

From Jay Yiang Ping

Dear MAD Convention TEAM,

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...
I can't Thank You enough!*

How I wish that we have another 6 months or more before the MAD Convention! I really missed the time when we worked together - the endless emails, meetings and discussions!

The MAD Convention has just ended, and there were lots of beautiful moments and memories for all our MAD Leaders and Team Members...

I can still remember:

- The disappointment we had when our idea of having the Convention on a cruise was turned down by Top District Officers!
- The encouragement of members who volunteered to lead and be part of the team!
- The never-ending meetings and discussion!
- The challenge of working on a budget without detailed information and imagination of what the cost may be!
- The visits to several venues, hotels and convention hall in Malaysia, Pulau Ubin and Holiday Resorts!
- The daring and brave decision by Team after the 2nd attempt to convince the Team that Suntec is the best choice, regardless of cost!
- The choice of the MAD Logo from more than 20 designs!
- The formation of every MAD Sub-Committee!
- The success of the Pre-Convention workshop because of a very result-oriented team!
- The tremendous turn out at the MAD Team Building Meeting on Sunday!

I had great experience working with each and every Sub-Committee Leader and Team Members and I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the following:

Top District Officers:

Your continuous support, attendance at many of our meetings despite your busy schedules, your advice and prompt assistance!

Co-Chair:

The strong backbone from you, someone whom I could share and resolve problems together.

Secretary:

Your productivity, your timely meeting minutes and patience in getting the meeting dates to ensure good turn up for each meeting.

Treasurer:

- The very detailed and responsible Treasurer, to ensure all money transactions are transparent and well monitored expenses!
- How could we handle 440 Full Delegates, 130 Event Tickets Sales without your help!

Webmaster:

- Who started work as early as all of us, our MAD Logo Designer, the most important marketing media, and worked every night, non-stop, to help updating the website for Delegates.
- Your immediate updating after our internet chats really caught me by surprise!

Sales and Marketing Team:

Their creative ideas in selling our package... going around Clubs, Areas, Divisions and District Events helping us to fill the Big Suntec Theatre.



Sponsors from MAD Team and Sponsors Team:

- Without your help, we will never be able to make it to Suntec and listen to world-class speakers!
- Your sponsorship of prizes and door gifts have indeed, added spices to our event!

Mandarin Team:

The very cooperative Mandarin programme team for the hard work in selling the event tickets, and ability to run their own programme independently without worries!

Tamil Team:

The supportive Tamil group; you took up a great challenge to work with our team towards the success of the event. For the 1st participation at our District Convention!

Hospitality:

- The many discussions and changes in using the Rooms & Theatre with English, Mandarin and Tamil Educational Teams.
- The choice of F&B for different groups of members and the tables arrangement
- The emails flying between overseas delegates and our hospitality chair till the wee hours of the night!
- In taking care of our US speakers!

Editorial Team:

- The many late nights and even till 1-2 am, at the printer's office with the Chief Editor.
- The exceptional front cover featuring our local artist's art-piece, representative of Singapore.
- The difficult task of running the essay competition and working with the local and overseas judges to select the winners.

- The professional high standard in producing a remarkable magazine for our event!
- The exceptional customer service extended by our printer and providing great advice and timely printing requirements!

Gongfu Team:

Your time sacrifices, turning up for practices on public holidays and even practising at the Carpark! We have all made a difference, regardless of age!

Logistic Team:

- Your efficiency and detailed planning.
- Your patience, accommodating all last-minute changes to the VIP and all seating arrangements, and prompt action to all technical requirements.

Secretariat Team:

- Your sincerity, hard work and friendliness.
- Ever-ready to answer all queries, and being very helpful and flexible to cater to individual needs, sacrificing your time and missing out on the various programmes.
- Your help in coordinating the online pre-registration, despite concerns that this would not be practical.
- Your willingness to take up additional task in handling tickets for late delegates. I applaud you for your Great Customer First attitude!
- The great house keeping at the Secretariat room, and efficient work done to clear the room after the convention!

Opening Ceremony:

- The very steady and calm approach during the opening ceremony, even though the flag bearers were late but the programme went smoothly and ended on time!
- The achievement of a grand opening... with interesting performances.

Welcome Night and Gala Dinner Team:

- Despite my worries that your team were not able to turn up for meetings, you were able to create a miraculous experience for our delegates!
- The MAD MAD MAD Welcome night had created so much fun and joy for the delegates, giving delegates a good kick off for the convention!
- Your creative ideas in engaging external parties to make up for our delegates at the Welcome Night!
- The gorgeous lighting and sound system that is really value for money!
- The Super Grand Gala Dinner, with beautiful and charming dancers, and interesting entertainment programmes
- The Great performance by the salsa dancers who truly made a difference, investing time and money, practising to put up the best performance during the Latin Gala Night.
- Your tireless salsa lesson for delegates!

Educational Team:

The smooth transition from one workshop to another, good control of timing, the never-give-up spirit and smart decision to accept the last minute absence of one speaker

Contests and Closing Ceremony:

- The faultless coordination of the Sound and Stage Setup
- The passionate closing chair and her team to inject "Wow" result at closing ceremony. The very relaxing atmosphere for the farewell lunch!

All Emcees:

Thank you, all smart, beautiful, charming and handsome Emcees! You definitely add splendour to the events!

Thailand Ambassador:

Your tremendous support to encourage the Thai delegates to join us and helping us in coordination of payments and hotel arrangements

Hong Kong Ambassador:

- Your hard work to coordinate the hotel arrangements and payments
- Thank you, LGM Neil Sy for your relentless support.

Volunteers:

Your assistance to ensure the smooth control of admission to all events.

The Entire MAD Team:

- The great team spirit to help each other at all times, without hesitation and complaints!
- An Excellent showcase of Teamwork!

Yes, I wish that all these would not end so soon but unfortunately, I can't wind back the clock to relish these precious moments, working with every member of our MAD Team!

I sincerely hope that you would forgive me for any mistakes and wrong decisions, for any indecisive moments, and sometimes my stubborn approach...

I love all of you! Thank you for your friendship and kindness!

Once again, A BIG THANK YOU!

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MAD 2008 Organising Chair