



Greetings from the President

This is a very exciting time for all social workers in Singapore! Thank you for electing me as President of SASW together with a team of excellent and dedicated Executive Committee members. Today, the social work profession is being recognized by public and private sectors as a critical group in tackling the social problems of Singapore. However, there is a need for social workers to advocate for ourselves, as the journey has only just begun.

The **TWO** most outstanding challenges that SASW members have to address are:

- 1) To identify and bring into the organization as many social work professionals and social service practitioners as possible.
- 2) To practice high standards of professionalism in our work, so that we stand apart from other helping professionals.

The Accreditation Secretariat, headed by Ms Nancy Teo has been set up in April 2009. To date, only half of the eligible social work professionals have registered. I would like to encourage you to submit your registration forms as this process is a milestone in our development. We owe this to the hard work of many dedicated fellow social workers in the past.

The Exco will require support from all of you as we plan for **OSWA (26 October 09)** and **Social Workers Day on March 16th 2010**.

Please call Vander at the SASW office if you are keen to volunteer for the above events. We will be setting up a committee to celebrate SW Day so do come forward to help us in the committee.

Up and running, our Professional Development and Training arm, FRTC will be organizing many courses/workshops in the course of the next two years, so watch out for announcements on our website! Please take advantage of these opportunities, particularly members who are accredited, as these training courses will enable you accumulate your CPE points.

Finally, I want to highlight the fire in our hearts to establish the social work profession must remain strong. Let us all work towards the same goal, putting aside minor differences, as this window of opportunity is ours to take advantage of!

**Warm regards,
Kalyani K.Mehta
President, SASW**