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## Cleaning Ipoh – A Joint Responsibility



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Ipoh Echo has been going on for years about litter throughout Ipoh. Some may still remember our 'Dirt Vigilante' column which used to highlight illegal rubbish dump sites around town. Undoubtedly there has been some improvements but based on the complaints received, apparently, the perception amongst the general public is that not enough is being done. However, instead of rate payers complaining about the rubbish, there must be a paradigm shift in the attitude of the residents in disposing of garbage. It takes two hands to clap and it is high time that the public joined hands with City Council and take responsibility for their part in keeping Ipoh clean.

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# Illegal Dump-Sites and Irresponsible Dumping is the Main Problem

Just recently, Perak MB Dato' Seri DiRaja Zambry Abdul Kadir, remarked that more should be done to improve cleanliness in Ipoh. He made the remark while on his Ipoh Green City bicycle ride through town on the way to Pengkalan Pegoh. Zambry's observation was indeed spot on.

In housing estates it is common to see piles of uncollected rubbish, some overgrown with grass, which shows how long they must have been lying there. Similarly at commercial shop house areas, whether in town or housing estates, back lanes are littered while the front of the shops have black bags and plastic bags of waste food awaiting collection.

Even the prestigious Greentown Business Centre is not spared with shabby frontage and littered back lanes. A check on who should be responsible for keeping Ipoh clean revealed that it is a joint responsibility by both the authorities as well as the rate payers.

To verify IE's finding we checked with several of Ipoh's councillors for Canning, Buntong/Silibin, Bercham and New Town. The councillors all responded that the three times per week garbage collection is very good. The problem experienced by all was the issue of illegal dump sites or what the authorities categorise as 'sampah haram'.

## Illegal Dump Sites

An illegal dump site is created when 'someone' places a plastic bag of rubbish at a junction or anywhere along the road and other passers-by add on to it. The 'add-ons' could be anything from general rubbish bags, tree branches to old mattresses and even discarded furniture, a case of anything goes.

The Councillor for Buntong/Silibin, Sabramani Appadurai, lamented the irresponsible attitude of the public testifying that he personally was so satisfied to see an illegal site in his zone cleared in the morning only to find a new batch of furniture placed at the same site in the evening.

A check with MBI's Community Section in charge of cleanliness advises residents to call their Buntong depot which handles the removal of garbage dumps (*sampah longgok*) at phone number 05-2555570. Callers have to provide the address and location of the dump site after which a report number will be provided. According to the spokesman at Buntong office, the reported site will be removed within seven days after the report is made.

## Community Affairs

The overall cleanliness of the town is handled by the Council's City Community Affairs Department. Their scope covers three areas of public cleanliness: sweeping roads (removal of debris and leaf litter and such) garbage collection, which occurs three times per week; and cleaning drains. When interviewed, a spokesman for the department confirmed that all of the three activities have their Standard Operating Procedures.

While garbage collection has been outsourced and is running smoothly, it is the clearing of illegal dump sites, which spring up all over the city, that is a serious problem. Unless a paradigm shift occurs, residents will throw rubbish everywhere. Some even throw their rubbish in front of their neighbour's house. Furthermore, placing garbage bags outside for scavenging dogs, cats and even cows two days before collection dates is irresponsible.

Procedures for the clearing of illegal dump sites state that this has to be done twice a month for each zone. With Ipoh's 22 zones there are not enough lorries to maintain the procedure. Hence residents are encouraged to call MBI's Buntong Depot to request for garbage removal services.

## Commercial Areas

At commercial areas, the back lanes are strewn with litter while at the front of the premises black bags are awaiting collection. Meanwhile at the Greentown Business Centre litter can be seen in broken flower pots while the back lane is consistently



Greentown Business Centre

littered.

While the responsibility to clean the sidewalks and back lanes inclusive of the illegal dump sites of Ipoh still lie with Ipoh City Council there is a limit as to how much the council can do.

When IE asked if more enforcement should be taken, Ipoh Mayor Dato' Roshidi Hashim responded that "we have already done that but the problem keeps recurring," citing the case of illegal dump sites.

However, Roshidi added that "we need to train the public to co-operate to keep Ipoh clean". Interestingly, his statement was earlier echoed by several of the councillors. Which meant that the solution for a clean ipoh was through a joint effort by the public and authorities.

## Public Education

The council is already practising public cleaning and enforcement with limited success. Hence, in order to enhance the level of cleanliness it is timely that the council initiate a public education initiative through an anti-litter campaign and simultaneously implement stricter enforcement.

Creating a clean and litter free environment involves everyone and to achieve such a wide reaching goal involves not just the people and public but the private sector of corporations and institutions.

The message that needs to be conveyed to the public is to keep their surroundings clean and not rely on cleaners to clean up after them but rather participate to keep the environment clean. Offices, schools, industry as well as government departments should all participate in the anti-litter campaign to keep their premises and immediate surroundings clean.

Coffee shop owners associations and hawker associations amongst others, should be made aware of their roles to promote cleanliness. 'Litter Free' banners and posters should be displayed prominently to educate Ipohites on how to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

For a start, the council should immediately start with "Litter-Free Public Events". The upcoming Ipoh Star Walk 2012 would be a good example. During the event the emcee could continually remind the multitude of participants to dispose of their litter responsibly.

The event organisers on their part would make bin facilities available for proper disposal of



Greentown Business Centre

rubbish while displaying 'Keep Clean' banners.

This form of joint-corporate participation with authorities reaches out to a wide community and will have positive long term responses towards creating anti-litter awareness.

## Enforcement

As for the enforcement part, the anti-litter laws are in place and would just require stricter enforcement. Although Mayor Roshidi has mentioned many times that he was serious about nabbing litterbugs and has shown figures to back his action, litter is still abundant.

Perhaps the Council should review its strategy to enable a more effective deterrent which probably would include stricter enforcement. After all it has been proven to be a key strategy to maintain public cleanliness.

## Ever Ready MBI

MBI on its part must be ever ready to support the anti-litter effort. Cleanliness being a long-term goal perhaps a task force could be created to ensure continuous progress in meeting its goals?

MBI has been talking of cleaning up Ipoh for a long time. Possibly the time has come for the residents to see some results and in the near future too. Hopefully public education is the solution to ensure Ipoh earns back the title of "Cleanest Town in the country".

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## From the Editor's Desk

• by Fathol Zaman Bukhari

I was an unwilling guest at a relative's wedding last weekend in Teluk Intan, the town noted for its leaning clock tower, lobsters, pineapples and Mastan Ghani restaurants. Why was I unwilling? The reason is simple enough. I dreaded the kind of people I was about to meet. And knowing well that so-and-so would be there, only added to my misery.

But not wishing to disappoint my kinsmen, I made the 60-mile journey, nonetheless. The object of my ire was one distant cousin who is a policeman by profession. Many years my junior, he has made a niche for himself in the police force. From a humble PI (Probationary Inspector) at the bottom rung of the promotional ladder, he is now a SAC 1 (Senior Assistant Commissioner 1). What is more worrying is his affiliation. He is with the Special Branch and is attached to Bukit Aman where the inner sanctum of the force is located. Let us call him Tuan Oss, for want of a better name and identification.

It was Tuan Oss who, at another wedding reception in Petaling Jaya, in early July 2011 warned us to keep away from Bersih 2.0, as the Police would come down hard on the protesters. Tuan Oss had dismissed claims that the clarion call for free, fair and clean elections by Ambiga, as a figment of the Opposition's imagination. "They're nothing but trouble makers out to disrupt KL traffic," he exhorted. And to reinforce his statement, he arrogantly declared that should any of us dare to do the unthinkable, he would not come to our aid.

What happened on July 9, 2011 is now history. Bersih 2.0 protesters got whacked and almost 1,400 were apprehended, finger-printed and their mug shots taken. After a good rest at the Police Depot in Jalan Gurney, they were released.

Fast forward to Sunday, June 3 – location the main marquee of the makeshift dining hall in front of my relative's house, 3 miles outside Teluk Intan. My nemesis,

# Why Reforms are Necessary

*What we need now is change. We need people knowledgeable enough to run and manage the country; not morons like Tuan Oss. That is why reforms are necessary.*



Tuan Oss was there. After the usual greetings we settled down to serious business. Oss was in his element claiming victory for the handling of Bersih 3.0 on April 28. "Once the protestors breached the wire barriers we fired at them," he exclaimed. He was referring to the mayhem that took place towards the end of the rally when Police fired their water cannons on those who broke the police line near Merdeka Square. "We fear a repeat of the Tahrir Square occupation in Cairo."

I could still accept his shameless boasts up to this point. But when he referred to some of the leaders as communist agents bent on turning the country into a socialist state that was the last straw. I asked him to differentiate between communism and socialism and whether they are one and the same? He stumbled for an answer. Obviously, this braggart did not know his stuff. If this is the kind of officer that fills the upper crust of the police force, I pity the country. It reminded me of the

time many years ago when, as a student at the armed forces staff college, an academician had asked us the same question.

Unfortunately, none of us could give an answer. We were fighting Chin Peng, a devoted communist, yet none of us knew what communism was all about.

Tuan Oss ought to know that socialism is defined as "any economic theory advocating ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods." Communism is "a system of government in which the state plans and controls the economy, and a single party holds power over the people." One is economics the other is both economics and politics.

What we need now is change. We need people knowledgeable enough to run and manage the country, not morons like Tuan Oss. That is why reforms are necessary. Over the past four years Malaysia has undergone some significant changes, many of which are attributed to the general election of March 8, 2008. When the ruling coalition lost its two-thirds majority in Parliament and conceded defeat in five of 13 states, it triggered shifts in the way policies and politics run in this country.

Of course one cannot expect the incumbents to take these losses lightly. The number of false accusations, civil suits, explicit sex videos, peaceful and ugly demonstrations, etc., only exacerbates this friction. The coming GE 13 will be the ugliest-ever electoral contest since 1955.

The manner in which Penang and Selangor are managed under the Opposition is food for thought. Public participation is encouraged where projects and programmes are concerned. It may not mean much but it is definitely a step in the right direction. Zambry's cycling diplomacy is a direct result of this change.

## EYE HEALTH ARE YOU SAFE FROM EYE INJURIES?

*Ipoh Echo's Eye Health series continues with Consultant Eye Surgeon Dr. S.S. Gill talking to us about Preventing Eye Injuries.*



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Whether you realise it or not, we are all exposed to the dangers of eye injury. It is interesting to note that it always seems that there is a feeling of being safe in one's own home but yet almost 20 to 30 percent of all eye injuries occur in and around the home. Not surprisingly of course is the fact that the other major cause of preventable ocular injuries that occur in Malaysia are either work-related trauma or motor vehicle accidents.

*Madam A was looking after her two-year-old child when the child ran towards her. The child's eye was accidentally injured by the long finger nail of Madam A. The child had to undergo one week of eye treatment following that.*

*A 30-year-old man was hammering a nail into the wall when a chip of the nail broke off and entered the eye. It took three major eye operations to restore his vision.*

*Mr T who was doing gardening had bent down to pick up a weed when a thorn of a bush pierced his eye. He had to endure months of treatment following that.*

*A 5-year-old girl poked her eye with a pair of scissors and suffered bleeding in the eye that required emergency treatment and months of follow-up eye care. She underwent two eye surgeries following that in order to restore her eyesight.*

*Ms L was washing her new car when the upturned wiper blade poked her eye. She had to undergo eye surgery along with a plastic repair of her eyelid.*



**All the above are actual scenarios of patients who had suffered trauma to the eye.**

Any injury to the eye especially if severe, runs the risk of permanent visual loss or blindness and more so if left untreated or treated improperly. Fortunately, 90 per cent of all eye injuries can be prevented. Prevention is a matter of learning the common causes of injury and how to protect your eyes – whether at home, at work or at play.

### When having children at home:

**Watch out for the seemingly innocent things around the home that can injure you or your child's eyes. Here are some pointers:**

1. Don't give babies and small children any toys with sharp edges. Some toys that can hurt the eyes include missile-type toys, toys with hard edges or detachable parts, slingshots, BB guns and other projectile toy guns.
2. Be sure toys are safe and appropriate for a child's age and ability.
3. Don't ever let kids play with fireworks without supervision.
4. Many eye injuries to children occur during rough play, such as wrestling or throwing things at each other. Always discourage this.
5. Avoid keeping long finger nails when you are caring for your children.
6. Pad sharp edges of tables with cushion pads. These sharp edges are potential sources of eye injury should a running child strike them.

Should you or your child suffer from an eye injury, be sure to seek medical attention early in order to prevent any permanent visual loss. Take all precautions seriously – don't become a statistic of eye injury.

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## IN THE NAME OF MY FATHER'S ESTATE

• by Peter Lee

Episode 6



After the meeting with Connie, Dave phoned John and said, "I have met up with Connie and she wants to be one of the Administrators in your father's estate. John's response was "I think my family is not going to be happy with this!" Dave then said, "I understand your family's position but based on the fact that she and her children are entitled to a portion of your father's estate, I think your family would have to consent to her appointment. Otherwise, she would most likely disagree with the appointment of you and your sister, Michelle to be the administrators." John then asked, "do we have another choice or can we maybe offer her something attractive so that she will back off?" Dave replied, "John, by the looks of it, she is eager to claim her own family's entitlement to your father's entire estate in which the assets and value needs to be ascertained with the co-operation of all family members. So, I suggest that you have a word with your family because the appointment of Administrator is crucial to kick start the application for Letter of Administration (L.A.). Furthermore, I need to highlight that once this is done, your family and your father's second family would have to list down all of his assets and their value which must be attached to the application for L.A. This can be a tedious process." "Okay! I will speak to my family," said John.

After two days, John contacted Dave and said "Whew! It was not easy explaining to my mum and siblings for the last two days but I think we have no choice but to consent to the appointment of Connie as the joint Administrator. The other thing is, my family would like to have a meeting with Connie and her children." Dave replied "This is what I am going to suggest next because I have to brief everyone before I start applying for the L.A." After a week, the meeting of all family members with Dave took place in Dave's office. When John, his mum and siblings stepped into the meeting room, Connie and her three children were already waiting with Dave. Dave stood up and said, "come, everyone please sit down." When everyone sat down both sides of the family looked at each other in silence, unsure whether to greet one another. Dave stepped in and introduced both sides of the family to each other. Thereafter, he said "now I have more or less explained briefly to all the procedure for applying for the L.A. in our previous meeting. So, the first thing I need is the consensus of everyone here that the Administrators of Lee senior's estate will be John, Michelle and Connie before I start my paper work." After a few minutes of silence everyone agreed to it. Then, Mrs Patricia Lee asked, "Dave, since I am one of the Guarantors of my husband's estate, then who will be the other Guarantor?" Dave replied "Connie informed me just now that she will be the other Guarantor. Is that okay with you?" "Well, if it's acceptable by the courts then I rest my case," replied Patricia while glaring at Connie.

*To be continued...*

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Thinking **ALLOWED** • by Mariam Mokhtar**A dog is not just for Christmas**

**S**tray dogs are a nuisance but catching them will not solve the problem. The authorities have limited resources but more important, it is also the responsibility of dog owners and dog breeders. To resolve the stray dog issue, we should find out why there are stray dogs. Has a stray dog survey ever been done? How do present results compare with older records? Who takes care of the strays? How qualified are the staff in the pounds? What percentage of the total (of stray dogs), is put down if they are unable to be found a home?

The inhumane killing of dogs has sparked public outcries in Ipoh, but with the ban on shooting, the number of stray dogs has increased to worrying levels. If a solution is not found soon, the conflict between dog lovers, animal welfare groups and the authorities, who are acting in the interests of the public, may escalate again.

The story of Spunk, the companion and therapy dog to a 77-year-old lady from Ipoh, is still fresh in our minds. Spunk was killed in late 2010 by council dog-catchers who shot him dead when his owner left him unattended, at their house gate, for a few minutes. Ipoh City Council (MBI) enforcement officers "mistook" Spunk for a stray.

The cruel death of this licensed dog, forced the authorities to review their stray animals policy. After meetings with animal welfare and animal rights groups, the MBI secretary Abdul Rahim Mohd Ariff announced an immediate ban on the shooting of dogs in Ipoh.

At the time, many pet lovers wondered how long this "amnesty" would last. Recently, a new stray dog problem has been highlighted in the mainstream papers.

Last month, traders and ordinary residents reported an increase in stray dogs in areas around markets, hawker centres and residential areas. Many children and adults were afraid to walk in the vicinity of their homes, because of marauding packs of dogs roaming freely in their neighbourhood. Others feared for their children's safety. Issues of health and hygiene have also been highlighted.

The Perak Malay Hawkers and Small Traders Association president Omar Ahmad claimed that the problem had worsened over the years. He has demanded immediate action from the authorities, namely the MBI and the health ministry.

Omar said, "Previously, we used to see them only near the food courts and markets. Now, they're everywhere, including residential areas. Something should be done fast by MBI to resolve the matter before untoward incidents occur."

In one incident in Gunung Rapat, a teenage boy fell off his motorbike, when he was pursued by a stray dog. He panicked and hit a parked car. He sustained bruises and needed stitches for a head injury.

People in various residential areas such as Ampang Baru and Taman Cempaka, are increasingly worried about these stray dogs. No human has

been attacked but these residents would like the MBI to do something about the dogs before serious problems arise.

They refer to the health hazards caused by dogs rummaging through litter bins scavenging for food and the unsightly scenes of litter strewn around dustbin sites. Afraid of their children being attacked, parents have, as a precaution, stopped their children from playing outside their homes.

The council has issued a statement claiming that catching the dogs was not as effective as shooting them. They claim that the dogs run away, to evade capture, whenever there were attempts to round them up.

On June 5, the MBI announced that they have sought professional help to resolve the stray dog problem. Mayor Roshidi Hashim announced that a tender had been awarded the previous month, to a company which would be paid RM45 for every stray caught unharmed.

Roshidi said, "The council received an increasing number of reports on stray dogs requiring immediate action. Since we can't shoot the dogs, we have awarded a tender that will carry out the humane way of dogcatching." Reassuring the the public, he said, "In cases involving public safety, I will take the blame," and said that the council would act should any dog be injured or pose a public threat.

Perhaps, one of the ways to resolve the stray dog problem would be for the MBI to conduct a "Stray Dog Survey", for each of the districts served by the council. That might show us the true extent and severity of the stray dog problem.

Most of all, dog owners must act responsibly if the problem of stray dogs is to be effectively managed and dogs spared from being killed. Malaysians are well aware of irresponsible people who own pedigree dogs just to show off.

As responsible dog owners know, one of the most effective ways of reducing the number of strays is to neuter their dogs to prevent unwanted and unplanned litters. Having their dogs microchipped and tagged are also essential so that dog and owner can be reunited easily in case they are separated.

Resources, the availability of dedicated and trained staff at animal welfare groups and NGOs are limited and the MBI can only do so much. Capturing the dogs should not be seen as the best or only way of preventing the stray dog menace. The most effective way is by a concerted campaign of education, public awareness and a responsible attitude to dog ownership and breeding.



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## Musings on Food

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By See Foon Chan-Koppen

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## SeeFoon uncovers treasures from a 'long time ago'

When I first saw the signboard **Lama-Lama** of this restaurant in Falim (coming from Jalan Menglembu turn into road that leads to the Lumut Highway and from Lumut Highway, vice versa) I thought I was walking into a restaurant catering to Tibetan Buddhists as the name Lama is an honorific given to recognised teachers in that tradition. I soon realised that it had more to do with the Bahasa word for long time and translated from the Chinese expression of forever.

Putting aside my fascination with names, I sat down with friends to enjoy a most delectable feast; as usual recommended by my foodie friend, Ginla Foo who blazes a trail across the length and breadth of Ipoh and its surrounds in search of good eats.

The dishes on offer at this restaurant are extensive. Proprietress Madam Leong makes the recommendations and details all her signature dishes some of which required a second visit for me to do justice to the wide choice.

### Ubiquitous Dishes

On my first visit we had dishes which I would classify as more ubiquitous: **Asam Sotong**, fragrant, tangy not too spicy with generous sized portions of *sotong* (squid) cooked with ladies fingers RM12; live **Tilapia steamed** with spicy bean paste, soft flaky flesh that just



comes off the bone, RM18; chunky portions of **bean curd** first **deep fried** and then lightly braised with *Si Gua* (a type of vegetable marrow), RM8; **French beans sauteed with salted egg**, RM8, and an interesting **deep-fried** **pork patty** redolent with the fragrance of salt fish which is ideal as an appetizer while having drinks waiting for the rest of the dishes. Their **Kon Tseen Kai** (dried fried chicken) with a coating of dark soya sauce, was delectable and even the breast meat which is usually dry and hard, was succulent and tender, RM12.



### Heavy Artillery

The foregoing dishes were merely the foot soldiers in this battle for gustatory supremacy. The heavy artillery came in the next two dishes which came in heaping big tureens. First the **'wusou' chicken** (whiskered chicken...a favourite breed amongst the Chinese who prefer its meat) cooked in homemade yellow rice wine and flavoured with a variety of herbs; a post-partum delicacy that has caught on as a regular item on many menus. The one served here was perfect, not too sweet as is often the case, the chicken tender and the wine and herbs fragrant, RM28 for a large tureen.

Similarly for the **Pig's Trotters** cooked in black vinegar, yet another post-partum dish (not that any of us at the table were in that condition!) that is cooked to perfection here – according to my taste buds that is – not too sweet and not too tart, the pig's trotter chunks tender and succulent, informed by the fragrance of ginger and garnished with *Mok Yee* (wood ear fungus), RM15.



### Signature Dishes Worth Second Visit

By this time, I had already made up my mind that I had to return to savour their other signature dishes, a task I performed with alacrity two days later at lunch. Here I will only mention the dishes which impressed me beginning with their **Wu Tao Fish Head**, a bubbling tureen of well braised viscous taro, permeating the fried fish head chunks with their inimitable fragrance and lending a perfect coating to their otherwise dry surface, RM25.

Another dish of note is their **'Puppy Duck'** a name made famous by the restaurant Ming Feong, essentially a recipe that consists of braising cut pieces of duck in ginger, dark soya sauce and spices and chillies (which was how they used to cook dog meat in days of yore). This was as good as what I remember of the its eponymous dish in Pusing; in fact the duck pieces were meatier here and more tender here and the saucing perfect. S/M/L RM12/15/20.

Next came the **Rendang Chicken**, again the *Wu Sou Kai* smothered in a rich *'lemak'* sauce redolent of lemon grass, turmeric and all the wonderful spices that make rendang such a delicacy, RM23. We ended the meal with a plate of their Shanghai Noodles, **Sang Meen** (egg noodles known for their 'al dente' quality) fried with small prawns, bean sprouts, eggs and fried dried squid which was absolutely delectable. RM5 for one portion enough for two or three especially after a heavy meal.

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## HAWKER FOOD

By Wern Sze Gill

The **Rojak Pasembor**, or also widely known as the 'Indian Rojak', is a popular lunch-time side dish or tea-time treat among Malaysians. It is a local salad dish made up of a mixture of fried dough and prawn fritters, bean curd, boiled potatoes and half a hard boiled egg served with long thin strips of cucumber, *sengkuang* (yam bean), and in some, bean sprouts. Some stalls offer cuttlefish as an addition to the dish as well.

The best thing about the **Pasembor** though, is the thick and tasty reddish-brown, sweet dressing which literally drenches the salad, making it a uniquely South Asian dish. Made from sweet potatoes, crushed peanuts and chillies, the combination is cooked together to perfection, and is what makes the dish stand out from other competitors. If taking out, the sauce is usually packed separately so that the ingredients do not become soggy when you eat it.

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## Recipe



## Seafood Hor Mok ( Thai Steamed Seafood Custard )

By Margarita Lee

### Ingredient (A)

- 1/3 cup dried Thai chillies
- 1 Tbsp coarse sea salt
- 1 bulb garlic
- 7 shallots
- 2 Tbsp finely sliced lemongrass, (only the white part)
- 1tsp finely sliced limau perut (kaffir lime) rind
- 3/4 inch pieces of fresh turmeric root
- 1 Tbsp shrimp paste
- 2 tsp coriander root

### Ingredients (B)

- 150g fish fillet of Red Snapper (slice fish into thin slices)
- 100g prawn
- 100g squid
- 300 ml coconut milk (simmer for a few minutes until bubbly and the oil begins to separate)

- 1 Tbsp rice flour or green pea flour
- 1 Tsp peanut butter (optional)
- 10 fresh Thai basil leaves
- 1Tbsp fish sauce
- 2-3 Tsp palm sugar/sugar to taste
- 2 -3 screw pine leave/ pandan leave (cut into square)
- 15 banana-leaf cups (make the banana-leaf cups by cutting the leaves into circles and using either chopsticks or staples the corners to create cups)
- 2-3 red Chillies cut into fine inch-long slivers
- 8-10 fresh kaffir lime leaves, cut into very fine slivers
- 5 eggs (lightly beaten)

### Method:

1. Blend Ingredient (A) into smooth paste, keep aside.
2. Prepare 15 banana-leaf cups for fish custard (ramekins or cupcake tray will hold the fish custard during steaming).

3. Mix half the coconut milk with the blended ingredient (A).
4. Stir in fish, prawn, squid and beaten eggs.
5. Add in rice flour, add fish sauce and palm sugar.
6. Add in the rest of the coconut milk a little at the time. Keep 3-4 Tbsp for later use.
7. Stir vigorously with a wooden spoon. Keep stirring until the mixture thickens to a smooth thick paste. Add 2/3 of the slivered kaffir lime leaves, reserving the rest for garnishing.
8. Line the bottom of banana leaf cup with pandan leaf
9. Fill each banana cup with seafood mixture. Place the filled cups on steamer racks and steam over high heat for 15 minutes.
10. Decorate the top of each cup by spooning some coconut cream onto the center. Garnish with slivers of red chillies and kaffir lime leaf.





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Joanna Gough

## Has Ipoh Lost its Ability to Learn??

*Has anyone wondered why Ipoh is so Boring?*

When I came home, I assumed that yeah, Ipoh has a Social Fabric. The type of social fabric built by an elite socialite society of doing things a certain way. That politeness and having people be comfortable around you opened all doors. That our conservative society is all about helping people and upholding moral values, being courteous, responsible, continuous, consistent – SOLID. And unless you're exactly like that, and can socialise uberly well, Ipoh will be Boring.

### But this Social Fabric is Old

It was like this in my grandmother's time of the 1930s, also in my parents time of the 1960s, and now in my generation of the 21st Century. As the usual saying goes, IPOH: Nothing ever changes here.

It's great that we focus our time on family, friends and the "littler things in life that matter" BUT we have been so preoccupied with our own socialising world of Family and Friends that we have made it the Most Important. It's now So Important that we have built ourselves into an egocentric society.

Ego centism is when one is overly pre-occupied with one's own internal world. Egocentrics regard oneself and one's own opinions or interests as most important or valid self relevant information (Windschiti, Rose, Stlkafleet & Smith 2005).

For most people, we have put ourselves into worlds where we generate the inability to fully understand or cope with facts and opinions beyond the fact that reality Can be different from what we are ready to accept.

This is where, for most of us, we have stopped thinking and being connected. And that is why Ipoh is Boring.

As the world moves forward, with the evolution of the Internet.... for IPOH : Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday are the same throughout the year. If we're

lucky, our Saturdays are a little more exciting than our Sundays.

In organizations, we still have the hierarchical, my boss is right and has the right of say. Email is still not as important as face to face, no one has ever heard of the Productivity of Silent meetings being more productive than real live conferences and in these workplaces, democracy and listening and initiating employees' ideas for a better working environment are still non existent.

The workplace, where we spend at least 20-30 years of our lives – should be the most connected. It should be where we experience the most wonderful times and the most intriguing moments of living and where we discover new ideas, and mature in skill and knowledge. This workplace thus becomes a way of living, rather than just that place to go to, to make money.

As we all know, Ipoh is slow. Everything takes forever to get done. And this is always a human problem. There is no glitch in the system. There is never a glitch in the system, it's always someone who has lost the connection and challenge to go on living.

### Here's a few HowTo' tips to get you started:

1. Always believe that possibilities are at your fingertips. Google everything.
2. Get an idea, any idea that intrigues you. Do it... (sorry, but there are no more original ideas anymore. Don't worry about it not being original, just make it better than everything else).
3. Study the idea from similar cases around the world (Keep Googling, Google is a good teacher. Teaches you lots and lots from the world. STUDY!!! THINK!! LEARN!!!).
4. Innovate. The idea is just the idea – strategise the execution.
5. Connect with your community (find an interest group and

hang out).

6. Pitch to your community leaders. (If you don't know who they are? Email Ipoh Echo [today, not tomorrow] to get connected to people).

7. Grow. (Grab your boss – Bring your family and children along with you and learn together. Make them a part of your team.)

8. Never give up. (Challenges will pop up. But don't fret; every time you get stuck, talk to someone emphathetic; or go back to number 6 and contact Ipoh Echo).

Figure out why communication levels in your company are so slow and inefficient. Fix It. How to increase productivity levels with fewer people. Is there a better way to making that pasta dish in your restaurant? Why is Louis Vuitton so popular and the dress you just made is not known?

Figure out: Why is Ipoh so BORING?

You spend 8 to 10 hours a day working. For xxx days of the year, for 20 years of your life. Make something of work that is worth living for. Something that when you die, you'd be proud that you have lived the life you're living now.

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## Mutiara Wanita Award Winner for Animal Care

I feel honoured, humbled and deeply moved that I am one of the recipients of the Mutiara Wanita Award, an award bestowed upon women who had contributed to the state's socio-economic development. I am especially elated to receive this award in the special categories for animal care because I view this honour as a recognition of the importance of animal welfare in the socio-economic development of our country, besides being an acknowledgement of the role animals can play in promoting a caring, civil and balanced Malaysian society.

I accept the award with gratitude on behalf all the individuals and NGOs who work tirelessly to improve animal welfare and to advocate animal rights in this country. Animal rights in Malaysia has, for the best part of its existence, been largely overlooked or ignored. This award reaffirms our conviction that with perseverance, patience, persistence and determination, a balanced approach to animal welfare will find its rightful place in our society.

In fact, this award has made it my social responsibility to continue with my efforts to inculcate animal welfare civic mindedness and to seek better protection for animals for abuse and abandonment. I will in my own capacity, and on behalf of ISPCA, continue to highlight challenges in advocating animal welfare here, besides collectively supporting the efforts to provide better protection laws for animals through amendments of the Animal Act 1953 (amended in 2006) and the proposed Animal Welfare Bill.

I also take this opportunity to thank my family, friends and well wishers for the support and encouragement given to me all this time. I am certainly inclined to follow the advice given by

Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor to all recipients during the award presentation on April 29, "to step out of their comfort zones, not be satisfied with their past successes and consider furthering their successes."

**Dr Goh Hue Lang**

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A WHOPPING RM992mil worth of properties will be on sale during Mapex 2012.

To be held from June 22 to 24, the exposition is organised by Ipoh City Council (DBI), Perak State Development Corporation (PKNP) and Perak Real Estates and Housing Developers Association (REHDA).

REHDA Perak chairman Dato' Francis Lee said the properties to be on sale during the three day event are single storey terrace, single storey semi-detached and bungalow, double/three storey terrace, double/three storey semi detached and bungalow, single/double/three/four storey shop office and apartment/condominium. "Various incentives will be given during the exposition including free legal fees for the Sale and Purchase Agreement and cash rebates," he told Ipoh Echo.

The exposition this year, added Lee, will play a greater role including the promotion of the initiatives of both the Federal and State Government by way of 'My First Home Scheme', PR1MA housing and the "Satu Keluarga Satu Rumah".

"In view of the laggard pricing of Perak properties and the present low interest regime, prospective



purchasers should seize this opportunity to purchase a property of their choice," said Lee.

Lee noted most financial institutions are currently offering end financing at 2.5% above the Base Lending Rate (BLR) of 6.6%, thereby translating as an effective lending rate of 9.1% on a reducing balance basis.

"For the purchase of a residential property valued at RM140,000 on a 100% end financing on tenure of 25 years, the monthly repayment is only RM751" said Lee.

"For a purchase of a RM280,000 residential property on similar terms, the monthly mortgage payment is RM1,502" added Lee. If the prospective purchasers have some savings and utilise their Employment Provident Fund for housing, the monthly repayment can be reduced by some 25%, he added.

The exposition will be held at Stadium Indera Mulia, Ipoh from 11am to 10pm. Held on an annual basis since 2003, it is one of the major activities of DBI anniversary celebrations. To date, some RM500mil worth of properties had been cumulatively sold during the exposition period.



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## News Roundup

## GIRL GUIDES' AGM



Over 300 girl guides commissioners from 17 branches of the Girl Guides Association of Malaysia (GGAM) gathered in Kinta Riverfront Hotel and Suites, Ipoh recently for their annual general meeting.

Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah, who is the royal patron of GGAM along with GGAM President, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, deputy president and Perak GGAM President Raja Puan Muda Perak Raja Nor Mahani Raja Shahar Shah and chief commissioner Datin Seri Hajah Zalillah were present.

In her speech, the queen emphasised the responsibilities of leaders in instilling awareness among members the importance of having high self esteem. She said so in the light of baby-dumping issues that have been on the rise and females being duped into becoming drug mules.

Among the major activities held in 2011 were the

collection of money to help Japan's tsunami victims, the Turun Padang programmes by Selangor and Terengganu and the hosting the international "Training of Trainers".



The theme for this year's AGM is, "Save Our Planet". The queen released fishes of different species into the Kinta River, as a symbolic launch. She then led the VIPs in planting trees along the river banks.

Fifty Ranger Guides were bestowed the Queen's Guides awards. This award is a testament of their achievements in girl guiding.

In conjunction with the celebration of 100 years of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the queen launched two commemorative coins produced by Bank Negara Malaysia.

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## Zambry's Cycling Diplomacy

Chief Minister Dato' Seri DiRaja Zambry Abd Kadir has hit on a novel idea of meeting the rakyat in the most informal manner possible. He reaches out to them by cycling out to them, literally. His resorting to the humble two-wheeler has prompted other leaders to do the same.

The CM's modus operandi is simple. He gets his team of cyclists organised, sets a date and off they go. It is normally on a weekend and the starting point will always be his official residence. The team will cycle its way through the city and into the fringes, stopping at odd places and at odd times to fulfill certain obligations – some programmed, some not.

"The rural areas are more accessible by bicycles," he said. "I get to exercise and meet the rakyat, all at the same time."

During a recent gruelling 50-km ride in Kinta District, the team cycled to Kg Ulu Chepor in Chemor and on its return trip stopped by at Kg Tengku Hussein, Kg Temiang and Kg Seri Kinta in Gugusan Manjoi. At the last two villages he approved the rebuilding of houses belonging to four poor families. The project will be undertaken by Yayasan Bina Upaya Darul Ridzuan (YBU).

Zambry stopped over at the council flats in Jalan Hospital and was totally 'at home' cutting onions in one of the flat-dwellers' kitchen. He dispensed aid to the needy at Kampung Pasir Puteh before ending the day with a sumptuous jamuan rakyat (people's dinner) at the said village. Over a thousand villagers joined in the feast.

Some RM30,000 will be allocated by the state government to Kg Tengku Hussein and Kg Pasir Puteh for infrastructure projects. Yayasan Bina Upaya is tasked to supervise the projects.

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### Tenby's Principal Retires



Mrs Chandra Sivaprasanna, retired Principal of MSR and SM Tenby Ipoh, was given a rousing farewell for her dedication and contributions to Tenby Schools Ipoh recently, where staff, students and parents gathered to celebrate her service to the school in the last six years as principal. Mrs Lai Kong Wa, Director of Tenby Schools Ipoh, presented Mrs Chandra with a gift and commended her for her success in raising up the standards of the school. The assembly saw students singing and dancing for Mrs Chandra and concluded with a stream of students presenting her with gifts and flowers. Mrs Chandra was principal at MGS Ipoh prior to joining Tenby Schools upon her retirement from government service.

### Down Memory Lane – Dato' William Reminisces

Race relations were much better in the sixties because of Tunku Abdul Rahman, recalled Dato' William S.W. Davidson, during his talk, 'Down Memory Lane' organised by Perak Academy and held in Syuen Hotel. He added that Tunku would be turning in his grave if he could hear the advice given to Muslims by religious leaders today, to not attend functions in Chinese and Indian households.

Dato' William, a prominent lawyer, started his practice in Ipoh in 1963 and has been in the country since then. His main recollection of memories were those related to his law practice. He attended his first case with lawyer A. Mahendran in



Cameron Highland. The case was brief and the rest of the day was spent in entertainment till late night. He spoke at length of other interesting cases and prominent people in the legal profession. In the sixties there were still

### Birthday Friends

What happens when two friends share the same birth date? Well another friend throws them a birthday party for them.

That is what happened when Dato' Sheikh Abdul Rahman, 90, the former State Legal Adviser and Sharmini Tiruchelvam's (age unable to be disclosed) birthdays came around, their common friend and philanthropist Dato' Yap Lin Sen threw them a birthday party at his sprawling home.

It was a lovely evening made complete with old and close friends and a live band thrown in too.

Dato' Dr Majumder, Tan Sri Jeyaratnam, former Judge N.H. Chan and so many more Ipohites were there to share in the relaxing event where even Datin Janet Yeoh rendered a song during the night. But then isn't that what friends are for.

JAG



many expatriates in Ipoh working in the mining and plantation industries and many business decisions were made in the Ipoh Club when Ipoh was the mining capital of the world.

He spoke of the Ipoh Town Council when it was run by the Seenivasagam brothers saying that the brothers employed the right calibre of people and the Council was professionally administered. His personal view is if D.R. Seenivasagam had not passed away so early, PPP would not have joined BN.

He ended by saying cricket is his hobby and the Ipoh Padang had the best pitch in the country and it is sad that the underground piping is damaged and the pitch is in bad condition. He wished that the pitch would be restored to its original status.

The event saw the launching of the book "The Last Post – Story of the Emergency & Commemorative Events 1948-1960" by its author Dato' R. Thambipillay. This book is the third and revised edition of his earlier book "Gods Little Acre", relating to the Malayan Emergency. Thambipillay presented a copy of the book to Dato' William. The earlier book was reviewed in Issue 138 of Ipoh Echo. The price of the book is RM80 and is available from Perak Academy.

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### FMM and UTAR Renew MoU



The Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers Perak (FMM) and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) last month renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU was signed by UTAR President, Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and FMM Perak Chairman, Dato' Gan Tack Kong.

The earlier MoU was signed in 2009 with the primary objective to encourage collaboration in the areas of industrial training, seminars, conferences, curriculum development, projects and other areas of mutual interest.

The MoU also allows FMM to capitalise on UTAR's expertise and resources in the area of research and development particularly for SME's; facilitate exchanges of ideas and facilities among the parties, including attachment and mutual visits by staff members to pursue research, curriculum development; to participate in seminars, conferences, workshops relevant to the industry.

The exchanges also facilitate applications from candidates from FMM Perak for relevant postgraduate research and taught courses.

Under the previous MoU the two partners have been active and had collaborated in several projects one of which was a joint project to improve renewable energy for a member in the palm oil industry.

Currently there is an ongoing discussion to offer Master of Business Administration programme to FMM members by end of 2012 which if realised will be the first Master programme to be launched in FMM.

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### AFS FAREWELL DINNER



The annual AFS Student Exchange Programme farewell dinner was held at Tower Regency Hotel and Apartments recently. Yayasan AFS Antarabudaya Malaysia is a non-profit student exchange programme. The dinner is held annually for students before they return to their respective countries upon completion of their studies in Malaysia.

Forty four students from 10 different countries, mostly from USA and Europe, got together for a final time that night. Their host families were also there. The exchange students showcased what they had learned while in Malaysia which included traditional dances, singing and acting. One of them even gave a speech in Malay. Also in attendance were community service exchange students. Those who fall within this category are those aged 18 and above and are in Malaysia to work with NGOs. AFS Chairman, Dato' Veerasingham hoped that the students would become spokesmen for Malaysia when they are back home.

The exchange programme started in 1958. Since then over 8000 Malaysians have gone abroad and the country has hosted more than 12,000 students. There are 51 countries in the programme's network. If you are interested in becoming an exchange student or volunteer or if your family is keen in hosting an exchange student, please visit [www.afs.org.my](http://www.afs.org.my) for details.

Tiffany

## Thumbs Up

### Thumbs Up – MBI takes action on unkempt vacant land

I often hear complaints from residents that no action is taken by MBI on owners of unkempt vacant land near their houses. Their main fear is of snakes and other reptiles living there. Frequently the excuse given by MBI for not taking action is that they cannot locate the owner.

However recently, the agent who looks after a large plot of vacant land adjacent to Lorong Pari, said that the owners were summoned by MBI to clean up the place which is overgrown with weeds and plants. I told the tractor driver not to bull doze the mature trees. Many birds nest on the trees and it is home to wild fowl. The place has been cleared. MBI does take action; but it is slow and selective.

Meanwhile, MBI must provide written guidelines on clearing of vacant land to ensure that mature trees are not cut and reptiles and other animals living there are not killed. The land cleared is next to the river and there are snakes, iguanas and monitor lizards. These must be caught and released in a safe area. This must be the responsibility of MBI. We must not forget that all animals have the right to live and their habitats must not be indiscriminately destroyed.

A. Jeyaraj





## Community

### Citation For Outstanding Service

**I**poh girl, Jacqueline Thong who recently graduated from Columbia University New York with a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development had the honour of being presented with the Dean's Citation for leadership and outstanding service to the School.

Jacqueline Thong Jia-En, the daughter of MCA's Ipoh Timor Head Datuk Thong Fah Chong and PSPA President Datin Rosalina Ooi, was initially pursuing a career in dance. Datin Rosalina is a dance teacher and Jacqueline had been learning dance since the age of five.

Unfortunately owing to an injury, she subsequently majored in Sustainable Development, a topic she became interested in which is related to development in Third World countries.

At Columbia Thong joined the General Studies Student Council (GSSC) which pursues academic, political, social and administrative initiatives, and serves as a liaison between the student body, the GS administration, University offices, and

student organisations.

Thong spent four years as a GSSC member with the latter two years as its President. As GSSC President she tried to connect GS students to one another, while also helping GS students become more connected to the overall University.

Mrs Lily Chin, the former Headmistress of Thong's Alma Mater, Methodist Girls School Ipoh, fondly remembers Thong as being very active in school and ever ready to participate in school events due to her dance talents.

Thong who was the student editor of the school magazine then had described her school as "a beautiful garden, its teachers as skillful gardeners and its students as young flowering plants who would one day blossom to full glory for all to see".

Well congratulations Jacqueline Thong on Blossoming to Full Glory.

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### Free Clinic in Bercham

**I**t was Dr Foo Joo Yee's debut at the Bercham Methodist Klinik (BMK) recently. Run by the Bercham Methodist Church and declared open in June 2000 by then deputy minister of Home Affairs and now the Minister of Local Government Dato' Seri Chor Chee Heung, the clinic has since been visited by more than 2,000 patients. Open on Mondays and Thursdays, the clinic is manned by Doctors, nurses and receptionists who are all volunteers. Medical consultation is FOC and patients pay a token sum of RM5 for medicine.



When asked about his volunteer work, Dr Foo said, "At my age, it's time to offer my services to the community and I thank the grace of God for being able to do so."

The clinic also offers free legal consultation but on an appointment only basis. The lawyers are also volunteers. Ipoh Echo lauds the good work being done by the Bercham Methodist Church and the dedicated volunteers who make it all happen.

## Sport

### 21st Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey Tournament

**T**he recently concluded 21<sup>st</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament was undoubtedly the best of the series of tournaments held in recent years.

Seven teams participated in the tournament including host Malaysia with Malaysia being the only team that didn't qualify for the London Summer Games.

All of the teams had come to gauge their players against the other Olympic qualifiers. Some came to accustom themselves to playing on the new blue AstroTurf pitch which will be used at this year's Olympics.

Hence the quality of the games played this year was well above par compared to previous years' tournaments.

Black Sticks from New Zealand won the Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy for the first time after 21 competitions when they beat Argentina 1-0 in an exciting final which got fans glued to their seats.

Despite Argentina playing an attacking game the smart playing Kiwis denied the Argentines the scoring touch.

India took third place defeating Great Britain 3-1.

Korea defeated Malaysia 3-2 to take fifth position while Pakistan was last.

Overall the Malaysian team was more spirited and creative this year compared to previous SAS outings.

Coach Tai Beng Hai's mixed bag of seniors and juniors



Champs New Zealand doing the Haka, the national victory dance

proved potent, as they were more effective upfront.

Malaysia's opening game saw a 1-1 draw against Korea. Their second match against World No. 4, Great Britain was another 3-3 draw.

The home team's first loss was against India 3-2 in the 4th game. But with their skill, stamina and creativity in place, their fans had plenty to cheer for. All was forgiven when they defeated World No. 8, Pakistan 3-2 the following day. The Malaysians were ecstatic.

Malaysia's consecutive losses of 4-1 to New Zealand and 1-0 to Argentina prompted the Sultan to comment that the players needed to improve their defence since they were conceding goals too easily.

The Sultan acknowledged that the young players had great potential and, therefore, they should be given the "necessary exposure."

The tournament this year was almost carnival like.

Held on the sidelines of the tournament was the AHF-MHC Technical Officials course attended by 35 participants from 14 Asian countries. It was conducted at the Raja Ashman Shah Hockey Academy, next to Stadium Azlan Shah.

At the same time, the Raja Ashman Shah Cup National Indoor Hockey Tournament was held at Stadium Indera Mulia. The tournament saw 22 teams from throughout the country participating.

If you are looking to next year's SAS Tournament, do plan ahead as Ipoh is slated to host Asia Cup 2013. Two superb international tournaments in one calendar year, you can't ask for more.

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## News Roundup

Husni  
Fulfil Promise

Second Finance Minister Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah presented a cheque for RM200,000 to YMCA of Ipoh recently. It was an allocation from his Ministry. It was the fulfillment of a promise, as the amount was pledged by Husni during his visit to YMCA in December of last year. He was impressed with the many youth development programmes conducted by the association. A portion of the money will go towards the maintenance of the YMCA building, which is located along Jalan Raja Musa Aziz, Ipoh.

Husni acknowledged the role YMCA played in the development of the country. Its practice of the 1 Malaysia Concept bodes well for the future of a multi ethnic country like ours. Moreover, youth development is an investment that guarantees the future of the nation.

At the same function, members of a community football programme called IpohBug, received jerseys sponsored by YMCA. The boys play football at the YMCA field every Saturday.

Besides football, the association also conducts various recreational activities, including tennis, ballroom dancing, language classes and flower arrangement, to name a few.

Emily

## Ipoh City Day

Gunung Lang, known for its limestone caves and family-oriented park, hosted MBI's "Karnival Ria" in conjunction with Ipoh's 24<sup>th</sup> City Day celebration recently. Held annually on May 27, Ipoh City Day is one of the city's most anticipated events on its calendar. Proclaimed as a city in 1988, Ipoh has developed by leaps and bounds.

The two-day carnival was co-sponsored by Astro and Bank Rakyat. More than 30,000 people attended the celebration. Highlights of the event were the aerobathon and arm-wrestling competition which attracted many Hulk wannabes.

Children had a fun time, as they took part in games organised by Astro. Some showed their artistic skills by taking part in a colouring competition. S. Varsha, 8, who bagged the 8th spot, was ecstatic, as it was her initiation to such a competition.

Anglers from around Perak took part in the fishing competition on the second day. Many of them jostled for the best spots to get their catch. Most are seasoned anglers who have taken part in many competitions in the past.



Chief Minister, Dato' Seri DiRaja Zambry Abd Kadir, took part in the cycling event where over a thousand cyclists were involved. Zambry had a chance to see Gunung Lang and parts of Ipoh at close quarters astride his two-wheeler. The finale was a concert where visitors were entertained with music and songs. The celebration ended with a captivating fireworks display which had the crowd up on their feet.

Vinesh

## Young Perak

Three Students Receive  
Tenby Scholarships

Students Puvendran Pillay Pushpanathan, Kimberly Chen Poh Yi and Debbie Ho Lee Lian were awarded the SiWu Education Trust Scholarship at a simple ceremony held at Tenby Schools Ipoh recently. Puvendran and Kimberly, both KBSM 4 students at Tenby Ipoh, together with Tenby's A-Level Centre student Debbie, received their scholarships from Datin Stella Lim, who presented the awards on



behalf of the Trust.

Each year, Tenby Schools Ipoh, through the SiWu Education Trust Fund, offers scholarships to three high achieving students based on their academic and co-curricular performances, as well as out-of-school activities and achievements. The scholarships, which cover school fees for up to two years at Tenby Schools Ipoh, are open to students for study in Year 10 of its International School, Form 4 of its National School and in the A-Level Centre.

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**Malaysian Education Fair Roadshow 2012**, Tuesday **June 19**, 1-6pm at Syuen Hotel. Free career testing, talks, information, guidance & counselling and workshop. Information on what to study, where to study, how much it costs, how long it will take, when is the next intake, how to apply to a college/university, info on scholarships, etc.

**CME for Doctors entitled: 'COPD Update'**, Saturday **June 23**, 7.15-9.30pm at Regency 1, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower Regency Hotel, Ipoh. CME points are awarded; complimentary dinner. Free admission. RSVP by June 19. Contact: Ms Betty/Ms Gloria (Pantai Hospital Ipoh) **05-5405723/5405725**.

**Public Forum: 'Detection & Management of Heart Disease'** by Dr Foong Yi Kwan, Saturday **June 23**, 3pm at 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dewan Anugerah, KPI Ipoh Specialist Hospital. Contact: Pn Aziera or Miss Sarah at **05-2408777** ext **8111** for registration and enquiries.

**City Survival Skill Workshop** (PWW and Soroptimist International Ipoh), Saturday **June 30**, 1.30-6.00pm at Heritage Hotel Ipoh, Jalan Raja DiHilir, Ipoh. Light refreshments will be served. Limited seats available. To register, call Halida **012-6733827** or Ms Yip **012-5212480**.

**MBI extends 50% reduction in MBI traffic compounds until June 30.** (The Council had previously announced the 50% compound reduction which was in effect from May 28 to June 1.) On the issue of MBI traffic compounds, Ipohites who encounter problems can meet with Ipoh Mayor at Level 10, or the Ipoh City Council Legal Adviser at Level 2, MBI Building.

**Solo Art Exhibition** by Kareem, **July 7 and 8**, 10am to 6pm at Garden Villa, No. 5, Gopeng Road, Ipoh. Kareem will be exhibiting acrylic pieces, Chinese art, sketches and some craft work.

**Kiwanis Family Fun Fiesta by Kiwanis Club of Meru Valley**, Sunday **July 8** from 8.30am till 1pm at Yuk Choy Primary School. Games include Hopscotch, Dunk Water Tank and Giant Snakes and Ladder and many more. Coupons will be on sale. For more information, call: Collin **012-5285219** or Kim **012-5968933** or visit Facebook page: [Facebook page: Kiwanis Club of Meru Valley](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubofMeruValley).

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## Arts &amp; Culture

by Jerry Francis

## Ipoh's Hit Musical to Reflect an Integrated Malaysian Society

The successful locally produced musical play, "Shiny Black Gold", is to be turned into a series to reflect the integral Malaysian society of the pre-Merdeka era.

Perak Society of Performance Arts' (PSPA) president, Datin Rosalina Ooi-Thong, told Ipoh Echo that there were many stories in the play that can be expanded upon and highlighted into a series.

"The production as a series will enable the stories of the sacrifices and efforts by individual sectors of our community to be exported to other cities," she added. "If there is sufficient support, we may even turn it into a feature movie."

"Shiny Black Gold", which was staged last year, gives an insight into the lives and hardships of people, particularly Chinese immigrants, during the glorious days of the tin mining era in Perak. The script was written by Datin Rosalina and music by Christopher Tse.

Although it was PSPA's first performance, using a completely original script and music performed by local talents, it was a big success. "We feel we are now brave enough to do our own production using our own scripts and our own local talents," stressed Datin Rosalina.

"As it is, the play is about our own community, which fascinated the audience, especially the scions of the original tin miners, who were able to experience a bit of history visually, of the glorious tin mining days of their forefathers in the Kinta Valley. The show was further supported by original artifacts collected by Mr Ian Anderson".

"Though we did not claim it to be an historical project, the life and hardships of those who lived



planning a series to reflect an integrated society, Datin Rosalina said that the play was not all about the Chinese community. It is about how the Chinese were part of the larger community too.

"We need to reflect it. It is important to me because when I grew up I did not see skin colour. My friends were friends, classmates, Malays, Indians, Chinese or others. Unfortunately, I think this is not happening anymore," she stressed.

"We need to integrate. And I would very much like to convey to the young people how wonderful it was then... and it can still be that way today! Our childhood days were shared with all races. We sat together, we played together and we ate together. And so we grew up without seeing skin colours. We respected each other whether I go to the chapel to pray or my fellow class mates go 'sembahyang' or 'puasa'." Like the phrase in Shiny Black Gold... We were different yet the same!

then, as presented by the performance, became real when told in story form."

Some of those in the audience were even in tears as the realities of the hardships endured by some of their ancestors were portrayed.

Datin Rosalina said there was a request for "Shiny Black Gold" to be produced in Chinese. "I would love to do so if I am certain the essence of the story can be retained, especially the earnest desires of our forefathers to gain 'A Better Tomorrow' she explained.

Asked why she was planning a series to reflect an integrated society, Datin Rosalina said that the play was not all about the Chinese community. It is about how the Chinese were part of the larger community too.

She hopes the play will develop into a feature film. "It will be marvelous if one day the film can be screened on-flight so that tourists can have some knowledge of Malaysia even before they land," she said.

On the development of the performing arts in the city, she said PSPA has come a long way since it was formed 15 years ago. Last year, PSPA organised its first festival of performing arts. Although PSPA aims to organise various genres of performing arts events like musical plays and concerts, PSPA's main aim is to provide opportunities for young talents to expand and develop.

Although the efforts to promote performing arts in the city are making progress, it is being impaired by the lack of an art centre in the city where the various related organisations could be housed to provide trainings and hold performances. "Maybe it could one day be like the well-known Juliard College of Arts in New York," said Datin Rosalina.

Currently, there is no suitable venue in the city for performances. Taman Budaya (Cultural Centre) has only about 250 seats. "If we are to bring in a foreign troupe to perform here, even at full capacity we will not be able to meet the expenses. Unless, the tickets are priced at RM500 each," she said.

There is a need for a suitable auditorium. Even PSPA's founding president & advisor, the late Dato' K.K. Lim, who was a true visionary, had initiated many efforts to raise awareness of performing arts in our city and explored the possibilities of a centre for arts to be established in the city.

A fund called "A Home for PSPA" has been launched for this purpose. "We've also written to the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and they had sent their officials to meet us," said Datin Rosalina. "If everything goes well, we should be expecting a positive response by next year." She hopes the state government will start the 'ball rolling' by allocating a piece of land for the proposed arts centre. A project paper was sent to the MB and the state exco for Youth and Arts.

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