



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen

I would like to update you on the progress of the formation of the Working Group (WG) and also to address some of the comments and suggestions that have been brought up to the SJIOBA ExCo's attention.

Firstly, the formation of the WG is almost complete. Over the next few days, I will personally call on all who have been nominated as well as those who have submitted their names for consideration. We should be ready with the final list by next week. Just to reiterate, we are looking to populate the WG with Old Boys from different cohorts and occupational backgrounds and are also keen to include those who are familiar with the evolving education landscape and have different perspectives to offer. This WG will be as diverse as can be and will comprise Josephians from Bras Basah as well as Malcolm Road campus - who know whom to ask and where to seek information to address the issues related to making SJI a school of choice, brought up during the last AGM. For effectiveness, we think the WG should have 15 members but are open to a slightly larger group.

Secondly, there are comments that the ExCo has taken too long to form the WG. I would like to assure you that this is not a case of foot dragging by the ExCo. We are as keen as you are to form the WG and get the study going. However, we decided against rushing the process as we wanted to make sure that the study is properly scoped out and that the composition of WG is balanced and representative. We have also been talking to various people to identify a suitable chairman for the WG. Unfortunately, I have also been busy with my daytime work during this period of time. I take full responsibility for the delay and sincerely apologise for the anguish and frustration this may have caused some of you.

Thirdly, we would like to assure you that the ExCo will be compiling all your comments and feedback and bring them to the attention of the WG. In addition, to clarify the roles of the WG and the scope of the study as well as to receive any additional inputs you may have for the WG, the ExCo will be hosting a forum with old boys at SJI Malcolm Road on Friday 21 May at 7 pm. Please send an email to me (president@sjioa.com) if you would like to participate in the dialogue, so as to enable planning of venue and logistics.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting with you

Ora et Labora

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President SJIOBA