



# The British Malaysian Society

Newsletter – Spring 2016

## Talk by Professor Sir David Greenaway



Sir David Greenaway with a guest

Professor Sir David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University and Chair of the Russell Group of Universities, gave a highly informative and forward looking talk “The Globalisation of Higher Education” at The Malaysian High Commission, London, on Tuesday 22 March 2016.

In his talk Sir David expounded his views on education having become globalised, with many universities setting up campuses in other countries and students going to different countries to pursue their studies, a trend which seems likely to continue.

## BMS gives donation to Mercy Malaysia UK



BMS Chairman Dato' Anthony Cooper (left), shown with Malaysian High Commissioner to the UK, Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, handed a cheque to Mercy Malaysia UK trustee, Haliza Hashim-Doyle on 14 January 2016.

Mercy Malaysia UK provides medical relief and humanitarian aid to communities in crisis. So far this year, they have donated some funds to the flood victims in York, to a group of Syrian refugees in Nottingham and to the Rohingyas in Myanmar.

### FORTHCOMING BMS EVENTS

#### Tuesday 12 April

12.00 for 12.30pm

Joint event with the Malayan Volunteers

Group, lunch talk by MVG Founder Rosemary

Fell and historian Jonathan Moffatt

Venue: Malaysian High Commission,

Belgrave Square, London

#### Thursday 5 May

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Talk by David Phillips, “Past and Present in Malaysia: the Uses and Abuses of History”.

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Park Place, London

#### Wednesday 11 May

6.00pm

AGM and President's Reception

Travellers Club, Pall Mall, London

#### Tuesday 21 June

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Talk by Dr Razeen Sally, “ASEAN – its political and economic challenges”.

Travellers Club, Pall Mall, London

#### July, first half

Talk by HE Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia, “My Malaysian experiences”

## BMS gives donation to Voice of the Children, Malaysia



Paul Simmons, Commercial Director of Malaysia Airlines, presented a BMS cheque to Sharmila Sekaran, Chairman of Voice of the Children, at the Royal Lake Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 22 February 2016. The cheque was for over £3,000 (RM18,000).

Malaysia Airlines donated two business class return tickets London/Kuala Lumpur for auction at the Society's annual dinner last year at the Inner Temple, a BMS corporate member, on 14 October 2015.

The auction of the Malaysia Airlines tickets and other items, together with the sale of raffle tickets, generated over £6,000. The proceeds were divided between Mercy Malaysia UK and Voice of the Children, Malaysia.

## BMS Chinese New Year lunch



BMS held its Chinese New Year lunch at Maximini restaurant, Paddington, London on 19 February 2016.

Over 20 members and guests attended the function.

## Opera Puteri Saadong

The British Malaysian Society is pleased to support the forthcoming performance of Opera Puteri Saadong. This Malay opera, composed by Associate Professor Dr Tazul Tajuddin, will be performed at The Tabernacle, London on Saturday, 14 May 2016 at 8pm, and features Ildiko Allen as Puteri Saadong with Chroma Ensemble.

Members can visit the BMS website “Events” page for more details and a link to The Tabernacle website for bookings

### OTHER EVENTS

Members will be notified of other events to which they will be invited, including those organised by My-UK and Malaysian Govt bodies, including MIDA and MATRADE

Members will be advised of full details, and how to book/pay, by flyers sent out nearer the date.

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## Message from BMS

The British Malaysian Society is fortunate in that many of our speakers agree to attend our events for little or no charge.

In order to continue our work of strengthening business, educational and cultural links between the UK and Malaysia we rely on the support of our Corporate Members and other partners who provide assistance such as the venue, refreshments and financial assistance wherever possible.

In return the Society strives to provide networking opportunities for its members by arranging stimulating and topical talks about cutting edge issues at the forefront of global business in some of the most interesting and enjoyable locations in London.

If your business would like to contribute to the success of The British Malaysian Society we would very much like to hear from you. Please contact the Secretary by email on [secretary@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org](mailto:secretary@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org)

## TPPA and Malaysia



Datuk J. Jayasiri is the chief negotiator, on behalf of the Government of Malaysia, in the TPPA negotiations

LONDON: Fri Feb 26, 2016 - Datuk J. Jayasiri, the Deputy Secretary General (Strategy and Monitoring), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia, gave a briefing on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), at Malaysia Hall London, Friday 26 February 2016

The briefing provided an opportunity to obtain the insights of the TPPA and to understand the importance of Malaysia to be part of the pact.

Twelve countries - Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the USA, Vietnam and Malaysia signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) in Auckland, New Zealand, on 4 February 2016, which is set to expand markets, reduce tariffs and promote freer trade.

After the TPP's signing, a two-year grace period will commence for ratification. Malaysia is expected to make 26 amendments to 17 laws to fit the demands of the trade agreement.

[www.miti.gov.my](http://www.miti.gov.my)

## Join BMS

Whatever your connection to Malaysia there is likely to be something for you within the society, especially for those who have lived or worked in Malaysia. If you have an interesting item of news or something else to contribute, please send your contribution to: [newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org](mailto:newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org)

## British diplomat proud of her Malaysian roots

By Melanie Chalil, The Malay Mail Online January 2, 2016



Victoria Treadell greets guests at a Christmas party for children recently.

Picture: courtesy of British High Commission

KUALA LUMPUR - Having spent the first eight years of her life in Ipoh, British High Commissioner to Malaysia Victoria Marguerite Treadell, recalls joining her vintage car enthusiast father on rides and modelling bridesmaids outfits with her sister.

Her late father, Rex Jansz — who was of French-Dutch ancestry, owned a publishing business while her mother Anne Chan was a sought-after wedding dress maker in Ipoh.

Although Treadell and her family settled in the UK when she was eight, she often returned to Malaysia to visit relatives. Returning to her birth country in 2014 as the British High Commissioner meant a lot to the half-Malaysian diplomat.

“I would like to make a difference and further enhance Britain's long standing relationship with Malaysia,” said Treadell, who spent four years as a junior diplomat here in the late 80s.

Given her Malaysian roots, Treadell revealed it helped her a “great deal in terms of understanding Malaysia, its culture and its people”.

At the recent launch of a food memoir by Malaysian culinary sage Carol Selva Rajah, Treadell expressed concerns on how the Malaysia she grew up in was at risk of disappearing at a rapid pace. One other obvious change and quite a worrying one was diminished tolerance levels and an increase in racial polarisation.

Her team at the British High Commission hope to take their strategic engagement with Malaysia to a new level.

Extracted from The Malay Mail Online  
<http://www.themalaymailonline.com>

## Malaysia, Britain sign MoUs for collaboration in education

The Malay Mail Online Tuesday February 23, 2016



CIMB Group chairman Datuk Seri Nazir Razak (right) and Deputy British High Commissioner to Malaysia Paul Rennie (left) witnessing the signing of an MoU between CIMB and Chevening in conjunction with the launch of 'Education is Great' at Heriot-Watt University, in Putrajaya, 23 February 2016. Bernama picture

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia and Britain signed three MoUs to pave the way for greater collaboration in education and development of talent.

The MoUs, which were signed in conjunction with the launch of “Education is Great” campaign here, were between Heriot-Watt University and Shell Malaysia; BAE Systems and Chevening Malaysia; CIMB Group Holdings Bhd and Chevening Asean.

There are over 16,000 Malaysians currently studying in the UK and an additional 58,000 individuals studying for a UK qualification in Malaysia, adding a total of 125 British institutions offering UK degrees through partnerships with Malaysia.

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<http://www.themalaymailonline.com>

## 2016 Economic Outlook – Opportunities and challenges



(From left) Jimmy McLoughlin, Wahida Abdul Rahman, Khairul Nizam Moonier, Priscilla To, Mouhammed Choukeir, David Stringer-Lamarre

His Excellency the Malaysian High Commissioner, Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, delivered a keynote speech at a joint seminar between the Institute of Directors City of London and The British Malaysian Society entitled 2016 Economic Outlook – Opportunities & Challenges, with a focus on ASEAN, at the offices of Kleinwort Benson in London, on 14 January 2016.

An estimated 70 IoD City and BMS members and guests listened to five distinguished speakers: Mouhammed Choukeir - Chief Investment Officer of Kleinwort Benson, Stephen Herring - Head of Tax, Policy Unit, Institute of Directors, Priscilla To - Director General of HKETO (Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office), Khairul Nizam Moonier – Trade Commissioner for MATRADE London, and Wahida Abdul Rahman – Director and Investment Counsellor of MIDA London, delivering their comments on the topic of The City, Malaysia and ASEAN opportunities and challenges.

ASEAN is expected to be the fourth largest trading block by 2050.

The event was supported by Kleinwort Benson and hosted in their Mayfair offices.

## PAWA Walk

Regent's Park, London,  
Sunday 15 May 2016

## Take A Walk, Change A Life

Join the PAWA Walk team to raise funds for teenage girls' education in Asia at the Super Heroes Run at Regent's Park on Sunday 15 May.

You can choose to walk or run for either 10km or 5km. It is just £20 to register (£10 for 8 to 17 years and under 8s free) and this includes a special PAWA Walk 2016 T shirt.

To register go to:

<http://www.pawa-london.org>