

From the communications team.....

Dear members,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer break be it in Malaysia or your home countries. The MCG, as usual, is looking for volunteers in a couple of areas as Diana has mentioned in her President's Message. In addition to those mentioned the Events Planning team is always looking for new members, new team members mean new ideas which are always appreciated, if interested please contact the team on mcgklevnts@gmail.com. Please consider during your holiday as to where you can help within the MCG.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...



Excursion: Guided tour of the Qajar Ceramics: Bridging Tradition and Modernity Exhibition at the Islamic Arts Museum, Malaysia, Wednesday 21st August, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#).



Lecture: Millionaires' Row: A Treasure Trove of History & Legacy, A Talk By Steven Lim, Wednesday 4th September, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#).



Save the Date: The Malaysian Culture Group's Open house will be held at the Meritz on Wednesday 18th September, please keep an eye out for the Anyvite invitation which will be sent out early August.

Reviews...



Annual General Meeting - A Photo Story
Cheryl Hoffmann



Lectures - Splitting a Dato from a Datuk, Malaysian Names & Titles

Jane Duxbury



Enak! Walking Tour of Kampong Bharu

Nisha Dobberstein



Explorers - Guided tour of the Hope Art Exhibition at the National Art Gallery

Pamela De Lange-Storck



Book Group 1 - The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

Shobhana Venkataraman

President's Message

Dear Culture Lovers.

Bags are being packed for summer adventures but before your committee departs we are busy planning many fascinating fall events.



On Wednesday September 18th we will host our annual open house at the Meritz Meeting Rooms. In our transient community we are always looking for new members. Please save the date and help spread the word with other groups, at school, or with colleagues. On September 18th bring along a new neighbor or an old friend to join us!

Our events are all planned by volunteers and can be very popular. Please RSVP in a timely manner BUT if your plans change be sure to cancel as far ahead as possible so that your spot can be filled by someone on the wait list. It is so sad that a spot goes empty when quite a few members were hoping to attend. Recently the high number of no shows resulted in a charity making many extra lunches when members failed to cancel.... so unfortunate!

MCG is looking for a new secretary! Join us at monthly meetings to record our notes and you will certainly make new friends with the other committee members and learn all sorts of Malaysian cultural secrets!

Open House help: In late August and early September we are in need of help organizing and hosting the annual open house event. You will be working with AyLing, our Vice President as well as myself to get the word out and then host the event.

Writers or not really writers but enthusiastic members are encouraged to lend a hand in sharing events with members, if you are attending an event please volunteer to do the write up for the event. In August we are hoping for an article about MCG for the Expat magazine and in the fall will have many events to share among members.

For more information about all positions or areas where you can help please email me at presidentmcm@gmail.com. With the summer spirit behind you, just dive right in and volunteer to help the group! We will all be so grateful!

I hope your summer is full of fascinating discoveries here in Malaysia and overseas.

Diana Daymond

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Meet your Committee



**Ay Ling Liem
Webmaster &
Vice President**

Hello! My name is Ay Ling, I have lived in this beautiful city with my family for 6 years. Throughout the years, I've had the wonderful opportunity to sample the delightful tastes, sights, and culture of Kuala Lumpur, and I cannot wait to share them all with you. I've previously worked in UNICEF in Jakarta and the International Committee of the Red Cross here in Kuala Lumpur.

In 2017, I made the decision to enter early retirement in order to spend more time with my two children, Michelle and Michael; my husband, Sam; and my cat, Rösti. Through this, I've also had more time to explore this beautiful city, which was enabled through my membership of the Malaysian Culture Group. It is the versatility and diversity of Kuala Lumpur's concrete jungle that motivated my family to choose Malaysia as our second home. My early retirement has also introduced me to a myriad of new hobbies, such

as playing piano, creating fashion jewellery, and cooking for my family!

I have held the position of MCG Webmaster since February this year and at the last AGM I put my hand up for the position of Vice President I am looking forward to meet you all.

Joining the MCG has opened my eyes to the wonderful activities this city has to offer that I previously hadn't been aware of despite living here for years. Members, I invite you to step up and sign up for positions! We always will welcome an extra hand in operations - it takes a big team of wonderful people to run a big group as wonderful as MCG :)

Thank you and I look forward to exploring KL and savouring all the culinary delights it has to offer with all of you!