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Newsletter of the Vancouver-Singapore Club & Singapore Business Council



Members of the Executive Committee with President Nathan (front row-4th from left) at the Welcome Reception on June 19, 2006 at The Atrium of the Pan Pacific Hotel.



With President Nathan (centre) are Mr & Mrs Michael Leong.



High Commissioner Vanu Gopala Menon (sitting 3rd from left) at the impromptu meeting with members of the Executive Committee and SFU students at the Cascades Lounge of the Pan Pacific Hotel.



Mrs Nathan (left) and Mrs Teong Sin Kwek.



Mr Richard Lee (right), MLA Burnaby North and Parliamentary Secretary for the Asia-Pacific Initiative at the Social Night on March 6, 2006.



Members of the 2006/2007 Executive Committee at the 1st Ex-co Meeting on May 28, 2006.
(Ladies from left): Yee Hua Tan, May Hen, Agnes Loh, Lillian Quek, Doris Jung, Shirley Wong and Janet Chee. (Men from Left): Robert Chia, Brian Chong, Simon Chow, David Chong, Michael Leong, Teong Sin Kwek, Michael Cayetano, Ronnie Tan, Johnnie Kee and Sherwin Leong.



High Commissioner Vanu Gopala Menon (centre) with Mr & Mrs Teong Sin Kwek at President Nathan's Reception.



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President's Message

We have planned to produce two issues of this newsletter in a year. Members who have an email address will receive the electronic copy. The printed copy will be sent to those who have requested for it. Members without an email address will continue to receive the printed copy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on May 6, 2006 at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby. The new Executive Committee is listed on the left-hand column of this page. Please see Page 7 for a full report.

CLAM PICKING & CAMPING*

The club is arranging for a new excursion to be held from June 30 to July 3, 2006. This new activity will be in the form of a camping trip plus clam picking at the Sunshine Coast. It will be an exciting activity as not many members have been to clam picking. All campsites have been fully subscribed on a "first come, first serve" basis.

CHERRY PICKING*

We are planning a trip to the Okanagan to pick cherries on July 8-9, 2006. If you wish to join us, please register for this trip.

ANNUAL PICNIC*

Following the clam picking and camping trip, will be the Annual Picnic. This year's picnic will be held at the Barnet Marine Park, Burnaby on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Please remember to register for this event.

VANCOUVER MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY AT PLAZA OF NATIONS*

Another new activity that we have lined up is the Club's participation in VMS's show at the Plaza of Nations. Members are welcome to visit the Club's display at the "CultureFest" from September 9-10, 2006.

SINGAPORE 41ST NATIONAL DAY DINNER & DANCE*

The Club plans to celebrate Singapore's 41st National Day on Saturday, August 19, 2006 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant, Cambie Street, Richmond. Reservations for tickets are now open. Please contact the Club at Tel: 604-942-6966 or email: president@singaporeclub.ca for your tickets.

SOCIAL NIGHT

Social Night will resume in the Fall and members will be informed of this activity through the Club's website after the Summer holidays are over.

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Members who have changed their address are kindly reminded to inform the Club. This also applies to members who have changed their electronic address. If you have a new email address that you wish to have notices and information sent to, please inform the club accordingly.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Reminding members to renew their subscription is a tedious job that all non-profit organizations consistently faced. Fortunately we have a sizable no. of Life Members who dispenses away with this constant reminding. For those whose subscription expires annually, please remember to renew your subscription as most of the Club's projects and activities are run with funds received from the membership.

Our summer activities are shown in this newsletter and you can also view them in the website at: www.singaporeclub.ca. Please remember to register early to ensure that you do not miss out on any of the fun that we are going to have. Enjoy your summer!

Michael Leong

* Full details of these events are shown on Page 23.

Welcome Reception for the President of the Republic of Singapore & Mrs S R Nathan

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by Yee Hua Tan



Mr & Mrs Sing Lim Yeo (back row) with President Nathan and Mrs Nathan.

The office of the Consul-General of Singapore in Vancouver sent out about 500 invitations to Singaporeans and friends of Singapore to attend a welcome reception in honour of the President of the Republic of Singapore & Mrs S R Nathan on Monday Jun 19, 2006. The reception was held at the Atrium (Lobby Level), Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. About 350 guests attended the reception.

In his address to guests at the reception, the President mentioned that he and his wife were indeed delighted to be in Vancouver once again to meet so many of the people gathered there that evening. He added that the gathering demonstrated the strong bonds that have been built up amongst the people who have been away from home. They were glad to have the opportunity to meet with all the people present during their transit in Vancouver.



President Nathan addressing the gathering.

The President said that with advanced communication technology, he was sure all of us would be keeping ourselves abreast with all that was going on in Singapore. The latest developments back home were almost instantaneously available via the internet and that could help us to stay in touch with our families and friends in Singapore. He said that when we are away from home, all of us would be Ambassadors of Singapore, showing how we conduct ourselves, and how we intermingle with Canadians would help them appreciate what we Singaporeans were like. He advised that we should be respectful towards them, appreciate the opportunities they offer for work and social life, and be helpful to them as opportunities arise.

The President also believed that many of us, through our interaction with the local community could help to promote the brand name of Singapore. Our involvement in local community work, sharing our Singapore experience and ideas with others and being a good member in the community were all part of the contributions we could make towards promoting Singapore in Canada.

Secondly, through our own business activities we could gain a better understanding of Canada's R&D capability and its many achievements in technology and business practices. As the Asian economies develop rapidly, we could act as a bridge to help companies from Canada to collaborate with Singapore to market their technologies and know-how in other parts of South East Asia, China, India and increasingly the Middle East. There were new opportunities awaiting all who want to be successful in penetrating these markets. He suggested that Research in high tech such as bioscience, water recycling, environmental protection and new energy developments would not only have an impact on people's life but also offer tremendous business opportunities for us in Canada and Singapore.



Mr & Mrs Wilson Wong with President Nathan.

President Nathan said that there are many new channels available now for us to stay in touch with Singapore. The establishment of the Overseas Singaporean Unit under the Prime Minister Office was a demonstration of the continued efforts by Singapore to explore ways to strengthen the bonds with overseas citizens. Our feedback would always be taken seriously and would certainly make a significant contribution to the public policies.

The President concluded that there were many ways that we could contribute to Singapore's progress. The rise of Asia led by China and India would bring about both challenges and opportunities for all of us. Singapore would be in the position to help us to take advantage of these new opportunities. There would be therefore every reason for us to stay connected to Singapore and enjoy the fruits of its progress. President Nathan and his wife wished all present good health, happiness and success in whatever they were doing.

Following the speech was a piano recital by a Singaporean, now residing in Richmond. After the piano recital, most guests clamoured for a chance to have memory shots with the President and Mrs Nathan.

My family and I were very honoured to have the opportunity to meet the President and Mrs Nathan, who were very unassuming and approachable. It was a very memorable occasion for most of the Singaporeans present to be able to meet the President and Mrs Nathan in person. The delicious food also made the night an unforgettable one and we would like to thank the Consul-General and his office for the effort in successfully organising the reception.

While everything went well during the evening, I was told that there were substantial logistics involved in organising it. One common complaint was who was to be invited, and for those who were invited to respond indicating their attendance within the time/date specified. Many turned up and this caused over crowding and under-catering.

As the number attending the event was very big, there was very little opportunity for us to spend more time with the President and for him to get to know us. I hope that when there are future visits of Singapore dignitaries, where they hope to encourage and engage overseas Singaporeans, Singaporeans or ex-Singaporeans would be given first priority to attend.



The Singapore Business Council is registered with Industry Canada. It is a Federal not for profit business society that aims to promote business relationships between businesses and residents of Canada and Singapore.

Objectives

- To promote the development of business relationships between Singapore and Canada in particular, and other countries in general.
- To promote the interests of SBC members to private, public, statutory organisations in their quest to develop and conduct business in Singapore and Canada.
- To provide a platform in Canada for its members and their businesses to develop business relations in Singapore and Canada, and to enable them to exchange ideas, create business opportunities and network.
- To encourage, support and facilitate liaison between the business communities and government trade organisations in Singapore and Canada.
- To advance the knowledge and skills of SBC members in business and related subjects through education, training, research, lectures, discussions, publications, competitions, conferences, conventions, scholarships, fellowships, exhibitions, workshops, seminars, talks and trade missions.
- In affiliation with other business councils and associations in Singapore and Canada to promote and carry out the purposes of the Council in matters of common concern and interest.

The first Board of Directors meeting was held on June 3, 2006 with the appointment of two additional Directors for the 2006/2007 year of office.

The High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore - Canada, and Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, Mr Vanu Gopala Menon has kindly consented to be the Advisor of Singapore Business Council.

The officers of the Board are:

President:	Teong Sin Kwek
Vice President:	Brian Chong
Honorary Secretary:	Yee Hua Tan
Honorary Treasurer:	Michael Cayetano
Directors:	Simon Chow
	Ronnie Tan
VSC Representative:	Michael Leong

Several Corporate, Individual and Student Memberships have been received and SBC welcomes them to the council. The Board is actively promoting membership. As a special concession to members of the Vancouver Singapore Club, VSC members pay only 50% of the 1st year's membership fees.

SBC plans to hold its inaugural launch before the end of this year. Several interesting networking and business information sessions are in the pipeline.

A website is being developed to provide up to date information about SBC activities and useful business articles and links.

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by Michael Leong



At the Cascades Lounge of the Pan Pacific Hotel
(l-r) Mr Paul Stinson, Mrs Janet Chee, Mr Vanu Gopala Menon,
Mr Michael Leong and Mr Michael Cayetano.

Singapore's High Commissioner to Canada, Mr Vanu Gopala Menon made a short visit to Vancouver on May 23-25, 2006. In honour of his visit, Consul-General Chin Kwok Foo hosted a small dinner at the Lum Chu Kee Restaurant in Richmond for leading members of the Singapore and Business Communities in Vancouver.

Mr Menon also found time to meet with members of the Vancouver Singapore Club (VSC) Executive Committee on May 24 at the Cascades Lounge of the Pan Pacific Hotel. Twelve members and a business friend turned up for the impromptu session. The discussion that followed was lively and interesting. Ex-co members present were impressed with the friendly and unassuming attitude of Mr Menon.

Some of the topics discussed were:

- (a) National Service and its impact on eligible male citizens resident in Vancouver
- (b) Overseas Singaporean Unit and its support for local Singapore clubs/societies
- (c) Singapore Business Council (SBC) and its desire to have the High Commissioner as its Patron and Adviser
- (d) National Day Celebrations and support from the C G office
- (e) Feasibility of a Club House for VSC
- (f) Update on the recently concluded General Election held in Singapore.

Mr Menon was candid in his replies to the questions that were asked. He promised to look into issues that he did not have immediate answers. Mr Menon welcome members of the Singaporean community to write to CG Foo with queries regarding issues like National Service and funding of events for VSC and SBC and all matters that may concern them, and if they so desire, with copies to him.

The session with the High Commissioner was a very fruitful one and the Club wishes to thank Mr Menon for the time spent with its Ex-Co members. They looked forward to have more dialogue sessions with the High Commissioner when he next visits.

The Progress Package

by Teong Sin Kwek

Singapore Citizens all over the world were greeted with a very pleasant piece of news when the Prime Minister announced in his 2006 Singapore Budget statement that in view of the good economic performance of the previous year and positive outlook, the government would share part of the surpluses with the Singapore Citizens. This came in the form of a Progress Package that was announced on 31 March 2006.

The Progress Package is made up of the following:

1. Growth Dividends

All adult Singaporeans will get Growth Dividends. Those who earn less or live in smaller homes will get more Growth Dividends. Close to half of adult Singaporeans will get \$800.

2. Workfare Bonus

The Workfare Bonus is to reward low-wage workers for work. Low-wage Singaporeans aged 40 and above, living in homes with Annual Value of up to \$10,000 can receive a Workfare Bonus if they are employees or self-employed persons engaged in regular work in 2005 and 2006. The Bonus will be paid in 2 portions of up to \$600 each.

3. Utilities - Save, S&CC and Rental Rebates

Lower-income households will get Utilities-Save (U-Save) rebates to help them cope with living expenses. They will also continue to enjoy Service & Conservancy Charges (S&CC) and rental rebates. Those living in smaller HDB flats will get more rebates.

4. Top-ups to CPF Special/Retirement & Medisave Accounts

Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2005 will receive top-ups

to their CPF Special/Retirement and Medisave Accounts to help meet their retirement and healthcare needs. The amount of CPF top-ups depends on your age and the Annual Value of your home as at 31 December 2005.

5. Opportunity Funds

Students from lower-income families will get more opportunities for enrichment and learning, such as the purchase of computers and reading materials, and overseas study trips. MOE schools, Junior Colleges/Centralised Institute, ITEs, Special Education schools and self-help groups (CDAC, Mendaki, SINDA and the Eurasian Association) will receive \$50 million in total to create Opportunity Funds.

6. 40th Anniversary NS Bonus

To mark 40 years of National Service (NS) and recognise the contributions of our national servicemen (NSmen), Singaporeans who are serving or have served their NS in the SAF, SPF and SCDF will get a one-off NS bonus.

The CPF Board would have written to you in late March 2006 on your Progress Package. If you have not submitted your application for the various components of the Progress Package, you may visit www.progress.gov.sg for methods of submission. If you have further questions on the Progress Package, please call the CPF Board at +65 2222-888.

For those who have signed up before 25 April 2006, they would have received their payments by 1 May 2006. As a surprise, and in view of the long Labour Day weekend, the government made an early payout on 28 April 2006. For those who have not signed up, please do so before 31 December 2006.



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Members patiently went through the Agenda and the various reports at the Annual General Meeting held on May 6, 2006.

This year's Annual General meeting was held in May due to my overseas trip in March and April. The Ex-co selected the Bonsor Recreation Complex for the meeting, as the usual meeting venue at the Willingdon Community Centre was not available. Surprisingly, most members lauded the central location of Bonsor RC. Therefore Bonsor RC would be the EX-CO's first choice location for future functions.

The turn-out for this year's AGM was good. There were over 60 members who attended the meeting. The nominated office bearers were returned unopposed and another 12 members were elected as Ex-Co members. Generally, the members were satisfied with the strong financial standing of the Club. All members present were rewarded with a hearty meal of nasi lemak, mee-goreng and kueh kueh at the end of the AGM.

A word of thanks to all members who made an effort and took time off to attend the Club's AGM. The Club looked forward to the support and participation of all members for activities to be organized throughout the year.

A list of the newly elected 2006/2007 Executive Committee is shown on Page 2.

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(l-r) Mrs Shirley Wong, Mrs Helen Leong, Ms Yee Hua Tan and Mr Robert Chia getting ready to serve the food.


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Winter Social Night

by Yee Hua Tan

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It was great for net-working and you could feel the warmth and friendly atmosphere at the Social Night.

The winter social night was held on Monday February 6, 2006 at the Willingdon Community Centre in Burnaby. The social night function, which is free for all members and \$5 for each guest, is an occasion for members and friends to network and interact. This social night was more meaningful as it falls on the ninth day of the Chinese New Year. There was a special “Lo-Hei” celebration that evening.

“Lo-Hei” which is actually the tossing of raw fish and vegetable salad plus other ingredients is traditionally eaten on the seventh day of the Chinese New Year, which is also considered as ‘Ren-ri’ or the birthday of human beings. As raw fish is usually used in the prosperity tossing salad, it is also known as eating “Yu Sheng” in Singapore. “Yu Sheng” was an ingenious dish created in Singapore and appeared in the restaurant scene many years ago. Originally raw parang fish slices or ikan kurau were used as the main ingredient. Today all kinds of seafood like salmon, abalone and even lobster are used to replace the white fish. The other ingredients used are pepper powder, “five spice” powder, which means may good luck be ahead of you and turnips or lettuces which mean may your fortune rise with the wind and tide.

The seven large plates of salad for the social night were the hard work of our executive committee member Shirley Wong and her parents. They spent many hours cutting the vegetables and getting the other ingredients ready for the good luck tossing that night by all present. Over seventy people turn up for the “lo-hei” followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner with tea, coffee and desserts.



Members and guests were full of praises for the colourful raw-fish dish prepared by Mrs Shirley Wong.

The Club was honoured with the presence of Mr Richard Lee, MLA for Burnaby North and Parliamentary Secretary for the Asia-Pacific Initiative, Mr Chin Kwok Foo, Consul-General of Singapore and his wife, Mr Paul Dorai Raj, Singapore Airlines-Vice President of Canada and his wife. All present enjoyed the special occasion and many lingered around to catch up with old friends and make new ones as well as wishing everyone they met with “Gong Xi Fa Cai”.



Three lovely ladies enjoying the “Lo-Hei” at the Social Night.
(l-r) Mrs Jeannie Chong, Mrs Yee Hua Kwek and Mrs Swee Chow.



Everyone enjoyed the pure fun of tossing the salad and the raw-fish before eating.



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Farewell to Paul & Welcome to Campbell

by Michael Leong

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Members of the Executive Committee and their spouses gave Mr & Mrs Paul Dorai Raj a farewell party at the Runway 26 Buffet Restaurant in Richmond.



Mr Michael Leong presenting a farewell souvenir to Mr Paul Dorai Raj.

We bid farewell to Mr Paul Dorai Raj, Vice President Canada, of Singapore Airlines and his wife on May 22, 2006 at the Runway 26 Buffet Restaurant of the River Rock Casino in Richmond. Thirty Ex-co members, friends and their spouses turned up for the Farewell Buffet. Mr Michael Leong thanked Mr Dorai Raj for pioneering the SIA special air-fare for members of the club during the "off-peak" seasons. On behalf of the club, Mr Michael Leong presented a memento to Paul as a token of appreciation for his support. Among the guests that evening were Mr Chin Kwok Foo, Consul-General of Singapore and his wife.

Mr Dorai Raj successor would be Mr Campbell Wilson who arrived from Singapore in early June to assume his new posting. Mr & Mrs Dorai Raj left Vancouver on June 8 for Singapore, where Paul has been posted. A "Farewell and Welcome" reception was held on June 6, 2006 by SIA for their agents and friends. Among the guests present were Consul General Chin Kwok Foo, President of VSC Michael Leong and President of SBC Teong Sin Kwek and their spouses.



(l-r) Mr Campbell Wilson, Mr Michael Wraight and Mr Paul Dorai Raj at the SIA Farewell and Welcome Reception held at the Lupo Cafe.

Singapore Food Festival

by Teong Sin Kwek

In conjunction with Singapore Airlines and Pan Pacific Hotel of Singapore, Pan Pacific Vancouver presented a 10-day Singapore Food Festival from April 20 to 30, 2006.

Yee Hua and I were invited by Mr Paul Dorai Raj, Vice President Canada, of Singapore Airlines and Mr Steve Halliday, General Manager of Pan Pacific to attend the opening evening where the food writers, reporters and special guests were invited to taste the Singapore Cuisines before the hotel presented them to the general public.

The spread of food included exciting exploration of the Chinese, Malay, Indian, Peranakan and other culinary influences that make up Singapore cuisine. The dishes included Hainanese Chicken, Lamb Rendang, Black Peppered Crab, Laksa Lemak, Beef Steak, Mee Goreng, Lo Han Chye, cakes and deserts. The buffet spread was prepared and presented by local chefs. Two Singaporean chefs from Pan Pacific Hotel, Singapore had just arrived that same day and did not have the opportunity to add the truly Singaporean flavours to the spread for that night.

It was a good attempt in presenting the ethnic Singaporean food. I hope that those who attended the food festival would have a good and lasting impression of a very important aspect of Singapore life.



At the Lupo Cafe were (l-r) Mr Michael Leong, Ms Mitra Kayhan of SIA, Mrs Helen Leong and Ms Patsy Sze of SIA.



Guests at the Pan Pacific Hotel for the Singapore Food Festival.

Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance

by Michael Leong



The Chinese Costume Extravaganza highlighted all the lovely dresses worn by the guests.



The winner of the Raffle Draw 2nd Prize, Mrs Jeannie Chong receiving the 27" Colour TV from Mr Michael Leong.

Ushering in the Year of the Dog was a momentous event for Chinese people all over the world. In Vancouver, the Vancouver-Singapore Club kept up this tradition by celebrating the event with a dinner and dance. Over 370 members and friends gathered at the Continental Seafood Restaurant on January 21, 2006 to usher in the Year of the Dog.

Among the guests were prominent politicians, government officials, community and business leaders. Guests-of-Honour were Mr Richard Lee, MLA Burnaby North and Parliamentary Secretary for the Asia Pacific Initiative, Mr John Yap, MLA Richmond/Steveston and Mr Chin Kwok Foo, Consul-General of Singapore. Community and business leaders representing the Asia region, Commonwealth countries and the Vancouver Multicultural Society were also present.

As Mr Teong Sin Kwek, President of the newly established Singapore Business Council (SBC) was overseas, the Vice President, Mr Brian Chong made a brief presentation on SBC and its objectives. He invited Singapore businessmen and all those who are interested to engage in business activities with Singapore to join SBC. On behalf of VSC, Mr Michael Leong

presented Mr Brian Chong, representing SBC, a symbolic token pledging full support for SBC, the business association for the Singapore Community.

A Chinese Costume Extravaganza was presented with the participation of guests dressed in Chinese costumes. Mrs Helen Leong emceed this event and Mrs Billy Foo presented all participants with a pair of good-luck Mandarin oranges. Mr Fandi Chang successfully bid for the "Golden Oranges" which symbolized good fortune and prosperity for the year. Over 50 prizes were drawn in the various Lucky Draws. The most sought after prize was the economy return air-ticket to Singapore donated by Singapore Airlines. This year's lucky winner was Mr Hawk Soh.

After a sumptuous 10 course Chinese Dinner Banquet, guests took to the dance floor to burn off the extra calories that had been accumulated earlier. Music was provided by the Continental Resident Band with two local popular singers serenading the night away. Like all good things, the party came to an end at 1.00 a.m. and all guests departed with praises to the Club for an enjoyable evening.



Mr Fandi Chang (right) successfully bid for the "Golden Oranges" auction. Helping with the oranges was Mr Johnny Kee.(left).



The emcees for the night were SFU students: (l-r) Ms Nadia Kasenda and Ms Louisa Chong.



Ms Pearlynn Leong helping and coordinating the work of the emcees.



Popular karaoke singer Mr Kalidasen Muniady singing his "evergreen" Chinese songs.

Camping At Wilson Creek, Sunshine Coast

by T.S. Kwek

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The camaraderie of camping is the spirit of visiting each other and sharing a meal together. Enjoying the "breakfast" camaraderie is the Wong family with the Kwek family.

This annual VSC event took place from Jun 30 to Jul 3, 2006. Ten families, who are members and friends of members, quickly signed up. The name Sunshine Coast exuded a certain charm and allure. What's more, there was going to be a creek on the campground.

To avoid the long weekend ferry sailing wait, a few families decided to pay the booking surcharge. We boarded the ferry at 9.35 am and the 40-minute sailing time from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale was pleasant. Upon arriving at Langdale, a few families decided to take a short detour to visit the nearest town, Gibson. After a short tour, we checked in at the campground. Upon arrival, the ground's administrator told us that some of the sites that we booked earlier were not available and we were given a selection of what was left.

Wilson Creek campground is situated directly adjacent to the Sunshine Coast highway 101 and next to IGA supermarket. It is more like a small neighbourhood park than a campsite. Those of us who were expecting an escape from the city had a rude shock. There was constant road noise. The supermarket although added convenience, robbed the essence of camping. The campground had very few trees and offered scant shade from the blazing sun. A few families from our group were unfortunate to have sites that were totally unshaded throughout the day. Some were able to change sites but as the campground was fully booked, we had to move our tent to the common playground fronting three sites belonging to our group.



Our adventurous group at the Skookumchuck Inlet where the phenomenon of the rapids' swirling waters is seen in the background.

Later that evening, a few of us took a one-hour drive to the Skookumchuck Provincial Park to watch the beautiful rapids at the inlet near the end of the Skookumchuck Trail. We reached the inlet after hiking for an hour, but the sight of the majestic rapids was enough reward. The trail was in total darkness during our return hike. Fortunately we were equipped with torchlights.

The next day, a group of 60 campers occupying the adjacent 4 sites arrived and started setting up their cooking gazebo on the common areas. Children were romping all over. Michael Leong generously offered us to set up tent at his site and we had to move again.

We took a tour of Sechelt on Canada Day but were unable to find parking to join the parade. We visited several open-air art and craft markets and later enjoyed a sumptuous fish and chips meal at the Beach Buoy Cafe fronting the waters.

On the second evening we had a potluck gathering. We thoroughly enjoyed the friendly personal interactions of our group. The food was very delicious. Sunshine's mother put in lots of effort and expense when she prepared three fried yam nests filled with seafood and vegetables and the authentic ang kueh with glutinous rice fillings. The chicken curry prepared by Shirley Wong was also one of our favourite dishes. We had to move a third time as our tent was situated too near to the burning pit. We then decided to leave the camp early, and took the 2:30pm ferry back to Vancouver on Jul 2, 2006.



Camping is not only for the young, here is Shirley Wong's parents (senior citizens), getting ready to enjoy the lovely Pot-luck buffet.



Sunshine's mother (centre) admiring her award winning "Seafood with Vegetable in Yam Cake Basket". On the left is Mrs Yee Hua Kwek and on the right is Mrs Shirley Wong.



The wide variety of Potluck dishes came as a pleasant surprise to all the campers.

Singapore International Foundation invited four Honorary Students' Counsellors (HSCs) from around the world to Singapore for a four-day conference and up-date on Singapore's policies and progress. The conference was held from March 28 – 31, 2006.

After settling in at the Novotel Clarke Quay Hotel on day one, the first meeting of the group was held in the evening with the Overseas Singaporean Unit. At the meeting were Assistant Directors: Ms Stacey E-Wing Foo and Ms Wai Yee Choo. The HSCs were informed of the setting up of a new unit for overseas Singaporeans, which was officially announced in London by Deputy Prime Minister, Kan Seng Wong on March 13, 2006. The objective of the unit is to organize activities for overseas Singaporeans in the hope of keeping them in close touch with what is happening back home and to help them when they return. It plans to hold more networking events to bring Singaporeans and potential employers together, conduct feedback sessions and organize cultural activities.

On the second day, a briefing was held in the morning at the Conference Room of SIF new office at Bishan Junction 8. Mr Gerald Yeo, SIF Director for International Networking, briefed the four HSCs from around the world. Mr Joseph Lee of Melbourne, Mr Martin Gomes of Brisbane, Mr Christopher Lim of Glasgow and Mr Michael Leong of Vancouver were introduced to SIF Executive Director, Dr Tay Keong Tan. After a short exchange of pleasantries and photo opportunities, Dr Tan re-emphasized the work of the Overseas Singaporean Unit and the impending close relationship that would follow as the new unit expands its activities across the world.

Following the SIF briefing, the HSCs visited the URA Centre at Maxwell Road where the master plan of Singapore was displayed and explained to them. The group spent over an hour inspecting and viewing the master plan display.

In the afternoon, the group visited the Central National Education Office (Nexus) at CMPB Building, Depot Road. A briefing was made by LTC Gregory Tan on the Programmes and Services of Nexus. By late afternoon, the group returned to the Novotel Hotel for a much needed rest after a full day of briefing.

The third day started with an early meeting at the MINDEF office



Visiting the Ministry of Manpower: (4th from right) Mr Kheng Hwa Chua, Director & Head of Contact Singapore .

in Gombak Drive. Mr Chris Leck, Head of the International Policy Branch of the Defence Policy Office briefed the group on the latest National Service policies. The meeting attracted the most questioning, as National Service remains the most contentious issue for overseas Singaporeans. With the meeting running over time, the group was advised that overseas Singaporeans who have questions on National Service are advised to email: esc@miw.com.sg with details of their specific problem.

In the afternoon, the group visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where Mr Chiong Giam Lee, Deputy Secretary gave a briefing on the work of MFA. Mr Bernard Baker, former Consul-General in Vancouver and now Director of Public Affairs Directorate, joined the briefing. He invited the group to join the staff party that was being held that evening. At the party, it came as a pleasant surprise to meet up with an old schoolmate (the former General Winston Choo who is now attached to MFA) since we both left school about 50 years ago. We returned to the hotel that night after an enjoyable party, which we wish to thank Mr Bernard Baker for the invitation.

The last day of the conference was held at the Singapore Management University at Victoria Street. A tour of the university campus was conducted for the group. In the afternoon, the group visited the Newater Visitor Centre at Koh Sek Lim Road in Changi. Bottles of Newater were presented to the group for tasting.

The final session was held at the Ministry of Manpower where we were met by the Head and Director, Mr Kheng Hwa Chua. This is the office of Contact Singapore, which most overseas Singaporeans are familiar with. With the latest government set up of the Overseas Singaporean Unit, it is speculated that there may possibly be some new directions for Contact Singapore in the months ahead.

An informal meeting among the HSCs just before departure on the last day highlighted the usefulness of the meetings and seminars. The main conclusion drawn was that the up-dates by the various ministries were useful and pertinent in enhancing the work done by the HSCs in their respective countries. All the HSCs were thankful to SIF and Ms Tara Puvirasa for the tremendously strenuous efforts in organizing these seminars and conferences.



At the Newater Visitor Centre with Mr Yew Hoong Lau (centre), PUB Deputy Director of Community Relations.

The Vancouver office of the Consulate of the Republic of Singapore was first set up in August 1993. It was originally a consulate headed by a Vice Consul. The main objective at that time was to maintain and strengthen the link with Singaporeans in Canada and to provide them with various consular services. In 2002, the office was upgraded to a Consulate General, which provides consular services for the whole country stretching from British Columbia to Quebec. The diplomatic representation of Singapore to Canada is the High Commission, which is currently accredited from New York.

Over the years, the objective remains unchanged, but the office has increasingly expanded its role to include the circulation of information about developments in Singapore to the general public in Canada.

The office regularly receives numerous phone calls and emails wanting to find out more about travelling to or doing business in Singapore. To cope with these new demands, the office has developed its website so that the general public can visit it and obtain the relevant information they need.

For potential business opportunities, the office is the first point of contact before the interested parties proceed to start talking about the business ventures with their Singapore counterparts or new investors. For Canadian entrepreneurs who are interested to do business in Singapore or companies which want to market their technologies or products in the Asian region, the office can help to link them up with Singapore agencies or companies. The parties can then share ideas or information on business opportunities available in the region.

To Singaporeans residing in Vancouver, the office not only disseminates the information they require but also explains to them the rationale of the respective policies. Feedback or views regarding certain policies that have an impact on overseas Singaporeans will be conveyed to the relevant Singapore agencies. The government of Singapore always welcome feedback to improve its services so that it can be delivered more efficiently as expected by its citizens.

Increasingly, Singaporeans also expect their overseas missions

and Consular offices to provide timely assistance during emergencies. Providing information is only one of the aspects while more Singaporeans now expect advice on how to cope with and handle an emergency. The office will try and do what it can within its limit to assist them. On their part, Singaporeans while travelling or residing overseas should register with the respective Consular offices so that the latter can reach them quickly to find out about their well being during an emergency.

For the office to assume a bigger role, Singaporeans in Canada can provide ideas on what information is relevant to them and to suggest ways and means for the office to improve its services. The Consular office functions like a bridge linking overseas Singaporeans with Singapore. There is therefore a need to strengthen the bridge so that it can manage and cope with new challenges in a globalised world.

The office's website <http://www.mfa.gov.sg/vancouver> is where one can get the essential information from. It will link the public to other key Singapore websites.

The current Consul-General of Singapore in Vancouver is Mr Chin Kwok Foo. Like his predecessors, he has been supportive of the activities organised by the Vancouver Singapore Club, which represents the Singapore community in Vancouver. The main activities like the Chinese New Year and Singapore National Day Dinner and Dance are annual events, which remind Singaporean members of their culture and background. As the club is a non-profit organisation, any strong support by the Consul-General will be most appreciated by its members.


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Singapore General Election 2006

by Teong Sin Kwek

For the first time since Singapore's Independence in 1965, the 2006 General Election on May 6, 2006 saw 47 seats in the 84-seat parliament being contested. As most Singaporeans would have expected, all except 2 single ward seats were won by the ruling People's Action Party (PAP). The PAP Aljunied team of a Minister, two Ministers of State and two MPs narrowly won a Group Representation Constituency (GRC). There must have been several rather nails biting moments for them when the votes were counted.

As an overseas Singaporean who missed out on the excitement of the election hustings, I have to be contented with the reports from Straits Times Interactive and Mediacorp Radio. I was also disappointed that although the GRC that I was registered to vote was contested, there was no polling station here. Perhaps the Election Department may wish to consider my request for Internet voting using the secured SingPass, in the next General Election.



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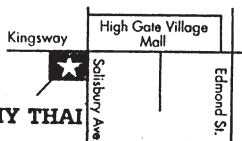


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The number of returning Singaporean children seeking the Ministry of Education's (MOE) assistance for placement into Singapore schools had remained fairly constant at about 130 cases for primary schools and about 115 cases for secondary schools each year from 2001 to 2004. In 2005, more students chose to return to Singapore and the number increased to about 220 cases for primary schools and 210 cases for secondary schools.

The MOE will be putting in place three improvements to make re-entry for returning Singaporean children into the local education system friendlier. This is to give Singaporeans who work abroad more reassurance and help encourage citizens to venture abroad, knowing that it will not be a problem for their children to re-enter Singapore schools. The admission of returning Singaporeans will also enrich the school environment, and benefit all the students.

First, at the primary school level, MOE will do away with the need for placement tests for returning Singaporean children seeking placement. Instead MOE will identify a primary school nearest to their home with vacancies and offer a place to the child. MOE will implement this by the middle of this year. With this system, parents will no longer need to go around searching for a primary school place. However, parents will still have the flexibility to seek school places for their children on their own, if they wish.

Second, at the secondary school level, MOE will also do away with the need for returning Singaporean children to sit for multiple school-based tests. Instead, MOE will develop a Centralised Placement Test (CPT) to provide a common yardstick. MOE will conduct a posting exercise to allocate returning Singaporean children to schools, based on their school choices and their results in the CPT, subject to available vacancies. As with primary schools, parents and students will have the flexibility to seek admission to any other schools, if they are not keen on accepting the places allocated to them by MOE. In such cases, a student will be evaluated separately by the school he

approaches, based on his CPT results as well as any other merit-based criteria set by the school.

Third, MOE will allow secondary schools to admit a small number of returning Singaporean students, over and above their planned capacity. This is to recognise that Singaporean children who are overseas are unable to seek admission at the same time as those who are in Singapore and thus may miss out on attending a school of their choice, even though they are well qualified to do so. This change will not reduce the chances for students in Singapore to get into the school of their choice, as there will be no reduction in the number of school places available to them as a result of this change. Instead, MOE will allow for a few additional places to cater to the needs of returning Singaporeans. All students will still be admitted on merit.

Details of the CPT and the posting system will be announced later. With these new measures, Singaporeans will find it easier to return and re-integrate into MOE schools. Further, in addition to these improved local school admission procedures, families who have been overseas for some time also continue to have the option of seeking approval for admission to a foreign school in Singapore.

For more information, please visit the following websites <http://www.moe.gov.sg/esp/eduinfo/> and http://www.moe.gov.sg/parliamentary_replies/2006/pq20060403.htm#Returning%20Children%20Placement.

You may also wish to contact Mr Lee at LEE_Eng_Hong@moe.gov.sg should you have any further queries.


The registration exercise for admission of children to **Primary One in 2007** will commence on July 4, 2006. Members who require application forms can contact Mr Michael Leong at 604-942-6966 or go on-line at: www.moe.gov.sg.

8th Camp Singapore (Organized by S.I.F.)

Singapore International Foundation is organizing the 8th Camp Singapore from July 14-26, 2006. This camp is held in Singapore and is open to children of overseas Singaporeans between the ages of 7 and 12 years.

For more information, please visit this link: <http://www.sif.org.sg/campsingapore/index.html>

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by Yee Hua Tan

On Friday September 1, 2005, Mr Paul Dorai Raj, Vice-President Canada, Singapore Airlines (SIA) Limited invited Teong Sin and I for a food-tasting event at CLS Catering Services Limited, Jericho Road, Vancouver International Airport. The Consul-General of Singapore in Vancouver, Mr Chin Kok Foo and Mrs Billy Foo were also present. They had to leave after a short while as Mr Foo was busy. Others present were Mr and Mrs Dorai Raj, Mr Martin Mahovlich, Mr Adrian Tan, Station Manager, Mr William Lee, Duty Manager cum Senior Catering Officer and Mr Richard Neo, Executive Sous Chef (In-flight Services) of SIA. Mr Neo, from Singapore, was the quality controller cum checker for the food prepared and served on board.

The event is done once every quarterly to ensure that the quality standard of food served on SIA flights are maintained. The menu is changed every 2 months or so and a panel of 'food tasters' are usually invited for such events. The panel is usually selected from regular Priority Passenger List, other regular passengers, travel agents, people from the press and friends of SIA.

The food starting from appetiser to desserts for both business class and economy flights were prepared and placed neatly on a large table. Different selections of menu for lunch and dinner as well as light meals on shorter flights were served. Mr Mukesh Tugnait, the Executive Chef explained each menu in detail to all present. Mr Richard Neo provided his inputs like adding a piece of lime to a meat dish, suggestions on the layout presentation and type of fish used for the fish dishes.

The beautiful and delicious looking array of food displayed included Korean, Chinese, Indian and vegetarian dishes. There were western meals, dim sum and noodle soup meals as well as East Indian meals.

A tour of the kitchen followed after the presentation by Mr Tugnait. Visitors had to don clean room attire, washed their hands thoroughly before proceeding for the tour. The food are prepared under strict hygiene conditions and then placed into the chiller to cool it down to 4 degrees Celsius so as to prevent



(l-r): Sunil Reddy, Operations Manager CLS, Mukesh Tugnait, Executive Chef CLS, Richard Neo, Executive Sous Chef (In-flight Services) SIA, Adrian Tan, Station Manager SIA, William Lee, Duty Manager cum Senior Catering Officer SIA, Mary Anne Dorai Raj, Yee Hua Tan, Teong Sin Kwek, Paul Dorai Raj, Martin Mahovlich, General Manager CLS.

bacteria growth. This usually takes about 4 to 6 hours where the temperature is consistently maintained at 4 degrees Celsius.

After the kitchen tour, guests were invited to taste the different dishes and to provide feedback on the quality, taste and texture of meat used for the dishes. It was noted that smoked salmon was still served as an appetiser for the economy class meal although it was costly and not found in other airlines economy class in-flight meals.

Generally the food was very delicious and of good quality standard. It was also an eye opener for us to view the high labour intensive kitchen set up where thousands of trays of meals were being prepared everyday for most airlines in the world. The next time when I sit back to enjoy my in-flight meal, I will remember all the effort put in by the whole team starting from the chef, his assistants, the packers, the cleaners and the delivery men.

Singapore Netball Team Visits Vancouver

by Michael Leong

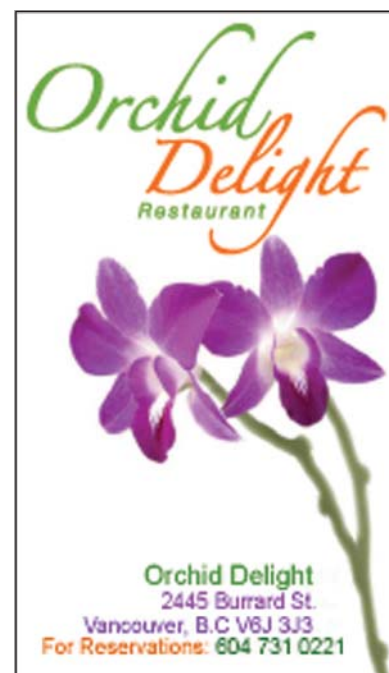


Singapore leading during one of the games against the BC Open Team.

The Singapore Netball Team comprising of 10 players and 2 officials arrived in Vancouver on May 16, 2006 to play a series of matches with Team Canada. The Singapore team stayed at YWCA in downtown Vancouver and was bussed to the various games at Byrne Creek Secondary School and Burnaby Mountain Secondary School. The team returned to Singapore on May 24, 2006 after playing the final game against Canada.



(l-r) Mr Robert Chia, Ms Lori Leung, Ms Ann Willcocks, President BC Netball Association and Mr Michael Leong





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by Yee Hua Tan



Mr Robert Chia, Vice President

An unassuming and friendly man, Mr Robert Chia was elected as the Vice President of the Vancouver Singapore Club Executive Committee for the term 2005/2006. The greatest impact that he has for the club is his untiring efforts to get advertisers and sponsors for our main activities, the Chinese New Year and National Day dinner and dance functions and our newsletter. Robert who is publicity shy was initially hesitant to speak with me regarding his approach to get the sponsors and advertisers. He finally agreed to answer some of the questions that I posed to him.

YH :Why did you look for advertisers for our VSC functions?

RC :VSC is a non-profit organisation so any support is welcomed. It will also be good exposure for VSC and the sponsors and advertisers if there are more advertisements for our functions. I hope that those who see the advertisements will support the advertisers.

YH :Yes! My family had visited some of the restaurants listed in the last two Dinner & Dance (D & D) souvenir programmes.

How many sponsors and advertisers did you get for last year National Day D & D, this year Chinese New Year D & D and the latest newsletter?

RC :In terms of value, last year's National Day D & D, there was \$750 worth of advertisements and gift vouchers worth a few hundred dollars. For this year's Chinese New Year D & D, our advertisers and sponsors supported us with \$1000 worth of advertisements and gift vouchers worth a few hundred dollars. As for the newsletter, advertisements worth \$1000 were secured. I am really thankful to our supporters.

YH :What approaches did you use to secure this level of support?

RC :Patience and understanding the situation as well as never giving up.

Coming from a large family of eleven children, we learned to give and take among the siblings. My first job, which lasted 28 years, had me dealing with all types of people and that taught me to be patient. To avoid duplication of similar type of business in the same town or city, I map out which companies to visit. I started with an introduction of VSC, followed by the details of costs to advertise in our programmes and newsletter and myself. The advertisers usually needed time to consider and that meant a second trip to the same place after a week or so. I visited some companies more than twice as the owner needed more time to think about it.

YH :Did you encounter any difficult potential advertisers?

RC :There was a classic case where I made seven visits and the person was still unable to decide. He kept telling me that he needed time to think about it. I did not make the eighth trip! There were also some who bluntly told me that they were not interested to advertise at our functions or publication.

YH :What other problems did you encounter?

RC :Most restaurants open for business from 11 am to 3 pm. I could only approach the owners during that period of time. They could also be busy in the kitchen or with other matters. Multiple trips were necessary and patience as well as persistence paid off in most cases. However, some of the advertisers were very spontaneous in their support, so please reciprocate by supporting them.

On behalf of VSC, we would like to thank all our sponsors and advertisers and look forward to their continued support for our various functions and newsletter.

Straits Times Interactive - Special Offer

The Straits Times Interactive is offering a special subscription of 50% off the regular rate for its Internet edition to members of the club. If you are interested, this is what you need to do:

- Go on-line at: <http://subst.asia1.com.sg/sub/RegClub.jsp>
- On-line payment: VISA credit card
- Special offer: S\$60 for 1 year subscription (Regular rate is: S\$120 per year)

Singapore Airlines

The Club has made arrangements with SIA on some special promotional fares during the off-peak season for members and their family to travel to Singapore. These fares are strictly for the benefit of members and they are NOT meant to be used as a comparison with fares from other airlines. Members using the special promotional fares are bound by the "Non-disclosure Clause" in effect. Date of travel once confirmed, is not changeable.

For more information, please contact Mr. Michael Leong at:


Tel: 604-942-6966 or email: president@singaporeclub.ca.

You can also view Singapore Airlines website at: www.singaporeair.ca for more information.

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Vancouver B-P Church Annual Bible Conference

Members of the Club are welcome to join the Bible Conference organized by the Vancouver Bible-Presbyterian Church.

The conference will be held at:

"Cedar Springs",
Christian Retreat Centre,
4700 Minaker Road,

Sumas, Washington 98295, USA.

Tel: (360) 988-6674

Fax: (360) 988-6226

Registration for the camp is now open. Members who are interested to join the conference are kindly requested to contact:

Pastor Isaac Ong

Tel: 604-464-2000

Theme for this year's conference is:

"Families of the Bible"

Speaker: Rev. Ian Goligher

(Pastor of Cloverdale Free
Presbyterian Church, Canada).

Dates: August 8 - 11, 2006

Fees: Working Adults C\$170
Non-working Adults &
Seniors (65 and over) C\$100
Kids (13-18 years old) C\$85
Kids (4-12 years old) C\$70

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Vancouver B-P Church

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Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members

Life Members

1. CHOW, Simon & Swee
2. CHUA, Sandra
3. TING, Dr John & Dr Joy

General Members

1. BELLOTTI, Paolo & Zenovia
2. CAYETANO, Michael
3. CHIA, Stephen & Evelyn
4. CHIN, Steve & Mavis
5. FORTALEZA, Reynaldo & Araceli
6. GOH, Cheyenne & Barnaby Fell
7. HENG, Eleanor
8. JUNG, Doris
9. KONG, Stephen & Cecilia
10. LAU, Ken & Connie
11. LEE, Albert & Belinda
12. LEE, Andrew & Janice
13. LIM, Kian Guan & Melissa
14. RAJKUMAR, Subramaniam & Nishani
15. SAE-LIEM, Niitaya & Ken Ng
16. SI, Ben & Lynn Chua
17. TAI, Michael
18. TAN, Irene & Adriann
19. TAN, Melvyn & Mary
20. ZHANG, John & Jane

Student Members

1. HEN, May
2. NAH, Gerard/Cornelia
3. NG, Tommy & Priscilla

Clam Picking & Camping

Date: Friday, June 30 to Monday, July 3, 2006
 Venue: Wilson Creek Campground, Sunshine Coast
 Camp Fees: \$19.50 per night (2 people)
 \$2.50 per night (each additional person)
 Taxes extra

Cherry Picking in the Okanagan

Date: 7.30 a.m. July 8, 2006
 Meeting Place: Car Park of Canadian Superstore
 (Schoolhouse/King Edward, Coquitlam)
 Cherry Picking: West Bank, Kelowna
 Return Date: July 9, 2006 (optional)

Annual Picnic

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2006
 Time: from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
 Venue: Barnet Marine Park, Burnaby.
 Members & children: Free
 Guests: Adults & big kids \$10.00 per person
 Kids (12 years & below) \$5.00 per person

Registration & Participation

For participation in all the listed activities, please contact:
 Mr Michael Leong Tel: 604-942-6966
 Email: president@singaporeclub.ca

Singapore 41st National Day Dinner & Dance

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2006
 Time: 6.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.
 Venue: Continental Seafood Restaurant
 #150-11700 Cambie Road, Richmond
 Dinner: 10 course Chinese Dinner Banquet
 Dancing: Music by Continental "Live" Band & Singers
 Fund Raising by Donation: \$2.00 per coupon
 (sold to members on night of dinner)
 1st Prize: One Return Economy Class Air-ticket
 to Singapore (Sponsored by Singapore Airlines)
 Ticket Price: Members \$35.00 per person
 Guests \$40.00 per person
 Table of Ten \$350.00
 Reservation: Contact any Committee Member (see Page 2)

**Vancouver CultureFest 2006
(a.k.a. Vancouver Diversity Festival)**

Organised by: Vancouver Multicultural Society
 Venue: Plaza of Nations
 750 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver.
 Date: September 9 & 10, 2006
 Time: from 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.
 Admission: Free
 The Club has a booth to display Singapore and its culture.
 Members are welcome to visit the booth and to show support
 for the Community work contributed by the Club.

Vancouver-Singapore Club

c/o: 1476 Lansdowne Drive,
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Membership Application Form

Name: _____ Country of Birth: _____
 Spouse: _____ Country of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

For Corporate Membership - Names of Representative:

1. _____ Country of Birth: _____
2. _____ Country of Birth: _____

I/we* wish to apply for membership in the Vancouver-Singapore Club and I/we* agree to abide by its rules and regulations.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Membership Fees: 1. Corporate \$180.00 per year
 2. General \$ 25.00 per year
 3. Student (In full time studies) \$ 10.00 per year
 4. Life Membership (One time payment) \$250.00

Please issue cheque to: **Vancouver-Singapore Club**



At the SIF Conference in Singapore
(l-r) Mr Joseph Lee of Melbourne, Ms Sharon Guan of SIF, Mr Martin Gomez of Brisbane, Mr Christopher Lim of Glasgow, Dr Tay-Keong Tan SIF Director, Mr Gerald Yeo of SIF, Mr Michael Leong of Vancouver and Ms Tara Puvirasa of SIF.



At the Singapore Business Council 1st Board of Directors Meeting
(l-r) Mr Michael Cayetano (Treasurer), Mr Michael Leong (VSC Rep), Mr Simon Chow (Director), Mr Brian Chong (Vice President), Mr Ronnie Tan (Director), Mr Teong Sin Kwek (President) and Ms Yee Hua Tan (Secretary).



Camping at Wilson Creek, Sunshine Coast
Campers getting ready for the Canada Day Pot-luck Dinner on Saturday, July 1, 2006.



Singapore Netball Team Visits Vancouver
Mr Michael Leong (left) and Mr Robert Chia (right) posing with the Officials and Players of the Singapore Netball Team on May 16, 2006. (In white-front row) Manager Noraida bte Abdul Malik and (in white-back row) Coach Kate Carpenter.



Mr Brian Chong (right), Vice President of the Singapore Business Council receiving the Club's pledge of support from Mr Michael Leong.



Winner of the SIA Air-ticket to Singapore Mr Hawk Soh (left) receiving his prize from Mr Paul Dorai Raj, Vice President-SIA Canada.



(l-r) Mr Michael Leong with Mr T S Kwek, President of Singapore Business Council at the Gibson Landing (Sunshine Coast).



Vice President Robert Chia (right) made a courtesy call to the camp at Wilson Creek.



Honoring Our Life Member
Ms Sandra Chua receiving the Life Member souvenir from Mr Michael Leong.