

Message from the President

*Greetings in the name of
Lord Jesus Christ and
greetings to all from
Stedfast Association of
Kuala Lumpur!*



Also, wishing all of you a Blessed New Year 2002 as we usher in the year of the horse. It would be a galloping horse for Stedfast Kuala Lumpur as we have made inroads in the international scenes, participating in International Convention of Stedfast Associations, formulating international exchange programme for current Boys' Brigade members and organising more programmes for our members and families.

One of the most interesting programme which will be introduced this year where no one would have imagined, not even the national association of the two countries, is the implementation of an international exchange project between Stedfast Associations of London and Kuala Lumpur. Two BB members would be selected to attend a camp at Isle of Wright and the KGVI leadership training course at Feldon Lodge (HQ for BB UK), not forgetting the sightseeing trip to London or to visit your favourite football club. Hopefully, this programme would upgrade the leadership skills of our Boys' Brigade.

At the recent international convention, Singapore has been chosen to be the base for the International Stedfast Association Secretariat and would be managed by SA Singapore.

Year 2002, is also an important year as it is election year of our office bearers and I would request you to set aside 27th April as your presence is required to exercise your right to vote.

Last but not least, my appreciation to all the members and friends, local and abroad, for their unwavering support and encouragement in our effort to lift this great Association called Stedfast to higher levels.

Thank you and God bless all of you.



Danny Cheah

President
Persatuan Stedfast
Kuala Lumpur

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Message from the Chaplain



What does the future hold? Who can read the future?

If human beings can read the future, we would want to control the events that would occur whether to allow them to happen or not. But, the future is unpredictable and uncertain.

The months since Sept 11 has been a time of great uncertainty. In the months that ensued, people were wondering whether there will be a great war arising out of the Afghanistan situation.

How will the Talibans respond?

Do they have nuclear bombs as claimed?

Will they use it in times of desperation?

When the bombing in Afghanistan started, airline businesses were affected for a short period, as passengers were afraid that their aircraft might become targets. These fears have now been proved unfounded.

There were other fears.

Will there be an economic crunch in the world? How will it affect Malaysia?

Will there be better times this year?

To, these questions, there will be both optimists and pessimists?

We live in a time of great uncertainty. We always wonder consciously or subconsciously about what is going to happen next. The changing and uncertain scenes of the world give us no comfort. The only certainty at this time seems to

be uncertainty! But, as human beings, we find it hard to live with uncertainty and unpredictability.

How then do we cope with uncertainty?

We need to accept the fact there will always be uncertainties in our lives.

We cannot get rid of uncertainties.

The issue is how to live with them.

In life, we have and need friends who would help us in times of difficulties. Reflecting over the time when I was a BB boy, I realize that as boys we were helping each other out rather freely and happily in all the events that we participated.

It was particularly fun when we went camping. Giving and receiving help from each other was a natural part of growing together. A matter of great importance, which I learn from the BB was that Jesus Christ is our friend and helps us when in times of uncertainty. Over the years, I have come to know about this Jesus Christ as my personal friend who walks with me along life's narrow way. And in

uncertain times, I can always depend on Him, and He has proven to be true Friend always. It only reminds me of the motto of the BB, which is "Sure and Steadfast." This motto is taken from the Bible in the book of Hebrews 6:19 that in our Lord Jesus Christ, we have anchor that is sure and steadfast. This verse gives a graphic picture of our life as a sailing ship, which faces the many storms of life. In such frightening circumstances, Scriptures assures us that Jesus is our anchor that will hold us steady and keep us on course through the turbulence of life.

Let us then trust in Jesus Christ as our Captain in these uncertain times and know Him truly as the anchor of our life that is sure and steadfast.

Rev. Tan Jin Huat
Chaplain

Do Men get Breast Cancer?

The answer is "YES" and it came as a surprise to me as I never knew for once in my life, that men do get breast cancer and records have shown that they have also died from it.

If you were not there for the health talk, jointly organised by our Stedfast Association and 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company, then I would say you have missed a very interesting and educational presentation by Dr. Evelyn Ho who manages a radiology department in a day care specialist facility. Her talk was entitled, "Is Breast Health Just a Woman's Issue? What is Man's Men's Role?" and was held on 9th March, 2002.

Many areas which we would normally take for granted were explained and demonstrated by using model breasts of different shapes and sizes. Some of

the topics covered were :

- Is Breast Cancer a serious health threat?
- Who can get breast cancer?
- Why is it an issue in Malaysia?
- Why is our cure rate "low"?
- What can men do to help improve the cure rate?
- Can we protect ourselves from breast cancer?
- What are the good habits of breast health?
- Can what we eat reduce or enhance our chances of breast cancer?
- What is available in Malaysia in terms of prevention?
- The Mammography Debate - to screen or not to screen?
- Beyond Breast Cancer - what is in store?

- Rehabilitation, return to active life
- Alternative and complementary medicine - boon or bane?

Dr. Ho also touched on the finer points on Self Breast Examination and how to check lying down, how to check your breast standing up, normal findings and what is men's role in this area.

At the end of her presentation, there was also a session of questions and answers and some also stayed behind to seek further clarification. The health talk ended with a word of thanks to Dr. Evelyn Ho and as a token of our appreciation, Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen, the Honorary Captain of 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company presented souvenirs to her on our behalf.

Thank you Dr. Evelyn Ho for your sharing.



Do you understand?



Look here, I'll show you



Listening attentively

How does it feel?



This is how to do it



I surrender all !!!

Listen to what I say



Put your hands on the hips and shake it all about

4th International Convention of Stedfast Associations



Kuching, Sarawak

3rd ~ 7th October, 2001

We, Danny Cheah, Dato' Ho and Michael Yei took an early flight from Subang Airport to Kuching to attend the 4th International Convention of Stedfast Associations held in Kuching from 3rd to 7th October, 2001. This was our first experience for attending such Convention. Previously, it was held in Singapore, Perth and Manchester, UK., and therefore, we are proud to have represented KL Stedfast in such a setting.

I would say the whole Convention was very well planned - from our arrival and till the end of the Convention and credit must be given to Kuching Stedfast Association and to Toman Mamora for ensuring there was daily coverage in the newspaper. The main venue was Holiday Inn, Kuching, one workshop session was held at Holiday Inn Damai Beach, post Convention tours and of course, golf too.

The Convention was officially opened by YB Dato Dr. James Jemut Masing, the local Minister for Social Development and Urbanisation, followed by the presentation of four papers i.e.:

PAPER ONE

"STEDFAST IN THE CYBER AGE"

Speaker : Dr. Peter Kedit,
President SA Kuching
Chairman : Mr. Ong Eng Tong,
President SA Singapore

PAPER TWO

"GET INFECTED"

Speaker : Dr. Paul Juby, SA London
Chairman : Mr. Danny Cheah,
President SA K.L.

PAPER THREE

"BB M'SIA'S VISION & CHALLENGES IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

Speaker : Mr. Michael Moorthy,
President BBM
Chairman : Mr. John Bates,
Secretary SA London

PAPER FOUR

"PAST REFLECTIONS - WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP"

Speaker : Mr. Albert Kedit,
SA Kuching
Chairman : Mr. John Alexander,
SA New Zealand



Danny garlanded on arrival

One of the most important decisions which has been attempted over the last three Conventions was to have Stedfast International properly instituted i.e. to have this movement properly organised on a global basis. This responsibility has now been entrusted to Singapore Stedfast Association and hopefully things will be better planned and organised on a global basis.



Our President, Danny Cheah, choosing the second paper "Get Infected" by Dr. Paul Juby, SA London



Michael & Danny with Ron Kenworthy (SA Liverpool)

Arrangement was also made by the organisers for us to call upon H.E. The Governor of Sarawak at his palace who was very friendly where all of us had opportunities to take photographs with him.

Apart from the hectic programmes that were planned, we managed to find time to have discussions with Mr. John Bates who is the Secretary of London SA and the possibility to organise an exchange programme between SA Kuala Lumpur and London.

Paper Two - Get Infected might not have been a good topic for our new friend, John Bates as he was hospitalised for



How do you like the new Stedfast headgear?
(L-R) Danny, Michael, John Bates (Sec. SA London) & Dato' Ho

almost a week in a Kuching Hospital and was just fit enough to fly home for another week in a London Hospital. He was infected with an acute stomach infection. We hope Paul Juby will not choose such topics again!!!

The Closing Ceremony was also a grand affair and would not be complete without a sumptuous 7 course Chinese Dinner followed by numerous presentations, entertainment and exchanging of gifts, mementoes and souvenirs. It was also officially announced that the 5th International Convention of Stedfast Associations would be held in NEW ZEALAND IN 2004. Start planning now!



What's he doing on stage?

Personally, it was a good learning experience meeting Stedfast members from different countries which otherwise you will only know them from emails. We get to talk and share with them our views and experiences in BB and Stedfast. One person which we have fruitful sharing is Ron Kenworthy from Liverpool SA who has assisted us greatly in making arrangement for one of our BB members to attend an International Youth Exchange Programme in England in July. Last but not least, my fervent hope to be in New Zealand for the next Convention and my sincere appreciation to KL Stedfast for making it possible for me to attend this Convention. God bless.



One BIG happy family



The KL Stedfast delegation with H.E. Governor of Sarawak



Advertising for Colgate. Ong Eng Tong (President SA Singapore) receiving momento from Danny



Ron doing the Liverpool twist



Well done to the oldest member of the Convention (91 years old), A.M. Cherain MBE - SA Australia



John Alexander (SA New Zealand) holding aloft the banner when NEW ZEALAND was declared the next Convention venue in 2004



Thank you John for everything! Danny give a souvenir to John Bates (Sec. SA London)

Golf..... the right tonic for relaxation



Oh ho!! Who's that girl?

Our International Guests in town.....



A sumptuous meal for our overseas guests hosted by our President, Danny Cheah.
Seating: (L-R) Swe Kin, Claire, Joan & Ross Chatfield
Standing: (L-R) Adrian, Lawrence, Danny, Ron Kenworthy, Rev. Peter Young & Michael



Mr & Mrs Lawrence Toh entertaining Pat and Edmund Davies (SA London)



Food in KL is excellent. Michael with Mr & Mrs Carl Williams (SA South Africa)

Year 2002 HORSE



1990, 1978
1966, 1954
1942, 1930

Horses are well-groomed and look terrific. Not known for their patient disposition... they tend to tread on other's hooves and assert ultimate independence.

Egocentric: others, therefore have to revolve around them. Inconsistent; they can be hot-headed today and sentimental and dreaming tomorrow. The winning, diplomatic, amusing, cunning, popular respect. Left to his own devices, his confidence may melt away. Horses are home-proud and value their servants. They have no time for problems which do not directly concern them. They are simple extroverts. Strong words or orders rarely have the desired effect. Ignore the horse, to gain their full attention. Lavish flattery and admiration...and yours is an easy and smooth ride.

Our Stedfast Football Team in their New Strip



IT IS
ELECTION
YEAR.



EXERCISE
YOUR
RIGHTS!

7th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 27th April, 2002
6.30 pm

at The Dwelling Cafe, YMCA,
Jalan Brickfields, KL

BE THERE!!!

It is the time of the year where business of the Association will be presented to all members. It is all the more important as it is Election Year where election of suitable office bearers are important to ensure that the Association are in safe hands. Members who want to raise matters or amendments to the Constitution are kindly requested to write to the Secretariat or email to mikeyei@yahoo.com soonest possible. A light fellowship dinner will be served (free-of-charge) after the AGM. Members are requested to confirm their attendance for AGM and dinner to facilitate preparation.

Subscriptions

Members could also update their subscriptions or to upgrade their membership to Life during the AGM.

Programmes 2002

- ❖ 23rd Feb - CNY EXCO Dinner
- ❖ 9th Mar - Health Talk
- ❖ 27th Apr - 7th AGM
- ❖ 5th May - Stedfast Games
- ❖ 14th June - 5th Stedfast Golf Tournament
- ❖ 2/3 Aug - Evangelical Outreach / Brethren Church
- ❖ 17-24 Aug - KL Stedfast / London Stedfast Exchange Programme
- ❖ 13-15 Sept - Family Camp & Golf (Closed)
- ❖ 5th Oct - Founder's Day Dinner

Founder's Day Dinner



It was held earlier than usual due to the International Stedfast Convention with the expectation that delegates to the Convention would attend our dinner at Royal Subang Golf Club on 29th September, 2001. It was well attended by about 350 members and friends, with a couple from Stedfast Australia, Mr & Mrs. Ross Chatfield as our special guests. The band in attendance was from 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company.

The evening started with a prayer by our Association Chaplain, Rev. Tan Jin Huat followed by a multi-media presentation of September 11 where the President spoke on this event and his profound sadness with the great number of people who have perished in this tragedy especially the firemen. The Chaplain then said a special prayer for the victims.

Members present spent the rest of the evening catching up on news and recalling BB days with friends. The evening ended with some winning prizes from lucky draws and of course, special thanks to Mr. Yong Chee Seng, Mr. Robinson Pan and Mr. Donald Kee for a job well done.

Membership Renewals for 2002

1. Choong Wai Hoong, Michael
2. Derrick Dai
3. Edwin Dutton
4. Gerard Francis Lopez
5. Ho Yew Tuck
6. James Yap Kee Cheong
7. Jeffrey Yip Wai Leong
8. Kelvin Tan Chung Jii
9. Kenny Lim Wee Fong
10. Lai Chun Leng
11. Lee Seng Yee
12. Liew Mun Kit
13. Lo Kuan Che
14. Low Wing Keat
15. Soon Kok Wah, Robinn
16. Surenthiran A/L Krishnan
17. Tan Jit Aow
18. Tan Shau Sheong
19. Terence Yap Sin Seong
20. Timothy Chan Boon Kam
21. Wong Chin Haw
22. Wong Kien Hoe
23. Wong Kien Lee
24. Wong Kien Onn
25. Yam Kin Hung
26. Yap Hoy Meng
27. Yong Jenn Fai
28. Yow Kien Yoong



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Gerard Francis Lopez	RM	4,300.00
Susheela A/P Rajandra		1,240.00
Lau Kam San		1,935.00
Chew Boon Yew		3,000.00

HUMANITARIAN

Mary & Mimi Fund		13,625.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tham Kok Meng		1,000.00

DONATIONS

MBS, KL		500.00
Boys' Brigade Malaysia		3,000.00
KL Battalion n KUL Games		1,800.00

Total amount donated to date
since 1998 RM 91,928.00



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New Zealand
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the world.