

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Dear Members,

Another season is upon us. Spring is here! Those who took time off for the spring break, hope you and family enjoyed it. Wish you all good health and happiness.

This year, our country faces a lot of challenges. Our sovereignty as a Nation has been threatened by our neighbour to the south. We have to support our Nation's interests in every way we can. We, as immigrants to this land, should stand united as true Canadians. I was reminded by a Canadian a while back that "a true Canadian holds no dual citizenship and that was why Canada was never a strong Nation with many doing just that, holding dual citizenship. It serves as a reminder to us. Canada is a true Nation, true North Strong and Free.

I do not bother with the NEXUS card nor am I inclined to buy American products. Elbows up Canada. Fly the Canadian flag every Friday.

So, while we are all trying to make Canada strong by buying Made in Canada, I am looking forward to another enjoyable year for the Association. I hope you can be part of it by coming out to show your support. Our annual picnic is in July.

Bring your membership up to date. Please call me or pull me aside during a potluck session if there are things that need to be reviewed for action.

Until then, on behalf of all the Directors and Assistants, I wish you the best and see you soon.

Richard Liew

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A potluck board meeting was held at Fanny Chua's house for a change on April 12, 2025. Spouses were also invited for the dinner. Thank you Fanny and also to husband Leong Khoon for hosting the board.

From Richard's desk...



Hello Members and Friends,

I am throwing in the towel this year. Yes, to all my dear friends who have entrusted me with the running this Association by signing up as members and donating to the Association. I really feel indebted to all of you from the shores of Seria and Kuala Beliat. My few childhood friends and classmates from St. Margaret's School, Seria till now as members of the Association. There are so many connections here.

I will be around the clubhouse showing my support to the new president and the directors and volunteers.

Olivia De Silva is at the mid-term as Secretary and I am very happy with her role. She first joined as assistant to Fanny Chua and now fully into the role of a secretary. Thank you to Fanny and SK Chin for their guidance given to her.



Maureen Tang, a long time member graciously took on the role as Assistant to Membership Director Sophia Chiam. She is getting into membership system to learn from Sophia after her many years of experience from MSBCA and with Hainan Association.

Please talk to any of our directors if you have any concerns regarding the Association. There is always room for improvements.



Till then, all the best.

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

The MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

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

Bruce teaches 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.

EVENTS TO WATCH.....

- Family Picnic, South Arm Park, Richmond— July 05, 2025.

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

MSBCA Website:

<http://msbca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com>

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Member:

Mimi Pak upgraded

Members:

Kelly Aucoin

Robert Lee/Angela Khor

Rosalina/Peter Yong

Emma Morgan

Note from Membership Director: Please "renew" your membership if you have not done so. The Application Form is available on the website.

Quarterly Review of Board Meetings

Meetings are always scheduled on the first Thursday of the month. Light dinner cooked by Michael Mok precedes the meeting at 7.00 pm. Generally, Treasurer presents the monthly financial statements from Vancity. Accounts are Community Service, Jumpstart, Building Fund, Shares and Term Deposits.

Henry Mo reports on rental income as part of treasurer's report. Fluctuation of income particularly on the downside requires more attention to ensure it is controlled overall.

MSBCAHQ, our main broadcast channel to members, gets an update from SK Chin. Usually, undelivered emails are looked after with priority. FaceBook also gets an update from SK Chin. He reports the traffic volume as well. This FB was originally managed by Wen Wong, our past director.

MSBCA.COM is our website managed by Varghese Thomas, who continually updates the site to make it current. Messages and comments are discussed prior to providing responses as required. The site is currently on top. Traffic has increased with people logging in from Malaysia and Australia.

OKANAGAN TRIP (July 8 & 9, 2025)

50TH ANNIVERSARY

SUMMER PICNIC ON JULY 5TH

Members / Non-Members Tickets

Above are items being discussed during the meeting. More details will emerge come next meeting.

The meeting usually lasts 1 and a half hours and adjourns at around 8.30 pm to 9 pm.



JOIN US!

St. John Ambulance Charity Gala 2025

This elegant evening celebrates the shining stars who contribute to safer, healthier communities across B.C. and Yukon. Join us as we honour extraordinary efforts, build connections, and support lifesaving programs that make a lasting impact.

Dear Members,
Mr. Yeo Sing Lim, our Hon. Advisory is the host for the upcoming 'STARS OF THE NIGHT', a Charity Gala and fund raiser in aid of St. John Ambulance. Please come and support Mr. Yeo Sing Lim. Join me and my wife along with a few director for an exciting evening for a good cause at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Each dinner ticket is \$200.00.

Family Picnic—July 05, 2025

The picnic is free for members and family only. It is going to be held on July 05, 2025, again at South Arm Park, **8880 Williams Road, Richmond** from 11.00am to 2 pm.

The Directors will serve you this time and will be working hard to satisfy your yearly membership fee. Volunteers will be barbecuing the chicken as well. Of course, volunteers are welcome to help prep the food and set up. An estimated 120 lbs of chicken meat, 15 dozen eggs and 80 lbs of noodles are expected to complete the food menu items such as 'char kuey teow'.

Members are asked to bring their own chairs and mats. Bottled water will be provided for all. No liquor is permitted in the park. To help us out in sizing up the amount of food required, we do require that you register by end of June. Please provide the number of people in your party including the number of guests that you are bringing. For guests, the cost will be \$20.00.

Follow the Link below:

<https://www.bing.com/search?PC=X847&FORM=X847DF&q=south+arm+community+centre+richmond+bc>

MSBCA U-Pick Cherry Okanagan, BC Date: **July 8 & 9, 2025**
(TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)

Itinerary of the package

Day 1

- 1 Starting from Vancouver, BC,
- 2 Hope
- 3 Kelowna
- 4 Ice wine tasting;
- 5 Okanagan: Upick Farm - cherry picking
- 6 Honey Farm
- 7Vernon-Vernon Day Inn

Day 2

- Buffet breakfast-complimentary
- 1 Leave Vernon pass by Okanagan Lake
 - 2 Town of Oliver
 - 3 Arrive Penticton-cherry picking
 - 4 Osoyoos Lake-Canada's warmest fresh-water lake-- Lunch
 - 4 Spotted Lake
 - 5 Manning Park
 - 6Home to Vancouver,BC *

COST of the package

2 per room, 1 or 2 single beds: Cost 2x \$260= \$520

3 per room, 2 beds: Cost 3x\$240= \$720

4 per room single room: 2 beds: 4 x \$220= \$880

Single Room: 1 bed: 1x \$430= \$430

2 lunches and 1 dinner on your own expenses
Package does not include Tips to Driver & Tour Guide

Each attendee pays \$15 per day x 2 = \$30

Clubhouse Rental Rates

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: 70 people seated, 90 standing.

Please contact Director Henry Mo for rental.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE and RATES

Annual—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & over) \$30.00 CAD
Fees due annually

Annual—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) \$40.00 CAD
Fees due annually

Lifetime—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & above) \$300.00 CAD
One time fee

Lifetime—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) \$400.00 CAD
One time fee

- The Membership Rules and the Definition of Membership Types are published on the website.
- Membership Form is available on our website.
- Payment by e-transfer.
- Annual Membership Fee is effective from date of application for 12 months.
- Payment can be made payable to:

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

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 would like your email
address removed from our list.

Advertisement Rates

The board has been requested to revive the rates for advertisements. Tentatively, the following information will be tabled at the next board meeting for review and approval.

1. Business card regular size \$50

2. Business card double size \$75

3. 1/ 2 pages \$125

4. Full page \$150

Above would be per year charges.

Members get 25% discount rates for advertisement.

40th Anniversary of Walk with the Dragon will take place on **Sunday, July 20, 2025**, at **Lumbermen's Arch, Stanley Park!** Please contact us (Stanley Low—604.889.9288) if you decide to join us.

Snapshots from March 29, 2025 Potluck

Food! Food! Food!. It was all about food by the looks of it. Come join the party when you can to find out your taste bud!!! There is karaoke to try out, games and prizes!!

Most times we have over 50 members showing up. Over time, you will feel at home with the members with a lot of common things to share in conversations such as food, travel, etc..

Our clubhouse is located on Shell Road, north of Bridgeport Road in Richmond. It is 1500 square feet in size with 800 square feet of dance floor, a board room, storage, an office and a washroom. The unit is on the second floor with stairs to climb. We hope you will join us in one of those end of month POTLUCK!!!!



Above photo is VP Malaysia Steven Ng, originally from Port Dickson, West Malaysia. He is currently our go-to Emcee taking the chores of making announcements and informing members of current events during potluck.



Bottom photo is our Hon. Advisor Yeo Sing Lim, OBC on the left. On the right are Directors Stanley Low and Miew Leng Teo .

