

**NATIONAL ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION**  
**Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2015**

The Foundation was set up on 27 June 1984 as a society. It was registered under the Charities Act on 15 April 1985.

**Unique Entity Number (UEN)** : S84SS0010J

**Registered Address** : 627A Aljunied Road  
#08-02 Biztech Centre  
Singapore 389842

**Governing Board Members/Management Committee :**

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
Low Beng Tin	Chairman	25 July 2015
Lau Tang Ching	Vice-Chairman	25 July 2015
Benjamin Gaw	Secretary	25 July 2015
Alex Chua	Treasurer	25 July 2015
Wilson Chew	Member	25 July 2015
Fang Lee Wei	Member	25 July 2015
Katy Leung	Member	25 July 2015
Elizabeth Ang	Member	25 July 2015
John Lim	Member	25 July 2015

**General Council :**

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
Tay Chong Hai	Founder & Emeritus President	25 July 2015
Chew Chin Hin	Adviser	25 July 2015
S Vasoo	President	25 July 2015
Sin Boon Ann	Vice-President	25 July 2015
Michael Wong	Member	25 July 2015
Kelvin Lim	Member	25 July 2015
Wong Kar King	Member	25 July 2015
Low Beng Tin	Member	25 July 2015
Benjamin Gaw	Member	25 July 2015
Alex Chua	Member	25 July 2015

Internal Auditor : (Not Applicable)

Banker : United Overseas Bank

Auditor : Kreston David Yeung PAC

Investment Adviser(s) : (Not Applicable)

Other Adviser(s) : None

## **OBJECTIVE**

The objects of the Charity are as follows:

- **Patient Welfare:** Financial subsidies for needy patients for medical and surgical treatments through the Patient Subsidy Care Fund
- **Public and Patient Education:** Initiatives include the dissemination of patient education literature and conducting of public forums/talks
- Encouraging **research on Arthritis**

## **POLICIES**

### **Funding Sources**

The Charity is financially supported by donations from members, companies/corporations, well-wishers and the general public.

### **Memberships**

Current membership strength: 552 (comprising 542 Life & Annual Members and 10 Corporate Members).

The Foundation is open to the public for participation in its charitable activities geared towards helping needy arthritis patients.

Besides providing financial subsidy to defray their expensive medical cost, financial assistance is also given for medical aids and transportation in pursuing the objects of the Foundation.

## **REVIEW OF YEAR 2015**

### **Staffing**

As at 31 December 2015, there are 2 full-time staff employed by the Charity. Plans are afoot to recruit 1 to 2 more headcounts in the near future.

### **Activities**

- Processing applications for Medical Subsidy from needy arthritis patients
- Publication of 6-monthly newsletter, i.e. twice a year
- Printing and dissemination of Patient Education Pamphlets
- Weekly physiotherapy sessions for Ankylosing Spondylitis patients
- Weekly Tai-Chi sessions
- Organising Patient Support events
- Organising fund-raising events

### **Calendar of Events**

- June 20: JIA Day event (talk/sharing experience)

- June 24: Charity Gala Dinner
- July 25: Annual General Meeting (31<sup>st</sup>)
- August 29-30: “Asia-Pacific Immune Mediated Inflammatory Diseases Summit” in Hong Kong (participated by President of Singapore ‘Ankylosing Spondylitis Club)
- October 24: Public Forum (Arthritis & Chronic Back Pain) in conjunction with World Arthritis Day
- Oct to Dec: Ministry of Health Compliance Audit Exercise
- November 13: Charity Golf Tournament

### **Other Activities**

Nil

### **Fundraising Event and Activity**

Two charity events was organised in June 2015 (Gala Dinner) and November 2015 (Golf Tournament) to raise money for the Patient Subsidy Care Fund. A total amount of \$563,980 was raised from these two events.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATE AND EXPLANATION OF MAJOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

The Foundation has a surplus of \$312,307 in FY2015, with cash at bank of \$492,603 as at 31 Dec 2015.

Top 3 donors are Tote Board (\$50,000), John Lim, an Exco Member, (\$30,000) and SymAsia Singapore Fund (\$15,000) respectively whilst top 3 payments to vendors were Campaign Technologies Pte Ltd (\$35,567), Pan-Pacific Hotel (\$33,545) and Raffles Country Club (\$25,808).

### **REVIEW AND CHANGES IN THE POLICY**

Nil

### **EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CHARITY’S ASSETS ARE HELD**

(Not applicable)

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

The Foundation has in place a Conflict of Interest Policy which is given to all Executive Committee (Exco) Members for notation. All Exco Members are required to sign the Conflict of Interest Policy Form when elected into office.

### **FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS**

In the coming years, the Foundation will continue to play its role in rendering financial subsidy/ topping up the co-payment portion of needy arthritis patients bearing in mind the various government schemes (e.g.MAF,MAF Plus, etc) will not be sufficient to overcome all co-payment shortfalls.

New initiatives will be explored to raise more funds, such as collaborating with business organisations and through institutional pledging.

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Additional disclosure requirement for Institutions of a Public Character

**Policy relating to the management and avoidance of conflicts of interest :**

All Management Committee Members are required to sign the Conflict of Policy Form when elected into office. A fresh declaration is required if there is a significant change in information originally declared

**Section 8 of Charities (Accounts and Annual Report) Regulations:**

**(a) Chief Executive Officer:**

Name: Zulkifli Bin Mohammed  
Designation: Executive Director  
Date of Appointment: 8 April 2012

**(b) Occupation of current office-holders:**

Chairman - Low Beng Tin (Entrepreneur)  
Vice-Chairman - Lau Tang Ching (Doctor)  
Secretary - Benjamin Gaw (Lawyer)  
Treasurer - Alex Chua (Management Consultant)

(c), (d), (e) & (f) - Not Applicable

**(g) Principal Funding sources of the Charity:**

- Fund Raising events (e.g Charity Golf, Charity Gala Dinner)
- Donations from corporations, companies and well-wishers