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EDITORIAL

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GREETINGS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Stedfast Kuala Lumpur! We pray that you and family will have good health, happiness and prosperity for 2014. At this time, we also want to pray for the crew members, passengers and all their loved ones of MH370, and that, this "difficult" period will see a finality soon, and hopefully, a happy one too.

How the time just zoom passed us and we are now into 2014 the Year of the Horse. The spirit of the horse is recognized to be the Chinese people's ethos – making unremitting efforts to improve themselves. It is energetic, bright, warm-hearted, intelligent and able. The Horse can be productive, enthusiastic, amusing, talented, agreeable, industrious, warm-hearted, generous, sociable, autonomous, strong minded, persuasive and logical. They are clever, kind to others, and like to join in a venture career. Although they sometimes talk too much, they are cheerful, perceptive, talented, earthy but stubborn. They like entertainment and large crowds. They are popular among friends, active at work and refuse to be reconciled to failure, although their endeavour cannot last indefinitely.

Last year was a busy year for all of us and the most meaningful event was the Grand BB Reunion Dinner which was organised in conjunction with the Boys' Brigade 130th Anniversary. This worldwide celebration was held on 5th October, 2013 at PGRM Kuala Lumpur and it was attended by more than 800 former members, current officers and members led by the BBM President, Mr. Loh Pau Joo.

President's Message continues

We also did well in the 4th Stedfast Regional Games which was hosted by Penang Stedfast from 28th to 30th June, 2013. The games offered were badminton, futsal, basketball, table tennis and carrom, and once again, we emerged the Overall Champion which was participated by Stedfast Associations from Singapore, Ipoh, Kuching, Penang and Kuala Lumpur. For your information, the 5th Stedfast Regional Games will be hosted by us in 2015.

Our only source of fund raising event annually i.e.the 16th Stedfast Golf Tournament held on 30th August, 2013 was also a success. And we are indeed thankful to golfers, sponsors and volunteers and not forgetting Mr. Danny Cheah's support and contribution.

To all our Stedfast Kuala Lumpur members, please read through this newsletter and do find the time to participate in all the 2014 Programmes that have been planned, particularly the upcoming 19th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 26th April, 2014 as it is an election year.

So, let's saddle up and hold tightly to our reins, making sure we are able to gallop just as fast if not quicker to compete in all "fields", and always ensuring we do not "fall off" when we try to keep pace with the front runners.

Last but not least, we have to thank our Almighty God for His presence and blessings for Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur. As we move into 2014, we want to recommit our Association and our programmes to God. So, let's move forward "Sure and Stedfast" together in this God's Ministry called Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur.

To God be the Glory and Praise.



Personality

Occupying the 7th position on the Chinese Zodiac, the Horse symbolizes such character traits as strength, energy, and an outgoing nature. Horses keep the crowds happy with their humour and their wit. Horses are extremely intelligent so they are able to grasp new subjects with ease. They are also capable of multi-tasking but they do not always finish what they have started because they are forever chasing the next opportunity. Horses are honest, friendly and open-minded. They are perhaps a bit too centered on themselves and have been known to throw tantrums when situations do not go their way.



Health

Horses are very healthy, most likely because they maintain a positive outlook on life and because they are athletic. Lead Horses to wide, open spaces and watch them run free! Horses will usually only feel ill when they are trapped inside.



Career

Horses enjoy positions in which they can interact with others. They are not fond of taking orders and they will run from jobs they consider routine. They are able to grasp new subjects with ease making them capable of handling most jobs. They are effective communicators and they enjoy power. Good career choices for Horses include: publicist, sales representative, journalist, language instructor, translator, bartender, performer, tour operator, librarian or pilot.



The Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur

19th Annual General Meeting

(Election of Office Bearers for 2014-2016)

April 26, 2014 e- 6.30pm Multi-Purpose Hall, Wesley Methodist Church, Talan Hang Tebat, Kuala Lumpur

Please do make the effort to attend this coming 19th 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 the Reports on Finance for 2013 and the 2014 Programmes will be presented. Members who wish to raise any matters or to propose amendments to our Constitution may e-mail to the Secretary before April 18, 2014.

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 secretary@stedfastkl.org.my or SMS to 012-330 8413 for confirmation. Please state your name in your SMS. Please RSVP by April 18, 2014.

Members who have not renewed their membership, please do so before the AGM or your may renew when you come for the AGM.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

To all Stedfast Ordinary & Associate members

Annual subscription will be a problem if members do not do the needful and we are not in business of suspending or deleting members from our membership record unless we have no other alternatives. Considerable amount of our income is spent on newsletters, postages and programmes for our members.

If you are not a Stedfast Life Member, your membership would have expired on December 31, 2013. Hence, please renew your membership so that you may enjoy the benefits of a member.

You are encourage to upgrade to be a Life Member. To check on your status of your membership, please contact the Secretary.

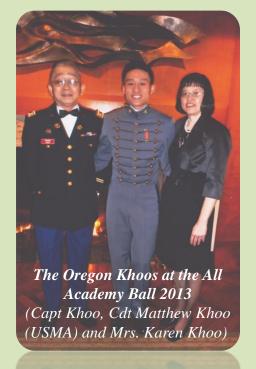
PROGRAMMES & CALENDAR 2014

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 14	Prophet Mohd's Birthday
Jan 17	Thaipusam
Jan 31	1st Day Chinese New Year
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Feb 01	2 nd Day Chinese New Year
Feb 01	Federal Territory Day
Mar 22-30	School Holidays
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Apr 01	Opening of Scholarship Application
Apr 18	Good Friday
Apr 20	Easter Sunday
Apr 26	19th Annual General Meeting
Apr 30	Closing of Scholarship Application
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May 01	Labour Day
May 10	Scholarship Interview
•	Mother's Day
May 13	Wesak Day
May 28 -30	School Holidays
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Jun 01-15	School Holidays
Jun 07	Agung's Birthday
Jun 15	Father's Day
Jul 12-14	13th Stedfast Camp
Jul 15	Nuzul Al-Quran
Jul 28	1st Day Hari Raya Puasa
Jul 29	2 nd Day Hari Raya Puasa
Aug 22	17 th Stedfast Golf Tournament
Aug 31	Merdeka Day
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Sept 13-21	School Holidays
Sept 16	Malaysia Day
Sept 16	5 th Stedfast-BB Fellowship Games
Oct 05	Hari Raya Haji
Oct 11	Members' Fellowship Night
Oct 23	Deepavali
Oct 25	Awal Muharam
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Nov 15	Exco Planning Retreat
Nov 22-30	School Holidays
Dec 01-31	School Holidays
Dec 25	Christmas Day

Greetings

Jimmy (James) Khoo, Oregon Life Member since 1998

"Best regards to all and do come visit us if you are in our neck of the woods, South of Portland, Oregon. For details, please refer to Mrs. Sophia Lim (Wesley KL).







Coming Next 17TH STEDFAST GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 22, 2014 | 12.00NOON | TEMPLER PARK COUNTRY CLUB



4th Stedfast Regional Games

28th - 30th June 2013 • Penang

Ipoh * Kuching * Kuala Lumpur * Penang * Singapore



The 4th Stedfast Regional Games was held on June 28-30, 2013 in Penang and it was hosted by Penang Stedfast Association. 50 members, supporters and children from Kuala Lumpur participated. Some flew, some drove and some took a bus but we all stayed at the Flamingo Hotel as "STEDFAST KL TEAM" which was specially arranged by Mr. Danny Cheah and Mr. Soo Kim Wai. Our appreciation to both of them.

GAMES RESULTS:

FUTSAL | KUALA LUMPUR

BASKETBALL | SINGAPORE

TABLE TENNIS | KUALA LUMPUR

BADMINTON | KUCHING

DART | KUCHING

CARROM | KUALA LUMPUR

OVERALL CHAMPION 2013 KUALA LUMPUR



Team Manager, Philip Yin receiving the Challenge Trophy from the Stedfast Penang President, Harry Goh





Table Tennis Champion
Team Captain, Aleks Low









5tedfast Regional Games 2015 KUALA LUMPUR



In conjunction with the 130th Anniversary of the Boys' Brigade, the Grand BB Reunion Dinner was organised on October 5, 2013 at PGRM. About 82 tables were filled up. It was an honour to have the BBM President, Mr. Loh Pau Joo and his EXCO members to join us in this celebration. Prof. Dr. Danny Wong shared on the history of BB and its relevance today. Mr. Francis Chiong, the Executive Secretary of BB Asia shared on BB Asia. Our guest performer, HT Long, the Malaysian Elvis performed for us. Mr. Robinson Pan, who was the emcee for the night, led us in the sing-along session and took us through the night.

A word of thanks to those names mentioned above and we also want to record our sincere thanks to all who attended and also to the organising committee for this wonderful and successful achievement especially to our President, Lt. .Col. (PA) Michael Yei who "boosted" this idea and took us through this achievement. However, the most memorable and meaningful moment was the lighting of the candles and the idea again came from our President. The song "Pass It On" was sung and it was "the spark" when we first joined the BB and that have kept the fire going, glowing and growing in us. It's all of us to keep the light burning as we all pass on our knowledge, experiences and memories to the younger generation.





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STREETS YOUR NEWS

Still steadfast at 130 years

GRAND REUNION:

Boys' Brigade alumni from Malaysia and Singapore gather to mark milestone

> FAREZZA HANUM RASHID streets@nst.com.my

IFTY-YEAR old Alfred Ong, re members joining the brass bands and camping trips of the Boys' Brigade when he was a teenager just to accumulate merit badges "Back then, we joined in the

Brigade's many activities to collect points, but those

were the things that shaped us to be the adults that we are today," said the Stead-fast Association Kuala Lumpur (SAKL) secretary.
The association,

made up of alumni members of the Boys' +Brigade, held a grand reunion recently to commemorate the Brigade's 130th anniversary worldwide. Ong's most memo-

rable Boys' Brigade experience was par-ticipating in the 1979

Boys' Brigade Band Festival as a 17-

year-old.

For Adel Tan Geok Soon, 64, although the Boys' Brigade helps and
benefits one throughout a lifetime,
he acknowledged the difficulty of
signing up youths these days.

"Kids today have too many things
to do like tuition classes, piano
lessons and computer games."

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"During my time, we would meet up every weekend to go camping,

Members of the **Steadfast Association Malaysia and Singapore** cutting the Boys' Brigade's birthday cake.

play sports and vol-unteer at various causes which also built our characters and developed our leadership skills," he said.

Tan admitted that this was a worrying factor as he felt that the youths nowadays were not as so-cially skilled the way

their forefathers were.

"Volunteerism among the youths has also decreased now to the point that the government needs to step in and encourage them to volunteer,

SAKL president Michael Yei, 58 agreed that the Boys' Brigade and other associations like it are facing new challeng

"We want to harness the old boys' skills through the Steadfast Asso-

ciation while keeping the Boys' Brigade relevant to current times. We need to keep up with the chang-ing trends and technology or else we will become extinct," he said.

Yei said that with the Boys' Brigade, he learned things that were

not taught in the classroom.

"I discovered my leadership, organisational and social skills, among others which are important in life, in the Boys' Brigade. Even straight A students wouldn't survive in this world without these skills," he said.

Ninety per cent of who he is today, he added, came from his Boys'

Brigade days, doing the army drills and brass band practices. Having joined the Boys' Brigade in 1969, Yei never left as he went on to become an instructor, also known as

When the Malaysian Government launched the National Service programme in 2004, he was one of the

pioneers who volunteered his services and became the first civilian commander.

To ensure that the Boys' Brigade stay connected for many years to come, Yei called for all of the old boys from all overthe country to join the Steadfast Association.

"Meany worths still need our services."

"Many youths still need our services and hopefully, we can help them to achieve better futures," he

Held at the PGRM Tower in Cheras, here, the dinner saw over 800 guests attending, many of whom had come from around the country and Singapore.

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Having gained so much from their years in the Boys' Brigade, the Stedfast Association dedicates itself to serving the youth, namely the current members of the Boys' Brigade.

Since 1998, the association has provided descriping members of the

provided deserving members of the Boys' Brigade with financial assistance to pursue their studies at secondary, post-secondary and tertiary levels. To date, the association has disbursed more than RMI50,000 in scholarships and other social activities for the second s

ities for the youth.
Scholarship recipients over the years have pursued their studies overseas, including at Yale University, Cambridge University, Oxford University of Tokyo and University of Melbourne.

Members raise funds through golf the proposed to the control of the control of

tournaments, Founder's Day din-ners, family camps as well as talks on health and investments

■ If you have reunions coming up and would like them to be featured, let us know by sending an email to streets@nst.com.my. Please include the date, time, venue and contact details



Published in New Straits Times on October 9, 2013



The Boys' Brigade is also well-known for its brass band. Pix by Saifullizan Tamadi

STEDFAST SCHOLARSHIP 2014

Inviting all members of the Boys' Brigade in Malaysia as well as children of our own Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur members to apply. The opening date of the scholarship is on 1st April, 2014 and ends on 30th April, 2014. Those who are interested, kindly download the application form from www.stedfastkl.org.my and your application form must reach the Secretary on or before 30th April, 2014.

Interview for successful applicants will be on Saturday, 10th May, 2014 at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur. For information, please contact us at secretary@stedfaskl.org.my

LIFE IN UNIVERSITY

shared by Low Wai Hoe | former 1st Ipoh BB Company (a recipient of Stedfast Scholarship in 2013)

Bonjour! First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Stedfast KL Association for supporting me financially in my tertiary education in Nilai University, studying Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. My name is Low Wai Hoe and I was a Sergeant when I was in Boys' Brigade 1st Ipoh Company.

I came to Nilai University when I got to know that this university offers a Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. I am highly interested in aircraft and I always have the urge to explore the concepts and secrets behind the 'iron bird'. The lecturers in Nilai University are friendly and knowledgeable. They are also very experienced in the field and they are willing to teach us patiently.



I liked the most when the lectures tell us about their working experience in different companies with different people. Aviation is an exciting field and I am looking forward to join the field one day and tell my own stories!

What I can say about university life is it is definitely a life-changing process. There will be opportunities for us to develop leadership skill, discipline, teamwork and also communication skill. I am glad that I joined the Boys' Brigade when I was in secondary school. It prepared me a foundation in those skills and I get to adapt easily to the new environment in University. Discipline is the most important skill when you are in university. No one will be there to watch over you and to tell you what is right and wrong. You will have to be responsible for your actions. To me, university life is precious because it gives me a chance to change before it is too late.

University life is fun if you know how to enjoy it. You will meet different people and experience different cultures. Have an anchor in your heart and be sure and stedfast. God bless.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WHO GRADUATED FROM METHODIST COLLEGE KUALA LUMPUR

I am very grateful to have been chosen as the recipient of the Stedfast KL Scholarship. My educational journey has not been easy, given my financial challenges. The stress of going to college while working can be overwhelming at times because I wasn't sure that I would be able to make it through another semester, but your generous scholarship reminds me, never to give up and it impacted me in ways that words simply cannot express.

On 30th August 2013, I successfully completed the Diploma in Early Childhood Education and graduated from Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL). It was the most joyous moment of my college life. Currently, I'm serving at my church kindergarten, to provide a better education for the future generation in a sub-rural area.

The main reason why I started studying Early Childhood Education was because I was lacking in the quality of education. I have made it as my personal mission to strive for a better education, especially for the younger ones. For the past two and a half years at MCKL, it made me realised that there are many lecturers who are extremely passionate about education and they are doing their very best in their capabilities to bring the quality of education for us.



The lecturers in MCKL were the kindest people. I am so grateful to them, not only their help in preparing me with the knowledge needed for my course, but they also helped me to grow as a person.

It was them that has set such a good example of Christian teachers to me and showed me how a Christian teacher should be like. MCKL have brought me so much precious memories. I have never regretted in my decision to take up the Diploma in Early Childhood Education here in MCKL.

Once again, I would like to extend my gratitude to Stedfast KL and Methodist College Kuala Lumpur for establishing this scholarship for students like me. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope I will be able to help others to achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you for your help in placing college within my reach. Thank you also for enabling this opportunity for education. I appreciate your generosity and remain ever thankful!

Thank you Jehovah Jireh - The Lord our Provider, Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur, Boys' Brigade, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur, Early Childhood Education Department lecturers, my family and friends...

Sincerely, Lim En Hui | *MCKL DEC1103*.







OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEEDY



Published in The Star (front page) on November 7, 2013

Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen (Vice President), presented a cheque to Mr. William Foo at his home. He is our Life Member since 1996. Currently he is undergoing dialysis every week. As reported in the newspaper, thousand of kidney patients are waiting for subsidy for as long as three years for the government aid.

If you would like to contribute towards helping our very own friend, kindly contact the Secretary for more details. Cheque can be made payable to:

PERSATUAN STEDFAST KUALA LUMPUR
(Please indicate "WFF" at the back of the Cheque)



Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen and Mr. Jacob David visited Pastor Raymond Wong and presented him with a contribution which was raised at the Stedfast Golf Tournament. He is now under-going medical treatment.

Please remember them in your prayers. Pray for God's healing upon them and also pray for strength, especially for the family members.



Our President's involvement and contribution for the Nation



Representing
Malaysia at the
World's
University
Games
(Universiade)
in Russia









STOP pampering National Service (NS) trainees, the programme's pioneers say.





Those involved in NS during its inception are calling on the Government to re-look its policies and objectives to arrest the declining discipline among trainees.

Former camp director Michael Yei, 58, says NS should be less classroom-centric. "Previously, trainees would spend more than 16 hours outdoors but now they are worried about kids being under the sun for too long.

"There's just too much emphasis on classrooms now. You need activities like rafting, trekking, barbecues and sleeping in tents to bond – these outdoor activities are crucial for teambuilding," he says, adding that NS modules must develop healthy competition, leadership, organisation and interpersonal skills.

He is urging the Government to ensure that those involved in NS do not have "ulterior motives" other than to promote unity.

"NS is still needed but we must re-look certain policies. What's important for youth development is paramount, not how to make NS more comfortable for them," says Yei, who was one of 41 camp directors nationwide in charge of the programme's physical module when it was started.

Yei oversaw some 3,000 trainees during his year-long NS stint.

Having kept in touch with his former charges and fellow trainers, he says NS has, to a large extent, achieved its objective of promoting unity.

"My goal was to ensure the integration of races and for our batch, NS was a success," he says.

Adapted from The Star Online | For full reading visit: http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/01/26/Stoppampering-trainees-say-pioneers/