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# STEDFAST NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and also from Stedfast Kuala Lumpur! Welcome to another edition of our "voice" and we hope you will find the time to read and participate in some of the activities which we have line-up for this year.

2007 had gone by so quickly and it has been meaningful for us as we continue to reach out to others, especially to those who are in need. We have provided funds for Hyams Family, Grace Dialysis Centre, Methodist Boys' School KL, Wesley Methodist Church KL, Council of Churches in Malaysia, our own Stedfast Scholarship programme and most importantly, we have never failed to support the many requests from KL State Boys' Brigade. We have also included Selangor State Boys' Brigade into our fold of recipients.

With the many commitments as listed above, our only source of fund raising event is still our Annual Stedfast Golf Tournament and last year we have had a very good turnout. We were also delighted that Singapore Stedfast led by their President, Mr. Ong Eng Tong were able to field a flight. Many thanks goes to Mr. Danny Cheah for putting in so much effort to make it a resounding success.

August 2007 was also the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Stedfast Regional Games between Stedfast Associations of Kuching, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur which was hosted by us. It was an exciting time of friendly competitions in futsal, basketball, bowling, table tennis, badminton and carrom. SA Kuala Lumpur emerged the Overall Champion and now, all of us are looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stedfast Regional Games which will be hosted by SA Singapore in 2009.

Details of our 2008 Programmes are listed in this newsletter for your attention. We will be counting on all of you for your support and participation in all our activities and programmes especially our upcoming AGM as it is an "election" year. You may also want to take note that the 6<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Stedfast Associations will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. The closing date is on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

As we move forward into 2008, we just want to thank our Almighty God for His presence in our lives and that He has made it possible for all of us to get through the year by flying God's colours of reaching out to others and completing the various tasks. We, in the committee can only do so much and we seek your constant prayers as we move forward to be "Sure and Stedfast" in this God's Ministry called Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur.

To God be the Glory and Praise.

*Michael Yei*



# 13<sup>th</sup>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING cum FELLOWSHIP DINNER

**Date** : Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

**Time** : 6.30pm

**Venue** : Level 1, Menara Wesley  
Wesley Methodist Church  
Kuala Lumpur.

Please do make the effort to attend this coming 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting as it is an Election year where the office-bearers will be elected for a new two-year term. This is also the time where various reports of programmes and financial report of the association will be presented. Members who wish to raise any matters or propose amendment to our constitution may e-mail to the Secretary before April 5, 2008.

Please note that there will be a light fellowship dinner (FOC) after the AGM. Members are therefore requested to confirm their attendance for the AGM to facilitate the necessary arrangement. Kindly e-mail to [stedfastkl.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:stedfastkl.secretary@gmail.com) or send an SMS to 012-330 8413 for confirmation. Please state your name when you SMS. Closing date is **April 15, 2008**.

**Remember to collect your car sticker  
when you attend the AGM !**



## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Annual subscription will be a problem if members do not do the needful and we are not in the business of suspending or deleting members from our membership list unless we have no other alternatives. Considerable amount of our income is spent on newsletters, postages and programmes for our members. So, we seek your support and understanding to renew your subscription. Members are encouraged to upgrade their membership to Life. All new Life Membership will be given the latest design of our Stedfast Association KL T-shirt.

## GOOD NEWS !

To those who have not paid their Annual Subscription for past years. In actual fact, your membership would have been removed from our membership roll but the EXCO felt that you are still an asset to the association and your contribution towards the development of Stedfast KL is still required. If you agree with us, we will then waived all the overdue annual subscription. However, you are only required to pay the Annual Subscription for 2008 of RM 30.00 in order for you to continue to be a member of the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur and from our records, if you have paid for 10 years, you will then be converted to Life membership. You may also convert your membership to life by paying the balance due to make up to RM300.00.

## IMPORTANT !

**You will not have any voting rights or being nominated for the office-bearer if you have not paid the membership subscription for this year. All Associate Members are illegible to vote.**

## PROGRAMMES 2008

### FEBRUARY

23/02/2008

- Stedfast Members' Nite

### APRIL

01/04/2008

- Start of Scholarship Application

19/04/2008

- 13th Annual General Meeting

26/04/2008

- Stedfast Members' Nite 2 cum Talk

30/04/2008

- End of Scholarship Application

### MAY

03/05/2008

- Scholarship Interview

13/05/2008

- BB-Stedfast Fellowship Games

### JUNE

28/06/2008

- Stedfast Members' Nite 3

### JULY

18/07/2008

- 11th Stedfast Golf Tournament

### AUGUST

09/08/2008

- Stedfast Members' Nite 4 cum Talk

16-18/08/2008

- Stedfast Camp

### OCTOBER

4-11/02/2008

- 6th International Convention of Stedfast Association Belfast, Northern Ireland from 4th to 11th October 2008

25/02/2008

- Stedfast Members' Nite 5

27/02/2008

- Stedfast Members; Nite 6

## 125th Boys' Brigade Anniversary (1883 – 2008)



"A Celebration Day" event is being planned, to mark the 125th Anniversary year of The Boys' Brigade during 2008. This event is organised and sponsored by the Stedfast Association London, who are also celebrating their 25th anniversary that same year. It will be held at the Historic Dockyard Chatham (HDC) on Saturday 31st May 2008. For more information, visit [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)



**Get the NEW Stedfast Kuala Lumpur T-shirt at RM 30.00 each at the coming Annual General Meeting**

*Limited Stock Only !*

# S.Y SHIM

Leader of the First National Day Parade



## Leader of the first parade

by **Llew-Ann Phang**  
merdeka@thesunday.com

**FOR** some, celebrating Malaysia's independence isn't just about acknowledging a national event on an annual basis.

For the likes of S.Y. Shim, for example, celebrating Merdeka has an added poignancy because he was actually in Merdeka Stadium when Tunku Abdul Rahman declared "Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!" for the entire nation.

Shim led the first-ever independence parade from the Merdeka Stadium car park, past the National Mosque, through the Clock Tower area (now Dataran Merdeka) and Jalan Raja Laut.

Donning his 1st KL Company Boy's Brigade white uniform, complete with a "white Scottish-like cap and tail", Lieutenant Shim, who was then only 22, led his company of 60 students aged between 15 and 18 in the parade's first march-off.

The company stood at the far right of the stage where the Tunku stood amidst all the other uniformed bodies participating in the parade.

"We had to assemble at the car park at 5am and I remember there was no rain, just good sunshine. We marched through the route and finally dispersed at Jalan Raja Laut," he said.

Fifty years later, Tunku's voice remains loud and clear for the former civil servant as does the memory of the Union Jack being lowered for the Malayan flag to be hoisted.

"I was very proud and happy ... It was the very first Merdeka parade and I witnessed the shouting of 'Merdeka! Merdeka!'," the 72-year-old remembers at his current workplace – an optical outlet – near his home in Shah Alam.

Shim remembers the British High Commissioner, Sir Donald MacGillivray, at the time, and how proud Malaysians were to have a country of their own.

"We were Malaysians and we had Malaysia. No more being under British rule, so I think everyone was very happy about that," Shim said.

Today, a proud Shim says: "Of all the places I've travelled to, I still think Malaysia is the best country to call home."





# STEDFAST KUALA LUMPUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2007



Jonathan Tan Yew Tze from 1<sup>st</sup> Petaling Jaya Company got a scholarship from Stamford College, however Stedfast KL supported him with RM 1000.00. We would like to share an email correspondence between our President, Michael Yei (MY) and Jonathan Tan (JT) in January, 2008

**JT :** Here I attach my progress result of my school Term Exam in December 2007 for your information and attention. By the way, may GOD bless you in this new year of 2008.

**MY :** Hi Jonathan, Well done on your fairly good results. Are you happy with it or do you think you would have done better?? Always remember..... "don't be contented with what you have 'cos there is still so much more to be done". Anyway, it is still a good start at the Tertiary level and all of us wish you every success in your pursuit of Excellence. With regards to our Stedfast assistance, I am sure you know our limitations and what assistance we are able to provide. As usual, you need to reapply when we open up in April 2008 but if you do require assistance earlier, please write in to us as before. Thanks, God bless and take care.

**JT :** Thank you so much for your concern and support. I will remember them in my heart. I am quite happy with my result because I manage to pass all the papers. In fact I am one of the top scorer in Law, Accounting, and Business Studies, but because of the high marking standard, that's why I only manage to obtain that kind of results. Anyway, I will study hard to improve myself in the future. May God bless you and keep you in His tender care always.

**MY :** Thanks for your explanation and with your explanation, I can only say, "Well Done, Keep it UP!". The expectation from people closest to you are always high and we at Stedfast Kuala Lumpur are no different. At the end of the day, whatever you achieve and whatever your success at any level, you will be the ONLY one that will reap the fruits of your labour. So, work hard and stay focus, brother. It will do the world of good for yourself in the long run. No one can take it away from you EXCEPT GOD. Take care, God bless and pray ALWAYS!

**JT :** Thank you so much for your kindly advice. It really touches my heart and I will cherish it. I am glad that you and the Stedfast Association are there to encourage me always. Thank you once again and God bless.

*"Keep it up... Jonathan"*



## GREETINGS FROM STEDFAST ASSOCIATION KUALA LUMPUR!



The driving objectives to form SA Kuala Lumpur was the need to have a place where we can rekindle the spirit of yesteryears and that we can also stand proud by knowing for a fact that we can contribute our talents and experience back to the Brigade. Financial resources can be pooled together to assist in whatever ways we can, to all the current members of the Boys' Brigade, particularly in the Klang Valley.

With a few former officers and serving officers of Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade, Commodore Tan Yew Tze headed the idea of forming Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur way back in 1988. The first meeting was the preparatory for the soft launch of the association.



2) Creating a Stedfast Magnificent Award with one of the oldest premier missionary school in the heart of the nation's capital, Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur. This award is given out annually where the top all-rounded 'O' Level student of the School will be selected to receive our Stedfast Crystal Trophy, a personalized plaque and book vouchers.

3) It is important to have sufficient funds to run our projects year in year out and all these years we have been organizing only one fund-raising project a year. Since then, it had been our Annual Golf Tournament and we just had the 10th series on 10th August, 2007.

4) Our Stedfast Annual Family Camp is another "must have" programme and this had taken us to different parts of Malaysia over the years. The recent Stedfast Family Camp was held at Tiara Beach Resort, Port Dickson from Sept. 28th to 30th, 2007.

Since the 2001 International Convention held in Kuching, I have been trying to get fellow Stedfast members to think of a different form for an International gathering which can bring new lives and meaning for people to join the great Stedfast movement. To a certain degree, we have succeeded and we in SA Kuala Lumpur were indeed proud to play host to the 1st ever Stedfast Regional Fellowship Games held from 10th to 12th August, 2007 where Stedfast Singapore, Stedfast Kuching and ourselves competed in Futsal, Basketball, Bowling, Badminton, Table Tennis and Carrom. We became Champion in five of the six games competed except Basketball and hence, took the inaugural Overall Challenge Trophy donated by our Immediate Past President, Mr. Danny Cheah. We now look forward to 2nd Stedfast Regional Fellowship Games which will be held in Singapore and my fervent hope is that this event would one day be able to go "international".

Last but not least, we have been participating in the International Convention since 2001 and we hope to renew our friendship as well as build on new ones next year in Belfast. Stedfast Kuala Lumpur will not be able to come so far without the commitment and dedication of Past Presidents, Exco members, SA members, supporters and friends. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of them BUT most importantly, to our God Almighty for his unceasing presence and blessings for us to organize so many projects with flying colours as well as the ability to reach out and touching the lives of so many people. We will continue to pray so that SA Kuala Lumpur remains "RELEVANT" to everyone.

### Committee Members

Mr. Kenny Lim

Mr. Yap Hoy K

Mr. Tan Yew M

Mr. Philip Yin

Mr. Looi Kw

Tan Geok

**Stedfast KL appeared on the cover page of The Onlooker, London Stedfast newsletter and we were also featured in a full colour centrespread. WOW!**





# 1<sup>ST</sup> STEDFAST REGIONAL GAMES



It was on the morning of August 11, 2008 at 8.30am teams from Stedfast Singapore, Stedfast Kuching and Stedfast Kuala Lumpur gathered at MBS field for a day of fellowship in games. Our Chaplain, Rev. Tan Jin Huat started the day with a prayer and then, took a kick towards the goal post to mark the opening and the launch of our 1<sup>st</sup> Stedfast Regional Games. .... KICK !!! It was a goal !!! GOAL! GOAL !

We started the day with the futsal match, followed by basketball. After which, we all took a slow drive to the bowling alley and bowl our hearts out. By the time we finished, it was lunch time. Many of us had a light lunch as we were heading back to the badminton court at MBS. While the badminton matches were being played, table tennis & carrom were also running at the same time. It was a long day and then, it was time to get ready for the fellowship dinner at the Youth Centre.

By 7.30pm most of us were ready for the dinner which was sponsored by Mr. Peter Yap, one of our Life Member. We were honoured to have Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton as our guest of honour for the night. Well ....we were all so hungry, so had to skip the “blar, blar here, blar blar there” (speeches) for the last but of course we had to give thanks for the food and also, the day’s event. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Indian Cuisine .... Surprisingly, even there was no mercy for the “sum sum tulang” ... that was also “kena hentam kuat kuat” by our fellow Singapore friend. Well ... good things have to come to the end and that is “habis makan”.

Now, it was time to “blar here and blar there” , so we invited the respective Stedfast Presidents to say a few words but knowing them, they did more than that. After which, our beloved Guest of Honour, Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton who has been in attendance in most of our Stedfast events gave us an inspiring message.

Then, it was time that we were waiting for .... the results for the 1<sup>st</sup> Stedfast Regional Games. First of all, Futsal result was announced .... KL SA took the lead and followed by Kuching SA and Singapore SA. Came basketball ... KL SA & Kuching SA was thrashed by Singapore SA who sent their “National Team”. At Bowling, KL SA bowled their hearts out by winning this game and followed by Singapore SA & Kuching SA. Our very own bowler, Steven Ting scored the highest point. As for Badminton, Table Tennis and Carrom, Kuala Lumpur SA was unbeatable and took all the first placings. With this Kuala Lumpur Stedfast emerged as the Champion for the 1<sup>st</sup> Stedfast Regional Games. The Challenge Trophy which was donated by Mr, Danny Cheah, our immediate Past

President. Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton presented the Challenge Trophy to our Kuala Lumpur Stedfast Team Captain, Mr. Philip Yin.

It was a hectic day for all of us but I believe all of us had a great time fellowshiping with one another and we want to thank God for all his goodness. We ended with BB Vesper led by Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen. THE END of my story and we live happily ever after ..... but that’s not the end ..... till we meet again in “Lion City” of Singapore for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stedfast Regional Games in 2009.



# STEDFAST FAMILY CAMP

**September 27, 2007 (Friday)** – About 40 people including children “landed” on Tiara Beach Resort at Port Dickson for the first time. The first group “touched down” at about 3.00pm. As usual, our “anchorman” Mr. Paul Chow and his family was the first to arrive at Tiara Beach followed by few more. We were all waiting downstairs for our President (Mr. Michael Yei) to arrive, however he made his way up to his room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, passing us and thru a “secret passage” and called us from the top ... that’s our President !!. At least we know he has arrived. Anyway, more members and their family arrived and checked into their rooms. About 4.30pm, we all headed to the swimming pool for a game of “water volleyball”. Wow ! it was fun and tiring. TIMES UP .... “Go and have your shower” ... says our President ... as usual again we listen to the “boss” and we all went back to our room for our shower. We gathered later for a buffet dinner and after dinner we had a short Praise and Worship followed with a inspiring sharing by our Camp Speaker, Mr. Ooi Chin Aik. He was accompanied by his wife Lydia Ooi. The night was still “young” but most of us were too “old” for that after a tiring afternoon.

**September 28, 2007 (Saturday)** - As usual in the morning....we brushed our teeth .... washed our face ..... and took our bath before heading for breakfast. At 9.00am, we had Praise & Worship followed by a short sharing by Mr. Ooi. After the session, all of us got ready for Telematch and it was followed by lunch. We were all so crazy over the “water volleyball” and we started the game at 2.30pm under the hot sun. We stopped for tea break and then continue to enjoy the beautiful “man made sea”. Dinner was “fishy”, “crabby” and delicious. It was karaoke time after dinner. We had fun singing all night long until about 2.00am. Derrick Dai was one of our star singer for the night.

**September 29, 2007 (Sunday)** – We had a short Sunday Service and it was followed with some presentation by the groups. We had some lucky draws and prizes presentation. Well ... all good things have to come to an end. We ended with a lunch and started to pack up and check out.

We want to thank Mr. Ooi and Lydia for being able to be with us sharing their experiences. We also like to thank those who sponsored the gifts and prizes for the camp. Overall, it was a fun camp. We hope that you do not miss this year’s camp.



# 10<sup>th</sup> STEDFAST GOLF TOURNAMENT



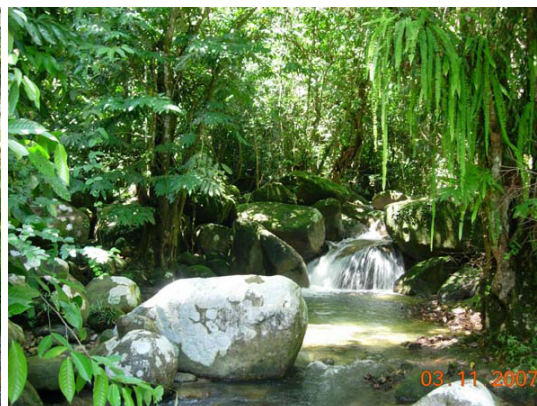
Our 10th Stedfast Golf Tournament was held on 10th August, 2007 at Templer Park Golf & Country Club. We had a good participation and support for this year tournament. The Champion was one of our regular supporter who was also a former Champion in our 4th Stedfast Golf Tournament in 2001. He is Mr. Phang Chak Thong with a handicap of 8.4 and a nett score of 70.6. He received a 29 inch flat screen television and a challenge trophy. There were no winners to claim our hole-in-one prize of a Rolex watch worth RM15,000.00. Singapore SA led by their President, Mr. Ong Eng Tong put up a flight consisting of Mr. Choo Gim Kang, Mr. Ivan Koh and Mr. Raymond Kwok. We want to thank all participants especially the golfers, sponsors, advertisers and Mr. Danny Cheah in making the tournament another resounding success.



## VISIT TO LADANG – ORANG ASLI VILLAGE

On the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2007 we headed up north, a trip coordinated by Mr. Derrick Dai with Mr. Paul Chow offering his services to drive us to check out this Orang Asli (natives) settlement and to see what kind of assistance Stedfast KL can offer to one of the poorest communities in Malaysia - the Orang Asli Community. It is located at Chenderiang (between Tapah and Kampar) and it is a centre to facilitate agricultural training, livestock rearing, handicraft, children & youth camps, community based education programmes for the Orang Asli children, etc.

As an immediate response to their needs, Stedfast KL was able to get the support of Nilai International University College to donate 20 sets of computers for the use of educating the Orang Asli children for their new centre initiated by Malaysian Care. Currently, under their care (Young Soon, Pat Lee & Team), there are 26 Orang Asli settlements covering the regions of West Pahang, Central and South Perak areas. There are still many Orang Asli settlements without electricity supply and we must thank God that all of us are so fortunate.



## John A. Bates Retirement from BB

### *A long innings comes to an end...*

After 60 years as Boy and Officer of the 14th West Kent ( Bexleyheath) Boys' Brigade Company, John A Bates has retired from front line BB work.

Sunday 14th October 2007 was the Bexleyheath BB's Annual Enrolment Service at Christ church Bexleyheath. This was the day selected by John to announce his retirement, after 50 continuous years as an officer in the company. After the church service, a cut glass engraved bowl was presented to John by James Ede, Captain of the 14th Company, to mark his achievement.

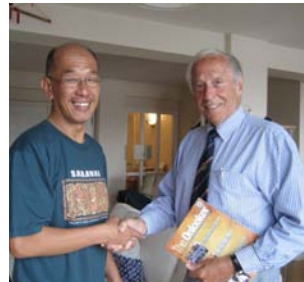
There was a further surprise for John, when he was taken to a celebration lunch at Chartwell, former home of Winston S. Churchill. Over 50 guests, including The Boys' Brigade Vice-President, John W Young MBE, the Bates family, fellow BB officers, boy members of the company,( wearing original BB pill box uniform hats) a former Captain John Gale, along with friends and ex members.

A unique certificate signed by Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, KCB, MD, FRCS, DL, FRSE Brigade President. John W. Young MBE, Brigade Vice-President. Steve Dickinson Brigade Secretary, marking the retirement after 50 years as an Officer in the Company- was presented to him by John Young. It was a very special day for John, and will be placed with many other good memories gathered over the 60 years of BB membership.



**Joining John Young in the photograph were Mrs Joyce Young , and the Captain of the 14th West Kent James Ede.**

## Our Life member, Derrick Dai in London with John A. Bates, the Hon. Secretary of London Stedfast Association



## A special message written vie e-mail to John Bates by our President, Michael Yei

Hi John,

Well done and Congratulations for your great achievement in giving your life to the Boys' Brigade. Your perseverance, dedication and commitment speaks no bound.

Looking back ..... the tears, sweat, frustration, obstacles and loneliness would now be a thing of the past BUT it was all worth it simply because you can be at peace with yourself knowing that you have given your ALL in reaching out for the GREAT ministry of GOD called the Boys' Brigade. Having said this, your work is NOT done yet. While the long innings comes to an end for the Boys' Brigade ..... the inning for Stedfast is still in session and it would now be the gain of Stedfast London which will be able to get your full concentration, commitment and dedication. Here's to another "God's given 50 years!!".

Hence, on behalf of the EXCO and Members of Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur, let me congratulate you once again for setting this milestone and the many lives that you have touched in the course of this long inning.....

To God be the Glory and Praise and May God's blessings be upon you and your family always.

## Our Condolences to ...

1. Lo Kuan Chee & family for the passing away of his father.
2. The family of the late Peter Lee Kok Hoe who was our life member. He was called home to be with the Lord on February 21, 2008
3. The family of the late Robert Yeoh who was also our life member. He was called home to be with the Lord on