

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

Annual Report for FY2018



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## STATUTORY INFORMATION

<b>Incorporated as</b>	Project Orbis International Inc. (Singapore) Ltd.
<b>Instrument of Set Up</b>	Company Limited by Guarantee
<b>Date of Incorporation</b>	4 December 2013
<b>UEN Number</b>	201332607E
<b>Registered Address</b>	352 Tanglin Road, #02-03, Singapore 247671
<b>Date of Charity Registration</b>	2 December 2014
<b>Executive Head</b>	Elaine Woon Director of Development Since 17 April 2017 <a href="mailto:Elaine.Woon@orbis.org">Elaine.Woon@orbis.org</a> 6479 5875   9711 8116
<b>Banker</b>	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
<b>Auditor</b>	BDO LLP
<b>Corporate Secretary</b>	Tricor Singapore Pte Ltd



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Chairman**

Stuart L. Dean  
Senior Advisor, ASEAN Advisory  
Since 1 July 2017

### **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

Jason Moo  
Managing Director, Goldman Sachs  
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

## BOARD MEETINGS

The Charity held 4 board meetings in FY2018. Attendance sheets are available with corporate secretary, Tricor Singapore Pte Ltd.



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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 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.

## 2018 IMPACT NUMBERS

- **63,063 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.
  - 11,841 were male and 10,983 were female
- **4,458,266 eye screenings and examinations** were conducted.
  - 4,000,023 were on children.
  - 1,044,175 were on adults.
  - 1,151,810 were on male and 1,075,094 were on female
- **61,721 eye surgeries/laser treatments** were performed.
  - 13,222 were on children.
  - 39,930 were on adults.
  - 4,067 were on male and 4,390 were on female



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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 sight-saving 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 sight-saving work. We also partner 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, companies and the community, and celebrating World Sight Day with our partners and 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 scope of work for the Charity is supported by 3 full-time employed staff. In the financial year 2017, the position of the third staff, being the role of Development Executive, was filled for 7 months. It continued to actively seek a suitable candidate to fill this position. There was 1 intern who volunteered for a few weeks and was later converted to a part-timer receiving compensation for administrative and operational duties fulfilled at the Charity.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ORBIS SINGAPORE'S ACTIVITIES

### ENERGON-BWLEH-ORBIS REACH PROGRAM IN KARNATAKA, INDIA



Children waiting in queue for eye screening

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 Super-specialty Eye Hospital and sponsored by **Equis Pte Ltd.** at USD50,000 per year until 2019.

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.

**2,403 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.**

**68,619 children were screened; 1,704 children received spectacle prescriptions while 8 children under the age of 16 received surgery.**



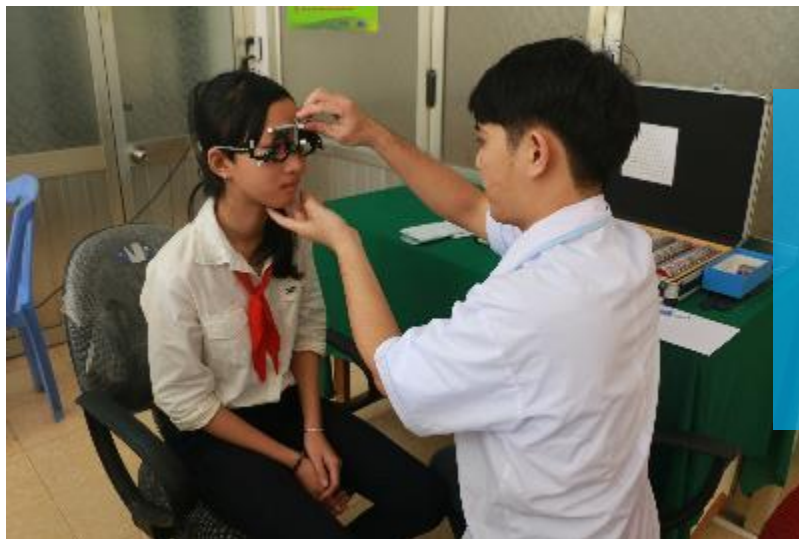
Children undergoing detailed evaluation

## 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. EVF Ltd. also strengthened the capacity of local Vision Centres in dispensing spectacles by providing 4 pieces of essential equipment.

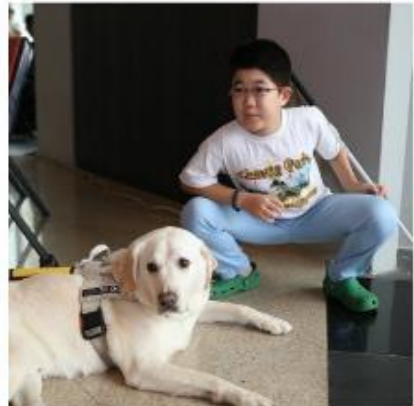
No	District	Provided to students in 2018	
		Frame	Lenses
1	Quy Nhon	1,050	0
2	An Nhon	414	774
3	Phu Cat	353	706
4	Phong Dien	71	142
5	Phu Vang	1,080	1,811
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,968</b>	<b>3,433</b>



An Nhon and Phu Cat:  
Eye Examinations and  
Provision of free Essilor  
R2C Glasses



**INAUGURAL MASS BLINDFOLD LUNCH IN THE WEEK OF WORLD SIGHT DAY**



Orbis held our inaugural Mass Blindfold Luncheon during the week of World Sight Day. Guests were treated to a blindfold lunch, guide dog demonstration, eye screening and games.

It was a successful collaboration with several local organisations serving the visually impaired and an educational day out for our supporters.

Guests were also treated to free eye screening by students and staff of Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Optometry Centre. There were guide dog demonstration by Guide Dogs Singapore, fun simulation games and eye care tips by volunteers from Essilor Vision Foundation and head and shoulders massage by the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped. Dialogue in the Dark staff and Guide Dogs Singapore client were assigned to each table and they shared their stories of living with visual impairment with lunch guests.

Guests were blindfolded before walking in groups to the lunch hall where they had a two-course meal in complete darkness.

***“It is an interesting experience putting myself in the shoes of the blind and thinking how difficult it must be for them. Despite these challenges, I felt inspired by the volunteer at my table, William, and how he shared that we have to believe in ourselves to overcome these difficulties.”***

**Joanne Pau, 53, Participant**



Orbis Mass Blindfold Lunch in the community gives everyone a chance to experience the daily challenges faced by those with visual impairment.

## BLINDFOLD LUNCH IN SCHOOLS

SATS, the \$30,000 title sponsor for our Gala in February 2018, allocated part of the funds to sponsor 6 Orbis blindfold lunches in schools. Groups of SATS employees went through the blindfold lunch activity before they volunteered as facilitators during these events in the schools.

Orbis delivered 8 sessions for SATS in the following schools in 2018:

Date	School	Date	School
2 April	St Hilda's Primary School	26 Oct	Teck Ghee Primary School
25 May	Keming Primary School	29 Oct	Geylang Methodist School
27 Jul	ITE College East	30 Oct	Geylang Methodist School
23 Oct	Teck Ghee Primary School	5 Nov	Geylang Methodist School

SATS also gave Orbis the flexibility to invite other corporate employees to volunteer at some of these schools.

Students learnt fun facts about the eye, enjoyed the quizzes and experienced having lunch without their sight. It was an educational and fun activity for the students. At the end of the session, students were asked to reflect on the experience and they expressed their thoughts on artwork.





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**ORBIS GALA, ASEAN ODYSSEY ON 8 FEBRUARY 2018**



From left to right: Ambassador of Malaysia, Dato Zulkifli Adnan, Orbis Chairman, Khoo Seng Thiam, Minister Vivian Balakrishnan, SATS President and CEO, Alex Hungate, H.E. Tumur Lkhagvadorj, Ambassador of Mongolia, Orbis International President and CEO, Bob Ranck.



Light House School Choir

*A quarter billion of the people in this world are visually impaired. Orbis's mission is to transform lives through the prevention and treatment of blindness.*



*A child in Vietnam explains her eye condition to the doctors and nurses onboard Orbis Flying Eye Hospital*



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On 8 February 2018, a warm community of supporters from the aviation, legal, finance and real estate sectors came together to celebrate Orbis's work in Southeast Asia and support the cause of avoidable blindness.

The event was graced by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs. The evening of networking, delectable dinner and performances contributed to the success of the event.

Guests were treated to a series of heartwarming performances, starting with the student choir from Lighthouse School. The students are visually impaired and sang with such beautiful voices that touched the hearts of the guests. An auction was also held during the dinner where 11 guests walked away with 13 items. JR Asia, Orbis's supporter, generously provided wine as gifts to donors.

### Sponsors on the evening



Aero Inspection International  
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 Dr Daniel Chan  
 Eirtech Aviation Services &  
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 Goldman Sachs  
 Interior Aeroservices Pte Ltd  
 Lufthansa Technik AG

Ms Mary Lee  
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 Rotary Club Singapore Heartlands  
 SIA Engineering Philippines  
 Corporation  
 Six West  
 SGI Aviation Services BV  
 Spire Flight Solutions  
 Mr Stuart Dean  
 Watson Farley & Williams LLP



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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.

Our Auditors, BDO LLP, conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing (SSAs). 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 2019 to support the growth of the Charity.

### EVENTS

As of 31 December 2018, Orbis Singapore is planning for our third gala, to be held on 28 March 2019 at the Marina Bay Sands.

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 sight-saving mission.

It also plans to raise the awareness on the importance of eye health by working with related partners and the Health Promotion Board to promote healthy lifestyle, encourage early eye screening to prevent diabetes and eye diseases that could result from diabetes through roving exhibitions in public places and activities in the community. It wants to build the social consciousness of people in Singapore to be more aware of the challenges faced by those with visual impairment and learn of ways we can help them.