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1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore

This is the specter of the grand opening and closing ceremonies of the 1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

A report from the Singapore 2010 Committee is given on Page 4 and more pictures on back-cover.



Opening Ceremony (Photo by: Alphonsus Chern)



Closing Ceremony

Celebrating Singapore's 45th National Day National Costume Show



These beautiful ladies were all decked out voluntarily in their finest National Costume for the show in celebration of Singapore's 45th National Day.

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President's Message

The summer passed very quickly this year and before we realised it, school reopened during the first week of September and students returned to the usual schedule of school-week. The working public too returned to the monotonous hum of early traffic jams and late afternoon line-up to return home.

The Club successfully organised two major events during the summer holidays. The Annual Picnic was held on July 17, 2010 with about 200 members and friends spending a beautiful summer day by the seaside at the Barnet Marine Park. The celebration for Singapore's 45th National Day was held on August 13, 2010 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant, Richmond. Over 160 members and friends gathered for this annual celebration.

There were some changes in the personnel of the Executive Committee. Three new members were co-opted as Executive Committee members while three elected Ex-co members resigned half way through their term. The newly co-opted Ex-co members are: Greg Chin, Eleanor Heng and Mei Lam and the resignations came from: Gary Lee, Ken Lau and Marjorie Wong.

Invitations were received from the Malaysia Consulate-General and the Indonesia Consulate-General to attend their National Day celebrations. The new Thai Consul-General, Excellency Arthayudh Srisamoot attended our National Day celebration.

The address of the club has now been changed to: 34A-2755 Lougheed Highway, Suite 239, Port Coquitlam, B.C., V3B 5Y9. Members are requested to mail their membership renewal to the new address.

Two activities are being arranged for our members. A second "Kawan-Kawan" Nite will be held on November 20, 2010 and the Club welcomes the Year of the Rabbit on January 29, 2011. (For details of these events, please turn to Page 10). Members are requested to note these activities and are encouraged to participate in them.

I look forward to welcome you all at the Club's events.

Michael Leong



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Mrs Lee Kuan Yew died



Mdm Kwa Geok Choo
(Mrs Lee Kuan Yew)

Mdm Kwa Geok Choo, the wife of Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew and mother of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, has died. Mrs Lee Kuan Yew, aged 89, passed away peacefully at home at 5.40 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Mdm Kwa was one of 8 children. She was an outstanding student at Methodist Girls' School when she topped the 1936 Senior Cambridge Examination for the whole of Malaya and Singapore. At Raffles Institution, she caught the attention of a young Lee Kuan Yew when she gave him unexpectedly stiff competition for a Queen's Scholarship. But academic rivalry aside, he knew he had found his equal and his soul mate.

Their relationship grew through the years of Japanese Occupation and by September 1944, love had blossomed. When World War II ended, Mr Lee left to study law in England in 1946. But he was miserable until she joined him at Cambridge University a year later. The two married secretly on December 23, 1947. She had just turned 27, and he was 24.

Mrs Lee said: "You can't explain these things He had tremendous aplomb, self-confidence, very jaunty, he was a handsome young man." When they returned to Singapore in 1950, they tied the knot again, this time with their parents' full knowledge.

When Mr Lee got more involved in politics and became Singapore's Prime Minister in 1959, it was Mrs Lee and his younger brother, Lee Kim Yew, who built up and expanded Lee & Lee – the law firm all three had set up in 1955. Mr Lee once said his great advantage was that he had a wife who could be a sole breadwinner and bring the children up.

In October 2003, Mrs Lee suffered a stroke while on a visit to London. Fortunately, she made a swift recovery and was again seen in public at her husband's side at community events and on official trips overseas. She was there when Lee Hsien Loong was sworn in as Singapore's third Prime Minister.

The wake was held at Sri Temasek located within the Istana grounds from October 4-5. A private funeral took place at the Mandai Crematorium on October 6. The final journey to Mandai Crematorium was borne on a ceremonial gun carriage in honour of her exceptional and unique contributions to Singapore for more than 5 decades.



Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew view casket at Sri Temasek located within the Istana grounds.



A poignant moment when MM Lee Kuan Yew laid a red rose for his loving wife.



Honour Guard at the Mandai Crematorium.

A New Chapter of Sporting History Begins in Singapore

(A Report on the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympics)

Some 27,000 people watched as the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games officially begun on 14 August 2010 against the backdrop of the city skyline to thunderous drums, dancers of all ages, and fireworks that lit up the night sky, at the Opening Ceremony held at the Float@Marina Bay.

The foremost international sporting event to have an equal emphasis on Sport, Culture and Education welcomed Singaporeans of all ages, 5,000 young athletes and officials from 204 National Olympic Committees, and 40,000 visitors from all over the world for a once-in-a-lifetime experience – to be a part of a new movement in sports – the world's first Youth Olympic Games.



Singapore's Audrey Yong winning the bronze medal in the girls' Byte CII one person dinghy and windsurfing competition. Photo: SPH-SYOGOC/Alphonsus Chern



The Singapore Football Team winning the Bronze Medal at the Jalan Besar Stadium. Photo: SPH-SYOGOC/Eddie Chen

Throughout the 12 days of intense competition in the 26 Olympic sports, athletes from all over the globe strived for Excellence in their sport competitions, formed ties of Friendship amidst learning and cultural exchange and won the greatest medal of all; the Respect of their teammates, friends and competitors.

As for the host city of Singapore, fans and friends who had gathered to cheer on their athletes were not disappointed. The first two medals (Bronze) for the home team were won by Taekwondo's Daryl Ng and Nurul Shafinas Zakaria. Singapore got its first Silver medal when Rainer Ng came in second in the 50m Backstroke Swimming Finals, followed by a Bronze in Archery in by Abdud Dayyan in the Mixed NOC Team event.

The medal that won the most hearts came after a crushing defeat against Haiti. Despite the setback, the homegrown young cubs rose to the occasion to win Montenegro for the Football Bronze medal. To top it off, in the last days of competition, Isabelle Li won the second Silver medal for Singapore in the Table Tennis Girl's Singles.

There was no gold in the way of medals, but perhaps the real gold lies in the hearts of those who have been part of Singapore's privileged journey to hosting the first Youth Olympic Games; those who have seen or experienced first-hand the transformations in the athletes, students and even spectators when they came up close with victory and defeat.

In the past two years, some 20,000 volunteers from all walks of life came together to welcome the world to the island's shores. Amidst the bright lights and showy displays there were Singaporeans who have worked tirelessly to make these Games befit an Olympic title. Singapore 2010 is their success story.



Chan Chloe of Singapore competes in the Youth Women's 3m Springboard Preliminary. XINHUA/SYOGOC-Pool/Liu Lihang

Through their efforts, and the efforts of others, there is a glimpse of a shadow of a thing so modest and fleeting in its form, so intangible, yet present that is the Olympic spirit. A philosophy in manifestation that goes back to the founding of the Olympic movement, and the crux of the Culture and Education Programme; a Games that is not only about sport, but about life, and the same truth holds for both: that it is not only about winning, but about taking part.



Displaying the Singapore flag after winning the bronze medal. Photo by Chen Bin



Singapore's Li Isabelle Siyun won the Silver Medal in the Table Tennis Girl's Singles. XINHUA/SYOGOC-POOL/Fan Jun

ANNUAL PICNIC

by Michael Leong

The weather was perfect for a picnic when we held our Annual Picnic on July 17, 2010 at the Barnet Marine Park, Burnaby. The proximity of this site just next to the seaside makes this an ideal spot to hold the picnic and the Club has since 1998 been holding the Annual Picnic at this site.

This year, over 200 members and guests were present to taste the home-cooked food that some of the Ex-co and members have prepared. I wished to thank all the helpers and food caterers for their dedication to the Club.

These are the food that was presented:

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|---|---|
| 1. Penang Fried Kway Teow by Christine Yeoh | 2. Korean Spicy Noodle by Violet Chan |
| 3. Curry Fish Balls with mixed vegetable by Michael Mok | 4. BBQ Chicken Thighs by Julliette Yeoh |
| 5. Hot-dogs by Greg Chin | 6. Ching-chow drink by Shirley Wong |
| 7. Water-melon. | |

The Club made no restrictions on the amount of food one can eat at the picnic site. But we have to discourage the packing of food as "take-away" for health reasons.

I also wish to thank Christine Yeoh's children and their friends for helping to organise some games for the kids at the picnic. In previous years, students from SFU/UBC were the games organisers.

Don't forget to join us next year for the outstanding picnic that the Club organised.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Date: Saturday, Dec 18, 2010

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Vancouver B-P Church
1651 Lougheed Highway
Port Coquitlam

All members are welcome to attend the Christmas Cantata. Following the service, a "free" Christmas Dinner will be served. For catering purpose, please register with Michael Leong Tel: 604-942-6966 by Dec 11 if you wish to attend the Christmas Cantata.

Club's Objectives

1. To provide opportunities for members of all races to meet socially and organize cultural, recreational, social and business activities.
2. To serve as an informal source of information and advise newly-arrived and arriving Singaporeans on the conduct of business, working and living in Canada.
3. To organize formal and informal meetings and exchange views with Singaporeans and eminent Singaporeans visiting Vancouver on subject of general interest.
4. To carry out such other activities which promote the general welfare and interest of the members and the Club.

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Executive Committee Members with VIPs at the National Day celebration.



Winners of the costume show Ms Violet Chan and Mr Bill Elliot receiving their prizes.



Winner of the SIA ticket to Singapore, Mr TEO Cheng (centre) with Mr Michael Wraight of SIA (right) and Mr Michael Leong.



Mrs Larissa Horne leading the parade of the National Costume Show.



(l-r) Mrs Pui-Ah Reynolds winning the Life Members' Draw 1st Prize donated by UOB Canada with Mr Jim Foo and Mrs Shirley Wong.

CELEBRATING SINGAPORE'S 45TH NATIONAL DAY



Ms Alice Wong presenting PM Harper's message to Mr Michael Leong.



(l-r) Mr Michael Leong welcome Mr & Mrs Douglas Horne MLA Coquitlam-Burke Mountain at the celebration.



(l-r) Mr & Mrs Sing Lim Yeo, Mr & Mrs John Yap MLA Richmond-Steveston and Mr Michael Leong.



(l-r) Mr & Mrs Cynthia & George Lim of UOB Canada with Mr Michael Leong.



(l-r) Ms Juliette Yeoh, Mr Michael Wraight of SIA and Mrs Gina Hansen, President of MABC.



(l-r) Mr & Mrs Julie & Jim Foo, Mr Arthur Yap, Chairman of NUS Alumni Vancouver Chapter and Mr Michael Leong



(l-r) Emcees: Ms Eleanor Heng and Mr Greg Chin with Mr Robert Chia.



(l-r) Mr Wilson Wong receiving his prize from Mr George Lim and Mrs Shirley Wong



(l-r) Mr George Lim GM of UOB Canada presenting the Raffle Draw 2nd Prize to winner Mr Stanley Low (centre) - officiating is Mrs Shirley Wong.



Mrs Shirley Wong (centre) celebrating her birthday at the National Day Dinner.

ANNUAL PICNIC @ BARNET MARINE PARK, BURNABY



Ms Miew Leng Teo (centre) President of MSBCA helping at the BBQ stand.



Helping at the Ching-Chow drink stall are (l-r): Mrs Karen Kee, Mrs Shirley Wong, Mr Johnny Kee and Mrs Anita Foo.



Mrs Christine Yeoh (centre) cooking her famous Penang Char Kway Teow.



(l-r) Dr Dennis Thneah, Ms Rosemary Lai with Mom and Ms Violet Chan enjoying the picnic.



Mr & Mrs Greg Chin working at the hot-dog stand.



Relaxing in the sun are (l-r): Mrs Angie Poon, Mr & Mrs Nick/Lucy Ong and Mr Michael Wong.

CELEBRATING SINGAPORE'S 45TH NATIONAL DAY

by Michael Leong

Ever since the Club was formed in 1990, it has consistently celebrated Singapore's National Day. This year is no exception - we have kept up this tradition to mark our roots from Singapore. With the closure of the Singapore Consulate-General office last year, the Club's "Singapore" identity becomes more pivotal and crucial. We are now the "life and soul" of Singapore to the people in Vancouver.

We had a long list of VIPs who took time off to celebrate the National Day with us. We wish to thank: Ms Alice Wong, MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism for delivering Prime Minister Harper's message at the dinner. We also thank MLAs: Mr John Yap (Richmond-Steveston) and Mr Douglas Horne (Coquitlam-Burke Mountain) for their continuous support to the Club. The new Thai Consul-General Mr Arthayudh Srisamoot was at hand to show support for our National Day celebration.

Fraternal associations were also on hand to support us. The Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association (MSBCA), Malaysian Association of BC (MABC), Vancouver Multicultural Society (VMS) and the NUS Alumni Vancouver Chapter were all represented by their Chairman, Presidents and Vice Presidents.

The programme started with the National Day message from the President of the Club, Mr Michael Leong. This was followed by the singing of the Singapore and Canada National Anthems. Ms Alice Wong MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism delivered the message from Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The highlight for the evening was a National Costume Show participated by the beautifully dressed guests. You can see the participants on the front cover of this newsletter. The best dressed "ladies" award went to Ms Violet Chan and the best dressed "men" award went to Mr Bill Elliot.

The 10-course dinner menu was fabulous and all the guests enjoyed this sumptuous meal. The return SIA ticket to Singapore was won by Mr TEO Cheng.

Members and guests enjoyed the music provided by the Continental Resident Band and most danced late into the night. The event was successfully organised and was guided well by Emcees: Greg Chin and Eleanor Heng. I wish to express my thanks to all the Ex-co members, helpers and advertisers for their dedication and support to the Club.

Calling all Singaporeans, ex-Singaporeans, Canadians & Friends of Singapore

The Club invites you to build up its membership base.

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RECIPE CORNER

VEGGIE NOUVEAU

(Courtesy of Chef Woon Tien Wei through the Singapore International Foundation)

Step 1: Laksa Leaf Pesto

Ingredients

Makes 1 cup:

- 2 cups Laksa Leaves
- 2 Cloves Garlic, very finely chopped
- 1/2 cup Olive Oil
- 1/2 cup Cashew Nuts

Method:

1. Blend laksa leaves, garlic and cashew nuts in food processor
2. While blending, slowly drizzle olive oil in to form a smooth sauce

Step 2: Laksa Leaf Pizza Dough

Ingredients

Makes about 10 pan pizza bases:

- 1 tsp Yeast
- 10 g Salt
- 400 ml Water (room temperature)
- 750 g Bread Flour
- 30 ml Olive Oil
- 1 cup Laksa Leaf Pesto



Veggie Nouveau Pizza

Method:

1. Mix the yeast in 250 ml of water and let it stand for 5 minutes
2. In a mixing bowl, add the flour and create a well in the centre
3. Add the yeast, olive oil and salt and start mixing the ingredients till well combined
4. Add the laksa leaf pesto and knead the dough well to distribute the pesto
5. Divide the dough into 10 portions and shape each portion into thin pizza bases

Step 3: Baby Pak Choy & Petai Pizza

Ingredients

For 1 pan pizza:

- 1 head of baby pak choy (Chinese cabbage), washed and chopped
- Petai*, to taste
- Sambal chilli paste, to taste
- 3/4 cup mozzarella
- Tomato paste, to taste
- Sliced red onions, to taste

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200C
2. Stir fry petai with sambal, set aside
3. Spread tomato paste on prepared pizza base
4. Top with red onion slices, baby pak choy and prepared sambal petai
5. Top with mozzarella
6. Bake pizza in preheated oven for 8 minutes

CHEF'S TIP:

You can pre-bake your pizza dough for a crisper pizza.

**Petai (also known as parkia speciosa or twisted cluster bean) is a long, flat edible bean that looks like a broad bean. Its rather strong taste has earned it the unflattering name of 'stink bean', but it is a popular ingredient in Malay, Nyonya and Indonesian cooking. Look for petai in your local Asian market. The pods can be sold whole or halved. Be sure to first soak and split whole beans to check for worms.*



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DATE/TIME: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2010 FROM 5.00 P.M. TO 9.00 P.M.

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| 3. CHIN, Greg/Janice Lim | 10. HENG, Eleanor | 17. RAGHARAN, Geetha |
| 4. CHUNG, Ben | 11. INDRA, Bernardus | 18. TAN, Esther/Richard Ang |
| 5. FUNG, Connie/Edmund | 12. LAI, Rosemary | 19. TEO, Cheng/Judy |
| 6. FUNG, Danielle/Rod | 13. MANHAWARI, Sonia/Nithi | 20. THOW, Valentine |
| 7. GANESAN, Aria/Padma | 14. NAGAYAH, Ganesan/Lim Peck Cheng | 21. WANG, Jack |
| | | 22. WONG, Rose/Johnny Chong |

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Name of Applicant: / Name of Spouse:
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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.**

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Yours truly,

..... Signature Date: 20

Application Proposed by:

Application Seconded by:

(Print Name:

)

(Print Name:

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(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".



MM Lee lighting up the cauldron at the Celebration @ Marina Bay. Photo By Knight Ong



The Olympic Flag is handed from the President IOC Mr Jacques Rogge (right) to the Chairman of Nanjing 2014 during the closing ceremony.



The Singapore flag moves across the stage at the opening ceremony of the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games Photo: XINHUA/SYOGOC-Pool/Qi Heng



Canadian athlete Rachel Romu in action.
Photo submitted by Collen Romu.



The Olympics flag is raised during the Opening Ceremony. SPH-SYOGOC/Leonard Phuah



Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong (r) and President of the IOC Mr Jacques Rogge attend the closing ceremony.



President S R Nathan at the Opening Ceremony. Photo by Ng Chee Keong



Jamaica's Odane Skeen (centre) competes during the boys' 100m final A. Odane Skeen won the title with 10.42 seconds. XINHUA/SYOGOC-Pool/Meng Yongmin