

Dear MVs,

I have taken over the MV Chronicle from Josiane Reggane. We thank her for the marvellous job she has done - such sophisticated publications! I will not be able to do that and so am renaming it The MV Screamer. We are going in the direction of low brow.... but I will try to give you the low down of MV matters once a month.

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What has been happening lately?

- **KL STREET NAMES:** Our fellow MV members, Mariana Isa & Maganjeet Kaur, launched their book "Kuala Lumpur Street Names" on 19 Sep. The book, published by Marshall Cavendish, retails at RM59.90 but the authors are offering a discounted price of RM54.00 to MV members. If you wish to procure this volume, please contact Mariana or Magan directly. Check out "Kuala Lumpur Street Names" on Facebook.
- **JUGRA:** Visit to Jugra, 22 Oct – report in museumvolunteersjmm.com soon
- **ZOOLOGY:** Visit to Museum of Zoology, 29 Oct – photos in museumvolunteersjmm.com soon
- **THURSDAY AFTERNOON TOURS:** This started in June and is a great success. More afternoon tours to come?
- **NEW CATERER:** A new caterer started in the Muzium Negara canteen in November. Check out the new menu. All guides are entitled to a RM5 food voucher which can be claimed from Norfiza after they have completed their guided tour duty.
- **MV ROOM:** Have you been to the MV room lately? Actually we now have not 1 but 2 rooms with a new carpet, new blinds & a new coat of paint. A lot of junk has been thrown out and the furniture reorganised. The place is looking much improved. There is a 5 litre kettle. Please bring your 3-in-1 or 2-in-1 drink sachets and come check out the library.
- **LIBRARY:** May Yau & team have whipped the Library into shape. Please come browse, borrow, read and return! Free parking. Cheap canteen. What other Library in town offers you that?

Japanese group:

- Due to positive response, in Oct Japanese tours increased to 4 times a week – Tue, Thu, Fri & Sat.
- Prof. Masatoshi Sone conducted a lecture titled "Topography of Malaysia-The Age of Dinosaur in SE Asia on 2 Oct & was attended by 35 MVJs.

What is happening in November?

- **DEEPAVALI:** Tue 10 Nov – A very Happy Deepavali to all MVs.
- **MV PARTI NOSTALGI:** Sat 14 Nov 6-10pm, Tranquerah. So far we have sold more than 65 tickets. Don't miss out on our annual party fun! A few tickets left.
- **GRADUATION** of Batches 22, 23 & 24, Sat 21 Nov 12noon-2pm, Bilik Persidangan
- **IAN BURNET:** talk on his new book "Archipelago – A Journey Across Indonesia", Sat 21 Nov 2-4pm, Bilk Persidangan. Watch out for invitation email to register.
- **GAMBUS FESTIVAL:** 21-29 Nov – see separate flyer
- **MALAM TERANG BULAN CONCERT:** 20-22 Nov, MPO - Malam Terang Bulan brings nostalgically to life the almost forgotten story of our country's national anthem. The performance features music from Golden Era of Malay Film, the Japanese occupation, the early days of Radio Malaya and songs from the nation building years. Tickets RM80-200. See mpo.com.my
- **MELAKA** field trip for Batch 26, Sat 28 Nov. This is open to old MVs as well . Watch out for invitation email.

Training session talks to note (All MVs are welcome):

- Keris by Nadzrin – Sat 7 Nov & Thu 12 Nov
- Orang Asli by Hood Salleh – Sat 14 Nov & Tue 17 Nov
- Dutch in Malaysia by Susan Haveman – Sat 21 Nov & Tue 24 Nov
- Colonial Characters by Jega & Douglas Hale – Sat 21 Nov & Tue 24 Nov

What is going to happen next?

- **MELAKA** field trip for Batch 27, Tue 1 Dec
- Next committee meeting Fri 4 Dec 10am. All MVs are welcome.

Training session talks to note:

- Colonial Economics by Jean-Marie Metzger – Sat 5 Dec & Tue 8 Dec
- Shipwrecks by Karen Loh – Sat 5 Dec & Tue 8 Dec

And a lot more coming up read next month's issue!

New Pieces on the Blog @ museumvolunteersjmm.com

- Seladang vs. Syers by Magan, 1/8/15
- How European politics influenced colonialism in the Malay World by Jean-Marie Metzger, 18/8/15
- FMS Railways - Part 1: Early Days by Stuart Wakefield, 23/9/15
- FMS Railways – Part 2: Crossing the Straits by Stuart Wakefield, 24/10/15

Please do contribute to our MV blog. Send your articles to Magan at magan25@gmail.com – don't be shy!

Who are the MVs?

Malaysian	86	From January to September this year, MVs guided 2866 visitors: 974 English, 487 French, 1134 Japanese and 271 Malay/Chinese. (Muzium Negara receives approximately 320,000 visitors a year.)
Japanese	47	
French	19	Our data is not complete, but it has been getting better since the beginning of the year. Please record all visitors including special visitors, school groups, etc in the MV book at the reception.
British	7	
Dutch	3	Based on the numbers for the first 9 months of this year, we have an average of 16 visitors per MV member. If we look at just the Japanese, it is 24 visitors per MVJ member.
German	3	
American	2	Well done to all MVs!
Canadian	2	
Korean	2	
Polish	2	
Australian	1	
Chinese	1	
Italian	1	
Others	3	
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