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**Singapore Community congratulates the new Premier of British Columbia, Ms Christy Clark**



Ms Christy Clark graced the Club's celebration of Chinese New Year at the Continental Seafood Restaurant on January 29, 2011.  
Welcoming Ms Christy Clark (centre) are President Michael Leong (left) and Ms Julliette Yeoh (right).

**VIPs with Executive Committee Members at the Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance**





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### *A Message from the Premier*

As the Premier of the province of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to provide greetings for the Vancouver Singapore Club's newsletter.

I commend the executive and membership for enriching our knowledge and understanding of various cultures by encouraging everyone within the Singapore Club to share their pride, their culinary specialties and their interests.

British Columbia is a truly multicultural province, bringing together many people from diverse backgrounds. Receiving communications like this from clubs and associations from our various cultural groups, help us all to better understand and appreciate both our similarities and differences.

On behalf of all British Columbians, please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark  
Premier



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# President's Message

I have been involved with the Executive Committee of the Club since 1994 when I first joined the Ex-co as the Club's Hon. Treasurer. The following year, I was elected as the President of the Club and I continued in this position until 2007 when I decided not to stand for re-election. I took a year's leave and I returned in 2008 to continue as President of the Club. My return in the past 3 years has been rewarding, as it showed to members and friends that I can still continue to do the best in my ability as President.

My tight hold on the Club's finances has resulted in the Club having over \$60,000.00 in reserves to date. This speaks well for the tight financial policy that I exercised, keeping in mind that a Clubhouse is my "goal and dream". The choice of owning a Clubhouse is an ideal dream and I wish this dream will come true one day. It is not easy but it can be done. Many considerations need to be taken up and we need to consider the best method to achieve ownership. It may be premature to consider the setting up of a separate company when other methods of raising money have not been considered. The Club's constitution provides for the issue of debentures and this could be considered in part of the fund-raising project.

To work on a project like this, more definite details need be presented for members' consideration before the setting up a company for this purpose. Considerations like the choice of location and the type of building, are still floating around like a vapour at the present moment. Until there are concrete proposals, the Club will do well to hold on to the money in deposit. This is my advice.

Serving the Club as an Executive Committee is voluntary and each Ex-co member is expected to be dedicated in their duty and service without any other expectations in return. New Ex-co members must be prepared to sacrifice their time once a month to attend the Board Meeting - this is a prerequisite in our constitution. Running a club well, is not as easy as it appears. I have made it look easy because of the many years of experience doing it. I wish the new Executive Committee well in their endeavours.

Over the years, this newsletter has acted as the "Voice and News" of the Club among our members, friends and Government/diplomatic circles. I have received many accolades, positive and complimentary feedback in years passed and this has been an encouragement to me. With the withdrawal of the Singapore Consulate Office in Vancouver, the Club has unwittingly become the "defacto" show-case and mouth piece of the Singapore Community. It is my hope that this newsletter will continue to flourish and serve the members as well as the Singapore Community in Vancouver. I am delighted to have done well for the Club over the past decades with dedicated teams of Executive Committee members. I wish to pay my respect to all who have served under me and to thank them for their service and dedication. Without their dedication, we could not reach our present day strength and healthy position. My wife Julliette and my children are constant supporters at every event and function, I would like to thank them too for their unfading support. Lastly, I must not forget the extensive support and confidence accorded to me by all our members.

I just want to say a big: "THANK YOU" to you all.

The Annual General Meeting is due soon and members must decide on the leader they want for the coming year. I have heard clamouring that I should give others a chance to be President. Our constitution stipulates that any Singaporean or former Singaporean can stand for the President post. I have no objection for anyone to stand for election as ultimately, it is the members' choice at the Annual General Meeting that will decide on the leadership.

Mr Jim Foo requested for a private meeting with me and he graciously informed me that he wished to be President. I welcome the infusion of new blood into the Executive and I have no objection to Jim's request.

I will not be standing for election as President at this AGM and I hope all Members will give their support to Jim Foo and his Committee as you have accorded to me all these years. I have not divorced myself from the Club, remember as a senior member, I will still be around to give guidance and advice.

Thank you and best regards.

*Michael Leong*

## KAWAN-KAWAN NITE

by Michael Leong

The Kawan-Kawan Nite was held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Seri Malaysia Restaurant, Vancouver. Over fifty members and friends attended this event to savour the Malaysian buffet prepared by Chef Jamal.

The buffet menu included:

1. Beef Rendang (Dry Curry Beef)
2. Curry Ayam (Chicken Curry)
3. Ikan Bakar (Baked Salmon Fish)
4. Sayur Lemak (Malaysian Vegetable)
5. Gado-Gado (Malaysian salad)
6. Mee Goreng (Malaysian Fried noodle)
7. Nasi Bryani (Yellow Rice)
8. Nasi Puteh (White Rice)
9. Chandol Dessert.

Some members enjoyed the "Karaoke" singing while Emcee Wilson Wong entertained the guests with his jokes.

A 50/50 draw was conducted and many prizes were given away to the "lucky" winners.

Members and friends were able to chat and get to know each other in between the food. It was a simple and enjoyable evening with good food and friends and that is the concept of "Kawan-Kawan Nite".

### Vancouver-Singapore 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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## WELCOMING THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT



Con-Gen of Thailand-Excellency Arthayudh Srisamoot with Mrs Srisamoot.



Mr John Yap (centre), MLA of Steveston-Richmond winning the Golden Rabbit. With him are: Mrs Shirley Wong and Mr Jim Foo.



More of the lovely contestants in the Costume Show.



Ms Christy Clark (centre back row) with VIP Judges and the finalists of the Costume Show



Winner of the SIA Return Air-ticket to Singapore, Mr Teng-Gunn Ong (2nd from left) with Mr Michael Wraight of SIA.



Winning the UOB Bank 2nd Prize of a LCD-TV is Ms Susie Su (2nd from left). Mr George Lim, GM of UOB (3rd from left) presented the prize.



Ex-co members and guest singers welcome the "Year of the Rabbit" with traditional Chinese New Year songs.



VIP guests at the celebration: Mr & Mrs George and Cynthia Lim of UOB Canada



Joining in the Chinese New Year celebration, are some of Juliette's dancing friends .



Welcoming the Lion Dance: (l-r) Mr Michael Leong, Mr Tom Mah and Mrs Shirley Wong.



Emcees for the evening are: (l-r) Mr Tim Chandra and Mr Arthur Yap.



New Life Members: Mr & Mrs Al/Fanny Lau.

## "KAWAN -KAWAN" NITE at the SERI MALAYSIA RESTAURANT



The Lucky Winner of the 50/50 Draw: Mr & Mrs George/Marlene Lim (centre).



Ms Christine Yeoh (standing) with her friends at the "Kawan-Kawan" Nite.



Mr Wilson Wong (centre) is the lucky winner of one of the prizes.



Ms Elaine Soh (centre) wins a prize.



Ms Lisa Lim enjoying the "Karaoke" singing.



Some of the guests at the "Kawan-Kawan" Nite.

## WELCOME YEAR 2011 AT THE FLOATA RESTAURANT



Mr Michael Mok helping in the dishing of food for the guests.



Mr Wilson Wong entertaining the guests with his singing and jokes.



Mr Jamal (Proprietor of Seri Malaysia Restaurant) picks a lucky winner.



Members of the Club joined MSBCA in welcoming the Year 2011 at the Floata Restaurant.



Ms Chew-Wee Ng of Contact Singapore with Mr Michael Leong.

## CONTACT SINGAPORE @ CAREER FAIR



## CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER & DANCE

by Michael Leong

The Club welcome the Year of the Rabbit with a dinner and dance event on January 29, 2011 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant in Richmond with over 300 members and guests in attendance.

We were privileged to be graced by the presence of Ms Christy Clark at our event. She was tremendously popular with the guests and many could not resist the opportunity to take a picture with her. She was introduced by Ms Pamela Martin, another popular figure in the Radio & TV world.

Ms Clark was gracious to accept our impromptu request to act as one of the judges for our Chinese New Year Costume Show. On behalf of the Club, I wish to express our grateful thanks to her and for her time spent to deliberate on the winners and finalists.

Our Guest-of-Honour for the evening was Mr Ed Fast, the MP for Abbotsford and Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. Mr Fast delivered the Chinese New Year greetings from PM Stephen Harper.

Attending VIPs include:

Mr John Yap, MLA for Richmond-Steveston,  
Excellency Arthayudh Srisamoot, Con-Gen of Thailand and his wife, Mrs Srisamoot,  
Mr Michael Chen, Deputy Dir-Gen of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office  
Mr Ronald Leung, Senior Regional Advisor of the Citizenship, Immigration & Multiculturalism Office.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Arthur Yap, Chairman of NUS Alumni Vancouver Chapter to act as our Emcee.

The other Emcee was Mr Tim Chandra. Members of other fraternal associations were on hand to lend us support - they were:

Ms Miew-Leng Teo, President of the Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association (MSBCA)

Dr Kenneth Fung, President and Mr John Ho, Vice President of the Vancouver Multicultural Society



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Ms Violet Chan, President of Vancouver Evergreen Lion's Club (District 19A-9)

Mr Raymond Leung, President of the Leung's Benevolent Association

Mr Howard Leong, President of the Kong Chow Benevolent Associations of Canada

Ms Grace Tang, President of the Singapore Students' Association of UBC.

Singapore Airlines continued to support our event by donating a return airline ticket to Singapore. Corporations like United Overseas Bank Canada and Contact Singapore were very generous in their support too. We also welcomed Mr Michael Wraight of

SIA and Mr & Mrs George & Cynthia Lim of UOB Canada who were gracious to present the prizes to the winners.

To bring the event into the Chinese New Year mood, the Club engaged a "Lion Dance" team from the Shao Lin Hung Gar Kung Fu Association. They performed the traditional "Lion Dance" with the lion spewing out the green lettuce to bring "good-luck" to all.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of a Singapore Airline return air-ticket to Singapore was won by Mr Teng-Gunn Ong and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of a Philip 22" LCD HDTV was won by Ms Susie Su.

The event was successfully held with members and guests dancing late into the night.

The Club wish members and friends:

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#### Rojak Ingredients (serve 4)

100 g pineapple (rind removed)  
 100 g cucumber (sliced)  
 100 g jicama (sliced)  
 1 square firm tofu or tau-kwa (pressed tofu),  
     shallow-fried until brown,  
     then sliced into 8 pieces  
 50 g dough fritters (roasted)  
 1 tsp red ginger plant bud (shredded)  
 1 unripe green mango, peeled and sliced  
 (optional)

#### Sauce Ingredients:

2-3 large red finger-length chillies, deseeded and sliced  
 1 Tbsp shaved gula melaka (palm sugar) or brown sugar  
 1 tsp belachan (dried shrimp paste) toasted  
 2 Tbsp tamarind pulp, soaked in 125 ml (1/2 cup) water,  
     squeezed and strained to obtain juice  
 1 Tbsp hay-koh (black prawn paste)  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 75 g (1/2 cup) raw peanuts, dry-roasted and coarsely  
     crushed in a blender or pounder

#### Preparation

To make the sauce:

grind the chillies, gula melaka  
 and belachan, tamarind  
 juice, hay-koh and salt to a  
 smooth paste in a blender

Transfer to a bowl, add the  
 peanuts, stir and set aside

Place the rest of the ingredients  
 into a serving dish

Drizzle the sauce on top and  
 toss to mix

Serve immediately



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**22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****NOTICE OF MEETING**

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011  
 Time: 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.  
 Venue: Yan's Garden Chinese Restaurant,  
 9938 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to exercise their voting rights as members of the Club.  
 Members and their spouse (in good standing) present at the meeting are entitled to one vote each.  
 There will be NO proxy voting.  
 Chinese "Dim-Sum" will be served after the AGM business is completed.


**JAPAN DISASTER FUND**

A sum of \$610.00 was collected from members when the Club called for donation.

A big thank you to Mrs Angela De Silva for her generous contribution.

Thank you also to all the other members for their contributions towards this fund.

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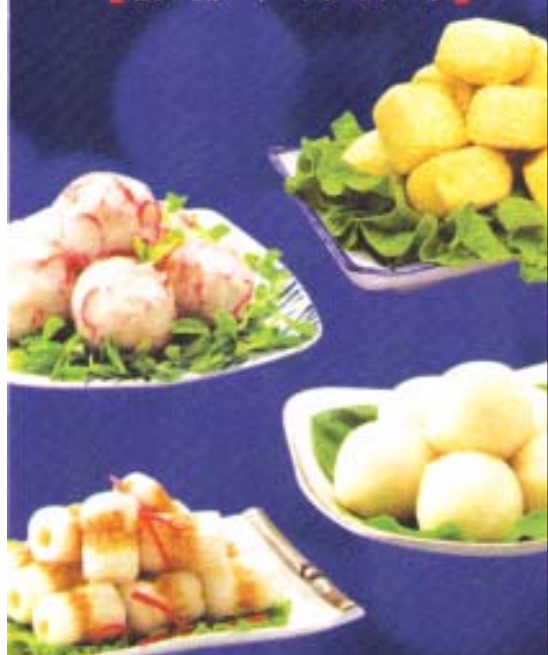
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The Club needs you to build up its membership base.

Come and join us now and be a proud member of the Singapore Community in Vancouver.

FOR CLUB'S OBJECTIVES - Please see Page 5

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

#### Life Members

- |                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. CHIN, Shau Kong | 2. LAU, Al K.F./Fanny Chan |
|--------------------|----------------------------|

#### General Members

- |                                     |  |                               |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. CHEW, Dominic Seng Gee/Grace LIM | 2. CHEW, Elliot/Esther                 | 3. CHIN Ah Lay/Swee Cheow TAN |
| 4. CHONG, Wei Shiong                | 5. CHUNG, Dick                         | 6. CUNANAN, Giancarlo/Aimee   |
| 7. EE, Lucy                         | 8. LIU, Michael/Annie                  | 9. ONG, Teng Gunn             |
| 10. PNG, Adrian/Su Fen CHEN         | 11. YAP, Hui Ken (Kenny)/Suat Leng YIO |                               |



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### Membership Application Form

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(1) ...../..... (2) ...../.....  
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**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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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: ..... )

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For details, please refer to the Club's Constitution available at our website: "[www.singaporeclub.ca](http://www.singaporeclub.ca)".





Joining in the Chinese New Year celebration are: (l-r) Ms Pamela Martin, Mrs Fanny Lau, Ms Christy Clark, Ms Violet Chan and Mr John Ho.



Guest-of-Honour Mr Ed Fast, MP for Abbotsford brought greetings from PM Stephen Harper to the guests.



You can see that it is no easy task for all these judges to select the winners from among the lovely contestants seen in the picture below.



Ms Christy Clark waving to the guests on her arrival at the Chinese New Year celebration.



Some of the contestants in the Chinese New Year Costume Show.