Commonwealth Big Lunch at Malaysian High Commission

A Commonwealth Big Lunch, as part of the CHOGM 2018 events, was held at the Malaysian High Commission on 23 March. It was a joint event between the BMS, the Sarawak Association and IoD City.

It was a celebration of the Commonwealth and the great part that HM The Queen has played as Head of the Commonwealth. This lunch was to celebrate that connection.

Over 60 members and guests attended the event including the Malaysian High Commissioner, HE Dato’ Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi.

Talk by Tony Collingridge, OBE “Prospects for the Malaysian economy, trade and investment in 2018”

Tony Collingridge said that Malaysia was not far from achieving its Vision 2020 goals, and the economic indicators showed the country to be in good shape. Consumer demand was the key factor in economic growth, but as a small country Malaysia relies heavily on trade.

Trade between UK and Malaysia is expected to reach US$10.7bn by 2020. On the political front he noted that PM Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak presented a bold approach ahead of GE 14.

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Chairman’s Review

Although we had two fewer events in 2017 they were all well attended.

Two of the highlights were the 60th Anniversary Merdeka Concert held in October in the City of London and the Christmas Reception and Celebration of Merdeka held in December at the House of Lords.

The Society continues to enjoy excellent relations with both the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur and the Malaysian High Commission in London and this enhances our main mission of promoting bilateral friendships between our two countries.

HE Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner in Malaysia, gave a stimulating talk at the Inner Temple in September and HE Dato’ Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi again hosted events at the Malaysian High Commission.

Talk by Rt Hon Mark Field MP on UK-Malaysia Relations

From left: Neville Green, Anthony Cooper, BMS Chairman, Mark Field MP and Mei Sim Lai, BMS Deputy Chairman.

The Rt Hon Mark Field MP, Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific, gave a wide ranging and interesting talk on “UK-Malaysia relations” at Portcullis House, Westminster, on 15 March.

His talk included current Malaysian politics, trade, bilateral issues and education. He also took questions from the audience of over 60 guests.

He tweeted (about BMS) “A vital institution for supporting relations over the last 35 years”.

The Rt Hon Mark Field has been the Member of Parliament for the Cities of London & Westminster since 2001. He has a special interest in economic affairs, foreign trade and international aid.

Chinese New Year Lunch

BMS held its annual Chinese New Year Celebratory lunch at Maxmini Restaurant on 27 February.

About 30 members and friends attended the function, on a cold and snowy day.

The Society’s privacy policy

As you may be aware new data protection regulations come into force in May this year. Accordingly, we need to formally advise members of our privacy policy.

The only personal information we collect and hold about members is the information you provide to us when you apply to join the Society. This comprises your name, email address, postal address and telephone contact numbers.

We will never provide our membership lists or any of your personal details to any third parties. We hold your contact details solely to be able to provide details of the Society’s events and other events which may be of interest to you.

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AMEU hosts Financial Technology (FinTech), DEFINETECH

The Association of Malaysian Economics Undergraduates (AMEU) hosted their first ever Financial Technology (FinTech) event, DEFINETECH, at Malaysia Hall, London, on 10 February. The event was aimed at providing students with a comprehensive picture of the role of technology and its related industries in the larger economy.

Manchester Intellectual Debate 2018

The Manchester Intellectual Debate 2018 (MID) was held in Manchester on 3 – 4 March. The MID competition had two categories, Malay and English, both in Asian Parliamentary style.

Oxford: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V, has been awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the St Cross College of Oxford, UK. He received the fellowship during an induction ceremony at St Cross College, cementing his place in an international network of 14 Honorary and Donors fellows of the college.

St Cross College Master, Carole Souther, presented a medal and certificate of fellowship to the King, witnessed by the college’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Louise Richardson, and its academic staff.

Sultan Muhammad V was educated at Oakham School in Rutland until 1989 and pursued his education in Diplomatic Studies at St Cross College in Oxford, as well as Islamic Studies at the Oxford Centre until 1991. – Bernama

Participants had the privilege of hearing from BMS member Simon Gilbert, the Founder and Managing Director of Elmore Insurance Brokers Limited, who shed some light on the emerging threats that the financial industry faces as it continues to evolve digitally and the growing importance of cyber insurance for companies.

AMEU is a professional non-profit student-run organisation for aspiring Malaysian undergraduates studying economics or economics-related pursuits in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Malaysian King receives Honorary Fellowship from Oxford’s St Cross College

The Sun Daily March 1, 2018

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King), Sultan Muhammad V receives the Honorary Fellowship of the St Cross College of Oxford, UK. The Master of the College, Carole Souther, March 1, 2018 - Bernama

BMS Deputy Chairman Mei Sim Lai OBE DL wins Outstanding Contribution Award at the Chinese Business Leaders Awards

Many congratulations to our Deputy Chairman Mei Sim Lai OBE DL on winning the 2017 Outstanding Contribution Award at the Chinese Business Leaders Awards at the National Portrait Gallery, organised by Sino Pro and sponsored by PwC.

BMS Deputy Chairman Mei Sim Lai (centre) with the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Charles Bowman, PwC Partners (right) and Minister Counsellor Jin Xu, Economic and Commercial Section, Chinese Embassy in London

The award recognises Mei Sim’s work over many years on many public, business, City and voluntary/charitable organisations. She has been one of Her Majesty The Queen’s Representatives in London since 2006 and has responsibility for the London Borough of Brent.

Sarawak CM Abang Johari receives courtesy call from BMS chairman

Abang Johari (centre) together with Anthony Cooper (left) and Jason Brooke during the courtesy call.

KUCHING, Malaysia, 27 Jan: Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Opong received a courtesy call from BMS chairman Dato’ Anthony Cooper, accompanied by Jason Brooke, at his office in Wisma Bapa Malaysia.

An Evening with Bruce Parry ‘Voice from the Forest’

The Sarawak Association organised the event at St Ethelburga’s, Bishopsgate, on Thursday 22 March.

Bruce Parry was in conversation with Jason Gathorne-Hardy about his latest film documentary, ‘Tawai,’ interspersed with clips from the documentary. Tawai, is the world the Penans use to describe an inner feeling of connection to nature.

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UKEC-Graduate - The Malaysian Careers Fair 2018

Over 30 Malaysian corporates exhibited at the UKEC GraduaCareers Fair, at Royal Lancaster Hotel, on Sunday 25 March, including a number of corporate members of BMS. An estimated 4,000 students attended the Fair.

The Malaysian Careers Fair 2018 is a platform for Malaysian students in the UK to network and potentially secure internship, placements and job opportunities with leading Malaysian companies.

JOIN US FOR THE PAWA WALK 2018

Join the PAWA Walk team to raise funds for teenage girls’ education in Asia at the Super Heroes Run at Regents Park on Sunday 13 May at 11am.

It is just £25 to register (under 8s are free) and this includes a PAWA Walk T-shirt.

http://pawa-london.org

PAWA organised a Panel Discussion “Women in Film: Challenges and opportunities behind the camera”, for Women’s International Day, at Nehru Centre on 16 March.

The Graduan Careers Fair was organised by United Kingdom & Eire Council of Malaysian Students (UKEC).

BMS set up a booth at the fair to raise awareness of the BMS amongst students.

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In ASEAN, Malaysia plays a major role and is also an important member of the Commonwealth.

Tony was formerly UKTI’s Director of Trade & Investment in Malaysia. He was appointed as Director Malaysia for the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) in November 2017.

The event was held at the offices of Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP on Thursday 4 January.

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