



STAYING FOCUSED

2009 was a difficult year for DSS; we were hit hard by the financial crisis and its slow economic recovery. Nevertheless, DSS remained active, launching new programs and even stepping up its outreach activities.

We kept our focus firmly on our objective – and that is to promote diabetes awareness and provide care for persons with diabetes. Our most heartening news of 2009 was the deployment of mobile clinic in the heartland, which has gained much popularity among the residents and patients. The mobile service has screened almost 900 people since April last year. Several people had been detected with diabetes and some already with diabetes discovered that their condition had deteriorated without their knowledge.

The Lions Diabetes Program, a partnership between DSS and the Lions Club Singapore, will for the next two years help to extend our health screening services. More residents will benefit from the subsidised screening fee, with much thanks to the Lions Club International Foundation.

We hope to run more outreach activities in the heartlands with the cooperation of local grassroots organisations and Community Development Councils. We will continue to

organise more programs, workshops and public forums for our members and the public, and invite speakers from institutional and medical associations as well as medical professionals to share their knowledge of new hardware technology and give advice on diet and stress management.

We would like to urge the Ministry of Health to streamline the relevant government agencies and private VWOs to prevent duplication and resource wastage. The savings could eventually translate into lower medical costs, and fulfill the “Healthy for All” objective.

As we enter a fresh new year, we must never forget those who have been faithful. I would like to thank our members, management committee, donors, volunteers, staff for your continued support and encouragement. Best wishes to all for 2010. Cheers!

Yong Chiang Boon
President, DSS



Dear Members

Diabetic Society of Singapore's 39th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 17 April 2010. Members are required to elect members to sit on its new Management Committee for a term of two years.

We invite members who have the passion and are able to commit their time to serve on the DSS Management Committee to send a detailed resume to us for verification. Kindly email to george@diabetes.org.sg or mail to our headquarters at Blk 141, Bedok Reservoir Road, #01-1529, Singapore 470141 (please mark “Private & Confidential” on the envelope).