



The British Malaysian
Society

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROMOTING U.K. - MALAYSIA RELATIONS



RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE SCOTTISH-MALAYSIAN LINKS



Please join us for an evening of celebrating **Scottish Malaysian links in education, business, the military and arts & culture**. These have been forged for over 200 years from the late 17th Century to 1957 when Malaysia was a British Colony to this day when links in particular in education and business still continue to flourish. We are pleased to hold the event in one of the great London Private Clubs, **The East India Club** founded in 1849 for officers of the East India Company and Commissioned Officers of His Majesty's Army and Navy serving out East which would have included many from Scotland.

Speakers at the event include:

- British High Commissioner to Malaysia (2019-2023) **Charles Hay MVO** who has just received an Honorary Doctorate from Heriot-Watt University founded in 1821 which has had a Campus in Malaysia since 2013. Originally from Aberdeen he was British Ambassador to Republic of Korea (2015-2018) and was also a Captain in the Gordon Highlanders before starting his career as a diplomat serving in many countries.
- **Sir Alan Yarrow KStJ FSCI**, Lord Mayor of London (2014-2015). Former Chairman of CISI and Deputy Chairman of the FSA Alan was born in Johor Bahru, Malaysia and visited Malaysia when he was Lord Mayor. He is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers as well as being a liveryman of several livery companies in the City of London.
- To share his love of Scottish Whisky with us, we have **Professor Kanesh Rajah** who is the Executive Director of the Centre for Executive & Professional Development. Kanesh is also an External Examiner at the University of West Scotland on their DBA programme and was a Professor at Glasgow Caledonian University Business School (2009-2012).
- **Gavin Wilkins**, Chief Commercial Officer of Hawksford, Jersey. Of Scottish origin and a Fellow of ICAEW he graduated from University of Glasgow with first class honours in Accounting & Finance.
- **Marianna Cherry** will be reciting a Robert Burns poem to mark this special occasion. Of Ukrainian origin she is the Founder of University of Happiness and the Founder and Creative Director of Mums the Heros and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass.



DATE AND TIME

Tuesday 30 January 2024
6.00pm for 6:30pm to 9.00pm

VENUE

East India Room, Ground Floor
East India Club
16 St James's Square
London SW1Y 4LH

Nearest Tube station - Piccadilly Circus station

DRESS CODE

Business wear (jacket, collar and tie) or
business wear/cocktail for ladies.
No casual wear, jeans/denim, leather jackets or
trainers or slippers

COST

BMS members - £38pp
Members of invited groups - £38pp
Non BMS members - £48pp

BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Booking can be made using the online booking system:

<https://bms.whitefuse.net/events/scottish-malaysian-links-evening>

Please reserve your place(s) as soon as possible as places are limited.

If you are unable to book online, or have any queries, please contact Mei Sim Lai OBE DL by email at MeiSim@LaiPeters.org or WhatsApp 07903 153 793 as soon as possible.

Please save the date:
Thursday 15 February - Chinese New Year of the Dragon Banquet at Bright Courtyard Club