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WITH VIP GUESTS AT THE JOINT CELEBRATION OF SINGAPORE'S 44TH NATIONAL DAY.**



**WINNER OF THE SINGAPORE AIRLINES TICKET**

(l-r) Ms Violet Chan, President of MSBCA, Mr Michael Leong, President of VSC, Mr Dennis Teo (Highest bidder in the auction), Ms Beatrice Chai (Winner of the SIA Ticket), Mr Michael Wright, SIA Manager and Mr Hao Yu Dai, SIA VP for Northwest USA.



**GUEST-OF-HONOUR**

Guest-of-Honour Ms Alice Wong, Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism receiving a token of Appreciation from Mr Michael Leong.

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## President's Message

The summer passed very quickly with the successful organizing of the two main events of the club. At the Annual Picnic on July 18, over 240 members and friends gather at the Barnet Marine Park in Burnaby to enjoy the fellowship and food that has become the legend of our Club. Over 20 new members joined the Club to take advantage of the "Free" picnic that the Club gave to its members.

Students from SFU were on hand to help in the organizing of games for kids who attended. Thanks to Mel Chua and his SFU group for entertaining all the kids.

Violet Chan, President of the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association, pitched in her effort in frying the Penang style "Kway-Teow" for all the picnickers – thank you Violet for your help! I also wish to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in the picnic.

Singapore Airlines abruptly withdrew its service to Vancouver in May and closed the entire operation here. With flights from USA still in full service, SIA continue to sponsor the Club's fund raising effort by continuing to give an airline ticket during the National Day celebration. However, the ticket is good for travel between San Francisco and Singapore only. The winner has to make his/her own way to San Francisco from Vancouver.

With the shocking departure of SIA, the next time bomb to drop on the Singapore Community here is the withdrawal of the Singapore Consulate in Vancouver. Initially, an Honorary Consul-General was appointed in Toronto to oversee the consulate work. After operating for a few months, the Hon. Consul-General in Toronto resigned and the Singapore Community in Canada is now without any Singapore consulate. Singaporeans who need consulate services can contact the consulates in New York and San Francisco. After serving 5 years in Vancouver, the Consul-General of Singapore, Mr Chin Kwok Foo and Mrs Billy Foo finally bid farewell to all their friends at a party held in their honour on July 7, 2009 at the Golden Swan Restaurant, Vancouver. Over 100 members and friends turned up to say "Good-bye". This event was jointly held with the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association.

In celebrating Singapore's 44<sup>th</sup> National Day, the Club together with MSBCA held a joint event on August 14 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant, Richmond. The dinner & dance celebration was attended by 440 people. It was a touching moment when all the guests sang in full unison, the Singapore National Anthem "Majallah Singapura" and the Canadian Anthem: "O Canada".

In my speech at the dinner, I recounted the day 44 years ago when I heard the sombre radio broadcast by Tengku Abdul Rahman, Prime Minister of Malaysia and Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Chief Minister of Singapore on the mutual separation of Singapore from Malaysia. *I recalled that it was not a happy moment in Singapore at that time. The country was in the griped of an unknown future thrust upon it by the sudden separation.* After 44 years, the whole world now knows the Singapore success story achieved through the dynamic leadership of Mr Lee Kuan Yew. Love him or hate him, he is the architect and pillar of Singapore's success!

The intention to make changes to the Club's Constitution that was mentioned in the last Editorial is now being worked on by the Executive Committee. Please be prepared for an Extraordinary General Meeting in the coming months when the Ex-co completes the study for changes. If you feel the need for certain changes to be made, please write in to the Club so that your suggestions can be looked into.

The Fall and Winter events are now being prepared by the Executive Committee. There will be a "Kawan-kawan" Night on November 21, 2009 and details of this event are shown on Page 5 of this newsletter.

The Club will celebrate the Year of the Tiger with a Dinner & Dance event on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant, Richmond. Tickets are now available and you can call the undersigned or any of the Ex-co members for purchase of your tickets.

Thank you all for your support in the summer activities - I look forward to seeing you at our "Kawan-kawan" Nite.

*Michael Leong*



## Farewell Party for Singapore Consul-General

by Michael Leong

About a hundred people came to bid "Farewell" to Mr & Mrs Chin Kwok Foo on July 7, 2009. The party was held at the Golden Swan Restaurant in Vancouver.

Due to the tight schedule Mr & Mrs Foo had, it was decided to hold the event jointly with the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association (MSBCA).

The evening started with "Thank You" speeches from the President of the Vancouver-Singapore Club, Mr Michael Leong and the President of the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association, Ms Violet Chan. Among the VIP guests that attended were:

1. Mr Matthew W. Chou, Director-General of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office,
2. Mr Abdul Haris Hadi, Vice President of Tourism Malaysia,
3. Mr Sing Lim Yeo, Director of SUCCESS/Advisor of MSBCA
4. Mrs Carmelita Tapia, President of Southeast Asia Business Council,
5. Mr Guilbert Ho, President of Malaysia-Canada Business Council,
6. Mrs Gina Hansen, President of Malaysian Association of BC,
7. Mr Brian Cole, Chairman of the Canada-Singapore Business Association
8. Mr Albert Lee, President of Vancouver-Singapore Film Festival.

A special 10 course Dinner Banquet was selected by Mr Christopher Chung, MSBCA VP-Brunei. After all the good food was consumed, mementos were presented to Mr & Mrs Foo by VSC and MSBCA. Guests were able to snap pictures with Mr & Mrs Foo as souvenir of their stay in Vancouver.

Having been with us for 5 years, it was a moving moment when all the guests sang "Auld Lang Syne and He's A Jolly Good Fella" at the end of the party. With the departure of Con-Gen Chin Kwok Foo, the Singapore Consulate-General office in Vancouver will be closed and all consular matters relating to Singapore will have to be referred to the Consul-General Office in San Francisco or New York.

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## UBC Singapore Students Association - 2009 Ice Breaker Event

by Jim Foo

On 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009, I was privileged to attend the Ice-Breaker Event at UBC, organized by the UBC Raffles Singapore Club. There were some 60 students there that evening. It was a meet and greet occasion, especially for new students.

The Vancouver Singapore Club presented a cheque for \$50.00 as a contribution for the evening. To further support the students, VSC invited the students to our meetings and functions.

The highlight of the evening was approving a motion to change the name of the organization to "UBC Singapore Students Association". The new name reflects who the majority of the members are. The goals and objectives of the association remain unchanged.

President Nur Syahidah and her team did an excellent job organizing the event. Congratulations to the UBC students.



Mr Jim Foo (left) at the Singapore Students Association Ice Breaker Event.

## Farewell Party for Singapore Airlines

by Michael Leong

On June 18, 2009 the Executive Committee held a Farewell Dinner at the Golden Swan Restaurant in Vancouver for Mr & Mrs Andrew Budiman of Singapore Airlines. Mr Budiman had been instrumental in giving the Club an airline ticket for the Chinese New Year and National Day celebrations since his appointment as VP in Vancouver. It was fitting therefore for the Club to thank him for all his past efforts. He took up his new appointment in SIA Manila upon departure from Vancouver end of June.

With the closing of SIA office in Vancouver, all SIA flights from Vancouver to Singapore ceased operation. Singaporeans who wish to travel to Singapore on SQ flights will now have to fly to San Francisco to board their flight. There are daily flights from San Francisco to Singapore. It is the hope of the Club and the many Singaporeans here that SIA will resume its operation from Vancouver to Singapore in the near future. Meanwhile, it's a bit more cumbersome to fly to San Francisco to board the flight to Singapore. Club members and Singaporeans who wish to go to Singapore will now have to fly by other airlines from Vancouver via Taipei, Seoul, Tokyo or Hongkong.

Singapore Airlines continue to sponsor the Club for an economy airline ticket from San Francisco to Singapore and return San Francisco. If you win the Singapore Airlines ticket at our next event, you will have to make your own way to San Francisco to board the flight. It's a bit of a hassle but please do not complain because it's your "good-luck" prize anyway!

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## Annual Picnic

by Michael Leong

The Club's Annual Picnic has been the talk of the town for over 10 years and this year's event was no exception. A record turn-out of over 240 members and friends joined in the gala food event that was prepared by the Club's dedicated team of specialised cooks. This year's picnic was held on July 18, 2009 at the Barnet Marine Park, Burnaby.

All Club members including their immediate family were treated to a "free" picnic. This is one of the benefits of Club Membership. Guests and friends paid \$12.00 per adult and \$8.00 per kid. All picnickers had a chance to taste the food of their choice. A stunning line-up of Singapore and Malaysia food were specially prepared for the picnic. These specialties were:

1. Special Sauce BBQ Chicken – prepared by Julliette Yeoh
2. Curry Chicken with French Loaves – prepared by Michael Mok
3. Cuttlefish with Kangkong and Meehoon – prepared by Shirley Wong
4. Penang Fried Kway Teow – prepared by Violet Chan
5. Sticky Rice – prepared by Agnes Loh
6. Hot-dogs – prepared by Henry Seetoh
7. Dessert of Kueh Ubi-Kayu – prepared by Christine Yeoh
8. Dessert of Mixed fruits – prepared by Alin Kasenda
9. Cases of Water - purchased by Ken Lau

Members and friends spoke highly of these delicious food and all were satisfied with the quality and quantity of the food available.

Many members renewed their membership at the picnic while many more joined as new members. They also took the opportunity to refresh their friendship among the members and some were also able to make new friends. It was a good time to foster and renew their contact with each other.

The kids were entertained with games organized and hosted by students from the Malaysia-Singapore Students' Club of SFU.

Thank you to all the students led by MSSC President Mel Chua for participating in the picnic.

Lastly, we must not forget to say: A big "thank you" to all the helpers in preparing the food and drinks for the picnic. Without the dedication from the Executive Committee and helpers, we will not be able to repeat our success year after year.

If you have missed out on this picnic, don't forget - we will look forward to see you next year.

### "Kawan-Kawan" Nite

Come and join us for an evening of:  
Singapore Food, Karaoke, Net-working and Fellowship.

***"Where there are no strangers,  
only friends we have not met".***

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009.  
Time: 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.  
Venue: Willingdon Community Centre,  
1491 Carleton Avenue,  
Burnaby, B.C., V5C 4V5.  
Price: Members \$ 8.00 per person  
Guests \$12.00 per person  
Menu: 1. Fried Prawn Noodles  
2. Yang-chow Fried Rice  
3. Hainanese Chicken  
4. Seasonal Green Vegetable  
5. Fried Fish Balls  
6. Dessert: Pulot-Hitam & Mixed Fruits

Programme: 5.30 pm-7.00 pm Networking & Makan  
7.00 pm-8.30 pm Karaoke & Fellowship  
50/50 Draw & Prizes

**PLEASE DO NOT DELAY - REGISTER NOW!**

### Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance

(Join us to welcome the Year of the Tiger)

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010  
Time: 6.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.  
Venue: Continental Seafood Restaurant,  
#150-11700 Cambie Road, Richmond.  
Tel: 604 278 6331  
Price: Members: \$40.00 per person  
Guests: \$45.00 per person  
Food: 10 course Chinese Dinner Banquet  
Prizes: Lots of prizes to win  
Dancing: Until 1.00 a.m.

For reservation & tickets for these 2 events,  
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## Farewell Party for Consul-General of Singapore



Presenting the Club's token of Appreciation to Con-Gen Foo (centre) by Michael Leong and Shirley Wong.



Ex-co members with Con-Gen Foo. (l-r) Henry Seetoh, Alin Kasenda, Michael Mok, C-G Foo, Mrs Billy Foo, Mr Matthew Chou, Jim Foo, Michael Leong, Shirley Wong and Manohar Nagiah.



(l-r) Mrs Billy Foo, Michael Leong, Herb Lim and C-G Foo with senior Life Member: Mr & Mrs Yen Ping Kok (seated).



(l-r) Mr Sing Lim Yeo, Mr Matthew Chou, Dir-Gen of Taipei Economic & Cultural Office, C-G Foo and Mrs Billy Foo.

## Farewell Party for Singapore Airlines



President Michael Leong (right) presenting the Farewell Gift to Mr Andrew Budiman (left) VP Singapore Airlines.



Ex-co Members at the Farewell Party (l-r): Agnes Loh, Julliette Yeoh, Su Fong Budiman, Andrew Budiman, Michael Leong, Jim Foo, Robert Chia and Michael Mok.

## Ex-co Members at VMS Award Dinner



Attending the VMS Award Dinner are (l-r): Shirley Wong, Mr & Mrs Philip Wong of Soo Singapore Jerky Ltd, Michael Leong and Julliette Yeoh.



Jim Foo (left) receiving a prize from Olga Sherbina (centre). Looking on (right) is Nick Noorani, President, Vancouver Multicultural Society.

## UBC Singapore Students Association



President Syahidah (extreme right) introducing members of the Executive Committee to the student members.



UBC students listening intently to the debate on a proposal to change the Club's name from Singapore Raffles Club to Singapore Students Association.



These students are showing us that dishing out the Singapore food is just as much fun as eating them.



The Ice-breaker event is a good chance to make new friends and to savour the delicious Singapore food.

## Annual Picnic



Students from SFU MSSC helping to entertain the kids at the picnic with games and prizes.



Violet Chan, President of MSBCA cooking her special Penang Fried Kway-Teow to the delight of the picnickers.



The popular BBQ chicken in a special sauce created by Julliette Yeoh (centre in apron) with helpers Linda Then and Luke Tham (extreme right).



Christine Yeoh with ladle in hand preparing her version of Penang Fried Kway Teow.



Manning the Kangkong Cuttlefish stall are: (l-r) Jenny Wong, Karen Kee, Shirley Wong and Alin Kasenda.



The Picnic Reception Team at work: (l-r) Jim Foo, Alin Kasenda, Robert Chia and Michael Leong (seated)



Michael Mok dishing out his famous Curry Chicken to Doris Chung (in hat and sunglasses). There is a good supply of French loaves to go with the curry.



Agnes Loh busy preparing her stall for the special Sticky Rice cooked with a secret family recipe.



## Celebrating Singapore's 44th National Day

by Michael Leong

This year the Club jointly organized the celebration of Singapore's 44<sup>th</sup> National Day with the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association (MSBCA) on August 14, 2009 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant, Richmond. This is the first time that the two Clubs have organized a major event together.

The evening's celebration was attended by over 440 members and guests. This is a spectacular turn-out for the Singapore National Day celebration. The programme started with the singing of the National Anthems of Singapore and Canada. The event was emceed by Mr Robert Chia of MSBCA and Ms Louisa Cheong of VSC.

The Guest-of-Honour was Ms Alice Wong, Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism.

Other important guests were:

### Government Officials & VIPs

MLA Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, Mr Douglas Horne  
MLA Maple Ridge-Mission, Mr Marc Dalton  
Consulate-General of Thailand, Mr Kosit Chatpaiboon  
Consulate-General of Indonesia, Mr Wibanarto  
Consul of Malaysia, Mr Hares Lisot  
Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, Mr Haris Hadi

### Non-government Officials & VIPs

Singapore Airlines, Mr Hao-Yu Dai, VP Northwest USA  
SUCCESS, Mr Sing Lim Yeo, Director  
Malaysian Association of B.C., Mrs Gina Hansen, President  
Southeast Asia Business Association, Mrs Carmelita Tapia, President  
Vancouver Multicultural Society, Mr Nick Noorani, President  
Leung's Benevolent Association, Mr Raymond Leung, President  
Vancouver-Singapore Film Festival, Mr Albert Lim, President

Lots of prizes were given away for guests through the Lucky Draw.

A Raffle Draw was held for the SIA Air-ticket. Singapore Airlines sponsored an economy class return air-ticket from San Francisco to Singapore. The winner of the air-ticket had to make his/her own way to San Francisco from Vancouver.

This year's SIA ticket winner was Ms Beatrice Chai, she donated her winning ticket to the Taiwan Typhoon Disaster Relief Fund by auctioning off the ticket that evening. Singapore Airlines sweetened the auction by modifying the winning ticket to cover any destination point in Asia. The auction was won by Mr Dennis Teo with the highest bid of \$1,000.00.

Guests began dancing as soon as all the prizes were drawn. The dance-hall was packed with dancers enjoying themselves. The party ended successfully at 12.30 a.m. with thanks to the efforts of the joint organising committee for a job well-done.



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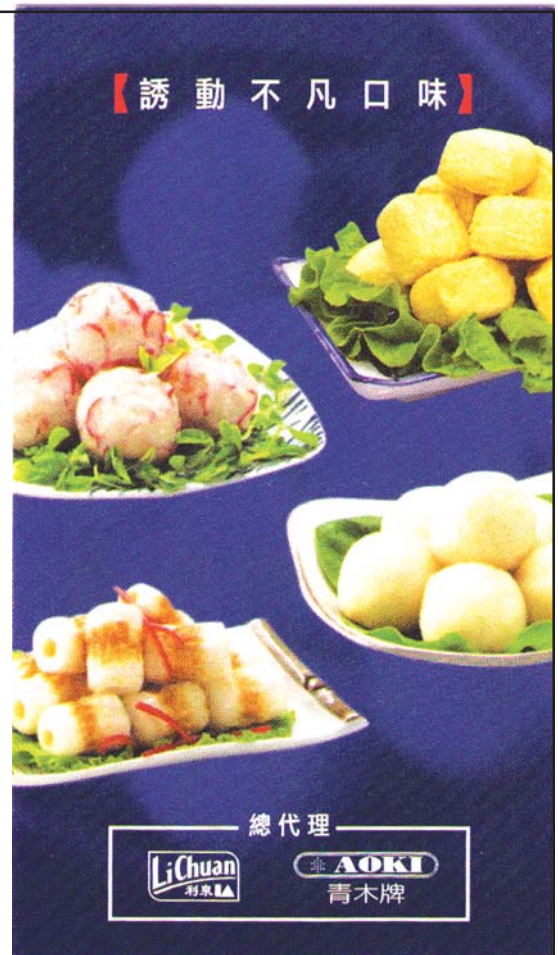
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## RECIPE CORNER

(Courtesy of SIF-Singapore Magazine)

### Lotus Seeds with Hard-boiled Eggs

by Terry Tan



#### LOTUS SEEDS WITH HARD-BOILED EGGS

Cooking time: 1 hour

Serves: 4-6

#### INGREDIENTS

200g dried lotus seeds or 250g prepared lotus seeds  
(washed and drained)

2 litres water

4-6 eggs

200g rock sugar

#### METHOD

##### Using dried lotus seeds

Soak dried lotus seeds in water for 30 minutes or boil for 5 minutes. Rub off the brown skins of the lotus seed and split each lotus seed in two. Remove green core if still attached.

In another pot, bring water to boil and add rock sugar. When sugar has dissolved, add lotus seeds. Simmer for at least 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare hardboiled eggs separately by slowly bringing them to boil in a pot of cool water. Simmer eggs for 8 minutes, before removing them from the pot. Shell eggs when they are sufficiently cool.

When lotus seeds are soft (taste one to test), add eggs. Heat for 5 minutes more to allow eggs to absorb liquid.

##### Using prepared lotus seeds

Wash and drain prepared lotus seeds.

In a pot, bring water to boil and add rock sugar.

When sugar is dissolved, add lotus seeds and simmer for 20 minutes.

Prepare hardboiled eggs.

Add eggs to the liquid and heat for 5 minutes before serving.

## HOW TO ORDER LOCAL TRADITIONAL COFFEE IN SINGAPORE

| <u>COFFEE</u> | <u>PRONOUNCED</u>     | <u>WHAT YOU GET</u>  |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| Kopi          | (koh-pee)             | coffee with condensed milk.  |
| Kopi-C        | (kok-pee-see)         | coffee with sugar and evaporated milk (the "C" is for Carnation, a popular evaporated milk brand). |
| Kopi-Kosong   | (koh-pee koh-song)    | coffee with condensed milk, without sugar (Kosong in Malay means: nothing or zero).                |
| Kopi-O        | (koh-pee oh)          | black coffee with sugar.   |
| Kopi-O-Kosong | (koh-pee oh koh-song) | black coffee without sugar.  |
| Kopi-Peng     | (koh-pee peng)        | iced coffee with sugar and condensed milk.   |
| Kopi-Siew-Dai | (koh-pee seew-dai)    | coffee with less condensed milk.   |
| Kopi-Ga-Dai   | (koh-pee gah-dai)     | coffee with more condensed milk.   |
| Kopi-Suah     | (koh-pee swah)        | a double order of Kopi.  |
| Kopi-Gao      | (koh-pee gaw)         | literally means "thick" coffee or strong coffee.   |
| Kopi-Di-Lo    | (koh-pee di loh)      | even more concentrated coffee.   |
| Kopi-Poh      | (koh-pee poh)         | a light coffee.  |

(This same addendum also apply to Tea e.g. Teh-O).



Coffee served in a traditional coffee cup.



## OBITUARY - MR MIN SING CHUNG

鍾明勝



Min Sing Chung

Min Sing Chung passed away on October 5, 2009 at the ripe age of 88 years. A funeral service in celebration of the Life and Times of Min Sing Chung was held on October 8, 2009 at the Mt Pleasant Funeral Home and he was later buried at the Royal Oak Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Min Sing Chung was born on May 1, 1921 in Sandakan, Malaysia but was raised in Hongkong. At the age of 15, he moved to Kuala Belait, Brunei with his parents. He subsequently worked for Shell Brunei and later became an entrepreneur. At the age of 21, he married his sweetheart, Nyuk Lan and remained true to her all his life.

In 1981, he emigrated from Brunei with his wife and youngest daughter Judy to join their sons, Hon Kin and Christopher in Vancouver. He was a very sociable and outgoing person and he maintained a very healthy and active lifestyle here.

With his wife, they worked hard to make a modest living and raised a family of 10 children. He was survived by his wife, 9 children, 17 grandchildren and a grand daughter-in-law.

Among his children, Christopher and Patricia are better known to Club members. Patricia is married to Sing Lim Yeo and Christopher is VP-Brunei of the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association (MSBCA). They are all members of the Vancouver-Singapore Club.

## OBITUARY - MR SEE HIN CHAN



See Hin Chan

The late See Hin Chan passed away peacefully on September 26, 2009 at the age of almost 92. The funeral service was held on October 10 followed by the cremation service. The late Mr Chan is the father of Fanny and Al Lau who are members of the Vancouver-Singapore Club. He is also the grandfather of Quisha Girard-Lau.

See Hin Chan arrived in Singapore from China with his mother at the tender age of 5. He had his elementary education in Singapore and was always at the top of his class. Due to his poverty, he had to leave school early and started working as a mechanic apprentice.

He had an arranged marriage and fell truly in love at the first sight of his bride. They had 10 lovely kids and his beloved wife died in 1973 leaving him alone to bring up the children. He remained faithful to his wife until his death 36 years later.

He came to Canada in 1982 and settled in Ontario where he became very popular at the Senior Centre where he taught other seniors Tai-chi.

In 1995, he moved to Vancouver to continue his zest for life and remained here until his death.

Nevertheless, he was always proud to become a Singaporean and a Canadian. We will forever remember him in our hearts.

(See Hin Chan is now resting in peace with his beloved wife in the Tai Bai Yuen Temple in Singapore since October 25th, 2009).

### "Today's Song"

One of Mr See Hin Chan's favourite poem.

努力請從今日始  
今日復今日，今日何其少。今日又不為，  
此事何時了？人生百年幾今日，今日不  
為真可惜，若言姑待明朝至，明朝又有  
明朝事，為君聊賦今日詩，努力請從今  
日始。

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

### Life Members

- |                      |                   |                            |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. CHIA, George/Mary | 2. CHUNG, Cecilia | 3. TEO, Miew-Leng/Marc Lim |
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Name of Applicant: ..... / Name of Spouse: .....  
(for Corporate Membership, please enter Name of Company)

Country of Birth: Applicant ...../Spouse ..... No. of Children: .....

Address: ..... City: ..... Postal Code: .....

Tel: Cell: ..... Home: ..... Office: ..... Fax: .....

E-mail: Applicant ..... Spouse .....

For Corporate Membership (please provide name of two representatives and their spouses):

(1) ...../..... (2) ...../.....  
1st Representative's Name Spouse Name 2nd Representative's Name Spouse's Name

**I/We\* wish to apply for General/Life/Corporate/Student\* membership of the Vancouver Singapore Club and agree to abide by its rules and regulations and the Constitution that may be amended from time to time.**

Membership Fee enclosed: CASH/CHEQUE #..... Student \$10.00 per year/General \$25.00 per year/  
Corporate \$180.00 per year/Life \$250.00 one time payment.

Yours truly,

..... Signature Date: ..... 20 .....

**Application Proposed by:**

**Application Seconded by:**

.....  
(Print Name: )

.....  
(Print Name: )

#### **Club Rules Relating to Membership:**

Applicants for General Members must be 18 years and above, visiting or residing in Canada, including Canadians, Singaporeans, ex-Singaporeans or any Nationality with an interest in interacting and promoting the Singapore culture and values.

(Acceptance of membership is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.)

For details, please refer to the Club's Constitution available at our website: "www.singaporeclub.ca".



## CELEBRATING SINGAPORE'S 44TH NATIONAL DAY



Guest-of-Honour Ms Alice Wong, Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism delivering PM Harper's message.



(l-r) Mr & Mrs Michael Leong, Excellency Kosit Chatpaiboon, Con-Gen of Thailand, Mr Alex Au-Yeung, President VBNF, Mr Hao Yu Dai, SIA VP NW USA, Mr Michael Wraight, SIA Sales Manager and Mrs Gina Hansen, President MABC.



Club Officials & Members at the event: (l-r) Shirley Wong, Michael Leong, Manohar Nagiah, Robert Chia, Jim Foo, Alin Kasenda, Christine Yeoh & Julliette Yeoh (seated).



MSBCA Dancers led by Doris Chung performing for the guests.



Joint Board of Directors from Vancouver-Singapore Club and The Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association at the event.

### President Michael Leong presenting Certificates of Appreciation



Certificate presented to Mr Hao Yu Dai (right), SIA VP Northwest USA.



Certificate presented to Ms Violet Chan, President of MSBCA.



Certificate presented to Ms Doris Chung, Leader of MSBCA Dancers.



Certificate presented to Mr Robert Chia (right), former VP of VSC & current Ex-co Member.



Certificate presented to Emcee, Ms Louisa Cheong.



Certificate presented to Mr Albert Lee (left), former Sub-Editor of VSC.