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Message from the President



Greetings to ALL in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and I also bring to you greetings from Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur.

By the wink of an eye, we are now into the last quarter of 2002. The year have started rather quietly for the Association as we gave time to the new office bearers to settle in with their new roles and responsibilities which have been entrusted upon them by the members during our recent Annual General Meeting.

But I want to reassure all members and readers that Stedfast KL is very much alive and we will require every availiable assistance to see through all the programmes that have been planned till the end of the year. Programmes have also been planned with all age groups in mind and as you read through the programmes in this newsletter, I would also urge you to respond to them accordingly for it is YOU who will make the Association vibrant and active.

Please take note of the following programmes like Family Camp, BBQ Nite Get-together (for members and friends), Stedfast Golf Tournament (our only fundraising project for the year), Founder's Day cum X'mas Outreach where we will be working with MPH Bookstore and Dorsett Regency, a leading hotel in the city, etc. Please do mark them down in your diary.

For this edition, you will see the inclusion of Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Battalion news and the highlight of at least one BB Company in every issue. Time permitting, on my business trip to UK from 8th to 15th October, I will be meeting with members of Stedfast Manchester, Liverpool and London. I would also be looking forward to meet the friends that I have made at the recent International Stedfast Convention held in Kuching.

Thank you and I look forward to meet you in our upcoming programmes. Until then, take care and God bless all of you.

Danny Cheah

President Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur



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Message from the Chaplain

Stedfast:



Staying Focused!

The KL Stedfast Association is steadily holding its flag high with its many activities. It is never easy to run such an organization, that depends on the voluntary efforts and commitment and convictions of its members. Those who have stayed on to serve Stedfast must be commended for their staying power. The labours of those who have contributed to laying a foundation for Stedfast to move ahead, should not be forgotten either.

The task ahead is never easy. But, how should Stedfast stay focused in what it should do?

Firstly, Stedfast KL was formed as an extension of ex-BB members who are committed to helping the BB movement in this country. Within our limited resources, help has been given whether to BBM, Kuala Lumpur BB Battalion, individual BB companies and to individual BB boys.

The focus of our help has been on deserving BB boys, who have the potential to further their studies in tertiary institutions, with the hope that when they have been helped and become useful citizens of this country, they would in turn either continue to serve a BB company or be a help to those who are needy. It is hoped that helping people who would later help others would create a multiplier effect of helping in this country.

Secondly, working alongside the BB movement means to foster fellowship and good relationships with the officers and boys of the BB companies. One activity that is meant to help in this area is the Stedfast/Battalion Games. The Games are always good to help foster a sense of comradeship within a context of healthy

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competition. Every effort should be given to make the Games a regular feature. Moreover, Stedfast has been responsive to needs in KL Battalion and individual BB companies, especially in providing needful funds to organised programmes and

training. Much more could still be achieved in a symbiotic relationship.

Thirdly, Stedfast is a fellowship of ex-BB members. The annual Family Camp is meant to build and renew friendship among its members. Previous camps have been a time of great fun and friendship fostered through cooperative games and makan fellowship. Of course, members have current interests that vary greatly from personal, health, financial, family and job concerns. The talk on Breast Cancer this year was both educational and enlightening.

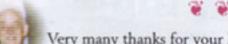
Previously, talks on subjects like property and financial investments have been of interest. Stedfast seeks to organize more relevant activities that will interest and help its members live more meaningful and useful lives.

Finally, Stedfast seeks to link with other Stedfast Associations overseas not only for fellowship purposes but also to explore whatever cooperation that may be possible. Our President and Secretary have been able to establish some links with a couple of Stedfast Associations overseas. This is an area to be further explored.

To stay focused in our mission, Stedfast aims to increase and strengthen its fellowship, so that it may continue to help strengthen the work of the BB companies. May God bless its endeavour to be a blessing to others.

Rev. Tan Jin Huat Chaplain

Ratings for Our Newsletter



Very many thanks for your EXCELLENT Newsletter which I really enjoy reading and using in the Onlooker ~ Paul Juby, London SA



Many thanks for the Newsletter and accompanying letter.
It is interesting to read of your Association

- John Gowman, President, New South Wales SA



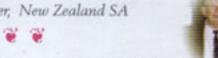
Thank you very much for sending me the latest edition of your Stedfast Association Newsletter which I received yesterday and found very interesting. Keep up the good work with your newsletter which I always look forward to receiving.

John Russell, Editor for Onlooker, London SA



Thank you for the newsletter - it is fantastic.

- John Alexander, New Zealand SA



Just reading through the newsletter brought back a lot of special memories of our time together with you and your family and the S.A. Members in K.L. You folks were such good hosts that I increased in weight by 1 stone in the short time I was with you. Seven course meals are great but the will becomes weak and the result hard to reverse. Pass on our greetings to Danny, Robinson and all the other S.A. folks who made our stay so enjoyable.

~ Ross & Joan Chatfield, Western Australia SA



Thank you for your newsletter.

I find it inspirational reading and will share with my colleaques.

- Ron Adshead, Manchester SA



We look forward to reading all your news and we take great delight in your strength and in your witness.

- Maurice Williamson, Belfast Battalion Boys' Brigade



Letter to the Association

Contribution for Stedfast Scholarships



Dear Sir,

I learnt about the Stedfast Scholarship from the Kuala Lumpur Battalion website and I am very encouraged to see such efforts to help the Boys' Brigade members who are in financial need amidst academic pursuits. Having struggled through a similar experience, I can certainly identify with the impact of such a cause.

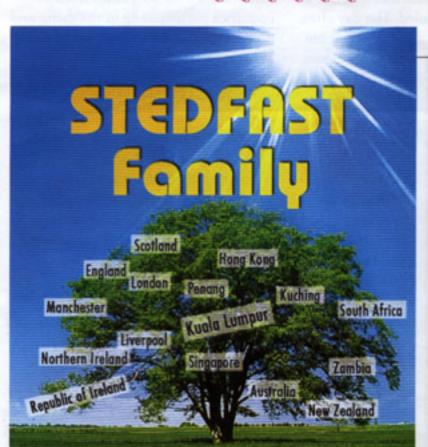
I was previously from 6th Kuala Lumpur BB Company but now I am working in Singapore and I am serving in 61st Singapore BB Company. I would like to know how I can contribute to the Stedfast Scholarship. I may not be able to contribute big sums but I would like to offer some small contributions that are within my current means. If it does not go against the scholarship policies, I also would not mind considering sponsorship to deserving students.

Please let me know how I may channel my contributions to the Stedfast Scholarship or other forms of sponsorship programme for needy BB students.

To God be the glory!

Yours sincerely, Teh Siew Yee

EDITOR: Thank you for your letter, thoughtfulness and generosity. The Association is encouraged from what you have written and your kind gestures. A donation has since been received from Mr. Teh Siew Yee.







"EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME" Timothy Chan – UK trip

sponsored by the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur

As a serving officer of the 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade, I take great pride in the BB ministry and fully realize its role in building youths for tomorrow. Having joined the BB for seven years, my experience in the BB has taught me that it is perhaps more important to serve than to be served.

It was around November last year when I was approached by Mr. Michael Yei, secretary of the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur, to participate in a programme that seemed to be an opportunity of a lifetime. Through his contacts among the Stedfast Associations around the world. Mr. Yei had come to meet Mr. Ron Kenworthy, a member of the Stedfast Association of Liverpool, who happens to be a member of the Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization. Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired. One of the programmes regularly organized by Lions worldwide is the International Youth Centre which aims to promote international understanding among youths all over the world through a camp in a particular country.

Getting a chance to participate in the programme was no easy task especially

on Mr Michael Yei's part as he had to go to great length in making the trip possible for me. When my participation to the International Youth Centre in Chester was approved, I realized how fortunate I was and more so, how much I should give back to the Brigade.

The International Youth Centre was scheduled to be from the 23rd of July till



Participants of the Chester International Youth Centre 2002

the 3rd of August and there was also to be a period of family hosting from the 14th till the 22rd July with a family in the British Isles. My host family was situated in Dumfries, in Southern Scotland and I was living there with a Mrs Billie Senior, who made sure I was well fed and that I behaved myself!

When I reached Manchester Airport on the 13th of July, I was met by Mr Ron Kenworthy, who was kind enough to offer me a room in his residence in The Wirral, as I had no choice but to arrive a day earlier than scheduled. The day after,

> as he drove me up to Dumfries, we stopped by the Lancashire and Cheshire **BB** Training Centre near Preston. It was definitely an impressive camp/training site and one can only hope that we can have one of our own in Malaysia someday.

During my stay in Dumfries I also met up with some other youths going to the International Youth Camp as well and together, we made excursions to places such as Edinburgh and Glasgow to see the sights and well, do some shopping. The weather during the first few days was fine, until after the 2nd week when I got a taste of English weather; very wet indeed!

However, the real excitement really started when we were all shipped off to Chester to participate in the camp. There were over 45 youths from 29 countries participating in the camp and needless to say, we all had lots of fun. We were brought by the Lions to many different and interesting places and everywhere we went, the people were very kind to us. Among the places we visited were Liverpool, Alton Towers (amusement park), North Wales and Ironbridge. Being in England, we also played football one morning and it was great fun playing in an 'International' team! Of course, throughout our time together we managed to make good friends and I'm glad to say most of us keep in touch via email until today. We even have our own website, done by one of the participants! (http:// www.bjergtop.dk/chester-uk-2002/)

At the end of the trip, I was both happy and sad. Happy to finally get to go home but of course, sad to leave my newfound



In Edinburgh, where the famous Edinburgh Castle is situated





friends and the people who were so kind to all of us when we were there. The experience I enjoyed during my time in the UK will always be in my heart but I would also always remember the work of other people who got me there in the first place. Thanks to Mr Michael Yei, the Stedfast Association, Lions Clubs International, Ron Kenworthy and the Boys' Brigade, I was able to have an experience of a lifetime. After coming home, I realized even more the importance of my role as an officer in the 1st KL BB. It is indeed more important to serve than to be served. And it is even more important to serve our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in this ministry for Boys. In Britain, there is a common epitaph for the soldiers who die in war that reads:

> When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today.

To God be all glory and praise!



With friends from (1-r) Poland, Denmark, Mexico, Hong Kong, Finland and



The writer and Mr Ron Kenworthy in the the Lancashire and Cheshire BB Training Centre



Having a great time by the roadside!



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Family Camp 2002

YES! It's time for our annual family camp again and we've got a fantastic programme lined up for you and your family. So don't miss out this great opportunity.

VENUE : Palm Springs Golf & Country Resort, Port Dickson

: 2 - 4 November, 2002 (2 nights 3 days) DATE

: RM 80 per night for adults FEE

RM 50 per night for children (aged 4-10)

Programme includes telematch, beach volleyball, BBQ, golf, water polo, and lots more!

Come join us for a great time of fellowship and fun.

For more information, please contact Michael Yei at 019-352 4352 (mikeyei@yahoo.com) o Donald Kee at 012-298 7770 (donaldkee@hotmail.com

Closing date for registration is on 10 October 2002

STEDFAST KLBBQ Nite

Where : the dwelling café

(at YMCA Kuala Lumpur, Brickfields) When : November 16, 2002 (Sat)

Time : 7.00 pm

: RM 20.00 (members) Cost

RM 25.00 (non-members)

RM 12.00 (Child - 6 to 12yrs) Closing Date: November 9, 2002

Open to all members & friends and also to ex-members of the Boys' Brigade residing in Kuala Lumpur. All are most welcome for this fellowship night and also a get-together among long lost friends. For reservations kindly call 03-22738413 (Alfred Ong). Confirmation of attendance is by payment before the closing date. All cheques must be made payable to : Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur



Kindly mail all cheques to : 9-4-13, Jalan 3/109C, Taman Abadi Indah,

Off Jalan Klang Lama, 58100 Kuala Lumpur. (Please state your Name & Tal Contact behind the ch



45 Years of Togetherness

It's been 45 years since the Boys' Brigade colors flew high in the grounds of YMCA, Kuala Lumpur, with its purpose still being as it was then, which is the advancement of Christ kingdom among Boys. The current captain of 3rd Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Tan Chee Keong, having been given this responsibility since 1997 has marked exactly 5 years of his captaincy. This period has seen 3rd KL archive greater heights under Mr. Tan's guidance. Two years ago, 3rd Kuala Lumpur archived its greatest achievement in its history when we won the overall title for the first time in the Pesta. It has been a long and bumpy road for the company over the years, but it was under God's grace and all thanks to the dedicated officers of the company for sacrificing their time and to give all they have to serve the youth of this nation.

"We Are One" is the theme 3rd KL selected for this years anniversary. It represents that we are one as family under God, and togetherness is the greatest tool to success. As the 3rd KL captain once said, "Coming together is the beginning.." and the fruitfulness of success follows afterwards.

This time around, 3rd Kuala Lumpur celebrated its 45th birthday with an anniversary dinner at the Pearl International Hotel at Old Klang Road. The dinner was also to raise funds for the company to support its activities. The turnout was brilliant that night with the attendance of The Boys' Brigade President Mr. Michael Moorthy, the BBM EXCO, other companies in the region as well as the parents and friends of the 3rd KL members. The musical presentation by 3rd Kuala Lumpur included a performance by the band, choir, and dance groups. The event was presented by all the 3rd KL members participating from junior to captain. Indeed, it was a success that night. The day after, 3rd KL had their own celebration with a thanksgiving "brunch" at Dynasty Restaurant, to celebrate the efforts and success of the 45th

the year, 3rd KL plans to have a

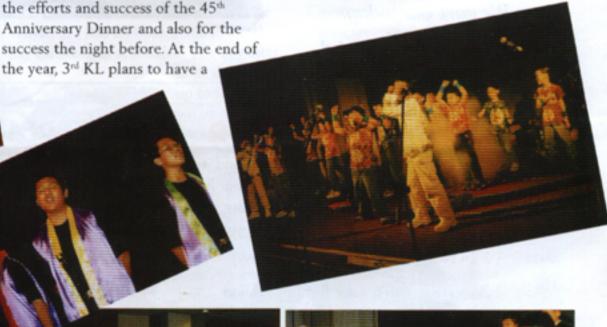


company's trip to Thailand to continue our celebrations.

Having reached its 45th milestone, 3rd Kuala Lumpur Company has no intention of stopping just there. The ever-dedicated officers of the company are always planning ahead for useful activities for its members and to see to it that the boys become the future leaders of tomorrow.

Whatever we do, we do it as one single body and one single company under our Almighty God and Savior, Lord Jesus Christ, We Are One!

SSgt Kenny Voon Zhen Yi of 3rd Kuala Lumpur 7st September 2002









KL Training

Date : May 31 - June 2, 2002 Location

Sek Seri Suria, Hulu Langat,

Selangor

No. of trainees : 190 No. of trainers : 20

No. of Basic Classes : 3 English + 1 Chinese No. of Advance Classes : 2 English + 1 Chinese Camp Commandant : Mr Michael Chong, Cpt of 1st Batu Pahat Coy





KL Drill Competition

August 10, 2002 will be a day that will go down into the history book of 10th Kuala Lumpur Company, A fairly young company, 10th KL stole the limelight from the big boys at the recent KL Battalion Drill

Baru Seri Petaling.





CATEGORY	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Uniform	10th KL	1st KL
Commander	First 10th KL	10th KL A
Commander	Second 1st KL	lst KL
Commander	Third 3rd KL	10th KL B
Overall	First 10th KL	10th KL A
Overall	Second 1st KL	1st KL
Overall	Third 2nd SJ	3rd KL

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MPH Share A Gift 2002 Charity Campaign

Christmas is just around the corner and The Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur wants you to be part of our Christmas outreach programme.

This year, we have adopted the MPH Share A Gift charity campaign to reach out to the less fortunate children all over Malaysia. It will be held at Dorsett Regency, a leading hotel in the city.

A tradition that has been upheld 11 years running, the MPH Bookstores Share A Gift programme is a community service project by the bookstore to encourage the general public to give books as Christmas gifts to children in orphanage homes around the country.

This year, especially with the Government's call to

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encourage healthier reading habits among Malaysians, Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur has taken up the challenge by adopting this MPH charity project. Through this, Stedfast KL hopes to help raise funds to purchase reading materials, which will be donated to children so that they have a sound start at reading, the ultimate purpose of the MPH Share A Gift programme.

So do your part, come forward to donate and together, we can make a change!

> Please make out your cheque to "Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur" if you wish to donate.

Call Michael Yei 019-352 4352 (mikevei@vahoo.com) or Donald Kee 012-2987770 (donaldkee@hotmail.com)

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A Rolex Watch Worth RM15,000.00

Awaits the Winner of The 5th STEDFAST GOLF TOURNAMENT hole-in-one golfer

Guest of Honour: YB Dr. Tan Kee Kwong, Deputy Minister

of Land and Cooperative Develpoment

Date : Friday, 18th October, 2002 at 1.00 pm

Venue : Templer Park Country Club

Mode of Play : Individual Stableford (Double Pairell System)

: By donation of minimum RM200 per Entry Fee

golfer (includes green-fees, buggy, caddy,

light lunch, dinner and goody bag)

Closing Date : 10th October, 2002.

Contact the following NOW!!!!

Mr. Danny Cheah 03-7845 5388 (o) 012-206 9999 Mr. Yong Chee Seng 03-7956 5382 (h) 016-278 7978 Mr. Donald Kee 03-2938 3800 (o) 012-298 7770 Mr. Michael Yei 03-3343 9592 (o) 019-352 4352



SCHOLARSHIPS 2002 RM Choon Khah Leong 3000.00 Chew Boon Yew 2000.00 Gerard Francis Lopez 4000.00

DONATIONS 2002

Methodist Boys' School, KL 1,000.00 Wesley Methodist Church, KL 500.00

LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2,500.00

Total Amount to-date 13,000.00

5th International Convention of Stedfast Associations

HERE WE COME !!!!!

We all know that it is going to be in New Zealand and early reports have indicated that it will be held in Christchurch sometime in March 2004.

So, at the recent EXCO meeting, the Council have decided to plan early and a Fund have been launched to enable more members to participate in this international event. It will also be presented again at the next Annual General Meeting for the sanction of our membership. Look out for more details in the next issue.

Membership **Updates for 2002**

Upgrade to Life Membership

- 1. Alfred Ong
- 2. Allan Soh
- 3. Simon Teh

Renewal of Ordinary Membership

- 1. Pastor Paul Christie
- 2. Liew Hoi Loong
- 3. Patrick Benjamin
- 4. Tung Kam Seng

New Ordinary Members

- 1. Chew Yue Fai
- 2. Choy Kum Joong
- 3. Choy Kum Sing
- 4. Daniel Wong Kwok Yong
- 5. Soo Lee Meng

New Associate Members

- 2. Delren Terrence Douglas Lee Shao Heng
- Chong Wei Yew

Programmes 2002

19th Sept

 New South Wales Stedfast AGM

8 6th Oct

- Singapore Stedfast Founder's Day Dinner

13th Oct

- EXCO Meeting

18th Oct

- 5th Stedfast Golf Tournament

19th Oct

London Stedfast AGM

2nd - 4th Nov - Stedfast Family Camp

10th Nov

- EXCO Meeting

16th Nov

- Members and Friends Get-together cum BBQ Nite

8th Dec

- EXCO Meeting

9 20th Dec

Founder's Day / X'mas Outreach



7th ANNUAL **GENERAL MEETING**

The 7th Annual General Meeting held on 27th April, 2002 was successfully conducted and the following members were elected for a term of two years until year 2004.

> President Danny Cheah

Vice-President Yong Chee Seng

> Secretary Michael Yei

Treasurer Loo Leong Swee

> Committee Donald Kee James Yap

ERCISE Cheong Sing Yuen

Alfred Ong GHTS!

Lo Kuan Che

Internal Auditors Ho Yew Tuck Chew Yew Fai

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