

## THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Members,

#### **Happy New Year 2026! ☐**

As we turn the page to a brand-new year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your passion, commitment, and support have been the heartbeat of our Association and together we've achieved so much.

May 2026 be a year of bold dreams, exciting opportunities, and joyful moments. Let's continue to inspire one another, grow stronger together, and make this year our most remarkable yet.

Wishing you and your loved ones health, happiness, and endless success.

Last year was another successful year for the Association. Thank you all for coming out to join us for an overnight trip to the Okanagan. We had another large turnout for the annual picnic and the monthly potlucks with record-breaking attendance every time. I thank all the volunteers as well.

We are back on the fund raiser gear. If you did not know, our operating budget for this fiscal year is \$35,000.00. We are hoping to reach the target by July 31st.

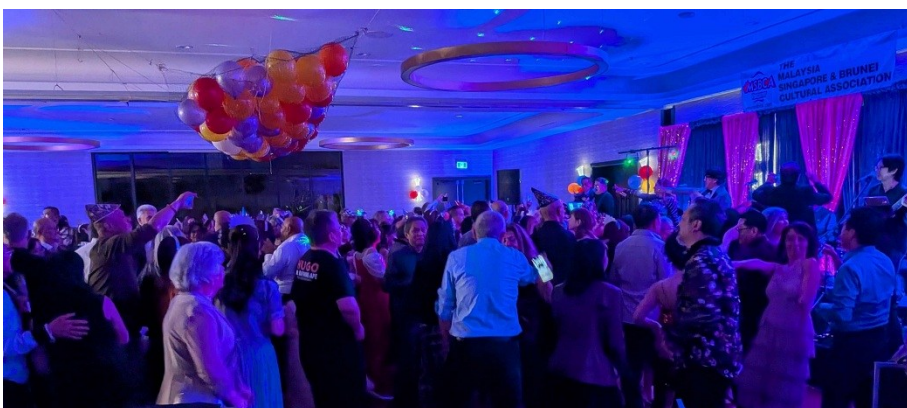
The Association is actively looking for a new clubhouse, ideally located on the ground level to accommodate aging members in-place for the future. We hope the members will support this project.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Association. A dinner party will take place on June 20th, 2026. I hope you can be part of it by coming out to show your support.

A committee was formed to review the existing Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The purpose is to ensure it is up to date with the changing times. Changes will be brought to vote by members in a special EGM. Presently, there is no set timeline.

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 soon at one of our events.

Richard Liew  
President  
2025-2026



**New Year's Eve 2026 Party at the Radisson Blu—December 31, 2025**

## From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,



I'm delighted to connect with you in this edition of our newsletter. Each quarterly, we aim to bring you updates, stories, and insights that celebrate our community and keep you informed about the work we're doing together.

Your engagement and contributions are what make our association thrive. If you have ideas, feedback, or stories you'd like to share, I'd love to hear from you — your voice helps shape the content we create.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community. As we turn the page to a new year, I'm filled with gratitude for the dedication, creativity, and passion that each of you brings to our association. It's this collective spirit that fuels our progress and keeps our community vibrant. Come and join us at the potluck and the social nights that we are going to create for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, we're not just part of an association — we're building a legacy.

As I have said, this Association was built by a few immigrants from Malaysia for the purpose of 'being together' in a new land. This year marks our 50th Anniversary.

I would like to hear from you soon.

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 following the treasurer's report.

MSBCAHQ, our main broadcast channel to members, gets an update from Varghese Thomas. FaceBook also gets an update from Varghese Thomas. He reports the traffic volume as well and it has been getting a lot of visitors.

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.

Recent meetings included planning of events such as the New Year's Eve party & Chinese New Year party, review of Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and ways to fund raise for the Association. There were discussions regarding activities and social nights in the clubhouse and day trips as well. The most important upcoming event is the celebration of MSBCA 50th Anniversary.

More details of the events will be published soon.

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.....

- Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance, February 21, 2026
- Brunei Night Dinner, March 28, 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
- Children's Christmas Party, December 5, 2026
- New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance, December 31st, 2026.

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

## NEW MEMBERS:

The MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Jared Tan  
Yonus Martinus  
Ashley Sandquist

## Members:

Sharinah Kaminska & Marek Kaminski  
Sophia Low & Steven Chui  
Linda & Edan Shong  
Dennis Agon

*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

Having a festive party for the children at the clubhouse was a great way to build community and spread holiday cheer with games, treats, and Santa's visit. 17 children and their parents and grandparents came to the party. The children received gifts from Santa. We thank Mr. William Chong for being the Santa. Thank you to Winnie and Sophia Low, Olivia De Silva and Kelly Aucoin for helping out. Food was ordered in by Michael Mok. Thank you to all the directors (left photo below) for their assistance.







bove photo: Directors and spouses were invited to the  
ft opening of the new 'John 3:16' restaurant located at  
152 Kingsway Ave, in Burnaby.



## 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 to:

**MSBCA**  
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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.

\* E-transfer of payment can be made to 'msbcahq@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 Party—December 31, 2025**

As the clock inches closer to midnight, a palpable excitement fills the air at the Radisson Blu Hotel. The beat of music such as 'YMCA' and 'Celebration' took the dance floor by storm where twinkling lights dance above to create a perfect setting for a New Year's Eve celebration to be unforgettable. The ambiance was nothing short of magical.

350 guests were greeted by warm smiles from the MSBCA directors and friends. What makes the evening truly special? It was not just about welcoming another year; it was about creating memories with friends and loved ones in an environment designed for comfort and joy. Clinking glasses filled with sparkling wine as we shared heartfelt resolutions amidst the glow of candlelight.

DynaMix provided the infectious rhythms throughout the party which invited everyone to let loose and celebrate life together.

And when midnight strikes? A collective cheer erupted as colorful balloons rained down, enveloping the dancers in warmth and happiness—the kind only shared moments can bring. In those fleeting seconds between years gone by and new beginnings ahead, there lies a profound connection among all present; strangers become friends under one roof united by hope for what lies ahead.

**Thank you to the following sponsors for the door prizes and silent auction:**

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