

# Malaysian Culture Group





#### From the team.....

The Events Planning team is looking for new members to help organise events for the general members of the MCG. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Noriko Nishizawa the Events Planning Convenor on eventsconvenermcg@gmail.com.

Michelle Pease (Communications Convenor)

### Coming up...



Lecture: The Grand Gibbon: The Ape That Sailed To France In 1755 by Teckwyn Lim Wednesday, 7th February, 2024



Guided tour of Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman in the grounds of Badan Warisan Wednesday, 21st February, 2024



Lecture on Ramadan and How it is Celebrated in Malaysia followed by a guided tour of the Federal Mosque Wednesday, 6th March, 2024

#### Reviews...

#### **Events**



Wednesday, 15th November, 2023

Guided tour of the Harta Heritage Jewellery Mu-

Review by Leslie Muri

Wednesday, 17th October, 2023

Lecture: Understanding of Multicultural Malaysia with Dr. Asma Abdullah Review by Michael Hancock

#### Enak!



Thursday, 9th November, 2023

**Annual Pot Lunch** 

Review by Rosemary Chin, Margaret Cheng & AyLing Liem

Thursday, 7th December, 2023

Tasty Chapathi @ the Curve Review by Ambereen Qasim & Gurmeet Sidhu

**Book Groups: November, 2023** 



Book Group 1

My Pen is the Wing of a Bird Author: Various Afghan Women Review by Nisha Dobberstein

**Book Group 2** 

When Heaven and Earth Changed Places

Author: Le Ly Haslip Review by Murni Rahim

# President's Message

Hello MCG Members and Friends,

Welcome to the first MCG Newsletter for 2024!



We kickstarted the new year with a delectable Enak! lunch at Tryptik hosted by Kaleelah Porome, Book Group 1 had a lively book discussion led by Marianne Khor and hosted by Leslie Muri and a guided tour of the Thaipusam Festival led by Oriana Verona and guided by MCG friend Sean Liew. Food for our body and mind.

The new badges/cards for all members will be ready for distribution starting in February. When you attend any of the activities, please ask the Convenor or the Host for your new badge.

Two things to note. Firstly, the new badges now have a QR Code that links to the MCG website. When you meet people who are interested in the MCG, you can simply ask them to scan the QR Code using their mobile phone camera and voila, they will be taken to the website. Secondly, the badges do not have an expiry date, so we can use them indefinitely. There is no need to print more every year.

Due to some considerations, the Committee has decided to move forward the Annual General Meeting to Wednesday, 17 April 2024. Please note this change and save the date.

Lastly, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Vivin Sjamsir, our Membership Convenor, will leave Malaysia and follow her husband to another country. The date is not yet known, but it is just a matter of time. On a positive note, as usual Vivin is always well prepared. She has successfully found someone to take over the baton. It is therefore a joy for me to introduce you to Koh Kae Ling. She joined MCG at the Open House and is now shadowing Vivin until she is elected as the new Membership Convenor at the AGM. Please join me in welcoming Kae Ling.

Wishing you an advance a Fabulous Year of the Dragon!

With my warmest regards,

Ay Ling Liem

#### A NOTE ABOUT ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR MCG **EVENTS:**

Occasionally the MCG may require online payment for certain Events. It is essential that you include both your full name and the Event name in the Ref 1 & Ref 2 sections of your payment details so that we can see who has paid quickly. Could you also please send your payment receipt to mcgklevents@gmail.com.

Online payments should be made to the following account.

Malaysian Culture Group CIMB Bank Branch Lucky Garden, Bangsar, Account no. 8000 909 207

## **Meet your New MCG Committee**



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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!