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Venue : Tower Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel, 22 Orange Grove Road, Singapore

Date : Friday 28 September 2018, 7.15 pm

Guest of Honour : Desmond Lee, Minister for Social & Family Development  
and Second Minister, Ministry of National Development.

Dear *Friends*

OSSEA would be delighted if you can join us in celebrating our 90th anniversary on 28 September 2018, at the Shangri-La Hotel Tower Ballroom.

We have come a long way from the days when our founders John Laycock, Richard Holttum and Emil Galistan established in 1928 a society to further the interests of orchid appreciation and cultivation in British colonial Malaya – the present day Singapore and Malaysia. Since the early days, OSSEA has been closely associated with the development of orchid culture in the local scene.

During the pre-war years several breakthroughs were initiated by Holttum, including asymbiotic seed germination, which eventually led to a thriving horticultural industry in mass cultivation and export of cutflowers. Notable personalities in OSSEA carried the society to greater heights in the 1950s when a hybrid from Singapore won a gold award at the Chelsea Show, as well as the rights to host the 4th World Orchid Conference (WOC) in 1963. In 2011, OSSEA, in partnership with National Parks Board, again hosted the 20th WOC, becoming the first and only Asian city to be accorded this privilege twice.

Even as the orchid industry gained in stature for Singapore, the Botanic Gardens, which maintains the National Orchid Garden and has been known for its excellent orchid research and development facilities, was declared a UNESCO heritage site in 2015. Since 1893, when *Vanda* Miss Joaquim was registered, over 3,000 hybrids have been registered by Singapore breeders. Many of them became quality stud plants, as well as award winners in their own right. In recent years, and following a renewed interest in protecting endemic species, much energy and talent have been expended on conservation projects, but a great deal of work remains to be done here.

In our 90th year, OSSEA is grateful for the sustained support of friends and members, and we hope you will continue to support us by buying a table at our 2018 Singapore Orchid Ball, which celebrates our anniversary. At this event, you will also have an opportunity to bid for naming rights to Singapore's best hybrids, presenting a rare and everlasting gift to a loved one.

We very much look forward to your presence.

Yours truly

K Gopalan  
President, Orchid Society of SE Asia.



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Patron: Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore