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SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (UEN No. S62SS0073L)

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

We, the undersigned, being the officers primarily responsible for the financial management of Singapore Institute of International Affairs (the "Society"), hereby confirm that the financial statements together with the notes thereon are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Society, the Societies Act 1966, the Charities Act 1994 and other relevant regulations and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore so as to present fairly in all material respects, the statement of financial position of the Society as at 31 December 2023 and of the statement of income and expenditure, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows of the Society for the financial year then ended and that proper accounting and other records have been kept and at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debt as and when they fall due.

The Management Committee on the date of this statement authorised these financial statements for issue.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Simon Tay Seong Chee Chairman

En Lee Treasurer

Adam Abdur Rahman Secretary

26 March 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF

SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Singapore Institute of International Affairs (the "Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of income and expenditure, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 5 to 26.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act 1966 (the "Societies Act"), the Charities Act 1994 and other relevant regulations ("the Charities Act and Regulations") and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("FRSs") so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the state of affairs of the Society as at 31 December 2023 and the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Committee Statement set out on page 1, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statement or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of Management and the Management Committee for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, the Charities Act and Regulations, and FRSs, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management Committee's responsibilities include overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.

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Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the (e) disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Management Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Societies Act and the Charities Act and Regulations to be kept by the Society have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act and the Charities Act and Regulations.

Public Accountants and Shartered Accountants

Singapore

26 March 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 31 December 2023

	<u>Note</u>	2023	2022
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,027,098	1,861,246
Trade and other receivables	6	469,318	631,407
Other current assets	7	33,866	31,792
Total current assets		3,530,282	2,524,445
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	8	18,538	13,580
Right-of-use assets	9	241,872	305,810
Total non-current assets	2	260,410	319,390
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Total assets		3,790,692	2,843,835
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	1,123,659	481,343
Provision for reinstatement cost	11	31,800	31,800
Lease liabilities	12	64,235	60,699
Total current liabilities		1,219,694	573,842
Non-current liability			
Lease liabilities	12	186,953	248,883
Funds			
Endowment fund	18	1,298,728	978,648
General fund		1,085,317	1,042,462
Total funds		2,384,045	2,021,110
Total liabilities and funds		3,790,692	2,843,835
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE Year ended 31 December 2023

			2023			2022	
	Note	Endowment fund	General fund	Total funds	Endowment fund	General fund	Total funds
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income							
Sponsorships and grants for							
conferences	13	-	1,347,142	1,347,142	-	1,118,686	1,118,686
Donations Membership	13	1,048,100	-	1,048,100	743,000	-	743,000
subscription fee Income from	13	-	173,108	173,108	-	154,850	154,850
research/advisory Income from	13	-	35,263	35,263	-	19,261	19,261
consultation	13	-	130,119	130,119	-	23,246	23,246
Interest income	13	440	5,813	6,253	481	1,331	1,812
Other income	14	1,161	1,492	2,653	7,185	13,218	20,403
		1,049,701	1,692,937	2,742,638	750,666	1,330,592	2,081,258
Expenditure							
Expenditure							
Cost of organising conferences, talks and seminars		439,882	1,144,237	1,584,119	398,495	983,008	1,381,503
Cost of research		,	, ,	, ,	,	,	
activities		-	122,881	122,881	-	54,451	54,451
Administrative costs		283,819	375,356	659,175	242,146	361,374	603,520
Finance costs	16	5,920	7,608	13,528	1,814	2,731	4,545
		729,621	1,650,082	2,379,703	642,455	1,401,564	2,044,019
Net surplus (deficit) of income over							
expenditure	=	320,080	42,855	362,935	108,211	(70,972)	37,239

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS Year ended 31 December 2023

	Endowment fund	General fund	Total funds
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2022	870,437	1,113,434	1,983,871
Surplus (Deficit) for the financial year representing total comprehensive income	108,211	(70,972)	37,239
Balance at 31 December 2022	978,648	1,042,462	2,021,110
Surplus for the financial year representing total comprehensive income	320,080	42,855	362,935
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,298,728	1,085,317	2,384,045

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>Note</u>	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Operating activities			
Net surplus before income tax		362,935	37,239
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of plant and equipment	8	9,060	6,627
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	9	66,110	65,211
Interest income	13	(6,253)	(1,812)
Interest expense	16	13,528	4,545
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		445,380	111,810
Trade and other receivables		162,089	(326,175)
Other current assets		(2,074)	12,244
Trade and other payables		642,316	149,746
Net cash flows from (used in) operating activities		1,247,711	(52,375)
Investing activity			
Purchase of plant and equipment, representing			
net cash used in investing activity		(14,018)	(12,240)
Financing activities			
Interest received		6,253	1,812
Repayment of obligations under lease liabilities		(60,566)	(60,999)
Interest paid		(13,528)	(4,545)
Net cash used in financing activities		(67,841)	(63,732)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,165,852	(128,347)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,861,246	1,989,593
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		3,027,098	1,861,246

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Singapore Institute of International Affairs (the "Society") is registered as a Society under the Societies Act 1966 and domiciled in Singapore. The registered address of the Society is 60A Orchard Road, #04-03 Tower 1, The Atrium @Orchard, International Involvement Hub, Singapore 238890. The Society's registration number is S62SS0073L. These financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar, which is the Society's functional currency.

The objectives of the Society are to promote interest in and public awareness of contemporary issues of international politics and regional security through international conferences, workshops, seminars and public lectures.

The financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2023 were authorised for issue by the Management Committee on 26 March 2024.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost basis, except as disclosed in the material accounting policy information, and are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Society, the Societies Act 1966, the Charities Act 1994 and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("SFRS"). The financial statements are expressed in Singapore dollar.

2.1 ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS

In the current year, the Society has applied all the new and revised FRSs that are mandatorily effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2023. Their adoption has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

2.2 STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT EFFECTIVE

Management has considered and is of the view that the adoption of the new or revised FRSs, INT FRSs and amendments to FRSs in future periods will not have a material impact on the financial statements in the period of their initial adoption.

2.3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Society takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability which market participants would take into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for leasing transactions that are within the scope of FRS 116 *Leases*, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as value in use in FRS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.

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In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

ENDOWMENT FUND - Donations received for the Endowment Fund are taken directly to the fund. This Endowment Fund has been approved as an Institution of a Public Character ("IPC") under the Charities Act since 1 September 2002. The Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports has approved the Endowment Fund's renewal application as an IPC for further three years with effect from 1 September 2022.

REVENUE RECOGNITION - Revenue is recognised when a performance obligation is satisfied. Revenue is measured based on consideration of which the Society expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised good or services to a customer, excluding amounts collected on behalf of third parties (i.e. sales related taxes). The consideration promised in the contracts with customers may include fixed amounts, variable amounts or both. Most of the Society's revenue is derived from fixed price contracts and therefore, the amount of revenue earned for each contract is determined by reference to those fixed prices.

Donation received with attached conditions from patrons that will be satisfied in future periods are presented as deferred income.

(i) Donations and corporate cash sponsorships.

The Society receives funding from corporate cash sponsorships and donations to promote interest in and public awareness of contemporary issues of international politics and regional security. Income from corporate cash sponsorships and donations is recognised at point in time when they are received, except for committed corporate cash sponsorships and donations that are recorded at a point in time when the commitments are signed. The receipt of uncommitted fund is a faithful depiction of the satisfaction of performance obligations as the disbursement of funds would only be made when all attaching conditions will be complied with.

Donation received with attached conditions from patrons that will be satisfied in future periods are presented as deferred income.

- (ii) Income from annual membership fees is recognised over the subscription period on a straight-line basis.
- (iii) Income from research is recognised when the research service is performed.

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

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GRANTS - Grants are recognised at the fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Society recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Society should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets (including property, plant and equipment) are recognised as deferred income in the statement of financial position and transferred to income and expenditure on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the group with no future related costs are recognised in income and expenditure in the period in which they become receivable.

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS - The Society's contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee compensation expense when the contributions are due.

EMPLOYEE LEAVE ENTITLEMENT - Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of the reporting period.

LEASES

As lessee

The Society assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Society recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Society recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Society uses the incremental borrowing rate specific to the lessee.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- Fixed lease payments (including in-substance payments), less any lease incentives;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- payment of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the statement of financial position.

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The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The Society remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a change in assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate;
- the lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using an unchanged discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used); or
- a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Whenever the Society incurs an obligation for costs to dismantle and remove a leased asset, restore the site on which it is located or restore the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease, a provision is recognised and measured under FRS 37. The costs are included in the related right-of-use asset, unless those costs are incurred to produce inventories.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Society expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the statement of financial position.

The Society applies FRS 36 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described in 'Impairment of Non-financial Assets' below.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - Plant and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, on the following bases:

Office renovation	-	3 - 6 years
Fixtures and fittings	-	3 years
Office equipment	-	3 years
Computers	-	3 years
Motor vehicle	-	10 years

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The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at each reporting date, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

The gain or loss arising on disposal or retirement of an item of plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amounts of the asset and is recognised in income and expenditure.

Fully depreciated assets still in use are retained in the financial statements.

IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS - At each reporting date, the Society reviews the carrying amounts of the non-financial assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Society estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value less cost to sell and its value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flow are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which estimates of the future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position when the Society becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, except for trade receivables that do not have a significant financing component which are measured at transaction price. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets and financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition.

Financial assets

Classification of financial assets

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

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Amortised cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including expected credit losses, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. On the other hand, the gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost, except for short-term balances when the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Impairment of financial assets

The Society recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL") on trade and other receivables. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Society always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the company's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

For all other financial instruments, the Society recognises lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Society measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition instead of on evidence of a financial asset being credit-impaired at the reporting date or an actual default occurring.

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Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Society compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Society considers historical loss rates for each category of customers and adjusts to reflect current and forward-looking macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the debtors to settle the receivables.

The Society presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Society has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

The Society assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if (i) the financial instrument has a low risk of default, (ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

The Society regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

Definition of default

The Society considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Society has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

Write-off policy

The Society writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the company's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in income and expenditure.

Measurement and recognition of expected credit losses

For financial assets, the expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Society in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Society expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

If the Society has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Society measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date except for assets for which the simplified approach was used.

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Derecognition of financial assets

The Society derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another party. If the Society neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Society recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Society retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred financial asset, the Society retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Society continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

Financial liabilities

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables, excluding advances received, are measured subsequently at amortised cost, using the effective interest method, except for short-term balances when the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Society derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Society's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expire.

PROVISIONS - Provisions are recognised when the Society has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Society will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash in hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

 $\mathsf{INCOME}\ \mathsf{TAX}\ \text{-}\ \mathsf{The}\ \mathsf{Society}\ \mathsf{is}\ \mathsf{a}\ \mathsf{registered}\ \mathsf{charity}\ \mathsf{under}\ \mathsf{the}\ \mathsf{Charities}\ \mathsf{Act}\ \mathsf{1994}\ \mathsf{and}\ \mathsf{is}\ \mathsf{exempt}\ \mathsf{from}\ \mathsf{income}\ \mathsf{tax}.$

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3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Society's accounting policies, which are described in Note 2, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies

Management is of the opinion that any instances of application of judgements are not expected to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Management is of opinion that there are no key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

a) Categories of financial instruments

The following table sets out the financial instruments as at the end of the reporting period:

	2023	2022
Financial assets	\$	\$
Financial assets at amortised cost	3,513,804	2,509,171
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	223,783	197,544
Lease liabilities	251,188	309,582

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- *b)* Financial risk management policies and objectives
 - (i) <u>Credit risk management</u>

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Society.

The Society develops and maintains its credit risk gradings to categorise exposures according to their degree of risk of default.

The Society's current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories:

Category	Description	Basis for recognising expected credit losses (ECL)
Performing	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts.	12-month ECL
Doubtful	Amount is > 60 days past due or there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.	Lifetime ECL - not credit-impaired
In default	Amount is > 90 days past due or there is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired.	Lifetime ECL - credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the group has no realistic prospect of recovery.	Amount is written off

The details on the credit quality and potential exposure to credit risk of the Society's financial assets are disclosed in Note 6.

Cash and cash equivalents are held with creditworthy institutions and is subject to immaterial credit loss.

Although the Society's credit exposure is concentrated mainly in Singapore, it has no significant concentration of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics except for trade receivables of \$37,322 (2022 : \$83,170) as at the end of the financial year.

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(ii) Interest rate risk management

The Society is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk as the Society does not have any significant interest-bearing assets and liabilities.

(iii) Foreign currency risk management

The Society's operations are not exposed to any significant foreign exchange risk as most of its transaction are denominated in Singapore dollar.

(iv) Liquidity risk management

The Society maintains sufficient cash for its operations and obtains funding from the members and sponsors when required. All financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period are repayable on demand or due within 1 year from the end of the reporting period, except for lease liabilities as disclosed in Note 12.

(v) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

The carrying amounts of the Society's financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their respective fair values as at the end of the reporting period due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments, except for lease liabilities as disclosed in Note 12.

c) Capital management policies and objectives

The funds are maintained to provide working capital, and to enable the Society to develop over the longer term. No changes are made in the objectives, policies or processes during the financial years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Endowment fund		
- Current account	2,369,733	1,270,951
- Fixed deposits	23,404	22,964
General fund		
- Current account	479,924	316,802
- Fixed deposits	152,917	250,000
- Cash in hand	1,120	529
	3,027,098	1,861,246

Short-term fixed deposits have an average maturity of 2.13 month (2022 : 2.51 months) and have a weighted average effective interest rate of 2.92% (2022 : 0.45%) per annum.

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6. TRADE AND OTHER RECIEVABLES

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	41,333	276,298
Accrued income	427,629	349,563
Other receivables	356	5,546
Total trade and other receivables	469,318	631,407

Loss allowance for trade receivables has been measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses ("ECL"). The ECL on trade receivables are estimated by reference to past default experience of the debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtors operate.

For purpose of impairment assessment, other receivables are considered to have low credit risk as they are not due for payment at the end of the reporting period and there has been no significant increase in the risk of default on the receivables since initial recognition. Accordingly, for the purpose of impairment assessment for these receivables, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

In determining the expected credit losses for other receivables, management has taken into account the historical default experience and the financial position of the counterparties and considering various external sources of actual and forecast economic information, as appropriate, in estimating the probability of default of each of these financial assets occurring within their respective loss assessment time horizon, as well as the loss upon default in each case.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period for trade and other receivables.

Trade and other receivables are written off when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

The Society has not recognised any loss allowance following the consideration of the factors stated above.

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7. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Prepayments	16,478	15,274
Deposits	17,388	16,518
	33,866	31,792

8. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

FLANT AND EQUIFICIAL					
	Office	Furniture	Office		
	renovation	and fittings	equipment	Computer	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost:					
At 1 January 2022	121,874	44,175	21,508	37,861	225,418
Additions	-	4,586	382	7,272	12,240
Disposals	-	-	(658)	(487)	(1,145)
At 31 December 2022	121,874	48,761	21,232	44,646	236,513
Additions	-	-	768	13,250	14,018
Disposals	-	-	-	(11,051)	(11,051)
At 31 December 2023	121,874	48,761	22,000	46,845	239,480
Accumulated depreciation:					
At 1 January 2022	121,874	44,175	20,436	30,966	217,451
Depreciation	-	1,377	195	5,055	6,627
Disposals	-	-	(658)	(487)	(1,145)
At 31 December 2022	121,874	45,552	19,973	35,534	222,933
Depreciation	-	1,405	776	6,879	9,060
Disposals	-	-	-	(11,051)	(11,051)
At 31 December 2023	121,874	46,957	20,749	31,362	220,942
Net carrying amount:					
At 31 December 2023	-	1,804	1,251	15,483	18,538
At 31 December 2022		3,209	1,259	9,112	13,580

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9. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

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The Society leases office space with average lease term of 5 years.

		Office
		space
		\$
Cost:		
At 1 January 2022		238,521
Additions		327,654
At 31 December 2022		566,175
Additions		2,172
At 31 December 2023		568,347
Accumulated depreciation:		
At 1 January 2022		195,154
Depreciation		65,211
At 31 December 2022		260,365
Depreciation		66,110
At 31 December 2023		326,475
Net carrying amount:		
At 31 December 2023		241,872
At 31 December 2022		305,810
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2022	2022

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade payable	4,967	4,885
Membership subscription fee received in advance	83,091	75,849
Donation received in advance	816,785	207,950
Accrued operating expenses	218,816	192,659
	1,123,659	481,343

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11. PROVISION FOR REINSTATEMENT COST

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Beginning and end of financial year	31,800	31,800

Provision for reinstatement cost is the estimated costs of dismantlement, removal or restoration of plant and equipment arising from the use of assets, which are included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

12. LEASE LIABILITIES

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities of the Society at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Maturity analysis:		
- Year 1	74,780	74,094
- Year 2	74,780	74,094
- Year 3	74,780	74,093
- Year 4	49,853	74,093
- Year 5	-	49,396
	274,193	345,770
Less: Unearned interest	(23,005)	(36,188)
	251,188	309,582
Analysed as:		
- Current	64,235	60,699
- Non-current	186,953	248,883
	251,188	309,582

Lease liabilities are denominated in Singapore dollar.

The Society does not face a significant liquidity risk with regard to its lease liabilities.

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13. DISAGGREGATION OF INCOME

15.	DISAGGREGATION OF INCOME		
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Type of good or service		
	Sponsorships	448,818	292,972
	Government grants for conferences:		
	 Ministry of Environment and Water Resources 	830,564	763,819
	- Ministry of Foreign Affairs	31,839	11,507
	 Ministry of Trade and Industry 	-	-
	- National Youth Council	35,921	50,388
	Sponsorships and grants for conferences	1,347,142	1,118,686
	Donations	1,048,100	743,000
	Membership subscription fee	173,108	154,850
	Income from consultation	130,119	23,246
	Income from research/advisory	35,263	19,261
	Interest income	6,253	1,812
		2,739,985	2,060,855
	Timing of transfer of good or service		
	At a point in time	2,560,624	1,904,193
	Over time	179,361	156,662
		2,739,985	2,060,855
14.	OTHER INCOME		
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Wage and employment credit	-	10,922
	Others	2,653	9,481
		2,653	20,403

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15. EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses in the income and expenditure statement include the following:

		<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>	
	Endowment fund	General fund	Total funds	Endowment fund	General fund	Total funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Depreciation of plant and						
equipment (Note 8)	-	9,060	9,060	-	6,627	6,627
Amortisation of right-of-use						
assets (Note 9)	28,930	37,180	66,110	26,026	39,185	65,211
Salaries	369,622	842,878	1,212,500	314,723	885,826	1,200,549
Employer's contribution to						
Central Provident Fund	56,550	122,249	178,799	47,168	118,465	165,633
Honorarium	51,967	167,520	219,487	21,035	73,806	94,841
Travel	15,534	65,993	81,527	7,194	14,148	21,342
Upkeep of premises	14,277	18,349	32,626	12,091	18,204	30,295
Utilities and telecommunication						
charges	3,035	3,902	6,937	2,385	3,591	5,976

16. FINANCE COST

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest on lease liabilities	13,528	4,545

17. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the purposes of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Society if the Society has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party of exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Society and the party are subject to common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following were significant related party transactions between the Society and its related parties during the financial year on terms and rates between the parties:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
With Chairman		
Advisory services rendered to third parties through the Society	25,030	10,300
Speaker and report fees from the Society	14,440	-

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18. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund was set up in 1993 to:

- (a) To promote public awareness and interest in contemporary issues of international polities and regional security through international conferences, workshops, seminars and public lectures;
- (b) To facilitate contracts amount the ASEAN and wider international community of scholars, policy and opinion makers, interested in international issues and problems of regional security;
- (c) To provide and maintain means of information, investigation and study on international and regional issues through the preparation and publication of books, papers, records, reports and other works as may seem desirable.

Amounts disbursed from the Endowment Fund will be used to support the objectives of the Endowment Fund stated above.

		Endowment Fund	
	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	(a)	2,393,137	1,293,915
Trade and other receivables	(b)	250,000	370,000
Total current assets	-	2,643,137	1,663,915
Current liabilities			
Other payables		616,000	50,000
Amount due to General Fund		728,409	635,267
Total current liabilities	-	1,344,409	685,267
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Net assets		1,298,728	978,648
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Notes			
(a) <u>Cash and cash equivalents</u>			
Current account		2,369,733	1,270,951
Fixed deposits		23,404	22,964
	-	2,393,137	1,293,915
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(b) Trade and other receivables			
Trade receivables		-	120,000
Accrued income	-	250,000	250,000
	-	250,000	370,000