

STEDFAST

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Message from Chaplain



STEDFAST in Perspective

On thinking of what to write for the Stedfast Newsletter, I am reminded that Stedfast Association is now five years old. My mind went back to the time when I was five years old and I tried to recover from the hidden files of my cerebral hard disk, memories of those days.

There was "precious little" that I could recall except that my older brother started school and I was eagerly learning my ABC's and basic numbering from him. From my perspective today, it seemed very little that I achieved then. Yet, the "precious little" that I gained were really precious because they were foundational to the growth of my own life.

In comparison, Stedfast being five years old, has achieved more than what most organisations I know, have done. True to its aims, Stedfast has tried to help the Boys' Brigade companies by providing uniforms for needy boys and additional band instruments to Companies with a Band or assisting in some of their projects. More importantly, Stedfast has raised funds to help deserving current and former BB boys who are pursuing higher education in our local universities or college. For a period of three years (1998-2000), we will have disbursed some RM43,500.00 to 14 deserving students. A very commendable effort indeed! This work will definitely be continued and your support is very much needed to encourage the Stedfast Committee with an energetic Chairman and enthusiastic Secretary in this good work.

When the nation faced a crisis, the JE (Japanese Encephalitis) crisis in particular, Stedfast responded with some help for the affected victims. We are glad that we are able to play a small part and to help others in their time of crisis.

To cater for the needs of its members, Stedfast has been conscious to include activities that can bond its members and their families together like sports activities, outings, family weekends and retreats. Bearing in mind the various commitments of its members, Stedfast has tried to be realistic in planning its programme so that these are always meaningful to those who participate.

Just looking at what Stedfast has done, I am glad that the focus has been to implement programmes that are people centred. It is not the numerous programmes that matter in the end. It is who we have helped that matters!

Let us give our wholehearted support to the activities of the Stedfast Association so that in the years to come, when we look back, we are able to see the impact of our work for the glory of God!

Rev. Tan Jin Huat

Chaplain

Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur



Message from the President



I wish to thank all members for the confidence placed upon me to lead Stedfast Association for the year 2000/2002 during the recently concluded Annual General Meeting held on 8th April, 2000.

The encouraging turnout during the A.G.M. and the active participation of members offering themselves for the Committee post during the election augurs well for the future of our Stedfast Association. Hence, I am truly proud to be elected

to lead this active and vibrant Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur for yet another term. And with the support of the members and God's rich blessings, "We hope we have an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast" (Hebrews 6:19) and the Association will "soar like an eagle" (Aisaiah 40:31).

In conjunction with the 5th Anniversary celebration of the Association, a Thanksgiving Service and Fellowship Tea was organised on 1st July, 2000. Fifty less-privileged children from Malaysia Care, Prudential Home and Brickcom-YMCA have been invited for a time of fun, games and interaction with members' families and the Boys' Brigade. The 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company also gave a polished brass band and drill display. Food packages were distributed to all present and a cash donation to each of the Homes was presented by the Association. Also, at the time of writing this message, the Association through your generous support has presented scholarship awards to the tune of RM21,864.00 to some deserving students who are less fortunate.

The enthusiasm of the current Committee have gone a step further by planning to get a premises of our own as we are currently on borrowed premises. The future of the Association will be on solid ground when this objective is achieved where more programmes and projects could be planned for our members and youths. The acquired premises could also be used for evangelistic and outreach work for the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom according to our Constitution.

Upcoming activities planned includes the 3rd Stedfast Golf Tournament, Family Camp, Founder's Day Dinner (last year 500 pax attended), etc. to name a few. Keep a look out for the dates so that you will not miss out.

All these activities is only possible through the smooth transition of planning from the former Committee (year 1999) to this vibrant new and young Committee.

To all these Committees, former and present, I want to express my sincere gratitude and "ribuan terima kasih" for your dedication and I am confident that all our efforts will reflect God's Love and all our contribution will be the "Glory and Honour of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ"

Thank you and God Bless.

Danny Cheah

President
Persatuan Stedfast Kual Lumpur



Members of the Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur gathered at the Chapel of Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Association with a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday, 1st July, 2000 at 2.30pm.

Speaking at the service was none other than the Association's Chaplain, Rev. Tan Jin Huat, a former member of the 4th Kuala Lumpur Company. He urged the Association members to serve the Lord with gladness working together in love and using whatever gifts God has given them to serve others. He was glad to acknowledge the work of the energetic President and the enthusiastic Secretary who have built upon the good work done under the leadership of Mr. Tung Kam Seng together with other former members of the Brigade for the founding of the Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur. Rev. Tan himself was drawn into the Association by Mr. Andy Chan with the persistent telephone calls. Indeed, he added, there was so much that the Association can thank the Lord because in a span of 5 short years, it has achieved so much. He cited for example, the Association was able to organise annually the Founder's Day Dinner bringing together hundreds of former members and supporters; the Stedfast Golf Tournaments for the past 2 years were able to raise enough funds for the Association to contribute to the victims of the Japanese Encephalitis in Negeri Sembilan; the setting



Stedfast Members Celebrate with the Less Fortunate

Submitted by Andy Chan



5th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

up of a medical fund for Mimi & Mary; and the granting of scholarships to poor students in their pursue of tertiary education particularly those in the Brigade. This was all possible, Rev. Tan said, because of God's love for us in Jesus Christ so that we can show love to one another and to others. He encouraged members to continue to give their service to the Persatuan Stedfast which in turn will serve the Brigade and the community at large.

Others who participated in the Thanksgiving Service were Mr. Danny Cheah (President), Mr. Yeoh Seng Kooi (Exco), Dato' Vincent Ho (Vice-President), Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen (President, Boys' Brigade Kuala Lumpur Battalion), Mr. Andy Chan (Chairman, Thanksgiving Service and Tea party Committee), Mr. Lawrence Toh (Exco) and Mr. Yong Chee Seng (Exco).

At the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Service members joined their children, the Junior Section of 1st Kuala Lumpur Company and children from Rumah care and Prudential Children Home at the Multi-Purpose Hall for the next part of the programme to be led by committee members Mr. Robinson Pan and Mr. Donald Kee.

Mr. Robinson Pan "broke the ice" by leading the children in action songs like "When You're Happy and You Know It", "Put your right hand in", "Chee Cheong Fun" and "I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N". By the time we finish singing, we were ready for the games

to be led by Mr. Donald Kee at the Concourse.

All the participants were divided into colour groups as they compete each other in 2 games namely passing balloons filled with water and running back to back with a ball in between. In the excitement of the games, some got wet when the balloons filled with water burst. Ice-cream and soft drinks were served after the announcement of the winners.

This was then followed by a brass band performance and drill demonstration by members of the 1st Kuala Lumpur Company. Former members had the opportunity of fond memories of the past as they witness the demonstrations.

The final part of the programme was the Tea party that all of us were waiting for and we, including all the children, were not disappointed as the organisers have taken pains to place special orders with McDonald's to serve us Big Macs, fries, apple pies, strawberry pies and Pepsi. Before we left, Mr. Danny Cheah, the President, presented to Rumah care and Prudential Children Home each a hamper and a gift of RM1,000.00 on behalf of the Association.

It was indeed an afternoon to remember and we can truly say that we celebrate not only for ourselves but we share our joy also with the less fortunate.



The Association would want to place on record its appreciation to the following for the successful organisation of the celebration:

Mr. Michael Yei

Rev. Tan Jin Huat

Mr. Robinson Pan

Mr. Donald Kee

Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen

Members of 1st Kuala Lumpur Company

Stedfast scholarships beneficiaries

Wives and girlfriends of committee members

Staff of Wesley Methodist Church

To God be Glory and Praise, forever.

Highlights



5th Annual General Meeting 8th April 2000

Submitted by Robinson Pan

Very similar to the spirit of the UMNO General Assembly held recently, the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur held their 5th Annual General Meeting on the 8th of April 2000. The AGM was exceptionally exciting this time around because the association is celebrating its 5th Anniversary this year and the new executive committee to be elected will serve a two-year term as compared to the previous one-year term.

The Year that was 1999 (Annual Report as 31st December 1999)

The year 1999 saw the emergence of Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur as an active and effective association to its founding aims and objectives. The last 4 years since its formation, the founding members of Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur had to work very hard and had to struggle to find its identity let alone gather enough members to join its cause.

Today, the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur stands strong with 44 Life Members, 29 Ordinary Members and 5 Associate Members. In addition to our membership growth, the year 1999 also saw a series of successful programmes that has been organised for our members and for the Human Resource and Social Development Fund.

Programmes Successfully Held in 1999

- ❖ **Talk on "Economic Outlook for 1999"**
by Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam
: 13th March
- ❖ **2nd Stedfast Family Outing**
(Bukit Tinggi Resort) : 26th - 27th June
- ❖ **2nd Stedfast Golf Tournament**
(Templer Park Country Club) : 16th July
- ❖ **Founder's day Dinner**
(Parkroyal Hotel) : 2nd October
- ❖ **Christmas Choir & Treasure Hunt**
(Fraser's Hill) : 11th December
- ❖ **Weekly Sports - Badminton**
: (Every Thursday)
- ❖ **Monthly Sports - Bowling**
: (Every 1st Sunday)
- ❖ **Monthly Sports - Archery**
: (Every 2nd Saturday)



The dream team...
Standing (L-R) Lawrence Toh, Robinson Pan, Yeoh Seng Kooi, Patrick Benjamin, Henry Hong, Lo Kuan Che & Yong Chee Seng
Sitting (L-R) Michael Yei, Rev. Tan Jin Huat, Danny Cheah, Dato' Vincent Ho & Loo Leong Swee

Secretary, Mr. Michael Yei.

Rev. Tan Jin Huat opened the meeting with a word of prayer

Human Resource & Social Development Fund Disbursement for 1999

■ Scholarship Awards	RM 14,304.00
■ BB Projects	RM 5,000.00
■ Crisis Relief Services (JE Fund)	RM 3,000.00
■ KL Battalion (BB)	RM 1,000.00
■ Methodist Education Foundation	RM 1,500.00
■ Wesley Methodist Church	RM 500.00
■ Mimi and Marry Fund	RM 13,600.00

Total Disbursement For 1999 RM38,904.00

Praise God for a wonderful year 1999. Well done to the outgoing Executive Committee headed by Mr. Danny Cheah and a word of gratitude to all who have supported us in one way or another.

This year saw a good turnout at our Annual General Meeting with members and observers showing up on time. The attendance was way above the quorum needed to conduct the AGM and the meeting went underway at 6.30pm sharp at the Menara Wesley. The meeting was conducted by the outgoing President, Mr. Danny Cheah with the assistance of the outgoing

and the outgoing Secretary and Treasurer presented the Annual Report and the Treasurer's Report for 1999 respectively. The outgoing President then took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Executive Committee for their hardwork and also all our loyal supporters for a successful 1999. The exciting part of the evening came when the election for the new Executive Committee took place. The top four post went uncontested very much like the UMNO election. Mr. Danny Cheah was re-elected as the President for a new 2-year term. The Vice-President post went to a new face in Dato' Vincent Ho while the position of Secretary and Treasurer went to the incumbents, Mr. Michael Yei and Mr. Loo Leong Swee respectively.

The five remaining position as committee members was fought out in a nail-biting atmosphere. Each vote was counted to the yell of oohs...and aahhs from the floor for the 12 nominees vying for the 5 positions. In the end, the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur emerged the clear winner from the fierce election as a dream team comprising of experience members and new faces was elected to head the Association into the new millennium as we celebrate our 5th Anniversary. Praise GOD!



President, Mr. Danny Cheah chaired the AGM flanked by Mr. Michael Yei (on his right) and Mr. Loo Leong Swee (on his left)

Hmmmm... yummy... yummy... food after the AGM



Scholarship Awards 2000

Applications for the Scholarship Awards for the year 2000 under the Human Resource and Social Development Fund was opened from March to May this year. A total of 16 applications were received from all parts of the country and an interview was held on 6 June 2000.

The interview was conducted by a special committee headed by Mr. Yong Chee Seng, who is also the Chairman of the Human Resource and Social Development Committee. Other members of the committee included Mr. Danny Cheah, Dato' Vincent Ho, Mr. Michael Yei and Mr. Loo Leong Swee.

Of the 16 applications, 8 were successful in which a total amount of RM21,864.00 will be disbursed to the respective institutions/ universities to help pay the school fees of



Some of the recipients; Gerard Lopez, Gan Kok Keong, Subita Karasu, Susheela Rajandra and Wong Lai Heong

these needy students.

As always, these students are thankful to all members of the Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur for your kind support in helping them to get a good education and hopefully a start to a good career.

BB Pesta 2000

BB Pesta is the biggest event in the BBM calendar and the one that no boy should ever miss going at least once. This is the time when all the companies from the whole country will come together for a few days of inter-competitions (band, drill, signing, sports etc) and a good fellowship.

This year the BB Pesta was held at Sitiawan, Perak from 28 May to 1 June 2000 with a total of 1001 campers from 42 companies participating. After 5 days of fierce but friendly competitions, the 1st Johor Bahru Company emerged the Champion of the Band Competition while the 6th Penang Company was declared the Champion of the Drill Competition.

In keeping the spirit of BB Pesta burning, the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur has made a contribution of RM 2,000.00 to help fund the organising expenses of the event.

Stedfast EXCO Annual Planning Retreat

Submitted by Michael Yei

As planned last year, the Annual Executive Committee Planning Retreat was held on 9th – 10th January, 2000 at Admiral Marina & Leisure Club, Port Dickson. It was a time of serious meeting, evaluating, discussion and planning for this important year, our 5th Anniversary, since the official formation of Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur.

It was a hectic two days of meeting, only breaking up for meals and no time for golf, games or spending some time with the family. However, some programmes were planned for them earlier, like getting to know and having a feel of the excitement to be on a multi-million dollar yacht with compliments from my friend, Mr. David Livesey.

Hence, the programmes that have been carried out and those that will be carried out for the rest of this year was the result and outcome from the Retreat. Our only request is to get 100% participation from all our members and their families in all the programmes so that our two days of toil would have been worthwhile.



Family photo



Break time



Coming Events



3rd Stedfast Golf Tournament

Date : 21 July 2000 (Friday)

Venue : Templer Park Golf Club

The Stedfast Golf Tournament has been such a success that it has turned into an annual event not to be missed. In the last two tournaments, we have had ex-BB members and friends from all over the country and this year is no different.

This annual tournament is meaningful not only because old friends can get together for a good day of golf but the proceeds is used to help those who are less fortunate than us. So, let me congratulate and thank you for your unwavering support in joining our tournament year in year out.

Family Camp 2000

Date : 31 August - 2 September 2000

Venue : Royal Palm Springs Resort

This annual family outing is getting more and more popular by the year. The first time we had it was in 1998 at Methodist Center Fraser's Hill. That year only about 30 people attended. Last year at Bukit Tinggi Golf Resort, the numbers doubled to more than 60 people. These outings have proved to be a good time for members to bring their family for a holiday and spend quality time with each other. Plenty of activities for family bonding were organised including telematches, BBQ & Steamboat Nite, singing and worship session, arts & craft for the children, bowling etc. All this at very affordable price that you'll never be able to get outside!

Of course, there is also the golf championship for members that is held annually in conjunction with the Family Camp. In the first championship held at Bukit Fraser Golf Course, Danny Cheah

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invitation

Founder's Day Dinner 2000

Date : 14 October 2000
Time : 7.00 pm
Venue : Grand Ballroom
Flamingo Hotel
Ampang

Monthly Activities



Programmes for Year 2000

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| April 8th (6.30pm) | - 5th Annual General Meeting |
| May 18th | - Family Day |
| July 1st | - Thanksgiving Service and Tea party for less privileged |
| July 21st | - 3rd Stedfast Golf Tournament |
| August 31st to September 2nd | - Family Camp |
| October 14th | - Founder's Day Dinner |

Archery The sport of Archery helps you to train and develop your discipline, focus and self-control characteristics. This sport will be introduced to Stedfast members every 2nd Saturday of each month at M.B.S., K.L. School field at 4.00 pm.



Badminton Badminton is already in progress and members are invited to join in the badminton session every Thursday from 7.30 to 10.00pm at the Methodist Boys' Secondary School Hall, Kuala Lumpur.

After EURO 2000, how about a STEDFAST Football Team? Interested anyone! Call secretariat as was are in the process to recruit members to form a team.



Juniors doing their drill



Having fun





All in the family



How do you like my paper masks, mummy?



1, 2 Pull!



Stedfast lifeguard from J.B.

emerged the champion. The second time around Bukit Tinggi Golf Resort, Michael Yei became the champion amidst strong protest that he tired everybody off by playing

telematch the day before. The verdict...ask those who didn't win.

This year we expect more to join as we head out to Royal Palm Springs Resort

from **31 August to 2 September.**

The organising committee has planned out several very exciting programmes which include a beach party with limbo rock, telematches and the fiercely contested annual closed golf tournament.

It is going to be cheaper than last year (refer to attached form).

So, no need to think, just send-in the attached form and tell your children and spouse that you are taking them for a holiday!!!

YIPPEEEEE!!



Biggggg Family



Break dance!!



1st KL Boys' Brigade Brass Band

You rub my back, I rub your's





Mission I'm Possible 2 – Stedfast Band????



*New
members
approved
by the
Executive
Committee
from
January
to June
2000:*

Life Members

1. Mr. Tan Geok Soon

Upgrade from Ordinary to Life Member

2. Mr. Sonny Chin
3. Mr. Yong Chee Seng
4. Mr. Philip Yin
5. Mr. Chan Chee Leong
6. Mr. Robinson Pan
7. Mr. Loo Leong Swee

Ordinary Members

8. Mr. Lo Kuan Che
9. Mr. Wong Chee Onn
10. Mr. Kelvin Leong Wai Wah
11. Mr. Wong Weng Kuan
12. Mr. Wong Weng Keong
13. Mr. Philip Mak
14. Mr. Derrick Dai

Renewal of Ordinary Members

15. Mr. Quah Siak Seng
16. Mr. Paul Christie
17. Mr. Anny Chan
18. Mr. Tung am Seng
19. Mr. Alfred Ong
20. Mr. Calvin Liew
21. Mr. Patrick Benjamin
22. Mr. Peter Yap
23. Mr. Loh Kwai Nam

Associate Members

1. Ms. Subita Karasu

Greetings

The following Special Greeting & Well Wishes were received over the last 3 months:-

- Stedfast Association of New Zealand
- Stedfast Association of Northern Ireland
- Stedfast Association of Falkirk & District, United Kingdom
- Mr. Khoo Onn Soo, Australia (Former 1st KL Captain)
- Mr. Michael Lor, Thailand (Former 1st KL Member)

Our Own Premises???

"I HAVE A DREAM.." So says Martin Luther King Jr.

Everything starts with a dream. When the Stedfast Association was first mooted, it was the dream of its founding members to make the association a dynamic movement that will be effective in achieving its founding objectives.

Since then, we have moved from strength and this year by God's grace, we celebrate our 5th Anniversary. We, the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur have made meaningful

contributions to many worthy causes and made an impact to the society as a whole.

Now, are we ready to bring our Association to the next level? May be having our own premises will be the catalyst for us to move on to bigger thing?

Let's pray about it!

