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**Message from**  
President  
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The aquarium trade continued to be affected by the global economic downturn and a decrease in hobbyists' interest in rearing aquarium fish. We note that as technology advances, more people are exposed to the internet. This exposure in the new society has swayed them away from rearing fishes as a hobby. A number of smaller players in the industry have no choice but to wind up their businesses as a result.

The previous year's imports from overseas were lower mainly due to fewer new species of fishes introduced and also higher overhead costs. Fishes imported from overseas have to be quarantined for a period of time before they are ready to be sold.

We urge all fellow industry players to work closely together to keep our business

subtainable and surmount stiffer challenges in the future.

Our association wishes to express our heart-felt appreciation to the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) for its kind advice and assistance rendered to us. We also wish to congratulate AVA and its publication committee for a job done well. We look forward to a better year ahead.

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