



From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

I hope all our new members have enjoyed their first couple of months with the MCG. Just a few quick points. It is extremely important that if you have booked for any of the events arranged by the Events Planning team, both lectures and excursions that you attend the event. If for some reason you find you are unable to attend, either with a few days notice or on the day of the event, please either change your rsvp on our Anyvite system or send us an email at mcgklevnts@gmail.com. If you receive an email invitation regarding an Enak or Explorers Out and About outing please reply either yes or no so that the organisers know that you have received the notice.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...



Lecture: An introduction to the Malaysian Parliamentary System. Wednesday, 7th November, 10.00 for a 10.30 start. To register please click [here](#)



Excursion: Guided tour of the National Textile Museum. Wednesday, 21st November, 10.00 for a 10.30 Start. Please register via your person Anyvite invitation which will be sent shortly.

Reviews...

Open House - Photo Story

Photos by Caroline Amberg & Marianne Khor



Lecture - Malaysian & Ecology of Malaysia Elephants (MEME)

Anjeeta Nayar



Excursion - Nine Emperor Gods Festival tour

Pam Currie



Explorers' Out and About - Visit to Isetan, The Japan Store

Janine Williams



President's Message

Dear MCG Members



Many of you may not know that Malaysia Culture Group has turned 35 years old this year! What keeps an organization going strong this long? Our members! And more importantly, those who volunteer to organize the many events we offer. Every month, two or three members plan a restaurant visit for our ENAK! Group. Every month, two or three Explorers Out and About members facilitate a visit to a business, museum, or guided walk. Every month, the Events Committee arranges an interesting lecture and an excursion. Every month, Book Club leaders host a group of readers to share a discussion of the assigned book. Our members have exclusive access to historical, travel, nonfiction and fiction books in our library that volunteers have organized.

All of the aforementioned committees need member support so MCG can thrive for another 35 years and longer. If you haven't already, please offer to volunteer some of your time. You'll be happy that you did!

Kindly,
Jeanne



Enak! - Tumis@Teak5

Sonali Kuwadekar



Book Group 1 - The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa

Leslie Muri

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

Meet your MCG Committee



**Jay JungMin Lee
Joint Explorer out
and about Convenor**

My name is Jay JungMin Lee. Jay is actually short for JungMin. Because a lot of people cannot pronounce nor remember my name I thought, let's just make it easier! Feel free to call me Jay or JungMin at your convenience!

I am originally from South Korea. I grew up and finished my study in advertising and public relations in Korea, I moved to Shanghai, China when I was 23 years old for an internship opportunity. I ended up getting a job there and worked and lived there for three and half years. When I was in Shanghai, I worked for a Dutch media company who organised exhibitions and conferences for the oil and gas industry around the world. That's how I met my husband Jelte. He is a Dutch guy, we met each other at a gala dinner party during a conference. At the time I didn't anticipate that I would have three children with him. We moved to the Netherlands, after stopping work I hoped to start something new and exciting there.

In the Netherlands I got a job with a Korean trade promotion agency which represented Korean companies who had difficulties doing business in the Netherlands due to language and cultural differences. I had my first son in the Netherlands. Our family moved to Malaysia after having been in the Netherlands for almost five years.

When I heard that my husband had an opportunity to come and live in Malaysia I was so excited and ready for another adventure in my life.

When we came to Malaysia I immediately got pregnant with twins which was a very difficult time as I already had a active 20 month old son! I got to know Nisha Dobberstein through a small business I started in my home and she introduced me to the Malaysian Culture Group. I am happy that there are so many wonderful activities at the MCG and particularly, I don't need to have superficial conversations anymore but happy to have conversations, full of different topics delivered by the Book Club, Event talks, Enak!, and Explorers Out and About.

At this year's AGM I became joint explorers convenor with my friend Pamela de Lange-Storck. I feel sometimes I lack time to participate in all the fantastic activities but I am very happy to be part of and contribute to this excellent group. I have already made a lot of friends here in the MCG.

Jay JungMin Lee

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!