

## THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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### Message from the President....

#### *Dear Members and Friends,*

We hope members, members' families and friends are continuing to stay safe and healthy.

It is encouraging to see that the COVID cases are continuing to decline and that the Health Authority has determined that it is safe to further reduce the restrictions. Masking is no longer mandatory in most places. Vaccinations are still encouraged and people are urged to exercise personal care and precautions according to each individual's comfort level.

As we resume some normalcy of life, we are excited that MSBCA is resuming our popular events – monthly Pot Luck dinner at the Clubhouse and the Annual Picnic.

We appreciate the support of the MSBCA community through the last two years of pandemic restrictions. We have had to cancel events and close access to the clubhouse. In spite of that, we have had new members added and members renewing and keeping their memberships active. This and good financial management have allowed us to cover the cost and expenses of maintaining the clubhouse through the challenging times. Thank

you to everyone for the part each of you have played. We encourage those who may not have renewed their memberships to do so as your support is the lifeblood of the association.

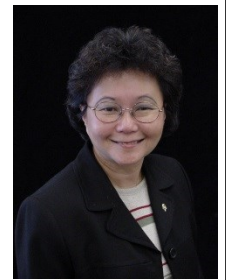
Board members have continued to check in on the clubhouse and to ensure that the facility was taken care of while it was closed. We have now resumed the rental of the clubhouse facilities for use by groups and individuals and the use of the facility for member events.

We encourage you to reach out by email (MSBCAHQ@GMAIL.COM) in the event that you have any questions, concerns or just want to connect. We welcome your suggestions and input on what you wish for us to consider to make MSBCA an association and community YOU want to have and see.

We look forward to seeing all of you in person soon at a future MSBCA function!

With Best Regards,

Polly Voon  
2021-2022  
President





## From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,



Spring is finally here. Hopefully all of us can finally enjoy the season to its fullest.

I have reached out to one of our long time Life Members, Ms. Olivia De Silva (pictured) for her input with the newsletter. She graduated with a degree in English & was an Editor of her school yearbook in KL. She indicated that she could help with proofreading, correction & editing as well. I welcomed her enthusiasm in coming forward to assist me.

Some of her ideas have been used before. The creation of "...maybe can have a section for Malaysian info/articles; one for Singapore; & one for Brunei so we have more diversity & inclusiveness... both Members & Committee Members should be free to contribute interesting articles of personal experiences or cultural information (facts/recipes etc), and maybe can have an Advice Column (Dear MSBCA/Richard...) of Members submitting Questions/Concerns & Committee responding with advice/info". So, the work has been cut out for us to move forward with the change.



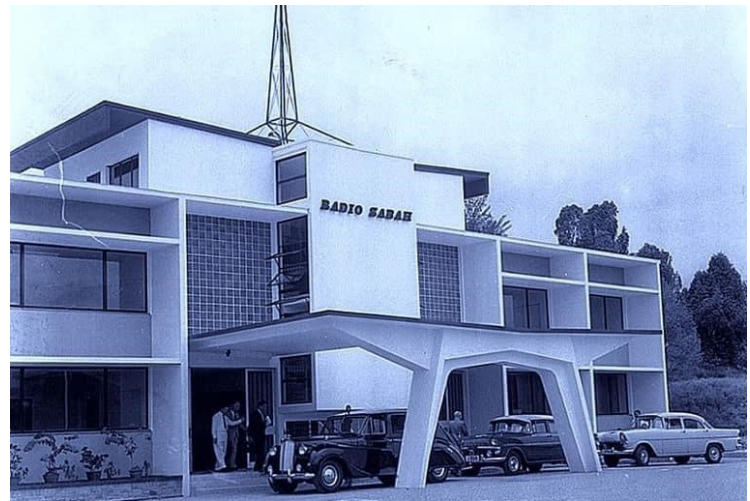
Minutes of the last meeting are published below to keep members informed of the work that the Board is doing. The minutes have been edited for your reading purposes. The contents remain intact.

Till then, all the best!

**Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge**

### Zoom Meeting

Screen shot of MSBCA Board of Directors' meeting on March 03, 2022, hosted and chaired by President Polly Voon.



Top Photo: A photo taken from North Borneo Historical Society Archive. It was the building that housed Radio Sabah in the 50's, located in the town of Jesselton now known as Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.



Above photo: Some of the members held a private luncheon at the clubhouse. About 20 of them enjoyed two hours of fun and fellowship over a pot-luck lunch. Six of them became members to support the Association.

### Minutes of Meeting— March 03, 2022

President Polly called the meeting to order at 6.30 pm. The last minutes of meeting was approved. Treasurer's Report was presented and documented.

#### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Picnic: The annual picnic on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Saturday) will go ahead as planned. In charge will be Richard and Stanley. The site will be South Arm Park on Williams Road and Garden City. More information will be sent to members in May or June to inform them of the picnic and when to register for head count so as to/in order to

determine the amount of food to prepare. year.

Monthly Pot Luck: The Board is planning for our monthly pot luck dinner, which was suspended during the spread of Covid-19, to resume again. Plans will go ahead for the first one to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April (Saturday) 2022, at 7pm if safe to resume gathering. As safety is our priority, we will discuss at the next meeting how to ensure the safety in serving and handling the food that evening. This year will see Simon Chow and Michael Mok taking charge with Richard and Stanley assisting them.

#### OPEN ISSUE:

MSBCA AGM that will be coming up this

#### ONGOING TASKS:

Memberships: No new members. The Board is still in the process of composing a standard letter to send to and new members joining our Association. The letter will state our activities and what is available to/for as a member of the Association.  
Rentals of the Clubhouse: Henry reported the total rent collected from rentals for the month of February was \$525.00.

Housekeeping: Gina continues the cleaning of the clubhouse twice a week. Henry Mo is looking after clubhouse supplies.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

MSBCA welcomes the following new members (at Press time):

Alex and Rowena Tan: Labuan, East Malaysia.

Alfred Yong: Sibiu, Sarawak, East Malaysia.

Kit Chee Wong.

Janice Tran

*Note from Membership Director: Please 'renew 'your membership if you have not done so. The Application Form is attached at the back page for you to use.*

The first Pot Luck dinner is on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 (Saturday) at 7:00pm.** We shall be exercising an abundance of caution for the indoor event at the clubhouse, including requiring that all attending are fully vaccinated, and we shall be implementing some rules to ensure safety in serving and handling of food during the evening. Please register with any of the directors if you plan to attend. For fun, Free Bingo games and prizes will be included for the evening.



Next event up is the Annual Picnic which will be on **Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** We are working on the details and will make an announcement with the details sometime in May or June. Bring your picnic chairs and your friends. The BBQ chicken wings, our favourite will be back. Yes, so will the Char kway teow!!



**Articles, Stories, etc.**

**If you have interesting things to write and share with us, why not submit them for publishing? We would love to hear from you any time.**

**Web Advertising Rate**



Business Card Size: \$25 per month or \$250 per year with link to your webpage included. Our Webmaster is Director Mr. George Yee



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**Please inform us by email at [msbcahq@gmail.com](mailto:msbcahq@gmail.com) if you are moving or have moved or have changed your email address. Also, inform us if you like your email address removed from our list.**

**IMPORTANT: There are members not receiving notices about events, etc. Either their email addresses are out of date or they do not have a computer altogether. Therefore it would be the member's responsibility to notify us as to how we can best communicate with them. Take a minute to send us a note or call any of the directors. Thank you.**

**Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective Oct. 01, 2021)**

**Members —\$25 per hour**

Definition: Private use by members for family parties and gatherings; not to be rented for second party use. Renter must be present for that period of time.

**Non-Members/Community/Business—\$30 per hour, min.2hrs;**

Definition: Non-business type Social Group Meetings, Church Groups, Community Groups. *Members and non-members.*

Definition: Business being conducted such as for dancing lessons, seminars, marketing and sales. *Members and non-members.*

Rates are subject to change without notice. Audio/Visual Equipment not available. Capacity: 50 people sitting/seated, 90 standing. **Please contact any of the directors for rental.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Please make your cheque payable to:

**MSBCA  
Unit 238-2680 Shell Road,  
Richmond, B.C.  
V6X 4C9.**

Please call Membership Director for Membership Form or visit our website to print the form.

Annual Membership Fee (effective from date of application for 12 months):

	General	Life
<b>Single/Seniors (60 &amp; over) -</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

<b>Family (excluding children over 18 years) -</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
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**Corporate Rate: \$200.00 Annually**



## Driving Electric Car... by Richard Liew

Recently, gas prices have soared to a maximum of \$2.10 per litre in Metro Vancouver. I have heard of a waiting period of one to two years to get an electric car. Some dealers are asking for refundable deposits to reserve one. I have received text messages from a dealership where my car is serviced and they have been asking me if I want to upgrade my plug-in Hybrid car. To such an extent, it has confirmed that there is an urgency now to buy an electric car. Let me know if you drive an electric car and we can share our experiences of what it is like to drive one. I like to share my experience and views of what it is like to drive one.

Driving a plug-in hybrid electric car really makes a difference like not having to line-up in gas stations or hunt for lower gas prices. The engine under the hood is clean and only/just requires a wipe to clean off a coat of dust.

Close to 4 years now, come May, my plug-in hybrid Chevy Volt 2018 has served me well and I have been driving the car in a routine manner. This model has been discontinued and the Bolt has taken over.

Here are some statistics for your information. The annual maintenance cost averages about \$250.00. Gas cost a total of \$150.00 per year. Charging cost at home is \$15.00 per month.

Total mileage driven to date is 56,000 km. Time to charge at 20 amps, 240 volts Level 2 is 5 hrs. Using the 120 volts, 15 amps, Level 1 charger that came with the car will take 16 hours to fully charge the 16 kilowatt hour battery.

The car hardly requires charging in public places around the metro areas. The thing about a plug-in hybrid is you will always get home when the battery is depleted after 120 km. The gas engine takes over to provide a driving range of 600 km. There is nothing stressful about driving electric cars. You only have to manage the use of the heated seats, steering wheel heater, cooling and heating systems and avoid flooring the pedal. By treating it like a normal car, you will find driving an electric car is very rewarding and after driving it for a while, you will no longer believe the myths about electric cars.

The other point is about managing the battery levels and the range remaining on the readout panel. No matter what it shows, it should not stress you out. Plan your trip accordingly and enjoy the drive. The battery regenerates itself on deceleration or when applying the brakes. Once you plug in to charge, the screen panel will show the hours it will take to charge and the time of completion too.

I was finding some difficulties in relating the pros and cons and the myths about driving an electric car when asked by friends. You have to drive one to experience it. My recommendation through experience is the plug-in Hybrid if you are considering buying / thinking of buying an electric car.

We also have a Toyota Prime, also a plug-in Hybrid. It has a shorter distance electrically, 55 km, but it is enough to do the daily chores. We share the quick charge when required. We visit the gas stations three times a year.

Alternative to gasoline engine, the electric car could not have come sooner but it is here now. We are doing our part to save this planet earth for our future generations to come. Go Electric!



## The Malaysia Singapore & Brunei Cultural Association Unit 238 – 2680 Shell Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada, V6X 4C9

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

New/Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name (under 18 only): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Apt/Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) (Mobile), Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ (Important: strictly for MSBCA use only)

Annual Membership Fee (Jan-Dec):

Single/Seniors (60 & over) -	General	Life	
	\$25.00	\$250.00	Cash/Cheque (please circle)

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