

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

The world as we knew it has changed. The impact of COVID-19 on every aspect of our daily lives cannot be understated. CAA hopes that you and your loved ones have been staying healthy during this time of turmoil. We also thank you for your patience as we too try to assess what the new normal will look like for our Association, and how and when we can get back to our normal schedule of programs and events. I will come back later to the updates on all the events which we had to postpone due to COVID-19, but first I would like to highlight what CAA has been staying active with over the last couple of months.

CAA in Action

While COVID-19 has been in our minds since January, when China took the first steps to lock down parts of the country, it was only in late-March when the regional cocoa supply chain really started to be impacted. Movement Control Orders from the Malaysian government were followed closely by the Singapore Circuit Breaker and other countries' safety measures. The CAA staff immediately sprang into action, helping to facilitate discussions amongst member companies who were trying to interpret what these new announcements meant for our businesses. Letters were drafted and sent to the Malaysian and Singapore authorities, seeking clarity and asking for approval for member companies to continue our essential operations. The collaborative spirit of CAA and our great industry was on full display as we jointly tried to navigate through these troubled waters.



Even more impressive however was the initiative CAA took to recognize the brave and selfless work that Singapore's health care workers were performing on the front-lines. Several member companies donated some tasty cocoa and chocolate treats as a thank you to all the workers. I would like to especially thank Olam Cocoa, Aalst Chocolate and Mondelez for their generosity. Cocoa and chocolate might not be able to save the world, but we can help put a smile on people's faces during good times and bad.



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We also for the first time ever managed to hold our quarterly **CAA Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting** using a virtual platform back in April 17th. We of course all missed catching up in person, but the meeting went off without a hitch thanks to the great planning of our team lead by Marc Donaldson and Shirley Choo. Thank you Mark and Shirley for all your work these last few months and for keeping CAA on track!

Looking Back and Ahead

The first half of 2020 was meant to be an exciting time for CAA programming. CAA's **2nd International Cocoa Conference** was scheduled for late March, the **FCC Rules and Arbitration Course** was fixed for March as well, and our first **CAA Introduction to Cocoa Trading Course** in collaboration with SMU was to launch in May (**this is now set for this year 5th – 6th November 2020**).

While it was disappointing to see our packed slate of activities wiped clean by COVID-19, it's impossible to dampen my excitement for all the new CAA initiatives that we have on the horizon! The **CAA 2nd International Cocoa Conference is set for next year 4th – 5th November 2021**, while our new course offerings will still hopefully be launched towards the end of 2020, COVID-19 permitting. In the meantime we have managed to **re-launch our CAA website** (<https://cocoaasia.org/dir/>) – please take a look and let us know what you think. We are also in the process of designing some new content-driven events, which we hope to share more info on soon.

2020 certainly isn't shaping up like any of us could have imagined back in January, however CAA is still excited by all the great things we have coming up in this year and into 2021. Thank you again for your patience and support during these tough times, and please stay safe and healthy until we can all catch up again in person!

Sincerely,
Richard Fahey, Chairman

Upcoming

- Members information update exercise
- Council Meeting (will continue to be held virtually)– 17th July 2020



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4-5 NOVEMBER 2021
SINGAPORE

