

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Dear Members,

Hope all is well with you.

The AGM went very well. An election was held for the first time in a long while. I think it is good for the Association to have an election as members are showing an interest in the Association. There were 8 candidates vying for 5 positions to start their first of two-year terms. Thank you to the three candidates, namely, Meryl Hamdillah, Say See Tan and Simon Chow for their unsuccessful bid to get elected. All of them are equally qualified candidates and next year could be theirs.

I am very pleased to see the change that we are making. The continuing success of our journey also lies with the core group of assistants like Say See Tan, Quee Tin Shieh, Sk Chin and Fanny Chua. Simon Chow and retired Sophia Chiam have been invited back to assist the directors in some capacity role.

Also, I am always proud of the great core of volunteers, assistants and spouses of all the directors for helping out in every event. So, if you can join us, it would be great. Getting to know MSBCA is an asset for future roles as directors and assistants.

Now that the AGM is behind us, planning starts for the New Year's Eve Party, the Chinese New Year Dinner and the 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 20th, 2026. Other activities are also in the planning stages such as bus trips to the Tulips Farm and outings around the city.

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

Richard Liew
President 2025-2026



AGM—September 27, 2025

President Richard Liew delivered his annual report to members prior to the election. Photo L—R: Miew Leng Teo, Treasurer, Olivia De Silva, Secretary, Richard Liew, President, Steven Ng, VP Malaysia, Varghese Thomas, VP Singapore.

From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,

During the AGM, I said that this is my 25th year with the Association and I have one more term to serve. The Association thrives on the collective strength of its members. The close relationship amongst the directors and assistants also helps to strengthen the image of the association. Today, the challenge is how we get the words out to the public about our Association in order to grow the membership base and to bring in "new blood" to carry on the legacy of this Association.

This Association was built by a few immigrants from Malaysia for the purpose of 'being together' in a new land. Since then, the Association has managed to thrive with 275 members and owns a clubhouse.

There are signs that changing of the guards is happening. It is inevitable that a few directors will be retiring, hence the changing of the guards will happen. We have to remind ourselves that this association is non-political and non-profit in order to continue to foster and to cherish friendship and fellowship with clubhouse activities and food culture we have in common. So, it is not always what your Association can do for you, but more so what you can do for your Association to continue building on it.

Your voice matters. We would like to hear from you.

Till then, all the best.

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



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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 7.30 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 and it has been getting a lot of visitors. S.K. Chin has indicated that he would like to relinquish the position.

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.

October meeting covered the New Year's Eve party & Chinese New Year party. Fund-raising to meet the new fiscal year budget of \$35,000.00 is in the Agenda. There were discussions regarding activities in the clubhouse and day trips as well.

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.

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.

MSBCA Website:

<http://msbca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com>

EVENTS TO WATCH.....

- Children's Christmas Party, December 13, 2025
- New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance, December 31st, 2025.
- Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance, February 21, 2026
- Brunei Night Dinner, April, 2026
- The MSBCA 50th Anniversary, June 20, 2026
- Annual Picnic, July 04, 2026
- Singapore Night, August 29, 2026
- 49th AGM, September 12, 2026
- Malaysia Night, September 19, 2026

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

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Members:

Dr. Sammy Lee

Members:

Joe & Annie Loh

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



Annual Christmas Party—December 13, 2025

Notice will be sent out soon to members for you to register your children for lunch and to meet Santa. Each child will receive a free gift. The party starts at 12 noon and ends at 2.30 pm. For accompanying adults, light lunch will be served. Register by November 29, 2025





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Snapshots from October 24th Potluck

Despite a wet rainy evening, 40 people came to the potluck. There were a few guests who came by invitation from the members. There was a wide selection of dishes this time, six varieties of curries and one was indeed spicy. The other dishes included rojak, hainanese chicken rice and tasty home cooked meals.



Richard Liew and Victor Lee with guest Connelly on the left.



Richard & Aster Liew chatting with guests Thomas Woo and wife Siew Yee.

Photo below are Michael Mok and Stanley Low who appeared to be catching the spirit of Halloween!!



May Sing (standing) was telling her Halloween encounters with ghosts!



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) Fees due annually	\$30.00 CAD
Annual—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) Fees due annually	\$40.00 CAD
Lifetime—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & above) One time fee	\$300.00 CAD
Lifetime—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) One time fee	\$400.00 CAD

- 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 to:

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msbcashq@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.

* E-transfer of payment can be made to 'msbcabuild@gmail.com'

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.

New Year's Eve Gala night. New & Exciting Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Richmond, BC

We're ringing in 2026 with a bold new vibe! After years of celebrating at the Floata Chinese Restaurant, MSBCA is stepping into a fresh chapter — and you're invited. This year's gala moves to the elegant Radisson Blu Hotel, reflecting your voices and our shared vision for a vibrant, inclusive future.

Why the Change?

Tradition is meaningful, but growth matters. Many — especially younger members — have told us it's time for a fresh, modern space that feels festive, inclusive, and truly welcoming to all. A venue that says: *you belong*

here too.

Why a Hotel?

Hosting our gala at the Radisson Blu elevates everything — from elegant ambience and seamless convenience to refined dining and high-energy entertainment.

It's a one-stop celebration designed to impress, connect, and delight.

What to Expect

- Expect a hotel lobby entrance welcome, high-energy music, lucky draws, silent auctions, and a midnight countdown you won't forget.
- Live music by Dynamix will set the vibes high

- A midnight countdown that'll leave you breathless

Let's Celebrate the Past — and Step Boldly into the Future

This is more than a new venue — it's a bold celebration of MSBCA's evolution. We're honouring our roots while welcoming fresh energy, new faces, and vibrant traditions. Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, this is your moment to shine.

Mark your calendars. Gather your friends. Dress to impress.

Let's make this New Year's Eve unforgettable — together.
Best regards,

Varghese Thomas
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MSBCA Vancouver
WELCOMES YOU TO
COUNTDOWN 2026 IN STYLE!
DECEMBER WEDNESDAY 31ST...
DOORS OPEN: 6 PM DINNER: 7 PM
Radisson BLU
3500 CESSNA DRIVE, RICHMOND, BC
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL UNTIL DECEMBER 5TH: \$110
HAPPY NEW YEAR
REGULAR TICKETS: \$120

FOR YOUR TICKETS:

- Register online at MSBCA.com
- Email us: msbcahq@gmail.com
- Stanley Low: (604) 889 9288
- Miew Leng, Teo: (604) 808 3938
- Richard Liew: (604) 377 1201
- Steven Ng: (778) 868 2836
- Fanny Chua: (778) 321 5533

- FESTIVE & SUMPTUOUS BUFFET STYLE DINNER
- CHAMPAGNE AT EVERY TABLE
- FREE PARKING INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE
- LUCKY DRAWS & SILENT AUCTION
- DANCING AND COUNTDOWN TO NEW YEAR
- LIVE MUSIC BY DYNAMIX



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