



The British Malaysian Society

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BMS Annual Dinner



Some of the members and guests at the Annual Dinner

The Society held its annual dinner at the Inner Temple, one of our corporate members, on Wednesday 14 October. Nearly 70 BMS members and their guests attended the event.

In his remarks BMS President Sir Mark Moody-Stuart welcomed members and guests to the dinner, noting the rapid progress of the Society and thanking the many donors for their generosity and the prizes for the auction and raffle. The principal auction item was two business class return tickets London/Kuala Lumpur donated by Malaysia Airlines.

The auction and sale of raffle tickets raised nearly £6,000. The proceeds will be divided between two Malaysian charities, Mercy Malaysia and Voice of the Children.

BMS Chairman's Christmas Reception



Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, BMS President, (2nd from left) and BMS Chairman, Dato' Anthony Cooper, (right) with guests.

Over 60 BMS members and guests attended the Chairman's Christmas Reception at the Travellers Club, Pall Mall, London, on Tuesday 8 December. It was a highly enjoyable evening, members reminiscing with old friends and meeting many new members. In his remarks Anthony said it had been a successful year and reminded everyone of some of the forthcoming events.

FORTHCOMING BMS EVENTS

Thursday 14 January

Joint event with IoD City,
"Global economic forecasts for 2016"
Kleinwort Benson offices, London

February (date TBA)

Chinese New Year lunch
Maximini restaurant

Tuesday 22 March

Talk by Sir David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University,
"The globalisation of education"
Malaysian High Commission

April (provisional)

Joint event with the Malayan Volunteers Group

WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

Other events: Members will be notified of other events to which they will be invited organised by our associates.

See our website for up-to-date details
www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.org

"The UK and Malaysia's Vision 2020" –Talk by Tony Collingridge



(L-R) Peter Farrar (BMS Treasurer), Tony Collingridge, OBE, UKTI's Director of Trade & Investment in Malaysia, and Dato' Neville Green (BMS Founding Chairman)

Tony Collingridge gave an informative and entertaining talk "The UK and Malaysia's Vision 2020" in which he gave an overview of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Both countries have experienced a great surge in trade and investment. British companies have made huge investments in Malaysia and in turn Malaysian companies have invested in the UK, particularly in properties, as in the massive Battersea development project. He said he believed Malaysia will be able to achieve its Vision 2020.

He asserted trading with Britain was great, adding that it was his job to promote British interests in Malaysia and expanded on his theme in a lively question and answer session.

The event was held at Royal Over-Seas League, on Tuesday 24 November 2015.

Book launch: "Iversen: Architect of Ipoh and modern Malaya"

Ruth Iversen Rollitt, a BMS member, held the UK launch of her book about her father, "Iversen: Architect of Ipoh and Modern Malaya", at the Malaysian High Commission, London, on 21 October 2015.

Danish architect Berthel Michael Iversen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1906 and studied architecture at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen.

Iversen travelled to Malaya and began his career in two architectural firms before starting his own firm in Ipoh, the state capital of Perak, in 1936 with architect S.H van Sitteren. Called Iversen, van Sitteren & Partners, it had branches in Penang, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

The firm was responsible for the design of thousands of buildings in Penang, Perak, Cameron



Ruth Iversen Rollitt

Highlands, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Iconic buildings in Ipoh designed by the practice include the Grandstand at Ipoh Racecourse.

Iversen retired in 1966 and died in 1976 in Copenhagen, aged 70.

The BMS is grateful to HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, the Malaysian High Commissioner, for allowing the Society to use the High Commission for its event.

Following the event at the High Commission Ruth was in conversation about her book with Pamela Kember, Head of Arts & Learning, at an Asia House event on 25 November.

An Evening With Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture Malaysia



Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture Malaysia addressing guests

About 100 Malaysians attended An Evening With Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture Malaysia, at the Malaysian High Commission, London on Friday 6 November 2015.

He talked about his ministry and its achievement and his hopes for the future. He also gave a brief account of the current political situation in Malaysia.

HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, the Malaysian High Commissioner, also attended the event.

The minister was in London to attend the World Travel Market 2015 from 2 - 5 November.

Malaysia is named Asia's Leading Destination in World Travel Awards 2015

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The 22nd World Travel Awards have revealed the winners in Asia, with Malaysia named as the Leading Destination.

Not only did Malaysia come away with Leading Destination, but Tourism Malaysia also won Leading Tourist Board. Leading Airline was awarded to Singapore Airlines, Leading Hotel in Asia was won by Jumeirah Himalayas Hotel based in Shanghai, China. Shanghai's airport also came out on top, and China's Fuchun Resort was named Leading Resort

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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 tell, please send a short write-up to:

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Malaysia-UK Forum – “Deepening Malaysia-UK relations and exploring business opportunities in Malaysia”



(L-R) HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, Datuk SK Lingam, Tan Sri Dato' Michael Yeoh, Datuk Mah Siew Keong and HRH Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin

At the Malaysia-UK forum, themed "Deepening Malaysia-UK relations and exploring business opportunities in Malaysia", held in London on Thursday 12 November 2015, Datuk Mah Siew Keong said Malaysia is committed towards making innovation a top priority to enhance the overall economy and said innovation was a game changer and the key to unlocking wealth.

Mah said that, toward this end, 2016 was identified as Malaysia Commercialisation Year in which the country hoped to see more research and development efforts being commercialised. He added that the government's commitment to this would open up many possibilities of cooperation between Malaysia and the UK.

The forum built on Malaysia's strong bilateral relationship with Britain and Malaysia's growing regional and global role. It updated British investors and the Malaysian diaspora in the UK on the latest developments in Malaysia and business and investment opportunities arising from the 11th Malaysia Plan. About 150 people attended the event, including BMS members.

Malaysia-UK Forum was organised by ASLI in London, at the Royal Garden Hotel.

PM Najib: Malaysia continues to forge ahead

The Star 9 November 2015



Najib delivering his speech at the launching of Naza Tower

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia continues to forge ahead despite strong economic headwinds as reflected in the RM22.4 billion foreign direct investment recorded in the first half of this year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said despite experiencing a decline in oil revenue, the country could still achieve a high-income nation status by encouraging entrepreneurship.

"Malaysia is a nation forging ahead and I'm confident that with the policies in place and entrepreneurial spirit that many of us have, Malaysia will achieve our aspiration of becoming a fully developed and high-income nation by 2020," he said at the launching of Naza Tower in Platinum Park.

Extracted from The Star, Malaysia <http://www.thestar.com.my>

Malaysians in UK: My-UK soft-launch in London



HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, the Malaysian High Commissioner in London (left), launched the My-UK logo with Eric Tan, chairman

A new Malaysian grouping, Malaysians in UK (My-UK), held its soft launch at the Malaysian High Commission on 12 December 2015.

The event introduced the Patron and Organising Committee to members and guests and also gave them an opportunity to meet the organisation's corporate and individual members.

In his remarks, its patron, HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, said that Malaysians in UK have a wonderful opportunity to interact with other Malaysians through the new organisation.

He emphasised My-UK was non-political and hoped that Malaysians would join it and promote the country positively.

BMS Chairman Dato' Anthony Cooper and other BMS members were present.

Malaysian Calvin Woo wins young leadership award from HM Queen Elizabeth

By A Ruban, The Malay Mail Online Wednesday December 9, 2015



Picture by Choo Choy May

Calvin Woo Yoong Shen is the SASTRA Head of Programmes for Malaysia, and the only Malaysian winner of the Queen's leadership programme. His efforts to help boost social development in the country have won him the prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award, the only Malaysian among sixty winners from the Commonwealth.

Woo will receive the award from the Queen at Buckingham Palace next year. He has already met with representatives from the British High Commission to discuss preliminary preparations for his programme starting next month.

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