



# President's Message

In this message I would like to address the issue of our society's continued well-being. On Dec 7, your Executive Committee held a half-day strategic planning meeting to map out a strategy to help our society move forward and enhance our stakeholders' long-term value. Who are our stakeholders? Our stakeholders are none other than you (our members), local and international professional bodies and local government agencies associated with loss prevention & EHS in the oil, chemical and process industries.

The Executive Committee's Strategic Planning meeting focused on the areas requiring improvement and enhancement to achieve our long-term goal of enhancing our stakeholders' value. Key focus areas included Technical Programs, Communications and Information Sharing, and Membership.

We need to keep pace with the changing business environment and the expectations of our stakeholders to stay relevant. Our strategy, which will be translated into a Work Plan, can only be successful with the full support of our members and those who volunteer their precious time in the various Standing Committees that we propose to form and the Executive Committee.

I would now like to emphasize the value of our Corporate Members. They, through their nominees, play an important role in the Society – their presence make a difference as most, if not all, of our corporate members have resources such as technical know-how and capability

in loss prevention and EHS to share with other players in our industry through various technical programs. We view this as part of their corporate social responsibility to help industry as a whole improve its EHS performance. The benefits gained by our corporate members are not always immediate. They are long term. For instance, these members are users of services provided by suppliers and contractors. Improvements by these suppliers and contractors will ultimately translate into the performance of the corporate members themselves. Employees and staff of Corporate Members benefit from SLP's technical program and information exchanges. Participation in SLP activities is an invaluable forum for like-minded people and professionals to meet and learn from one another.

I am pleased to say that our society is gaining more recognition from government agencies such as SCDF, MOM, NEA and SPRING Singapore. Similarly, we are making our presence felt with other professional bodies, both locally and internationally. We need to continue to collaborate with them through participation in the formulation of loss prevention and EHS standards, codes of practice, technical guidelines, etc. **All these cannot be done without the active support of our members.**

As incidents and accidents have no holidays, we must continue to be vigilant to maintain our loss prevention and EHS standards and safe work practice during the coming festive season where chemical and process plants may be low and lean in various functional supports. This could potentially increase the risk of being complacent in EHS.

***I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR AHEAD.***