

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

Dear Members,

If you have not yet renewed your MCG membership this will be the last Newsletter you will be receiving from the Communications Team, if you wish to continue to receive this and our event invitations please renew as soon as possible.

From the end of April the Communications Team will be looking for a new Webmaster. This is an excellent way to help the MCG with a relatively small monthly time commitment. If you are interested in adding another string into your "computer knowledge" bow please contact either Ayling Liem or Michelle Pease to find out more information about this position.

Michelle

**Coming up...**

 **Lecture: Malay Jewellery & Heirlooms, a lecture by Angela Naylor.** Wednesday, 11th March, 2020. Please register via your Paperless Post invitation which has been previously sent.

 **Excursion: Guided tour of Ilham Gallery's new exhibition The Body Politic & the Body.** Wednesday, 18th March, 2020. Please register via your Paperless Post invitation which has been previously sent. Members only.

**Save the Date...**

The MCG is holding its annual AGM on April 22nd, 2020 from 10:00 am in order to fulfill our mandate re the Registrar of Societies. We hope you will attend to help us make our Quorum. This year we will be holding the AGM at the Royal Selangor Golf Club, a light lunch will be served after the AGM. Our keynote speaker will be renowned Malaysian, Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz, Malaysia's longest serving Minister of International Trade & Industry. The official Notification of the AGM will be sent via Paperless Post one month before the date of the AGM. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

**Reviews...**

 **Excursion: Guided tour of Rimba Ilmu Botanical Gardens**

Sue Atkinson



 **Explorers: Jadi Batek**

Angela Burke Scharer



 **Excursion: Chinese New Year Walk**

Lisette Davis



 **Enak: Chinese New Year Lunch**

Birgit Groh



**President's Message**

Dear Culture Lovers:



Sharing of knowledge and cultural ideas is at the heart of our organization's values. Recently a favorite MCG guide and lecturer, Nadge gave a Wednesday lecture about Malay House Traditions. It was rewarding to see his talk shared on several Whats App groups which went beyond MCG including the Museum Volunteers.

The range of possible lectures, explorations, meals and books is limited only by the energy of the few MCG members who organize these events for the benefit of all members. I have found the time, energy and enthusiasm needed to organize an event personally well worth the effort as well as benefiting the larger membership. Please consider coming along to the March 19th committee meeting at The Royal Selangor Golf Club to learn a bit more about the efforts of our Committee and where your interests could help the MCG and your fellow culture lovers.

Very sadly this month's President's Message will be my final contribution to MCG. We recently learned that we would be relocating to California at the end of March. My time in Malaysia and as your President was far, far too brief yet infinitely rewarding. I particularly valued getting to know and appreciate so many members and the Committee specifically. Indeed these fascinating, intellectual, energetic and hard working ladies deserve my heartfelt thanks for supporting and guiding my initiatives over this past year. With my departure our Vice President AyLing Liem and Secretary Jane Bircher have agreed to take up the Presidential responsibilities until the Annual AGM. At the April 22nd AGM please look for an inspiring new committee to lead the MCG.

Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm. Sampai Jumpa Lagi!

Diana

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

**A Guide to the Paperless Post Invite System**

As the Anyvite invite website that the MCG has been using for the last few years has now shut down we are now using the Paperless Post (PP) invite system. A few PP invites have been sent out in the last couple of months so we would like to go through the steps required to register with PP.

1. For each general member event organised by the Events Planning Team you will receive a personal invitation as per the one to the left from PP.
2. You can reply to the invitation directly from this page by either clicking the "will attend" or "will not attend", which I have circled, at the top of the page.
3. If you would like more details of the event please click on the "view the card" link at the bottom of the page, also circled. This page will have general details of the event plus a map. Scroll down the newly opened page to "Note", this is where you will find full details of the event, including special instructions, if necessary.
4. You may also rsvp from this page by clicking "Will Attend" or "Will not Attend" links under the title of the event.
5. It is important that you both open and rsvp to each of the PP invitations that you receive. PP is set up to send out reminders weekly to those that haven't opened or rsvp'd to a specific event. If you don't want to receive these constant reminders the best thing to do is just "open & rsvp" to the various PP invitations.
6. PP sends out individual personalised invites to all on the MCG address list so unfortunately you can no longer forward an invite link to friends to enable them to register on their own behalf. If you would like to bring a friend to one of our events please send us a message or comment in the comment section letting us know your guest's name/names via PP. If you have any queries about a specific event please also send us a message via PP.
7. Please ensure that you add paperlesspost@paperlesspost.com to your contact list to make sure you receive all MCG invitations.

Michelle Pease  
On behalf of the Events Planning Team

