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Message from **Tan Sri Michael Yeoh** Patron, YMCA KL



PRAISE be to GOD, that YMCA KL is celebrating its 120th Anniversary. Not many organisations have survived 100 years. For YMCA KL to achieve 120 years is indeed a great achievement. It is a testimony to the commitment, hard work, sacrifice and dedication of past and present leaders and the support of the members. Tribute to the past and present leaders for its glorious past and great future.

YMCA can proudly stand tall as a leading institution in Kuala Lumpur serving the community and its members of all races and religions. YMCA can look forward to a dynamic future entering a new era with its soon to be completed new building which will be a new landmark in Brickfields and providing more space for YMCA to better serve the community and members.

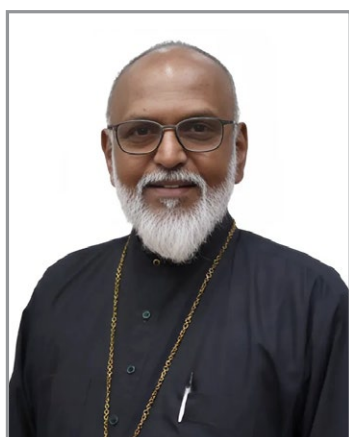
I extend my congratulations to the President the Very Rev Philip Thomas and the leadership of the YMCA KL with continued success in social development, youth empowerment, training and development and contributing to a healthier community and through its sports and recreation activities. May the YMCA KL rises to new heights of achievements in the next 120 years and beyond.

As the Bible says “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and acknowledge him in all your ways and he will direct your path”. May the Good Lord direct the future path of YMCA KL.

TO GOD BE ALL PRAISE AND HONOUR.

TAN SRI MICHAEL YEOH

Message from **V. Rev. Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas** President, YMCA KL



Celebrating 120 Years of Service, Faith and Community

The YMCA of Kuala Lumpur proudly celebrates its 120th anniversary this year. Since its founding in 1905, YMCA KL has been dedicated to empowering youth, nurturing communities and supporting the vulnerable.

As we mark this milestone, our greatest expression of gratitude is to offer thanksgiving to our Lord. We remember with humility and gratitude the many ways in which He has guided us through trials and triumphs, ever mindful of His words: “Apart from Me, you can do nothing” (John 15:5). On 11th October 2025, we will gather for a Thanksgiving Service to offer our heartfelt thanks and rededicate ourselves to His purpose and mission.

Our second tribute is to walk down memory lane, celebrating our rich heritage and illustrious history. As we revisit the journey of the YMCA KL, we honour the selfless leaders, volunteers and well-wishers whose unwavering dedication shaped our path. Their footprints remain our guide as we continue to move forward.

Standing at this pivotal moment, we reaffirm our commitment to Vision 2030—a renewed mission to meet the evolving needs and aspirations of today’s generation. Our Board of Directors and staff remain steadfast in realising this vision within the next five years.

The upcoming new YMCA building, soon to be completed, will symbolise a bold new chapter in our story—a beacon of hope and service for the future.

Our 120th Anniversary celebrations will include a Community Carnival, a Thanksgiving Service and a Celebration Dinner. We warmly invite you to join us in these memorable events. Your presence and support will truly add meaning, colour and joy to this significant milestone.

V. REV. COR EPISCOPA PHILIP THOMAS
President

Message from **George Ong** Hon. Secretary & Organising Chairman, YMCA KL



As we celebrate the 120th Anniversary of YMCA Kuala Lumpur, my heart overflows with gratitude to God for His abundant grace and for the privilege of being part of this historic milestone.

My journey with YMCA KL began over two decades ago as an eager sportsman in the Table Tennis Club, where I learned timeless values of discipline, sportsmanship and fellowship. These principles have shaped my professional life as a businessman and deepened my Christian faith and calling to serve others.

Today, as Honorary Secretary of the Board of Directors, I am humbled to carry forward YMCA KL's vision: empowering young people for a better future by nurturing a healthy spirit, mind and body. I remain deeply committed to ensuring YMCA KL continues to be a home away from home—a vibrant and safe space uplifting underprivileged, marginalised and Deaf communities, especially the youth in our neighbourhood.

As Organising Chairman of this 120th Anniversary Celebration, I am honoured to lead a series of events that both commemorate our history and strengthen our community ties. The celebrations will commence with the YMCA KL 120th Anniversary Carnival, a joyous gathering for families in Brickfields that warmly welcomes Deaf children into the festive spirit. This will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service and Celebration Dinner, where we give thanks for God's blessings over our mission and people. The finale will be a Table Tennis Tournament, a personal tribute to the sport that first brought me to YMCA KL and continues to symbolise our commitment to a healthy mind and body.

This celebration is not merely a look back at our achievements but an investment in our legacy for generations to come. May YMCA KL remain a beacon of hope, service and Christian values, raising leaders who will carry the torch for the next century and beyond.

As Isaiah 40:31 reminds us: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

To God be the glory for 120 years of faithful service through YMCA KL. May we continue to inspire, empower and transform lives in His name.

GEORGE ONG
Honorary Secretary



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Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh dan salam sejahtera.

Kepada seluruh warga YMCA, ahli jawatankuasa penganjur, ahli serta para sukarelawan yang budiman.

Setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan tahniah diucapkan atas kejayaan menganjurkan program sempena sambutan Hari Malaysia dan ulang tahun ke-120 YMCA. Inisiatif murni ini bukan sahaja mencerminkan semangat patriotik yang tinggi, malah memperkukuh perpaduan dalam kalangan masyarakat berbilang kaum di negara kita.

Lebih membanggakan, penyertaan aktif daripada golongan remaja dan komuniti OKU pekak memperlihatkan komitmen YMCA dalam memastikan tiada sesiapa yang dipinggirkan dalam arus pembangunan sosial dan kebangsaan. Inilah semangat Malaysia MADANI yang kita usahakan bersama – masyarakat yang inklusif, penyayang dan menghargai kepelbagaian.

YMCA Kuala Lumpur telah memainkan peranan penting dalam membentuk belia berwawasan sejak penubuhannya pada tahun 1905. Saya percaya usaha berterusan ini akan terus menyemai nilai cinta negara, hormat-mengormati serta kerjasama antara semua lapisan masyarakat.

Warga OKU pekak juga anak Malaysia. Mereka berhak menikmati segala peluang dan kemudahan di tanah air tercinta ini, sejajar dengan usaha kerajaan dalam memperkukuhkan perlindungan kanak-kanak serta memperkasakan komuniti OKU di Malaysia.

Program seperti ini menjadi lambang keharmonian dan kekuatan rakyat Malaysia apabila semua lapisan masyarakat – tanpa mengira kaum, agama, latar belakang dan keupayaan – bersatu dalam semangat Malaysia MADANI.

Syabas diucapkan kepada YMCA Kuala Lumpur atas sambutan ulang tahun ke-120 serta penganjuran Karnival Kanak-kanak bersempena Hari Malaysia.

Semoga terus maju jaya dalam memperkasakan komuniti dan memartabatkan semangat kebangsaan untuk generasi yang akan datang.

Sekian terima kasih.

DATO' SRI HAJAH NANCY SHUKRI



Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs

President: Very Rev. Philip Thomas

General Secretary: Mr. Nam Boo Won

Congratulations on the 120th Anniversary of the Kuala Lumpur YMCA

On this momentous occasion, I, on behalf of Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs, extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Kuala Lumpur YMCA for 120 years of unwavering service, community building and transformative impact.

Since its founding in 1905 as a Christian, ecumenical non-profit organisation, YMCA KL has long upheld its mission to nurture the Body, Mind and Spirit, inspired by its broader global heritage dating to 1844 in London. It has stood as a beacon of hope, inclusion and empowerment of young people. Through decades of change, challenge and progress, the YMCA has remained steadfast in its mission based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ —uplifting generations through hostel service, youth development, social outreach, education and cultural enrichment. Even during economic downturns and wartime challenges, the YMCA remained a beacon of community support. Today, YMCA KL offers a diverse range of programs, including fitness, sports, alternative tourism, children and youth development, martial arts, senior citizens and deaf support, educational enrichment courses and community outreach initiatives. I also want to recognize and deeply appreciate that KL YMCA has provided outstanding leadership to APAY over the past decades such as the late Rev. Tan Chi Kiong, the late Yip Kok Choong and of course, the current APAY President Very Rev. Philip Thomas.



Your legacy is not merely measured in years, but in lives touched, communities strengthened and values upheld. From sports and wellness programs to leadership training and charitable initiatives, the KL YMCA has cultivated a space where diversity thrives, friendships flourish and the Christian purpose is found.

As you celebrate this remarkable milestone, may you take pride in the journey that brought you here and find renewed inspiration for the path ahead. Not only your community but also the world needs institutions like yours—rooted in mission, driven by service and committed to shaping a better tomorrow in which Love, Peace and Justice prevail.

May God bless you in a particular way as we all celebrate and thank God for the 120 years of excellence; as well as pray for His guidance to many more chapters of unity, service and hope.

With admiration and best wishes,

Nam Boo Won
General Secretary

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On behalf of the National Council of YMCAs of Malaysia, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to YMCA Kuala Lumpur on the remarkable occasion of your 120th Anniversary. This significant milestone is a celebration of not only the years of impactful service but also the enduring spirit of compassion, inclusion and community that has defined YMCA KL for over a century.

For 120 years, YMCA Kuala Lumpur has exemplified the values of service, care and respect for the dignity of all individuals—values that have guided your work and allowed you to touch the lives of countless people from all walks of life. Rooted in Christian principles, your commitment to helping those in need has transcended boundaries, reaching out to Malaysians of all backgrounds, cultures and faiths. The YMCA's mission of building stronger, more compassionate communities is a message that resonates with everyone, regardless of belief.

As we reflect on your long history, we are inspired by the many ways you have uplifted individuals and empowered communities. Whether through educational programs, youth development, social outreach, or creating spaces of belonging, YMCA KL has been a place where all people can find support, hope and opportunity. Your work has always embodied the spirit of servant leadership, emphasizing the importance of giving back, helping others and building a sense of unity and care.

The impact of YMCA KL extends far beyond your walls. Over the years, you have been a constant source of support for families, youth and the underserved. Your inclusive approach fosters a culture where everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, can thrive and contribute to a shared vision of a better tomorrow.

As you celebrate this incredible 120-year milestone, we are reminded of the transformative power of service and community. The National Council of YMCAs of Malaysia is proud to stand with you, united in our commitment to improving lives and making a positive difference. We look forward to the continued success of YMCA Kuala Lumpur as you inspire generations to come with your dedication, compassion and leadership.

Once again, congratulations on this historic achievement. May you continue to grow, serve and impact lives for many years to come.

With warmest regards and best wishes for continued success,

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President,

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Message of Congratulations from the President of YMCA Penang

On behalf of YMCA Penang, I am delighted to extend our heartfelt congratulations to YMCA Kuala Lumpur on your momentous 120th Anniversary.

This milestone is not only a celebration of your remarkable history and steadfast service to the community, but also a reflection of the strong spirit of the YMCA movement in Malaysia. YMCA Kuala Lumpur has always been an inspiration and we deeply value the close friendship and partnership that our two YMCAs have shared over the years.

As we rejoice with you on this special occasion, I look forward to even greater collaboration between Penang Y and KL Y in the years ahead. Together, we can empower youth, strengthen families and serve our communities with love, mission and purpose.

Once again, congratulations on reaching this historic milestone. May YMCA Kuala Lumpur continue to grow from strength to strength and remain a beacon of hope and service for generations to come.

Warm regards,

MR. PETER LEE CHIN OON
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The YMCA Kuala Lumpur and the YMCA of Ipoh go back a long way. We are both more than 100 years old and celebrating your 120th is certainly both meaningful and special. We have almost similar objectives and ideals though we are located in different parts of the country. We face almost similar challenges. So it is meaningful that we 'berganding bahu' with each other as we take this journey forward. Besides sharing similar objectives, ideals and challenges, we worship the same God. We want to be part and parcel of God's plan and purpose in this worldwide organization.



Psalm 127:1 tells us that 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain'. Unless Jesus Christ is in the center of our programs and activities, we miss our purpose big time.

And for the past 120 years, the YMCA Kuala Lumpur has been engaging the community and touching lives. What a Movement! What a Journey! May the years ahead of Kuala Lumpur YMCA be just as meaningful and blessed!

Congratulations to Kuala Lumpur YMCA!

With kind thoughts,

Dato Daniel Tay DPMP, JP.
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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE Kuala Lumpur YMCA 120th Anniversary Celebration

Heartiest congratulations from Sibu YMCA to Kuala Lumpur YMCA on your 120th Anniversary Celebration.

Indeed, the Kuala Lumpur YMCA should feel proud to celebrate this auspicious 120th anniversary, a remarkable milestone in your history which depicts the years of hardship, perseverance and endeavours to make what it is today.

We believe that Kuala Lumpur YMCA will continue to grow and achieve even greater heights of success which can have significant impact on your community. Undoubtedly, the good Lord will bless Kuala Lumpur YMCA abundantly in your faithful and dedicated service to carry out the mission entrusted by Him.

Sibu YMCA has had the privilege to have our brotherhood bonding with the other YMCAs in Malaysia under the big umbrella of National Council sharing the same values and mission to build up our young generation to be strong in body, mind and spirit. We hope that our fraternal bonds and collaboration can be more enhanced and strengthened in all the years to come.

In the spirit of fellowship, we extend our heartfelt wishes and best regards to Rev. Father Philip Thomas and his Board of Directors for their continued efforts to illuminate and enrich the lives of the people in your community.

Once again, congratulations on your 120th Anniversary.

Warm Regards,

Sibu YMCA

**We are one in Body, Mind and Spirit
Member of the Association of Churches in Sarawak**

Message from **Philus George Thomas** President of YMCA Johor



On behalf of YMCA Johor and its community, we wish warm congratulations to YMCA KL for this auspicious occasion.

May God guide and be the center of every decision and initiative taken for community development and its activities within the influence of YMCA KL.

Together we are one body building up to a greater Malaysia. Congratulations to your 120th Anniversary.

Philus George Thomas
President of YMCA Johor



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Dear Very. Rev. Thomas

On behalf of the YMCA of Singapore, we extend our warmest congratulations to the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur on the momentous occasion of your 120th Anniversary!

Since 1905, the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur has played a vital role in supporting communities through holistic programmes that nurture individuals in mind, body and spirit. Your long-standing commitment to inclusivity, youth empowerment, social responsibility and Christian values is truly commendable.

From your community outreach efforts and inclusive initiatives such as the Pusat Majudiri "Y" for the Deaf, to your vibrant sports, arts, and fellowship programmes, your impact continues to be deeply felt. The legacy you have built over more than a century is a testament to your vision, dedication and service to others.

We are delighted to celebrate this significant milestone with you and look forward to continued collaboration as we work together to uplift and inspire our communities.

Once again, heartiest congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone of empowering lives and strengthening communities!

With warmest regards and in fellowship,




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**Joint Congratulatory Message for YMCA of Kuala Lumpur 120th Anniversary
by Charis Lim, President of Metropolitan YMCA &
Grace Chan, Group Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan YMCA of Singapore**

Heartiest congratulations to the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur (YMCA KL) on your 120th Anniversary, from all of us at the Metropolitan YMCA of Singapore! Reaching such a remarkable milestone is a powerful testament to your enduring legacy of compassion and charity. We are thrilled and honoured to celebrate this historic occasion with you.

This anniversary is far more than a mark on a calendar; it is a powerful and living testament to an enduring faith that has been the bedrock of your institution for over a century. In a world of constant change, few organisations can look back upon 120 years of continuous service with such a rich and impactful legacy. Your history is intricately woven into the very fabric of Malaysia's own story. From the dawn of a new century, through the winds of colonial change, the crucible of war, the jubilant birth of a nation, and into the dynamic pulse of modern Malaysia, the YMCA of KL has remained a steadfast beacon of hope and a constant source of stability. You have been an anchor in turbulent seas, always rooted in the timeless Christian values of unconditional love, selfless service and profound social responsibility.

As one of the oldest and most respected YMCAs in Malaysia, your role in nurturing the nation's youth has been unparalleled. In times of trial and uncertainty, you provided more than just shelter; you offered a sanctuary of hope and a guiding star for young people seeking their way. In times of peace and growth, you transformed your halls into a dynamic training ground, forging the character and skills of countless youths and future community leaders.

Among your many remarkable achievements, your unwavering commitment to the deaf community shines as a particularly brilliant example of your mission in action. For nearly half a century, long before inclusivity became a global watchword, YMCA KL has been a sanctuary and a champion for those who are deaf and hard of hearing. The establishment of the YMCA Deaf Club, the first of its kind in the nation, was a pioneering act of profound empathy. Through the vibrant rhythms of the Deafbeat Drum Troupe, the essential offering of sign language classes, comprehensive vocational training, and tireless advocacy, you did not just provide services—you shattered silence, unlocked potential, and gave voice to the voiceless, creating pathways of opportunity and dignity where few existed. The impact of this visionary work continues to echo powerfully today.

As the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur celebrates these 120 glorious years, we honour your exemplary and unwavering commitment to the core principles of the Y movement and, most importantly, to the people you serve. May your profound legacy continue to shine brightly and may God's abundant grace guide you into an even more impactful and glorious future.

Charis Lim
Board President
Metropolitan YMCA Singapore

Grace Chan
Group Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan YMCA Singapore

Message from

Rev. Dr, Jin C. J.Su, President, YMCA Tainan

Daniel C.C. Chen General Secretary, YMCA Tainan



Rev. Dr, Jin C. J.Su
President



Daniel C.C. Chen
General Secretary

To: All Members and Staff of YMCA Kuala Lumpur

On behalf of the entire Tainan YMCA team, we extend our heartfelt congratulations on the momentous occasion of the 120th Anniversary of YMCA Kuala Lumpur.

Over the past 120 years, YMCA Kuala Lumpur has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the Christian faith and the spirit of serving communities. In the face of societal changes and challenges, your association has continuously made a positive impact, nurturing generations of youths and families and leaving an enduring legacy. This is not only a proud and joyful milestone for your organization but also for the entire global YMCA family!

Your anniversary celebration is a joyous moment to reflect upon your glorious journey and a new milestone that leads towards a brighter future. With your solid foundation and enthusiastic dedication, we firmly believe that YMCA Kuala Lumpur will continue to inspire, empower and bless the community in many more years to come.

All the staff of Tainan YMCA sincerely send our warmest and best wishes. We hope that with God's blessing, YMCA Kuala Lumpur will continue to grow and thrive for many years to come.

We look forward to keeping close ties and working together with you—whether it's in community service, ministry, developing talents, or international exchanges—supporting and learning from each other every step of the way.

Once again, congratulations on your 120th Anniversary. May your celebration be filled with joy, unity and good fortune. May God's blessings be upon YMCA Kuala Lumpur, bringing peace and flourishing in all your endeavors!

With our deepest regards and best wishes,

Tainan YMCA



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Very Rev. Philip Thomas
President of YMCA Kuala Lumpur

On October 26, 2005, the Manila Downtown YMCA and the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur entered into a Memorandum of Agreement, founded upon the noble spirit of the YMCA, as beautifully expressed in John 17:21: "That they may all be one."

It has been two decades since that meaningful commitment was made—a testament to the enduring brotherhood and unity between our two YMCAs. Such a partnership reflects the true essence of international fellowship and shared mission.

As the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur celebrates 120 years of service, we join you in honoring this remarkable milestone—a legacy of dedication, compassion and impact. Your journey is both a treasure and an achievement, inspiring us all to continue the work of serving the youth, families and communities with integrity and love.

Congratulations on your anniversary. May your YMCA continue to grow, inspire and uplift for generations to come.

With warmest regards and deep respect,

Dr. Honorio T. Tan
President - Manila Downtown YMCA Philippines



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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Greetings from the YMCA of Hong Kong.

Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice YMCA Kuala Lumpur! Congratulations on your 120th Anniversary.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it. (Luke 11:28) May YMCA Kuala Lumpur continue to observe what you heard from the Lord and hand down the blessings you have received from generation to generation.

May your 120th Anniversary strengthen your faith, renew your hope and deepen your love in Christ to bless your communities through your programs and service.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and protect YMCA Kuala Lumpur in the next 120 years and beyond.

God bless,

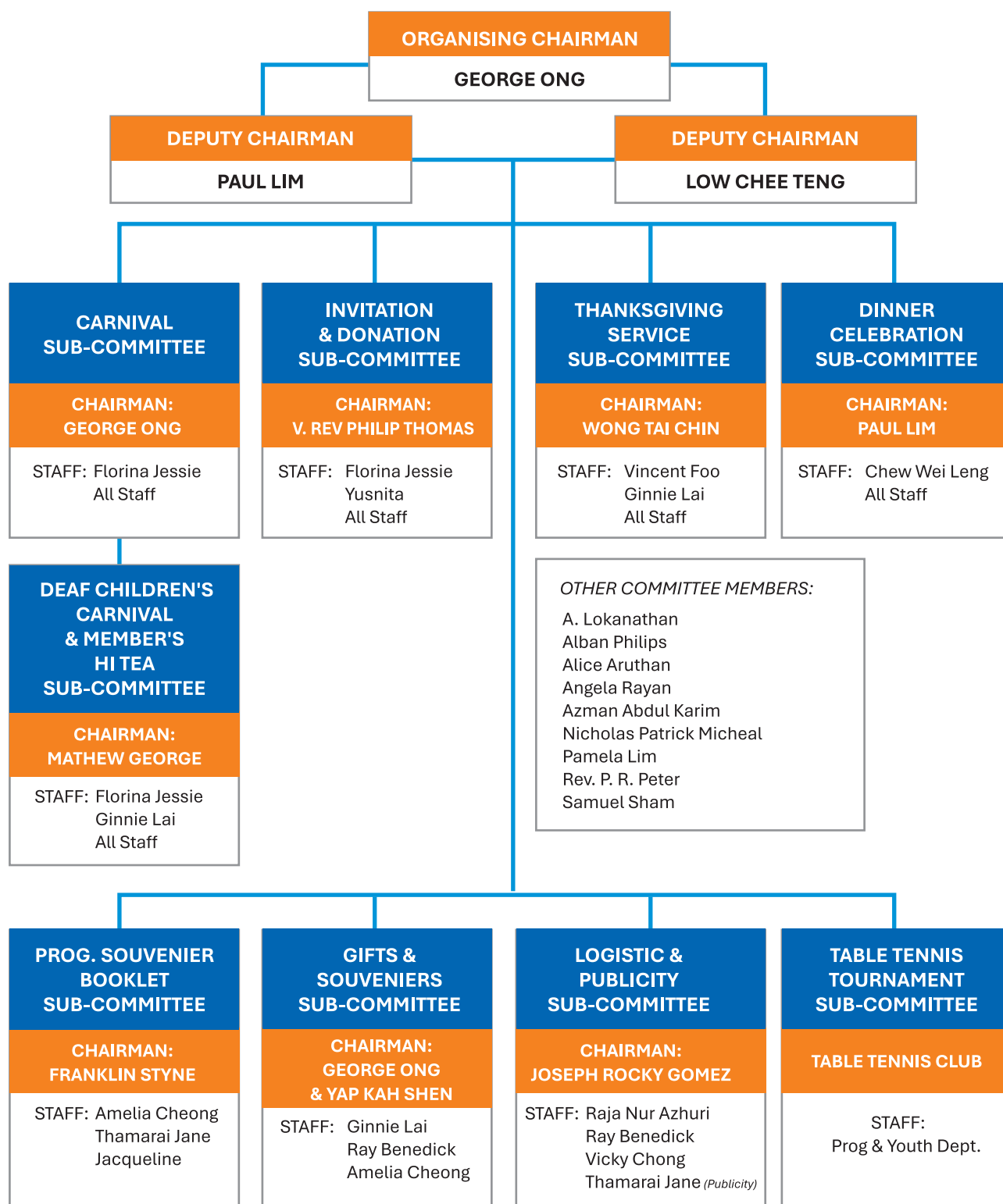
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YMCA 120th Anniversary Celebration



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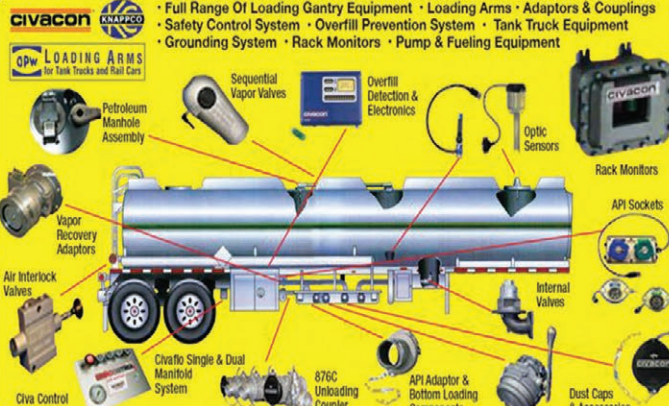


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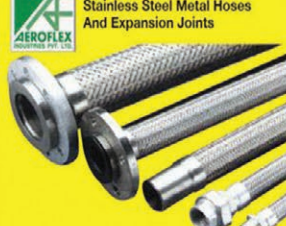
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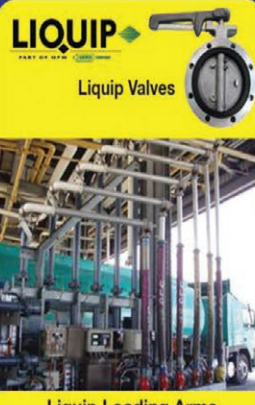
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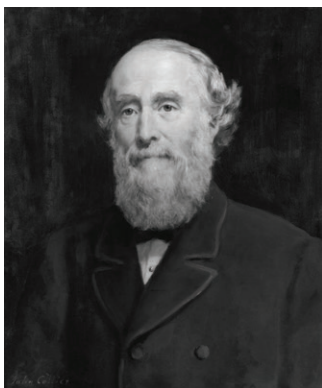
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History of YMCA of Kuala Lumpur

YMCA BEGAN WITH CHANGE

The Young Men's Christian Association is an international voluntary Christian ecumenical movement that endeavours to echo the cultural identity of the Nation in which it exists and serves.

Founded in 1844 in London, pioneered by a group of young men led by George Williams who were concerned with serving fellow young men who like themselves, came to the city during Europe's Industrial Revolution. At the time, the youth faced many social and civic issues whereby they were exploited, overworked and brutally treated. Driven by compassion, they formed the YMCA with the aim of the "improvement of the spiritual condition of the young men engaged in houses of business."



George Williams

Together with the other founding members George Williams wasted no time in organising YMCA branches throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. Since then, the YMCA concept has spread to every continent. Today, there is a worldwide organisation based in Geneva, Switzerland with more than 57 million beneficiaries from 125 national associations.

The vision of creating a truly global movement with an international headquarters was pioneered by Henry Dunant, then Secretary of YMCA Geneva who would later go on to establish the International Committee of the Red Cross and win the first Nobel Peace Prize.

Henry Dunant successfully convinced YMCA leaders to organise the first YMCA World Conference, where the Paris Basis was adopted, affirming the YMCA's mission and purpose and created the Central International Committee what is now known as the World Alliance of YMCAs.

THE PARIS BASIS

The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite those young men who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their faith and in their life and to associate their efforts for the extension of His Kingdom amongst young men.

The YMCA of Kuala Lumpur: A Century of Service and Spirit

When It All Began

It all started on 10 August 1905, when 30 founding members had a shared vision to form a YMCA in Kuala Lumpur. Their vision came to life with the inauguration of the YMCA at a shop lot at No. 3 Wulkin Street, next to the Kuala Lumpur Railway Station on 27 October 1905 with 141 members.

From these humble beginnings, the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur began its journey guided by Christian values, committed to youth development and dedicated to building a stronger community.



1908 - The First Directors' Meeting



1915 - Opening of the Building



YMCA Building

In 1908, the government granted the YMCA a piece of land in Brickfields, where a simple plank and atap building was constructed. By 1915, with a key contribution from Towkay Loke Yew and with additional generous contributions from the Honourable Mr. Eu Tong Sen and Towkay Lee Kong Lam a new building with modern facilities such as a gym, billiard room, Secretary's office, a refreshment room, 3 spacious verandahs, toilets and servant quarters was built, marking a bold new chapter for the Association.

Throughout the decades, the YMCA adapted to challenges and changes. Even during the Japanese Occupation in 1941, the YMCA remained active being allowed to run the hostel and sports activities during the early part of the occupation largely due to the efforts of a Japanese Christian, Mr. Ogawa. After the war, the building was returned by the British Army in 1946 and the YMCA was officially re-opened on 27 September 1946 by H.E. Sir Edward Gent, Governor of the Malayan. Activities were re-established on a reduced scale.

The post-war years were marked by growth and innovation. In 1951, the first YMCA KL Youth Club was launched. By the 1960s, a bold decision was made to demolish all existing structures and construct a new building along the then Kandang Kerbau Road (now known as Jalan Padang Belia). The foundation stone was laid by HRH Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah in 1966 and the new building was officially opened in 1968, thanks in large part to the dedication of the late Mr. T. Moro Sr. who made personal and financial sacrifices to ensure that the building was completed.

The following decades saw a flurry of community-based programmes. The Deaf Club was formed in 1973, the first of its kind in Malaysia followed by the establishment of the Pusat Majudiri Y and the first Senior Citizens Club in 1984. The Association also supported the Deaf in launching Silent World Sdn Bhd, the first Deaf owned and operated laundrette.

The late Tan Yap was a dedicated volunteer who devoted much of his time in the 1990 to supporting the deaf club and community. For his tireless contributions he is fondly remembered as the 'father of the deaf'.



The Deaf Kids Camp organised by Pusat Majudiri "Y" for the deaf

The YMCA didn't just build programmes it built people. Leaders like Rev. Tan Chi Kiong and Mr. Yip Kok Choong went on to serve in regional YMCA leadership roles, furthering Malaysia's presence on the Asia-Pacific stage. In 1995, YMCA KL hosted the 14th General Assembly of the Asia Alliance of YMCAs in Port Dickson and celebrated its anniversary with a dinner in Kuala Lumpur.



YMCA Toy Library

In 1996, the Association took another pioneering step by establishing Malaysia's first Toy Library for children with special needs. This initiative was later adopted by SP Setia on 19 January 2001, expanding its impact even further.

Into the 2000s, the YMCA continued to evolve. The YMCA Alumni was formed, a Professional Learning Centre was introduced and the Community Childcare Centre was launched. That same year, the Deaf Communication and Information Technology Training Centre was established with a sponsorship from the Embassy of Japan and the Sign Language Resource Centre was made possible through sponsorship by HSBC Bank.

From its earliest days to today, YMCA KL has remained committed to uniting young people in faith, service and community. What began as a small gathering of 30 has become a legacy of empowerment, compassion and hope — continuing to make a difference, one life at a time.

From 2005 onwards, YMCA Kuala Lumpur continued to grow in both impact and inclusivity. Its 100th anniversary in 2005 was marked with Centenary Charity Golf event, with proceeds supporting the development of the Deaf Community Centre (Pusat Majudiri 'Y') followed by a Thanksgiving Service and Anniversary Dinner. In 2007, PMY launched DeafBeat—Malaysia's first deaf Chinese drum troupe, empowering deaf youth through rhythm and performance. By 2011, YMCA KL was hosting vibrant community programmes such as the Community Children's Christmas Celebration, Wishing Tree Project, Youth Sports Carnival and Holiday Basketball Camp offering meaningful engagement for families and youth, especially from the deaf community. In 2014, the R.O.A.R. (Reach Out and Restore) programme was introduced as a consolidated platform for sustainable community initiatives led by volunteers and youth.

The Association celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2015 by unveiling a new vision: "Empower, Transform, Build," which was marked with a fundraising dinner to support future development. During the pandemic, YMCA KL swiftly adapted by offering online classes, launching the YMCA Virtual Run and providing food aid and emotional support—demonstrating its continued resilience and compassion in times of crisis. In 2024, YMCA Kuala Lumpur partnered with the Humanitarian Experience Program (HXP) from the United States, through its Malaysia: Love initiative, to foster deeper inclusion by engaging volunteers with the deaf, blind and special-needs communities—reflecting the organisation's ongoing commitment to empathy, service and love. To commemorate YMCA KL's 120th Anniversary, a weekend-long Carnival will be held in celebration of this historic milestone, followed by a heartfelt Thanksgiving Service and a grand Anniversary Dinner.



HRH, the wife of the late Sultan of Selangor with Mr. T. Mori and Mr. Lloyd de Run at a fundraising event.

Special Acknowledgement to the late Mr. T. Mori Sr.

The most important part of his association with the Kuala Lumpur YMCA was to put up the building which we presently are using. With the help of the late Rev. Lloyd De Run, they spent many hours in approaching people to help them with the necessary funds to put up the building. Those were difficult days, but thanks to GOD, the building was finally completed in 1967 and officiated in 1968 by the late Sultan of Selangor HRH Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCA (APAY)

The Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY), an integral part of the World YMCA, is a federation of twenty-four (24) national and territorial YMCA movements across the Asia-Pacific region, with offices based in Jeju, Korea and Hong Kong.

As a faith-based social movement, the YMCA is an international, voluntary and ecumenical organisation grounded in Christian teachings: love, justice and peace.

As an Area Alliance comprising and representing 24 national movements in the region, APAY promotes Inter-Movement Cooperation (IMC) among national movements, with other regions and with the World Alliance. It identifies and acts upon common thrusts rooted in the spirit of mutual trust and mutual accountability and serves as a platform for dialogue, consultation, capacity-building and collective advocacy.



APAY and its member associations are currently engaged in movement thrusts aligned with Vision 2030 and QPP 2024–2027, which focus on four key pillars: community well-being, meaningful work, a sustainable planet and a just world. All APAY programs primarily emphasize youth empowerment (global citizenship), peacebuilding with justice (including the Interfaith Cooperation Forum), sustainable community development, gender justice and equity, climate crisis response and alternative tourism—most of which are closely linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).



New Building, YMCA of Kuala Lumpur

The upcoming YMCA KL Facility Building represents more than just added space—it is a meaningful extension of our mission. Designed to support both our internal programmes and the vibrant community around us, this new facility will enhance experiences for our members, whose participation directly fuels our advocacy and outreach efforts across the city.

Beyond serving our own needs, this space will also welcome emerging movements and organisations—offering them a place to incubate ideas, collaborate meaningfully and grow within the supportive environment of YMCA Kuala Lumpur. It is a space built not just for us, but for all who share the vision of building stronger, more connected communities.

PROGRESS OF WORKS IN BRIEF:

a) Completed Works

- i) All reinforced concrete works are fully completed, inclusive of the driveway ramp.
- ii) Brickwork, Plastering work, Floor Rendering & Skim Coating.
- iii) Staircase nosing tiles and metal railing.
- iv) Roof Covering and Canopy Roof structured.
- v) Cold Water & Sanitary Plumbing works.
- vi) Fire Protection Services & Tank installation.
- vii) Lift installation completed with Internal T&C for Bomba submission.

b) Work In Progress

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

c) Balance / Outstanding Works

- i) Aluminium glass window (final fix)
- ii) All Doors & Ironmongery and roller shutter
- iii) Ceiling Board installation
- iv) Wall Tiling and Floor Tiling
- v) Toilet cubicle and Sanitary fittings
- vi) Internal & External Painting
- vii) M&E Equipment installation
- viii) External works, i.e. Premix road, Drainage works & On-site detention pond, Incoming TNB supply & Telephone cabling, Sewerage connection.

d) Overall % Completion

Approximately 89%.





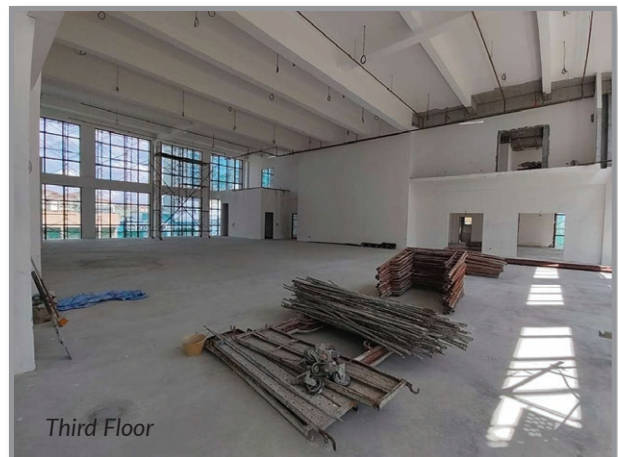
Ground Floor



First Floor



Second Floor



Third Floor



Fourth Floor



Roof View



Fifth Floor

Membership

Enrich The Experiences of YMCA Members in 2025



YMCA Kuala Lumpur began humbly in 1905 and will be celebrating its 120th anniversary on 11 October 2025 with great festivity. From its modest beginnings as a lone building, the YMCA KL has come a long way and will include a new facility building that will be used for a wider range of activities such as a Multipurpose Hall, Classrooms, Training rooms and much more.

Membership is the heartbeat of YMCA KL. Within it are various committees made up of YMCA members themselves and related staff. It is from this Membership that the Board of Directors is formed, elected through a voting process among the Full members. The existing committees include Christian Identity and Mission (CIM), Finance and Accounts (FAC), Senior Citizens Club (SCC), Education and Training, Pusat Majudiri Y (PMY), Hostel and Facilities and the Programme, Sports & Youth.

Over the years, a diverse array of activities were organised to benefit our members and foster

community engagement. Longstanding clubs such as the 3rd KL Boys' Brigade, Senior Citizens Club and Table Tennis Club continued to thrive with popular, well-attended programmes.

The Programme Department also arranged several enjoyable foodie trips to destinations like Cameron Highlands, Bentong, Teluk Intan and Penang, offering members unique experiences and opportunities for fellowship.

As of now, YMCA KL proudly holds a strong membership base of approximately 2,200 members. Among the most notable new sign-ups are those participating in Language classes, children football coaching, Senior citizens dance sessions and guitar lessons.

We look forward to continued growth and hope our members will renew their membership and remain active in the YMCA KL community, both now and in the years to come.

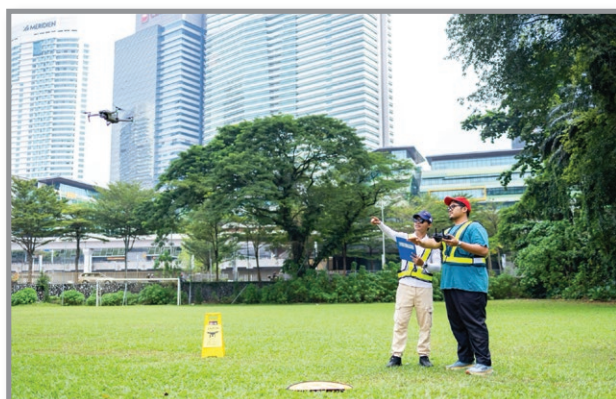
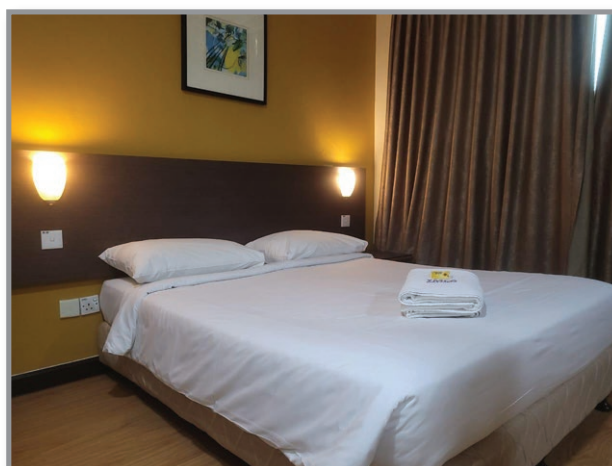


Hostel & Facilities cum Building Maintenance

Over the past year, YMCA Kuala Lumpur has undertaken a range of maintenance and improvement projects for its hostel and facilities. By February 2025, all minor repairs and upgrades in the hostel rooms were successfully completed. These included replacing carpets with SPC flooring, repainting walls and upgrading various room equipment. Moving forward, the next phase of improvements will focus on enhancing shared facilities and replacing outdated equipment.

Facility bookings—including halls and classrooms—have shown steady growth. Events such as weddings, birthday celebrations, conferences and festive gatherings have significantly increased compared to the previous year. As part of YMCA KL's open-area beautification efforts, a cleaning and clearing project was carried out at the end of 2024 near the car park area adjacent to the bus stop fencing.

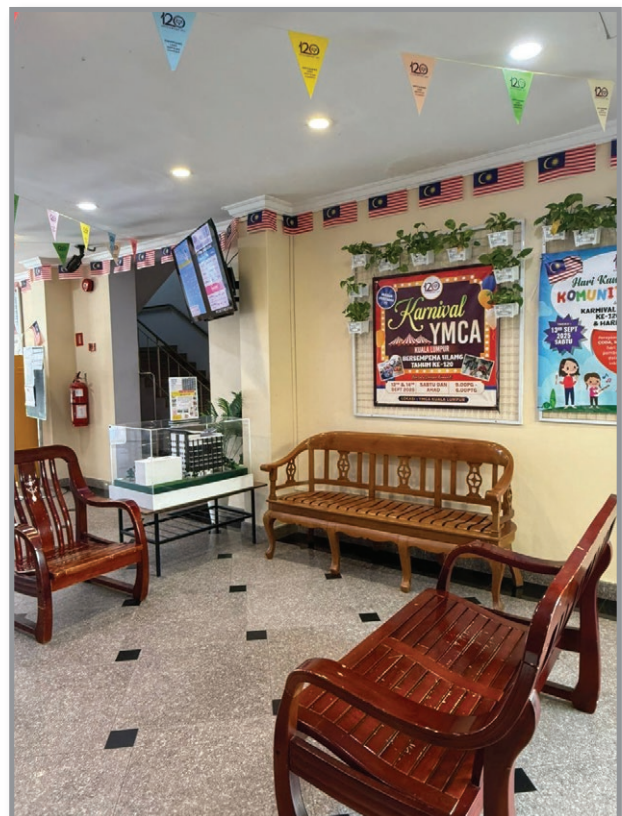
The field at YMCA KL remains a valuable asset for a variety of activities. Since late 2022, it has been rented out during the day to the AirAsia Drone Academy (AADA) for drone training. In addition to football, the field has served as a venue for community events, sports training and outdoor recreational programs—making it a dynamic hub for various groups and organisations. This collaboration with AADA will continue into 2025, further maximizing the use of the field.



On 7 May 2024, YMCA KL once again partnered with the Selangor and Federal Territory Association for the Mentally Handicapped (SAMH) to conduct Basic Housekeeping Training for three trainees from the Vocational Training Centre, Wisma Harapan, Brickfields. This marked the fourth batch of such training. YMCA KL remains committed to this initiative in line with its vision and mission, providing ongoing support for individuals with special needs. Looking ahead, once the new building project is completed, YMCA KL hopes to create employment opportunities for these individuals.

This year has been one of significant progress for YMCA KL's hostel and facilities. The successful completion of key projects—such as room upgrades and open-area beautification—reflects the organisation's commitment to continuous improvement. The increasing demand for facility bookings reinforces YMCA KL's role as a preferred venue for a variety of events. Ongoing partnerships with organisations like AADA and SAMH further demonstrate YMCA KL's dedication to community engagement.

Looking ahead, the hostel and facilities will continue to undergo upgrades across multiple areas. YMCA KL also plans to introduce sustainability initiatives, including power-saving measures, timely replacement of room amenities and the implementation of a greenery project in the car park and around the building's surroundings. These efforts align with YMCA KL's broader mission to provide a welcoming, inclusive and environmentally responsible space for all.



Christian Identity & Mission (CIM)

The Christian, Identity and Mission (CIM) Department stands at the very core of the YMCA of Kuala Lumpur's founding purpose—to put Christian values into action through service to the community. For 120 years, CIM has faithfully carried the torch of the YMCA's Christian heritage, ensuring that the spiritual dimension remains alive, vibrant and relevant in all aspects of the organisation's life.

The department serves as a guiding light in promoting moral values, spiritual growth and social responsibility among members, staff and the wider community. It organises regular Christian fellowships, Bible studies, seasonal celebrations, prayer gatherings and worship services, while also forging inter-church collaborations that reflect the unity of the Body of Christ.



Beyond the spiritual programmes, CIM is actively involved in community outreach efforts—extending care and compassion to the underserved, regardless of race or religion. It champions a holistic approach to ministry by fostering a culture of inclusiveness, humility and servant leadership.

As we celebrate YMCA KL's 120th anniversary, CIM remains committed to upholding the Christian identity that has shaped this organisation since its inception, inspiring lives and transforming communities through faith, love and purposeful action.

The 3rd Kuala Lumpur Company of The Boys' Brigade



For over 65 years, the 3rd Kuala Lumpur Company of The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia has been blessed by God's guidance. This past year has been another meaningful and rewarding chapter in our journey and we give thanks to the Lord Almighty for His continuous blessings. The Boys' Brigade (BB) provides an avenue for young Boys and youth to develop skills that are essential for their growth into men of tomorrow. As our BB Object states - The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among members and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Character. The activities conducted are designed to mould Boys' character to be a better person, better leader, contributing towards the society.

Some of our key events include:

- Company Chinese New Year Celebration
- Junior Section Outing
- Recruits Boot Camp
- Leadership training camps for juniors and seniors
- Company exchange programmes



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Senior Citizens' Club (SCC)

The Senior Citizens' Club (SCC), established in 1984, continues to stand strong at YMCA KL. Over the years, it has organised a wide range of activities focused on healthy ageing, including tai chi, line and Social dancing, Health screenings, Mindfulness meditation, Karaoke sessions, Harmonica classes and local excursions.

These engaging programmes foster a sense of belonging and keep the senior community active, connected and vibrant.



Sports & Martial Arts

The YMCA has made history in sports as the birthplace of both basketball and futsal. Basketball was invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith at the YMCA Training School in Springfield, USA, as an indoor game to keep students active during winter. Today, it has grown into one of the most popular sports worldwide. In 1930, futsal was created by Juan Carlos Ceriani at the YMCA in Montevideo, Uruguay, as a five-a-side indoor version of football. Designed for smaller courts, it emphasises skill, teamwork and speed and has since spread globally as a sport officially recognised by FIFA. Both games reflect the YMCA's mission of building a healthy spirit, mind and body while uniting communities through the power of sport.



At YMCA KL, sports programmes for children have long been a priority, with football and basketball making a significant impact over the years. These activities not only keep children active and healthy, but also nurture values of sportsmanship, discipline and leadership. Through such programmes, YMCA KL helps shape young participants into future leaders, equipping them with confidence, teamwork and a positive mindset to face the future.



Martial arts have been an integral part of YMCA KL for more than 60 years, with long-standing disciplines such as Judo, Karate and Aikido continuing to thrive till today. Over time, YMCA KL has expanded its offerings to include a wider variety of martial arts – such as Taekwondo, Kickboxing and Silambam – all provided at affordable rates to ensure accessibility for the community.

These programmes cater to participants of all ages, from young children to adults, fostering discipline, confidence and physical fitness.



Beyond martial arts, YMCA KL also offers a wide range of workshops and talks that enrich both skills and knowledge. From guitar and singing sessions to financial literacy talks, these activities create opportunities for members to explore their passions, build talents and gain practical life skills.

Through this diverse mix of programmes, YMCA KL continues to provide a holistic platform for the community to grow in body, mind and spirit.



Sing-Along Club

The YMCA Sing-Along Club began over 25 years ago, thanks to the passion and initiative of Mr. Katsunori Mori. After retiring from FELDA, Mr. Mori joined YMCA KL as a tennis coach. In the evenings, he would relax at the YMCA café, playing his guitar and singing old songs. What started as a personal pastime soon drew the attention of fellow YMCA senior members, who joined him in singing along and reminiscing about the good old days.

As the group grew, YMCA kindly provided a dedicated space for their gatherings, marking the official start of the Sing-Along Club. Today, the club continues to flourish with about 30 active members, including both singers and musicians. Together, they perform timeless Oldies in English, Chinese and Malay from the 1950s to the 1980s, across a variety of genres.

The club meets every Thursday from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the YMCA Lotus Room and regularly performs at YMCA events. For more than two decades, it has brought joy, music and friendship to YMCA's senior community – and looks forward to welcoming more members to keep the songs alive.



Toastmasters Club

Where Leaders Are Made and Voices Empowered

Established on **22nd October 2019**, the **YMCA KL Toastmasters Club** has evolved into a dynamic hub for individuals seeking to refine their communication and leadership skills. As part of the global Toastmasters International network, the club remains dedicated to nurturing self-confidence, effective public speaking and personal growth within a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The club convenes **twice a month**, drawing members from all walks of life – students, working professionals and retirees – bound by a common goal of self-improvement. Each meeting blends structured speeches, spontaneous speaking exercises and constructive evaluations, creating a platform for practical learning and transformative development.

Over the years, YMCA KL Toastmasters has proudly marked **several key achievements**:

- Earned the **President's Distinguished Club** award multiple times – the highest honour from Toastmasters International, recognising excellence in education and member engagement.
- Organised area-level speech contests, Speechcraft (Public Speaking) workshops and training sessions for both members and the broader public.



- Celebrated the success of members who have advanced to **Division and District-level competitions**, reflecting the club's strong mentoring culture and pursuit of excellence.

In keeping with **YMCA's mission of service, growth and community empowerment**, YMCA KL Toastmasters fosters a spirit of support, learning and mutual respect. Whether you're aiming to overcome stage anxiety, speak more effectively in professional settings, or cultivate leadership capabilities, this club offers a space where every voice is valued and every journey is celebrated.



Volunteerism

Empowering Youth Through Volunteerism at YMCA KL

As a non-profit organisation rooted in Christian values, the Young Men's Christian Association of Kuala Lumpur (YMCA KL) has long been a champion of youth empowerment and community service. Over the decades, we have remained steadfast in our belief that volunteering from a young age plays a pivotal role in shaping responsible, compassionate and globally minded citizens.



At YMCA KL, we provide meaningful volunteering opportunities that go beyond helping hands—they are platforms for young people to develop essential life skills, build leadership capabilities and foster a strong sense of community engagement. Our volunteers are not just supporters; they are changemakers who contribute their time, talents and passions to bring our mission to life.

Throughout the year, we organise a wide array of programmes and events such as the ROAR Project (Reaching Out and Restore) and the Community Children's Christmas Celebration. These initiatives are designed not only to benefit our members and the wider community, but also to provide hands-on experiences for volunteers to grow and lead.

In addition to our flagship events, YMCA KL also holds ad-hoc and seasonal activities, offering flexible avenues for volunteers to get involved, contribute and make an impact. Whether through logistics support, creative contributions, or mentorship roles, our volunteers are the heartbeat of every successful programme.

Our Objectives for Volunteer Engagement:

- To enhance youth **social interaction and teamwork**
- To nurture **strong communication and leadership** qualities
- To cultivate **time management and responsibility**
- To **champion youth empowerment** and a lifelong spirit of service

Each year, we proudly honour our dedicated volunteers through the Volunteers Appreciation Night—a celebration of their tireless commitment and heartfelt contributions. Their service embodies the values of YMCA and inspires us to continue building a stronger, more connected community.

We pay tribute to the generations of volunteers who have shaped YMCA KL's legacy. We look forward to nurturing many more future leaders who will continue to serve with purpose, passion and heart



Volunteerism

ROAR Project

The Reaching Out and Restore (ROAR) Project stands as the flagship initiative of YMCA KL's Programmes & Youth Department. Launched in 2014, the project began with the Back to School Programme for children at Batang Berjuntai Palm Estate. Since 2018, the focus has extended to Kampung Tekir Orang Asli, where YMCA KL has been working closely with the Orang Asli community to build capacity and create sustainable change.



Through the years, ROAR Project has made meaningful strides by improving preschool learning environment, providing nutritional support for children, introducing sustainable vegetable gardening to enhance food security and restoring an abandoned house into a functional Community House that now serves as a hub for skills training, education and eco-tourism.



What began as a simple effort to reach out has grown into a long-term commitment to empower the community. ROAR Project reflects YMCA KL's mission of nurturing self-reliance, resilience and holistic wellbeing—fostering meaningful engagement and sustainable growth for generations to come.



Volunteerism

Community Children's Christmas Celebration (CCCC)

For more than a century, the annual Christmas parties held on YMCA KL grounds have been a cherished tradition, bringing joy and meaning not only to us but to countless children in our neighbourhood, especially within the multicultural and multi-faith communities of Brickfields. These gatherings of fun, laughter, cultural interaction and sharing across different faiths created precious memories and made a lasting difference in the lives of children and their families. Over the years, the Christmas party grew to become one of YMCA KL's most prominent events, attended by both Christian families and members of diverse communities, fostering goodwill and togetherness.

As time passed, this beloved tradition evolved into what is now known as the **Community Children's Christmas Celebration (CCCC)**. The new name reflects YMCA KL's extended outreach, as we began inviting underprivileged children and deaf children to join in the celebration. While modest in scale, the event carries a profound impact – offering children a small but meaningful treat that brings joy and happiness.

Each celebration features fun games, performances and the much-anticipated gift-giving session, all made possible through the generosity and continued support of our donors.



This celebration embodies the true spirit of Christmas – love, sharing and unity – as YMCA KL continues to bring communities together while uplifting those most in need.



Climate Change

Taking Action for Our Planet: YMCA KL's Climate Change Initiative

In recent years, the Earth's rising temperature has escalated climate change into what is now recognised as a climate emergency. This growing crisis is deeply concerning—not just for environmentalists, but also for organisations like YMCA, whose mission is rooted in serving the community and nurturing future generations.

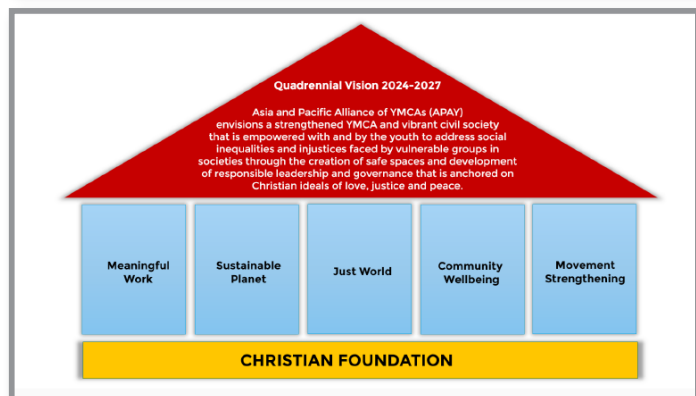
Climate change is no longer a distant issue. Its effects are already altering daily life, disrupting livelihoods and straining local economies. Irregular weather patterns, droughts and floods reduce agricultural yields, leading to lower incomes for farmers, higher food prices and ultimately a decline in the quality of life—especially for vulnerable communities.

Recognising the urgency, World YMCA introduced Vision 2030, a global framework aimed at addressing the world's most pressing issues. The Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) embraced this vision and further expanded it by including a crucial fourth pillar: Movement Strengthening.

The four pillars guiding the YMCA movement today are:

- Meaningful Work
- Community Wellbeing
- Sustainable Planet
- Just World

In alignment with this global vision, YMCA Kuala Lumpur began its own journey towards sustainability through the Green Initiative, launched in 2019. What started with indoor plant installations gradually expanded to outdoor greening projects across our premises.



Implementing sustainable practices has not been without its challenges. Adopting new habits—such as reducing single use plastics and paper during meetings and events—required adjustment and persistent effort. However, we remain committed to this transformation, taking a step-by-step approach supported by continuous education for both our team and the wider community.

Today, we are proud to say that YMCA KL continues to be a local advocate for environmental responsibility, incorporating green practices into our programmes and nurturing a generation that is both socially conscious and eco-awareness.

Global Alternative Tourism Network

Transforming Travel, Transforming Lives: YMCA KL and The Global Alternative Tourism Network (GATN)

In a world where tourism often focuses on leisure and luxury, YMCA of Kuala Lumpur proudly offers a different path—one that embraces **community, compassion and cultural understanding**. Through our involvement in the **Global Alternative Tourism Network (GATN)**, we provide transformative experiences that connect people across borders and create lasting impact beyond the surface of travel.

Established under the **Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY)**, the GATN initiative redefines travel by promoting **responsible, community-based tourism** rooted in YMCA's core values—**justice, peace, equity and sustainability**. At the heart of GATN is the belief that travel can be a force for good when it focuses on **people-to-people connections, learning and service**.

Since its introduction at YMCA KL, the GATN programme has welcomed youth and volunteer groups from various countries, offering them unique opportunities to immerse themselves in local life, contribute to social projects and to grow as global citizens.

Our GATN Experiences Include:

- **Cultural Immersion & Home Stays** – Experiencing Malaysia through the eyes of local communities.
- **Service-Learning Projects** – Supporting educational, environmental and social initiatives in rural and urban settings.
- **Exposure Trips & Dialogue Sessions** – Exploring issues like sustainability, indigenous rights and climate change through field visits and workshops.
- **Mini GATN Adventures** – Short overnight trips for local participants to experience the spirit of GATN while exploring different states in Malaysia.



From the historic towns of Malacca to the scenic beauty of Perak, participants have gained insight into Malaysia's diversity while engaging in meaningful work with communities. Through collaboration with local partners—including villages, NGOs and youth groups—GATN experiences at YMCA KL create a space for **mutual learning, intercultural exchange and personal growth**.

With God's blessings, YMCA KL was given the opportunity to begin a partnership with **Humanitarian Experience Programme (HXP)** in 2024, hosting multiple youth groups from the United States. In 2025, we continue this meaningful collaboration for a second year and we are grateful to journey alongside young people who are committed to serving and learning through faith and action.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome back our friends from **Taichung YMCA, Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong** along with other YMCAs in the region, as

they resume their GATN partnership with us. These renewed ties reflect our shared vision of building a **global movement grounded in service, compassion and unity.**

Despite challenges such as weather, cultural differences, or the unfamiliarity of sustainable practices, each trip has become a milestone in our journey of **building bridges between people and communities.** It is a testament to the **spirit of youth empowerment, solidarity and global awareness.**



Pusat Majudiri 'Y' for The Deaf

Deaf Works of YMCA Kuala Lumpur

Pusat Majudiri 'Y' (PMY) and the Majudiri 'Y' Foundation for the Deaf (MYF) are dedicated to empowering Deaf individuals through education, training and community engagement.

PMY focuses on direct support, education and skill development for Deaf individuals. Programmes like BIM sign language classes, DeafBeat drumming group foster independence and confidence.

MYF plays a broader role in funding and advocacy, ensuring the long-term sustainability of initiatives that benefit the Deaf community. It supports education, provides financial aid and promotes inclusivity through cultural and artistic projects.

Together, they create opportunities for Deaf individuals to thrive, bridging communication gaps and fostering self-reliance and social integration.



Pusat Majudiri 'Y' for the Deaf (PMY)

Pusat Majudiri 'Y' for the Deaf (PMY) was established in 1983 with the goal of providing fair opportunities for the Deaf community to develop and achieve their fullest potential. Based in Kuala Lumpur, PMY focuses on strengthening education, social rights and living standards for Deaf individuals in the Klang Valley.

Key initiatives of PMY:

- 1) **Deaf Empowerment Programmes:** PMY provides training and workshops to help Deaf individuals gain independence and confidence.
- 2) **Bahasa Isyarat Malaysia (BIM) Courses:** Offering structured sign language courses to bridge communication gaps between the Deaf and hearing communities.
- 3) **Community Advocacy:** PMY actively promotes accessibility and inclusion for the Deaf in various sectors.
- 4) **Deaf Club Activities:** Organizing social events, sports meet and excursions to foster a strong sense of community.
- 5) **Educational Support:** Providing tutoring for Deaf children and pre-school programs to introduce sign language at an early age.
- 6) **Employment Opportunities:** Initiatives like DeafWork and DeafBeat help Deaf individuals secure jobs and showcase their talents.



Majudiri 'Y' Foundation For The Deaf (MYF)



The Majudiri 'Y' Foundation For The Deaf was established to receive and administer funds for education, training youth work, scientific research and for charitable purposes of the Deaf Community. The Foundation is here to work towards helping, guiding and developing the Deaf Citizens of Malaysia irrespective of race, religion and creed. In supporting the Deaf Community, the MYF will soon be developed as a Self-Reliance Centre for the Deaf.

Inclusion Programmes:

1) Friend of the Deaf (FOD) Teens Training Programme

This is a youth empowerment initiative designed to cultivate empathy, leadership and inclusive values among teenagers. Through interactive learning and meaningful engagement with the Deaf community, participants gain a deeper understanding of Deaf culture, communication and advocacy.

2) Children Enhancement Programme

This is a nurturing initiative aimed at supporting the holistic development of Deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing children. Through inclusive learning experiences, creative expression and social engagement, the programme empowers young participants to grow with confidence, resilience and a strong sense of identity.

3) The Deaf Awareness Workshop

An interactive learning experience designed to foster understanding, empathy and effective communication between Deaf and hearing individuals. Through hands-on activities, cultural insights and practical strategies, participants gain the tools to create more inclusive environments in schools, workplaces and communities.



PMY DeafBeat

PMY DeafBeat is an inspiring initiative under the YMCA Kuala Lumpur's Pusat Majudiri 'Y' for the Deaf (PMY). Established in 2007, this unique percussion group is composed entirely of deaf musicians who specialize in performing Chinese drums. Their performances are a testament to the incredible potential of the deaf community, showcasing qualities like perseverance, determination and self-esteem.

DeafBeat has not only performed locally but also internationally, spreading awareness about the capabilities of deaf individuals and promoting inclusivity through the arts. Their ability to synchronize and create music is achieved through vibrations and visual cues, proving that music transcends the boundaries of hearing. They had broken into the world of Performing Arts by staging three concerts. The first was "Pulsing Spirit" in 2008, followed by "Sound of Silent Dreams" in 2009 and DeafBeat 10th Anniversary Concert 2017.

The international stage has taken them to Cambodia, Hong Kong, India and Poland to perform at music festivals for the disabled. These were:

- ATV Hong Kong, 2008
- An Asian Festival of Inclusive Arts, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2009
- Sambhav New Delhi, India, 2010 & 2011
- Si Xian Elementary School Cultural Exchange Programme, Taipei, 2014
- Brave Festival, Poland, 2016
- Sambhav (Virtual), New Delhi, India, 2022



DeafBeat invites Deaf individuals—both children and adults—to join their vibrant initiative, bringing music and art not only to the Deaf and Disabled communities but also to the wider audience of hearing individuals. Through these efforts, DeafBeat aims to bridge communities and foster understanding through the power of creative expression.

To sustain its mission, DeafBeat actively conducts fundraising activities to support essential costs, including training, rehearsals and administrative operations. Every contribution helps advance their mission to celebrate abilities, promote inclusivity and share the joy of performance with wider audiences.

Education

Learn, Grow and Connect: The YMCA Approach to Lifelong Learning

At YMCA, our Language and Training Programmes offer members a truly rewarding and enriching learning experience. For decades, YMCA has been a trusted provider of language courses, supporting generations of learners in developing their communication skills and gaining the confidence to thrive in both personal and professional settings. Many of our members have benefitted greatly from these programmes, using the skills they have acquired to enhance their careers, connect with others and explore new cultures.

Today, we offer a diverse range of language courses—including English, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Thai and Bahasa Melayu tailored to every proficiency level, from beginners to advanced speakers. Our passionate instructors create a dynamic, interactive classroom environment, using real-world scenarios and hands-on activities to sharpen speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.



Beyond language learning, YMCA's training portfolio extends into high-demand fields such as AI awareness, financial management, digital literacy and personal development. Each workshop and course is designed to equip members with practical, future-ready skills that enhance everyday life, academic pursuits and professional growth.

What truly sets YMCA apart is our vibrant community. With small class sizes, personalised attention and exclusive access to special workshops, members learn and connect in a supportive, lifelong-learning environment. We remain committed to guiding, inspiring and empowering every member, every step of the way.

The One Million Voices Initiative & Malam Muhibbah

The One Million Voices Initiative was launched to raise funds for YMCA KL's new building, with a specific focus on supporting the various programmes and activities that will take place in the new facility. The initiative was officially unveiled during the **Malam Muhibbah Night** on 9 December 2023.

The event was graced by Patron **Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Michael Yeoh**, representatives from the **Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs** and delegates from YMCAs across **Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, India, Indonesia, Cambodia**, as well as Malaysia as the host.



Also in attendance were various **community groups from Brickfields**, including the **blind**,

Deaf and multiple church organisations, making the occasion a true celebration of unity and shared purpose.



YMCA of Kuala Lumpur 120th Anniversary Carnival

YMCA Kuala Lumpur celebrated its 120th Anniversary with a truly historic Carnival on 13th and 14th September 2025. Uniting the Deaf children and families, marginalised communities and the wider Brickfields neighbourhood, the celebration embraced the theme “Bersatu dengan Komuniti – One with the Community.” With a total attendance of 600 to 700 people over the two days, the event carried the warmth of a family gathering rather than a formal function.

The occasion was officially launched by Tuan Pathmanathan, representing the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, alongside Very Rev. Fr. Philip Thomas, President of YMCA KL and Mr. George Ong, Organising Chairman, together with the YMCA KL Board of Directors. The ceremony reached a touching moment when Deaf children led the community in singing and signing the Negaraku, a powerful symbol of national unity and inclusion.



A Vibrant Marketplace and Fun Activities

The carnival space was transformed into a bustling marketplace, with booths spread across the tennis court and upstairs classrooms. Many vendors were Deaf mothers, single mothers and youth, empowering them to proudly showcase their offerings.

The food stalls featured a delightful mix of cuisines, including briyani, nasi lemak, shepherd's pie, local snacks and desserts, alongside refreshing beverages. Other vendors offered homemade crafts, such as scented candles and jewellery.



Across the venue, families and children enjoyed a wide variety of game booths featuring classics like Pin the Donkey Tail, bowling, darts and many more. In a special gesture of inclusion, the Deaf children were given free coupons to enjoy all the games. Meanwhile, the first floor hosted popular service booths such as blind massage, face painting, henna and manicure/pedicure, as well as the sale of beauty products. A fun highlight for younger guests was the coloring contest for children. The blind massage, game booths, and manicure/pedicure services proved to be the most popular attractions throughout the carnival.



An Evening of Tribute and Performance

The first day concluded with a heartfelt tribute event for our members and volunteers. At 3 pm, members were treated to a High Tea featuring sumptuous food. This event was dedicated to recognising the members and volunteers who have faithfully supported the work of YMCA over the years.



The evening continued with live performances by our very own Sing-Along Club and also featured an inspiring performance by Mr. Godfrey and his wife, both of whom are blind. Following the entertainment, everyone joined in a lively dance marathon that carried the spirit of joy late into the evening.



Day Two: Family and Community Ties

The second day was truly a Family Day, with staff family members attending, most joining after their respective church services. Coincidentally, we were honoured to host a large gathering of the Filipino community in Malaysia who held their annual event in our hall, further enriching the community spirit and diversity of the carnival.

The success of the carnival, which was the fruit of six months of planning, achieved its clear objective:

to celebrate 120 years of YMCA KL by empowering youth and marginalised communities through fellowship and celebration. Our heartfelt thanks go to all VIP sponsors, Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), vendors, volunteers, staff and members who supported through coupon sales, donations and presence. Together, we turned a long holiday weekend into a meaningful milestone, one that honoured our past, embraced the present and looked forward with hope.

YMCA of Kuala Lumpur: Celebrating Malaysia Day with the Deaf Community

The YMCA Kuala Lumpur celebrated its 120th Anniversary in conjunction with Malaysia Day and a special Community Children's Day for the Deaf on September 13, 2025. This event reflects the YMCA's long-standing commitment to the deaf since the 1970s to serving the deaf community with love, care and respect for all races and religions.

For over five decades, YMCA Kuala Lumpur has stood as a pillar of hope for the deaf community. This year's event was organised to remind society that true patriotism is not only about raising the flag, but also about raising the dignity of every Malaysian, regardless of race, religion, or ability.

A Celebration of Unity and Patriotism

YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia, was represented by Tuan Pathmanathan, the Pengarah of the Jabatan Pembangunan Orang Kurang Upaya.

The celebration began with a flag-raising ceremony, instilling patriotism and love for the country among the children and participants. As the Jalur Gemilang was raised high, the air was filled with pride, unity and love for the nation. As the flag was raised and the Negaraku was sung, the deaf children signed the lyrics with graceful and expressive movements.

The spirit of unity was deeply felt as people of all races, religions and abilities gathered under one roof, celebrating love, understanding and respect. This community event was about building bridges across differences, creating a space where everyone feels seen, heard and valued.

More than 450 participants from all walks of life and all races and religions, came together to share food, joy and fellowship. It was a living reminder that unity is not found in sameness, but in caring for one another. The event reflected Malaysia's greatest values: harmony, compassion and unity in diversity.





Showcasing Love, Education and Safety

The celebration was more than just games and exhibitions; it was about giving children who live in silence the chance to see, feel and learn and for the public to understand their world. The program included educational games and interactive activities to strengthen teamwork, awareness and respect.

A public safety exhibition added excitement to the day, featuring a police car, fire engine and ambulance. Children learned about emergency services in a way that was fun, accessible and educational, promoting safety awareness.



The Role of Police and Fire Services

The police and fire services were present to show that caring for one another is a duty of love. Their roles remind us to respect our country, because a nation is strong when every child—whether hearing, deaf, or disabled—feels safe, included and loved.

- The police are protectors who keep our families safe, guide us when we are lost and ensure peace. They represent trust, safety and care.
- The fire engine and firefighters are symbols of courage. The sound of the fire alarm is a voice of protection, reminding us that help is always near. Firefighters teach us bravery, teamwork and the importance of helping one another without fear.
- This message is not only about safety—it is about the soul of Malaysia, where every child is a gift, every person is important and together we build a nation of peace, care and respect.



The Silent Voice, Strong Hearts and Dignity

Not all disabilities can be seen and some OKU (Orang Kurang Upaya / Disabled Persons) can be recognised by their physical appearance, but deaf children appear outwardly “normal.” Yet, behind the smiles and bright faces, deaf children lie in a world that is not always ready to listen, hear, or understand.

Every deaf child is a dream waiting to be heard, a heart longing to be understood and a life that deserves love and opportunity.



Soulful Reflection

The deaf are not only receivers of care, but givers of care. Through learning first aid, deaf children can also save lives. They can bandage a wound, call for help and comfort someone in pain. This shows the world that every Malaysian child can contribute to the nation.

Although the deaf cannot hear, God gave them a special gift—the gift of sign language, a language of the hands, the eyes and the heart. With these hands, the deaf can pray, express love and even sign the Negaraku, showing respect for Malaysia.

This is the beauty of our country:

- Every child, whether hearing or deaf, has dignity.
- Every child can show love for Malaysia in their own way.
- Unity is not only in sound — unity lives in the heart.

YMCA Kuala Lumpur humbly asks the public to continue supporting its work with the deaf community through awareness, partnership and contributions. YMCA Kuala Lumpur reaffirms its lifelong commitment to the deaf community to educate, to support and to ensure that no one is left behind simply because their disability cannot be seen.

We thank God for guiding YMCA through 120 years of service and we pray for strength to carry this mission forward—because when we care for the least heard, we show the true heart of Malaysia.

To be Malaysian is to love, to respect and to help one another—with voice or with hands, but always with one heart and one soul.





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