

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Hello Members,

On behalf of the Directors, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

A lot of activities have happened since then. As President, I am responsible for reporting how the Association is doing to the members.

The Directors are doing their duties in making sure it is running well. However, little is known about the existence of The Malaysia Singapore & Brunei Cultural Association. So, we need to work on it and get the word out. Year of 2026 will be The MSBCA 50th Anniversary. Now, it is not a matter of carrying the torch for the three nations that we once called home. It is a matter of keeping the Association going as it was founded for a reason; to band new immigrants to a new foreign land called Canada. It made us feel safe then and allowed us to navigate through the different cultures and working life. Hence, the formation of The MSBCA 46 years ago. Today, new immigrants are far more versatile and have many friends here to welcome them. So, the Association exists in namesake only. We do have new members from time to time and few have shown their interest in getting active. It is a welcoming feeling.

Two things are not coming on stream fast enough. The most pressing need is getting the membership Application/ Renewal Form on our Website <http://msbca.com> going for your convenience to use. The other thing is internet service to the clubhouse. I am looking forward to seeing it happen soon. Also, do visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com> which is administrated by Director SK Chin. There are many 'hits' as reported in our monthly Board meeting. I am very pleased with that.

There is still a lot of work to do. We need all members to work together and form different committees to stir up the pot, that is, generating more activities for all to enjoy and participate. Volunteering is very important as we are a non-profit organization.

I would like to hear from you anytime.

Until then, on behalf of all the directors, I would like to extend our warmest regards to all of you and wish you Kung Hee Fatt Choy!

Richard Liew
President 2022-2024



Farewell dinner for Consul General of Malaysia Mr. Shamsul Nizam (forefront) and his wife Mastura Mansor on the right at Shanghai Liu Seafood Restaurant. PP Guilbert Ho also joined four directors at the dinner.

From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,

Four directors and their spouses gave a farewell dinner to Malaysia's outgoing Consul General Shamsul Nizam on December 28th, 2022. His 5 years tenure as Consul General was quite an experience for him. He recalled some of the past Consul Generals who had served the Consulate in Vancouver. We shared a lot of stories about meeting them. I recalled meeting four of them while serving as President. But Co-Founder of the Association Mr. Guilbert Ho has met nine Consul Generals over his years with MSBCA. I asked CG how he viewed politics in Canada. He said 'It is different. Here you do not hear much of the Prime Minister. In Malaysia, the news is all about the Prime Minister'.

Mastura Mansor, wife of the Consul General was also at the dinner. We enjoyed her conversation very much.

The new Consul General will be arriving in February this year and we look forward to meeting him then.

Till then, all the best!

Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge
Olivia De Silva, Assistant Editor



MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

Tutor: Bruce – 604-316-5807
Assistant: Jenny – 778-836-9388

Bruce is teaching on Sunday, from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Address: MSBCA, Unit 238, 2680 Shell Road, Richmond, BC

You must be a Member.

Time:
3-4 pm: Beginner Latin
4-5 pm: Beginner Standard
5-6 pm: Intermediate
If you are interested, please register by calling Bruce or Jenny.
Thank you.



Announcement

The Malaysia Singapore & Brunei Cultural Association is sad to announce the passing of two members in December of last year.

Mr. Robert Chia was a former director who served the Board in the early years with the Association. He was originally from Sandakan, Sabah.

Mr. Philip Lee, a strong supporter of the Association was a member for many years. He was originally from Brunei.

Condolences to both their families from the Board of Directors and from fellow members who knew both of them.



MSBCA welcomes James and Elizabeth Thow to the club as new Life Members.

Photo below taken on December 17, 2022, during the potluck party. L-R: Consul Padli, Consul General Shamsul, Director Stanley Low, President Richard Liew and Firdau.

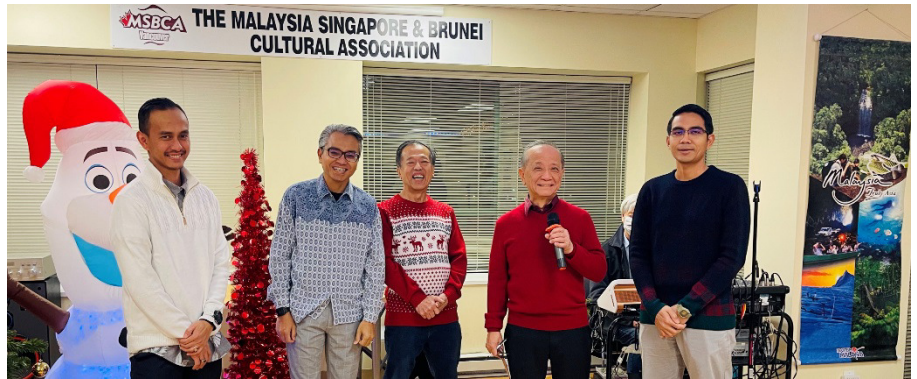
EVENTS TO WATCH.....

Chinese New Year—Jan. 28, 202

Annual Picnic—July 08, 2023

(Above dates are subject to change)

Clubhouse Activities: Monthly Potluck, Weekly Ballroom Classes and Zumba Classes.



45th Board Meeting on December 03, 2022 at the clubhouse as recorded by Secretary Fanny Chua.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Rental: Henry reported for the month of November which included ballroom rental for the month of October.

Memberships: 2 new members in November. Reported by Sophia, in charge of memberships.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Stanley reported the hot water tank in the clubhouse need to be replaced. Supplies to be replenished.

Ballroom Party: Henry informed the Board that the ballroom dancers will have a Christmas party at the clubhouse on December 4th, 2022 from 6pm to 9pm. Henry will be attending and will be in charge.

Zumba: On going, with no issues.

MSBCA.COM: Facebook has been updated on this site. No further issues.

MSBCA HQ: Running smoothly with no issues.

MSBCA Facebook: Having a good hit with the number of people accessing this site as reported by SK Chin.

Christmas Pot Luck: To be held at the clubhouse on the 17th December 2022 at 6pm. S.K. will make an announcement to the members and to make sure we are not overwhelmed, members attending have to register. Maximum is 60 people. The pot luck will start at 6pm. Our last pot luck held in November had 61 present and the Directors raised \$200 from the raffles, prizes mostly donated by the Directors.

Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance: To be held on January 28th, 2023 at Continental Seafood Restaurant in Richmond.

Tickets have been printed and given out to the Directors. At this time Fanny has given out 28 tables in total to the Directors. Directors have also been informed to try to collect raffle prizes. Live music will be provided by the restaurant's house band. Stanley will put out posters in various places to publicize the event. The Academy of Dance will perform 3 dances that evening. Program kicks off with the Lion dance.

Internet: Member Varghese Thomas is still looking at internet services for the Clubhouse and will report back to us.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

NEXT MEETING: January 7th, 2023 at the clubhouse at 11am.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 1.30 pm.

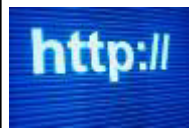
Snapshots of October 29 2022 Potluck. Attended by 56 members and friends.



Articles, Stories, etc.

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

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 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, 2022)

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 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
Single/Seniors (60 & over) -	\$25.00	\$250.00

Family (excluding children over 18 years) -	\$30.00	\$300.00
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Corporate Rate: \$200.00 Annually

Snapshots of Potluck on November 26, 2022

An evening attended by 51 members and friends. All the great desserts and Tofu Fa (Tofu Pudding) were excellent.



Snapshots of Potluck on December 17, 2022

With the presence of Consul General of Malaysia Shamsul Nizam, and Consul Padli, their spouses and staff, there were 64 members and friends in attendance as well. Again, great dessert and a full compliment of excellent dishes including pizzas.



For more photos of the potluck at the clubhouse, please visit our Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com>

