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for all generations!



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The Boys' Brigade is an international movement with Companies in more than 60 countries. Founded by Sir William Alexander Smith in 1883, it is the pioneer of uniformed youth organisations. In Singapore, the movement is recognised by the Ministry of Education as an approved CCA and it is registered as a Charity under the Charities Act 1982 (Registration No. 0067)

### Object

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends toward a true Christian Manliness.

### Our Vision

To be the Youth Organisation of Choice

### Our Mission

To nurture Youth, based on Christian values to serve and lead

### Our Beliefs

We are First for Youth.

We provide fun, meaningful and challenging activities.

We are committed to serve the community.

We are served and led by Volunteers.

We are enterprising, in tune with our changing world.

We actively engage our stakeholders.

We are a Christian organisation for all Youth.

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# STAYING CONNECTED, EMERGING STRONGER

**POH LEONG BERG (LTA), BRIGADE PRESIDENT**

COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in so many different ways. It has reminded us that the world we live in is vulnerable and our lives are not permanent. This pandemic has also demonstrated that when people come together as one nation, we can be overcomers, and we can emerge stronger. Unity and teamwork are key ingredients for us, for the BB, to succeed, to make things happen and put us in a better and stronger position.



*Team of dedicated Officers from the 39th Singapore Company!*

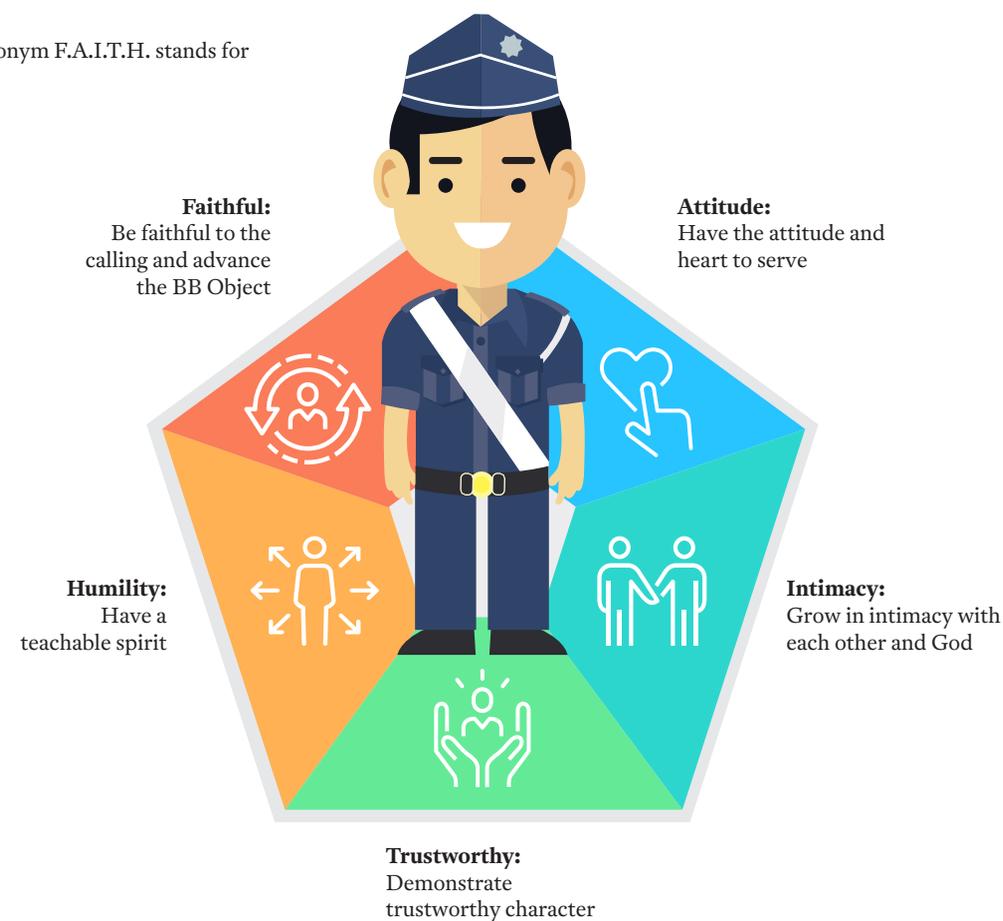
The body is one unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. Every part of the body has an important contribution to make and each part depends on the other parts. We have all experienced how something as simple as a toothache can affect other parts of the body. All parts must work together in unity so that the body can function well as a whole. The body is an integrated whole and not the collection of parts. The body must function as one team, staying connected with the different parts.

I played soccer during my school days. One of the great things about soccer is that it's a team sport. No one player, no matter how talented the player is, can win the game on his own without the help and support of fellow teammates and coaches. However, it can also be one of the most frustrating experiences as it is hard to win games and championship when you have a collection of individuals playing for their own gain rather than a team. The success of every player is intimately bound to the success of the whole team. As the saying goes, 'Together Everyone Achieves More!' Teamwork indeed makes a dream a reality!

The Boys' Brigade has always been a 'Mighty Band of Brothers' and we have overcome many challenges over the past 90 years of our existence in Singapore. We were able to do so as we are one family where we love, care and share with each other, putting our best foot forward individually and yet cohesively as one for the BB. I believe BB is the Family of F.A.I.T.H. for us as we seek to make a difference and create a positive impact on young lives.

The lessons learnt about the body and team sports like soccer is that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Collaboration and connection among individuals is better than what each one would achieve individually. Teams create a vision of something larger than one can see individually. Working together enables the team to accomplish what it sets out to do and in fact to accomplish much more.

The acronym F.A.I.T.H. stands for



As a Family of F.A.I.T.H., while we may have different roles to play in the BB ministry, we are not on our own; instead, we are one. We are part of a strong, healthy, vibrant, nurturing, and growing community of BB Family. We are committed to one another and will support each other in our BB and life journey.

Like the interrelated body parts and the interdependence of a soccer team, the Boys' Brigade must continue to work together in unity and oneness of purpose, while appreciating and leveraging the diversity of individuals, to advance the object of the BB. We are given different gifts, resources and talents, and collectively the BB can bound further; we will emerge stronger and achieve much more when we stay connected to one another and with our stakeholders as we journey into 2021 and beyond.

# Wishful Thinking Or Fact?

REV DANIEL TONG (LTA), BRIGADE CHAPLAIN

Hope – the expectation, desire and trust that a particular thing would happen – is something we all cling to, and a word we all regularly use.

Research tells us that hope helps us manage anxiety and stress, cope with adversity and strive to overcome, pressing forward into our uncertain future. This said, our regular use of the word in daily thought and conversation tend to lean toward the wishful rather than the assured firm: “I hope it won’t rain,” “I hope I’m not too late,” “I hope the New Year will be better,” etc.

Romans 15:13 is a prayer –

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

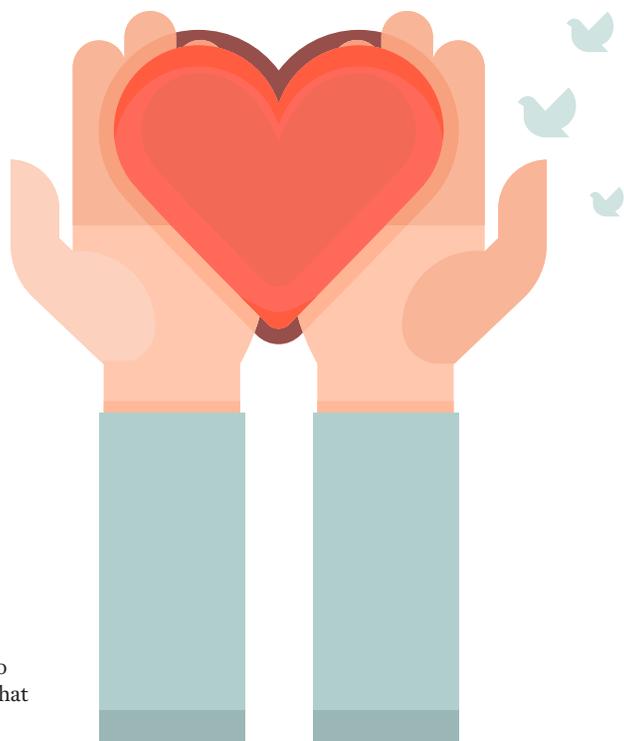
– about hope, calling upon our God of hope to cause us to overflow with hope; a prayer for God to give us more of that which would produce true hope in us.

The process here is cyclical, beginning with our belief in “the God of hope,” upon which He will fill us with His incomprehensible “joy and peace,” such that we “abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,” resulting in the strengthening of our belief in the God of hope; thereby restarting – from a strengthened position – the whole cyclical process again.

The call is for us to trust in God, who keeps His word and for whom nothing is impossible; who will place within us a joy and peace which surpasses all understanding, arising from our assurance of His sovereign might; from which will arise within us a Holy Spirit inspired confidence to face whatever we may have to, today and in the days ahead.

When anchored in our Lord Jesus Christ, our future is in His hands and we need not fear, but may rejoice, be at peace, looking forward to a better day and circumstance. Now, may Romans 15:13 ring long in your hearts and minds, so your hopes for the New Year may not simply be wishful thinking, but confident anticipation of our Lord God’s coming blessing.

Dear Brigade and Friends, **“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”** (Romans 15:13)!



# A Safe Donation Drive Amidst COVID-19



From L - R: Mr Henry Tan, Mr Dennis Tan, President Halimah Yacob, Mr Seah Kian Peng and Mr Poh Leong Berg

This year, BBSG continues to share joy with 41,423 beneficiaries, with 8,455 beneficiaries receiving Specific Wishes and approximately 32,968 receiving General Wishes. ‘Specific Wishes’ are requested by the beneficiaries and consist of items such as school bags, mattresses and rice cookers. ‘General Wishes’ beneficiaries will receive either food hampers or FairPrice vouchers worth \$40.

BBSG implemented various safe management measures by shifting to cash donations via online platforms such as PayNow and Giving.SG. Food hampers on FairPrice Online were also available for the public to purchase for beneficiaries.



Into its 33rd year, The Boys’ Brigade Share-a-Gift (BBSG) Project officially launched on 18 November at BB’s headquarters! President Halimah Yacob graced the Opening Ceremony alongside Presenting Sponsor Prudential Singapore’s CEO Mr Dennis Tan, FairPrice Group’s CEO Mr Seah Kian Peng, Brigade President Mr Poh Leong Berg and BBSG 2020 Chairman Mr Henry Tan.



Mr Henry Tan shared, “Though BBSG may look different this year, our heart remains the same. We hope to meet beneficiaries’ needs during this season of giving, relying on the public to play an important part by donating or volunteering for our delivery drive.”

\*Photos taken before COVID-19

\*Photos taken before COVID-19

# CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT'S MEN 2020!

This year, seven Primers were awarded The President's Award for successfully completing the demanding requirements in leadership and service in the community and emerging as top of their cohort. We congratulate the President's Men of 2020, for their passion and dedication as youth leaders in The Boys' Brigade!



**SCL BRENDAN SOH HENG YI,**  
121 SINGAPORE COMPANY, ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT)

"Being in the Primers Programme has given me many opportunities to lead and serve. One such area is in my Company's bagpipe band. Just as my seniors have invested into my growth when I was younger, I am grateful for the chance to give back to the band. I made sure to look out for the wellbeing of my band members. I see Band as an area to develop the character of the junior Boys, alongside teaching them how to play the snare drum. Joining the BB has been an unforgettable journey. I have found such an amazing community here in Primers and Band. The BB has taught me many unforgettable lessons that I will carry with me for life."



**SCL DYLAN KHOO,**  
121 SINGAPORE COMPANY, ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT)

"The Company and the Band hold a special place in my heart as I know that I would not be who I am now without them. I hope to continue serving and mentoring my juniors to help them grow in character, just as I have been a recipient of service from my seniors and Officers. As a BB member, I have always found the BB Share-a-Gift Project to be meaningful and fulfilling and I will continue my involvement in future."



**SCL EVAN LIM SHOUWANG,**  
12BR SINGAPORE COMPANY, ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL  
(BARKER ROAD)

"My Primers journey has provided me with a meaningful time of service as well as gaining a wealth of lessons from the varied activities. This fruitful experience was further enriched by the camaraderie and bonding with my friends in BB. The BB truly shaped me as a person and I have learnt numerous life skills such as leadership, mentorship, operational efficiency and proactive thinking."

**SCL KEITH NEO CHER MING,**  
14TH SINGAPORE COMPANY, ANGLICAN HIGH SCHOOL

"The main driving force behind my service at BB as a Primer is my desire to give back to my Company, which has moulded me into who I am today. This strong sense of attachment with the 14th Singapore Company has spurred me on to continue bringing a positive impact to the Boys and nurturing even more leaders of the future. I see a greater purpose for myself in going back to serve as a BB Officer after my journey as a Primer."



\*Photos taken before COVID-19



**SCL LIN SHENG YUAN,**  
94TH SINGAPORE COMPANY, NAN HUA HIGH SCHOOL

“Playing in the bagpipe band as a snare drummer has taught me the values of teamwork and discipline. It helped me to recognise that individual achievement is nothing without team achievement as the music we perform is the product of every individual’s effort. What motivates me is my passion to be a role model for all my peers. Growing up with high expectations of myself, and having been sent abroad to Singapore to study here alone, I learnt to be independent and resilient. The love and care from those around me is another source of motivation to be the best version of myself. Despite living by myself, I never truly felt alone, and had many in the BB supporting me throughout.”



**SCL NG ZHI-MING JOEL,**  
121 SINGAPORE COMPANY, ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT)

“I was exposed to the rich heritage of The Boys’ Brigade, with both my uncle and grandfather being members of the 1st Singapore Company. My uncle shared fondly about his camping experiences, but what drew me to BB were the smart uniforms and shiny badges. But I soon found out that there was so much more to the organisation.

One of the most defining aspects of my development has to be the mentorship that I was privileged to have in the Brigade. It provided me with guidance in times of uncertainty and comfort in troubled waters. Undoubtedly, BB has served as an anchor in my life that has kept me grounded during trying times.”

\*Photos taken before COVID-19



**SCL TAY SZE HAN, KENNARD**  
94TH SINGAPORE COMPANY, NAN HUA HIGH SCHOOL

“Before I joined the Primers Programme, I thought I wouldn’t really learn anything more than I already had. But I was wrong. There have been many opportunities for me to improve my leadership skills through courses and activities such as the Leadership and Management Programme and the BB Share-a-Gift project. I also learnt how to mentor my juniors, for example by giving them space to make minor mistakes before teaching them. At the Primers Challenge overseas, I learnt the importance of teamwork in group activities such as white-water rafting and adventure race. I felt the impetus to give back to the Company that has mentored me into who I am today, a Primer who is constantly learning.”

**bb5thcoy**  
Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 78 others

**bb5thcoy** Our last parade for the year and we bade farewell to our Principal Mrs Raja, who will be leaving the school end of this year as well as Mr Yap Shinn, who will be relieving his duties in BB and concentrating on his other roles in the school. May God continue to watch over both of them and really thanks to both of them for the past years of support to #bb5thcoy

21 November

5th Coy on 21 Nov

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 60 others

**12brsg**  
12BR's Company Day 2020 was held in ACS(BR) 28 Nov 2020.

Due to safe distancing measures many activities had to be restricted but this didn't stop our Boys from enjoying some pioneering, archery and laser tag. Here are some

12BR Coy on 28 Nov

**bb34thcoy**

Liked by **bergpoh** and 24 others

**bb34thcoy** 34th recreation game - Soccer! with real brothers facing off! #34thbbcoy #bbsg #boysbrigadesingapore #bb90thvirtualrelay #arpcbbgblife

21 November

34th Coy on 21 Nov

**iteccprimers**

23 likes

**iteccprimers** 11 December Cycling trip@ECP Definitely a fun and fulfilling bonding session amongst the primers 😊😄

ITE Central Primers on 11 Dec

**bb49thcoy**

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 44 others

**bb49thcoy** Kayaking 1 Star Course with the Sec 2s!

26 November

49th Coy on 26 Nov

**bb28th**

17 likes

**bb28th** Yesterday, we celebrated our Founder's Day, giving our Boys their well-deserved awards and promotions!

We would also like to thank Mr Tan, one of our teachers-in-charge, for his dedication and service to our company. We wish you the best in your future endeavours Mr Tan!

#bb28th

28th Coy on 14 Nov

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 33 others

**bb39thcoy** Thanksgiving Day; BB Week Prize Presentation #26.12.20

39th Coy on 26 Dec

**bb64thsg**  
Kallang Water Sports Centre

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 51 others

**bb64thsg** Kayaking 1-Star Course 23-24 Nov 2020

64th Coy on 23 - 24 Nov

**bb53rd**  
Passion Wave at Marina Bay

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 53 others

**bb53rd** It's a wrap ! 18 Boys completed a 2 days - Kayaking 1 Star course during this COVID-19 pandemic. #achievementsunlocked

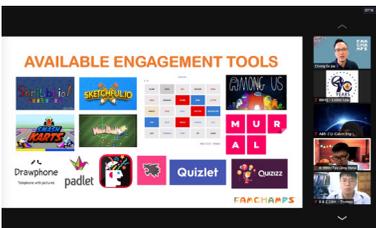
53rd Coy on 20 Nov

# INVESTING IN OUR OFFICERS

During the 'old normal', our dedicated Officers would make a trip together across the Causeway where they would spend a weekend of rest, learning and networking with one another at the Annual Officers Retreat.

This October, 90 Officers joined the inaugural virtual Training Fiesta with the following workshop options.

As the Training Fiesta fell on the same day as World Mental Health Day, these Officers from 52 Companies were also reminded of the importance of their own mental health as well as that of the Boys and Youths they mentor.



## 1 Intro to Design Thinking

Mr Max Lam, Captain of 95J Company and lecturer at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, shared with Officers on the 'Design Thinking Framework' as it's important to improve thinking in order to create new ideas and generate solutions to meet challenges.

## 2 Youth Mentoring

Mr Chong Ee Jay, Deputy Head of FamChamps Singapore, facilitated the session on mentoring in the 'new norm'. He shared a youth survey conducted with 100 youths aged 13 - 19 during COVID-19. He said that mental health check-ins should be prioritised during this time. He touched on three points with regards to the value of mentoring in this digital age: a) Wisdom vs Information, b) Presence vs Answers and c) Pursuit vs Availability. He also showed some available engagement tools such as Skribblo.io!, Smash Karts, Mural, Drawphone, Sketchful, etc.

## 3 Youth & Mental Care

Mr Narash from SYNC (Strengthening Youths in a Network of Care) coached Officers on regulating distress and building resilience in youths. He also spoke about the building blocks of psychological resilience which include mindfulness, strong relationships, non-judgemental mind, positive coping strategies, and more! When working with youths, it's important to keep these in mind.

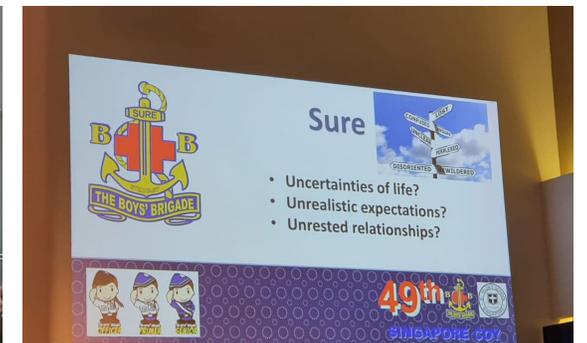
## 4 Officer Self-Care

Joy from InspireJoy shared with Officers the importance of self-care amidst the changes that COVID-19 has brought upon. With an interactive experiential session, she demonstrated methods and practical techniques for Officers to help reduce their stress and pressures. Tip: A 20-minute 'nature pill' by being outdoors helps to ease stress!

# CELEBRATING 31 YEARS!

SGT SHAWN LOW, 49TH SINGAPORE COMPANY, ST. HILDA'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

2020 has been a year filled with many challenges. The safety management measures put in place had presented restrictions to conduct CCAs. Unable to hold face-to-face parades, the Company had to shift parades and the enrolment service to an online platform. Even though we faced many difficulties, we persevered and eventually overcame the challenges in unity!



Our Company was blessed to hold our 31st Anniversary Enrolment Ceremony in our sponsoring church, Chapel of Christ The Redeemer on 1 November. We had 100 attendants physically (with safe distancing measures in place) and over 160 more people watched the online livestream. It was a very meaningful experience for our BB members and their families as well as our new recruits to be gathered albeit virtually this year.

# ENDING THE YEAR WITH A BANG!



## 2ND SINGAPORE COMPANY, VICTORIA SCHOOL

Over the course of 6 and 7 November, the Company organised a day camp for the Boys! 42 Boys attended the camp, with safe distancing measures in place for their safety!

On the first day, the Secondary 1s and 2s were at the high elements course at BBGB Campsite in Sembawang while the Secondary 3s prepared for their Founder's Award assessment.



“For me, the highlight of the camp was the High Elements segment as I have not experienced Ziplining before. I found it exhilarating to zipline down a 4-storey high building and it sent my heart “flying” along. I also enjoyed the video editing course held the next day. I tried out new video editing features and took shots from varied angles to create different perspectives.”

**PTE Nathaniel Lim Tze Yang**



“The activity that I enjoyed the most was the Adventure Challenge around the school. We completed various stations such as knot tying and compass reading by applying what we had learnt during online parades. For some stations, my team and I struggled initially, but we managed to tackle the problems using different approaches from our discussions. Eventually, we cleared all the stations!”

**CPL Samuel Yeo Zee Kiat**



“Although a good portion of the Company’s physical parades were cancelled due to COVID-19, we managed to plan the year end camp with a bang! This camp was the NCO Council’s first major planning project and we had to incorporate a full-length games session for our juniors. We had a truly meaningful time planning and juggling multiple responsibilities for the camp. I’m sure that the camp has helped us Council members to forge stronger bonds with the Boys, and I look forward to further opportunities in 2021!”

**SGT Chang Tze Hung**

### 39TH SINGAPORE COMPANY, SWISS COTTAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Meanwhile, Boys from the 39th Singapore Company were also attending a camp during the same days!



“Despite the pandemic, our Officers, Teachers and friendly seniors have organised yet another amazing Camp Challenger. This year, the camp had a much shorter duration, with a lot of new safety measures in place. Even though I miss the traditional Camp Challenger, I really enjoyed this one too. There were various activities in this two-day camp, such as outdoor cooking, scavenger hunt, games and physical education. The highlight though was the Award and Promotion Ceremony as the whole Company was enthusiastic about receiving their promotions and awards.”

**CPL Babu Infant Jerun**



*L: Secondary 1 Boys pitching their own basha tents for the first time! Above: Seniors demonstrating pitching of basha tents*

“The tent-and-basha pitching session was a new experience for me. It was the first time that I had been assigned to impart skills to our Secondary 1 juniors, and to lead and manage them to ensure smooth operations. I grouped the Boys into pairs and made sure that safe distancing was in place. I was initially quite nervous as I was new to both teaching and leading. I felt a great sense of accomplishment when our Boys managed to build their bashas successfully. It was also heartening to see them enjoying the process and having fun working in teams.”

**SGT Chan Yi Liang**



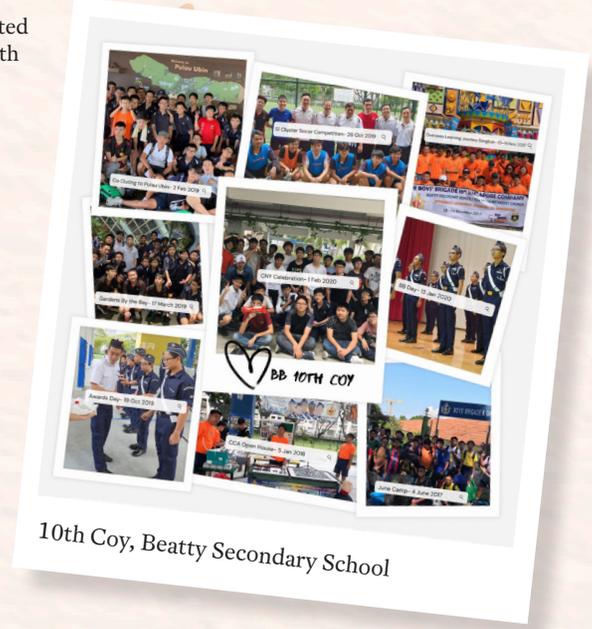
*Preparing ingredients for outdoor cooking and a successful chicken Bolognese pasta!*

“I really enjoyed the camp as the interesting programme and activities helped me to bond with my batch mates. I am extremely elated that I managed to pass the Target test and obtained my first BB badge!”

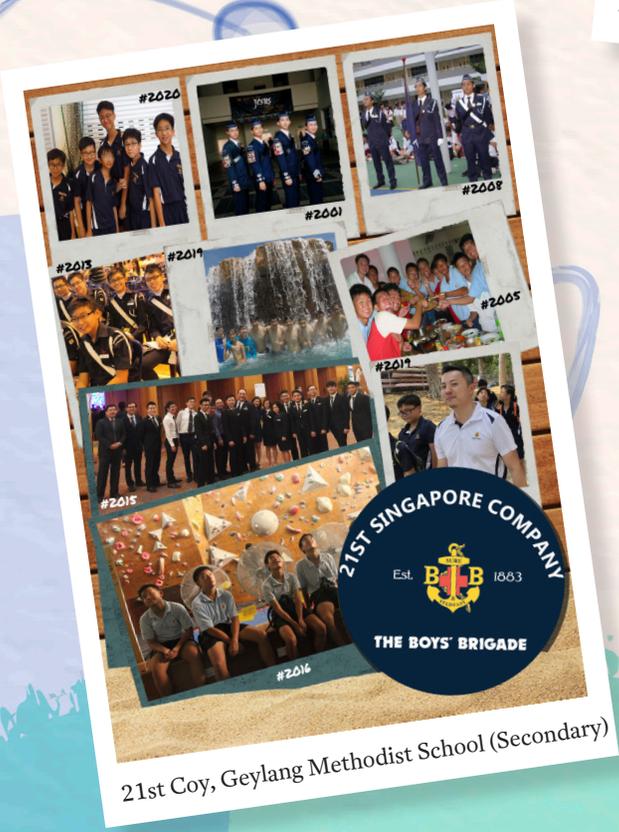
**PTE Edric Lee Jun Hong**

# MEMORIES FOR 90TH ANNIVERSARY!

As we celebrate our 90th Anniversary this 2020, we invited Companies to share memories unique to their history with photos taken through the years.



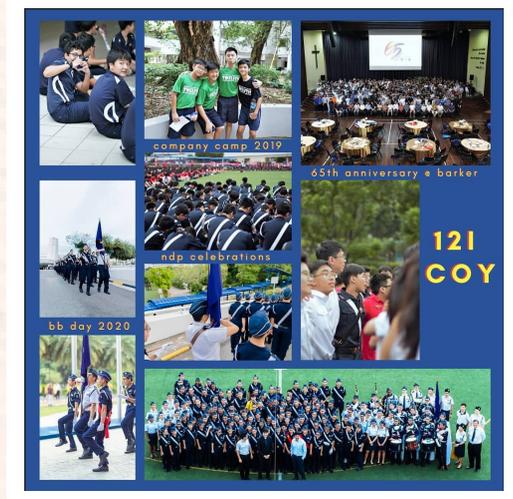
10th Coy, Beatty Secondary School



21st Coy, Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)



27th Coy, Presbyterian High School



12I Coy, Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)



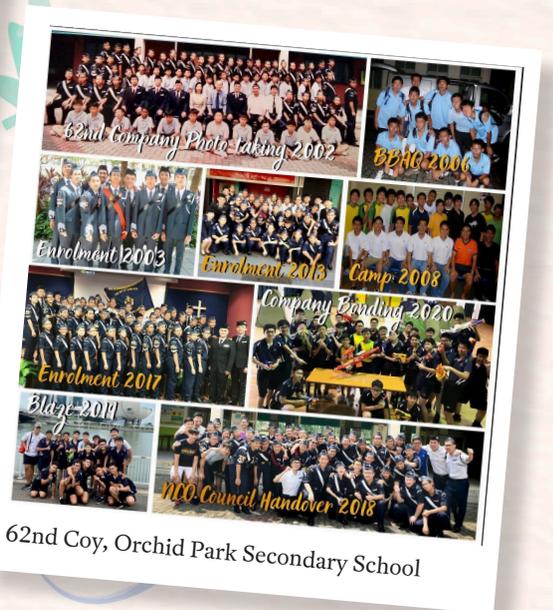
16J Coy, Kong Hwa School



31st Coy, Bowen Secondary School



36th Coy, Compassvale Secondary School



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