

Dear MVs,

The holiday season has arrived. Many MVs will be off for their Christmas or year end break soon. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your good work for MV!

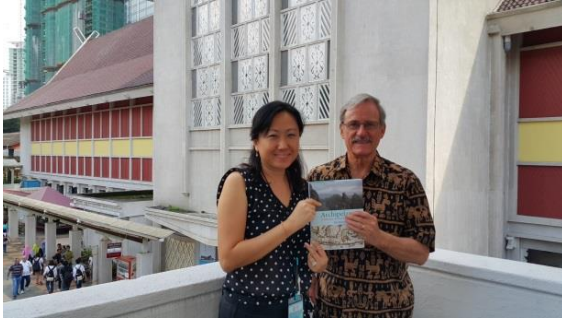
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What has been happening lately?

- **MV PARTI NOSTALGI:** Sat 14 Nov, Tranquerah. 72 people attended the party. Karen Loh rummaged in the Muzium's storage and found a few strange games like batu seremban, jianqi, tapak gajah, bottle caps and kerchan. Margaret Yeo was crowned best dressed female and awarded a bottle of champagne from Jean-Marie Metzger and David Stanbrook won best dressed male. Nahoko Nakanishi and the Japanese MV showed us how to dance Bon Odori and promised to give us notice of the next Bon Odori festival in Shah Alam around Aug/Sep – apparently the biggest Bon Odori festival in the world! Mariana Isa tried to teach the joget but many MVs appear to be too left-brained to absorb this! The cooking demo of buah keluak and pietie left MVs hungry and was quickly followed by the announcement “dinner is served!”. The food was delicious and if that was insufficient, Leng Wai Mun's goody bag more than made up for it! It was a wonder if it was the questions or the answers that were more puzzling in the Ticklish Taboo quiz. See “Museum Volunteers, Department of Museums Malaysia” Facebook for photos.



- **GRADUATION** of Batches 22, 23 & 24 was supposed to be held on Sat 21 Nov but was postponed by the powers above much to the disappointment of the graduates & trainers. Karen Loh is trying to get JMM to agree to another date, hopefully 30 Jan.
- **MALAM TERANG BULAN CONCERT:** 20-22 Nov, MPO – This marvellous concert, directed by Datin Saidah Rastam, brought nostalgically to life the almost forgotten story of our country's national anthem. Saidah Rastam is still conducting research on the history of Malaysian music, and would appreciate any help. Do you own any old music scores or artefacts, old recordings, open reels or LPs that remain undigitised? Or are you in touch with any music personalities from the 1950s and 1960s? If you do, e-mail her at lagu.sr@gmail.com.
- **IAN BURNET:** Ian gave a very interesting talk on his new book “Archipelago – A Journey Across Indonesia” on Sat 21 Nov. The room was bursting with nearly 50 people attending and we sold 25 of Ian's books.



- **GAMBUS FESTIVAL:** 21-29 Nov.
- **BLUE & WHITE PORCELAIN IN LATE YUAN & EARLY MING DYNASTIES MARITIME TOUR EXHIBITION:** 22 Nov -26 Dec.



- **MELAKA** field trip for Batches 26 & 27, Sat 28 Nov. 25 people were guided by Shaukani. Report by Soorya to be posted on the MV Blog soon.
- **HANG TUAH:** Malaysian Historical Society and the National Library held a Malay Manuscript Discourse Council on "Hang Tuah: From Myth to History Facts" (Majlis Wacana Manuskrip Melayu : "Hang Tuah : Daripada Mitos Kepada Fakta Sejarah") on 4 Dec. We hope to receive a report on this from Mariana!



- **MV COMMITTEE MEETING:** 4 Dec
- **MV BOOK:** This long awaited book entitled "Malaysian Tapestry, the Rich Heritage at the National Museum", which has been toiled over for many moons by Karen, Magan, Mariana and many other MVs, is awaiting JMM approval and is expected to be published very very soon.
- **RENOVATIONS:** Major renovations are expected to start end Mar.
- **FOOD COUPON:** The food coupon is being rejected by the new caterer. Karen will speak to Jamil about this.

JAPANESE MV

- **NIHON SEISANSEI NO TSUBASA** "Creative Wings" group visited on 17 Nov. 55 pax.
- **MALAYSIAN NAVIGATION CLUB** visited on 3 Dec. 36 pax.

FRENCH MV

- Regards Croises: Political events in Europe & its relationship with the course of colonialism in the Malay World by Jean-Marie Metzger. Thu 26 Nov. Read Jean-Marie's article on the MV Blog if you missed his presentation.
- **FRENCH MVs VISIT SINGAPORE:** There was a tripartite gathering of 20 French MVs from KL, Singapore & Jakarta from 30 Nov – 1 Dec. They visited the Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore Art Museum and carried out a walking tour. This tripartite was started in 2014 and held in Jakarta by the Jakarta French MVs. In 2016, it will be the KL French MVs' turn to host this event in KL and this will be held in conjunction with their Night at the Museum on 17 Mar.

What is happening in December and beyond?

- **MELAKA WORLD HERITAGE OFFICE:** Sat 12 Dec ~11.30am (after training session) Encik Rosli from the Melaka World Heritage Office will give an overview of what his organisation does.
- **JAMIL MAAROF** Maldives Minister of Works' talk on the Indian Ocean Trade: We are still hoping to schedule his talk sometime in Dec. Watch out for email notifications.
- **CHINESE NEW YEAR POT LUCK PARTY:** Sat 30 Jan. This will be held after the final Sat training session.
- **FRENCH MVs' NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:** Thu 17 Mar

School visits:

- French School: Thu 10 Dec; 66 students
- Zenith International: Fri 11 Dec; 80 students

Please contact Marie Andree madreeabt@gmail.com if you would like to help with the school visits.

Training session talks (All MVs are welcome):

- Colonial Economics by Jean-Marie Metzger – Sat 5 Dec & Tue 8 Dec
 - Shipwrecks by Karen Loh – Sat 5 Dec & Tue 8 Dec
 - Parliamentary Systems by Faisal – Sat 12 Dec & Tue 5 Jan
 - Emergency documentary video – Tue 15 Dec
 - Islam by Shah Kirit – Sat 19 Dec
 - Hinduism by Dato Jega – Sat 9 Jan & Tue 19 Jan
 - Baba Nyonya by Cedric Tan – Sat 16 Jan & Tue 26 Jan
 - Final training sessions – Tue 26 Jan & Sat 30 Jan!
- Next committee meeting 11 Jan 10am. All MVs are welcome.

There are many talks & visits in the pipeline, and they will be announced when the date is confirmed. If you can get us an interesting speaker or arrange for a special visit, please let us know.

New Pieces on the Blog @ museumvolunteersjmm.com

- A Visit to Jugra by Maharani Halid & Shirley Yee, 22/10/15

Please do contribute to our MV blog. Send your articles to Magan at magan25@gmail.com

If you like taking photos, please upload your photos of MV events to "Museum Volunteers, Department of Museums Malaysia" Facebook. (We have an old Facebook page called "Museum Volunteers". Please ignore that.)

Who's Who in JMM & MN?

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En. Jamil bin Haron
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Puan Norfiza bt.
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Norfiza manages the guide schedule. Please inform Jamil 016-322 0513 or Norfiza 019-267 3138 immediately if you are unable show up and give them details of your replacement.

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