

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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EVENTS TO WATCH.....

Annual General Meeting—Cancelled
Children Christmas Party—Cancelled
New Year's Eve Party—Cancelled
Lunar New Year Dinner—Cancelled
Annual Summer Picnic—TBD
MSB Social Night—TBC
(Above dates are subject to change)
Refer to Page 3 for Monthly Clubhouse Activities.



The photo of Chinese ground orchid is a species of Urn orchid. It is also known as Hyacinth orchid and the botanical name is called *Bletilla striata*. Article and photos are contributed by Mrs. Mary Wan, Life Member, who grows the odd orchids at home now. She started the hobby 20 years ago. Her husband Michael built the Orchid holding frame. Mary was a member of the Vancouver Orchid Society for many years.



Message from the President....

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is fine and staying healthy

The Board held the past three monthly meetings via Zoom. It has become a new normal for all of us.

Our Treasurer delivered the financial monthly statements and members can request the summary by writing in to us. The financial health is in a holding patent. We have renewed the annual property and liability insurance for another year. The premium paid was \$1,000.00. Our clubhouse activities are still in hiatus till further notice. The Board had determined unanimously that no activities will resume for a much longer period than expected. The clubhouse is in good condition and visited daily by the Directors. Hand sanitizers are in place in the clubhouse.

Our Webmaster reported that 'msbca.com' is up-to-date and have no issues. Payments were made to maintain the website.

The entire Board of Directors from 2019-2020 will continue to govern till next year's AGM which will be in September of 2021.

The Board and Honorary Advisors wish you all the very best and enjoy the fall months and upcoming Holiday Season where you can.

Sincerely,

Stanley Low, President (2020-2021)



Condolences

MSBCA and the 43rd Board of Directors wish to extend our sincere condolences to our Past President, Miew Leng Teo on the passing of her beloved mother, Mdm Yuk Yoon Teo, an Hon. Life Member (pictured).



She was born on December 2, 1919 and passed away peacefully on August 4, 2020. She had been a staunch supporter of the Malaysia Singapore & Brunei Cultural Association and attended our functions and activities including our monthly Pot-luck, Karaoke Night, Summer Picnic, Cultural Celebration Dinners, and Members Annual General Meetings with unyielding enthusiasm. We miss her dearly!

Dearly missed is also our Life Member Mr. Henry Su En Yong, originally from Brunei but born in Miri, Sarawak, E Malaysia, passed away on June 29, 2020 at the age of 82. Henry worked for Brunei Shell Petroleum Company in Seria for many years before immigrating to Vancouver, Canada. He was also a staunch supporter of MSBCA and hardly missed our club functions. Condolences are hereby extended to his wife Catherine and daughters Melinda and Jenny and two grandchildren.



From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,



As all directors rolled in to another year of directorship, my post remains as your Director in charge of the newsletter again. Yes, I said 'again'. Some might say it is a boring job. Yes it is and I say 'carry on'. No one else wants the job.

In this issue, I want to share my experience about recycling. In our household, my wife and I take 'recycling of waste' very seriously instead of dumping them into the landfill. I am sure a lot of you take recycling seriously as well. We wash every piece of plastic wrapping and plastic bags including drying them, wash every bottle and even removing the sticky labels. We also recycle used batteries, light bulbs and chemicals by dropping them off at the recycling depot.

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Board of Directors (2020-2021)

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Director: Mr. Michael Mok, (604.323.0178)

Director: Mr. Henry Mo, (604.307.2326)

Director/Newsletter: Mr. Richard Liew, (604.377.1201)

Honorary Advisors: Mr. Yeo Sing Lim, OBC
Ms. Polly Voon

Membership-in-charge: Mrs. Sophia Chiam, (778.840.9479)



Zoom Meeting

Screen shot of MSBCA Board of Directors' meeting on September 10, 2020, hosted by Dir. George Yee, pictured, chaired by President Stanley Low. Membership-in-charge Sophia Chiam also attended the meeting.



From Richard's desk...cont.

This much I know. By recycling, we now dumped one black garbage per month instead of four and there are times we throw one bag bi-monthly.

In 2017, landfills received 26.8 million tons of plastic. This was **19.2 percent** of all MSW landfilled. Oct 30, 2019

It can take up to **1,000 years** for plastic to decompose in landfills. The plastic bags we use daily take 10 years to **1,000 years** to decompose, while plastic bottles can take **450 years** or more. Jan 23, 2019.

We need to take care of this planet for the future generations to come.

We find satisfaction to drive to the recycling depot and even more satisfying to see a busy depot with everyone doing their part going from one bin to another sorting out their recycling materials. I have included some statistics from a website to share with you on page 4.

So, for now, let us celebrate the upcoming holidays the best we can. Enjoy and stay safe.

Till then and all the best!

Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge

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.

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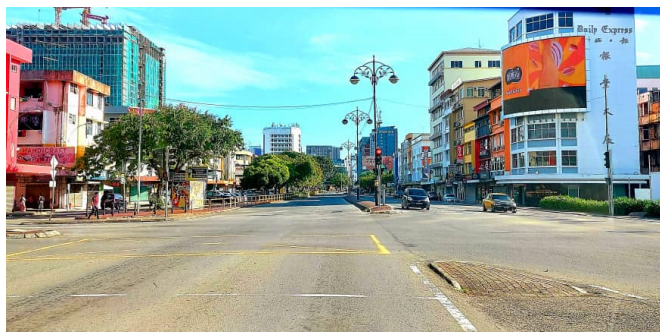


No entry: Army personnel installing barbed wire in Semporna.

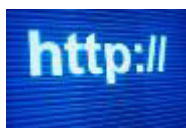
Lockdown in Sabah, E. Malaysia. ...by Richard Liew

The continuing spread of covid-19 has resulted in total lockdown in the State of Sabah, Malaysia till Oct. 26th. The suburb area of Sembulan a few kilometers from downtown KK is hard hit as reported by friends living close by. Barbed wires are used to surround the area so to control the flow of residents going in and out.

In areas of Semporna, similar measures are taken to control covid-19. Photo taken from Daily Express Sabah. It was also reported by the media that over 1000 army personnel were flown in to take control of Sabah, the epic centre of the virus. Streets in downtown KK are deserted as seen by photo taken and sent in by friends.



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Functions & Activities.

The following activity is suspended until further notice:

Ballroom Lessons for members only—Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Every Sunday 3 to 6 pm. Please call Director Fanny Chua to register or for more information. \$10.00 per person.

Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective Jan. 01, 2020)

Members —\$20 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.

Community —\$25 per hour, min.4hrs; \$180.00/day.

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

Business/Corporate—\$30.00 per hour, min. 2hrs;

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

Exception for Regular Renters (*min. three times/week*): \$25.00 per hour.

Rates are subject to change without notice.

Audio/Visual Equipment not included.

Capacity: 50 people seating, 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

Corporate Rate: \$200.00 Annually

UPDATED REGULATIONS REGARDING ENTRY AND QUARANTINE OF PERSON UNDER SURVEILLANCE (PUS) ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS BEGINNING 30 JULY 2020

Beginning 30 July 2020, any individual (Malaysians and foreigners) returning to Malaysia from overseas will be quarantined at the designated quarantine centers assigned by the Government of Malaysia. They are to bear the total cost of quarantine in Malaysia and will be known as Person Under-Surveillance (PUS). A 14-days compulsory quarantine period will be imposed to all.

The quarantine costing details are as below:

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| (i) | Malaysians | - | RM150 per day |
| (ii) | Foreigners | - | RM150 per day |
| (iii) | Disabled person | - | Government will bear the quarantine cost |

PUS needs to pay a certain amount of deposit / full amount to the hotel assigned during check-in period. Payment via credit card is advised. Balance payment or return of extra payment made will be done during check-out period. There are guidelines to follow before arrival at Malaysia. Please contact our Consular Officers for more information at +84 24 37343836/49.

All PUS will have to undergo a compulsory COVID-19 test upon arrival at the point of entry in Malaysia.

Above information was prepared and released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia, and forwarded to MSBCA by the Consulate of Malaysia, Vancouver, BC.

Home Waste and Landfill - Canada

Here are some facts taken from Community Research Connections website. The research article is long but the facts are quite interesting. If you like to read more, please go to their website.

A recent study states that Canadians produce more garbage per capita than any other country on earth,¹ Canadians generate approximately 31 million tonnes of garbage a year (and only recycle about 30 per cent of that material). Thus, each Canadian generates approximately 2.7 kg of garbage each day.²

A landfill is a large portion of land or excavated site that is designed to be built into or on top of the ground and isolated from the surrounding environment. Canada currently has over 10,000 landfill sites.³

¹CBC News. (2014). <http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/canadians-produce-more-garbage-than-anyone-else-1.1394020>

²Ibid.

³Recycling Council of British Columbia. (2014). http://rcbc.bc.ca/files/u3/add_ThinkTwiceBeforeThrowingitAway_000.pdf

*Kind Acknowledgement to **Community Research Connections**.*

Annual Membership Subscription.

The time to renew your annual membership subscription is now.

As we are aware of the National and Provincial ban on Social Gathering due to Covid-19 is in effect, the 43 rd Board of Directors of MSBCA was unable to organize the association's monthly functions and scheduled events. And we need financial support to keep MSBCA functioning. While our revenue from rental income is zero, the association still needs to pay property tax, utilities bill and insurance coverage. To keep the club house in operation, we need membership subscriptions to support these expenses.

I have mentioned in my earlier report that the 43 rd Board of Directors continue to manage the affairs of MSBCA by holding monthly "Zoom" video conferencing Board meetings. We have also setup a Visiting Schedule among ourselves to drop-in the Club House to ensure the premises is in order and to take note on preventive maintenance.

Without Covid-19, we were able to organize our Summer Picnic free of charge to members and Children's Christmas Party. We also had rental income to meet operational expenses. The Pandemic has taken away our sources of income and we need your help now.

Please kindly take a moment to renew your annual membership by writing a cheque payable to MSBCA and mail to our address mentioned on top of this letter. If you are a Life Member and still like to help, we welcome any amount of donation.

The 43 rd Board of Directors wishes all our members a "Safe, Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!"

Yours Truly,
S.K. Chin
Hon. Secretary

