Hello everybody! A big welcome to those of us who have just joined our mailing list. Welcome to the Singapore Students’ Association at the University of Michigan! For our members, this semester will be an exciting one. Looking ahead, we will be having our Fall General Meeting on the 21\textsuperscript{st} of September. Following that, we will have our Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration and our much anticipated Telematch Event in early November. This forecast is just a tip of the iceberg. Look out for more emails coming your way and come to our Fall General Meeting on the 21\textsuperscript{st} to sign up and get involved with the Singapore Students’ Association!

**Fall 2002 Forecast**

1) Fall GM on 21\textsuperscript{st} Sep 2pm at Michigan Union  
2) Membership Discounts  
3) Unveiling of Logo  
4) Batch IC (Freshmen, Junior, Senior)  
5) Mid-Autumn Festival on 21\textsuperscript{st} Sep 9pm at the Diag  
6) Telematch on 9\textsuperscript{th} Nov at Coliseum

1) Fall GM (21\textsuperscript{st} Sep 2pm at Michigan Union)  

Highlights include the unveiling of our logo; nomination and selection of a Batch IC for each batch; news on upcoming events including Telematch and beyond; a vote on a constitution revision, and a special segment titled “What happened to your $10?” Come join us and decide for yourself if an SSA membership will be good for you.

2) Membership Discounts  

Which shops and businesses will you be able to get a discount from with the SSA membership card? Come and find out at our Fall GM. This year, we have new discounts that may interest car owners out there.

3) Unveiling of Logo  

Our old logo had some problems with the school administration and we spent the summer working on a new one. It is now ready and will be unveiled at our Fall GM! Be the first to see! Come by our Fall GM and take a look!

4) Batch IC  

Typically, students from Singapore graduate from the U of M in 3 or 4 years. This creates 3 distinct “batches” or cohorts of Singaporean students in the University every year: the Freshmen Batch, the Junior Batch (or 2\textsuperscript{nd} years), and the Senior Batch (3\textsuperscript{rd} years and above). Our activities this semester are aimed at creating more cohesion within the association and also within the Singaporean community here and this can be achieved
from the batch level up. We will nominate and select someone from our respective batches to represent us as batch ICs this year.

Interested to become a batch IC? Look out for the details on the roles and responsibilities of the batch IC coming soon!

5) **Mid-Autumn Festival (21st Sep 9pm at the Diag)**

The Mid-Autumn Festival (MAF) is a traditional festival of the Chinese but celebrated by all Singaporeans alike. This year, we intend to recapture the wonder of “shang-yue” or “appreciating the beauty of the moon” by holding our celebration at the Diag. If lying down on the grass in the heart of Central Campus to watch the stars and moon with a group of good friends and a mooncake in hand sounds like a great way to spend an evening, join us at this year’s MAF celebration on the 21st of September! More details to come so keep a look out for them!

6) **Telematch (9th Nov at the Coliseum)**

THE Event of the semester! Inter-batch competition in various sports, computer, and table games take place throughout the day! Batch ICs, you will lead your team to glory … or defeat. You may even meet one or two guest teams from other international student associations! This is one event you don’t want to miss! Mark your calendars now! Come to our Fall GM to find out more!

Your President
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