

What is happening with the MVs?

MV Focus Visit to Batu Caves, 9/4/19

Mr Rasainthiran Menayah (aka Rajan) gave us a very detailed tour of 6 temples in Batu Caves on 9th April. I was hoping for a Dummy's Guide to the very complicated Hinduism religion, which is the level I can relate to, but alas it was not to be.

18 MVs eagerly turned up for this tour. As usual the first temple took the longest time with many questions being fired off to Rajan, who replied patiently with great theological detail. Rajan tried to enlighten us on all aspects of the Batu Caves Hindu temples and Hinduism. He explained why parts of the temple are inside and parts outside, why parts are on the left and parts are on the right, why some upstairs and some below stairs. In the end the extreme number of gods, their consorts and animals along with their aliases and inter-relationships defeated some of us or perhaps just the Dummy.



Luckily Tan Chuan Leng took a lot of notes and has done an excellent write up of the visit. See the MV Blog.

French MVs: a busy April

By Marie Andree Abt

The French MV were very busy in April!

From 8th to 11th Anne D, Hildy, Josiane, Laurence and Saida received 2FMV from Jakarta, 2 from Bangkok and 7 from Singapore for the 3rd French "rapprochement culturel" in Malaysia. This time it was on the theme of Kuala Lumpur architecture.

The next rapprochement culturel will be in Bangkok within six months.

On the 24th at 7pm 80 people met and enjoyed a mocktail at dataran museum before the now famous French night at the museum, except this time, it was in English! After the mocktail people gathered in gallery B where 3 Iban people made a very nice traditional dance. You can find it on the FB site of the museum. Finally, an ethnologue gave us a very interesting talk about the Iban women,

their history, belief and most importantly the meaning of the the pua kumbu. That gave us an overview on the very complicated Iban culture.

MVJ Batch 31

By Tomoko Imanishi

Batch 31 MVJ's trainees have completed their Japanese guide training sessions on 30 January. MVJ training program has held every Wednesday for 20 weeks from 5 September.

The training system is well organized that each gallery is composed of 4 sessions which are; 1st week: lecture from current guide, 2nd and 3rd week: 3 minutes presentations from each trainee, 4th week: 15 minutes of simulation guiding at the museum, then in the last 3 weeks, each trainees do 1 hour of simulation guiding in the museum. And after each presentation and guiding, current guides give feedback and advice to them, there is also active discussions for some topics. Not only the trainees put great effort on it but also the trainer group has worked hard to succeed the training program.



Completed the training program, new Japanese guides made their debuts on following month (February). Now the new MVJ guides are enjoying their real guiding to Japanese visitors.

Korean MVs

Young-Ju Quellen announced that the Korean MVs guided 127 Korean visitors in April. The overwhelming response came mainly from the Korean community of KL. Happy news indeed!

There are 8 Korean MVs and they are currently guiding every Wednesday and the first Saturday of the month.

Schools Programme

It is EXAM time. So it has been a quiet month.

Information Mornings

The first Information Morning on Tuesday 7th May yielded a fantastic response. 42 attended and 32 signed up. The Tuesday batch is fully subscribed. Saturday batch is still open.

Please let your friends know about our future Information Mornings:

29-May-19	Wed	Japanese Information Morning 1
13-Jun-19	Thu	French Information Morning 1
26-Jun-19	Wed	Japanese Information Morning 2
3-Jul-19	Wed	Japanese Information Morning 3 (if necessary)
3-Aug-19	Sat	Information morning 2

New Pieces on the Blog @ museumvolunteersjmm.com

“Batu Caves’ Hindu Temples Visit” by Tan Chuan Leng, 6/5/19

Reasons to Leave Home

Pameran
ISTANA NEGARA DALAM KENANGAN : 1957-1994
REMINISCING : ISTANA NEGARA 1957-1994 EXHIBITION

TARIKH/ DATE:
30 APRIL - 15 JULAI 2019
30TH of APRIL - 15TH of JULY 2019

TEMPAT/ VENUE:
DEWAN MENGADAP KECIL, MUZIUM DIRAJA
SMALL AUDIENCE HALL, ROYAL MUSEUM

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Mark this in your calendar

Date	Day	Event/Speaker
16-May-19	Thu	Visit to Islamic Arts Museum
18-May-19	Sat	International Museums Day
29-May-19	Wed	MVJ Information Morning 1
13-Jun-19	Thu	MVF Information Morning 1
24-27 June		Nutrition talk (date to be confirmed)
26-Jun-19	Wed	MVJ Information Morning 2

2-Jul-19	Tue	MV Committee meeting - all welcome
3-Jul-19	Wed	MVJ Information Morning 3 (if necessary)
3-Aug-19	Sat	Information morning 2
1st week of Sep		Start of Training
21-Sep-19	Sat	Graduation of B31,32,33 & Annual Party (Lunch)

Please note that events listed above are subject to confirmation. When an event is confirmed, registration will be requested.

MVJ = MV Japanese (event will be conducted in Japanese)

MVF = MV French (event will be conducted in French)

Miscellaneous

SCHOOL VISITS: Please contact Yee Chun Wah at 016-282 2167 or imagetalk88@yahoo.com if you would like to help with the school visits.

BLOG: Please do contribute to our MV blog. Send your articles to Maganjeet Kaur at magan25@gmail.com

PHOTOS: Taken any must-share photos of artefacts or people lately? Send them to Karen Loh at karenllc@gmail.com with a short description and we will post them up.

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Note: There will be NO committee meeting or Screamer in JUNE.