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Message From The President

Thank you for your overwhelming support to our Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance. We were caught off guard by the number of attendees as much as we were amazed by the number of gifts donated. Needless to say, we are very appreciative of your level of participation which signifies the right step towards a more proactive and cohesive MASC.

Remarkably, this event also marked a significant increase in the number of Malay, Indian and Caucasian well-wishers, joining in harmoniously to celebrate this very auspicious Chinese festival. It has always been the goal of the Association to share and cherish our

rich multi-cultural diversities. This event has proven just that plus the evidence of a strong desire to bridge our differences. We have paved a right path and crossed the bridge.

Our Honorable Consul General was very pleased with the outcome and has invited us to commingle further in future events. The Board was greatly encouraged and looks forward to provide you with better programs to come. So, please stay tuned and be ready to join in. Once again, Thank you!
CK Lim, MASC
President



Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance

The Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance certainly lived up to all the hype, fuss and anticipation leading to the night of February 16, 2002.

The night began with the arrival of some enthusiastic guests before we were ready to sign them in. However, things ran smoothly thereafter.

Firecrackers, cymbals and drums ushered in the Year of the Horse for more than 200 guests. Thank you to Tourism Malaysia for sharing their singer, Ms. Liza Samat who sang "Malaysia Truly Asia" and their delightful cultural dancers, one of whom is Bee, wife of Zakaria Ismail, our 2nd Vice President.

The Honorable Consul General of Malaysia Encik Muhammad Alias and his wife Puan Zainap M. Tahir were the guests of honor. CG happily participated in teasing the lions during the Lion Dance, and Puan Zainap drew tickets for all the winning prizes generously donated from sponsors including MAS and

Tourism Malaysia.

The Malaysian buffet was wonderful with satay served throughout the night, thanks to the tremendous effort of our 'satay man' for the night, Haris Abdullah, our Membership Director and his wife, Rose.

With the assistance of Kin, our Master of Ceremony, Pek Ean Chong, our 1st Vice president directed most of the night's activities. The God of Prosperity's 'ang paws' were excitedly received by young and old present. The 'ang paw' was a share of a pool of 150 lottery tickets drawn on the same day. The Board certainly hope for better New Year luck in 2003.

The 6-piece live band brought out dancers of all ages, the youngest being two. Even CG could not resist but to join in the music and fun and dance into the night. The party ended before midnight. See party photos and read more on www.mascusa.com.

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