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## What has happened to *Teh Tarik* and *Mamak* Stalls?

by Susan Ho



Where youth used to hang out at 'mamak' stalls and meeting friends, today they're more likely to gather at Chatime, Bo Eight Tea, Gong Cha, SnowDream and Black Ball. What do these brands have in common? These are the places where they serve milk teas with a difference, Bubble Milk Tea, the new youth fad drink, touted to be 2-in-1, drink and food in a cup, just a slurp away. Located at small shops, the younger set are flocking to these places and standing in line for these new fangled drinks, paying relatively high prices for them in comparison to the old fashioned 'Teh Tarik'.

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# Young Generations Turn to Taiwan Desserts

So what has become of the Malaysian standard, the *Teh Tarik*, that ubiquitous welcoming mug of strong black tea, thickened with evaporated milk and sweetened often with condensed milk. Before the availability of the electric blender, it was a common sight to watch the tea server pouring the tea back and forth from one mug to another usually with a gap of at least a metre, using ingenuity and manpower to create air in the tea for a slight foam.

## Franchised Outlets Everywhere

Today, the Bubble Milk Tea has usurped the popularity of the *Teh Tarik*, its attraction being the addition of chewy bits which appeal to youths and also some adults. Bubble Milk Tea is not all that new and has been with us for sometime now, hitherto appearing at certain stalls, especially in the night markets or pasar malam.

Today enterprising entrepreneurs are cashing in on the popularity and setting up franchised outlets everywhere. Currently, there are four Chatime outlets, two Bo Eight Tea outlets, one Gong Cha outlet, one SnowDream outlet and one Black Ball outlet in Ipoh. One can also find Chatime and Gongcha in Taiping. However, it is Gong Cha that has the most outlets in Perak, including Kampar and Sitiawan.

When Old Town White Coffee hit the 'Cafe' scene some years back, everyone rushed to try the new phenomenon, with its snacks, tea and coffee in a cleverly designed ambiance, reminiscent of the old days of the popular coffee shops. It has since spawned many 'Wannabes' all striving to capture the same youth market. And it has now become stale.

And this is where Taiwan desserts come in. Will it turn out to be the 'flavour of the month' as people are still rushing over to try it as it is still new, a phenomenon akin to the time when J.Co Donuts opened in Kinta City. So what is it that attracts youths to leave their old nest and hop on to this new trend? Could it be the food or drinks that attract the youths?



## Food and Drinks Served

Ipoh Echo took a look at the food and drinks offered in such outlets.

Gong Cha, Chatime and Bo Eight Tea have their share of specialties. They have their personal signature drinks, Brewed Tea, Milk Tea, Coffee, Iced Smoothies, Mousse drinks and Healthy Drinks for those who are more concerned for their health.

## Gong Cha

For Gong Cha, the top seller has two layers, brewed tea as the base and special creamer foam on the upper layer. They recommend customers to drink it through the foam with either a straw or directly without mixing it. Some prefer to stir and mix everything together before consuming. They offer tapioca pearls which

give a chewy texture. The special add-on in Gong Cha is the White Pearls which you don't get in other brands. It has a chewy yet crunchy texture which is low in calories. The staff here are also friendly and they are happy to offer recommendations. Gong Cha's drinks start from RM3.90 onwards.

## Chatime

Chatime's best seller is Grass Jelly Roasted Milk Tea. Chatime has QQ Jelly, which has a fruity taste and also the same chewy texture as jelly and Nata de Coco. Chatime also offers Mousse Tea, which is almost the same as the Gong Cha's signature drink. Unfortunately, it is not available at all outlets in Ipoh. Chatime's drinks start from RM4.90 onwards.

## Bo Eight Tea

Bo Eight Tea offers the same Taiwan drinks with a special Ice Blended Fruit drink with fresh fruits. It is a combination of fruits and ice cream, enticing fruit lovers to this drink. They also serve the famous French Crepe Cakes in many flavours which cannot be found anywhere else.

## Black Ball

Black Ball has items like Taro Balls, cubes of real yam, sweet potato, black pearls, grass jelly, red bean and more. At Black Ball, you can customize your dessert by mixing and matching the dessert base and toppings to your liking. Besides serving desserts in a bowl, Black Ball also sells similar drinks which can be found at Chatime, Gong Cha and Bo Eight Tea. Food prices range from RM3.90 and above.



## SnowDream

SnowDream has the same desserts as Black Ball but you could also have a main course there. It also has food and snacks on the menu. They have special desserts like Red Bean Soup with black Glutinous Rice, Beancurd and Gingko Nuts, etc.

All of these outlets aim to satisfy customers by controlling their quality of food and developing new flavours. The difference between these outlets with the normal cafes is that you can adjust the level of sugar and ice in your drink. You can also opt for additional toppings at extra costs. There are healthier options which include tea, red beans, potatoes, yam balls and many others. They come in all kinds of shapes and sizes. Unlike artificial flavouring and colouring, they taste original.

The food and drinks at these Taiwanese dessert shops are limited

yet they have interesting ingredients with authentic taste which Malaysians can relate to. You can have it hot, cold or ice blended. The chilling factor is perfect for cooling down on a hot day just like a cup of ice sundae.

## Self Service

These Taiwanese shops are usually self service. You order at the counter, pay and get a receipt with your number on it, then wait for your number to be paged, indicating your order is ready. Black Ball offers a more interesting service. Instead of getting a number, you get a funky apparatus which lights up and vibrates when your order is up.

It is no wonder that the local dessert stalls like those at our famous *Tong Sui Gai* a.k.a. Desserts Street (located along Jalan Sultan Ekram, opposite the Sam Tet Primary school) with its row of dessert stalls, are being forsaken in favour of these 'new kids on the block'. Why sit in hot humid stalls outdoors when the comfort of air-conditioning and often WiFi beckons, is the general consensus.



## Consumer Preferences

Twenty-six-year-old Colby goes to the new outlets for his Taiwanese desserts and also to meet up with his friends. "These places have free wireless service where I can watch Youtube videos with my friends when we are together. To compare these Taiwanese desserts to the food at cafes, I think the prices here are more affordable. Places such as Old Town have limited drink choices on their menu and are no longer worth the money for the quality and quantity given."

Sixteen-year-old Alice mentions that she goes to these Taiwanese dessert outlets very often because of the influence of her friends and also the trend which is being set amongst

the youths. She wouldn't mind going to such outlets every day. She also states that she goes to these outlets most of the time with her friends to do homework and to catch up with her friends.

## Customization

I often visit these Taiwanese outlets with my friends as well as I like customizing my drinks. Cleanliness is also much better at the new dessert outlets. It is no wonder that students love going there for work and leisure. As one walks into these shops, one sees the youths with their laptops, smart phones or chatting away with their friends.

There is no doubt that Taiwanese desserts have taken over youths' taste buds. Wireless services have also contributed in a big way to their success and proliferation. They need not go to Taiwan for their food but just go to one of these shops to have a taste of Taiwan.





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## From the Editor's Desk

by Fathol Zaman Bukhari

The long wait is finally over when the Prime Minister announced the dissolution of Parliament on Wednesday, April 3. The guessing game went on for over a year as many Malaysians had expected the dissolution to take place in March 2012. In the process one state government was automatically dissolved after having outlived its tenure. Had not the April 3 announcement been made, a few more state governments, including that of Perak, would have acquired similar distinction. The legitimacy of the Negeri Sembilan's state legislature ended on March 28, the first ever in the nation's recorded history.

The much-awaited announcement was made at 11.32am on Wednesday, April 3, two days after April Fools' Day. It was carried live by national television and, in default, by satellite television and telecasted worldwide.

In making the announcement the Prime Minister gave his commitment to respect and preserve the democratic process and the choice made by the people. He went further by saying that "any transition of power would be conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner in tandem with democratic principles, the politics of transformation and national interest."

Najib's assurance is definitely something cheery to hear, as rumours are abound that a difficult transition would ensue if the inevitable happens.

The Perak State Assembly was dissolved the same day after Menteri Besar Dato' Seri DiRaja Dr Zambry Abd Kadir had sought the consent of the acting Sultan. On the auspicious day the state assemblies of Perlis, Malacca and Sabah were similarly dissolved.

Exactly a week after the dissolution, the Election Commission, on Wednesday, April 10, announced the dates for nomination, campaigning and polling. Malaysians will

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exercise their rights to vote on Sunday, May 5 while those seeking a new term in office will announce their candidacy on Saturday, April 20. Campaigning period will last for 15 days, the longest since the first parliamentary and state elections in 1959.

Eyes will of course be focused on Perak. Speculations are rife, considering the publicity the state had garnered since the "ouster" of the Nizar-led Pakatan Rakyat government on February 6, 2009.

I have been approached several times to give my prediction. As in any given case the strength of incumbency holds sway. The odds are obviously on the Opposition in making an impact on voters' choice. But like they say, anything can happen. Najib's dithering has its advantages. It provided Opposition parties with ample time to exercise their skills in convincing the electorate. And they did it in many ways – both subtle and not so subtle. Of the three major parties making the informal Pakatan Rakyat coalition PAS is most vocal. Its youth wing has been in overdrive mode since early last year.

The party's Strategic and Issues Committee has made several complaints, the latest being the Election Commission's choice of April 20 as Nomination Day for candidates vying in the 13th general election. "It's a day after the Sultan of Perak's 85th birthday on April 19. We expressed regrets over the insensitivity of the Commission in fixing dates for GE13. We request that the Commission seeks the Sultan's forgiveness in appointing April 20 as Nomination Day." That was the gist of its letter to the media. I expect complaints of every nature to come my way as the deadline for the upcoming election approaches. Even the seemingly dubious sale of the Perak House in Penang is not spared. More dirty linen will be out in the open soon. One needs to keep an ear to the ground to hear the rumblings.



Party nomination is a closely watched affair, especially the naming of candidates contesting in high-profile parliamentary and state seats. Imran Abdul Hamid, a former naval officer, will contest in the Lumut parliamentary constituency. Imran is nominated on a PAS ticket. Perak Menteri Besar Dato' Seri DiRaja Dr Zambry Abd Kadir is coy about Imran contesting in his backyard. "This is a democratic process and anyone can stand for election," he remarked.

The jostling for seats has long begun and no party is spared this phenomenon. Although Zambry has several times declared that everything is hunky dory within the Perak Barisan Nasional fold, the conflicting announcements by MIC leaders about the Sungai Siput parliamentary seat is just the tip of the iceberg. Whether the infamous frogs would be reassigned their seats is a foregone conclusion. If winnable candidates, as espoused by Najib and Zambry, be the criterion, fielding these "frogs" will be one regrettable mistake no one is prepared to commit.

There are four sets of voters, although my Oracle said three. One is the first-time voters, those within the 21 to 25 age gap. These youngsters are IT savvy and will vote for change, as they have nothing to lose or fear. Next is the 30 to 45 age group, those with a career to pursue and a family to feed. They will prefer that the current status quo be maintained. Then comes the retirees and pensioners, some with sentimental attachments to the Old Order, some without. They will vote according to their whims and urging. The fourth is the fence sitters. This group of people are the most difficult. Whoever manages to convince them will win the race.

I am with the third group and my mind is made up. What about you?

## In The Name Of My Father's Estate

Episode 16

by Peter Lee

"Since we have discussed about all of Lee Sr's bank accounts and investments locally and overseas, I would like to move on and talk about the properties solely or jointly owned by him," said Dave. Then Dave continued by asking three of the administrators namely John Lee, Michele Lee and Connie to furnish the list of the properties and their values. John Lee (eldest son of Lee Sr) said, "I have with me here three of his properties which are jointly owned with my mother. Each of the properties has an estimated market value of RM1.5 million. These properties are free from encumbrances. However, there are another three properties which I know are solely owned by him and these properties have been mortgaged to Pan Bank, K.L. some years ago for his personal borrowings. These properties are worth roughly RM1 million each currently. Then, there is another property which my father jointly owned with my brother, Steven which is not mortgaged to any bank. This one is worth RM500,000." Upon hearing this, Connie's (Lee Sr's 2nd wife) expression could be read as a "Wow".

Dave then asked, "John, do you know how much your father is owing to the bank for his personal borrowings?" John replied, "I have some bank statements that show the amount owing to the banks being around RM1.5 million. John further said, "Looks like we have to settle this loan before we can discharge these properties for distribution. Now, the question is who is going to pay for this?" In reply, Dave said, "This will be paid by the money in the estate. That's why we have to sort out the application for the Letter of Administration (L.A) fast so that all of you as Administrators can collect the assets in the estate to settle debts. In the meantime, someone from the family will still have to settle these monthly installments until L.A. is obtained. Whoever pays will be reimbursed by the estate's money."

"So I suggest, all of you check whether there are any Insurance or EPF monies nominating any of your family members that can be used to provide immediate funding for these loan installments or by using any of your own funds. This is to give some of confidence to the bank that your family can still continue with repayment." At that moment, all the Administrators looked at one another and wondering who it should be? Dave then turned to Connie and asked, "Can you give me the same information on the properties from your side." Connie's reply was "I have two houses jointly with my husband. One of the houses is mortgaged to CDS bank for an Overdraft facility of RM500,000. The other house is mortgaged to the bank for the purpose of purchasing this house. The value of these houses is roughly RM1 million each." Dave added, "Connie, as I've mentioned earlier, the repayment of the installments for the Overdraft facility for the time being must continue with own funding until L.A. is obtained. As for the other house, I am sure that you and your husband would have had an insurance coverage when taking this loan." "I think so" was Connie's reply. Dave then said, "Please make sure this is the case because this type of insurance will repay the entire portion of your husband's loan."

To be continued...

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## EYE HEALTH – DROOPING EYELIDS

IpoH Echo's EYE HEALTH series continues with Consultant Eye Surgeon Dr S.S. GILL talking to us about DROOPING EYELIDS or PTOSIS.

Ever seen your older friends slowly begin to have droopy or sagging eyelids? Well this condition is fairly common in old age. It is called *dermatochalasis* and the eyelids appear to sag with excess "baggy" skin surrounding them. This is the age related cause of a droopy eyelid.

It is sometimes referred to as *Ptosis* (pronounced "toe-sis") which is the general term for a droopy eyelid. There are many general causes for a droopy eyelid to occur. They are:

- **Congenital** — The child is born with drooping eyelids because of a problem in development of the eyelids. Most of these cases affect only one eye. It is important to look out for the drooping eyelid that blocks off the vision of the eye in a child. If this occurs, then surgical correction has to be done early to prevent the development of a "lazy eye" or "amblyopia".
- **Local eye problems** — In some cases, the eyelid starts drooping because of nerve injury due to trauma, eyelid infections and tumours within the bony cavity or eyeball socket.
- **Age related ptosis (Aponuerotic Ptosis)** — This also may be referred to as *dermatochalasis*. Due to the long-term effects of gravity and the aging, it causes the eyelid skin to sag over the eye. Both eyes are usually affected but drooping may be worse in one eye.
- **Myasthenia gravis** — This is a disease that can affect the whole body causing progressive muscle weakness. The eyelids as well as facial muscles including the legs, arms and other parts of the body may be affected. This condition will require a thorough assessment and treatment by a physician or neurologist. A test called Tensilon test where a drug called *edrophonium chloride* is injected into a vein in order to diagnose this condition.
- **Nerve problems** — Any nerve damage due to a stroke, aneurysm of blood vessel in the brain and brain tumour may cause a droopy eyelid. Nerve damage due to longstanding diabetes mellitus may also cause a droopy eyelid.
- **Tumours** — There is also a condition called *Horner's Syndrome* where a cancerous tumour at the top part of the lungs results in one half of the face losing the ability to sweat along with a drooping eyelid.
- **Strokes** — Any nerve damage due to a stroke, aneurysm of blood vessel in the brain and brain tumour may cause a droopy eyelid. Nerve damage due to long-term diabetes can also cause a droopy eyelid.



When the drooping eyelids cover a person's vision causing a vision disturbance, the person usually ends up COMPENSATING UNCONSCIOUSLY BY USING THE MUSCLES OF THE EYEBROWS TO LIFT THE AFFECTED EYELIDS UP (see pic on the left). The person may also end up unconsciously tilting the chin up or tilting the head back as a method of seeing through the lower part of the eye. All this may cause the person to have headaches and even neck problems in the long run. Whatever the cause of a drooping eyelid may be, if you are unsure of the cause, get it checked out by a doctor.

For more information, call Gill Eye Specialist Centre at Hospital Fatimah (05-5455582) or email [gilleyecentre@dr.com](mailto:gilleyecentre@dr.com).



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## End this culture of back scratching

When several handouts like BR1M are given to certain sections of the *rakyat*, it would be prudent to start a national debate on this apparent generosity of the government, because the country cannot isolate itself from global economic turmoil.

Those who benefit will be pleased, whilst the ones who do not qualify will be disappointed. The money has come from the public in the form of taxes paid to the government; both the taxes paid on income and those which are included in the cost of food, clothes, petrol, etc. The taxpayer and the business community funded the largesse of the government, but neither played any role in the decision-making process of giving out these handouts.

A young couple who lives in Ipoh was naturally pleased about the windfall although the husband's response was more measured. He is a despatch rider in a travel agency and his wife has taken a break from teaching to look after their first child.

He declared, "I have misgivings about the RM500 BR1M payment. At first, we were pleased for we managed to buy some things for our baby. I now wonder if perhaps, the money could have been better used for child-care facilities to help parents and young children."

"In a few years time, my wife would like to return to work, but with child-care being so expensive, I wonder if the government handouts could and should have been used to invest in this scheme. I think that there are better uses for the RM500."

A surveyor from Taman Meru was furious that his hard-earned money, paid in the form of taxes, was used to subsidise someone else's lifestyle. He said, "I work hard and pay taxes, just like any other responsible citizen. I cannot claim any of that back, but my neighbour, who is unemployed and lives off his young wife, is qualified to receive the BR1M payment."

"It is not fair. I would rather the government used the money to create jobs or taught people some skills, so that they could contribute towards the state. My neighbour has chosen to remain unemployed. Unlike him, I have no choice but to pay my taxes otherwise the inland revenue department will hound me."

One pensioner has claimed that the handouts are "demeaning" to people. She said, "The payments may help some of the very poor people, but the danger is that it gives them a sense of entitlement, for the wrong reasons. Soon, they will regard such payments as a must and demand them from the government. What happened to hard work? Are we going to end up a welfare state?"

The BR1M payments and other handouts would appear to be an attractive inducement for the electorate to vote for the party which offered the money to them. Some people have questioned if this is a responsible decision or if the people should tell their MPs to allocate the funds to improve school standards, medical services or other public facilities in the state.



THINKING ALLOWED

by Mariam Mokhtar

A bank clerk said, "In my line of work, I have noticed that recently, people are easily getting into debt. Many cannot pay off their credit card bills. One old lady I know, keeps complaining about the rising cost of goods and services. She is worried that she may have to get rid of her part-time maid, as her own pension does not stretch as far as before. She wonders if the government will have more incentives to help old-timers like her."

To a very poor person or someone whose income is below the poverty threshold, RM500 is a princely sum. Most people I spoke to wondered if the concerns of ordinary voters have been taken into consideration and not just the ongoing and current worries of the government. Some people worry if this largesse will spiral out of control and create a worse culture of dependency for the *rakyat*. People are crying for fairness and justice, not just for one section of the community, but for all.

## Announcement

## "Everyone can Afford To See a Specialist"

Perak Community Specialist Hospital (formerly known as Perak Chinese Maternity Hospital) Orthopaedic Clinic will be providing Consultation & Counselling at a special rate of RM20 only to the public till April 24.

Dr Ng Jin Tau, Resident Orthopaedic Consultant said, some people cannot afford to pay more for the consultation fees by specialists, therefore only seek further treatment when it (their illness) becomes severe. He also appealed to the people in need to take the opportunity to go for counselling, to get more knowledge and take care of their health – prevention is better than cure. Perak Community Specialist Hospital collaborates with Dr Ng Jin Tau in providing affordable and quality health-care services to the public which is the vision of the hospital.

The special rate does not include any further screening, treatment, medications, etc. The time is from 8.30am to 4.30pm (lunch break from 1pm to 2pm). Appointment is not required. For more information, contact 05-241 9000 ext. 161 or 016-523 9000.

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**Taiping Concert Postponed.** The planned concert in honour of the Scorpions scheduled for in April has been postponed due to the upcoming 13th General Election. A new date will be announced by the organisers soon. For details call Don Patrick: 016-286 2959.

**Public Forum on 'Colon Cancer' & 'Common Gastro Disorders',** Saturday April 27, 2pm at Hospital Fatimah Ipoh, Conference Room, 4th Floor. Entrance is free. For more information, call 05-5455 777 ext. 214.

**Wawasan Open University Open Day, Saturday & Sunday April 27-28, 10am-4.30pm.** Counselling sessions will be provided. Enjoy 50% discount on the Processing & Administration fee together with attractive fee rebate upon registration. For more information, contact 05-424 6323 or 05-243 6323.

**Art Colouring Competition for Children by Y's Men's Club of Ipoh,** Wednesday, May 1 from 8.30am to noon, at YMCA Ipoh, No 211, Jalan Musa Aziz, Ipoh. Closing date for submission of entry forms on Friday, April 26. For details call Charanjit Kaur: 016-553 8443 or K. Letchimanan: 012-538 1939.



## MUSINGS ON FOOD



By See Foon Chan-Koppen

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I used to believe that there was no Thai food worth eating in Ipoh, especially since I often go to Phuket and Bangkok and get to eat the authentic dishes there. Whatever I used to get here that passed as Thai were usually sweetened to local tastes and I could never find the very typical simple Thai dishes or 'peasant' food that are ubiquitous in Thailand and for which I have developed a hankering.

One such dish is **Larp Moo**, a minced pork (or it could be chicken) cold dish with its own distinctive characteristics. Minced pork is often mixed with slivered pig's skin and tossed with lime, chilli flakes, coriander leaves, some shallots and a special dry-fried raw rice powder that lends an interesting roasted flavour and texture to the mixture. At **Suphata Trupsum** (the name of the chef proprietor), the **Larb** is most

unusual with added pigs' small intestines and liver chunks. Being an offal lover, I found it delectable. RM15.

This is a brand new restaurant and when my friend Chan Seow Lok invited me to sample the food here, I jumped at the opportunity. Lisa as she is called, serves a mixture of **Thai and Chao Tsou dishes**, the latter stemming from the large Chinese population in Thailand known for their regional specials.

A long time settler in Ipoh, Lisa goes often to the Thai border to pick up her fresh ingredients and as the sole chef in the kitchen, dishes up her creations in a jiffy. Her dishes are hearty and robust, nothing pretentious about them but the taste is distinctly, authentically Thai as are her Chao Tsou dishes which compare to some of the best I've had in China.

Even her **Chicken Rice** (which is quite popular in Thailand) comes close to what I grew up with in Singapore, the rice fluffy and tasty from the chicken broth, the chicken fresh from market, tender, succulent and the accompanying chilli sauce fiery enough for my taste buds. RM50 for a whole chicken.

Being an offal lover, I have often lamented not finding in Ipoh, the Chao Tsou version of the soya **braised large intestine** done to perfection, like the ones I used to get in HongKong where there is a large choice of Chao Tsou restaurants. Here at Suphata Trupsum, I have found offal heaven.



The large intestine arrived on a platter with braised pigs trotters and tofu. The pigs trotters were tender, the sinews and tendons soft and chewy and the meat falling off the bone while the pièce de résistance, the large intestine was braised to perfection, very well cleaned and nary an offensive smell, succulent and 'umami'. RM18 per plate.

While all this talk of offal may be repulsive to some of my dear readers out there, let me assure you that Lisa has many other dishes up her sleeve to satisfy any taste buds and budget. The **steamed Plakapong or Barramundi (Siakap** in Malay) was done Thai style, with garlic, chillies, herbs and lime. Fresh and light RM35 for whole fish.

The next fish dish was the **Pla Tu or Kembong fish** a kind of small mackerel that is popular both locally as well as in Thailand. This is served steamed and lightly grilled or fried with a hot dipping sauce and a heaping plate of raw herbs and vegetables which is meant to be eaten with the fish. The herbs especially the fragrance of the Thai basil, lend a refreshing contrast to the fiery sauce and the firm flesh of the fish. RM25 for a set of two whole fish.

The **'Lo Ngap' or braised duck**, again done Chao Tsou style, was tender and tasty RM35 followed by deep fried **"Tsa Tsui Yu' or Whiting** was well seasoned, crisp,



## SeeFoon feels 'offaly' good in Bercham



crunchy and can almost be eaten whole, bones and all. RM18 for 5 whole fish.

We then had the **Goong Chien Nam Pla**, which although ubiquitous in many Thai restaurants in Bangkok, was the first for me in Ipoh. This is Thai sashimi if you will, raw prawns (must be very fresh) 'cooked' in fresh lime juice, fish sauce and amply seasoned with fresh garlic, chillies and cilantro. I tasted the first prawn with trepidation, always being suspicious of eating seafood raw, especially ones purchased from local markets. To my delight, the prawns were very fresh and the marinade of lime, fish sauce and garlic had removed any fishiness from them. RM22.

Now no Thai meal for me is complete without the following two dishes: the Green Curry and the Kao Pad Pla Kiem or the fried rice with salted fish. The **Green curry chicken** arrived looking as it should: smooth thick sauce in the classical green

colour, cooked with egg plant, herbs, chillies and spices. I asked if the paste was a packaged one and was delighted to discover that it was not, rather, hand ground and prepared by Chef Lisa herself. This was excellent, the sauce umami and spicy enough without being searing.

Finally after all the innumerable dishes and die-hard Foodie that I am, I had to ask for the one dish I invariably end a Thai meal with – the **Kao Phad Pla Kiem or salted fish fried rice**. This arrived in typical Thai fashion, in the shape of an inverted rice bowl, each grain of rice firm but fluffy.

The rice was tasty enough and the only lament I had was that there wasn't enough salted fish being used and instead of the dried salted fish, perhaps the next time I'll request for the 'Mui Heong' (decaying fragrance) variety. RM5.



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Most dishes are priced between RM4 to RM5, and they are generous in their ingredients and serving sizes.

Some notable dishes include:

- **Curry Mee** (RM4.50); tasty light broth, not the heavy type of curry.
- **Tai Look Mee** (RM4.50) – Sufficient 'wok hei' (smoky taste) and generous ingredients, served with their very good homemade sambal belacan
- **Pan Mee** (RM4); offers also the chilli pan mee version at RM4.50
- **Nasi Lemak** with rendang ayam (RM3.50), or with sambal squid or prawn (RM4, delicious)
- Their **'Tai Chow'** stall which is well-known for their various claypot meat and seafood dishes, and fish head curry, also serves quality one-dish meals with rice priced from RM4.50.
- **Other stalls:** Economy rice, Prawn Mee, Wan Ton Mee, Chop rice, Thai food, Western, and Japanese.





## Exhibition

# Ipoh's Tin Mining Towkays

A Dynamic Exhibition presenting the towkays – gentlemen, entrepreneurs, businessmen and philanthropists

Ipoh World Sdn Bhd has assembled a forthcoming new exhibition, “A Tin Mining Family”, which will open at Falim House, Falim, Ipoh on Sunday, May 12 and run for three full months, ending on Monday, August 12.

The exhibition showcases the life and times of Ipoh's many families of tin mining towkays – the entrepreneurs – how they and their households lived, their cars, their servants, their very successful tin mines and other business ventures. Not forgotten are the clan associations, hospitals and schools these philanthropists founded locally.

On the other side of the coin, the four evils that faced the mining coolies – Opium, Gambling, Prostitution and the Triads – are included as an integral part of the mining story.



There are also special sections on Falim House, the hawkers who called there and soft drinks manufacturer F&N who has been part of Ipoh and Falim for more than 100 years. And for those who wish to rest their legs, a rare and vintage film featuring tin mining in the Kinta Valley, both pre and post-war, will run continuously.

With more than 210 old photographs, some dating from before 1900 and a very wide range of artifacts, this is a chance for visitors to get close to real mining equipment, rare toys, unusual kitchen equipment, original local wheeled vehicles and more, much of which will bring back memories long forgotten while at the same time provide important education for young people. Photo opportunities will be many.

Sponsored by Amber Synergy Sdn Bhd and produced by the *ipohWorld* team ([www.ipohworld.org](http://www.ipohworld.org)), the exhibition is led by Commander Ian Anderson, a retired British naval officer who is married to an Ipoh girl and lives permanently in Ipoh. Ian is well known for his enthusiasm for local heritage and history and has produced an exhibition unlike any other and one that should not be missed. The collections on show are all from *ipohworld*, a project sponsored entirely by Tenby Schools Ipoh, with some items dating back to well before 1900.

“The Exhibition would not be possible were it not for Tenby Schools for seeing our vision and supporting it since 2006. We are also indebted to Amber Synergy Sdn Bhd which has generously covered the entire costs of this exhibition,” said Ian.

He continued, “In the medium-term, *ipohWorld* hopes to promote a keen and sustained interest in the history and heritage of Ipoh through a permanent Heritage Centre which will enhance visitors enjoyment with additional, ever-changing and interesting exhibitions each year. We're optimistic that such a centre would attract more tourists to Ipoh in line with the Perak State Government's plans.”

On behalf of Amber Synergy Sdn Bhd, the sponsors, Dato' Poo Tak Kiau said that they were delighted to be able to help *ipohworld* stage the exhibition which he was sure would be of great interest to local residents and tourists alike.

“What's more”, he added, “the exhibition will be a wonderful educational tool for schools and colleges. I hope that they'll take advantage of it to introduce their students to important local history that is generally glossed over or forgotten.”

When asked for more details on the Exhibition, Ian said, “Trust me, it'll be a wonderful experience. But you'll have to wait until May 12 when the Exhibition opens to the world”.

Opening hours are from 10am to 6pm daily and entrance is free.

Ed

## LETTERS

We reprint some of our reader's comments from our online paper. Go to <http://www.ipohecho.com.my/> to read more. The views expressed in these letters are not necessarily shared by the Editorial Board. We reserve the right to refuse or modify the letters we publish.

## New Projects Must Provide Parking Facilities

It was reported in NST's Streets Northern (March 28, 2013) that Mayor Dato' Roshidi Hashim informed that MBI had approved 445 development projects last year and about half of them are in progress.

Ipoh has an acute parking problem in virtually all areas. MBI must stipulate that all new projects must provide parking facilities for their staff as well as customers. MBI must relook into the conditions of the approved projects and include this clause. Withdraw approvals if this condition is not met. If this is not done the parking problem is going to deteriorate further.

Furthermore, MBI must also ensure that all areas of the city are developed equally and there should not be lopsided development. It looks like development is only

concentrated in certain areas. MBI must not forget that it collects assessment from all residents; maybe the amount is not the same. This must not be the reason for unequal development.

Appointed councillors can play an important role in seeing that their zones are developed. Development must not be confined to setting up industries and business premises only; healthy recreational facilities for children, adults and senior citizens are needed. All zones must have public transport, clinics, schools, mini post offices and reading rooms/libraries, markets, *pondok polis* and other essential amenities. Councillors should dialogue with the residents in their zones and get feedback.

A. Jeyaraj

## Community

## Sunway Scholarships for the Poor

Sunway College, Ipoh has entrusted *One Caring Heart Malaysia* to fulfil the mission of Education Initiative Charity through the allocation of scholarships for children of single mothers and poor families.

The scholarship of RM200,000 was presented by the Principal of Sunway College, Ipoh – Pn. Adawiah Norli to the President of One Caring Heart Malaysia – Puan Sri Dr Susan Cheah.

Sunway College, Ipoh in awarding the scholarships, is fulfilling its corporate social responsibility, in tune with the philosophy of Sunway-Jeffrey Cheah's foundation of giving back to society.

The event was officiated by Yang Bahagia Datuk Heng Seai Kie, Advisor of Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. In her speech, Datuk Heng highlighted that the programme is of great benefit to those single mothers and poor families as the scholarships will tend to lessen their financial burden.

Sunway College Ipoh offers a variety of courses for tertiary education. The latest partnership between Sunway College, Ipoh & One Caring Heart Malaysia is aimed at providing quality tertiary education and being socially responsible at the same time.





# My Say

By Jerry Francis



## Amanjaya Bus Terminal

The relocation of any facility will always be beset with problems. There will be those against the idea and those in favour of it.

The main issue is location. It may be convenient to those living close-by, but not to others further away who may be faced with having to get to the new location. However, such movement may be necessary in the name of progress.

Thus, the relocation of the centralized out-station bus terminal from Medan Gopeng in Ipoh to the Amanjaya integrated bus terminal in Bandar Meru Raya, just north of the city, is no exception.

There has been a long tussle with the 50-odd bus operators affected by the move, which threatens to turn the newly-constructed Amanjaya bus terminal into a "white elephant."

A huge amount of funds has been spent on the construction of the new bus terminal. Unlike the one in Medan Gopeng, which was not built for a bus terminal, the Amanjaya integrated bus terminal had been painstakingly planned to provide all the facilities and comforts of long distance bus passengers.

It is an impressive complex beside the North-South Expressway and in the midst of the commercial areas of the new township. Located in the complex are ticketing booths, a comfortable waiting area with TV screens displaying information on arrival and departure, food outlets, shops, a budget hotel, taxi-station and ample car parks. The passengers' arrival area is located on the higher level, which is connected by two lifts and escalators. There are 19 platforms for buses with space for 30 more on stand-by.

"We have discussed with those running the bus terminal at Medan Gopeng and they agreed that all the express bus companies operating there would move to the new terminal within a month," said executive chairman of the Combined Bus Service Sdn Bhd, Encik Mohamad Hj. Mat Isa. His company is managing the Amanjaya Bus Terminal.



"This matter has been dragging on for the last six months. Currently, about 23 bus operators have moved to Amanjaya bus terminal."

Mohamad said that the rest will have to move into the new complex soon as the Perak Development Corporation, which owns Medan Gopeng, has other plans to turn the building into another state tourism icon.

Meanwhile, the Combined Bus Services is encouraging travellers to use the new bus terminal. "We have launched a promotion. Those who book their outstation bus tickets and disembark at the Amanjaya terminal are entitled to a RM5 voucher to be spent at the terminal," he said.

The company is also planning to introduce more shuttle buses to connect Amanjaya bus terminal with the various residential areas around the city.

## News Roundup

### Military Community Volunteering Day

The Military Community Volunteering Day held recently at Kem Syed Putra, Tambun, according to the Chief of Staff of HQ 2 Infantry Brigade, Lt-Col Johnny Lim, was a huge success.

The two-day practical exhibition attracted over 50,000 people of all races. Themed *Tentera dan Rakyat Sentiasa Bersama* (Army and People Are Always Together) it was officiated by Ipoh Mayor, Dato' Roshidi Hashim.

Roshidi thanked the Ipoh-based army brigade for inviting him to officiate at the function. He felt that the staging of such an informal event, which allowed for interaction between the military and the public, would have a positive impact on the Ipoh community.

The objective of the exhibition was to instil the spirit of volunteerism among members of the armed forces and the public. The exhibits included weapons and equipment displays with the most visited being the "grounded" French-made Alouette helicopter. The medical check-up tents was the other popular attraction. Visitors too participated in tele-matches vying for the many attractive prizes on offer.

Nearly 500 registered as Perajurit Muda (young soldiers) and they included former National Service trainees, S. Thibashini, 21, and S. Kogilavani, 23. Over 200 registered themselves as volunteers with the Ipoh-based 503 Territorial Regiment.

Visitors were also treated to joy-rides in the popular American-made High Mobility



Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle better known as Humvee made famous during Operation Desert Storm. Static display by armoured vehicles in the army arsenal attracted much attention as well.

Among the dignitaries who turned up at the launch were the state police chief, DCP Dato' Pahlawan Mohd Shukri Dahlan, Brig-Gen Dato' Pahlawan Zulkiflie Mansor, Assistant Chief of Staff Army HQ and senior military and police officers.

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## News Roundup

### Public Speaking Competition



The Sathya Sai Baba Centres of Perak organised a *Human Values Public Speaking Competition* between students in tertiary institutions in Perak at Olympia College recently. Over 120 people, comprising students, parents and members of the public were present to support this event. The objective of this programme was to enhance goodwill and understanding among youths of different racial and religious backgrounds in the different tertiary institutions; assist the government in its effort to encourage the use of the English language in institutions of higher learning; to develop the soft skills of diplomacy, public speaking and etiquette and to expose the youths, the future leaders of this country, to the importance of selfless service and sacrifice for the welfare of the old, the sick and the unfortunate in society.

Six institutions, SMK Methodist (ACS) Ipoh, SMK St Michael Ipoh, SMK Anderson Ipoh, Politeknik Ungku Omar Ipoh, Institusi Pendidikan Guru Kampus Ipoh and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman Kampus Kampar were invited to participate. The overall winner of the competition was Angaindrankumar s/o Gnanasagaran from SMK Methodist (ACS) Ipoh. He also won the best Prepared Speech and Best Impromptu Speech Trophies.

The first runner up was Chin Zian Zhou from UTAR while the second runner up was Hong Tze Wei also from UTAR. The Overall Challenge Trophy was won by SMK Methodist (ACS) Ipoh.

### General Azizan Bids Farewell



Major-General Dato' Azizan bin Md Delin, General Officer Commanding 2nd Malaysian Infantry Division (covering states of Perak, Penang, Kedah, Perlis and Kelantan) made a farewell visit to 2nd Malaysian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Ipoh recently. The visit was prior to his appointment as Chief of Staff, Army HQ at the Ministry of Defence, Kuala Lumpur.

Gen Azizan was received on arrival by the brigade commander, Brig-Gen Dato' Md Dzahir bin Abdul Rashid and his Chief of Staff, Lt-Col Johnny Lim. A parade, comprising of 19 Officers and 216 Other Ranks commanded by Lt-Col Zamran Hashim, was held in his honour at the headquarters' parade ground.

In his farewell speech, Azizan reminded all personnel of 2nd Infantry Brigade to maintain the high standards of discipline and professionalism set. He stressed the need to remain vigilant and be prepared for further deployment following the Lahad Datu terrorist incursion.

His replacement is newly-promoted Maj-Gen Dato' Mohd Shukuri Ahmad who was formerly the Commander of 9th Malaysian Infantry Brigade stationed in Sibu, Sarawak.

Ed

## Sheila Wows Diners

Inspired by Frank Sinatra's, "Love Is a Many-Splendoured Thing", Perak Women For Women Society (PWW), organised a glitzy charity dinner to celebrate its tenth anniversary. The event, held at the Kinta Riverfront Hotel, Ipoh on Saturday, April 6, was a resounding success judging from public response. All 70 tables were taken up.

According to the society's President, Dr Sharifah Halimah Jaafar, the journey has been a long struggle full of challenges but members, who are all volunteers, have persevered, committed in their cause to empower and prevent abuses to women and children.

Started as a society to help women in crisis, PWW has extended its role to encompass women's rights and equality through its affiliation with JAG (Joint Action Group for Gender Equality).

The highlight of the evening was Malaysia's Jazz Queen, Dato' Sheila Majid, who entertained the more than 800 diners with her repertoire of songs over the years. She also sang a medley of some of her classic hits such as "Lagenda", "Sinaran" and "Aku Cinta Padamu".

The society managed to raise some RM78,000 from the charity dinner. Prominent Ipoh philanthropist, Koon Yew Yin, true to his word, donated an additional RM78,000 to PWW. Earlier he had promised a Ringgit-



for-Ringgit donation based on the amount collected. He pledged to do the same for next year's charity dinner.

Koon, who considered his donations to PWW as "one of his best investments", suggested that the society utilises a building along Jalan Kampar, which he has given to the Salvation Army, for children's education.

With the money raised, PWW, whose operations are heavily dependent on sponsorships by well-wishers, will be able to focus on its many outreach programmes in place, one of which is the on-going programme to educate aboriginal children at Pos Woh, Tapah. The other is the conduct of self-defence classes for women to protect themselves against street crimes.

Emily

## KPJ Ipoh Specialist Hospital Goes Green

KPJ Ipoh Specialist Hospital has taken the initiative to save Mother Nature by going green. It recently launched its "Go Green" at the lobby area of KPJ Ipoh by the Chief Executive Officer of KPJ Ipoh, Tn. Hj. Asmadi Mohd. Bakri together with Director of KPJ Ipoh, Dr Luis Chen Shian Liang.

Special efforts are being made to educate their staff and customers on being eco-friendly, helping them to understand what are the good deeds each can perform by creating awareness through training, best recycle corner competition, no styrofoam usage at cafeteria and no-plastic day on Saturday.

After the launch, the staff of KPJ Ipoh performed a *gotong-royong*, cleaning up the hospital compound and pledging to sustain the utmost cleanliness for a healthy and hygienic environment.



## Funding for Perak Schools

Almost RM1.5 million was disbursed to 232 schools in Perak; 111 Chinese and 85 Tamil primary schools, 19 mission schools and 17 national-type secondary schools. The monies were the state's allocation to these schools to subsidise their utility bills and miscellaneous expenses for the first half of 2013. The amount allotted per school is contingent upon its enrolment.

During a cheque-presentation ceremony held at SMJK Sam Tet Ipoh recently, Menteri Besar Dato' Seri DiRaja Zambry Abd Kadir acknowledged that the financial aid might not be sufficient but would lessen the schools' burden. The Perak State government has been funding these non-government-aided schools since 2010, and is the only state government in Malaysia to subsidise the expenses of schools. Since 2009, RM176 million had been spent on education through various programmes.



Besides the pursuit of academics, the state government also lauds students who excel in co-curricular activities. As such, the state will fully bear the expenses of 14-year-old piano prodigy, Joshua Ng Jin Ho, who has been invited to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York this May. The trip is estimated to cost RM18,000.

The SMJK Sam Tet Form 2 student, who scored straight As in his UPSR examination, has so far won eight championship titles from piano competitions around the world, including the Hong Kong Asia Pacific Piano Competition, the Australia-New Zealand Cultural Arts Music Competition and the Malaysian Youth Orchestra Foundation Music Competition.



Ng took the opportunity to perform two concert études by Franz Liszt, *Walderauschen* (Forest Murmurs) and *Gnomensreigen* (Dance of the Gnomes) to an applauding audience. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Zambry, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in music.

Addressing the media later, Zambry disclosed that the Perak state government, through Menteri Besar Incorporated is planning to build education hubs throughout the state. After Kampar and Tanjung Malim, the third area identified is Seri Iskandar. With more than a thousand acres of land, the hub, focusing on education at tertiary level, will take between 10 to 15 years to develop.

Emily



## News Roundup

### Cycling for Charity



**P**erak Police Contingent and the Perak Media Club held separate cycling events both starting at the Senior Police Officers' Mess, Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, Ipoh on the morning of Saturday, April 6.

The Police's charity ride was in conjunction with the 206th Police Day celebration while the media club's event was solely to collect donations for the victims of the recent Lahad Datu terrorist incursion. Both events were flagged off by Perak Police Chief, DCP Dato' Pahlawan Mohd Shukri Dahlan at 7am and 7.30am respectively.

The media group, consisting of cyclists from KPJ, MBI, Hotel MH, UMNO Ipoh, MIC Ipoh and NGOs, were the first to be flagged off. The group cycled to Chemor, Sg Siput and Kuala Kangsar. The local police stations there served as check cum donation collection points from well wishers.

Several dignitaries, including the Second Finance Minister and the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office were on hand to receive the riders at these checkpoints. A total of about RM30,000 was collected. The sum will be handed over to Bukit Aman by the Perak Police Contingent.

The second group, consisting mainly of police personnel, made its way to the Polo Ground for some aerobic exercises. After aerobics, the group cycled to *Rumah Anak Yatim Nurul Iman* in Manjoi while the Police Chief dropped by Hospital Tuanku Bainun to visit some sick patients. They then returned to the Officers' Mess for lunch before dispersing.

SH Ong

### OCPD Ipoh Cup

**T**he competition for the Ipoh OCPD Football Championship Cup was held over a period of three days at the Ipoh Padang beginning on April 5 and culminating in the finals on April 7.

Players from 24 police stations in Ipoh District were grouped into eight teams. The final two, Team A, comprising players from Sg. Senam, Kg. Rapat and Kg. Simee and Team B, consisting of players from Pasir Puteh, Simpang Pulai and Pekan Baru, met for the final showdown at the padang on Sunday, April 7.

The game was played under an overcast sky and a slippery pitch, which added to the excitement. After some action-packed tussle, Team B managed to score its first goal through a penalty kick just before half-time. Team A fought hard in the 2nd half and evened the score seconds before the final whistle. After a short break, the teams resumed their rivalry in extra time. Team A managed to



score their second goal and became the eventual winner of the tournament.

Ipoh Police Chief, ACP Sum Chang Keong, gave away prizes to the winning team and the runners-up and mementos to tournament officials.

SH Ong

### Junior Ambassadors

**A**fter spending five days with their host families and visiting places of interest in Ipoh and going hands-on at making *bedak sejuk* and *bakul*, it was time for the 15 young delegates and their three chaperones to bid farewell.

This delegation, under the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) Mission Project 2013, is from Ipoh's sister city, Fukuoka, Japan. It is all the more meaningful this year as Japan celebrates its 40th anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation.

In conjunction with the 25th year of APCC in July, Ipoh will be sending a delegation of four junior ambassadors to Fukuoka, Japan under the APCC Invitation Project. They will be joined by two Peace Ambassadors from Bridge Club of Ipoh.

Bridge Club of Ipoh, where membership is limited to participants of APCC missions from Ipoh, was formed in February 2013. At their farewell dinner, held at Kinta Riverfront Hotel, Ipoh on Saturday, April 6, Mayor Dato' Roshidi Hashim pledged an annual sum of



RM5000 for the running of the club's activities.

Roshidi thanked all those involved in APCC 2013 for their commitment in ensuring the success of the project. It helped strengthened the relationship between Ipoh and Fukuoka.

Emily

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## Young Perak

# Chinese Primary School Receives RM20,000 Fund

A healthy RM20,000 was successfully raised by UTAR Wushu Club through its *Wushu Night 2* show which was held at Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik recently.

The crowd-pulling show, loosely translated as “Wushu Night 2: Chang’e’s flying to the moon”, saw thousands of people from all walks of life thronging the grand hall in the evening.

*Wushu Night 2* Organising Chairman Tan Wai Kim was grateful to all parties involved, from the organising committee to the sponsors. “Wushu Night 2 is also a way to spread Chinese culture and wushu among students and the public. Thank you everyone for enabling this event to run smoothly,” added Tan, who is also Chairman of UTAR Wushu Club.

Headmaster of SJK(C) Kampar Girls, Tan Chin Siang, extended his heartfelt gratitude to UTAR Wushu Club for giving their very best in helping the Chinese primary school. “Thank you UTAR for your support as well. Thank you for your kindness, sincerity and donation. We will use this donation to upgrade the school hall and other facilities to make them comfortable and



conducive for the students to learn effectively,” he mentioned.

UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato’ Dr Chuah Hean Teik expressed his pride and compliments to the Wushu Club. “UTAR Wushu Club is one of the most active clubs in the University and has won plenty of medals in competitions. The Club also puts UTAR’s six education philosophies into practice and propagates the idea of being physically and mentally healthy,” he said.

UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, who was invited as the Guest of Honour, also took the opportunity to thank the Club for the invitation. He congratulated the organising committee for their concerted effort in organising such a mega event and at the same time, donate funds raised for SJK (C) Kampar Girls. “You may fail at first when doing something. However, you will succeed later and that is how you learn to be confident. And I believe that after you graduate from here, you will do very well in everything,” he advised. “Learn how to be charitable and also to share. Money is just a tool. Use it to benefit others so as to make this world a better place,” he concluded.

This was followed by an opening ceremony which saw Tun Dr Ling accompanied by Toh Puan Ena Ling, Professor Chuah and other special guests, cutting the ribbon and then witnessing a mock cheque worth RM20,000 presented by Professor Chuah to Tan.

Depicting the tragic romance between Chinese mythological characters Houyi and Chang’e, *Wushu Night 2* presented a series of scintillating performances such as a lion dance, fluorescent dragon dance, the 24-Festival Drums performance, tai chi, choreographed wushu performances and sparring scenes.

The audience was also greeted by a pleasant surprise when the emcee announced that Tun Dr Ling personally donated RM10,000 to UTAR Wushu Club.

## Volunteerism II launched



To continue the legacy of ‘Volunteerism Campaign: Volunteers Work for Change’, where Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) students helped in setting up a library in Tronoh Mines New Village, ‘Volunteerism II: Continuing the Legacy’ was launched at UTAR Perak Campus recently.

The original campaign was held in 2011 and the library set up by final-year UTAR Public Relations (PR) students was called ‘U-Liang Library’. In the second campaign, present final-year PR students followed their seniors’ footsteps of promoting the habit of reading among the villagers by raising funds for the library.

“The campaign ‘Volunteerism II: Continuing the Legacy’ will show that UTAR students are not only excellent in academic but also socially responsible,” said UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Dr Teh Chee Seng at the launching ceremony. He was proud to see that UTAR students continued to serve for the betterment of the community.

Delivering a speech on behalf of Kampar MP and Deputy Home Minister Dato’ Lee Chee Leong, Daniel Wa Wai How said, “UTAR students have shown that they are capable of putting what they have learnt into good use in real life.” Wa is a special officer to Dato’ Lee.

“This volunteerism campaign is held to educate students on the importance of volunteerism, social responsibility and event management,” said UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science Dean Dr Cheah Phaik Kin. She added that through the campaign, students will not only learn to be leaders but also improve the lives of the community and change their perception on volunteerism. Dr Cheah initiated both the volunteerism campaigns.

The volunteerism campaign is under an umbrella campaign of UTAR PR Campaign 2013, which is part of the final-year projects of UTAR PR students. The students were divided into five groups. Each group was tasked to carry out its own community service projects under the themes of education, health and environment during March and April.

All the five groups were assigned with mascots of specific colours, creatively named ‘Volunharry’, ‘Voluneddy’, ‘Volungenie’, ‘Volunborny’ and ‘Voluneathlene’.

The ceremony also saw PR Campaign 2013 main Campaign Director Lim Jean Nie handing over a donation of RM2,000 from PR students to Sin Min Primary School Headmaster Yee Chun Weng, who received it on behalf of Kelab Komuniti Tronoh Mines.

Also present at the ceremony were Tronoh Mines New Village Head Cheah Ah Low and Deputy Dean Gan Pei Lee.

## Mum is Suhaini's Inspiration



Diploma in Finance and Islamic Banking student, Suhaini Shamsul Hak, 22, was voted the most outstanding graduate at Politeknik Ungku Omar’s 44th Convocation recently. Suhaini, the youngest of three siblings, obtained an exceptionally high GPA grade of 3.74 in her final semester.

“I attribute my success to my mother who has single-handedly raised us with the little that she has,” said Suhaini when met after the convocation ceremony. Her mother, Mariam Abdullah is a single parent. She was from Chiang Mai, Thailand and was a devout Buddhist before converting to Islam upon her marriage to Suhaini’s father, Shamsul Hak Maulana Gul. Her husband died after a long illness some years ago.

“The demise of Suhaini’s father forced me to seek jobs to feed my three kids. They were my inspiration,” said Mariam. She recounted the time she had to work long hours to put food on the table and how she had to cycle to send her kids to school. “That’s all behind me now. I am happy that my hard work has produced results,” she said. The gritty lady is a night market trader in Taman Beringin, Grik. She tried her hand at many ventures and while some were successful some were not.

“You can imagine my predicament when money was in short supply and having three mouths to feed,” she recalled her trying moments. “But in spite of all these I didn’t lose faith in God. I saved and scrimped to bring up my children the best I could.”

For her sterling effort Suhaini received the polytechnic’s Best Academic and Co-Curriculum Award, the Malaysian Islamic Economic Development Foundation’s Incentive Award and the Director of Polytechnic’s Award.

Suhaini is presently doing a degree course in Finance and Islamic Banking at Universiti Utara Malaysia in Sintok. She aspires to be a lecturer one day. “That’s my promise to my mother.”



## Sport

# Rangel to the Fore

**P**erak FA has secured a new signing in the form of Brazilian striker Paulo Rangel, who will replace Karim Rouani as their second foreign player. The ex-Muang Thong United forward comes with a pretty decent reputation, having been a fan-favourite with the Thai League side. He plans to overcome Perak's goal-scoring problems.

The Seladangs have been struggling to find consistency in the league thus far. And a huge factor behind this has definitely been their inability to score many goals. They are currently ninth in the league table and have only netted nine goals thus far, which is not a good number at all.

Abdul Hadi Yahya came in with a huge reputation, having previously won the 2011 Super League Golden Boots, but even he seems to be lacking the finesse upfront. Another man that was supposed to be pulling the strings is Karim Rouani. However, it is safe to say that he has been nothing short of a disappointment. Then we have Failee. But this lad is more of a second striker, who basically creates chances for others, not a born finisher.

Thus, the Perak FA management has taken a radical step by bringing in Paulo Rangel, with Coach Azraai Khor expressing his confidence that the Brazilian could help revive Perak's falling fortunes.

"Rangel is an out and out striker, who could give us the much needed push upfront in the second round," he said. "He looks very impressive. Rangel is probably the best among the many foreign players who have come our way."

The fact that Rangel is a traditional centre forward will certainly delight Perak fans, considering that the Seladangs have been lacking someone like this for quite awhile now.



The 28 year-old Brazilian has scored a few goals in several friendly clashes recently. Everyone is hoping that he will be an influential man for the rest of the season.

After the 2-1 defeat to LionsXII, it is now crucial for the home team to buck up in its upcoming matches against PKNS and T-Team. Azraai Khor's men are heading into a delicate part of the season, which could well determine their fate in the league.

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## Brighter Lights for Stadium Perak

**T**he new set of floodlights for Stadium Perak will be commissioned by April 26, a day before the game between Perak and Johor is to be played. This was announced by Ipoh Mayor Dato' Roshidi Hashim during his site inspection visit to the stadium.

Perak Stadium has been closed for all matches since February 1 to enable upgrading work and all matches played since then were held at stadium TLDM Lumut.

The lux capacity of the old floodlights was 1000 lux whereas FAM's specification for stadium floodlights is 1400 lux. The total cost of the floodlight replacements is RM4.2 million which was funded by the state government.

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## News Roundup

### A Show to Honour Heroes



**T**he Perak Arts and Culture Department organised a show in honour of security forces personnel presently deployed in Lahad Datu, Sabah. Dubbed, "Mengenang Jasa Pejuang" (A Tribute to Warriors) the event was held at the department's auditorium along Jalan Caldwell recently.

It was well attended with Dato' Zainol Fadzi Hj Paharudin, Executive Councillor for Sports, Arts and Culture, Perak Chief Police Officer, DCP Dato' Pahlawan Mohd Shukri Dahlan and Commander 2nd Malaysian Infantry Brigade, Brig-Gen Dato' Md Dzahir Abdul Rashid leading the pack. The auditorium was filled to the brim. The unlucky few had to be turned away for lack of sitting space.

The show's theme centred on dances and songs performed by the department's troupe. This was followed by poetry recitals, a skit depicting a skirmish between soldiers and insurgents during the Malayan Emergency and ended with a cameo appearance by songstress, Ayu Damit.


The objective of the show was to highlight the sacrifices made by the security forces in defending the country against both internal and external threats. It was also designed to instill a sense of pride and patriotism in the audience, which consisted mainly of uniformed and civilian governmental staff.

At the end of the show a sum of about RM30,000, being the amount collected during the morning charity bicycle ride, was handed over to the Perak Police Chief. The money is destined for the Lahad Datu Warriors' Fund held at Bukit Aman. It was a fitting tribute to the warriors of the nation who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

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