# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1905** 



# **Empowering Communities**

Our commitment to creating lasting change is evident in every project and endeavour.

# **Community Development**

Through sustainable infrastructure projects, we've enhanced living conditions in marginalised communities, fostering social progress and empowerment.

# **Environmental Stewardship**

Our environmental projects focus on reforestation, green initiatives, and waste management, ensuring a healthier planet for current and future generations.



# **ABOUT YMCA KL**

#### PROVIDING SPACE FOR HEALTHY GROWTH OF BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

The YMCA KL, short for the Young Men's Christian Association of Kuala Lumpur is a voluntary-based, century-old international, Christian, ecumenical movement that endeavours to echo the cultural identity of the nation in which it exists and serves. It is a well-established autonomous non-profit Christian charity organisation, founded on 27th of October 1905. We began with the core intention of initiating cause driven awareness by serving the evolving community at large in the Klang Valley for more than a century through sustaining the true balance in Body, Mind and Spirit as the essential core personal values of each individual that experience the YMCA.

Aside from being one of the earliest non-profit organisations in Malaysia with a crucial philanthropic legacy, the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur is also a Membership organisation that welcomes individuals of all ages, genders, races, ethnicity, religions, and abilities to experience self-growth and empowerment. Our programmes, activities, courses, projects and events are driven by our Causes for Members to embrace diversity, encourage harmony and emulating core family values through a healthy lifestyle of learning, training and personal development.

We strive to be the choice Not-for-Profit Organisation (NPO) in Malaysia in providing services characterised by love, justice and peace; and prioritise our work based on the analyses and participation of the community so that our movement can help to bring about the desired changes. YMCA KL offers a wide range of progressive programmes including Christian mission programmes, sports and fitness programmes, alternative tourism programmes through their participation in the regional YMCA-APAY Global Alternative Tourism Network, children and youth development programmes, martial arts training, community sports development programmes, educational and enrichment courses, senior citizens and deaf development programmes, cause-based projects, and more.

# **VISION**

#### Where Our Goal Leads

To be the leading Christian Youth and Community Organisation in Malaysia.

## **MISSION**

#### **How We Achieve It**

To reach out and unite young people by providing them wholesome activities for the development of Body, Mind & Spirit for the extension of His Kingdom & Service to the community.



### PRESIDENT ADDRESS



Greetings in the Name of our Lord,

After the COVID pandemic subsided, the world came out of its hibernation before 2023 only to experience a different massive global upheaval. The Ukraine war continued unabated. A new corridor of hell emerged with the Israel-Gaza conflict spewing out desecration on humanity. The reverberation of this conflict reached all continents of the world bringing further strife and polarisation.

The effects of climate change saw the likes of floods, draughts, earthquakes, cyclones, and natural fires on an unparalleled magnitude assaulting our Habitat the Creation. Truly humanity has been brought down to its knees adding to the woes of young people who are already struggling to find a meaning to their lives in the world.

All these are precipitated by the advent of a new world order "the Digital World Order" soon to be propelled by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology companies. Although digitalisation promises more precision and efficiency - in actual fact the vision of humanity is getting blurred and more obscure.

The YMCAs all over the world have already begun to address these dire situations through Vision 2030 with its 4 pillars of impact viz Community Wellbeing, Meaningful work, Sustainable Planet and Just World. At Asia Pacific Alliance we have placed all 4 pillars on the firm foundation of the "Christian Faith and Principles".

The YMCA of Kuala Lumpur through collaboration with APAY embarked on this journey of reconciling the Creation to God. Young people must be in the forefront of these initiatives. A concerted effort must be made to invite young people to join the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur.

In the last one year we have engaged with our life and full members through a fellowship gathering. This gave us an opportunity to get to know each other personally and acquaint our members with the developments at the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur. As a result of these sessions some of our full members have volunteered their services in various capacities.

We look forward to your partnership in all our activities and the successful completion of our new building. We move with confidence and put our assurance on the Lord.

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Proverbs 16:3

May the Peace of our Lord be with you all.

# VERY REV. COR EPISCOPA PHILIP THOMAS PRESIDENT

**003** PRESIDENT ADDRESS



### **HONORARY SECRETARY ADDRESS**



Dear Beloved Members,

As we journey beyond the trials of the COVID era, I extend my warmest greetings to each member of YMCAKL. It brings me great joy to embark on this path as your Honorary Secretary, a role I embrace with both humility and determination, mindful of the legacy of those who came before me. With a prayerful heart, I seek divine guidance to uphold our association's noble mission.

Our progress toward completing the new building, a decade-long endeavour, speaks volumes about the unwavering dedication of the Board. With just approximately 10% remaining until the finish line, we persist in fulfilling the mandate given by our members to create a vibrant space that will enrich our community for future generations.

At the core of our focus lies the empowerment of youth and marginalised groups, who have been instrumental in shaping our mission since we started 180 years ago. Through our social enterprise initiatives, we channel resources into our Community Funds, fueling programs that pave the way for the next generation of leaders to flourish. Every contribution to YMCAKL creates ripples of impact, underscoring our shared commitment to building a brighter tomorrow.

We understand the importance of attracting more youth to lead our programs. As Luke 5:37-38 reminds us, "And no one puts new wine into old skins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins."

Each generation brings its own unique contribution to our community, with seniors providing wisdom, experience, mentorship, networks, and strategic positioning, while youth offer fresh perspectives and innovation. Together, we bridge the gap and pass the baton to the next generation, fostering a culture of collaboration and growth.

Reflecting on Psalm 36:25, "I was young and now am old. Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread," I am reminded of the divine providence that has guided us throughout the years. I firmly believe that YMCAKL is a manifestation of God's work, and I consider it a great honour to serve. Over the years, we have experienced God's hand in favouring YMCAKL by sending the right people to help us.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member, staff, and board member for their unwavering dedication and support. Let us continue to build upon the foundation of faith and fellowship, trusting in God's purpose to prevail.

With warm regards and deep appreciation,

# SAMUEL SHAM CHEE LEONG HONORARY SECRETARY



#### **PATRON**



TAN SRI DATO' DR. MICHAEL YEOH OON KHENG P.S.M., D.S.P.N

#### HON. LEGAL ADVISOR



DATO' NG MANN CHEONG D.S.S.A., S.M.P., J.P.

#### **CHAPLAIN**



#### CAPTAIN 3RD KL BOYS' BRIGADE



NG JIEHAN

TRUSTEES OF YMCA KL



LIM TOH HOY



TAN GEOK SOON, ADEL



LIM KIM HOCK

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS OF JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024**



V. REV. COR EPISCOPA PHILIP THOMAS PRESIDENT



**JEFFREY JOHN** VICE PRESIDENT



SAMUEL SHAM CHEE LEONG HONORARY **SECRETARY** 



LOW YOK LIN, JAMES



HONORARY TREASURER (Until 31 Jan 2024)





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EXCO MEMBER



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LEO LESLIE ARMSTRONG JMW, AMW, PJK DIRECTOR



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ONG CHOO SEONG, GEORGE DIRECTOR



PRISCILLA NANCY HENDRICKS DIRECTOR



YAP KAH SHEN DIRECTOR



LARRY DIRECTOR



# THE YMCA KL TEAM



Back Row: Thomas, Lee Tze Shern, Zakaria, Nasrul, Ray Benedick, Abdul Ghani; Middle Row: Magesvary, Mariamah, Chew Wei Leng, Samsiah, Silvarani, BabySalni, Katherine, Florina Jessie, Nirmala, Yusnita, Vicky, Amelia; Front Row: Sakthivel, Vincent, Judy Ong, Ng Sok Pan, Morley Ng, Jasmin, Kelvin Suy; Not In Photo: Raja Nur Azuhri, & Vishnu,

#### **Finance & Administration Department**

Finance & Admin Manager Judy Ong Siok Hong

Senior Secretary Ng Sok Pan

Accounts Assistant BabySalni Paramasivam Accounts Assistant Katherine Lai Foong Mei

#### Hostel & Facilities cum Building Maintenance Department

Secretary Hostel & Facilities Vicky Chong Wei Kee Senior Front Office Supervisor Ray Benedick Sating Senior Front Office Assistant Vishnu Ramakrishnan

Thomas Yap Mun Chun

Front Office Assistant Lee Tze Shern

Housemaid Samsiah Bahari

Silvarani Sangaran

Magesvary P. Ramalingam

Sakthivel Kuppusamy Cleaner Mariamah S. Murugasu

Cleaner cum Handyman Ahmad Nasrul Naquidin Mohd

Basri

Senior Secretary Building Raja Nur Azuhri Raja Ahmad Senior Maintenance Technician Abdul Ghani Abu Samah Groundsman Zakaria Yusof

#### **Membership Department**

Membership Coordinator Yusnita Yusof

#### **Education & Training Department**

Senior Secretary Chew Wei Leng

# Programmes & Youth, Christian Identity & Mission, Department

Senior Secretary Vincent Foo Ming Soon Secretary Florina Jessie Bernard Amelia Cheong Kit Mun Assistant Adminstrator Nirmala Anggamuthu

#### Pusat Majudiri 'Y' for the Deaf Department

**Secretary Morley Ng** 

Assistant Administrator Kelvin Suy Boon Hong (from March 2024

March 2024

Teacher cum Clerk Jasmin Gopal

# Community Development (Senior Citizens' Club) Department

Coordinator Morley Ng

Florina Jessie Bernard

Yusnita Yusof



# THE YMCA KL WORKING COMMITTEES

#### **Christian Identity & Mission Committee**

Chairperson Rev. Dr. Allan Vairamuthu Deputy Chairperson Ms. Priscilla N. Hendricks

Committee Rev. Victor Vethamani Mr. Lim Chee Sing Dr. Manuval T<u>homas</u>

Mr. Franklin Styne Mr. Gopal Krishnan Rev. P.R. Peter

Mr. Michael Chua Tian Hock Mr. Alfred Ong Soon Chuan

By-Invitation Mr. Ng Jiehan

(Cpt. 3rd KL Boys' Brigade)

Staff Related Mr. Vincent Foo Ming Soon

#### **Education & Training Committee**

Chairperson Mr. Yap Kah Shen Deputy Chairperson Mr. James Low Yok Lin Staff Related Ms. Chew Wei Leng

#### **Finance & Admin Committee**

Chairperson Mr. Tony Chow Kok Foo Committee Mr. Victor Yong Chun Wah Staff Related Ms. Judy Ong Siok Hong Ms. Ng Sok Pan

### Hostel & Facilities cum Building Maintenance Committee

Chairperson Mr. Paul Lim Ngee Huat
Deputy Chairperson Mr. Larry Yeo Swee Ling
Committee Mr. Joseph Rocky Gomez

Mr. Wong Tai Chin Dr. Manuval Thomas

En. Azman Abdul Karim Staff Related Ms. Vicky Chong Wei Kee

Mr. Raja Nur Azhuri Raja Ahmad

**Mr. Ray Benedick Sating** 

#### **Membership Committee**

Chairperson Mr. James Low Yok Lin Deputy Chairperson Ms. Priscilla N. Hendricks Staff Related Ms. Yusnita Yusof

#### **Personnel Committee**

Chairperson V. Rev. Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas

Committee Mr. Jeffery John

Mr. Lim Chee Sing

Mr. Samuel Sham Chee Leong

Mr. James Low Yok Lin

Mr. Tony Chow Kok Foo

Mr. A. Lokanathan

Staff Related Ms. Judy Ong Siok Hong

#### **Programmes & Youth Committee**

Chairperson Mr. George Ong Choo Seong Deputy Chairperson Mr. Yap Kah Shen Committee Mr. N. Patrick Micheal Mr. Paul Lim Ngee Huat

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Rev. P.R. Peter Mr. Chong Kai Zhen

Pn. Norshafini Binti Abdul Aziz Pn. Shahidah Binti Ahmed Cik. Azlina Binti Arbain

Staff Related Ms. Morley Ng

#### **Senior Citizens' Club Committee**

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> Ms. Morley Ng Ms. Yusnita Yusof

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Deputy Chairperson Mr. Jeffrey John

Committee V. Rev. Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas

Mr. Samuel Sham Chee Leong

Mr. James Low

Mr. Lim Chee Sing

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Mr. Jaswant Singh

Rev. P. R. Peter. En. Azman Abdul Karim

Staff Related Respective Head of Departments



# THE YMCA KL CLUB COMMITTEES

### 3rd KL Company Boys' Brigade Officer Council

Chaplain Rev. Victor Vethamani

Honorary Captain Mr. Tony Chow Kok Foo

Captain Mr. Ng Jie Han

Lieutenant Mr. Jonathan Ang Rong Hwee

Mr. Voon Zhen Yi

Warrant Officers Ms. Ko Tai Yun

Mr. Chuang Kwan Weng

Mr. Joshua Ang Rong Liang

Mr. Au Jern Mun

Mr. Lee Yit Wei

Staff Sergeants Mr. Chong Chun Loong

Mr. Jordan Thong Meng Yip

Mr. Roshan Deepak Neoh Gharpuray

Instructors Mr. Ronan Irvine

Mr. Daniel Tham

Related Staff Mr. Vincent Foo Ming Soon

#### **Aikido Club Committee**

Chairperson Mr. Raymond Kwok

Assistant Instructor Ms. Audrey Liew

Ms. Chew Mei Yoke

Ms. Tan Ann Ling Related Staff Ms. Nirmala Anggamuthu

#### Senior Citizens' Club Volunteer Instructors

Volunteer Instructors

Mdm. Hong Ben Sim Tai Chi Fan Dance, Qi Gong

Exercise & Fan Dance

Mdm. Rosalind Phang Yoke Heng Line Dance Mdm. Pat Wong Yoke Ming Line Dance Assistant

Coordinator Mdm. Thow Eng King

Related Staff Ms. Florina Jessie

Ms. Morley Ng

Ms. Yusnita Yusof

#### **Sing Along Club Committee**

Chairperson Mr. Ho Weng Kai

Secretary Mr. Derrick Dai

Related Staff Ms. Nirmala Anggamuthu

#### **Table Tennis Club Committee**

Chairperson Mr. Ng Peng Kiang

**Deputy Chairperson Mr. Chia Chong Heng** 

Secretary Mr. Wong Swei Chien

Tresurer Mr. Ong Choo Seong (George)

Committee Mr. Ong Soo Lin (Colin) Mr. Lee Weng Choong

Mr. Liew Jan Sun

Related Staff Ms. Amelia Cheong

Ms. Nirmala Anggamuthu

#### YMCA KL Toastmasters Club Officer

President Ms. Santhy Dewi Pillai

Vice President Education Ms. Arafah Punusamy

Membership Ms. Alexandra Utun Alam

Public Relation Ms. Fazila Hanis Hashim

Secretary Ms. Ranjina Jacob

Treasurer Ms. Shakthy Thewi Pillai

Sergeant-At-Arm Pavitheran Suraj Related Staff Ms. Amelia Cheong



# **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **BRIEF REPORT ON YMCA KL NEW BUILDING**



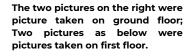








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# **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **BRIEF REPORT ON YMCA KL NEW BUILDING**





The two pictures on the left were picture taken on second floor; Two pictures as below were pictures taken on third floor







The two pictures as above were taken on forth floor; Two pictures on the right were pictures taken on fifth floor.







# **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **BRIEF REPORT ON YMCA KL NEW BUILDING**





The two pictures on the left were taken at M&E Floor & Roof

#### PROGRESS OF WORKS IN BRIEF:

#### A) Completed Work

- 1. All reinforced concrete works are fully completed, inclusive of the driveway ramp.
- 2. Brickwork, Plastering work, Floor Rendering & Skim Coating.
- 3. Staircase nosing tiles and metal railing.
- 4. Roof Covering and Canopy Roof structured.
- 5. Cold Water & Sanitary Plumbing works.
- 6. Fire Protection Services & Tank installation.
- 7. Lift installation completed with Internal T&C for Bomba submission.

#### **B) Work In Progress**

1. Painting works – primer coat completed for Ground Floor and 1st Floor. Finishing coat in progress.

#### C) Balance / Outstanding Works

- 1. Aluminium glass window (final fix)
- 2. All Doors & Ironmongery and roller shutter
- 3. Ceiling Board installation
- 4. Wall Tiling and Floor Tiling
- 5. Toilet cubicle and Sanitary fittings
- 6. Internal & External Painting
- 7. M & E Equipment installation
- 8. External works, i.e. Premix road, Drainage works & On-site detention pond, Incoming TNB supply & Telephone cabling, Sewerage connection.

#### D) Overall % Completion

Approximately 89%.

Very Rev Philip Thomas Chairman Building Committee



### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT**

# One Million Voices: A Global Initiative for YMCA Kuala Lumpur's New Building and Community Programmes



The One Million Voices Initiative was introduced to raise funds for the New Building, with a specific aim at funding the various programmes and activities in the new building. It was officially launched during the Malam Muhibbah Night held on 9th December 2023. Guest invited included Patron Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Michael Yeoh, Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) and other YMCA chapters were present to grace the special occasion. The various YMCAs that attended included those from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Malaysia as the host. Various community groups around Brickfields, including the blind, deaf, and various churches, were also invited.

Mr. Samuel Sham, the Honorary Secretary, shared the Star Fish story, illustrating how saving one starfish at a time can make an impact on the rest of the community. Hence, by imparting this special program to them, we are hopeful that a seed has been planted and it can grow in their respective YMCAs and communities.

The methodology of this programme allows donors to donate a minimum of RM20.00 or USD5.00, and they can also upload a short 10 to 20-second video expressing their support for this programme and YMCA. These videos will be compiled and shared on our social media and website, as well as throughout all the YMCAs in the world.

This programme will continue to be introduced in the coming Lent Season in various churches and at every event held at YMCA KL.



Group photo with YMCA KL Patron, APAY Board Members and General Secretary Mr. Nam & YMCA KL Board Members

Mr. A. Lokanathan Chairman YMCA KL Fundraising Committee



# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **Embracing a Renewed Chapter in YMCA's Member Community**

Having weathered the challenges posed by the pandemic over the past three years, the YMCA

is poised to usher in a new era of growth and engagement for its members within its premises. A diverse array of programs has been meticulously crafted to enrich the experiences of YMCA members in the upcoming months.

The year 2023 witnessed a noteworthy return of several clubs in YMCA, the Boys' Brigade, Senior Citizens Club, Table Tennis Club, to name a few. Our Senior Citizens actively engaged in their regular Tai Chi, Qigong, and what not every Wednesday and Saturday in the Hall. Each festival was joyously celebrated with potluck gatherings including Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Deepavali and Christmas. Several Foodie trips to Sekinchan, Teluk Intan, Bentong and Ipoh left lasting memories on all participating members.



Sing Along Group members performing during Volunteers Appreciation Night 2023

Furthermore, both online and physical language classes were successfully conducted throughout the year. The vigour of our Sports & Martial Arts activities remained unwavering, with Football Coaching and Archery classes experiencing continued growth. Notably, our Sign Language courses gained popularity among new and existing members. Several series of motivational talks were also organised, particularly focusing on financial and self-improvement aspects.

In the span of January to December 2023, a remarkable 898 new members joined the YMCA family, culminating in a robust total of 2295 members by year-end. The largest demographic within our membership comprises youths aged 16-45, constituting 43% of the total membership, with a notable majority being female. Following closely are the seniors, aged 60 and above, making up 32% of the membership, with a higher representation of male members in this category. This influx marks a vibrant expansion of our YMCA community, setting the stage for an exciting journey ahead.



Senior Citizens' Club Member Birthday Celebration



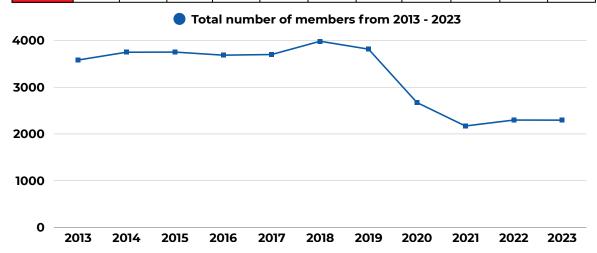
YMCA KL Full Member Chinese New Year Celebration



# **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

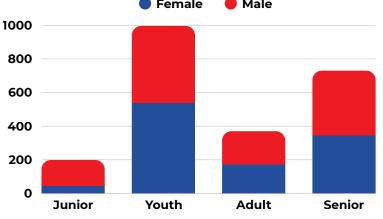
#### Total number of member from 2013 - 2023

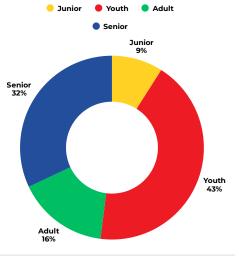
YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL	3582	3749	3752	3686	3700	3984	3815	2672	2170	2297	2295



### Members by Age Group (2023)

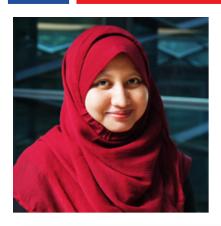
AGE GROUP	OUP MALE FEMALE		TOTAL	PERCENTAGE		
CHILDREN (below 16)	154 45		199	9%		
YOUTH (16-45)	456	540	996	43%		
ADULT (46-60)	196	174	370	16%		
SENIOR (above 60)	384	346	730	32%		
TOTAL	TOTAL 1190 1105		2295	100%		
Female Male						
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# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT





Pn. Fazila giving her suggestion to the speaker during the evaluation session in YMCA KL Toastmasters Club Meeting

#### **Member's Testimonial**

When a close friend recommended that I join Toastmasters, a google search turned up the YMCA KL Toastmasters Club. Santhy Pillai, the then club president, was very forthcoming with details and invited me to their next meeting. Everyone was very welcoming and I decided to sign up to both Toastmasters and YMCA KL membership. It has been a wonderful journey learning to speak in public and making new friends. I also ended up as Vice President of Public Relations for our club. Once my schedule permits, I hope to explore more activities at YMCA KL perhaps some language classes, or join some trips.

Pn. Fazila Hanis Hashim (AF60496)



Group photo of YMCA KL Toastmasters Club Members & Guests

Mr James Low Yok Lin Chairman Membership Committee

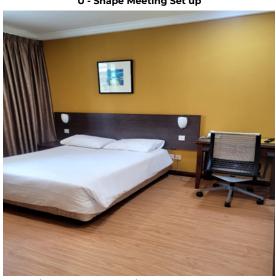


# HOSTEL & FACILITIES CUM BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### YMCA KL Adapting to Change and Enhancing Community Impact



U - Shape Meeting Set up



Repair work and upkeeping done to Hostel Rooms, Classrooms and Hall



As of the beginning of 2023, YMCA KL no longer accepting new tenants. This decision, made due to the increasing demand for normal night stays, officially concluded the long-stay package by December 2023. Minor repairs and upkeep of hostel rooms were also carried out. At the end of November 2023, some rooms underwent improvements, including the replacement of carpets with SPC flooring, touch-ups to walls, and upgrades & repairs to equipment.

The demand for facility bookings, such as halls and classrooms, has surged. Events like weddings, birthday parties, conference meetings, and festive gatherings have seen a significant increase compared to 2022. People are becoming more confident in travelling for work and holidays, contributing to this rise in demand. The hostel's renovation efforts aim to enhance the overall experience for guests. With this increase in facility bookings, there is some repair and upkeep in facility rooms and the building surroundings, including repainting walls, maintaining flooring through buffing, and repairing equipment.

In June 2023, YMCA KL collaborated with the Selangor and Federal Territory Association for the Mentally Handicapped (SAMH) on Basic Housekeeping Training for three trainees from the Vocational Training Centre, Wisma Harapan, Brickfields. Following the success of the first batch, the second batch of three trainees started their training in October 2023. They received their Certificate of Completion of Training on 10th November 2023.

These initiatives reflect YMCA KL's commitment to providing quality accommodation and facilities, as well as contributing to community development through training programs. The organisation remains dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of its residents and patrons.

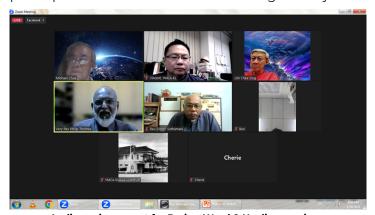
Mr. Paul Lim Ngee Huat Chairman Hostel & Facilities cum Building Maintenance Committee



# Faith in Action: Highlights of Spiritual and Community Engagement at YMCA KL

The Christian Identity and Mission (CIM) Committee at YMCA Kuala Lumpur plays a pivotal role in fostering spiritual growth, community engagement, and outreach initiatives within the organisation. Through a diverse range of activities and programs, the CIM Committee facilitates opportunities for members and staff to deepen their faith, cultivate fellowship, and contribute to the wider community.

The monthly Praise, Word & Healing sessions are conducted every first or second Thursday of the month, featuring our committee members, Rev. Dr. Allan Vairamuthu and Rev. Victor Vethamani, who take turns sharing the message. During the worship session, Mr. Lim Chee Sing, our Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Ray Benedick lead the proceedings. The sessions continue to be held online, allowing us to reach a broader audience as we share them on our Facebook page. Additionally, participants from Sri Lanka and Penang YMCA join us in these sessions.



Audience in present for Praise, Word & Healing session through  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ZOOM}}$ 



Rev. Dr. Allan Vairamuthu leading one of the Praise, Word & Healing sessions

Under the CIM Committee, monthly Staff Devotions are organised to bring together both Christian and non-Christian staff for a time of prayer and fellowship. Committee members take turns leading the sessions and sharing messages. During these gatherings, staff members have the opportunity to share their testimonies and request prayers. The sessions are ongoing.



Monthly Staff Devotion in session, with Rev. Dr. Allan sharing the message



The YMCA KL Easter Celebration for this year took place on April 8, 2023, in our Lee Kong Chian Hall. The theme for this year's celebration was "It's all about Him, Jesus" inspired by the passage Romans 8:11. Pastor Edwin Agong delivered the Easter message, and the Worship session was led by Captain Kenny Voon of the 3rd KL Boys' Brigade. A total of 32 participants attended the event.







From L-R: Members & guests in attendance; 3rd KL Boys' Brigade Captain, Kenny Voon led the worship; Pastor Edwin delivering the Easter Message





This year, the World Week of Prayer was hosted by YWCA Petaling Jaya and conducted online. The President, Madam Loy Yin Ten warmly welcomed all attendees through the Zoom platform. There were 22 participants from YWCA PJ, YWCA KL, and YMCA KL who joined the prayer session.

The World Week of Prayer is an annual event where the World Alliance of YMCA and YWCA come together for a week of prayer and reflection. It runs for one week, featuring daily messages and reflections from a booklet issued by the World Alliance. This year, YWCA PJ invited Pastor Lisa Chin to share insights on the topic of 'Nourishing the Ground.' Pastor Lisa's message was timely, calling for more youth to join both associations, where the older generation can provide guidance and direction for the younger generation.

In the second quarter of 2023, CIM took the initiative to collaborate with The Gideons International to offer free distribution of Bibles in the lobby. The Bibles are available for everyone to take. It is our hope that the Word of God will touch and bless someone. As of today, we have distributed approximately 400 units of the Bible in three different languages: English, Mandarin, and Tamil.



The **Boys Brigade 3rd Kuala Lumpur Company** was established in 1957 - making it as old as the country! It's volunteers have served young people with decades worth of experience - most of whom have undergone the training themselves. Based at the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur, we accept member applications\* from the public starting from the age of 7 until a recommended age of 16.

3rd Kuala Lumpur Company was founded before Malaya's independence by Mr Stanley Woodruff, a British gentlemen, who was an officer at the 1st Kuala Lumpur Company. Together with Mr Paul Peter, a Malaysian civil servant, reached out to the local Brickfield's community which was predominantly comprised of Indians. Mr Peter went on to become the Company's first captain.

\*Non-Muslim applications only as the BB is a Christian-based organisation

\*\*The write up above was extracted from 3rd KL Boys' Brigade Website https://www.3rdklbb.org/about-1-1



It was indeed a fulfilling year for the 3rd Kuala Lumpur Company of The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia, with the focus on striving forward as one company, through the strengthening of our programs and manpower. The year 2023 is marked as the year of transition as we witnessed the passing of the captainship baton from Mr Voon Zhen Yi (Kenny) who served as Captain between 2016 and 2023, to Mr Ng Jiehan during the 66th Enrolment Service & Awards Day (E&A) on 29 July 2023. 3rd KL sincerely thank Mr Voon for his years of contribution towards the sustenance and development of the company, particularly during the challenging pandemic season.

We had a relatively comprehensive, balanced range of programmes company wide and in the respective junior and senior sections. Aside from the annual E&A, we organised Parents Day and Fundraising Carnival as a company level event, with the purpose of uniting Boys and officers across all ages for the common goals. The junior Boys (aged 6-12 years old) went on their exciting adventures to the Yakult Factory and Farm Fresh, experiencing the smell of nature and seeing how products were manufactured. The senior Boys (aged 13-18 years old) had their fun times fellowship with one another through the Boot Camp and the Nature Awareness outing trip to Kuala Selangor.











We also had several combined activities with other KL BB companies, for instance:

- Junior Leadership Training Camp (with 10th KL Company)
- Combined Juniors' Parade (with 1st KL Company)
- Combined Seniors' Night Parade (with 1st Seremban Company)
- Cozy Christmas Band Concert (with 10th KL)













Lastly, we ended the year with the first-ever Christmas Carolling visitations by the Junior Section, in which we visited some houses and venues, including performing at the Community Children's Christmas Celebration at YMCA KL on 17 December 2023. Meanwhile, the Senior Section Boys went on a camping trip in Sungai Congkak, putting the life skills taught in class into real life practice.









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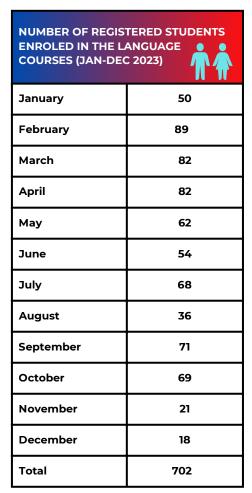
Interested to introduce us to the Boys in your life? Scan these QR codes to check out more photos. Contact Mr Jiehan at 016-9141974 for more details. Our recruitment intakes are in January and August (may be subject to changes).

Rev. Dr. Allan Vairamuthu Chairman Christian Identity & Mission Commiittee



# **EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT**

# Cultivating Connections: Highlights from YMCA's 2023 Language Courses and Cultural Exchange Programmes

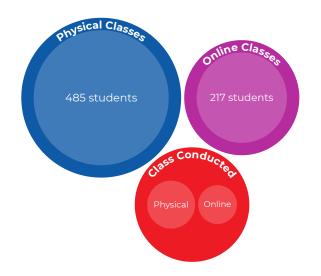


In 2023, a total of 101 classes were conducted, enrolling 702 students across various language courses . Of these, 384 were new registered members enrolling in the courses for the first time. The breakdown of participating students is recorded as follows, with the highest enrolment rate observed in Mandarin, Thai, and Bahasa Melayu course:-

NUMBER OF REGISTERED STUDENTS BASED ON COURSE SUBJECTS ( JAN – DEC 2023 )					
Bahasa Melayu	132				
Cantonese	13				
English	128				
French	46				
Japanese	20				
Korean	39				
Mandarin	175				
Thai	149				

Out of the 101 classes conducted, 40 were held virtually, while 61 were on-site. A total of 217 students attended classes online, while 485 attended classes at the YMCA.

**Exploring boundless creativity together!** 





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**Exploring boundless creativity together!** 



Students dazzle in a group performance, highlighting their talent & culture



A group photo taken to commemorate an unforgettable learning journey. Cheers!



In March 2023, we hosted a 5-day intensive English programme for 33 teenage students and 3 teachers from Chiang Rai, Thailand. This programme wasn't solely about learning English but to foster cultural exchange. Through collaborative projects, students gained insights into Malaysian culture, and perspectives, promoting global citizenship and friendship.

Participating in this programme offered numerous benefits for the Thai students. They improved their English proficiency, communication skills, and cultural awareness, while also gaining confidence. The friendships formed and memories created during the programme are expected to endure.

For these Thai teenagers, the programme was transformative. It expanded their perspectives and opened doors to new possibilities. Here's to a holiday filled with learning, growth, and meaningful connections!

Similarly, in October, a second group of 11 students and 2 teachers from Bangkok participated in a similar programme.

With the success of this programme, we are looking forward to welcoming more students from schools in Thailand in the year 2024.



Ms. Chew Wei Leng Senior Secretary Education & Training Committee



#### Resilience and Growth: Highlights of the Programmes & Youth Department

Throughout the year, the Programmes & Youth Department demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges and encountered a few obstacles. Despite the occasional setbacks, opportunities were created for university students to volunteer their time. The Football School witnessed improvements in the quality of its training sessions. Additionally, several events and trips were organised, providing enriching experiences for participants. Moreover, opportunities to attend international meetings were offered, broadening horizons and fostering global connections.

ACTIVITIES	NUMBER OF STUDENT			
AIKIDO	17			
JUDO	9			
KARATE	54			
KICKBOXING	17			
SILAMBAM	18			
TAEKWONDO	16			
ARCHERY	7			
BASKETBALL	37			
FOOTBALL	57			
FUNDANCE	12			
TABLE TENNIS CLUB	24			
TOASTMASTERS CLUB	42			

#### YMCA KL Football School: Overcoming Challenges and **Achieving Success**

YMCA KL Football School was established in 2016 with an initial roster of about 20 players. However, following the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the school faced challenges maintaining consistent participation numbers during training sessions. Despite these obstacles, the school persevered, and with the guidance of Albert Low from Dream Village Football Academy, training resumed officially in January 2023 with 20 players. Although insufficient to form age groups for tournaments initially, the school seized the opportunity for its U12 team to participate in the Dream Cup Tournament, providing valuable experience to the players. Though they did not secure any placements, the experience gained was invaluable.







#### YMCA KL Football School: Overcoming Challenges and Achieving Success (Con't)

During Season 2 training from June to August 2023, the school saw a significant increase in the number of players, doubling to 40, thanks to positive word-of-mouth from parents. With this growth, the school formed three age groups (U8, U10, and U14) and participated in the Sunway Dream League. Despite fierce competition, all age groups performed admirably, with the U10 team emerging as champions, showcasing the school's dedication and commitment to success. Congratulations to YMCA KL Football School for elevating the YMCA KL name and making strides in the football community.

Result from Sunway Dream League:

U8 – 2nd placing

U10 - Champion

U14 - 4th placing

















#### **Empowering Communities through Volunteer Initiatives at YMCA KL**



As the Raonatti Programme concluded in February 2023, 11 student volunteers from University Tunku Abdul Rahman dedicated their service to making mathematics enjoyable for children while promoting environmental consciousness through teaching recycling practices. Following the conclusion of the Raonatti Programme, four Culinary students from Berjaya University College volunteered to teach the children how to make local snacks such as sesame balls and onde-onde. Both volunteers and children enjoyed the interactive learning experiences during these sessions.









The YMCA KL Programme & Youth Department has maintained connections with the children of Kampung Tekir Orang Asli and the villagers, providing opportunities for volunteers to serve while offering experiences, moral support, and insights into urban lifestyles. These efforts not only enrich the lives of the villagers but also empower volunteers to make meaningful contributions to their community. Additionally, YMCA KL has created ad hoc volunteering opportunities for university students, collaborating with UCSI Youth Beyond Boundaries. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year saw four different groups of students volunteering



their Saturday mornings to assist YMCA KL. Their tasks included rearranging donated books before sending them to the Salvation Army and touching up the paint on the walls of the YMCA KL Building walkway. Through these diverse initiatives, YMCA KL continues to foster a culture of service and community engagement among youth and university students alike.



#### **Children's Camps: Empowering Young Minds**

On 12th March 2023, Sunday, the Programmes & Youth Department organised a Children's Day Camp, welcoming 14 enthusiastic participants. With a commitment to fostering ecoconsciousness, the camp offered a range of engaging DIY activities, including gardening, financial management, climate change awareness, self-safety, and cooking lessons such as making pizzas. The camp's culmination aimed to raise awareness about environmental conservation and empower each child to contribute positively to their surroundings. The event underscored YMCA's dedication to educating and empowering youth to make a difference in their lives and the environment.









Continuing the spirit of empowerment, the 2nd Year-End Children's Camp held on 19th – 20th December 2023 focused on instilling leadership qualities in the participants. With the support of 9 dedicated volunteers, 23 children participated in a structured boot camp-style program. Through interactive activities, role-playing, and sharing life experiences, the camp provided a dynamic learning environment where children not only had fun but also developed new friendships and gained insights into effective leadership. The camp's success highlighted the significance of such programs in providing valuable learning experiences and fostering leadership skills among young individuals.



#### **Ladies Night - An Evening of Celebration and Empowerment**

On May 27th, 2023, we orchestrated a memorable Ladies Night event to honor womanhood and the invaluable contributions of women to our society. The evening was meticulously crafted to offer a vibrant atmosphere, engaging activities, and a strong emphasis on empowerment, creating a space where women could come together, interact, and feel uplifted. One of the highlights of the night was the Retro Runway, which infused the event with nostalgia and fashion, captivating the audience with its unique charm. Throughout the evening, guests enthusiastically participated in various table games, infusing the atmosphere with excitement and fostering friendly competition. The dance floor became an energetic spectacle, filled with lively moves, infectious laughter, and a sense of unity as guests celebrated the essence of womanhood, friendship, and the joy of living in the moment. The event left a lasting impact on all attendees, serving as a testament to the strength, resilience, and spirit of women everywhere.





#### Y'Athiradi Deepavali Night Celebration

On November 26th, 2023, we celebrated the festival of lights, Deepavali, with a vibrant gathering that brought guests and members together for an evening filled with South Indian cuisine and cultural festivities. The night was further enriched by captivating performances from young singers, infusing the event with youthful energy and enthusiasm. The celebration took on deeper significance as we extended our invitation to the children from Ozanam Homes in Petaling Jaya, creating a heartwarming experience for all. We were fortunate to secure generous sponsors for the Homes, including the support of Dr. Jaya's family and Ms. Saradha, to whom we extend our heartfelt gratitude. The Deepavali Night celebration underscored the spirit of unity and generosity within our community, highlighting the joy of sharing and celebrating together.







#### Community Children's Christmas Celebration (CCCC) - 17th December 2023

During the Community Children's Christmas Celebration, it was observed that out of the 232 children invited, 180 were able to attend. The remaining children were unable to participate, mainly due to illness or because they had returned to their relatives' homes for the school holiday. Nonetheless, all 232 children's gift wishes were fulfilled, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Secret Santa and YMCA KL. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our In-Kind Sponsors: Etika Sdn Bhd, Kilang Makanan Mamee Sdn Bhd, Julie's Manufacturing Sdn Bhd, YTL Construction Sdn Bhd, and All Kurma Malaysia, whose contributions made this event possible. Special thanks also go to our Main Donors, the Lions Club Of Kuala Lumpur Host and Lee Foundation, for their generous support. Furthermore, a Love Gift of RM300 was presented to 3rd KL BB for their Christmas Carolling event, in support of the Juniors Christmas Carolling initiative.













#### Christmas Celebration at Kg. Tekir Orang Asli (29th Dec 2023)

As Kg. Tekir Orang Asli remains one of our current community partners, a modest Christmas celebration was held on December 29th, 2023, Friday, at 12 pm. Five volunteers joined us to spread Christmas cheer among the villagers, along with Mr. Paul Lim and his friends. Additionally, a generous member donated RM300 to support this community activity. We also distributed Goodie Bags from YTL Construction Sdn Bhd to the children in the village, making the event even more memorable and festive.









# Sustainable Journeys: YMCA KL's Year of Local Exploration and Culinary Discoveries

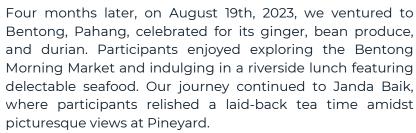
In adherence to the primary goals of the Global Alternative Tourism Network – supporting local economies and products while promoting sustainable group travel – our annual trips provide YMCA KL Members with unique opportunities for camaraderie and discovery.

#### **Exploring Malaysia's Cultural Gems**

Throughout the year, YMCA KL organised a series of enriching excursions to some of Malaysia's cultural gems, offering participants immersive experiences and memorable adventures.



Our journey began on April 1st, 2023, with a visit to Teluk Intan, Perak. Twenty-five participants embarked on an exciting foodie adventure, exploring iconic landmarks like the Leaning Tower of Teluk Intan and the historic Church of St. Anthony of Padua. The highlight of the trip was a visit to a renowned local producer of 'Tiger Biscuit,' where participants witnessed the production process and savored the famous Teluk Intan Chee Cheong Fun.





As the year drew to a close, our final excursion took us to Ipoh, Perak, on November 25th, 2023. Tambun welcomed us with juicy pomelos, followed by a tour of a pomelo farm. In Ipoh Old Town, participants explored historical sites like Concubine Lane before indulging in Ipoh's famous Swiss roll cakes. Our trip concluded with a seafood dinner in Tanjung Tualang, leaving us with cherished memories of our cultural exploration.



These excursions not only offered participants the chance to discover Malaysia's rich heritage but also fostered camaraderie and appreciation for our country's diverse culture.







#### YMCA KL Veteran Table Tennis Team Championship 2023

The YMCA KL Table Tennis Club made a triumphant return with the highly anticipated YMCA KL Table Tennis Veterans Championship, held on the 28th and 29th of October 2023. This championship marked a significant comeback for the teams, who last competed in 2016.

With courage and determination, the players showcased their unbeatable stamina on the table tennis court. Despite the gap since their last championship, they demonstrated exceptional skill and resilience, inspiring admiration from spectators and fellow players alike.





The championship served as a testament to the enduring spirit of the YMCA KL Table Tennis Club and its members. Their commitment to the sport and camaraderie among players were evident throughout the tournament, fostering an atmosphere of friendly competition and sportsmanship. As the championship concluded, it left behind a legacy of passion, perseverance, and sportsmanship, reaffirming the YMCA KL Table Tennis Club's place as a force to be reckoned with in the world of table tennis.

#### Winners:

Champion: Wai ShinRunner-up: OUG TT Club

• 3rd Placing: Gema Marketing Blue and Team Georgie Sport











#### YMCA Global Summit Series 2023: Empowering Change, Building Futures

In 2023, the global YMCA community witnessed a series of impactful international events aimed at fostering collaboration, addressing pressing challenges, and shaping the future of communities worldwide. From the Green Ambassadors Training in Chiangmai, Thailand, to the 6th Leaders' Quadrennial Roundtable Meeting at YMCA Kuala Lumpur, these gatherings brought together representatives from YMCAs across the Asia Pacific region. With a shared vision of empowerment and sustainability, participants engaged in discussions, workshops, and strategic planning sessions to drive positive change and build resilient communities for generations to come. Let's delve into the highlights of these transformative events that shaped the YMCA's global agenda in 2023.

#### **Green Ambassadors Training 2023**

In May 2023, representatives from YMCAs across Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand gathered in Chiangmai, Thailand to tackle climate change. The goal was to equip 'Green Ambassadors' with the skills needed to combat climate change and achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Presentations highlighted the urgency for YMCAs to take action, showcasing successful climate initiatives and providing guidelines for designing new projects. APAY General Secretary Nam Boo Won emphasised the importance of continued collaboration in addressing the climate crisis. Two delegates from YMCA Kuala Lumpur participated in this impactful event.











#### Asia Pacific Big 6 Youth Mobilization Summit 2023 and Climate Defenders Workshop

In June 2023, three representatives from YMCA Kuala Lumpur attended two significant events focused on environmental conservation and climate action. The Asia Pacific Youth Mobilization Summit 2023 in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, brought together 160 participants from various youth organizations to collaborate on Sustainable Development Goals. Despite YMCA's smaller representation, they actively engaged in leadership roles and shared their environmental initiatives.



Following the summit, YMCA Kuala Lumpur hosted the Climate Defenders Workshop, attended by representatives from YMCAs across the Asia-Pacific region. During the workshop, attendees exchanged insights and strategies on addressing climate change, showcasing successful initiatives and developing recommendations for reducing carbon emissions and enhancing environmental awareness within their organizations.











#### Youth Assembly & General Assembly Highlights

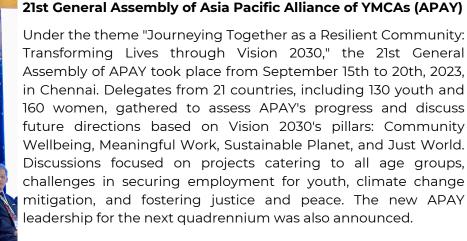
#### 5th Youth Assembly of Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY)

From September 13th to 15th, 2023, YMCA Madras, Vepery, Chennai hosted the 5th Youth Assembly of APAY. Over 35 participants from YMCAs across Asia Pacific, including Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, and Japan, convened to address various challenges affecting young people. Discussions covered mental health, unemployment, climate crisis, and youth leadership roles. Participants emphasised the need for dialogue on social issues and youth-led programs to tackle community concerns. They called for YMCA support in providing guidance, resources, and employment opportunities for sustainable community development.













#### 21st General Assembly of Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) (Con't)

The new APAY leadership for the next quadrennium was also announced.

President: Very Rev. Philip Thomas – YMCA Malaysia

Vice Presidents: Ms. Amelia Shaw (Pacific) – YMCA Australia

Dr. Ramona UJ Morales (South East Asia) – YMCA Philippines

Mr. Vincent George (South Asia) – YMCA India Rev. Shin Dae Kyun (East Asia) – YMCA Korea Rev. Dr. Toshimasa Yamamoto – YMCA Japan

**Treasurer**: Rev. Dr. Toshimasa Yamamoto – YMCA Japan **Youth & Woman:** Ms. Bolortuya Dondovsambuu - YMCA Mongolia

Mr. Lin Chi Sheng – YMCA Taiwan





#### 6th Leaders' Quadrennial Roundtable Meeting at YMCA Kuala Lumpur

YMCA Kuala Lumpur hosted the 6th Leaders' Quadrennial Roundtable Meeting from October 1st to 4th, 2023. This meeting followed the 21st General Assembly and aimed to discuss mandates brought up during the assembly in Chennai. The four-day roundtable included activities such as welcome sessions, QPP analysis, briefings on Challenge 21 and Vision 2030, working groups to develop the QPP 2024-2027, and synthesis of discussions. Devotions based on Vision 2030 themes were held each morning, with evening fellowship dinners to foster camaraderie among participants.







Mr. Ong Choo Seong (George) Chairman Programmes & Youth Committee



# PUSAT MAJUDIRI 'Y' FOR THE DEAF COMMITTEE REPORT

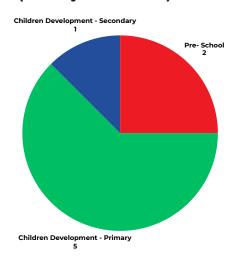
# Community Programmes and DeafBeat: Empowering Through Awareness and Inclusion

#### **PUSAT JAGAAN 'Y'**

Preschool programs are enriched through various activities and field trips. Firsthand experiences provide children with information and a level of understanding that adds realism to their play and enriches their overall learning. As Covid-19 cases become controllable and all activities and programs return to normal, all students and activities prefer to have physical sessions.

#### Number of PJY Enrolments For The Year 2023 (January - December)

Programme	No of Students
Pre-school	2
Child Development – Primary	5
Child Development - Secondary	1
Total	8



The IMU Community Service Coordinator, Clinical Skills Department, sent three batches in 2023 for first year students with the objective of understanding Deaf language and culture from children aged 7 to 14 years old. Their schedule consisted of seven sessions every Wednesday from 2 - 4pm, covering areas such as motor skills, cognitive skills, handicrafts, art, writing, and bonding through games. As all classes return to normal, the Child Development Programme (CDP) for primary and secondary students is conducted in person from Monday to Saturday.



PMY Members attended events organised by YMCA KL



# PUSAT MAJUDIRI 'Y' FOR THE DEAF COMMITTEE REPORT

#### PMY CNY POTLUCK, 5 FEBRUARY2023,



For the Year of the Rabbit, PMY celebrated with 200 members consisting of deaf members and siblings, sponsors and families, deaf guests, and students of BIM Level 1 - Level 3.

The annual tossing of Yee Sang with Mr. Lokanathan, PMY



Chairman, and Ms. Betty Khoo, Honorary Secretary of YMCA KL, together with sponsors, deaf members, and guests, took place during the event. A Lion Dance from KKTNDS Han Shou Tang Lion Group was performed, and oranges were distributed to the children and crowd. Lucky plates were received by Mr. Lokanthan and Ms. Betty Khoo, members of YMCA KL. Ms. Jasmin, a Deaf Club member, prepared games for children and families to enjoy fellowship.

All attendees enjoyed the spread of foods provided by PMY, sponsors, and parents of PMY. The programme ended with the distribution of angpao to all the children and single members for prosperity.



#### BAHASA ISYARAT MALAYSIA (BIM) COURSES FOR THE **HEARING**

Like the rest of us, the Deaf have their own language for communication, which is Bahasa Isyarat Malaysia (BIM). Classes for hearing members interested in BIM Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 were conducted via online platforms using Zoom, while physical classes for BIM Level 1, 2, and 3 were held on weekdays and weekends.



After completing Level 1, there will be a continuation to Level 2 and Level 3. All classes were taught by six (6) Deaf Instructors.



#### BAHASA ISYARAT MALAYSIA (BIM) / MALAYSIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

Intake for BIM Course as at 31.12.2023



No	Level Corporate company	Tota	Class	No of Students		
		Zoom	Physical	Zoom	Physical	
1	BIM-Level 1	9	7	63	57	
2	BIM-Level 2	4	3	25	35	
3	BIM-Level 3		2		25	
4	Corporate Company / Hospital University & College / Banking Awareness Workshop BIM – Level 1 BIM – Level 2	8	8 8 4 1	15	15 15 120 30	
	TOTAL	21	33	103	297	



#### BAHASA ISYARAT MALAYSIA (BIM) / MALAYSIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES







#### SIGN LANGUAGE CAMP FOR HEARING CHILDREN, 28 - 29 AUG 2023

For awareness program for BIM, PMY organised a school holiday activity in August 2023: a two-day camp for hearing children aged 5 to 14 years, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on August 28-29, 2023. The objective was to allow hearing children to learn the alphabet and daily vocabulary of deaf children so that they can use finger spelling and sign simple vocabulary to communicate with deaf children when they encounter them in school, shopping malls, and public transport.

Thirty-two children registered for the two-day camp, and they went home with knowledge of understanding deaf language and culture. They participated in games aimed at interacting with hearing children, such as Handicraft-Expressive Arts, River Jumping, Bridge Challenge, Freeze Dance, Tower Building, and Minefield. In addition to learning sign language, they also engaged in creative handicrafts and batik painting.

The children were happy with the two-day camp, and the parents were pleased that their children learned about deaf culture and made friends with hearing children. They are looking forward to more learning opportunities in the next school holiday.









#### **KELAB REKREASI ACCENTURE KUALA LUMPUR, 21.5.2023**

Kelab Rekreasi Accenture Kuala Lumpur generously donated RM6,512.00 to support 23 deaf children and teens from the Deaf Club at Pusat Majudiri Y for the Deaf (PMY). The sponsored items include household goods, school bags, and gift vouchers.

During the event, Mr. Utsov Bhowmick, the CO Global Delivery Leader, delivered a short speech and distributed the sponsored items. Following that, Mr. Lokanathan, the Chairman of Pusat Majudiri Y for the Deaf (PMY), also delivered a short speech and distributed the sponsored items.

In addition to the 16 volunteers from Kelab Rekreasi Accenture Kuala Lumpur, PMY committee members and staff also assisted in the distribution. The event also included light refreshments for all attendees.



















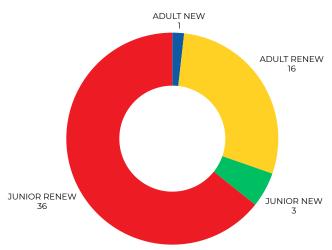


### **DEAF CLUB (ESTABLISHED SINCE 19 MARCH 1973)**

#### **DEAF CLUB ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMES**

With all activities back to normal, DC Junior members enjoyed the activities held in the year 2023. The YMCA program Community Children's Christmas Celebration (CCCC) was held on 21.12.2023, and 23 children from PMY were invited.

## DC MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2023 (JANUARY – DECEMBER)



#### THE INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF (IWD) CELEBRATED ANNUALLY IN SEPTEMBER

The theme for 2023 was Deaf Inclusion and was held on 1 October 2023 from 10:00am – 4:30pm. This year's theme highlighted how hearing loss impacts daily life and how others can support deaf people. Being deaf brings unique challenges that not everyone will experience.







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The programme for the **International Week of the Deaf** (IWDeaf) aimed to raise awareness of deaf language and culture through a movie titled 'MagiK.' The movie attracted various groups of people, ranging from the deaf community to the hearing community, including siblings, college students, and secondary school students accompanied by their teachers. The movie was produced by Mr. Yasu Tanaka, a Japanese production house, and took one year to produce. It was filmed in Kuala Selangor and featured a cast of both hearing and deaf actors.



In conjunction with the IWD, we also invited an Audiology team from UKM to conduct hearing screenings for both the hearing and deaf communities. Mr. Harry Chong and Mr. Dino shared about the **World Association of Sign Language Interpreters** (WASLI) conference during their one-week conference held in Jeju Island. Additionally, presentations of school uniforms and hearing aids were made to deaf children from poor families who attended primary and secondary schools.





#### THE INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF (IWD) IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY IN SEPTEMBER

Activities such as 'Journey Into the Deaf World' and a BIM session on understanding Sign Language were organised, along with batik painting sessions for children, adults, and families. These activities aimed to promote fellowship and enhance understanding of deaf language and culture, as well as traditional Malaysian culture.



## **COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (CCCC)**

Twenty-three (23) DC Junior members participated in the YMCA KL CCCC programme held on 11 December 2023. The children arrived at 1:30 PM for registration, and upon registering, they immediately enjoyed themselves at the game booths. They were delighted with the sponsored gifts they received and the prizes they won at the game booths. By 4:00 PM, all gathered in the YMCA KL Hall, along with other children from underprivileged homes, to receive their Christmas gifts. In addition to the sponsor gifts, the children also received goodies bags donated by YTL Construction Bhd.







#### **DEAFBEAT (ESTABLISHED SINCE OCT 2007)**

DeafBeat, a group of 8 drummers, is putting in a lot of effort to practice and improve their drumming skills, even after the disruptions caused by the pandemic. They have successfully completed their 3rd and 4th roadshow workshops in 2022.

The 5th Roadshow Workshop took place in Penang, where they participated in a medical conference. The purpose of this workshop was to raise awareness by showcasing Chinese drums to the 60 participants. The aim was to provide a hands-on experience for the participants to learn about Chinese drums and appreciate the art form.

It's great to see DeafBeat engaging with different audiences and using their drumming skills to create awareness and promote cultural appreciation.





It's impressive to hear that DeafBeat not only showcases their drumming skills but also incorporates signing into their drumming presentations at The Malaysian Youth SDB Summit. The combination of drumming and signing likely creates a unique and impactful experience for the audience.

Their participation in The Malaysian Youth SDG Summit 2023 at the International Youth Centre suggests that they are actively contributing to events that focus on sustainable development goals (SDGs) for the youth. This dual approach of incorporating music and sign language can contribute to a more inclusive and engaging performance, promoting awareness and understanding among diverse audiences.









DeafBeat Malaysia concluded the year 2023 with a collaboration with Hands Percussion Bhd, presenting five shows at KL Pac in Sentul from November 30, 2023, to December 3, 2023. This collaboration provided the DeafBeat team with an opportunity to learn new instruments. It was the first time for Mr. Albert Law to have a hands-on experience playing the gamelan in all five shows.





DeafBeat is available for Corporate events, Annual Dinners, Product launches, Fundraisers, Anniversaries, etc. Contact the YMCA for details and help to spread Deaf awareness.

#### Performances by DeafBeat for year 2023

Date/Month	Event	Client	No. of Drummers
11 Feb 2023	CNY children's party	Hainan Association	5
02 Mar 2023	Exhibition	МуСЕВ	6
10 July 2023	Opening ceremony	Bar Council M'sia	6
09 Sept 2023	Opening performance at Malaysian Youth Summit SDG 2023	MySDG Academy	7
23 Sept 2023	Beautiful Gate Foundation 30th Anniversary	BeautifulGate Foundation	6
10 Oct 2023	RTM - "CARE FOR YOU"	RTM	6
30 Nov - 02 Dec 2023	RhapsoD	Hands Percussion	4
06 Dec - 08 Dec 2023	BE@Penang 2023	PICEB Sdn Bhd	5



#### Number of Programmes and Participants For The Year 2023 (January - December)

Programme	No of Programmes / (sessions) 2023	No of participants 2023
Education Program (Pre-school/Tuition-Primary/Secondary)	228 session	7
Children programme	3	72
DeafBeat training (Physical)	63 session (every Mon & Wed)	7
DeafBeat performance (Physical)	8	45
PMY Chinese New Year Potluck	1	200
Children's Christmas Programmes	1	24
Awareness programmes – Sign Language Level 1 & Level 2 (Physica) / Zoom) Corporate/Hospital/University	28 session	165
Sign Language courses - Level 1 / 2 / 3	29	205
Children camp on Sign Language (Physical)	1	25
	362	750

With all activities back to normal, physical sessions continue as usual for preschoolers, and tuition for primary and secondary students. Online and physical sessions for BIM classes for the public, universities & colleges, and DRST for corporate companies are also ongoing as usual. We would like to express our highest gratitude to our generous donors, sponsors, and volunteers who continue to support us with their utmost generosity and kindness, making all the programs possible for the deaf community, particularly for the children at the PJY Pusat Jagaan Y. DeafBeat will continue to promote drum sessions both online and physically.



### Fundraising Initiative By PMY for New Building Fund

Organising a storytelling competition titled "Perkisahan Sirah Nabi dan Rasul" for primary and secondary schools in Peninsula Malaysia, the Pusat Majudiri 'Y' (PMY) Committee, led by Encik Azman Bin Karim, Cik Shahidah Binti Ahmed, Puan Norshafini Binti Ab Aziz, and Puan Azlina Bin Arbain, initiated planning in November 2022, reporting to the Chairman of the PMY.

#### Advisors appointed to the Committee include:

- YBhg. Tan Sri Prof. Dr Gauth Bin Jasmon, Emeritus Vice Chancellor University Malaya
- YBhg. Prof Emeritus Dato' Dr Lokman Saim, Vice Chancellor KPJ Healthcare University
- YBhg. Azman Bin Abidin, Political Secretary to the Prime Minister
- YBhg. SAC (B) Dato Rasdi Bin Ramli
- YBhg. SAC (B) Datuk Paduka Haji Mohd Shaharudin Bin Baharom
- YBhg. Ustaz Dato Asnawi Bin Tuan Umar

The Committee proposed to secure an appointment with the Prime Minister to brief him on the rationale behind holding this nationwide competition and to extend an invitation for him to grace the finals. Additionally, they intended to appeal for financial contributions not only for the competition but also for the construction of a new building, a facility for the community.

Despite several attempts to schedule a meeting with the Prime Minister, further attempts were deferred due to his busy schedule, awaiting confirmation from his Political Secretary.

By the end of September 2023, with no appointment confirmed, the Committee proposed to postpone the competition to 2024. This decision was influenced by factors such as the onset of a heatwave from April 2023, the North-East Monsoon season in the East Coast states, and the end of the academic year for schools, realising that there would be insufficient time to execute the plans.







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Dengan hormatnya saya merujuk perkara di atas dan surat tuan PMY 500/2023-01 bertarikh 13 Februari 2023 adalah berkaitan.

Sukacita dimaklumkan bahawa Bahagian Pendidikan Khas (BPKhas), Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) telah menerima permohonan daripada pihak tuan berhubung perkara di atas seperti butiran berikut:

: Pertandingan Bercerita Kod Tangan Bahasa **Program** 

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Program

Pelaksanaan: 1) 31 Mei 2023

- Tarikh tutup penyertaan

2) 15 Jun 2023

- Tarikh akhir penghantaran video

Pertandingan

3) 11 Ogos 2023

- Saringan ke peringkat Akhir (YMCA Brickfield Kuala Lumpur)

4) 12 Ogos 2023

- Pertandingan akhir

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- 3. Sehubungan dengan itu, Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan Malaysia selaku Ketua Pendaftar telah meluluskan penyertaan Murid Berkeperluan Pendidikan Khas (MBPK) dalam pertandingan tersebut.
- 4. Walau bagaimanapun, pihak tuan perlu mematuhi syarat-syarat sepanjang program dijalankan seperti berikut:
  - 4.1 Sentiasa memastikan keselamatan dan menjaga kebajikan MBPK sepanjang program;
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  - 4.3 Mendapatkan kebenaran bertulis daripada ibu bapa/penjaga bagi sesi penggambaran atau rakaman yang melibatkan MBPK;
  - 4.4 Tidak mengguna pakai surat ini bagi maksud untuk mendapatkan sumbangan atau tajaan daripada mana-mana pihak berkenaan;
  - 4.5 Tiada implikasi kewangan kepada Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri, Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah dan Sekolah yang terlibat; dan
  - 4.6 Surat pelepasan ini hanya untuk tujuan yang dimohon sahaja.
- 5. BPKhas berhak menarik balik surat kelulusan ini sekiranya pihak tuan gagal mematuhi syarat dan peraturan yang ditetapkan atau bercanggah dengan dasar sedia ada yang sedang berkuatkuasa.
- 6. Sekiranya terdapat sebarang pertanyaan berhubung perkara ini, pihak tuan boleh menghubungi **Puan Hajah Noor Azizah binti Mohamed Isa** di talian **03-8883 0759** atau **Encik Ahmad Fakarudin bin Abdul Wahab** di talian **03-8884 9056**.

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Perhatian dan kerjasama daripada tuan berhubung perkara ini saya dahului dengan ucapan terima kasih.

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Mr. A. Lokanathan Chairman Pusat Majudiri 'Y' for the Deaf Committee



## SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMITTEE REPORT

#### YOUTHFUL WISDOM IN ACTION

The Senior Citizen Committee at YMCA Kuala Lumpur, fondly known as the Senior Citizens' Club (SCC), has been a beacon of light for our elders since its inception on May 5th, 1984.

#### Membership and Activities:

The SCC caters to members aged 55 years and above, offering a range of activities aimed at promoting physical, mental, and social well-being. Weekly gatherings on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9.30am to 1.00pm provide opportunities for exercise, dance, and social interaction in the Hall on the 1st floor of YMCA Kuala Lumpur.









In addition to regular meetings, the SCC organises day trips in and around KL and Selangor, allowing members to explore new sights and culinary delights. The club also hosts dinner and dance events, fellowship gatherings with other clubs, health talks, screenings, and festive celebrations throughout the year.

As we look back on the past year, we are proud of the vibrant community that the SCC has nurtured. Our commitment to providing meaningful experiences for our senior members remains unwavering, and we look forward to another year of growth and camaraderie.







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We extend our gratitude to all members, volunteers, and partners who have supported the SCC in its mission. Together, we continue to embody the spirit of youthful wisdom in action.

Schedule of Senior Citizen Club (SCC) for Ongoing Activities Every Wednesday and Saturday.

#### **Time Activities:**

9.30am - 10.30am : Taichi / Kung Fu Fan Dance

10.30am - 10.45am : Relax / Break 10.45am - 11.30am : Line Dance

11.30am - 11.45am : Fellowship / Break 11.45am - 1.00pm : Social Dance

#### **Lifelong Programmes:**

- Chromatic Harmonica Classes
- Cha Cha Cha Classes
- Singing Classes











Mr. Leo Leslie Armstong Chairman Senior Citizen's Club Committee



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