



From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

As I prepare this Newsletter the MCG's Annual General Meeting is coming up in a few days but by the time it is sent out it will be well and truly over. Hopefully some new and enthusiastic members have joined the MCG Committee, but, if there are still some Committee positions vacant, I encourage you to consider taking up one of them. The MCG is totally run by members and needs you all to keep us running. Marianne Khor, our Events Planning Team Convenor is also still looking for interested members to join our EP team, so there are many ways you can help in the running of the Malaysian Culture Group.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...

Lecture: The Chitties of Melaka
Wednesday, 4th April, 10.00 for a 10.30 start to register please click [here](#).

Excursion: Special Guided tour of the Pre-History Gallery of the National Museum, Malaysia Wednesday, 11th April, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#).

Reviews...

Excursion - Thaipusam Festival Tour

Isabel de Laiglesia



Excursion - A Celebration of Chinese New Year

Janine Williams



Lecture - Members' Corner, Aspects of a Unique Country, Bhutan

Melanie Bollard



Explorers' Out and About - Visit to Home-grown Organic Farms

Birgit Groh and Minna Heinonen



Vice President's Message

Dear MCG Members



Happy Spring! As much as I love KL, I do miss the seasons! Spring is the season of rebirth. Most notably, we see beautiful flower blossoms, followed by bright green leaves adorning the branches, prepping the trees to shade us in the summer heat. In many places, we "spring forward" the clocks, so we can enjoy the longer daylight. We may talk to family and friends at our "away homes", that are happy to get out of the winter blues. Sometimes it's hard for us to relate, as we continue merrily in our summer bliss throughout the year.

I recently returned from a ski trip in the US; and although I had a terrific time and loved putting on a sweater and boots, I loved coming back to the warm sunshine and throwing my shorts on! We are so fortunate to live in a place like Kuala Lumpur with all it has to offer, come rain or shine.

With the recent AGM meeting, MCG has renewed as well. We are looking forward to another successful year. The Out and About Explorers' group has events scheduled monthly thru the rest of this year. Enak! lunches are also planned out for the next few months. And, as always, keep an eye out for upcoming lectures and event invitations. Thank you all for your continued dedication to the Malaysian Culture Group.

Kindly,

Jeanne

Enak! - A Taste of Chinese New Year

Rosemary Chin



Book Group 1: - The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea, by Lee Hyeonseo

Nisha Dobberstein

Book Group 2: - The Leavers, by Lisa Ko

Vicky Palmer

Did you know that the Malaysian Culture Group has a Facebook page? Click [here](#) to visit the MCG page.

Meet your MCG Communications Team.



Vicki Fennessy
Facebook Moderator

I am Australian, from Melbourne, and have lived in Asia since 1994. I first moved to Kuala Lumpur in 2000 for three years and returned in 2006 under the MM2H programme.

When I first lived here, I took over the MCG Newsletter when Gail Campbell left. I had done similar in Delhi so welcomed the opportunity to get right into it and changed it from a 4 page to a 12 page printed newsletter. In those days it was mailed out to members' homes.

I was also part of the Events Planning team under Convenor Cindy Zeier. Some time after returning in 2006, Cheryl Hoffmann and I took the newsletter over again for a period and later it went to the email version we have today.

Life is very much different in these days of social media and smart phones. I did another stint with the EP team for a while, but am now content to handle the FB page, leaving the newer members to come at it all with fresh eyes.

I love living in Malaysia, the diversity of cultures and the lifestyle make it easy for me to stay here long term. The location of Malaysia within SE Asia makes it convenient and fast to visit other countries and learn of their cultures and food also. To further enrich your life here, please consider joining our sub-groups Enak! and Explorers Out and About, and the book clubs.

Vicki

The MCG Committee remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that the MCG meets the needs of our members. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members by email. Yours in service of Malaysian culture!