



The Malaysian Culture Group



Leaving or coming home?



While many of you are likely gearing up for a summer vacation, I have just returned from a trip back home. My first since arriving in Malaysia in January. No bones about it, Canada is and always will be home, but it was somewhere over Siberia on the return flight that I realized I wasn't sure if I was leaving or coming home. Have you ever had that in-between feeling? Do you ever wonder what to make of it?

We could let ourselves feel that we don't belong *anywhere*, but perhaps there's another way to look at this. Maybe, because we have no one fixed point, we actually belong *everywhere*.

Wherever you are this summer, I hope you have a wonderful time!

Your editor, Janet

President's Message



Dear MCG members,

Time flies! The summer vacation period is upon us. As Janet said, many of you will be flying around the globe. MCG's activity level will slow down and pick up again in August.

Our annual Open House will be on Sept 9 at the Meritz. "Open Houses" are a unique tradition throughout Malaysia where family, friends and even strangers are welcomed into homes with goodwill and camaraderie to celebrate the country's various festivities.

The MCG Open House is open to all and we hope you will plan on joining us. Bring a friend (or two) and you will receive a kek lapis cake as a token of appreciation. Agenda is as follows:

- 10.30 President's introduction
- 10.40 Market stalls (where you can learn about our Events, Book Groups, Enak!, Explorers, Library and the MCG Committee)
- 11.30 Light Malaysian lunch

Watch for the Anyvite in August. In the meantime, I wish you safe travels and a great summer! Alexius

Coming up...



Textile Tales of Pua Kumba Exhibition

July 1 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ University of Malaya

To register:

<http://mcgevents.anyvite.com/1pxldpvh7d>

Looking for summertime reading?

Following a busy month of lectures, book discussions and Malaysian dining, we have plenty of reviews to keep you stimulated and connected over the summer months.

Thank you to those who took the time to write about and photograph our various activities. Their reviews are available on our website's homepage (www.mcgkl.org) by clicking the *News & Current Reviews* button.



Lecture/Excursion: The White Rajahs of Sarawak

presented by Angela Naylor

- Leslie Muri



Lecture/Excursion: A Visit to Orang Asal Villages

presented by Polly Szantor

- Chrissie Kemp



Book: The Ruined Nest

by Rabindranath Tagore

- Margo Rosenberg



Book: Red Azalea

by Anchee Min

- Nabila Ahmad



Enak!: Hao Chi Dian Dim Sum (Chinese)

- Nancy Ruitter & Alejandra Barbosa Gutierrez



Enak!: LimaBlas (Chinese Malay)

- Nancy Follett & Alice Been. Photos by Suparna Kundu



The MCG Committee remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that the MCG meets the needs of our members. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members by email. Yours in service of Malaysian culture!