



ONE HUNDRED YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

The curtain has just fallen on the club's first 100 years and a new century ushered in, in style. As the pomp and glamour that marked the centenary celebration dies down, we can proudly look back and say indeed it was a great era. Yes, we are at dawn of a new century and we continue looking forward to greater and exciting times ahead. With a membership of 2,750 Members, 2500 spouses and 4,500 children, we are at the threshold of about 10,000 members.

This number is expected to grow with the junior members maturing to full membership status. About 400 of our members live abroad in various cities around the world, some as far as Russia, China and even as far South as New Zealand.

The last four years have seen the transformation of the club into a modern facility. We now boast of a modern car park as well as a highly rated Club house. We have had major renovations of some of the Club's facilities including the tennis courts, snooker room and the basket ball court. The areas outside the Club too have had a major facelift making the more serene and ambient.

A number of facilities within the Club need expansion to cope with the increasing demand. The gym, for example, needs new equipment after renovation of its floors, the swimming pool too begs for a facelift; we need a bigger aerobics room to match the increasing demand and raise more revenue. There is need to increase the number of rooms in the residential wing and also an expansion of the car park to accommodate the growth of membership occasioned by expansion of the Club's facilities.

We have professionally prepared a strategic plan that puts all these into perspective. It identifies our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. It has recommendations on the best way to address some of the challenges with the major one being financial resources. This document will soon be published and presented to Members for debate and ratification.

We want to thank our Members for supporting the introduction of the card system as an entry requirement to the Club. Although the system initially drew criticism from some Members, it has helped in whittling down the influx of unauthorized visitors. Members can now enjoy the Club's facilities without much of a hassle, especially the car park, which was hitherto congested. Members have expressed satisfaction with the controls as facilities have been decongested and their comfort restored. The flipside of this, however, has been a drop in the average daily patronage by 60 percent from about 1,000 patrons per day to 400 per day. This has led to reduction in revenues from the catering section. The Committee is, however, looking at ways of recouping the lost revenues by diversifying revenue generating sources like encouraging Outside Catering and promoting functions at the club's grounds with the parking directed to Gate B.

My Committee will continue to consult with Members with the aim of sharing ideas on how best we can confront and address the various challenges facing us as a result of modernization and economic growth currently being experienced in this region. We will always remain at your service and continue to ask for your support, patience and understanding as we strive to make this club a Private Family Members Club of a choice that will make every member proud. It is our endeavour to keep our members posted on the latest developments at the Club. We have thus invested in a modern communication system that will enable us easily stay in touch with you through e-mail and text messaging. However, out of the 2,750 Members, only 600 have submitted their e-mail contacts and 800 their cell phone contacts. We kindly ask those who have not submitted their contact details to do so via the Club's email address. For those who have submitted theirs and have not been receiving any communication from us, please do so again to enable us update our database. There has been a proposal to commence dispatch of quarterly statements/ invoices via, e-mail hence the need to update our contact database.