BMS Malaysia Careers Advice Evening

The British Malaysian Society (BMS) in partnership with GenCorporate - a newly established Malaysian students group - organised a Malaysian Careers Advice Evening at the Malaysian High Commission, London, 12 March 2015.

Speakers from HSBC and Prima Ekuiti were amongst those who provided the ‘dos and don’ts’ on internships and graduate opportunities in preparation before The Malaysian Career Fair 2015 held on the 28th to the 31st of March 2015.

The theme was ‘How to prepare for an interview, make an effective presentation and find out the importance of internships’

There was a Q&A session after the panel session and opportunity to network with the speakers and BMS Committee members.

About 45 Malaysian students attended the event.

FORTHCOMING BMS EVENTS

Thursday 23 April
Talk by Ray Kyles, until recently Acting British High Commissioner to Malaysia, “Malaysia over the past four years - a diplomatic perspective” with an introduction by Patrick Maddams, Sub-Treasurer of The Inner Temple.
The Inner Temple, London EC4Y 7HL 6.00 for 6.30pm

Tuesday 5 May
Talk by Tuniku ‘Ahidin Murhiz ‘Healing the Malaysian nation’ The London School of Economics, London WC2A 2AZ 12.30 -2.30pm

Tuesday 9 June
Society’s AGM and President’s Reception
The Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EP 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 30 June
“The City, Malaysia and ASEAN opportunities and challenges”, with keynote speech by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Alan Yarrow, and panel discussion. This is a joint event with IoD City and there will be a charge of £30 per guest
Standard Chartered Bank, Global Headquarters, 1 Basinghall Avenue London EC2V 5DD 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Second half of July
Evening (provisional)
Eid dinner Satay House

Sir David Greenaway appointed next Chairman of Russell Group

Sir David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham, a long-standing corporate member of the BMS, has been appointed as the next Chairman of the prestigious Russell Group, which represents 24 leading UK universities. Sir David received a knighthood for services to education in the 2014 Birthday Honours list.

On 15 September, shortly after taking up his appointment, Sir David will be speaking to BMS members on The Globalisation of Higher Education.

IDEAS Chief Executive talks on Moderate Malaysia

Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Chief Executive of the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), gave a talk “Moderate Malaysia” at The Travellers Club, Pall Mall, London, Monday 30 March 2015. In an enlightening talk he gave an overview on the present climate in the country, sometimes critical but giving a positive view.

(More information about IDEAS can be found at www.ideas.org.my)

Gail Featherstone elected Honorary Life Member of British Malaysian Society

Gail Featherstone, widow of former British High Commissioner to Malaysia Simon Featherstone, CMG, has been elected as an Honorary Life Member of The British Malaysian Society.

Are you visiting Malaysia? BMS members visiting Malaysia are welcome to attend any BMCC or MBS events while they are there.
Malaysian Pianist
Bobby Chen elected to Piano Trio Society

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Malaysian pianist Bobby Chen (a BMS member) has been elected as a member of Piano Trio Society. Bobby studied at the Yehudi Menuhin School and the Royal Academy of Music under Hamish Milne and Ruth Nye.
He has toured the world as recitalist and concerto soloist. Bobby continues to maintain strong links with Malaysia and in 2007 he gave the world premiere of a new piano concerto in London celebrating Malaysia’s 50th Anniversary as a nation. He was recently elected an Associate of Royal Academy of Music (ARAM).

Thank you letter from Jing Xun

Dear British Malaysian Society,
Thank you very much for giving me the partial scholarship to go for the OMWPA course in Yehudi Menuhin School.
Without it, my family would not have been able to send me to London.
Mummy said we had to cut our travel budget because we need to spend on grandma treatment last year. Because of getting the scholarship, a very kind uncle paid some of my airfare with his flying mileage, I feel very thankful.
I have learned so much about music from this course. This is my first Scholarship for music, and I am very grateful and happy that I was chosen. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Kuan Jing Xun

Kuan Jing Xun was one of four students who attended The Overseas Masters Winter Piano Academy (OMWPA) in December 2014. The others were Ken Qi Jing, Yeo Wei Le (Austin) and Tan Tzu Kuang, The British Malaysian Society provided 2 partial scholarships to the two youngest selected Malaysian students, and the Institute of Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) provided 2 partial scholarships to two selected Malaysian

BMS Chinese New Year Lunch

BMS members with Dato Jimmy Choo and Datin Rebecca Choo (third and fourth from left) at BMS Chinese New Year Lunch at Maxmini Restaurant, 2 March 2015. About 30 BMS members attended the lunch.

A tribute to the architect of modern Malaya

The launch of Iversen Architect of Ipoh and Modern Malaya written by Ruth Iversen Rollitt. Here she is showing the book to Iversen's former apprentice back in 1962, JC Wong (left) and Lau Siak Hong of Perak Heritage Society (right). — Picture by K. E Ooi

GEORGE TOWN — Berthel Michael Iversen was born in Denmark but he came to call Malaya home.
An architect, he designed and built 38 cinemas, landmark buildings like the Federal House in Kuala Lumpur, the Veterinary Research Institute in Ipoh, the Chinese Swimming Club in Penang and thousands of other buildings throughout peninsula Malaya.
Based in Ipoh for a period stretching from pre-war Malaya to post-colonial Malaysia, his iconic architectural style is one well known by many during that time.
All his architectural designs have a unique quality to them; they are beautiful to look at and built in such a way that these buildings, particularly residential houses, remain cool in our hot, humid weather without the need for air conditioning.
Iversen left his mark in the lines and built of the buildings found all over Ipoh, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Cameron Highlands and Singapore but sadly not many people knew about him, his life and the details of his life’s work.
That is why Ruth Rollitt (a BMS member) decided to write a book on her father; a tribute to him and to put on record his remarkable work.
The hardcover book — published by Areca Books — is over 200 pages on Iversen’s work and his life until his death due to cancer at the age of 70.
http://www.themaleymailonline.com
(Extracted from The Malay Mail Online)

Join BMS
With a new and improved benefit structure for British Malaysian Society members it has never been such a great 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 interesting anecdote to tell, please send short write-up to: newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org

Nazir Razak Wins Asia House Asian Business Leaders Award

Nazir Razak
CIMB Group chairman Datuk Seri Nazir Razak will be awarded the Asia House Asian Business Leaders Award for 2015 at a gala event to be held at Westminster’s Banqueting House on Oct 13.
Nazir Razak was selected as the recipient of this year’s award in recognition of his achievements over the course of his 26-year tenure at CIMB Group, the Trustees of Asia House in London announced 2 February.
The announcement was made in a statement issued by Asia House, a centre of expertise on Asia and the leading pan-Asian organisation in the United Kingdom. “I hope this award brings more attention to the potential of ASEAN as a place to do business and the opportunity to create value by pooling people and resources from various ASEAN countries,” Nazir Razak said.
Sir John Boyd, Chairman of Asia House said they were delighted to acknowledge the potential and the good work of Nazir Razak.

UKEC-GRADUAN Careers Fair 2015

LONDON, 29 March: The United Kingdom and Eire Council (UKEC) of Malaysian Students and Graduan presented the 11th edition of the annual UKEC-GRADUAN Careers Fair 2015 at Lancaster Hotel here. About 35 Malaysian companies were on hand to headhunt graduating Malaysian talent. Students were also welcomed to apply for a summer internship or a graduate program with the companies.
The fair was held in conjunction with the Corporate Luncheon on 28 March 2015, where students had the opportunity to meet, listen and network with representatives of corporate Malaysia.