BMS Chairman’s Christmas Reception and celebration of the 60th year of Merdeka

The BMS Chairman's Christmas Reception and Celebration of 60th Year of Merdeka was held at The House of Lords, in the Cholmondeley Room, on Monday 18 December 2017. The event was sponsored by PwC Malaysia.

The welcome address was by the sponsoring Peer, The Lord Sheikh of Cornhill, following an introduction and opening remarks by Dato' Anthony Cooper who spoke about the strong relationship between the BMS and Malaysia, noting that several people from Malaysia had flown to the UK to attend the event.

In his speech Lord Sheikh spoke of his relation with Malaysia and fond memories of Malaya (Malaysia) Hall in Bryanston Square London W1 and stressed the extensive trade and bilateral relations with Malaysia. Lord Sheikh also noted the strong historical and present relationship between the UK and Malaysia and the number of Malaysian students at British universities.

There was an exquisite performance by soprano Bebei Wang delighting the guests.

More than 100 members and guests attended the function.

The BMS is grateful to Lord Sheikh for being our sponsor in the House of Lords and to PwC Malaysia for sponsoring the event.

BMS Annual Dinner at the Inner Temple

The Society’s Annual Dinner was held in the Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple, London, on Tuesday 31 October. The theme of the dinner was ‘Celebrating 60 years of Merdeka’.

After opening comments by BMS Chairman, Dato’ Anthony Cooper, the welcome speech was given by David Pittaway QC, Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

The guest speaker was The Lord Powell of Bayswater, KCMB.

HE Dato’ Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, High Commissioner of Malaysia, was present.

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EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 4 January
Talk by Tony Collingridge, OBE
“Prospects for the Malaysian economy, trade and investment in 2018”
Venue: Offices of Crowe Clark Whitehill
St Bride’s House, 10 Salisbury Square
London EC4Y 5EH
Time: 6.00PM

Tuesday 27 February
Chinese New Year lunch at Maximini

Thursday 15 March
Mark Field MP on “A Minister of State’s views on Malaysian Trade and International Aid” – venue TBA

Thursday 5 April
Rosemary Fell and Jonathan Moffatt on “History of the Malayan Volunteer Forces” at the Malaysian High Commission (a joint event with the Malayar Volunteers Group).

Portrait of Tuanku Abdul Rahman unveiled at Inner Temple


A portrait of the first Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) Tuanku Abdul Rahim ibni Almarhum Tuanku Mohamed, GCMG of independent Malaya was unveiled and presented to the Inner Temple where he was called to the bar nearly 90 years ago in 1928.

The Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan, Tuanku Muhriz ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir and his family were guests of honour at this special event.

Other guests included friends of the Negri Sembilan royal family, senior members of the Inner Temple, Malaysian representatives and students along with some members of the BMS.

The portrait was commissioned and gifted to the Inn by the Malaysian Inner Temple Alumni Association.

Professor Sir David Greenaway honoured for contribution to education in Malaysia

DYMM Sultan Nazrin Shah and DYMM Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim with Sir David and Lady Susan Professor Sir David Greenaway, the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham, has received one of the highest honours awarded in Malaysia. Sir David’s contribution to education in Malaysia was recognised through the highly prestigious award in the Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Shah’s birthday honours.

The award Durajah Dato’ Paduka Mahkota Perak was bestowed by the Sultan himself at an official ceremony at The Istana Kenangan in Kuala Kangsar, Perak, on 5 November 2017. The title is considered the Malaysian equivalent to a knighthood.

Sir David became Vice-Chancellor at Nottingham in 2008 and retired in September 2017. In 2014 he was knighted in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

Sir David is a Vice-President of The British Malaysian Society and the BMS congratulates him on his award.

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 www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.org

Membership renewal notices for 2018 will be sent out shortly. Please pay promptly.

Tuesday 24 April
Tunku Abidin on “Malaysia and ASEAN in the next decade”– venue TBA

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

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We wish all our members a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at our events in 2018
BMS members’ tour of Battersea Power Station

Photo: Studeo M

Eleven members of the BMS were given a tour of Circus West Village, Battersea Power Station, on 24 October 2017. In the briefing Rob Tincknell, CEO, and Simon Murphy, Deputy CEO and CFO, outlined the strategy and future development of the Battersea Power Station project in a highly informative presentation. After the briefing the group was taken for a tour around Circus West Village. They were also invited to view the superb penthouses, with wonderful views over the River Thames.

In July Battersea Power Station was awarded “Property Company of the Year” at the Evening Standard’s Business Awards. Following an exciting year which saw Apple confirmed as a future office tenant in the Grade II listed building and the first residents moving into their homes in the development’s first phase, Circus West Village.

After 30 years in which the central London former industrial site lay derelict, it was bought in 2012 by a consortium of Malaysian shareholders: SP Setia, Sime Darby and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF). Restoration of the historic building and regeneration of the wider 42 acre site formally began in 2013.

An Evening with Sir Mark Moody-Stuart - AMEU Forum

Photo: AMEU

An Evening with Sir Mark Moody-Stuart was the Association of Malaysian Economic Undergraduates’ (AMEU) inaugural event in its Distinguished Speaker Series with the aim of providing an opportunity for members of AMEU to listen to distinguished industry leaders on various socio-economic topics of interest.

The event featured Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, former Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell, a director of Saudi Aramco and a member of the AMEU International Advisory Council as well as being the BMS President. The objective of the specific event was to raise awareness in business ethics and its enormous impact on society. Sir Mark spoke on various issues involving the impact of the resource curse in the development of countries and sustainability between corporations and the government.

It was followed by a Q&A session and a book signing session for Sir Mark’s book titled: “Responsible Leadership: Lessons from the Front Line of Sustainability and Ethics”. It was attended by around 40 people, and held at UCL on 19 November 2017.

Prince Charles fascinated by Malaysia

The Malay Mail Online Thursday 31 August 2017

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V, today granted an audience to visiting Prince Charles and his wife the Duchess of Cornwall at Istana Negara. During the 45-minute meeting at Bilik Seri Maharaja of Istana Negara, His Majesty also hosted a high-tea for the visitors.

The Royal couple also had a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

The maiden visit by Their Royal Highnesses to Malaysia is to commemorate 60 years of diplomatic ties between Britain and Malaysia.

Kicking off his maiden visit to Malaysia on Friday 3 November 2017, Britain’s Prince Charles expressed his fascination with the country’s cultural heritage and racial diversity at a reception hosted by the Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah.

Having arrived in the Malaysian capital on 2 November, Their Royal Highnesses visited a number of places in Kuala Lumpur, Perak, Sarawak and Penang, and participated in various significant events over the span of seven days from November 2 to 8. Malaysia was the longest stop on the tour for the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, over the span of seven days from November 2 to 8. The royal visit is part of a tour of Malaysia, Singapore and India from October 30 to November 9 – Bernama.


Malaysia allocates RM280b for 2018 budget

The Malay Mail Online Friday October 27, 2017

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia 27 Oct - Putrajaya has allocated RM 280.25 billion for the 2018 federal budget, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

Najib said that the allocation was around RM20 billion higher than the RM260.8 billion allocated for the 2017 budget.

Najib also announced today that the government’s income for the year 2018 is expected to reach RM 339.86 billion.

http://www.themalaymailonline.com

Malaysia Pavilion at World Travel Market 2017

London

Malaysia participated in WTM 2017, ExCel, London, November 6-8, where the country joined almost 5,000 exhibitors and 41,000 delegates for what remains one of the travel industry’s most important global gatherings.

Photo: BMS

Guests at the BMS Annual Dinner at the Inner Temple, London, on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Photo: Studeo M

Kuala Lumpur, Friday 3 Nov 2017: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V, with HRH Prince Charles and his wife, the Duchess of Cornwall, at Istana Negara, Friday 3 November 2017

Photo: BMS

The Lord Bilimoria, CBE DL, gave an informative talk and morale boosting advice to the Malaysian students present. He responded frankly to the issues raised by students, ranging from immigration, security, and internship to working in the UK to gain experience before returning to Malaysia.

Importantly he encouraged the students to do community/voluntary work to meet and interact with local people. The sponsoring Peer was the Lord Laird of Artigarvan.

BMS 60th Merdeka Award for composition

Kuala Lumpur, 8 Nov 2017

The 3 winners of the BMS 60th Merdeka award for composition were presented with their prize money at a small ceremony at Carcosa Seri Negara in Kuala Lumpur, the venue for the “Jalan Merdeka” exhibition.

The competition was organised by the BMS and Malaysian pianist Bobby Chen and open to all the graduates of his Overseas Masters Winter Piano Academy.

The 3 winners; Beatrice Khor, Jing Xun Kuan and Eng Shen Ching ‘Shensation’: performed their winning pieces which were inspired by Malaysian folk tunes.

BMS Chairman, Dato’ Anthony Cooper, kindly hosted the event with Deputy Chair, Zehan Albakri.

The event was attended by friends and families of the graduates and Malaysia British Society Secretary Chris Syer.

A special thank you to Tunku Abidin and Mr K K Tan of the Asian Heritage Museum for arranging the venue and sponsoring the refreshments.

BMS now has Facebook and Twitter, welcome news for BMS members and friends. Now social media users can click on to BMS Facebook and Twitter. Facebook: www.facebook.com/thebritishmalaysiansociety1983 Twitter: @BritishMslanSoc