



**From the Communications Team.....**

Dear Members,

Please join me in welcoming Gabriela Benavides, who is replacing Alejandra as Webmaster, to the Malaysian Culture Group's Communications Team. For those of you who have been visiting your home countries or new and exciting countries and towns welcome back to Kuala Lumpur. The Events Planning team have organised some interesting, informative and fun lectures and excursions for the second half of the year and we hope to see many of you in the upcoming months. Also dont forget to put the MCG "Open House" in your diary, it will be held at the Meritz on Wednesday the 13th September, 2017.

Michelle Pease

**Coming up...**

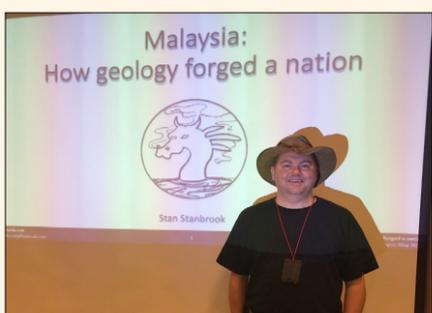
-  **Excursion: Visit to the Royal Malaysian Police Museum**  
Wednesday, 24th August, 10.00 for a 10.30 start to register please click [here](#)
-  **Lecture : THE MALAYAN EMERGENCY: Political And Social Aspects**  
Wednesday, 6th September, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)
-  **Malaysian Culture Group Open House**  
Wednesday, 13th September, 10.00 for a 10.30 start. The MCG Committee will be sending out the relevant Anyvite Invitation shortly.

**Reviews...**

 **Lecture - Ramadan, an Introduction**  
Nabila Ahmad



 **Lecture - Malaysia, How Geology formed a Nation**  
Geraldine Stahls



 **Enak! - Siti Li Food Studio**  
Joanne Mahendran



 **Enak! - A Taste of Ramadan**  
Janine Williams



 **Explorers' Out and About - Visit to the Batik Boutique**  
Nathalia Gutierrez  
Matty Collette



 **Book Group 1 - Wolf Totem**  
Leslie Muri

**President's Message**



I hope all our members are enjoying their summer whether they be in Kuala Lumpur or abroad, as many take this opportunity to visit their home countries or seek experiences elsewhere.

The last month has been a whirlwind for my family as we suddenly found out that our summer trip home would in fact be permanent and our Malaysia experience was over less than two weeks later. Though wonderful news for our family in many ways, it is with sadness that we end our brief time (just one year) in Kuala Lumpur. Sadly this necessitates my resignation from the position of the President of the Malaysian Culture Group after only a few months.

There remains so much to see in Kuala Lumpur and the region but I am ever thankful to all of you for the friendships I made and the experiences Malaysian Culture Group presented each and every month.

You are an amazing group of people and very fortunate to have Melissa Loring as your Vice President so I know she will do an amazing job. Her energy and passion combined with the incredible committee from last year will be fantastic. I just wish I was there to tag along on the Enak! and Explorers' adventures as well as the amazing monthly events!

Bryan

**A Blast from the Past:**

Deepavali Celebration at the Temple of Fine Arts, October, 2015



**Did you know that the Malaysian Culture Group has a Facebook page?**  
Click [here](#) to visit the MCG page.

**Meet your MCG Committee.**



**Terry Piech**  
Treasurer

This is my second term as secretary of the MCG, and I'm looking forward to another year of working with the positive and creative members of the committee and taking part in the many inspired events offered through the MCG.

I have lived in Malaysia for seventeen years. My husband and I, originally from the USA, came to work here as educators at the International School of Kuala Lumpur, and we've stayed on in retirement. We have two children who graduated from ISKL, and recently we became proud grandparents.

I've always been interested in the arts and culture. In addition to being a teacher, I have a degree and a license in architecture, and I practiced in Boston, Ma, USA; in Amman, Jordan; and in

Nairobi, Kenya. In Kuala Lumpur, I have found that there is a movement of creative people who are developing a cultural ethos, both in new works and in renewed attention to traditional knowledge. The MCG seeks to showcase several of these talented people.

This past year, I've attended great lectures put on by the event committee, explored unique places, sampled new tastes of this fantastic culinary part of the world, and read books that furthered my understanding of the region. I appreciate the bright and inspiring people whom I've met at our meetings, and feel fortunate to be part of the MCG team.

Terry

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!