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OUTWARD BOUND MALAYSIA

HOW IT ALL BEGAN & ITS ASSOCIATION WITH ROTARY CLUB OF KUALA LUMPUR DI-RAJA

OUTWARD BOUND MALAYSIA WAS BORN OUT OF A NEED TO TRAIN LEADERS FOR THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR AND TO MOULD GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

IN 1952, TUN SIR GERALD TEMPLER, THEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYA SAW THE NEED FOR LEADERS AND CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY TO PREPARE AND TO RUN THE COUNTRY IN ANTICIPATION OF IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE. THE FEDERATION MILITARY COLLEGE AND THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL WERE HIS TWIN PROJECTS TO PROVIDE THIS NEED.

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL OF MALAYA IS THE 28TH JUNE 1952. ON THAT DATE THREE MEN VISITED THE PERAK COAST, NEAR LUMUT, AND LOOKED FOR A POSSIBLE SITE FOR A "SEA SCHOOL". THE SEARCHERS WERE M. SHEPPARD, M.C.S, THEN BRITISH ADVISER NEGERI SEMBILAN WHO ARRANGED THE MEETING, G.S. WALKER, M.C.S THE DISTRICT OFFICER LUMUT AND E.L. MARSH, A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF BARLOW & CO. IN KUALA LUMPUR. MARSH WAS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST IN ENGLAND AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH ITS ORGANISATION, AND SHEPPARD INVITED HIM TO COME TO LUMUT WITH HIM ON JUNE 28TH.

SHEPPARD, AS A BRITISH ADVISER, HAD EASY ACCESS TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL SIR GERALD TEMPLER. HE MENTIONED THE IDEAS OF A SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO GENERAL SIR GERALD TEMPLER AND WAS PROMISED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT.

THREE POSSIBLE SITES WERE EXAMINED, ONE AT KUALA SEPIT, ONE AT TELOK MUROH AND A THIRD AT TELOK HAJI SALIM IN PERAK.

WHILE A PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF THE SCHEME WAS BEING DRAFTED, SHEPPARD WROTE TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WHITFIELD, SUGGESTING THAT ONE OR MORE STUDENT TEACHERS AT THE GOVERNMENT TEACHER TRAINING CENTRE AT KIRBY MIGHT BE SENT TO AN OUTWARD BOUND COURSE. WHITFIELD AGREED TO THE SUGGESTION AND PUT FORWARD THE NAME OF A GRADUATE OF KIRBY WHO HAD SPECIALISED IN PHYSICAL TRAINING WHO MIGHT BE NOMINATED FORWTH TO ATTEND AN OUTWARD BOUND COURSE AT ABERDOVEY.

IT WAS NOW JANUARY 1953 AND A DRAFT MEMORANDUM WITH SOME PRELIMINARY ESTIMATED WERE PREPARED AND EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE FOUR PLANNERS.

THE FIRST DRAFT MEMORANDUM WAS HEADED "THE TEMPLER SEA SCHOOL". THE SUBJECT, AS PLANNED, WAS TO OFFER TO MALAYAN INDUSTRY, EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, TRADE UNIONS, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, PARENTS, AND OTHERS, OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE SPECIAL CHARACTER TRAINING FOR THEIR YOUNG MEN BY SENDING THEM FOR A COURSE AT THE SEA SCHOOL..

THE MEMORANDUM SET OUT THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE SCHOOL WOULD BE.....

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Notices

Rtn Jayabalan has cordially invited all Rotarians and their Anns to his Deepavali open house **on Friday, 12th November** for dinner.

As it is also the Ramadan period, the dinner **will start at buka puasa time that is approximately 7pm.**

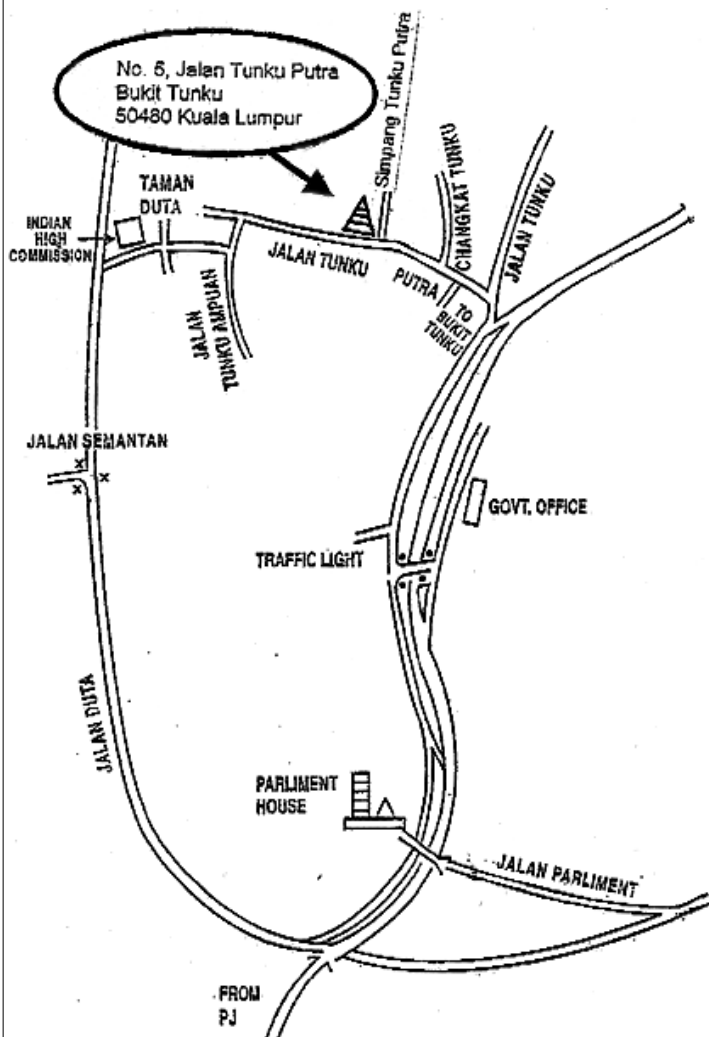
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Rtn Tony Lu - Fellowship Director



PP Dato' A N Ham

to serve on the
Global Advisory Council

At the recent meeting of the Outward Bound International (OBI) in Lumut, PP Dato' A N Ham was invited to serve on the Global Advisory Council.

He is the first Malaysian to be appointed to this Council. Our Club offers our congratulations to Dato' Ham.

This appointment comes after his term of three years on the OBI Board which expired in early October 2004.

Incidentally, he is also the first Malaysian to have been elected to the OBI Board whose duties range from approving new OB centres to drawing up policies for the advancement of the Outward Bound movement which is now in over 30 countries with 40 odd centers.

PP Dato' Ham started serving in the Management Committee Outward Bound Malaysia in 1988 and he is currently a member of the Council of the Outward Bound Trust of Malaysia.

The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

We meet at 12:30pm every Wednesday
at The Shangri La Hotel,
Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Celebrate Rotary 100 Years

Photos From Weekly Meeting



Speaker PDG Low Teong.



Dato Jimmy Lim thanking speaker PDG Low Teong.



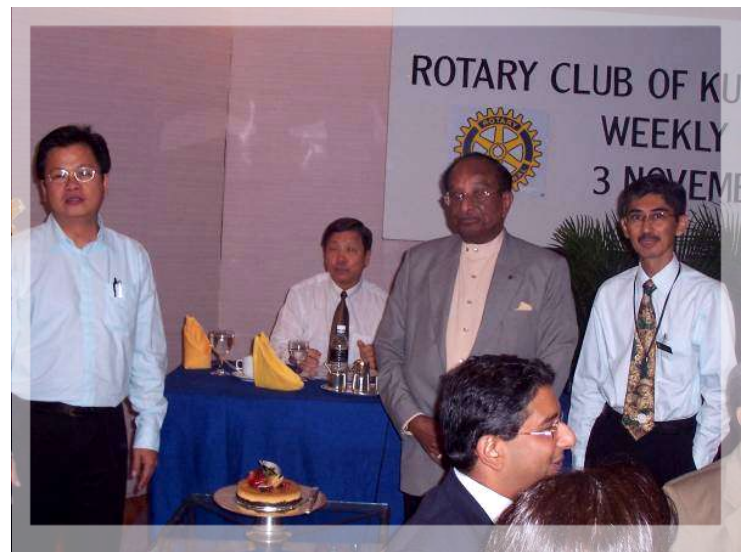
Presentation of mock cheque.



Rtn Willie & The President.



Newly transferred Rtn & Ann.



Birthday boy.

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.....FOUNDED, ACCEPTING 50 YOUNG MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 AND 22 FOR EACH COURSE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT BE ASKED TO MAKE AN INTEREST FREE LOAN OF \$250,000 TO LAUNCH THE PROJECT, AND PROPOSED THAT A TRUST BE SET UP IN MALAYA TO ADMINISTER THE SCHEME.

THE FINAL DRAFT WAS AGREED TO AT A MEETING OF THE FOUR PLANNERS AT THE SEREMBAN RESIDENCY ON SUNDAY 25TH JAN 1953.

THE MEMORANDUM AND ESTIMATES WERE SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL SIR GERALD TEMPLER ON 7TH MARCH 1953.

A FEW DAYS EARLIER, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, HIMSWORTH, WHOSE ADVISE HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, STATED IN A TWO PAGE MEMORANDUM THAT FUNDS COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 12 MONTHS.

TEMPLER WAS NOT DISCOURAGED. HE AGREED TO INVITE LEADERS OF MALAYAN INDUSTRY, BANKING AND BUSINESS TO MEET HIM AND CONSIDER GIVING THEIR PRACTICAL SUPPORT. SHEPPARD SENT HIM AND LIST OF 34 SUCH POTENTIAL BENEFACTORS AND TEMPLER ARRANGED TO HOLD AN "AT HOME" (OR HOUSE PARTY) IN LONDON IN MAY 1953 TO WHICH THESE AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WERE INVITED.

SHEPPARD ALSO ASKED PETERSON, THEN THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IF HE COULD PROVIDE A SHORT FILM ABOUT MALAYAN YOUTHS, TO BE SHOWN AT THE "AT HOME" OR HOUSE PARTY. IT WAS COMPLETED AND WAS IN LONDON IN TIME TO BE SHOWN AT THE HOUSE PARTY. MARSH WAS AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT TEMPLER'S LUNCH PARTY IN LONDON. THOSE PRESENT, INSPIRED BY TEMPLER'S CHARISMA AND TYPICALLY BLUNT STYLE OF ORATORY, GAVE AN ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT. SHEPPARD TOOK TWO MONTHS LEAVE IN THE SUMMER OF 1953 AND INVITED RAJA SIR UDA, THE MALAYAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON TO COME AND VISIT THE OUTWARD BOUND SEA SCHOOL AT ABERDOVEY ON AUGUST 5TH. HE WAS WELCOMED BY CAPT. FULLER, THE WARDEN.

TWO WEEKS LATER, WHEN SHEPPARD WAS STAYING AT HIS HOME IN IRELAND HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SIR GERALD TEMPLER IN WHICH HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SET UP A COMMITTEE TO CARRY ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE SCHOOL, AND HAD APPOINTED R. CAREY, THE MEMBER FOR WORKS, AS THE CHAIRMAN. HE ADDED "FULLER IS FLYING OUT HERE ON 20TH SEPTEMBER TO GIVE ADVICE ON WHERE THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE..... I THINK

MYSELF, IF ALL GOES WELL, THE FIRST COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON 1ST MAY NEXT YEAR". ON SHEPPARD'S RETURN TO NEGERI SEMBILAN THE GROUP OF FOUR PLANNERS WAS DISSOLVED AND A TRUST COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN FEBRUARY 1954. WITH IT A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL OF MALAYA OPENED.

THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN LUMUT IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION. THE COURSE FEES ARE THE LOWEST IN ASIA.

OBM CELEBRATED ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN EARLY OCTOBER 2004 AND ALSO HOSTED THE 11TH WORLD OUTWARD BOUND CONFERENCE THAT WAS ATTENDED BY PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES THAT HAVE OUTWARD BOUND CENTRES.

THE ROYAL PATRON OF OBM IS D.Y.T.M. RAJA DR. NAZRIN SHAH IBNI SULTAN AZLAN MUHIBBUDDIN SHAH, RAJA MUDA PERAK DARUL RIDZUAN.

THE LATE PP TAN SRI VIC HUTSON WAS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF OUTWARD BOUND MALAYSIA UNTIL HIS DEMISE. HE JOINED OUR CLUB AFTER OBM WAS FOUNDED. HE WAS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF OBM. TAN SRI VIC WAS A PAST PRESIDENT OF OUR CLUB AND OUR ASSOCIATION WITH OUTWARD BOUND MALAYSIA (OBM) STARTED AS SOON AS HE BECAME A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB.

IN 1988, OUR PAST PRESIDENT A. N. HAM WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AFTER HIS PRESIDENCY ENDED. HE IS CURRENTLY A COUNCIL MEMBER OF OBM AND WAS THE FIRST MALAYSIAN ELECTED TO THE OUTWARD BOUND INTERNATIONAL BOARD IN 2001 TO SERVE A 3 YEAR TERM. AFTER COMPLETING HIS TERM IN EARLY OCTOBER 2004, HE WAS APPOINTED A MEMBER OF OUTWARD BOUND INTERNATIONAL'S "GLOBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL", A THINK TANK OF OUTWARD BOUND INTERNATIONAL. HE IS ALSO THE FIRST MALAYSIAN TO BE APPOINTED TO THIS POSITION.

OUR ROTARIAN TAN BOON LEONG WAS APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN 1997.

OUR ROTARIAN LOUIS CHEAH BECAME A COUNCIL MEMBER OF OBM IN 2001.

IN ROTARY YEAR 1994/1995, UNDER PRESIDENT RAHIM ISMAIL, OUR CLUB PAID FOR HALF THE COST OF THE SAFETY BOAT NAMED "THE KL ROTARIAN" WHICH IS STILL USED TODAY TO LOOK AFTER THE SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR SEA ACTIVITIES.

IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING THIS, OUR ROTARIANS HAVE DONATED KAYAKS NAMED AFTER THEIR LOVED ONES, ESPECIALLY THEIR WIVES. OTHER ROTARY CLUBS AND THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KUALA LUMPUR HAVE ALSO DONATED KAYAKS.