



A year of new records. Since the last Annual Report in June 2006, much has been achieved at the Dyslexia Association of Singapore. Many records were set during the calendar year 2006. We conducted a record 44 awareness talks and activities in pre-schools, MOE schools and communal organizations. A new high of 535 psychological assessments were conducted for pre-school, primary and secondary school students. Enrolment on the DAS Learning Programme in our four learning centres reached 888 students in October 2006 and is 970 as of August 2007. 629 parents, teachers and educational professionals attended the various training courses in dyslexia conducted by the DAS, again a record for a calendar year. I understand that the number of our clients and activities for the calendar year 2007 is set to exceed the previous year. I am delighted that DAS services are benefiting more and more dyslexic children and those who care for them. I would like to thank the staff of the DAS, led ably by Executive Director Mr Robin Moseley, for their initiative and hard work.

The achievements of the DAS would not have been possible without the support of the Singapore government, our generous donors and supporters. My gratitude to the Minister of State for Education and Manpower, Mr Gan Kim Yong, for taking time off his busy schedule to attend our Student Graduation and Achievement Awards Ceremony on 31 December 2006. By presenting the student's certificates, he gave immense encouragement to these young dyslexics. Mr Gan was also our guest of honour at the DAS Certificate Presentation Ceremony for MOE's Special Needs Officers on 1 October 2007. The first two cohorts of 47 SNOs completed their dyslexia specialist training with the DAS in August 2007 and Mr Gan's presence was a great expression of the government's commitment to dyslexic students in MOE schools.

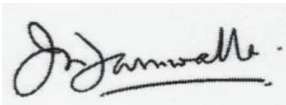
I would also like to express my deep appreciation to Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Minister of State for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Manpower, for their support of our proposed new learning centres in Jurong East and Woodlands respectively. With approval obtained from MOE and the Housing Development Board, these two new centres in HDB void decks are expected to be ready in 2008.

Our special thanks to Mr Jimmy Doctor who volunteered his services as consultant to the renovation our Bishan Learning Centre in June 2007. The renovation would also not have been possible without the kind donation of \$350,000 by the Lee Foundation. In addition, the Lee Foundation has generously donated another \$350,000 to help DAS set up our fifth learning centre in Jurong East. The Rotary Club of Raffles City was also tremendous in their support raising \$124,100 via their Charity Golf Tournament in July 2006. The club also sponsored the DAS Childrens' Art Competition in November 2006. Other generous donors since July 2006 include MM Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore Telecommunications Ltd, the Credit Suisse Group, Mr Loh Boon Chye, Sembawang Corporation, Trustees of Isaac Manasseh Meyer Trust Fund, Deutsche Bank, Trustees of the Grace, Shua & Jacob Ballas Charitable Trust and the Singapore Island Country Club. On behalf of the dyslexic children we serve – we thank you all !

I am also grateful to motor racing legend Sir Jackie Stewart for visiting the DAS on 4 April 2007 when he was in Singapore. Sir Jackie's three World Formula I Championships were indeed impressive. However, it was his accomplishments in business and in life despite being a dyslexic that touched our hearts. Sir Jackie had performed poorly in school but with hard work and inspiration, he demonstrated that a dyslexic can nonetheless achieve great things. We hope that all our dyslexic students will take Sir Jackie as their example and strive to be the best they can be in life.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mr Derek McCully and Mdm Yat Swee Eng who are stepping down as DAS Executive Committee members as a result of their work commitments. Volunteering their time, money and professional expertise, Mr McCully's staunch support of the DAS since 1994 and Mdm Yat's outstanding contributions to our Parents' Group are deeply appreciated. We hope Mr McCully and Mdm Yat will be able to rejoin the Executive Committee in the near future.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to highlight the gracious support of our Patron Mrs Goh Chok Tong and our Advisor, Dr Lee Wei Ling, without whom the DAS could not have developed into the large multi-service organization for dyslexics it is today.



**Dr Jimmy Daruwalla
President
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