



**From the Communications Team.....**

Dear Members,  
Welcome to 2018 with the MCG.

We have just finished celebrating the New Year and are about to celebrate Chinese New Year, a celebration much more important to our host country. Please note that the MCG has two events organised to celebrate CNY, one general event which includes a lecture on CNY, Lion Dances & Yee Sang and also an Enak! event which celebrates the food of CNY to be held at a private address which is only open to Enak! group members. Please make sure you book for the correct event to avoid disappointment.

Michelle Pease

**Coming up...**

**Excursion: A Celebration of Chinese New Year** Wednesday, 7th February, 2018, 10.00 for a 10.00 start. There are still a few places available for this event, to register please use your personal Anyvite invitation previously sent.

**Lecture : Members' Corner - Aspects of a Unique Country - Bhutan** Wednesday, 21st February, 2018, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)

**Lecture: Flying Foxes, plants and people: conserving a non-charismatic animal** Wednesday, 7th March, 2018, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)

**Reviews...**

**Excursion - Gerak Rupa Ubur Penyataan 1957-1973" Exhibition**

Barb Angell



**Lecture - Gifts of Sight Documentary**

Joanne Mahendran



**Enak! - 1st Year End Pot Luck Lunch**

Judyth Gregory-Smith



**Explorers' Out and About - Visit to the IAMM**

Cindy Rolands



**Book Group 1 - The Hotel on the Roof of the World**

Brigit Goh

**Vice President's Message**



Happy New Year! I can't believe we're already three weeks in to 2018!

As many of you may already know, I am the Vice President and pseudo-acting President for this wonderful organization. We thank Melissa for all she did in the brief time she was leading the MCG. I look forward to carrying on in 2018! With that said, we are actively in pursuit of a new President and Secretary. In addition, we are looking for new chairs for the Explorers! group. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the committee. I'm sure you'll find it quite rewarding!

As we all know, the outing, tours and lectures we attend are what make the Malaysian Culture Group so fantastic! It's how we learn about the various cultures, ethnicities and religions of this diverse country we live in. A big thank you to Marianne and Michelle for all the terrific events they have organized over the past year and upcoming. To be able to continue this benefit, we need members to step up and volunteer to organize such events. Many ideas are available we just need people to coordinate them. So please, team up with a friend and give it a go! It will be appreciated by all. Contact Marianne to volunteer!

Just a reminder to renew your membership for 2018. Vivin recently sent out a notice with options on how to pay. If you have any questions, direct them her way at [mcgklimembership@gmail.com](mailto:mcgklimembership@gmail.com). Thank you Vivin! We appreciate your diligence in renewing/adding nearly 200 members!

Although many of us have just returned from holiday travels, many more are already planning for next month's Chinese New Year celebrations. If you're traveling, be sure to stop by our library to check out a travel tour book. Dori has done a fantastic job organizing and can make recommendations.

If you are looking for something special to slip in the red envelope consider an MCG membership gift card!

Jeannie

**Library News February, 2018**

Last year the following titles were bought and added to our collection, all from our book sales profit;

- Murdoch Books, The Food of Thailand
- Helen Ong, Great Dining in Penang 2.
- Victor T. King, Explorers of South-East Asia
- Mulu World Heritage Area
- Orang Asli Women of Malaysia
- A pictorial guide of some useful plants of Sarawak
- Looking for Money, Capitalism and Modernity in an Orang Asli Village
- Lim Boo Liat, Orang Asli Animal Tales
- Oxford University Press, China Empire and Civilization
- Jolly Koh @ 76, exhibition print
- Ou Young Sun, Lost Chapters of Malacca
- Dalai Lama, The Art of Happiness

Please continue with your support by donating your unwanted books and/or buying from our book sales.

The library is free to use to all members so make the most of the over 1000 books we have!

Wishing you all happy reading in 2018!

Dori Van Koesveld, Librarian

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

**Meet your MCG Committee.**



**Francien Lucas**  
**Treasurer**

I was born and raised in The Netherlands and have lived in South Africa, Italy, Germany, USA, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. In July 2015 I moved with my husband to Kuala Lumpur. We live in KLCC and enjoy retirement here under the MM2H programme. We have been living abroad for the past 36 years, raising two daughters. We love traveling and the Far East is still a new experience for us as we have never lived in this part of the world before. I love to explore and cook a variety of international specialties.

In the first month in Kuala Lumpur I joined a city tour to Kampung Baru where I met a member of the MCG who introduced me to the group. Since then I have been an active member.

When Amy asked me to take over as

MCG Treasurer I saw it as a great opportunity to give back to the MCG community who have welcomed and supported me since my arrival here.

What I liked about Malaysia, from the first day I got here, are the diversities in the three different cultures, the food, the religion and the way the people are. There is a lot I as a Westerner can learn from. MCG as a group has helped me along the way.

While we are here I like to hike, be active in Yoga and Pilates and other outdoor activities.

And for sure I love the climate.

Francien

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!