

## THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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### **Message from the President....**

Dear Members,

Wish you all good health and happiness in 2025.

Last year was another successful year for the Association. Thank you all for coming out to join us at the Tulips Tour, celebrating 20th Anniversary of the clubhouse, the annual picnic and the monthly potlucks with record-breaking attendance every time. I thank all the volunteers as well.

Last year in November, the Association lost a dear friend who was also one of the last surviving Founders of The MSBCA. Mr. Guilbert Ho passed away peacefully after a short illness. He was very supportive of the Association he founded and being an Hon. Advisor, he always accepted the invitation to chair every AGM. When I became the president in 2004, his first advice to me was

to get the newsletter published. It has been on-going for 20 years now.

Guilbert served five terms as president of the Association. While offering his assistance to charities and senior homes, he was also well-known to the Malaysian Consulate in Vancouver and by all accounts had gone through at least nine serving Consul Generals over the years from 1980. Sadly missed by all who have known him.

I am looking forward to another great year for the Association. I hope you can be part of it by coming out to show your support.

Until then, on behalf of all the Directors and Assistants, I wish you the best and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to meeting you.

Richard Liew  
President 2024-2025



*Christmas Party, held at the clubhouse on December 14, 2024.*



## From Richard's desk...



Hello Members and Friends,  
As the New Year turned the corner, the membership rates have gone up. Your continuing support is appreciated. We have members making donations to the Association. Thank you very much.

Directors have often debated over the issue of members being given preferences to events and rightly so, they should. So, for the upcoming Tulip Tours and other events, it will be on a members first come basis. Non-members and their friends will be put on the waiting list. It is only fair to the members.

The Lunar New Year Dinner is close to being a sold-out event. The first prize for the raffle is \$1,000.00 and is again donated by our Hon. Advisor Mr. Yeo Sing Lim, OBC. (Pictured).

I hope you can join us on the 1st of February. The regular ticket price remains at last year's price which is \$70.00 per person. It was a business decision to not increase the price and as is, it could be sold out by now if you have not reserved your tickets with any of the directors.

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**



## 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.

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

## EVENTS TO WATCH.....

**- Chinese New Year Lunar Dinner and Dance—February 01, 2025.**

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

MSBCA Website:

<http://msbca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com>

## Snapshots from Children's Christmas Party—December 14, 2024

The party started at 12 noon with Santa arriving at 12.30 pm, slightly delayed by a wind storm. The parents and grandparents were treated to a light lunch while the children enjoyed the fried chicken and fries with a healthy boxed juice to drink. This year, Santa Claus, played by William Chong, handed out gifts to 18 children. Winnie Low conducted two games for the children. All the children enjoyed the party. The party ended at 2 pm.







#### THANK YOU NOTE ON THE MALAYSIA ANIMATION MOVIE DAY

The Consulate General of Malaysia extends our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in the Malaysia Animation Movie Day held at the VIFF Center on 3 December 2024. We sincerely hope the event provided you with valuable insights into Malaysia's vibrant and growing animation industry.

For your reference, we are pleased to share the contact details of our esteemed panellists from Multimedia University (MMU) and the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC). Please feel free to reach out to them with any inquiries about MMU's animation-related study programs or the government's support for the animation industry through MDEC:

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On behalf of the Consulate, thank you once again for your support and participation. We look forward to welcoming you to our future events.

Wishing everyone, especially those celebrating, a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,  
**Afandi Bakar**  
Consul General of Malaysia



Director Stanley Low, Kaleen Ng and Director Olivia De Silva are some of the members attended the Malaysian Animation Movie Day. Consul General and Consul Padli Ahmad on the right.

#### 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.**

#### NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Members:

Mr. James Choo

#### MEMBERSHIP TYPE and RATES

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

- 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](mailto:msbcahq@gmail.com)  
if you are moving or have moved or  
have changed your email address.  
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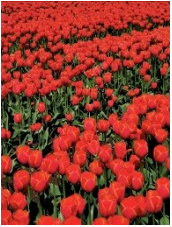


## 2024: A Year-End Reflection

Dear MSBCA Members,

As we wrap up 2024, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible journey we've shared this year—a year filled with both challenges and triumphs, where our determination and resilience truly shone.

Despite the ups and downs that life threw our way, MSBCA had a remarkable year! We proudly launched our new and improved website, MSBCA.com, which now allows for seamless e-transfers for fee payments, online donations, and new membership signups. This enhancement is a testament to our commitment to making your experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible.



After the global pandemic, we were thrilled to bring back our exciting annual excursion, which took us to the breathtaking Abbotsford Tulip Festival and the tranquil Harrison Hot Springs. It was wonderful to reconnect and share these beautiful experiences with so many of you.

This year also marked a significant milestone as we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of our clubhouse. The event was a resounding success, with a fantastic turnout that included VIP dignitaries such as Mayor Malcolm Brodie of Richmond and Consul General Mohd Afandi bin Abu Bakar of Malaysia, along with our esteemed Past Presidents and Honorary Advisers. Their presence added to the joy of this



### Snapshots from Potluck Night —November 30, 2024

55 members turn out for the potluck. We welcomed new Life Member Mr. James Choo to the Association that evening. James founded The MSBCA in Edmonton, Alberta. The slate of food was incredible.



special occasion.



Our monthly potlucks were another highlight, drawing record turnouts and showcasing the incredible culinary talents of our members. These gatherings have not only filled our bellies but also our hearts, strengthening the bonds within our community.

However, amidst our successes, we faced a profound loss. We bid a tearful farewell to one of our "Founding Fathers," Mr. Guilbert Ho, who passed away peacefully in late October. Guilbert was not only a friend and mentor to many of us but also a guiding light in our community. His legacy will forever be cherished, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in peace, Guilbert Ho.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are filled with excitement and optimism for the possibilities that lie ahead. We remain dedicated to enhancing our programs and fostering an inclusive environment for all members.

Here's to a bright and prosperous new year! Thank you for being an integral part of the MSBCA family. Your support and involvement make all the difference.

Warm regards,  
Varghese Thomas  
Director/VP Singapore  
778 846 6766

