

REPORT BY IATSS SINGAPORE ALUMNI 7th INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI MEETING

About IATSS Singapore Alumni

The IATSS Singapore Alumni is founded in 1988. As at April 2013, the IATSS Singapore Alumni has 75 members.

Assessment of Singapore Alumni's Current Performance

The Singapore Alumni has been more active since May 2011 with the following achievements:

- Formed the Singapore IATSS Alumni 3rd Executive Committee on 18 May 2011
- Established a group "IATSS Alumni – Singapore" in Facebook
- Hosting dinners when IATSS visitors visited Singapore to encourage networking between them and the Singapore alumni members
- Helping to orientate new participants to prepare them for the IATSS program in Japan each year.
- Organizing casual dinner meet-ups for alumni members networking



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Alumni Dinner with visitors from Japan – November 2011

Solutions for Dealing with Existing Challenges faced by the Singapore Alumni

Difficulties in getting alumni members to participate in alumni events

- To hold more regular gatherings, such as quarterly gatherings, to encourage members to stay in touch.
- To hold gatherings during festive period, such as Christmas and New Year, for group celebration.
- To use the existing IATSS Alumni – Singapore Facebook group more actively to share news updates of alumni members and news of visits by IATSS visitors or other countries' alumni members to Singapore



Alumni Members Networking Dinner
February 2013

Recommendations to make IATSS Program abreast of New Dynamics in Singapore

- IATSS Forum can consider establishing Common Interests Groups to promote more focused networking and cooperation among alumni members from the different countries. For example, the following interest groups can be set up:
 - IATSS Alumni Entrepreneurs in Business Services Group
 - IATSS Alumni Entrepreneurs in Manufacturing Industry
 - IATSS Alumni in Government Services
 - IATSS Alumni Travel Enthusiasts Group

- If any income/profit is made from the Common Interests Groups due to alumni members' cooperation, alumni members are encouraged to contribute a certain percentage of the income/profit to support IATSS alumni projects in members' countries.

- To plan and coordinate overseas trips for alumni members to an ASEAN country or Japan to maintain close relationships among local members, as well as with other alumni associations every 2 to 3 years.

- IATSS Forum can also set up a common site (e.g. Facebook page) where all alumni associations can provide their latest alumni updates on a regular basis, with links to their blog or other online groups.

- All IATSS alumni members from different countries can join the common site to include possible business/career opportunities offered by members from each country for increased collaboration opportunities.

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