



The British Malaysian Society

Newsletter – Autumn 2014

Society's AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday 24 June 2014 at the Travellers Club, Pall Mall.

In his remarks Dato' Zarir Cama, Chairman of the Society, said it had been an exciting year and new members continue to join. He also said there was a need to interact with other societies and to attract more corporate members.

At the end of the formal meeting Datuk Yunus Raiss read his poem in commemoration of Sultan Azlan Shah during the 100 days of mourning. A copy of his poem can be found on the 2014 past events page of our website.

The AGM was followed by the President's Reception hosted by BMS President Sir Mark Moody-Stuart

Patron: The Earl of Home

Patron: Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz,

President: Sir Mark Moody-Stuart

Executive Committee

Dato' Zarir Cama (Chairman)

Albert Bong (Hon Secretary)

Peter Farrar (Hon Treasurer)

Dr John Breakell (Education Secretary)

Zehan Albakri-Verden (Culture Secretary)

David Lamb (Commercial Secretary)

Azimah Heus (Events Organiser)

Christine Loh (Deputy Events Organiser)

Dato' Neville Green (Founding Chairman)

Martin Barrow

Dato' Johan Raslan

Michael Thompson

Dato' Anthony Cooper

Rahiyah Yahya



(Left to right): Albert Bong (Hon Secretary) Dato' Zarir Cama (Chairman) Peter Farrar (Hon Treasurer)



(Left to right) HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi High Commissioner Malaysia in London and Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, BMS President

Palm oil – from cradle to colossus

A Talk by John Goodwin



John Goodwin

John Goodwin gave an exhilarating talk on the palm oil industry, focusing especially on United Plantations, in Indonesia and Malaysia.

He said palm oil was cultivated and processed in a sustainable manner by the company.

UP's subsidiary companies are engaged in several downstream activities such as processing palm oil, manufacturing, packing and distributing end products in the form of cooking oils, edible oils, specialty fats and soap products.

He said United Plantations Berhad is known for its high level of social responsibility and environmental awareness together with the Company's leading role in the research and development of high yielding palm products.

John moved into the plantation sector, as a senior executive in United Plantations, after an initial career in investment banking, including five years in Malaysia.

The event was held at The Travellers Club, Pall Mall, London, on 10 September 2014.

FORTHCOMING BMS EVENTS

Tuesday 28 October

Annual Dinner

Venue: Parliament Chamber
Inner Temple

London EC4Y 7HL

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Thursday 13 November

Talk by Professor Hugh

Montgomery - Matters for survival

Venue: Imperial College London

Time: 6.30pm

Wednesday 10 December

Chairman's Christmas Reception

Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm

OTHER MALAYSIAN EVENTS IN LONDON

Sunday 5 October

Merdeka Carnival 2014

Venue: Tun Abdul Razak Research Centre
Brickendonbury
Hertford SG13 8NL

Time : 10.00am – 5.00pm

3 - 6 November

World Travel Market
Tourism Malaysia Participation

Saturday 8 November

Lord Mayor's Show
Tourism Malaysia Participation

20 – 23 November

Taste of London Winter
Malaysian participation

23 November - 5 December

"Malaysia Art Showcase London 2014"

Venue: La Galleria, Pall Mall, London

Time: 10.30 – 5pm (Mon-Fri)

Organised by MATRADE

Eid Celebratory Dinner

The Society held its Eid Celebratory Dinner at Satay House on 6 August 2014.

Malaysian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, H.E Dato' Ahmad Rasidi and his wife Datin Rosilawati Ab Raffar attended the function.

High Commissioner's Eid Open House

H.E Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, Malaysian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and his wife Datin Rosilawati Ab Raffar held an Eid Open House at his residence on 4 August. Members of BMS attended the event.

Malaysian organisations wishing to have their major events listed in the Forthcoming Events section for Winter Edition (January-March 2015) of the BMS Newsletter, please forward listing by 15 December 2014 to: newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org

Four Partial Piano Scholarships for Young Malaysians in UK

Overseas Malaysia Winter Piano Academy (OMWPA) 2014 has four partial scholarships for young Malaysians at the Yehudi Menuhin School UK from 13 – 23 December 2014.

Two scholarships are given by The British Malaysian Society to the youngest accepted Malaysian Active Participants.

The other two are given by the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) to selected Malaysian Active Participants
www.ideas.org.my

For further information, please check
www.omwpa.com

OMWPA was established in 2010 by the Malaysian international concert pianist Bobby Chen.

Tash Aw in conversation



Yiyun Li (L) and Tash Aw

Tash Aw and Chinese author Yiyun Li talked to The Guardian literary editor about their book and the evolution of Asian values that have led them to write about their subjects, at Asia House on 18 April 2014

Aw writes about immigration workers and Li writes about the impact of the digital age on values in China.

Malaysian author Aw's Booker Prize long-listed *Five Star Billionaire* charts the lives of Malaysian migrant workers in Shanghai, and the old life they left behind.

Aw was at the Pre-Festival of Asia House Bagri Foundation Literature Festival with Yiyun Li, in conversation with Claire Armitstead. Li launched her latest novel, *Kinder Than Solitude*.

The event was a joint venture with Asia House and was attended by many BMS members.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the families and loved ones of the passengers and crew on flight MH17.

We have received the sad news of the death, on Tuesday 26 August, of Simon Featherstone, until recently the British High Commissioner to Malaysia and a good friend of the Society. Members will want to join with us in sending our sympathy to his widow Gail and their family

Malaysia Night 2014 at Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square gave itself over to Malaysia Night hosting a night market that introduced Londoners to the delights of Malaysia, 26 September 2014.

Malaysia Night was launched by Datuk Dr Wong Lai Sum, CEO Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE)

More than 20 of the UK's best Malaysian eateries offered up satay,



laksa (spicy noodle soup), char kway teow (stir-fried flat noodle), rendang (intensely spicy meat dish), nasi goreng (fried rice) and apam balik (turnover pancake).

An estimated 40,000 people enjoyed the night at Trafalgar Square.

The event was organised by MATRADE and Malaysia Kitchen, and supported by The Mayor of London

L-R) Caroline Mili Artiss, TV chef, Ping Coombes, Masterchef Champion 2014, Sir Edward Lister, Deputy Mayor London, Datuk Dr Wong Lai Sum, CEO MATRADE and H.E Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, High Commission of Malaysia

Links: www.malaysiakitchen.co.uk
www.matrade.gov.my

Malaysia 57th National Day celebrated in London



H.E Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi High Commissioner Malaysia to the United Kingdom and wife Datin Datin Rosilawati Ab Raffar hosted the Malaysia 57th National Day at the Millennium Hotel, Mayfair, 12 September 2014.

Guests included foreign diplomats, business and corporate leaders and BMS members.



British High Commissioner designate to Malaysia



British High Commissioner designate to Malaysia, Vicki Treadell CMG, MVO, met the Malaysian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, H.E Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi at the High Commission of Malaysia, London, on 4 September 2014.

The British Malaysian Society extends its best wishes to her on her new post in Kuala Lumpur.

Satay House Eid open house

Malaysian restaurant Satay House held an Eid open house for its patrons and BMS members on 23 August 2014.

Satay House is a corporate member of The British Malaysian Society

Join BMS

With a new structure and more regular events for British Malaysian Society members it has never been a better time to join! Whatever your connection to Malaysia there is likely to be something for you within the society.

Members who have worked and lived in Malaysia and have an interesting anecdote to tell, please send a short write-up to: newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org

Eid open house at High Commission of Malaysia London



HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi (4th from left) with guests

His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, The High Commissioner of Malaysia to the United Kingdom, and his wife Datin Rosilawati Ab Raffar hosted a Eid open house at the High Commission of Malaysia in Belgrave Square on 28 July 2014. About 2500 people attended the occasion, including the British community and diplomatic representatives from foreign missions based in London and BMS members

GREAT Week Malaysia & Singapore 2014



The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP with Ms. Danielle Horsnell, Business Development Executive, British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce

GREAT Week Malaysia and Singapore 2014 was formally launched by The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP on Monday 8 September to an audience of over 250 British and Malaysian delegates from the retail, food & drink and experience economy sectors.

Danielle Horsnell, Business Development Executive for the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) spoke eloquently to business representatives about how the

Overseas Business Network Initiative (OBNI) helps to grow British businesses. Delegates heard how the BMCC offers B2B Support Services to SMEs to provide a soft landing for UK firms - offering guidance on the legal and regulatory environment, advice on overcoming cultural boundaries as well as facilitating business matching and risk management.

Further information on OBNI in Malaysia can be found on the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce website.

www.bmcc.org.my

Malaysia Kitchen Spring Market in London

LONDON, 3-4 May - Twelve restaurants gathered along the Southbank, between the OXO Tower and Waterloo Bridge, to showcase the very best in Malaysian cuisine, at the first-ever Malaysia Kitchen Spring Market, selling tasters and meals ranging from beef rendang, laksa to satay. Malaysian food combines Malay, Chinese and Indian flavours to produce some of the best loved dishes in the world.



Visitors experienced this unique country through its food as well as learning about Malaysian culture through performances and entertainment throughout the day.

Visitors also bought Malaysian ingredients to try and recreate the authentic dishes at home.

Malaysian Kitchen aims to bring the exotic food of Malaysia to the UK and this foodie festival on the Southbank was the perfect place to try it out!

Malaysia celebrates 57th Merdeka Day

By Rahimy Rahim The Star Sunday August 31, 2014



In Merdeka parade, a more steely Malaysia on display

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia marked its 57th Merdeka Day in subdued fashion as more than 100,000 people from all walks of life gathered at Dataran Merdeka here on Sunday.

Themed "Malaysia, Where Love Grows", the parade started as soon as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah arrived at 8am.

Their Majesties were welcomed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

The King then saluted before the Negaraku was played by the Royal Malay Regiment's main band.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong inspected a-guard-of-honour mounted by 103 member of the regiment, which was followed by three shouts of "Daulat Tuanku (Long Live the King)" and hoisting of the national flag accompanied by the singing of Negaraku and later, the firing of a 14-gun salute.

Malaysians at the iconic Dataran Merdeka also observed a moment of silence in prayers for the country's patriots and fallen soldiers who had fought for the country's independence.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Cabinet Ministers, and foreign leaders as well as other dignitaries.

<http://www.thestar.com.my>

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Malaysian artist's exhibition at ROA Gallery, London

One East Asia mounts first solo show by Malaysian artist Chang Fee Ming in London



The Undying Spirit, 1992

Chang Fee Ming: A Traveller's Diary (A Private Collection) is the first solo exhibition in London of works by the celebrated Malaysian watercolour artist Chang Fee Ming.

It ran from 24 June to 4 July at the ROA Gallery, Royal Opera Arcade, Pall Mall.

A book to accompany the exhibition, A Traveller's Diary (2014) has been published by One East Asia, Singapore.

www.roa-galleria.com / oneeastasia.org

