

The 2007 Club Holiday to Malaysia from 17th to 29th August was a resounding success. Thirty one people joined the President, Mei Sim Lai for the holiday. Born and brought up in Malaysia she was delighted and proud to take the Group to Kuala Lumpur and Penang especially in Visit Malaysia Year with the country celebrating 50 years of Independence from being a British Colony.

In Kuala Lumpur the Group stayed at the excellent 5 star Renaissance Hotel for 8 nights taking day trips to historic Malacca, by Skyway Cable car to the Genting Highlands "City of Entertainment in the Clouds and Putrajaya , the Administrative Capital of Malaysia. In addition to visiting the well known tourist sites the Group also lunched or dined at several exclusive Clubs in Kuala Lumpur including the Petroleum Club on the 42nd Floor of the Petronas Twin Towers, the Royal Lake Club founded in 1880, the Bankers' Club and the Royal Selangor Club also known as the Dog.

A special Party was hosted in honour of the Group by Terry and Joan Mahony, friends of the President at their penthouse. The other guests were several members of Malay Royalty, top business people in Malaysia as well as local and international friends of the Mahonys and six Ambassadors from different countries including the US Ambassador and the British High Commissioner. The Group also attended a Party at the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur for the "Let's Celebrate Together Merdeka" hosted by members of the Elizabeth Club who are drawn from staff of the British High Commission and the British Council.

On the last day in Kuala Lumpur the Group was invited to the Floral Festival at Putrajaya and entertained to lunch by the Malaysian Minister of Tourism. Earlier the Prime Minister of Malaysia had welcomed the Group to the Festival. The last day ended with a very happy Birthday Party for the President at the Selangor Club.

The Group flew up to Penang for the last three days of leisure, relaxation and fun at the 5 star Golden Sands Resort Hotel on Penang's world famous Batu Ferringi Beach . There was a Tour of the Island covering the Botannical Gardens, Khoo Kongsi, the Blue Mansion which is a World Heritage site and lunch at the Eastern and Oriental Hotel. The E&O was founded by the Sarkies Brothers in 1885 and its famous guests have included Noel Coward, Rudyard Kipling and Somerset Maugham.

Everyone had a truly memorable, most enjoyable and happy time on the holiday and special thanks are due to all who contributed to it being a great success in particular Karen Lai, the sister in law of the President and her team at Orient Escape Travel.



City Livery Club Holiday to Malaysia 2007



Highlights of 2006-2007 Events

The October 2006 to October 2007 programme of events was an outstanding one.

The Club was greatly honoured to hold two events at the Mansion House in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs in the year, the President's Reception at the start of the year in the presence of the Rt Hon Lord Mayor Alderman Sir David Brewer and the Annual Mansion House Banquet at the end of the President's year sponsored by Clydesdale Bank. The special guests at the Banquet were Lord Mayor Locum Tenens Alderman Sir Michael Savory, Sheriff Richard Regan and Mrs Regan, The Lord Imbert, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater London and Lady Imbert, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Craig-Cooper, Mr Malcolm Wishart, the Deacon Convener of Glasgow and Mrs Wishart, Mrs Pauline Halliday, the Chief Commoner and Mr Peter Halliday, Mr Martin Barrow, Director of Malaysian Airlines and Mrs Barrow and Mr and Mrs Terry Mahony and several Masters of Livery Companies and their ladies

The Burn's Night supper in January 2007 was a joint event with the Marketors Company who also joined members of the Club for the Shanghai Night Chinese New Year of the Pig Dinner and Dance Evening organised by the main Club, the Music Section under the Chairmanship of Valerie Boakes and the Wine Circle under the Chairmanship of Judy Tayler-Smith.

As a great fan of the Duke of Wellington the President was pleased to arrange an interesting visit to Apsley House, the London home of the Duke and Stratfield Saye, the country home of the Duke.

The Summer Party was held at Asia House.

Members interested in music welcomed the musical aspects of the programme which included a special recital at the Club by world famous classical guitarist Carlos Bonell as well as a most delightful evening at Opera Holland Park to see "La Traviata".

The Discussion Evenings were revived in 2007 with top calibre speakers such as Rear Admiral Alan Massey on the Royal Navy, Alderman Sir Michael Savory on Embedding an Enterprise Culture in the Next Generation, Past Sheriff Geoffrey Bond on The Cultural Economy and Wing Commander Ed Partridge on The Greater London Lieutenancy. The President also hosted a Women in the Livery Reception attended by several top women from Livery Companies in the City and other fields.



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