# lalaysian Culture Group

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

Welcome/Selamat Datang to our new members who have joined the MCG since last month's Newsletter was sent out: Sumitra T Sundram, Jing Wong, Lestherine Swid-Luzi & Elizabeth Alexander. We also welcome back Jesline (Yong Chai Ping) who has rejoined the MCG.

I hope you will enjoy the activities that have been arranged for you by Events, Explorers' Out & About and Enak! and Book Groups. If you are travelling during the northern summer we look forward to seing you again when you return.

Michelle Pease (Communications Convenor)

### Reviews...

#### **Events**



Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023 Splitting a Dato from a Datuk Review by Hilda Vandermeulen & Colette Hassan

Enak!



Thursday, 27th April, 2023 Serendib - Flavours of Sri Lanka Review by Santi Nair Moine

Thursday, 11th May, 2023 Yahala - Taste of Arab Cuisine Review by Angela Wijaya

**Explorers' Out and About** 



Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 Visit to Rumah Tangsi Review by Angel Burke

**Book Groups: April, 2023** 



Book Group 1 **Burnt Sugar** Author - Avni Doshi Review by Nazi Morad

Book Group 2 Tokyo Ueno Station Author - Yu Miri Review by Esther Vanniasingham

#### 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

## Coming up...

Unfortunately, due to the low number of registrations received for the half day workshop which was to be to be held at FRIM (Forest Research Institute Malaysia) on Wedneday, 7th June, this event has had to be cancelled. We hope this event will be rescheduled at a later date.

This means that the last event organised by the **Events Planning Team before the northern sum**mer holiday break was the Nusantara Fairy Tale Project which was held on the 17th May, 2023.

The next event organised by the EP team will be in mid August. You will be notified by the Convenors of Book Group, Enak! & Explorers' Out and About if any events are organised by those

#### President's Message

Dear Fellow Members and Friends.

Good news! The 41st Annual General Meeting went smoothly. Fifty-one members (plus five proxies) were pres-

ent and elected the new 2023/2024 Committee on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 at the Royal Selangor Golf Club. The AGM also appointed four volunteers who will work with the Committee.

Thank you to Pamela de Lange-Storck and Francien Lucas for the great work they have done for the MCG over the years. A warm welcome to Melinda Klanderman, Phaik Luan Pang and Noriko Nishizawa as the new Secretary, Treasurer and Events Planning Convenor respectively. The hand over meeting took place on 18 May 2023.

It is an honour for me to be re-elected as President of the MCG. I am humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me. Through my position as President, I pledge to work together with all of you to lead MCG as an outstanding organisation for people interested in Malaysian and other Southeast Asian cultures.

Let us continue celebrating Malaysian culture through our Events, Book Groups, Enak! and Explorers' Out and About.

Today, MCG has 143 members, including 7 lifetime members. No doubt steadfastness, resilience, and fun are in the DNA of MCG. This is the secret recipe that has allowed us to thrive past many challenges through the decades. This would not have been possible without the amazing contribution from the members. And I know I can count on your continued support, as we continue to discover Malaysian

Another piece of good news! The long awaited Open House is back. It will be on Wednesday, 6 September 2023. Venue to be confirmed. Please save the date and plan to bring your friends along.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents for good use, I would love to hear from you. My email address is president@mcgkl.org

With my warmest regards,

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## **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!