

**BRITISH MALAYSIAN SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 28 June 2023 5:00 - 6.00 pm
The Farmers Club, 3 Whitehall Court, SW1A 2EL

Attendees: Wendy Yap, Olivia Lai, Joana Tou, Pauline Wong, Steven Perian KC, Champa Gurnani, Stephen Kinder, Faiz Helimi, Zakiah Abu Kasim, Evelina Fisher, Sharmila Nagarajan, Simon Suresh, Revi Pillai, Robin de Morgan, David Stringer-Lamarre, Chloe Yap, Winnie Seow, Stuart Eu (SE), Mei Sim Lai (MSL), Andrew Counihan, A Hung, Martin Barrow (MB), Deena Khadeja, Nick Dutton (ND), Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Jacqueline Chan, Azad Ayad, Dato Julia Wilson, Regina Ayub, William Wong, Annie Caprio, Dr H M Chan, JR May, Pai-Marie Schumi, Stephanie Cheong, Wei Jien Yeow, Prof Kanes Rajah (KR)

1. Welcome and apologies from absence

- Apologies: S Cheong, Rie Hamaguchi, Theodora Kalentzi, James Ng, Zed Cama, Dato' Anthony Cooper, Kamaruddin Baharuddin, Robin Stevens, Gavin Wilkins, Daniel Chew, Christopher Scott, Kim O'Neill, Fara Mohammad, Peter Hunter

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

- The 2022 AGM minutes were approved

3. Any matters in previous AGM minutes not dealt with

- None

4. Chairperson's report

- MSL provided a summary of BMS activities undertaken across the year. It had been a busy one with a lively programme of events. Notable events included:
 - Two briefings provided by the British High Commissioner to Malaysia, HE Charles Hay
 - BMS annual dinner held at Inner temple
 - Cultural events of importance to Malaysia, including Deepavali, Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Christmas and Merdeka celebrations
 - Attendance at the official opening of the Battersea Power Station
 - HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event
- MSL also provided a summary of key activities across the other sub-groups of the BMS:
 - Engagement with the British-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce
 - Insurance event at Lloyd's of London
 - Malaysia-British Society breakfast
 - Two joint ASEAN Societies events in 2022
 - UKEC-engagement with Malaysian students on the UK
 - BMS-UKEC Mentoring programme
- Finally, MSL made reference to the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, noting her outstanding and positive contribution to Commonwealth countries including Malaysia

5. Treasurer's Report

- SE provided a briefing of the key points from his Treasurer's Report

- The report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 was approved
- The Independent Examiner Joe Lee of Leftley Rowe was reappointed for the coming year

6. BMS sub-group reports

- Membership
 - ND provided an update on the activities of the membership sub-group, focussing on the implementation of the new Whitefuse membership system and key actions required to complete its implementation.
- International business/trade
 - MSL reported on the key activities of the sub-group including events with the UK DIT, various professional services groups, insurance event at Lloyd's of London and business briefings by the British High Commissioner to Malaysia, HE Charles Hay.
- Travel and tourism
 - MB provided an update on subgroup activities including engaging VisitBritain to encourage the reopening of an office in ASEAN and discussing the promotion of UK/ASEAN tourism with members of the House of Lords.
- Education
 - KR provided an update on subgroup activities including meeting with the UKEC, launching of a successful mentorship programme and engaging TalentCorp in advance of their upcoming UK visit in July/August 2023.

7. BMS Executive Committee

- Executive Committee (ExCo) members standing down
 - MSL noted the following ExCo members standing down, thanked them for their service and contribution to the ExCo:
 - Jennifer Chan
 - Henny Ngu
 - Alex Swan
 - Fara Mohammad
- New BMS ExCo members
 - The following BMS members were nominated and approved to join the BMS ExCo:
 - Steven Perian KC
 - Dr Hu Man Chan
 - Dr William Wong
 - Chloe Yap
- R-elected BMS ExCo members
 - The following ExCo members were re-elected for the 2023/24 year:
 - Mei Sim Lai
 - Sir Mark Moody-Stuart
 - Martin Barrow
 - Winnie Seow
 - David Stringer-Lamarre
 - Kamaruddin Baharin
 - Prof Kanes Rajah
 - Stuart Eu
 - Gavin Wilkins
 - Robin Stevens
 - Jacqueline Chan

- Nick Dutton
- Champa Gurnani
- Andrew Counihan

8. Other urgent business

- MSL informed attendees that the BMS is approaching its 40th anniversary in November 2023. A series of celebratory events would be arranged to mark the Anniversary in 2023/2024.

9. AOB

- No items raised for AOB

MSL thanked everyone for attending the AGM and for their continued support of BMS

Meeting closed.