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Mr. Lim Say Hean, Mr. A Nehru
and Mr. Ben Choong.

Welcome to the first edition of **The Pinang Tree** for the year 2005/2006. This publication would not have been made possible without the hard working Editorial Board members comprising Mr. Gurcharan Singh, Mr. A Nehru, Encik Hassan Farouke and Mr. Ben Choong.

The Pinang Tree serves as a platform to keep OFA Members informed of the events concerning its members and things of interest to its members. The Editorial Board welcomes contributions in any form to be published in **The Pinang Tree**.

May you be well and happy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am indeed happy to let members know that there will be changes for the better. We enjoyed a wonderful get-together on 21st October, 2005 and I hope this Newsletter "**The Pinang Tree**" will develop to be a Prime Newsletter for all Old Frees and The School.



Tree" welcomes your contribution of articles be they on personal experiences, health, business, school days, etc.

I wish all Frees a fruitful 2006 and may it bring you Happiness, Good Health and Prosperity.

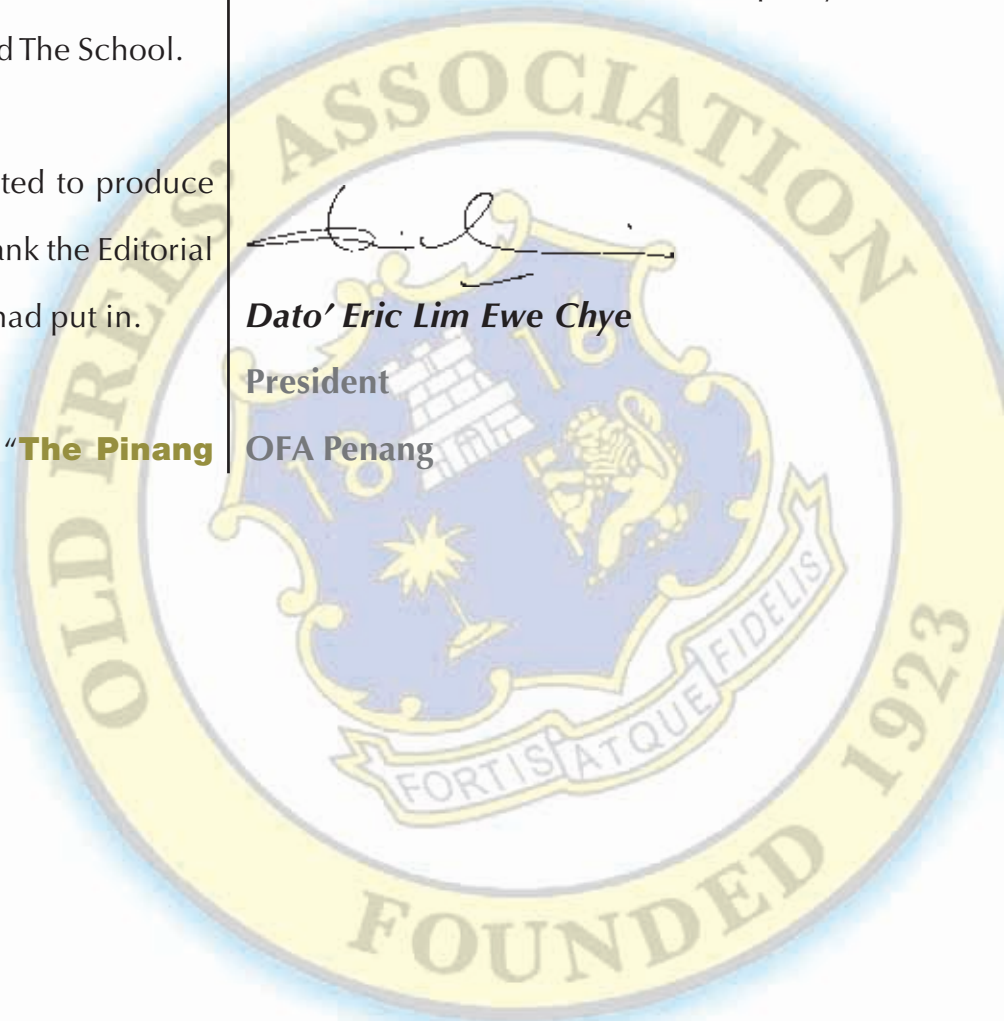
Yes, it took longer than expected to produce this maiden issue and I must thank the Editorial Board for the good work they had put in.

To all Frees Past and Present "**The Pinang**

Dato' Eric Lim Ewe Chye

President

OFA Penang



GREETINGS FROM OFA KUALA LUMPUR & SELANGOR



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GREETINGS FROM OFA KUALA LUMPUR & SELANGOR

Greetings & Congratulations

On behalf of the members of the Old Frees Association of Kuala Lumpur & Selangor, I extend our warm congratulations to the OFA, Penang on the launching of its News Letter and convey our greetings to all Old Frees.

In spite of the rapid advance in information technology and the ready and frequent use of the e-mail, a regular issue of a News Letter supported by photographs and containing articles of a wide range of issues from Old Frees is still welcome as a kind of "one-stop" source for varied, interesting and relevant information. It will serve as a ready source of information that could be read anywhere and at leisure, and preserved as a historical legacy of news, views and happenings of the day. Therefore, we commend the Committee of the OFA, Penang, and the Editors for publishing the News Letter. We are confident that it will serve to rekindle old memories and discuss critical issues affecting the school. Above all, we are sure that it will keep the memory of the school and our links with one another very much alive. It is hoped that it will be sustained, and we offer our good wishes for its continued success.

Fortis Atque Fidelis

Sincerely,

Dato' Anwarrudin Ahamad Osman
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OFA PENANG - 2005/2006 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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OFA PENANG CLUB HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

As you all know the recently concluded (2005) AGM approved the proposed expansion of the annexe at the west wing of the Association.

The annexe is to be a 3-storey building with a recreation hall on the top. Perhaps we could, once again, hold our annual dinners on our premises.

This proposed expansion, should it come to fruition, augurs well for the future of the OFA. It is hoped that the new annexe will help to attract new and younger blood into our fold.

At the moment, the architect is laying the groundwork *for submission* to the respective local authorities. Hopefully, the feedback is advantageous. Our only concern is that we may be required to set back the building line.

If that should be the case, we have no option but to revert to members after all avenues

of appeal have been exhausted for we will staunchly defend our ground.

FORTIS ATQUE FIDELIS!

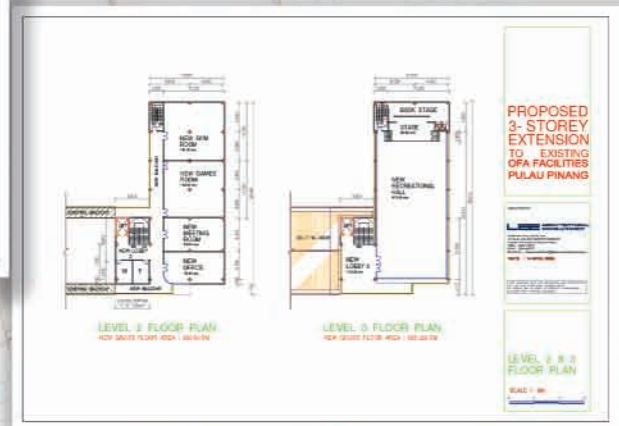
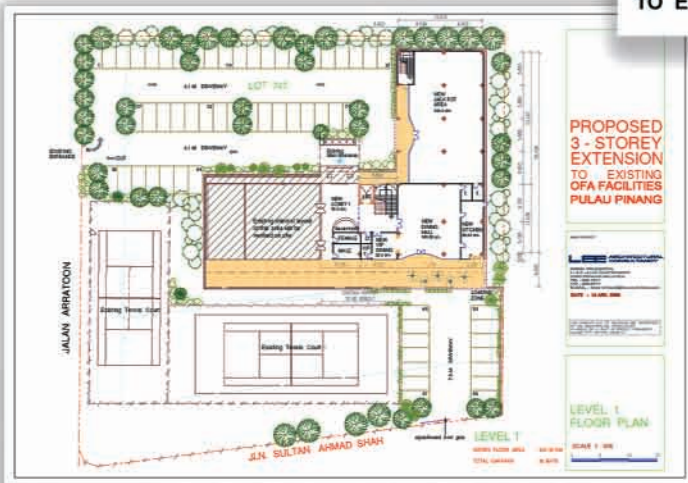
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**PROPOSED 3-STOREY EXTENSION (PHASE 1)
TO EXISTING OFA FACILITIES PULAU PINANG**

LEE ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANCY



**Proposed 3-Storey Extension to
Existing OFA Facilities Pulau Pinang**



EXTENSION & REFURBISHMENT OF OFA GYMNASIUM

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The OFA gymnasium has come round one full circle!

The building, an outhouse from the main OFA structure, was built specifically to house the gymnasium facilities. Over time the facilities saw less and less use due to declining interest in such activities. A decision was then made to partially convert this building into a photographic dark room for enthusiastic members of the Photographic and Multimedia Section to develop photographs; while the other part became a miscellaneous store. Unfortunately for the dark room, technological advance in digital photography made this dark room obsolete in so far as the members were concerned.

Interest in gymnasium activities was revived when a multi-gym, a treadmill and an elliptical cross-trainer were acquired. These were situated temporarily, albeit inappropriately, at the members'

patio; and this led to the OFA President, Dato' Eric Lim Ewe Chye, proposing that the gym building be extended and refurbished with him personally bearing the cost involved.

The extension and refurbishment were completed on 8th August 2005; and to jump start the use of this

newly extended and refurbished gymnasium, the Association invited a professional personal trainer, Mr. Yeoh Kok Gim, to conduct a series of 6 one hour sessions on proper use of the gymnasium equipment, and proper training routines.

The gymnasium has come around one full circle, and all members are urged to use this facility to enhance their physical fitness and condition.



First Training Session conducted by the Professional Personal Trainer, August 2005.

YEOH KENG LOCK
Indoor Games Chairman

UNITED COLOURS OF THE FREES

WALKATHON 2005 ■ 2ND APRIL 2005

It happened on an ordinary old Saturday that most would like to spend in front of the computer, crammed by books, or just plain wasting time. However, this Saturday was not one like that. It was the school's highly anticipated and much publicized grand Walkathon event. It was the day where Ms. Lee Ewe Im could finally relax after the countless announcements and reminders in the morning assemblies.

There was a lot of hype prior to the event. We were asked (requested or tempted by the Co-curricular marks) to collect donations which in the end amounted to about RM 50,000.

On this momentous 2nd of April, the event happened. We were very fortunate as it was a cloudy day, so getting drenched in rain or baked in the sun would not be a nuisance. Mr. Ooi Boo Chuan, the Organizing Chairman was invited to

give his speech, and he made it very short and concise (... thank heavens) by thanking all his committee members and all who were involved in one way or another. With a shot from a gun by the Deputy Organizing Chairman Dr. Goh Geok Tin, the participants began their journey around the roads encompassing the school compound at about 8.30 a.m.

Checkpoints and road junctions which were located at various places along the route were staffed by the supporting cast of the walkathon consisting of RC members, teachers and policemen. It was also interesting to note the special appearance of one of our very famous former teachers, Mr. Chong Shou Woo at one of the road junctions; controlling the traffic to make sure we did not meet our creator faster than expected.

Participants were given a time limit of about two



School field before the start of the walkathon.

hours to reach the school, but obviously, with the 'Semangat Free School' the leaders made it back to school at 9.00 a.m... walking not running, mind you. After all, it was a walkathon. They then proceeded into the field where they deposited their colorful rubber band markers which were a security measure that were supposed to scream "I have walked the whole route and had not taken any shortcuts".

By 9.15 a.m., approximately 200 people, had reached the finish line. The arrival of the participants was greeted by the beverage van and almost every person immediately queued up for the fruits of their labour- a cup of refreshing beverage.

After about half an hour everybody was just plain lost... wandering about on the field, chatting and doing their own stuff. Then at 10.00a.m, the tug-of-war commenced. It was held between the teachers, parents and students. Well, maybe it's just me *whisper* there was a conspiracy to let the teachers win *whisper*. The evidence: the teachers actually won the tug-of-war, winning the first and the third tug with an aggregate of 2 to 1.

The school band then sprang into action with their trademark gusto and entertained everybody with their music at about 10.00a.m. Among the songs that were played were the Phantom of the Opera theme, *Asmaradana* from our very own *Puteri Gunung Ledang* and Michael Jackson's *say, say, say*. After the band ended their performance, Mr Loh Huah Sin, the school's Senior Assistant of Administration, gave his speech and presented prizes to the tug of war winners, the teachers.

Following that, the much 'advertised' were to be given out during the lucky draw; for those students who collected RM 50 and above, the top-3 individual collections. However, it was interesting that some of the winners of the prizes, were not present to receive them. Then, the lucky draw for everybody was held. Many prizes were given out to the lucky people (unfortunately I was not one of them) and the whole event was officially over at 11.40 a.m. Syabas Free School!

Calvin Lim & Koay Zi Hao

CLIMBING MT KINABALU

BY KC CHEANG

Climbing Mt. Kinabalu (at 4,095.2metres and the highest mountain in S.E. Asia) was both challenging and satisfying. Challenging was because of its few obstacles and uncertainties and satisfying because one felt (at least I did) as if one had conquered Mt. Everest!

It was in early 2000 when my brother-in-law, H.S. Goh, (58 and I was four years older) popped the question, "How about climbing Mt. Kinabalu?" Some time prior to that, we had mentioned, and then forgotten about it. I answered, "Why not? O.K.". We were no mountaineers, far from it – he, having some regular hikes, up the hill temple in Bukit Mertajam and I, having some irregular hikes, up Bukit Jambul, two months before the "conquest".

We took a package tour (about RM400.00 each) from Kota Kinabalu (arranged by my daughter from Sandakan). The night before, we stayed at a hotel near the Park Office (6,000 ft.), and the next morning, after everything had been arranged at the Office, we set off from the power station at Timpothon at 8.00 a.m. (6th July, 2000).

The path was well-trodden but the trekking was anything but easy – it was exhaustive all the way up and up and up – 5 km in all to reach the Rest House at Laban Rata (11,000 ft.). At every 1 km was a pondok for fresh drinking water and well-earned rest. A squirrel or

two would come near for tidbits, gleefully offered by tired legs. Rain was inevitable and we were soaked to the socks despite wearing mackintoshes.

At Laban Rata and after five hours of arduous hiking, exhausted and cold, I slumped onto a chair and the first thing I ordered was for a cup of hot coffee. The scenery from the balcony was just beautiful – dark-blue granite jagged mountain skyline against a clear light-blue sky, cold crisp air against one's face and lush, scraggy, gnarled bushes around.

Luckily, in each room of two double-decker bunkers was an electrical (noisy) heater which we used to dry our clothes and socks. It was raining the whole night and was still drizzling when we awoke at 2.00 a.m. Had the heavy rain continued, the hike would have been aborted. So, after a light breakfast of toast and

coffee we set off at 2.30 a.m. (with a torch-light, a pair of gloves, ski-mask, a raincoat and the guide leading). At one stage, we had to pull ourselves up, gripping a piece of fat rope hung down from a rock cliff. From there, it was granite rock surface all the way. At about 5.00 a.m., it was bright and we found ourselves on top of a vast barren plateau, with the Summit at the far end. The last 200 ft.. was arduous, squeezing between jagged rocks and climbing on all fours.



Ready.....get...set.....?

The Summit or Low's Peak (4,095.2metres) was a small space, big enough for three or four persons to stand for photos to be taken. Just behind was a fencing, constructed so as to prevent people from falling off - a drop of 300metres.

The scenery here was even more beautiful – the spectacular sun-rise, the clear turquoise sky, the crisp gentle breeze, the dark-blue granite rocks and the white clouds below. Only then did it dawn upon me (pun intended) why we had to start in the middle of the night – it was because by 9.00 a.m. the clouds, mist and fog would have come down and descending would be dangerous or even nigh impossible because of poor visibility.

Sensing a leg cramp was about to come, I practically limped down (helped by a walking-stick) and reached the Office at 4.00 p.m. – more

than 13 hours of trekking that day – 7th July, 2000. But don't despair, all ye would-be hikers. I was a slow hiker and that day I was exceptionally slow. It could be done, on the average, in 8 hours.

I told Goh that that would be my first and last time and not even RM10,000/- could entice me to do it again.

I told that to a hiker coming up that day, and did you know what he told us? He said, quite nonchalantly, "This won't be your last time". And, would you believe it? He was right. In March 2005, I was at the Summit again, - this time with 32 of my fellow members (Bukit Jambul Hikers' Club). The package was RM1,500/- per pax for four days and three nights from Penang.

My next "conquest" again? Your guess is as good as mine. I can only remember what one hiker, who was coming down that day, said, "It was worth it!".



The "SUMMIT" –
Mt. Kinabalu 7-7-2000
(Mr. Cheang Kok Choy with
Mr. Goh Hock Swee)

PFS FOUNDATION / OFA INVITATIONAL CHARITY GOLF

1st August, 2004



The King having a chat with Old Frees.

The King with all the golfers prior to the tee off.



PFS FOUNDATION / OFA INVITATIONAL CHARITY GOLF

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1st August, 2004



The Queen's table during the dinner.



The main table during the dinner,

"I'M PROUD TO BE AN OLD FREE"

BY GARY K.T. YEANG (PFS 1952-55)

My chest was bursting with pride the first morning I entered the Penang Free School.

The next four years were the best in all my student years.

The first thing I learnt was the honour of being an Old Free. Some of the country's great men are Old Frees.

The second and to my amusement were the colourful nicknames given to some teachers by my predecessors : "The Mouse, Inspector, Desert Head, Ma-E-Poh.....", among others. Those of my 50's generation will recall them.

Our teachers were strict and discipline freely enforced by hand slaps, sitting under the teacher's table, standing on our chairs or behind the room door.

There was also the occasional public caning watched by the entire teaching staff, students doled out by the expatriate Headmaster.

The teaching was excellent and our teachers spared no effort to impart knowledge. They all had one aim : TO GIVE US THE BEST EDUCATION.

Old virtues of punctuality, honesty, honour, hardwork and perseverance were drummed into our heads, sometimes by rulers onto our knuckles.

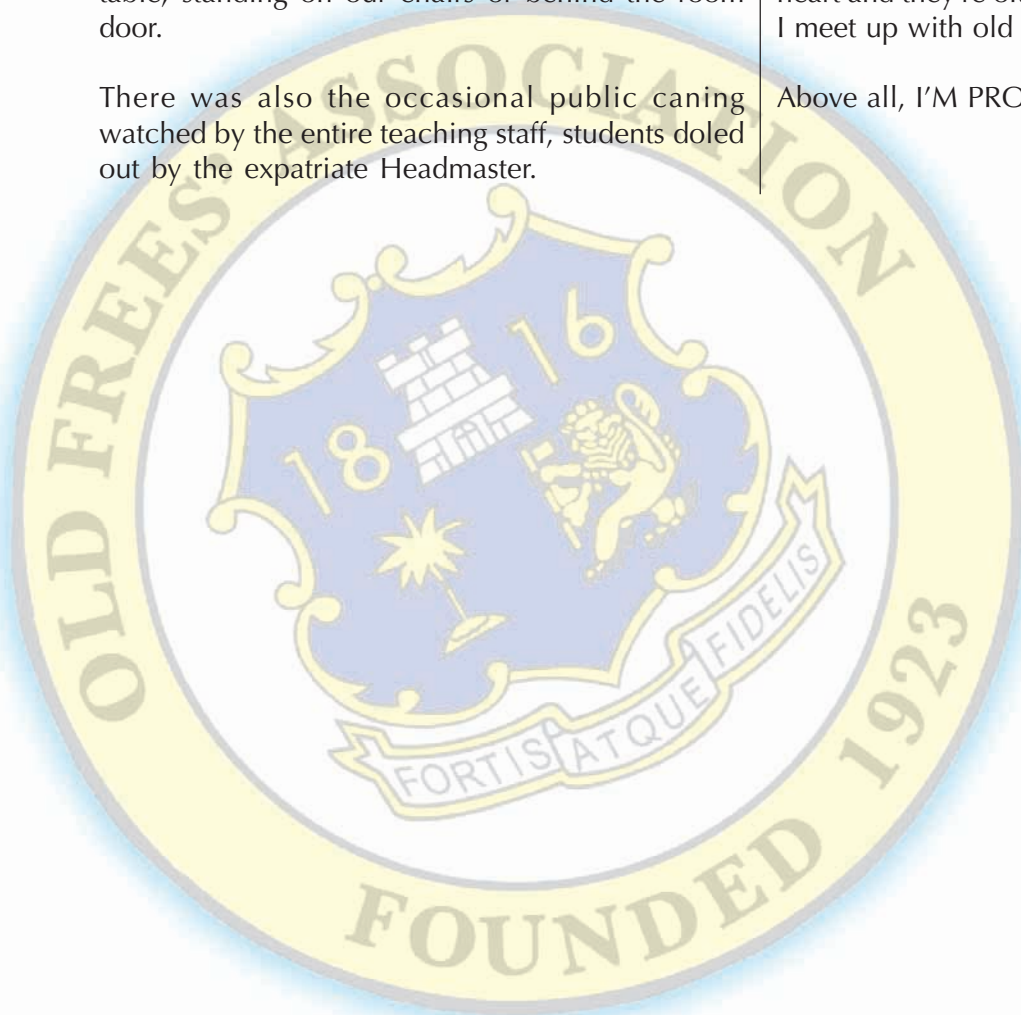
Outside the classrooms, we were urged to be competitive, to play hard, to seek excellence.

My four years soon passed and regretfully it was time to leave the Penang Free School for other pastures.

Yes, our old teachers have all passed on.

But memories of them still linger on in my mind and heart and they're often recalled with fondness when I meet up with old classmates.

Above all, I'M PROUD TO BE AN OLD FREE!



A LETTER FROM AN "OLD OLD FREE"

TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA

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The following letter appeared in the Penang Free School Annual Magazine, 1975, and is reproduced here with permission from the Editorial Board of the PFS Magazine. This inspiring letter from our nation's first Prime Minister is not only motivational but also highlights his role in the preservation of the old school building which now houses the Penang State Museum.

ED

Takdir
16 Jalan Ayer Rajah
Pulau Pinang.
20th April, 1975.

Dear Editor,

It was very kind of you to remember an old old Free and to invite me to write for the school magazine. According to you the subject matter you are interested in is the brief history of my association with the old Free School.

I came to the school rather late in school life judging by all standards because I had to go through Malay education first, spent two years in a Thai school in Bangkok and then when I went for the English education I was already 13 years old, too old for the lower form and too low in scholastic attainments to go to a higher form. Therefore I joined the Free School at Standard 2B, under a very good teacher, Mr. Goh, who was referred to as "The Owl", because of his big brown eyes. He was a good teacher and within six months I jumped to Standard IV. I was not doing badly at all except in Arithmetic where on the exaggerated side I could not add two and two together. In sports I was good and I played for the third team of "B" Division and my team appeared in the P.F.S. centenary magazine because Mr. Cheeseman took pride in the team.

The Headmaster, Mr. R.H. Pinhorn and his deputy Mr. H.R. Cheeseman. So between the two of them the P.F.S. enjoyed a great name and prestige in all departments of education and games. It is difficult for me to remember the names of the famous old Frees and to single anyone of them out for mention. I myself went to England for higher studies after having been three years in the Free School. I did not do so badly in sports either. When I entered Cambridge my name was put up for the freshmen's trial in soccer but when the trial was held I was dropped, the reason I understood later was that they took "Free School" to mean that I came from a school where education was given free and so from their point of view it was not a good politic to include a waif in the teams when most boys hailed from the high class public schools. In addition they took into consideration the colour of my skin. This was the time when the name of the school to which one belonged counted so much; the time when snobbishness was the order of the day.

In Malaya, however, the story was different. The Penang Free School was the oldest and was one of the premier schools and as an institute of learning it ranked high. It produced many prominent scholars, professional men and even politicians. The School ran its games on a system of

"Divisions" and not "Houses" as you now call them. Each Division produced its team of soccer, cricket, hockey, sports and just before I left, badminton. I was made captain of the badminton team of my division "F" when I did not know how to handle a racket even. But the initiative must be taken to start the game and it got started.

Then we had the Scout Movement which was run by Mr. Cheeseman himself and it turned out to be one of the most efficient, well disciplined movement of its kind in the country. We were drilled and drilled until we were certain we could make no slip and no wrong step in our marching. We took part in the March past on Armistice Day and weren't we proud. I was the leader of the Wolf Patrol. We also had a Cadet Corps which was not so well run, so Mr. Cheeseman took it over, organized it himself and joined the two, the scouts and the Cadet Corps, wearing the blue uniform of the scout and the bush hat of the Cadet Corps. He drilled them not with the staffs but with guns. For a short time I was made Section Leader but I gave it up to go to England.

I have always said my days in the Penang Free School were the happiest days of my life. I was carefree, with no worries, except as I said, when it came to the serious matter of tackling mathematical problems.

I lived with a number of Kedah boys at 64 Northam Road when I came to Penang and later on I moved to my brother's house with all the boys at 51 Northam Road. There was a good number of Kedah boys then; we lived and played together and were therefore good at games, particularly football. On one occasion when we played against the Kedah Government English School all the eleven players representing the P.F.S. were Kedah boys.

As the School grew both in stature and in size the old school building became too small and it was turned into a feeder school. The school then moved to its present site in Green Lane. Then in the occupation period it was partly destroyed by Allied bombers. Some time after independence the Penang Government decided to pull it down and put up in its place some unsightly building as offices. I immediately put my foot down and stopped it and the partly demolished old Penang Free School remains today a relic of its proud past for all to see and remember it. I remain to this day as proud of the old school as you all are. So keep the colours flying. If England has its Eton we have our PFS and as they say "the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing field of Eton", so we can justly say that the "battle of the Independence of Malaya" was won on the playing field of the Penang Free School.

To the boys of today I say "Keep your chins up".

Yours sincerely,
Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OLD FREES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE

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Old Frees of the immediate post Merdeka period will fondly remember Mr. J.M.B. Hughes, who was Headmaster from 1957 to 1963. His open letter / message which was received on 10th October, 2005 is printed here so that this message reaches as many Old Frees as possible.

ED

The magic date of the 21st October is now at hand and past memories of happy past experiences will be passed around from Perlis and Kelantan to Johore and Singapore.

Therefore though long vanished into the pages of history the last of the expatriates to hold the Office of Headmaster ventures to raise his head once more and send his warmest of best wishes to every one of you.

To the OFA Penang (if this reaches them) they may be interested to know that I was also the last Headmaster to attend the annual dinner at Mandalay Road and therefore the first to attend the dinner at the new Headquarters in what was then Northam Road. I have been told by so many that you have regarded me with much affection but you may be sure that that affection is returned one hundred fold by me. There has been so much unsolicited kindness, hospitality and generosity shown to me that I find it difficult to acknowledge it all adequately. The OFA Wilayah / Selangor and their wonderful visit to London to celebrate the Millenium to which they invited me is an example of the sentiments expressed in the last sentence. And a return to Langkawi and Singapore organised by a strong group of you certainly backed it up. So I find myself left breathless to know how to thank each and every one of you because I am only one and you are so many.

I send this message in all humility with gratitude for so many happy memories. Jean joins with me and adds her love to you all. In passing, she is now 81 years old and I am 88.

Sincerely,

Michael Hughes.

THE PROUD ONES

A HISTORY WE WILL NEVER FORGET

HEADMASTERS OF PENANG FREE SCHOOL (ESTD. IN 1816)

J. Cox
(1816 - 1821)

Churcer
(1821 - 1822)

Porter
(1822 - 1826)

Anchant
(1826 - 1828)

J.C. Smith
(1828 - 1843)

Bruton
(1843 - 1846)

Fitzgerald
(1846-1853)

J. Clark
(1853 - 1871)

G. Griffin
(1871 - 1891)



Mr. W. Hargreaves
(1891-1904)



Mr. R.H. Pinhorn
(1904-1925)



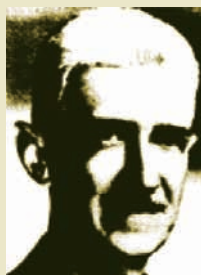
Mr. W. Hamilton
(1925-1926)



Mr. D.R. Swaine
(1927-1928)



Mr. D.W. McLeod
(1929 - 1931)



Mr. M.R. Holgate
(1931 - 1933)



Mr. L.W. Arnold
(1934 - 1946)



Mr. D. Roper
(1947 - 1950)



Mr. P.F. Howitt
(1950 - 1951)



Mr. J.E. Tod
(1951 - 1957)



Mr. J.M.B. Hughes
(1957 - 1963)



Mr. Tan Boon Lin
(1963 - 1969)



Mr. Poon Poh Kong
(1969 - 1971)



Mr. K.G. Yogam
(1972 - 1974)



Dr. Goon Fatt Chee
(1974 - 1979)



Mr. R.
Visvanathan
(1979 - 1983)



Mr. G. Krishna Iyer
(1983 - 1988)



Mr. Goh Hooi Beng
(1988 - 1993)



Mr. Ismail bin
Ibramsa
(1993 - 2000)



Mr. Abdul Rahman
(Jan 2000 -
Dec 2000)



Mr. Arabi
Sulaiman
(2001-July 2004)



The annual dinner and dance of the OFA for 2005 was held in the Ballroom of the Shangri-la Hotel, Penang on the evening of 21st Oct 2005. In the earlier part of the day Penang Free School had held its Speech Day beginning with the usual ceremony at the grave of Rev. Hutching, the founder of the School.

As October 2005 coincided with Ramadan, dinner was scheduled for 8.00 p.m. thus allowing time for Muslims to break their fast before the dinner. It is heartening to note that the dinner did begin on time, and here I must congratulate those responsible for the punctuality. And appreciation is also extended to the attendees for without their punctuality the function would not have begun on time. At such functions it is very disconcerting to arrive on time and then have to wait and wait, watching those latecomers saunter in without any embarrassment. On this occasion I was glad to note that the wisecrack "Time in Malaysia is elastic like its rubber" was not applicable.

It was indeed a feather in the cap for all when you consider that there were a total of 50 tables for diners. The VIPs at the dinner and dance included Tun Dato' Dr Lim Chong Eu; Y.B. Dato' Dr. Toh Kin Woon, Exco Member, and Datin Vera Loh; Y.B. Dr S. Subramaniam, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry Of Housing and Local Government; Mr Tan Boon Lin, first Malaysian Headmaster of PFS; Dato'

Anwarrudin Ahamad Osman, President OFA Kuala Lumpur & Selangor and Datin Fatimah Shariff. There was a good mix that evening and the Ballroom of Shangri-la provided the appropriate setting and atmosphere for a lovely relaxed and enjoyable evening, and the music set the mood for the evening.

The MAS Combo was in attendance and it provided very entertaining non-stop music for the evening. Dato' Yusni Hamid and Ms. Joanne Yeoh were the guest artistes and they needed no introductions. Dato' Yusni who was accompanied by the MAS Combo gave renditions of popular songs to the delight of those present, and at one point OFA President, Dato' Eric Lim, and Dato' Yusni sang three songs in a duet. One of the songs was "Room at the Top of the Stairs" and one can only wonder if Dato' Eric had taken to singing professionally how many top hits he would have had! Ms. Yeoh was a delight when she came out with her violin. Many said Ms Yeoh reminded them of a very well internationally known female violinist who also plays the electric violin, but the difference was that on that night Ms. Yeoh was playing music with a slower beat. St. George's Girls School is considered by many to be the sister school of PFS and several members of its Ex-pupils' Association gave a dance performance. In the later part of the dance presentation, Messrs Robert Ong and G. E. Loh, members of OFA joined in the dance performance. They added to the theme by dressing up in Elvis style and going through the songs and the gyrations!



The Duet - OFA President and Dato'Yusni

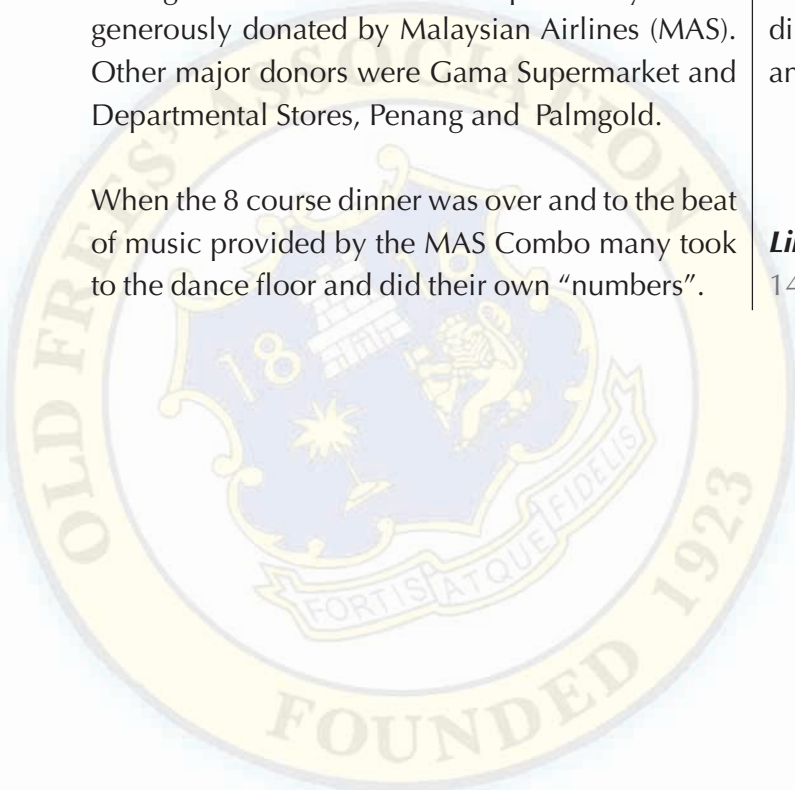
It is customary for such events to have lucky draws and the OFA dinner and dance was no exception. The first and second prizes of two return tickets to Shanghai and Mumbai respectively were generously donated by Malaysian Airlines (MAS). Other major donors were Gama Supermarket and Departmental Stores, Penang and Palmgold.

When the 8 course dinner was over and to the beat of music provided by the MAS Combo many took to the dance floor and did their own "numbers".

The annual OFA dinner and dance ended close to midnight. It was a truly enjoyable evening in a friendly warm atmosphere with top class entertainment and music. A step in the correct direction in so far as the annual dinner is concerned and I look forward to attending next year's!

Lim Teik Law

14 Nov 2005





LIM KEK CHUAN OLD FREE

6th November 1858 - 8th December 1907 (*age forty eight*)

Kek Chuan Lane is named after him.

Lim' origin - San Du Lin Tong She Village, Hai Chang District, Chang Chou Prefecture, Fujien province, China

Educated at Penang Free School. He later joined a shipping company, which he set up a rice trade with ties in Rangoon and Calcutta. He also moved into mining and ended in revenue farming mainly in opium in Penang.

He also ventured into business with the Khaw family covering businesses in the Eastern Trading Company and the Eastern Smelting Company.

Lim was : a member of the Chinese Advisory Board
: President - CRC Penang which he co-founded in 1893
: President - Chinese Town hall
: President - Corner Club

He had three wives, four sons and five daughters

OLD FREES' DOWN MEMORY LANE



KHAW JOO TOK OLD FREE

25th June 1871 - 25th July 1951 (*age seventy nine*)

Educated at Penang Free School.

He later joined Koe Guan and Company. Moved to Thailand to manage his family business there.

He later returned and managed Koe Guan and Company.

He was a nephew of Khaw Sim Bee and was on the Board of Tongkah Harbour Tin Dredging. His interests were also in Eastern Trading Company and Eastern Smelting Company.

He also represented family interests in the opium revenue farming.

Khaw was : a member of the Chinese Advisory Board
: Founder- Khaw Kongsu
: Trustee of CRC, Penang
: Founder - Chinese Chamber of Commerce

He was married to Lim Chooi Hoon; had four sons and five daughters



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To **The Hon. Secretary**
Old Frees' Association
41, Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah
10050 Penang

Date: _____

I wish to apply for admission as a :-

- a) Resident Member
b) Life Member
c) Sesquicentenary Loan Life Member
(Tax Exempted)

- d) Outstation Member
e) Junior Member

of the **Old Frees' Association** and to request that you kindly submit my name for consideration by the Management Committee. In the event my application is approved, I unconditionally and irrevocably agree to abide by the OFA's Rules and Bye-Law(s) for the time being in force.

Name of Applicant : _____ (Please underline surname)

Occupation: _____ Marital Status: _____

Date of Birth: _____ New IC Number: _____

Office Name and Address: _____

Tel. Number: _____ Fax Number/Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Tel. Number: _____ Fax Number/Email: _____

Penang Free School

Date of Admission: _____

Last Remembered Form Teacher: _____ Date of Leaving PFS: _____

Name of Proposer: _____ Proposer's Signature: _____

Name of Seconder: _____ Seconder's Signature: _____

Signature: _____

I submit together with this Application Form, 2 photographs & a photocopy of my IC and enclose Cheque/Bank Draft/Postal Order No. _____ for RM _____ being full payment of the entrance and/or subscription fee(s).

Membership Fees:

Type of Membership	Entrance Fee	Annual/Life Subscription	Total
Life Member	RM100	RM500.00 (for Life)	RM600
Resident Member	RM100	RM50 per annum	RM150
Sesquicentenary Loan Fund- (Tax Exempted)		RM600 (for Life)	RM600
Junior Member	-	RM15 per annum	RM15
Outstation Member	RM100	RM30 per annum	RM130

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APPLICATION Approved ☐

Not approved ☐

Notice posted on _____

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Date: _____

Membership approved on _____

Membership No. _____

Chairman/Hon. Secretary _____

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In his introduction to *Fabulous Oriental Recipes*, Johna Blinn lists the following:

'Happy Home Recipe'

- 4 cups Love
- 2 cups Loyalty
- 5 quarts Faith
- 2 tablespoons Tenderness
- 1 cup Kindness
- 5 cups Understanding
- 3 cups Forgiveness
- 1 cup Friendship
- 5 teaspoons Hope
- 1 barrel Laughter

Take Love and Loyalty; mix thoroughly with Faith. Blend with Tenderness, Kindness, Understanding and Forgiveness. Add Friendship and Hope; Sprinkle abundantly with Laughter. Bake with Sunshine. Serve with generous helpings.

From: Page 24, Khushwant Singh's Joke Book II, Orient Paperbacks 1992.

A Lady teacher of English literature fell in love. Her love was not reciprocated. She put it down as "Loves Labour Lost." She fell in love again, got engaged but the fellow backed out. She put it down as "Much Ado About Nothing." The third time she was luckier and more amenable to her gentleman friend. She

recorded the encounter as "As You Like It." This was followed by marriage and honeymoon. This time it was "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Her husband added the postscript "The Taming of The Shrew."

From: Page 12, Khushwant Singh's Joke Book II, Orient Paperbacks 1992.