

## Message from

Chairman

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The livestock industry in Singapore reached its pinnacle in the 1980s. However, the 1990s saw its decline due to the rapid development of the high-technology industrialisation programme that resulted in the scarcity of land for agricultural development. With the phasing out of pig farming, it is only chicken farming, using high technology and mechanisation, that has revived the livestock industry to a new height going into the new century.

In order to provide reliable foods made from eggs that contribute to the better health of the people, the quality of eggs is highly emphasised. To sell in the market, locally produced and imported eggs have to meet the same standard of quality. The high-technology chicken farms in Singapore highly emphasise the quality of eggs. They supply 30% of the local market's egg requirements.

To avoid total dependence on imported agricultural products, the continued survival of our existing five chicken farms becomes

obviously important. The arrival of the 21st century did not bring good harvest to farmers worldwide because of the spread of the bird flu virus. While all countries are taking various precautions to deal with the epidemic, our farm operators have done their best to keep abreast of the developments.

We are willing to share our experiences in high-technology agriculture by imparting technical know-how in this aspect or undertaking joint ventures with our neighbouring ASEAN countries. This, we believe, will lead to a more reliable supply of high-quality agricultural foods for Singapore.

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