



## From the communications team.....

Christmas and holiday cheer are here! Santa and his sleigh have entered the malls! Holidays have been planned and bookings have been made!

The Malaysian Culture Group has had a very interesting and eventful year.

This issue of the Newsletter will be a combined issue for both December and January. The team wishes everyone peace, love, joy and a sense of hope in the coming year.

Till we meet again in 2016!

Reeta Chopra

## Coming up...

**Excursion: Afternoon tea and tour at the newly renovated Majestic hotel**  
December 9 ~ 2.45 p.m.  
~ Majestic hotel  
To reserve a space [click here](#)

**Excursion: Curator Guided Tour Khayamiya: Khedival To Contemporary The Tentmakers of Cairo**  
January 13 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
~ The Islamic Arts Museum  
To reserve a space [click here](#)

**Excursion: Thaipusam Festival Tour with Cheryl Hoffmann**  
January 22 ~ 8.45 a.m.  
~ Batu Caves Temple Complex  
To reserve a space [click here](#)

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## Reviews...

**Explorers** - Yusof Ghani, far more than a gallery tour - Christine Rost

**Excursion** - Curator Guided tour of the "Picturing the Nation", at the Ilham Gallery - Sue Sawyer



**Excursion** - Nine Emperors - Judyth Gregory-Smith

**Excursion** - A celebration of Deepavali - Judyth Gregory-Smith

**Lecture** - Sarees of India by Suparna - Judyth Gregory-Smith

**ENAK!** - Restaurant Simply Mel's - Gloria Chang



**Book** - The Rape of Nanking by Iris Chang - Paulette Norman

**Book** - And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini - Orla Govaerts

**Book** - Little Princes by Connor Grennan - Cindy Leake

**Book** - Growing up under the mango tree by Lily Forbes - Barb Angell

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## President's Message



Dear MCG members,

### Member survey

Thank you for the good response to our survey: 75 members gave their feedback! We have not yet analyzed the detailed comments and suggestions. That will be done to see what is appreciated and how we can improve further. The overall result, however, is encouraging:

- Good participation in lectures and special interest groups
- Referral is what brings in the majority of new members
- Most new members find it easy to connect
- High satisfaction level with MCG activities
- MCG is seen as equal or better than other associations
- Newsletter and Events mail are much appreciated
- Website is frequently visited by members, but the use of FB is relatively low
- The volunteer experience is overall positive

We will dive into the detailed feedback with the Committee, in December.

Looking back at 2015, I'd like to share the appreciation of the Committee with all who volunteered and contributed to the positive MCG experience.

*A big THANK YOU to all volunteers!*

### No show at Events

Not such good news, is the increase in "no shows" at Events. This does not reflect well when speakers come to lecture at MCG and it is also demoralizing for those who organize the events. Please do let the Events team know via Anyvite or mail to events@mcgkl.org, if you RSVP-ed YES, but cannot make it.

### MCG Ahead

As you all know we have a challenge to face in 2016, to keep MCG moving Ahead. Committee vacancies will need to be fulfilled. But for now let's relax, enjoy the Christmas and New Year's break in Malaysia or elsewhere with your loved ones.

**Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!**

Alexius