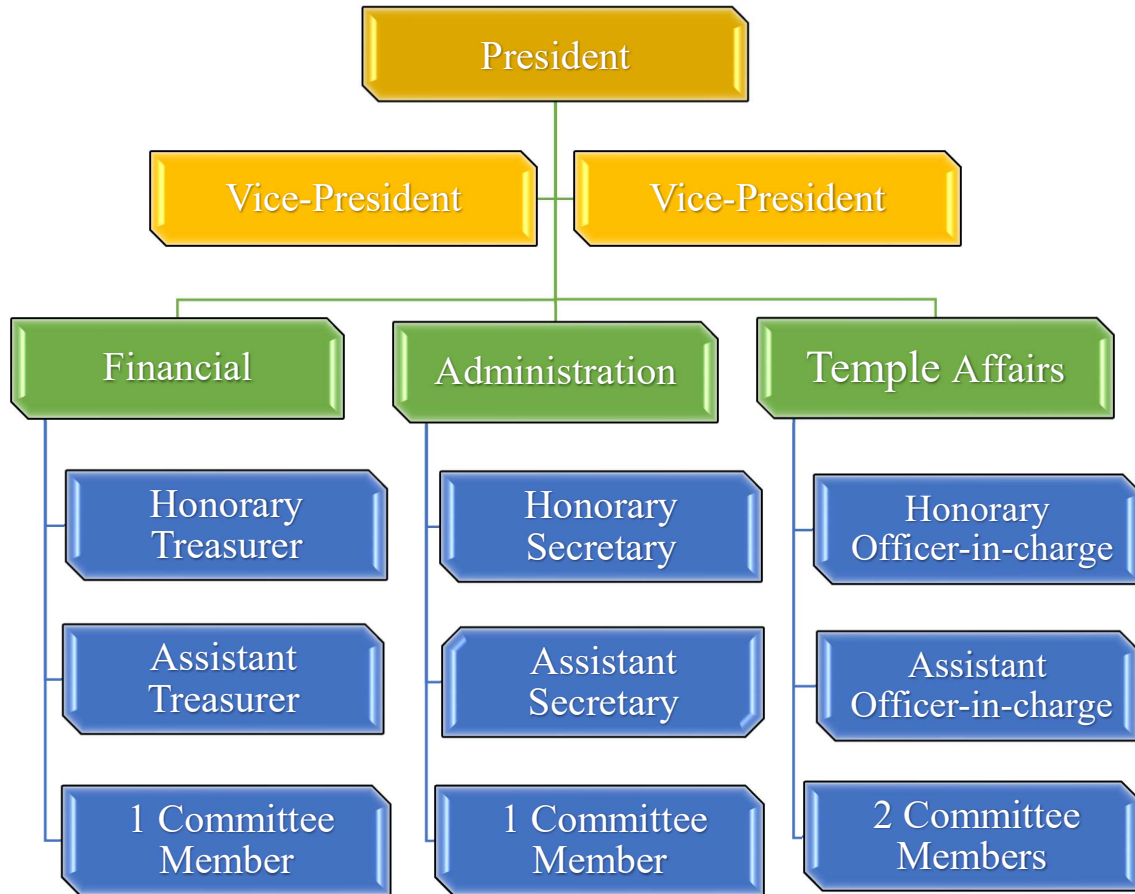


Management Committee

Name	Designation /Date of Current Board Appointment	Occupation	Past Charity Board Appointment
Goh Boon Huat	Committee Member 25 June 2023	Relationship Manager of M/s Standard Chartered Bank Singapore Ltd	
Koh Seng Kee Bradley	Committee Member 25 June 2023	Compliance Officer of M/s Citco Singapore	
Koo Yew Keong	Committee Member 25 June 2023	Sole-Proprietor of M/s Media Event Production	
Tan Kay Mong	Committee Member 25 June 2023	Hawker	



Organisation Chart





Information of the Temple

The Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple (“the Temple”) was registered as a society under the Societies Act, Chapter 311 on 22 April 1993. It was registered as a charity under the Charities Act (Chapter 37) since 30 April 1993.

The Temple is governed by its Constitution.

Information of the Temple	
Unique Entity No. (UEN)	S93SS0051A
Registered Address	44 Eng Hoon Street Singapore 169786
Bankers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Overseas Bank Ltd ▪ Sing Finance & Investment Pte Ltd ▪ Bank of China
Auditor	Tan Chan & Partners

Advisers	Designation	Year of Appointment
Mr Ch’ng Jit Koon <i>DUBC</i>	Honorary Adviser	1979
Professor Koo Tsai Kee	Honorary Adviser	1997
Mdm Tan Seow Peer <i>BBM, JP</i>	Legal Adviser	1999
Mr Chng Choong Eng <i>BBM</i>	Temple Affairs Adviser	2002
Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah	Honorary Adviser	2011
Mr Goh Kim Hua <i>PBM</i>	Temple Affairs Adviser	2023
Mr Teo Kee Bock <i>BBM (L)</i>	Patron	2023
Mr Tan Aik Hock <i>PBM</i>	Patron	2023
Mr Seah Hock Thaim	Patron	2023

Trustees	Date of Appointment
Mr Quah Lip Hua	26 April 2021
Mr Goh Boon Siong	26 April 2021

Events during the Year

Major religious rituals during the year

Date	Event
6 & 7 February 2023	Monkey God's Birthday Celebration
28 September 2023 to 2 October 2023	Monkey God's Birthday cum 103 rd Anniversary Celebration
10 October 2023	103 rd Celebration Dinner

Devotees came to the Temple to pray for blessings and prosperity on 6 and 7 February 2023 in conjunction with the Monkey God's Birthday.



On 6 February 2023, there were priests stationed at the Temple to perform cleansing rituals for devotees in the morning. In the evening, there was a procession to send off the Jade Emperor.



On 6 and 7 February, there were puppet shows sponsored by two of the Temple's devotees 江帝贤合家 and Hong Hill Pte Ltd.

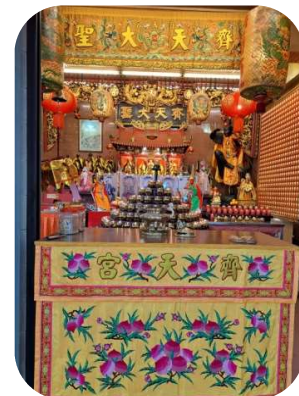
Events during the Year

As to the pandemic is over, the Temple organised more activities to celebrate this year's Monkey God's Birthday and 103rd Anniversary on 28 September to 2 October 2023. The celebrations culminated with a Celebration Dinner held on 10 October 2023 at Summer Garden Restaurant.

On 28 and 29 September, we invited the Teochew “云南善堂” to offer prayers at the Temple.



On 30 September, there were the usual prayers by priests in the morning and lion, dragon and kirin performance in the afternoon as well as puppet show in the afternoon and evening.



Events during the Year

On 1 October 2024, there was a procession of the Monkey God to offer blessings (“齐天大圣出巡游景赐福”). The procession, which included more than 10 other troupes, namely, “潮州锣鼓队”, “福建锣鼓队”, “祥龙”, “瑞狮”, “北狮”, “青狮”, “麒麟”, “高跷队”, “神仙鱼”, “太子爷神将队”, “花车”, etc moved from the Temple to “玉皇殿” at Havelock Road, then Lower Delta Road and Jalan Bukit Merah to “金兰庙” at Jalan Membina. After which, the procession travelled round Tiong Bahru before returning to the Temple.



On 30 September to 2 October 2024, there were puppet shows sponsored by our President Goh Boon Siong and the Temple’s devotee Hong Hill Pte Ltd.

Events during the Year

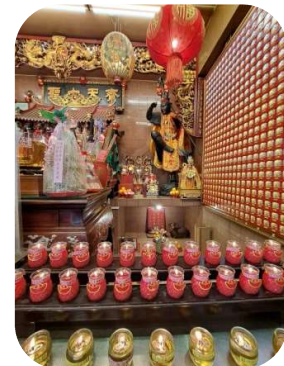
The Temple's 103rd Anniversary Dinner was held on 10th October 2023 at SAFRA Mount Faber Summer Garden Restaurant. The Temple also donated a total of \$41,000 to 7 charitable organisations as well as an education fund during the event.



Other Services

The Temple offers prayer for Tai Sui (太岁) during the Chinese New Year period for devotees to pray for protection and blessings from Tai Sui.

During the year, the Temple also offers (补运) services for devotees to pray for enhancing their luck and (点开运灯) for devotees to pray for luck to begin.





Community Services and Charitable Activities

Each year, the Temple sets aside some of its funds for charitable causes. Besides its religious duties, the Temple wants to play a role in helping the disadvantaged and those in need regardless of race or religion.

To celebrate the Monkey God's Birthday and the Temple's 103rd Anniversary, the Temple donated a total of \$41,000 to the following charitable organisations/education fund:

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| 1. Sian Chay Medical Institution | \$20,000 |
| 2. Singapore Thong Chai Medical Institution | \$ 3,000 |
| 3. Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution | \$ 3,000 |
| 4. Metta Welfare Association | \$ 3,000 |
| 5. Public Free Clinic Society | \$ 3,000 |
| 6. Kwan-In Welfare Society | \$ 3,000 |
| 7. Singapore Red Cross | \$ 3,000 |
| 8. National University of Singapore Education Fund | \$ 3,000 |





Acknowledgements

The Management Committee would like to place on record its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals for their guidance, advice and support:

Honorary Adviser

- Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah
- Professor Koo Tsai Kee
- Mr Ch'ng Jit Koon *DUBC*

Legal Adviser

- Mdm Tan Seow Peer *BBM, JP*

Temple Affairs Adviser

- Mr Chng Choong Eng *BBM*
- Mr Goh Kim Hua *PBM*

The Management Committee would like to thank Mr Goh Kim Hua, Mr Teng Chee Tong, Mr Quah Lip Hua, Mr Nah Kok Kim, Mr Ng Chwee Seng and Mdm Low Siew Gek who have not seek re-appointment to the Management Committee at the last Annual General Meeting, for their dedicated service to the Temple all these years. We would also like to welcome Mdm Loh Mei, Mr Tan Kee Tiok, Mr Seow Seng Hwee, Ms Ong Shaw Fan, Mr Goh Boon Huat, Mr Koh Seng Kee, Mr Koo Yew Keong and Mr Tan Kay Mong who joined the Management Committee with effect from the last Annual General Meeting.

We would also like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all devotees and donors for their steadfast support during the year. Our religious events and community services would not have been possible without the continued contribution from all our supporters.



Treasurer's Report

Review of income and cost during the year

Income

	Unrestricted fund 2023 \$	Restricted fund 2023 \$	Total funds 2023 \$	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total funds 2022 \$
<i>Donations from members and devotees</i>	591,809	39,815	631,214	411,683	38,801	450,484
<i>Interest income from fixed deposit</i>	59,404	-	59,404	5,677	-	5,677
<i>Miscellaneous income</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	651,213	39,815	691,028	417,360	38,801	456,161

This year, the Temple celebrated its 103rd Anniversary with a dinner held on 10th October 2023 at SAFRA Mount Faber Summer Garden Restaurant. The receipts from the auction of auspicious items during the dinner resulted in the increased income for the current year.

Costs of Generating Funds

	Unrestricted fund 2023 \$	Restricted fund 2023 \$	Total funds 2023 \$	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total funds 2022 \$
<i>Chinese opera-performance</i>	31,314	20,000	51,314	8,366	-	8,366
<i>Donations</i>	-	41,000	41,000	-	23,000	23,000
<i>Procession</i>	39,135	-	39,135	-	-	-
<i>Hire of electrical equipment, chairs, tables and equipment</i>	16,996	-	16,996	7,500	-	7,500
<i>Licence fee</i>	995	-	995	589	-	589
<i>Monkey God's Birthday celebration expenses</i>	88,893	-	88,893	30,231	-	30,231
<i>Worshiping materials & "auctioned" goods</i>	52,769	-	52,769	27,555	-	27,555
	230,102	61,000	291,102	74,241	23,000	97,241



Treasurer's Report

Costs of Generating Funds (Cont'd)

This year, the Temple added another 2 days of celebration of the Monkey God's Birthday cum anniversary celebration in October, the prayer ceremony by a Teochew Siang T'ng, the procession by the Monkey God offering blessings as well as the anniversary dinner resulted in the overall higher cost of generating funds.

Governance and Administrative Expenses

	Unrestricted fund 2023 \$	Restricted fund 2023 \$	Total funds 2023 \$	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$ (Restated)	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total funds 2022 \$ (Restated)
<i>Advertisement</i>	2,527	-	2,527	-	-	-
<i>Audit Fee</i>	3,300	-	3,300	2,700	-	2,700
<i>Bank charges</i>	253	-	253	252	-	252
<i>Book-keeping expenses</i>	22,000	-	22,000	21,000	-	21,000
<i>CPF</i>	6,408	-	6,408	6,727	-	6,727
<i>Covid-19 expenses</i>	600	-	600	3,681	-	3,681
<i>Depreciation of property, plant and equipment</i>	5,398	15,435	20,833	7,248	15,435	22,683
<i>Display of props, sculpture & souvenirs</i>	-	-	-	914	-	914
<i>Entertainment & condolence</i>	4,060	-	4,060	4,800	-	4,800
<i>Festive expenses</i>	4,300	-	4,300	5,000	-	5,000
<i>General expenses</i>	2,486	-	2,486	2,607	-	2,607
<i>Insurance premium</i>	3,199	-	3,199	3,066	-	3,066
<i>Maintenance of Temple</i>	3,285	-	3,285	5,735	-	5,735
<i>Postage</i>	60	-	60	247	-	247
<i>Professional Fee</i>	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
<i>Refreshment</i>	564	-	564	390	-	390
<i>Balance b/f</i>	59,640	15,435	75,075	60,517	15,435	75,952



Treasurer's Report

Governance and Administrative Expenses (Cont'd)

	Unrestricted fund 2023 \$	Restricted fund 2023 \$	Total Funds 2023 \$	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$ (Restated)	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total Funds 2022 \$ (Restated)
<i>Balance c/f</i>	59,640	15,435	75,075	60,517	15,435	75,952
<i>Salary & bonus</i>	51,050	-	51,050	53,826	-	53,826
<i>Stationery & printing</i>	2,149	-	2,149	2,567	-	2,567
<i>Telephone & internet</i>	1,719	-	1,719	1,707	-	1,707
<i>Transport charge</i>	100	-	100	250	-	250
<i>Water & electricity</i>	6,450	-	6,450	6,028	-	6,028
	121,108	15,435	136,543	129,945	15,435	145,380

The reduction in governance and administrative expenses was mainly attributable to the reduction of salary cost arising from the reduction of staff working days from 5.5 day work week to 4 day work week.



Governance

Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple adopts and complies with the Code of Governance for Charities.

If the Temple at any time acquires any immovable property, such property shall be vested with the Trustees.

The duties of the Management Committee are to organise and supervise the daily activities of the temple.

The names and designation of the members of the Management Committee is set out in the section “Management Committee” of this report.

There were three Management Committee meeting and an Annual General Meeting held during the financial year. The attendance of the Management Committee members at the meetings were as follows:

Names of members	Management Committee Meeting % of attendances	Annual General Meeting % of attendances
<i>Goh Boon Siong</i>	100%	100%
<i>Luo Mei</i>	0%	100%
<i>Tan Kee Tiok Donald</i>	66%	100%
<i>Seow Seng Hwee</i>	33%	100%
<i>Goh Boon Leong</i>	100%	100%
<i>Ho Kah Hock</i>	66%	100%
<i>Ong Shaw Fen Karen</i>	33%	0%
<i>Ho Boon Hong Eugene</i>	100%	100%
<i>Soh Yiow Chong</i>	100%	0%
<i>Goh Boon Huat</i>	33%	100%
<i>Koh Kee Seng Bradley</i>	33%	100%
<i>Koo Yew Keong</i>	33%	0%
<i>Tan Kay Mong</i>	100%	0%
<i>Goh Kim Hua</i>	33%	100%
<i>Teng Chee Tong</i>	0%	0%
<i>Quah Lip Hua</i>	100%	100%
<i>Nah Kok Kim</i>	33%	0%
<i>Ng Chwee Seng</i>	0%	100%
<i>Low Siew Gek</i>	0%	0%

The term of office of each member of the Management Committee is two years. All office-bearers of the Management Committee except the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Assistant Treasurer may be re-elected to the same or related post for a consecutive term of office.



Governance

As at 31 December 2023, none of the members of the Management Committee have served more than 10 consecutively years:

The Management Committee has powers to authorize the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$5,000 per month from the Temple's funds for the Temple's expenses.

The Temple has the following restricted funds:

Fund Name	Balance as at 31 December 2023	Purpose of the fund
Building fund	\$4,495	To finance the expansion and renovation of the temple building.
Asset capitalisation reserve	\$92,610	To monitor the depreciation expenses of the renovation capitalised using the restricted funds.
100 th anniversary fund	\$0.00	To finance the celebrative events of the Temple in 2020. The event was held and the fund was utilised during the year.
Charity fund	\$501,658	To assist the needy and society.

Funds Management

Temple's reserves position:

	2023 \$	31.12.2022 \$ (Restated)
(A) General/Unrestricted Funds (Reserves)	1,929,418	1,629,415
Restricted funds:		
• Building fund	4,495	4,495
• Asset capitalisation reserve	92,610	108,045
• 100 th anniversary fund	0	20,000
• Charity fund	501,658	502,843
(B) Annual Operating Expenditure	351,210	204,186
Ratio of Reserves [Formula of Reserve Ratio = (A)/(B)]	5.49	7.98



Governance

The primary objective of the Temple's fund management is to ensure that the donations from devotees and other sources are properly managed and used to support its operations. The Temple's ratio of reserves to annual operating expenditure is in a healthy position. The Temple manages its fund structure and make adjustment to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. No changes were made to the objectives, policies or processes during the year. The reserve level is reviewed yearly by the Management Committee to ensure that the reserves are adequate to fulfil the Temple's continuing obligations.

- Building Fund: There were no movements in the reserve during the year.
- Asset capitalization reserve: The reduction during the year relates to depreciation expense.
- 100th anniversary fund: The event was held and the fund was utilised during the year.
- Charity fund: Devotees donated \$39,815 to the Temple during the year. The Temple donated \$41,000 during the year.

Conflict of Interest Policy

All members of the Management Committee and staff are required to comply with the Temple's conflict of interest policy. Members of the Management Committee also abstain and do not participate in decision-making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.

Whistle-blowing Policy

Any members of the public who have concerns about possible wrong-doing or improprieties in financial or other matters within the Temple can feedback in writing and drop it in a safe provided at the Temple.



The Year Ahead

Although Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures have been lifted by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce, the Temple will remain vigilant and be ready to put in place safe management measures at short notice should the situation worsens to protect the public. Meanwhile, we will continue to donate generously to charitable organisations and the needy in the estate.



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