



From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

I would like to mention something that has become very frustrating to the Events Planning team. It is extremely important that if you have booked for an event, but can no longer attend, that you let the EP team know, either change your Anyvite rsvp or send an email to events@mcgkl.org. Over the last few months the incidence of "no shows" has increased considerably, please bear in mind that we often wait for a lecture or excursion to start waiting for "no shows" which really is not fair to the rest of the members.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...



Excursion: Special Textile Presentation at Muzium Seni Asia. Wednesday, 16th May, 10.00 for a 10.30 start. Unfortunately this event is now fully booked, if you wish to be put on the waiting list please contact the Events Planning Team at events@mcgkl.org



Lecture: In the heart of the Silk Road, Traditional Uzbek Textiles. Wednesday, 23rd May, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#).



Lecture: Holy Men, Holy Women: A Journey Into the Faiths of Malaysians and Other Essays, Dina Zaman talks about her new book Wednesday, 6th June, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#).

Reviews...



AGM - Photo Story

Photos by Cheryl Hoffman & Vicki Fennessy



Lecture - Flying foxes, plants and people: conserving a non-charismatic animal of ecological and economic importance

Elena Mei Yun



Lecture - Chitties of Melaka

Anjeeta Nayar



Explorers' Out and About - Visit to Shoemaker Jackson Chen's workshop

Geraldine Stal

President's Message

Dear MCG Members



After the AGM, I am happy to announce that we have four new members on the Committee. Please welcome Caroline Amberg, Vice President, Pamela and Jay Jung Min Lee, Explorers Out and About Convenors, and Isa de Laiglesia, Representative. I'm sure you'll be hearing more from each of them in the coming months. I was also voted in as the new President and am looking forward to taking on this new role. This year's Committee is a perfect blend of veteran and new(ish) members and I am looking forward to working with all of them.

We had a lovely final send off to Terry, our dedicated secretary. I wish her the best in her new adventure, but will miss her. With that said....we desperately need a member to step up to the secretary position. Please contact me if you or someone you know is interested.

Enjoy the merry month of May!

Kindly,

Jeanne



Enak! - Restaurant Ratha Raub

Anjeeta Nayar



Book Group 1: - The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy

Terry Piech



Book Group 1: - Three Sisters by Bi Feiyu

Jane Duxbury

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

Meet your MCG Communications Team



Mónica Benavides Moreano
Webmaster

Hello everyone, I am Mónica Benavides Moreano. I am 29 years old and am from Colombia. I have a degree in Ethno Education and Community Development from the Technological University of Pereira. My husband is Danish and his original family comes from Pakistan. We have a cute boy who is almost three years old with whom we discover and learn new wonders every day.

We love to travel, and in recent years we have traveled the world, going from the mountains of the Andes in South America to the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean in Ecuador and also the Colombian Caribbean Sea.

Our adventures have also entailed living for varying periods in Paris, France and some cities in Spain such as Malaga, Marbella, Granada, Madrid, Barcelona and Valladolid. From this point our trip began to become more extensive and we had the opportunity to travel and explore Turkey, Pakistan, Dubai, Singapore, Cambodia, Hong Kong in China and large number of magical places in Malaysia for the past couple of years.

Malaysia has been a really important place from my professional perspective. It has helped me better understand the concept of multiculturalism. Latin American culture is an assimilated mix of cultural traits shared by many of the Spanish-speaking countries with differences in nationalities. So, seeing the co-existence of several languages and mingling of diverse ethnic backgrounds from different parts of the world in Malaysia has shown me

how diversity enriches the national fabric and culture. Hence, MCG has offered an opportunity for me to gain more in-depth perspectives of our world and its multiculturalism. I have been a member of MCG since July 2017.

From my experiences over the past couple of years, I have been developing my thesis for my post-graduate specialization in Education. It is titled "Implications of Informational Capitalism" and investigates an emergent stage of global capitalism that I find fascinating. In my thesis I am exploring aspects of the vast amount of data that has been uploaded to the Internet and its implications for intellectual property rights.

Lastly, I want to tell you that this is a short introduction to me and I hope to continue collaborating and learning from you and your work for culture.

Thank you.

Monica