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President's Report for the period, Nov 2005–May 2006, for 4th AGM held on 27 May 2006

1. A decision was made at our last, and only, committee meeting held in December 2005 to hold an early AGM in order to bring in line with the provisions of the Constitution.
2. Membership: The current number of membership of our Society stands at 45 members, and 16 Associate Members.
3. Activities:
 - A. A committee meeting was held on 10 December 2005 to plan the year's activities. At the meeting, Mr Kitson Ng Foo Weng was co-opted into the new committee.
 - B. Talks: On 25 April 2006, our Society invited Mr Gavin Menzies, author of the book *1421 – the Year China Discovered the World* to brief members on the status of the newly discovered 1418 Chinese Map of the World and to have a conversation with members. The event was held in the morning from 10.00 am at the Zheng He Guan by courtesy of the Friends of Zheng He. A total of 15 members and friends turned up at the meeting.
 - C. Website: The material for the website has been given to our website designers to have it put on the web.
 - D. Cheng Ho Cultural Museum: Malaysia's PM Abdullah Badawi has agreed to officially open the Museum. The Museum has been in operation since September 2005 after its soft launch and has attracted enthusiastic response from the viewing public. Two tickets to the Museum were given to each Member of our society to enable them to visit it at their convenience.
 - E. Publications: We now expect the book *The Zheng He Epic* to be published by June 2006. The Chinese version *Zheng He Si Shi* was published late last year and was made available at S\$100 to Members. A similar price will be set for our Members when the book becomes available.
4. Location of Society's Office: It was reported at our last AGM that negotiations at that time was to rent the premises of the Golden Crown Restaurant in the Queenstown Golf Club. Unfortunately our Society was not able to meet the high rental cost. For the moment, the mailing address has been with Drs Tan's residence in Oei Tiong Ham Park.

5. Financial Report: The financial report for the year ending 31 December 2005 was prepared by Mr Ong Chu Meng, our Assistant Treasurer.

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Drs. Tan Ta Sen
6 May 2006