

Covid-19 continued to affect many countries and borders remained largely closed in 2021. Fortunately, the situation has improved and many countries are beginning to remove or revise their Covid measures and restrictions.

As countries emerged from Covid, some better than others, their economic activities are different stages of resumption. Government and corporations are now adjusting their plans and lives are returning to a “New Normal”.

It is the same situation with CAS ARECA. Thanks to Jin Wang, the out-going President and the CAS ARECA team, we have continued to stay connected virtually in the past year. Recently we have managed to assemble a bigger team of volunteers for the new term and we are planning for two virtual seminar meetings in the summer / fall and followed by a seminar in Singapore at the end of 2022. Just a few weeks ago at the end of May, we organized our first networking drinks in two years in Hong Kong and it was attended by 15 members.

Another focus in the new term is to provide more regular updates on CAS and ARECA activities. We are introducing a regular quarterly update. Through these updates, we would like to keep CAS members in Asia updated of new members and CAS activities in Asia and by CAS International.

The winners of the ARECA Scholarship program for 2021-2022 was announced recently. I would like to take this opportunity to thank AXIS Specialty Limited (Singapore Branch) for their generous support of our ARECA scholarship program since 2017. I hope we can continue to offer ARECA scholarship to stimulate interests in actuarial topics in our actuarial undergraduates in the Asian region and we are commencing our search for a new sponsor.

The new leadership team of ARECA (Judy Ng, Yisi Lu, Janet Yang, Linda Sew, Adam Johari, Ong Shze Yeong, Goh Jio Young, Jin Wang, and myself) is looking forward to your continued support of our activities and more opportunities to work closely with other organizations and stakeholders in this region.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Great Year ahead as things return to a New and better Normal.

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