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FOREWORD

Dear Affiliates, Associates, Life Members and Supporters of Baseball and Softball,

As we approach the last quarter of 2020, the baseball and softball fraternity has much to look back on. From the excitement of having all three national teams represent Singapore at the South East Asian games to the high experienced by team mates, coaches, managers, family members and friends when the softball men's team won its first gold medal (hopefully more to come), to the low of the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting the momentum of our teams and preventing us from organising our usual leagues, 2020 has been given us much to think about as an association and fraternity in the last 12 months.

In some respects, it has been unsettling. We are still unable to organise leagues though training has resumed in smaller numbers with the necessary safety precautions in place. Yet, what 2020 has provided us with is some time and perspective to consider what the Singapore Baseball and Softball Association wants for the two sports in the long term. This is something we might not have been able to do if it had been business as usual.

One of the most important factors in ensuring the future of the two sports is a good playing field. Having overseen the move from Kallang Fields to our temporary abode at Farrer Park, we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that our new field in Jurong has the right facilities and infrastructure for both affiliates and national teams to enjoy their training and games. With the support of Sport Singapore, we are hopeful that these new fields will provide our players and members with better facilities to enjoy the games we all love in the first half of 2021.

Where the development of technical expertise is concerned, considerable progress has been made to implement our CoachSG programme while our officials have also made inroads by participating in Softball Asia events and discussions to improve the two sports. Even as we adapt to COVID-19 pandemic, so has the international fraternity with the introduction (fortuitously) of BB5, something which we have also started to launch.

Any sport will only be as good and fun as the people who support it: in all areas, more professional assistance is needed to bring the association to the next level as we start to develop plans to expedite the usage of our soon-to-be new home/field in Jurong.

As current office bearers, we would like to encourage all affiliates and associates to step up to be part of the association and bring more transparency, diversity and process to SBSA.

Thank you,



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