

**PROJECT ORBIS
INTERNATIONAL INC.
(SINGAPORE) LTD**

Annual Report for FY2017



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STATUTORY INFORMATION

Incorporated as	Project Orbis International Inc. (Singapore) Ltd.
Instrument of Set Up	Company Limited by Guarantee
Date of Incorporation	4 December 2013
UEN Number	201332607E
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Date of Charity Registration	2 December 2014
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Banker	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Auditor	BDO LLP
Corporate Secretary	Tricor Singapore Pte Ltd



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman

Seng Thiam Khoo

Senior Vice President, Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS)

Director since 4 December 2013; Chairman since 15 May 2016

Treasurer

Norman C. T Liu

Former CEO, GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS)

Director since 1 December 2015; Treasurer since 21 July 2016

Directors

Alvina Tan

Managing Director, Ark Advisors

Since 10 November 2017

A/Prof Ian YEO Yew San

Deputy Medical Director (Education), Singapore National Eye Centre

Since 4 July 2017

Jason Moo

Managing Director, Goldman Sachs

Since 1 July 2017

Joel Sng

Co-Founder and CEO, honestbee

Since 1 July 2017

Dato' Kulasegaran Sabaratnam

President, World Blind Union Asia

Since 23 Jun 2015

Seat Moey Eng-Kwok

Managing Director & Head, Capital Markets DBS Bank

Since 1 July 2017

Stuart L. Dean

Senior Advisor, ASEAN Advisory

Since 1 July 2017



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ABOUT ORBIS INTERNATIONAL



Orbis is an international non-profit. Since 1982, we have been working to eliminate avoidable blindness around the world as we believe no one should go blind from conditions that are treatable, curable or preventable. We are headquartered in the USA with 15 international offices and have worked in over 90 countries.

Vision To transform lives through the prevention and treatment of blindness.

Mission With our network of partners, we mentor, train and inspire local teams so they can save sight in their communities.

WHAT WE DO

We bring people together in the fight against avoidable blindness. We help countries build the skills, knowledge and resources they need to prevent blindness and provide the highest quality eye care possible for all their people.

We train doctors, nurses and medical technicians so that they can save and restore sight; we train the entire eye care team from health care workers to eye surgeons so that they can work together in a cohesive unit. We strengthen and improve eye health systems by partnering with local hospitals, public health agencies and fellow NGOs; we help our partners find sustainable solutions to their nation's immediate needs and build capacity for the future. We advocate to make fighting



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blindness a priority, working at local, national and international levels to demonstrate the economic and social benefits of a strong, effective eye health system.

We're creating a permanent, united eye care community: through our telemedicine platform Cybersight, the Flying Eye Hospital, our Volunteer Faculty (expert medical volunteers) and our partners in local countries. We are eliminating geographical distances bringing the world's ophthalmic professionals together to fight blindness and provide quality eye care for all.

HOW WE DO IT

Orbis integrates our tools into our work around the world to develop country-specific programs to fight blindness locally:

- **Volunteer Faculty:** we are proud to facilitate a community of over 400 world leading medical volunteers across 30 countries who lead our training endeavours around the world. Our volunteers herald from top universities and hospitals around the world and are expert trainers, providing both hands-on skills exchange and ongoing mentorship online.
- **In-Country Programs:** the bedrock of the fight against avoidable blindness, we strengthen and improve eye health systems through partnerships, to create strong eye health systems so that in time they can prevent avoidable blindness on their own or with little intervention.
- **Flying Eye Hospital:** the world's only ophthalmic teaching hospital on board an MD-10 aircraft, bringing world-class training and much needed attention to eye health in developing countries
- **Cybersight** is our telemedicine platform: this tool scales up our medical training and support to more than 100 countries around the world. It is equal parts library, school and remote-medicine platform.

2017 IMPACT NUMBERS

- **62,381 trainings** were completed by doctors, nurses and other eye care workers.
 - 4,453 were completed by doctors.
 - 57,928 were completed by nurses and other eye care workers.
- **5,044,198 eye screenings and examinations** were conducted.
 - 4,000,023 were on children.
 - 1,044,175 were on adults.
- **96,398 eye surgeries/laser treatments** were performed.
 - 24,195 were on children.
 - 72,203 were on adults.
- **8,776,120 medical/optical treatments¹** were delivered.
 - 2,729,798 were on children.

¹ Medical/optical treatments include treatments with medicines or prescriptions at any facility, or in the community, or eyeglasses prescribed for refractive error through an Orbis-sponsored program, or Zithromax distributions.



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ABOUT ORBIS IN SINGAPORE

Orbis Singapore was established in December 2013 and was officially launched in January 2014. The Singapore office serves as a fundraising office to support our sightsaving work in Asia, the region with the highest rates of blindness in the world.

Singapore is a highly regarded medical and commercial hub. The Singapore office engages Singapore companies and residents to raise resources for our sightsaving work. We also partner with Singapore's advanced eye care facilities and ophthalmologists and establish closer links to the ophthalmic resources within Asia.

Other than fundraising for our Asia programs, Orbis Singapore also raises awareness by organising Blindfold Lunches in schools and companies and celebrating World Sight Day with our supporters.

POLICIES: FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity is financially supported by private donations from individuals and companies. The Charity did not employ a third party fundraiser.

POLICIES: RESERVES

Project Orbis International Inc (Singapore) Ltd. will ensure a reserve of approximately six months of operating expenses so that the company will have sufficient capital to meet any outstanding commitments.

STAFFING & VOLUNTEERS

The Charity employed 2 full-time staff and an intern for the financial year ending 31 December 2017. There was 1 part-time, unpaid volunteer involved in the administrative operations of the Charity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ORBIS SINGAPORE'S ACTIVITIES

FLYING EYE HOSPITAL PROGRAM IN CAN THO, VIETNAM

Orbis implemented a 2-week Flying Eye Hospital project in Can Tho, Vietnam from May 7, 2017 to May 18, 2017. It was Orbis's 8th Flying Eye Hospital program in Vietnam and the first ever in the Mekong Delta region. This Flying Eye Hospital project assisted Can Tho Eye Hospital in establishing and enhancing eye-care services for children and people over 50 with visual impairments or other avoidable eye-health conditions in Can Tho City and Ca Mau province of the Mekong Delta region.

We wish to express our deepest thanks to **Deutsche Bank** for its generous sponsorship of USD32,000 and service from 8 Deutsche Bank volunteers over 6 days.

Each Deutsche Bank volunteer helped with translation, interpretation and counselling during this program. They worked on board the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital and at the Orbis partner hospital in Can Tho, Can Tho Eye Hospital.

214 children and adults received eye screening; 60 patients were treated and 109 were trained through this project.



Vi, Deutsche Bank volunteer, with Khoi, 8, and his mother

Khoi was born with narrow eye openings and droopy eye lids in both eyes, severely limiting his field of vision.

Khoi's vision improved after Orbis Volunteer Faculty Dr Timothy McCulley operated on him. He wants to study hard to be an engineer.



Huong, Deutsche Bank volunteer, with Hen, 71, and CTEH staff

Hen suffered from glaucoma and had blurry vision even after two surgeries at local hospitals.

Dr Richard Lee, Orbis Volunteer Faculty, operated on Hen. Hen can see clearly again and has regained her independence.

ENERGON-BWLEH-ORBIS REACH PROGRAM IN KARNATAKA, INDIA



The Energon-BWLEH-Orbis REACH Project aims to reduce visual impairment due to uncorrected refractive errors among school-going children in all blocks of Chamrajnagar district and Doddaballapur block of Bangalore Rural district in Karnataka, India. This project is in partnership with Bangalore West Lion Superspecialty Eye Hospital and sponsored by **Equis Pte Ltd.** at USD50,000 per year.

This is the second year of a four-year project aimed to increase access to child eye health by providing comprehensive refractive error services to school-going children; improve the quality of child eye health through high-quality refractive error services for school-going children; develop an enabling environment to ensure the delivery and sustainability of quality refractive error services for school-going children.

1256 school teachers were oriented during the year on the knowledge needed to identify children in need of eye care services and refer them early for intervention.

38,653 children were screened; 567 children received spectacle prescriptions while 3 children under the age of 16 received surgery.

CHILDREN'S EYE CARE IN BINH DINH AND THUA THIEN HUE PROVINCES OF VIETNAM

The project aims to support Orbis partner hospitals and institutions by provides Orbis partner hospitals and institutions with suitable spectacles for children and equipment for refractive error screening in Binh Dinh and Thua Thien Hue provinces of Vietnam.

Essilor Vision Foundation provided gifts-in-kind of 9,766 sets of children's spectacles, including frames, lenses, spectacle cases and spectacle cloth and 4 pieces of essential equipment.

306 managers, 433 school health staff and 48 commune health staff were trained on screening and detecting children with eye diseases for the health staff. 88,869 students were screened and 1,046 pairs of Essilor Ready to Clip Glasses were distributed.



WORLD SIGHT DAY MOVIE SCREENING IN SINGAPORE



In celebration of World Sight Day 2017, Orbis Singapore organised a movie screening on 10 October 2017. Supporters watched a documentary on six blind Tibetan teenagers climbing a 7,000-metre mountain in the Himalayas. In the Tibetan Buddhist culture, blindness is seen as a curse and these children were discriminated by their communities.

Past volunteers also shared their Orbis experience and Simon Greaves, a friend with visual impairment, shared his personal experience living with a visual impairment and his ambition to climb Mount Everest - the world's highest mountain. It was a warm and inspiring evening out with our supporters.

SENSORY LUNCH AT FAIRMONT SINGAPORE

On 15 August 2017, Fairmont Singapore and Swissotel the Stamford held a Sensory Lunch for 30 of their staff in support of Orbis. Staff were treated to a five-course lunch prepared by their chefs and they experienced fine dining blindfolded.



BLINDFOLD LUNCH AT EUNOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 7 and 8 November 2017, Orbis organised a Blindfold Lunch at Eunos Primary School, generously sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank, one of Orbis's Global Corporate Sponsors. 32 staff of Standard Chartered Bank also volunteered as facilitators for the event.

Students learnt fun facts about the eye, eye care tips and experienced having their lunch without their sight. It was an educational and fun post-exam activity for the students.





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ORBIS SINGAPORE'S FINANCIALS

Orbis Singapore receives private restricted and unrestricted donations from companies and individuals through program sponsorships, online campaigns and events.

Orbis Singapore periodically remits funds to Project Orbis International, Inc., our headquarters in New York, USA, to fund our sightsaving work in Asia and around the world.

For a full Statement of Accounts, please see our audited financial statements.

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

STAFFING

Orbis Singapore plans to hire a third full-time staff in 2018 to support the growth of the Charity.

EVENTS

As of 31 December 2018, Orbis Singapore is planning for our second gala, to be held on 8 February 2018, at Shangri-La Hotel. The gala coincides with the Singapore Air Show in February as Orbis enjoys strong support from the aviation community around the world.

Orbis Singapore plans to increase its reach and presence in Singapore by organising more events such as Blindfold Lunches in schools and companies; expanding our digital and social media reach; and working closely with companies to align their Corporate Social Responsibility activities with Orbis's sightsaving mission.