

Milestones of the Toastmasters Movement in Singapore

1957

Woo Tih Sien of Singapore visited the Hong Kong TMC.

The first Toastmasters Club in Singapore was formed: "Pioneer Chapter 2396" by Woo Tih Sien.

1959

Pioneer Chapter 2396 had its last meeting.

1967

Toastmasters Club of Singapore was formed. Charter member, Ling Lee Hwa, has been with the club since then. He is probably the longest serving toastmaster in Singapore.

1977

Lion City TMC was formed.

1984

SIM TMC was chartered.

SIA TMC was established.

1987

SIM II TMC was founded.

1988

The Singapore Federation of Toastmasters Clubs (SFTC) was formed. Clubs were represented by the presidents of various Toastmasters clubs in Singapore.

The first Toastmasters Club based in a Community Centre (CC) was formed: Thomson TMC. Charter President: Ernest Chen.

1989

NOL TMC was formed.

1990 - The second and third CC-based Toastmasters Clubs were formed: Cheng

San TMC, and Braddell Heights TMC respectively. Marketing Institute of Singapore (MIS) TMC was also chartered. There were only ten TMCs in Singapore in total.

1990

The first PANSEA Speakers Convention was held in Kuala Lumpur, with club officers from Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia in attendance.

The President of SFTC, Dr. Foo Say Wei, obtained permission from World HQ to form Mandarin clubs. A Chinese translation of the basic manual was obtained from Hong Kong by Ernest Chen. It was adapted for local use.

1991

Official status given to the PANSEA Territorial Council, the forerunner of District 51, with clubs in Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Clubs in Thailand joined the Council later in that year.

The first Mandarin TMC in the world was formed: Thomson Mandarin TMC.

Nee Ann Polytechnic TMC, and Institution of Engineers of Singapore (IES) TMC were formed.

1992

The following TMCs were chartered: Bukit Barok, Toa Payoh South, SIM Mandarin, NUS Alumni, Civil Service College, NUS, and Orchard.

1993

World HQ granted permission to form a provisional district: District 51-P.

Kelvin Ong, a veteran toastmaster from Singapore, became its first District Governor, for the term 1993-94. Division S, comprising all the clubs in Singapore, was established. Lim Yen Lan, then a CTM, was the first Division S Governor.

1993

Tampines Changkat TMC, and Serangoon Gardens TMC, were formed.

1994

Augustine Lee and Lim Yen Lan, both from Singapore, became the Lt. Governor Education and Training, and Lt. Governor Marketing respectively for the term 1994-95.

Sean Kuan Thye became the 2nd Division S Governor (1994-95).

Siglap South TMC was chartered.

1995

Augustine Lee became the third Provisional District 51 Governor (1995-96). One of his focuses was to eradicate the "pass/fail" evaluation practice prevalent then.

Due to rapid growth, two new divisions were created in Singapore: Division B, and Division D. Some clubs in Division S were aligned to the two new divisions. Aileen Tan became the first Division B Governor, Christopher Teo the first Division D Governor, and Leslie Yong the third Division S Governor for term 1995-96.

Hainan Hwee Kuan TMC, and Chua Chu Kang TMC, were chartered.

1996

District 51 was given full district status. Singapore was part of this district.

NTUC Income TMC, NTUC Income Mandarin TMC, and Eunus TMC, were formed.

Aileen Tan and Christopher Teo stayed on as division governors for another term (1996-97). Henry Soh became the fourth Division S Governor.

1997

The first District Humorous Speech Contest was held at the KL Semi-annual Convention.

Braddell Heights TMC became the first club in District 51 and Singapore, to be inducted into the International Hall of Fame, Toastmasters International. It was among the top five clubs in the world, in its category.

Aziz Mustajab became the 3rd Division B Governor, Lilian Lau the 3rd Division D Governor, and Gea Ban Peng the 5th Division S Governor (term 1997-98).

1998

The first District Evaluation Contest showcase was held at the Penang Semi-annual Convention.

Gea Ban Peng (Braddell Heights TMC) was awarded District 51 Division Governor of the Year (term 1997-98).

Christopher Teo of NOL Toastmasters Club became the Lt. Governor Marketing (1998-99).

Irene Lim became the 4th Division B Governor, Anthony Leong the 4th Division D Governor, and Ernest Chen the 6th Division S Governor (term 1998-99).

Stanis Benjamin (LUA TMC) was the Champion of the District Humorous Speech Contest.

1999

The first District Table Topics Contest showcase was held at the Singapore Annual Convention.

Christopher Teo became the Lt. Governor Education and Training. Lilian Lau, of Tanglin Toastmasters Club (and others) became the Lt. Governor Marketing (1999-2000).

Clara Chang became the 5th Division B Governor, Lynn Desker the 5th Division D Governor, Michael Wee the 7th Division S Governor (term 1999-2000).

The first District Evaluation Contest was held. Lim Li Li of Singapore's CPA Advanced TMC, was the District Champion.

Division M, comprising Mandarin clubs in Singapore and Malaysia, was formed. Michael Lee of Thomson Mandarin TMC was the first Division Governor (1999-2000).

Ernest Chen (Thomson TMC) was the District 51 Division Governor of the Year, and Patrick Oei (Leng Kee/Orchard TMC) was the District 51 Toastmaster of the Year (1998-99).

LUA TMC ranked world number one, and Leng Kee TMC ranked world number two, and Braddell Heights II TMC ranked world number five, in their respective categories. All 3 clubs were inducted into the International Hall of Fame, Toastmasters International.

2000

Augustine Lee of Lion City TMC was elected International Director, for the term 2000-2002. He was the first member from Singapore and District 51 to do so.

Christopher Teo and Lilian Lau became the District Governor and Lt. Governor Education and Training respectively, for term 2000-2001.

Patrick Oei became the 6th Division B Governor, Rosean Neilsen the 6th Division D Governor, and Zenobia Aspar the 8th Division S Governor (term 2000-2001).

The first District 51 Table Topics Contest was held. Stanis Benjamin (LUA TMC) was 1st Runner-up of the District International Speech Contest.

2000

Michael Wee was the District 51 Division Governor of the Year (1999-2000).

James Leong (Brilliant Advanced TMC) was the Champion at the District Humorous Speech Contest. Gea Ban Peng (Braddell Heights Advanced TMC) was the 1st Runner up.

Zhou of Bedok Library TMC was the 1st Runner-up at the District Mandarin Humorous Speech Session. Yak King Chuan of Hong Kah East (now Jurong Green) Mandarin TMC, and Wong Swee Yah of SIM Mandarin TMC, won the Championship and 1st Runner-up, respectively, at the District Mandarin Evaluation Session.

2001

Christopher Teo led District 51 to become the world number one district in the world. This was the third time in a row that District 51 was the top district. He led the District to win the Excellence in Leadership Award, the President's 20+ Award, and the President's Extension Award, from World HQ, for term 2000-2001.

Lilian Lau won the Excellence in Education & Training Award from World HQ, for term 2000-2001.

Chua Chu Kang TMC received the Top 5 Membership Campaign Award from World HQ.

Lilian Lau became the District Governor, for term 2001-2002.

Richard Sng became the 7th Division B Governor, Helen Lee the 7th Division D Governor, and Kan Kin Fung the 9th Division S Governor, and Cynthia Chan the 3rd Division M Governor, for term 2001-02.

The first Tamil club in the world, the Singapore Tamil TMC was formed.

Apelles Poh (LUA II TMC) was 1st Runner-up, and Thomas Lee (Chua Chu Kang TMC) was 2nd Runner-up, at the District International Speech Contest. Stuart Tan (Brilliant Advanced TMC) was the 1st Runner-up at the District Table Topics Contest.

Zhang of SIM Mandarin TMC won the Championship, and Lau Fock Siong of Thomson Mandarin TMC won the 2nd Runner-up, at the District Mandarin Table Topics Session. Zhang also won the 1st Runner-up at the District Mandarin International Speech Session.

Dayal Khemlani (SRC TMC) won the Championship, and Cheng Suan Soon (Braddell Heights Advanced TMC) was the 1st Runner-up, at the District Humorous Speech Contest. Chong Nen Sing (SIM Mandarin) won the District Mandarin Humorous Speech Session.

2002

District 51 again clinched the world number one position, for the fourth time

in a row, under the leadership of Lilian Lau. She led the District to win the Excellence in Leadership Award, the President's 20+ Award, and the President's Extension Award, for 2001-02.

Rhapsody, the newsletter of Queenstown TMC, was awarded the Top 10 Club Newsletters by World HQ. Editor: Sim Yi Chen.

Chua Chu Kang TMC and Tiong Bahru (now Telok Blangah) TMC were awarded the Top 5 Club Membership Campaigns, by World HQ.

Ramesh Muthusamy (Raintree TMC) won the Championship, and Ng Seng Chuan (Lion City TMC) won the 2nd Runner-up, at the District International Speech Contest. Ong Swee Koon (Thomson Mandarin TMC) won the Championship at the District Mandarin International Speech Session.

The 10th District 51 Semi-annual Convention was held in Singapore.

The first Malay-language club in Singapore was founded: Kelab Pidato Pertama Singapura (NSE). Charter President: Seh Ellis.

Representing District 51, Ramesh Muthusamy (Raintree TMC) won the 1st Runner-up at the Inter-District International Speech Contest, at San Antonio, Texas, USA. He was the first Singaporean to do so.

Kan Kin Fung was the District 51 Division Governor of the Year, and Josephine Lee was the District 51 Toastmaster of the Year, for 2001-02.

Due to the fast club growth, Division M became two divisions. Mandarin

华语国际讲演会的缘起

国际讲演会源自于拥有79年历史，闻名美国加州的国际讲演会 (Toastmasters International)，沿用国际讲演会所提供的一系列实习教材与指南，让会员在友好与和谐的气氛中体验演讲艺术。

目前，这个闻名全世界的国际讲演会在世界各地有超过八千多个分会，而华语国际讲演会如雨后春笋般在各地各区迅速萌芽成长，今天的华语国际讲演会形成了一股锐不可挡的力量，是一支强大的队伍。

随着华语国际讲演会的声势日益壮大，以华语为媒介语的讲演会组织，在51区域第三届1995年泛东南亚全大会中，开拓了先机，掀开历史性的下一页，华语国际讲演会终于在英语源流为主导的区域大会中进行各项活动。除此之外，在全年区域会议中亦获得认同，成功争取到正式成立国际讲演会51区域华语翻译委员会。

在51区域第六届1998全大会中，华语国际讲演会又跨前了一步。我们又成功争取到一个纯华语的M区组织，由西马与新加坡合并而成。

由于新加坡的华语讲演会蓬勃发展，在2002年7月1日成立了属于新加坡的“L”区华语讲演会，共有120多位会员与来宾见证了这历史性的一刻 - “L区成立典礼”。

Patricia Lum the 11th Division S Governor, and Josephine Lee the 2nd Division Z Governor, for term 2003-04.

Chay Wen Liang (Telok Blangah TMC) was the 1st Runner-up at the District Table Topics Contest.

The first Division L Annual Conference was held.

Gea Ban Peng led the marketing team in the District, to win the President's Extension Award, from World HQ, for term 2002-03.

World HQ approved the request by District 51 to become two districts, effective July 1, 2004. Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Macau would be in one district. Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei would be in another.

Gea Ban Peng became the District 51 Associate Lt. Governor Education and Training, and Patrick Oei the District 51 Lt. Governor Marketing, for term 2003-04.

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clubs in Singapore would be aligned to a new division, Division L. Mandarin clubs in West Malaysia remained in Division M. The 1st Division L Governor was Wong Jian Bing (Thomson Mandarin TMC), for term 2002-03.

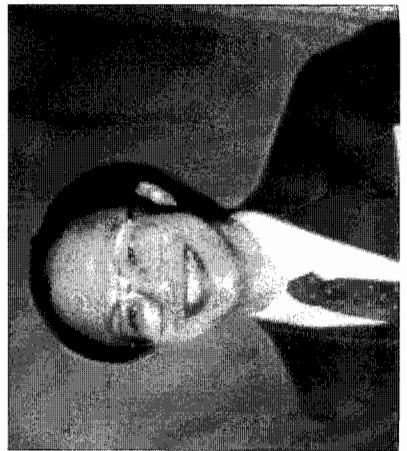
Division B also became two divisions. A new division, Division Z, was formed. The 1st Division Z Governor was Wekie Tay (NUS and Telok Blangah TMCs), for term 2002-03.

A.P. Lim became the 8th Division B Governor, Susan Wong the 8th Division D Governor, and Stanis Benjamin the 10th Division S Governor, for term 2002-03.

Stuart Tan (Brilliant Advanced TMC) won the Championship, and Ng Kwan Kiat (Yew Tee TMC) won the 1st Runner-up, at the District Evaluation Contest.

2003

Chew Ban Seng became the 9th Division B Governor, Michael Rodrigues the 9th Division D Governor, Er King Boey the 2nd Division L Governor,



Kan Kin Fung, DTM, was inducted into the International Hall of Fame, Toastmasters International, in 2002. A past division governor, and a past president of Leng Kee Toastmasters Club, he has helped many lives to be transformed by the movement. He has written articles on leadership and communication, in local and regional publications.

