## **Scholarships**

Scholarships HBS - We sponsored two senior executives to the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management (SPNM) conducted by HBS-Kennedy School of Government faculty 15 July – 21 July 2007. They are the Executive Director, Dr Ow Chee Chung from the Society for the Physically Disabled and Director Mdm. Sharifah Sakinah Ali Alkaff from Mendaki. Mdm. Sharifah was the replacement for Mdm. Rashidah A Raisip who was not able to attend in 2006 because of illness in the family. In 2007, given Mdm Rasip's unexpected departure from Mendaki, and both Mdm Sharifah's longstanding leadership role at Mendaki and her potential as a contender for CEO role, the admissions committee admitted her in to the SPNM program.

The Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management (SPNM) - an intensive Social Enterprise program that gives nonprofit leaders the opportunity to step back from the day-to-day pressures of the workplace to examine their missions and rethink their approaches for implementing them. At the same time, they are able to concentrate on specific challenges that they consider crucial to the missions of their organizations.

Assessment from three programme officials indicate their excellent candidacy and personal learning.

Program Director Keri Jones wrote that: 'The Singapore scholarship recipients seemed to greatly enjoy the program and the opportunity to engage with nonprofit leaders from around the world. Thank you very much for sending us such excellent candidates! We greatly appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you next year.'

Faculty Director Professor Herman Dutch Leonard: 'We had our final dinner tonight -- both seem to be doing very well, and enjoying themselves in and getting a great deal out of the program – and contributing to it. We appreciate your support for the program by making it possible for such talented people to join us.'

HBS Senior Associate Dean Professor Warren McFarlan: 'They are doing very well. It is a pleasure to have them.'

By mid-2006 last year, we secured Professor Herman Dutch Leonard for a conference on Board Governance of NGOs in July 2006. This was held in conjunction with our strategic and conference partners NVPC, NCSS and PwC. It was attended by 120 NGO executives and board members. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr. Teo Ser Luck, Parliamentary Secretary, MCYS.

## **Other Scholarships**

We initiated this in 2005 by sponsoring four enrolments at the International Association of Volunteer Effort (IAVE) of Washington DC at its Regional Conference in HKSAR. These were nominated by our strategic partner, NVPC. We arranged for a HBS alumnus as key note speaker in George B Weber AMP104, immediate past Geneva-based Secretary General & CEO of The International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Society.

For the XIX IAVE World Conference (10-14 November 2006) in India, Harvard Singapore Foundation offered 5 conference fee scholarships of US\$300 each to Singapore participants of NPOs that are IAVE members. There was no take up of this scholarship for this conference.