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## Message from MAF

Spring is finally here, and by now all of you should have received the membership form to renew your membership with MAF. Please also encourage and invite your friends and family members to join the Association, and help them discover the great Malaysian hospitality and "muhibbah" through MAF. 2004 is packed with MAF events, and we hope to see each and every one of you there. A la prochaine!

### Malaysia Election Results 2004

Parliament: Barisan Nasional (198)

PAS (7) DAP (12) Others (2)

State: Barisan Nasional (452)

PAS (36) DAP (15) Others (1)

For full results, visit www.spr.gov.my

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004**

Chinese New Year Celebrations 24 Jan Food Sale (Tourism Malaysia) 13-15 Feb **Easter Egg Hunt** 25 Apr Birthday of Prophet Muhammad 2 May Pesta Menuai Pot Luck 23 May Agong's Birthday 5 June **National Day/Family Day** 31 Aug Deepavali 11 Nov Hari Raya Aidilfitri 14/15 Nov **MAF Annual Dinner** Dec

\*All events and dates are subject to change. Please check the MAF website regularly at <a href="www.maf.online.fr">www.maf.online.fr</a> or with a member of the Executive Committee.

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# MAF WELCOMES NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

### **OUTGOING EVENTS**

Annual General Meeting - MAF held its AGM at the Malaysian Embassy on 17th January 2004. Some 100 members and new faces attended the event. A big TERIMA KASIH to the outgoing committee 2003 for a very successful year and FELICITATIONS to the new elected committee members for 2004.

Chinese New Year 2004 - MAF and the Embassy hosted a CNY celebration on Saturday, 24th January 2004. Some

150 people attended the celebration. The grand highlight of celebration was the "Yee where MAF Sang" members and friends rushed to aim for prosperity and good wits in the Year of the Monkey.



Hari Raya Aidil Adha - H.E. Ambassador Tunku Datuk



Ambassador Tunku Datuk
Nazihah Tunku Mohd Rus
celebrated Hari Raya
Aidil Adha with the Royal
Malaysian Navy team
together with their
families in Cherbourg on
Sunday, 1st February
2004.

Malaysia Games 2004 - Organised to foster closer relations among Malaysians and friends in France, table tennis, scrabble, carrom, darts and congkak competition were held at the Embassy. Bowling took place at Porte de Champeret while badminton at the UNESCO gymnasium. More than 100 people attended the finals and the prize giving ceremony on Saturday, 6th March 2004 at the Embassy.

Malaysia Promotion - In March, Malaysia hosted a cultural fiesta throughout France. Dancers and musicians from

Istana Budaya, ethnic fashion designs by Embun boutique and chefs from Sunway Lagoon showcased Malaysia's arts, dance, food and fashion in Paris, Lyon, Strasbourg, Rouen and Marseille.



The show at Rumah Malaysia on 9th March 2004 received guests of honour Madame Corinne Perben, wife of the French Minister of Justice, and Madame Katia Bertrand, wife of the French State Secretary of Tourism.



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## *MALAYSIA-FRANCE NEWS*

Crédit Lyonnais Confident on Malaysian Economy

Feb 27 - Economic revival is well on its way for Malaysia, with private consumption turning the corner and



investments on the upswing, said Dr Jim Walker, chief economist at Hong Kong-based

investment bank CLSA, the investment banking arm of France's Credit Lyonnais. Walker, a noted economist and once sceptic of the Malaysian economy, now expresses optimism over the country's prospects following a visit to Malaysia after a six-year absence.

Walker said a budding domestic turnaround with consumption growth over the last three months showed a good, solid trend. "Certainly, judging from the crowds in restaurants and bars around the Shangri-La Hotel, there is no shortage of consumption in Kuala Lumpur," he said. The upsurge in domestic confidence and spending, Walker added, is backed by the smooth political transition and the government's efforts to combat corruption, eliminate cronyism and reduce inefficiency in government spending.

"The good press surrounding the new Prime Minister and his adviser team is warranted ... and the rustlings of consumer spending are more like the thunder of a tidal wave. The property market is moving and private investment will be next to make the headlines." Walker said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's vigour in pursuing reform has been instrumental in attracting capital back to Malaysia and raising the confidence level domestically.

Walker said while he favours a change in the ringgit peg, and believes that it will be beneficial for Malaysian investors and the economy in general, he also understands Malaysia's concerns over currency volatility.

"The main conclusion we drew from our meetings was that the government was genuine in its intention to bring the deficit down, that grandiose projects are now completely off the agenda, and that the domestic economy is now improving fast enough to close the fiscal gap cyclically," he added.

Walker said if Abdullah keeps up the good work and delivers on his anti-corruption drive, the recent money inflow could well be the tip of the iceberg.

"All of this adds up to a better outlook for domestic demand than we were anticipating just a few weeks ago. Following the fourth quarter gross domestic product release, we will be revising our growth forecasts up," he added. (Business Times) FACB and Arcelor Tie Up

Dec 17 – FACB Industries Inc Bhd subsidiary Kanzen Tetsu Sdn Bhd has teamed up with French steel giant Arcelor group to set up ASEAN's first of its kind stainless steel shearing and slitting facility in Shah Alam, Selangor.

FACB chairman Datuk Sulaiman Sujak said the newly-formed joint-venture company Kanzen Stainless Processors Sdn Bhd (KSP) had invested RM 26.6 m, mainly in machinery and working capital. KSP, which is 70%-owned by Kanzen Tetsu and 30%-owned by Arcelor subsidiary Arcelor Stainless International, and has a paid-up capital of RM 7 m, will be primarily involved in processing and shearing of stainless coils into a wide range of products including plates, sheets and strips for both the local and ASEAN markets.

"KSP is expected to rake in RM 60 m in accumulated sales, mainly from export, in five years," he said after formalising the joint-venture agreement in Kuala Lumpur .

KSP, which boasts a monthly production capacity of 18,000 tonnes, will kick off with steel slitting in February 2004. The shearing process will come on stream in June 2004.

It plans to have a total annual output of 24,000 tonnes from shearing process and 95,000 tonnes from slitting operations. Sulaiman said demand for stainless steel was on the rise due to increasing need for hygienic, corrosion-resistant and durability goods and there was still tremendous growth in the local industry.

He said KSP's products and services were targeted at highgrowth industries such as oleo-chemical, oil and gas, food and beverage, pressure vessel and petrochemical industries.

Kanzen Tetsu is the largest integrated maker of stainless steel welded pipes and butt-welded fittings in South-East Asia. It has 60% market share locally and exports 75% of its output to 50 countries worldwide. Arcelor, with an annual output of 22 million tonnes of stainless steel, is the world's largest producer. Sulaiman also said the joint venture would open the door of opportunity for FACB to team up with Arcelor in the future expansion of its stainless steel operations. (The Star)





France Looks At Malaysia As Hub for ASEAN

Feb 5 – French businessmen will continue to look at Malaysia as a strategic manufacturing and trading hub for the South East Asia region. This is because of its conducive environment for business and government incentives that promotes foreign investment in the country, said Malaysian French Chamber of Commerce and Industry president, Robert Jaimond.

Last year investment from France grew by 12% year on year and he expecs investment this year to grow significantly. "Most of the French businessmen in Malaysia are from the small and medium scale industries except for builing materials manufacturer, Lafarge who is the main French investor in Malaysia," he said at the Malaysia-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon.



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Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said in her opening address at the business luncheon that approved investments from France for the period 2002 to October 2003 were mainly in machinery manufacturing (RM57 million), non-metallic mineral products (RM24 million), textiles and textile products (RM14.7 million), transport equipment (RM6.4 million) and food manufacuturing (RM5 million). There are an estimated 160 French companies in Malaysia employing more than 22,000 Malaysians and approximately 350 French expatriates.

The breakdown of French companies operating in Malaysia is 50 percent trading companies, 35 percent services companies and 15 percent manufacturing companies. Total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from France to Malaysia is now at about RM6.1 billion, Rafidah said adding that France is Malaysia's fourth largest trading partner in the European Union.

Last year, France accounted for 1.63 percent of Malaysia's global trade, comprising 1.74 percent exports and 1.49 percent imports. Malaysia is France's second largest trading partner in Asean after Singapore.

She said during the year 2003, Malaysia's exports to France increased to RM6.66 billion from RM2.75 billion (2000).

France ranks as the 15th largest export market and it accounted for 3.08 percent of Malaysia's total exports of rubber products and 2.79 percent of total Electrical and Electronics exports. (Bernama)

French-Malaysia Team Develops Nipah Vaccine

Feb 11 - French scientists, working with Malaysian colleagues appropried they

colleagues, announced they had developed a trial vaccine for Nipah virus, a new and deadly disease, which had worked successfully in lab animals.



Nipah, which induces flu-like symptoms that often lead to encephalitis and a coma, jumped the species barrier from fruit bats to pigs and then to humans in Malaysia in October 1998, and there have since been outbreaks in three other Asian countries. The prototype vaccine induces an immune response by expressing two glycoproteins located on the surface of the Nipah virus that the agent uses to enter human cells. Hamsters injected with the experimental vaccine developed neutralising antibodies that prevented infection, a Press statement issued by the National Institute for Health and Medical Research (Inserm) said. In addition, blood serum taken from immunised hamsters that was then injected into other hamsters also gave them immunity."The results open the way to the potential development of new vaccines to protect human populations living in risk areas where the virus holes up," Inserm said. (NST)

Technip to Surpass US\$300m Turnover Forecast

Mar 1 – Technip Asia Pacific is confident of exceeding its US\$300 million turnover forecast for 2004 after achieving 30 per cent of the target within the first



two months of the year. The turnover forecast is a 16 per cent increase from its US\$258 million posted in December 31 2003.

The company, which is vigorously tendering for both offshore and onshore oil and gas-related projects in the Asia-Pacific, has secured two offshore contracts in Malaysia with Sarawak Shell Bhd and a deepsea venture with China's top offshore oil producer, China National Offshore Oil Corp Ltd.

"We will focus on our deepwater development technology to develop oil fields in Malaysia. But as part of our diversification strategy, we will seek more ventures outside Malaysia," said its director and senior vice-president, Mohd Suhaimi Baharuddin. He said Technip will leverage on the ISO 14001 award which it received last December, the first Malaysian petrochemical engineering company to receive the certificate, to secure more overseas jobs, particularly when stringent environmental management systems are mandatory requirements of foreign governments.

Mohd Suhaimi said Technip has some US\$1 billion on-going projects, seven of them in China alone. Four of the Chinese venture involve turnkey engineering procurement and construction (EPC) contracts worth between US\$50 million and US\$300 million each.

"We hope to start another massive onshore (EPC) project in October with PetroVietnam. The total value of the processing plant is about US\$1 billion and we are expecting US\$500 million from it," said Mohd Suhaimi. Other on-going projects are design works in Turkmenistan and an EPC job in Nigeria worth US\$5 million and US\$500 million respectively. Technip is also eyeing oil and gas-related projects in Indonesia but this would materialise only after exploratory works have been completed.

Mohd Suhaimi said it will continue to work closely with Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd which is currently expanding overseas. Under the management of its Malaysian unit, Technip Geoproduction (M) Sdn Bhd, talks are under way with several oil and gas companies to secure oil field development jobs in Malaysia. Mohd Suhaimi confirmed that the company is in talks with Murphy Oil Ltd, which is completing exploration work offshore Sabah. He did not discount the possibility of tapping projects of the second national oil consortium to be set up soon.

Technip Asia Pacific is a 70:30 Malaysian-French joint venture. It is a unit of the Technip group, one of Europe's biggest full-service engineering and construction groups in hydrocarbons and petrochemicals. Technip Asia Pacific contributes 30 per cent to the group's turnover with Malaysia as its regional headquarters for operations in South East Asia, Oceania and China. It is the largest engineering company in South-East Asia with a 2,000-strong workforce. (Business Times)



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MAS Plans To Upgrade Fleet

Feb 25 - Malaysia Airline System Bhd (MAS) may replace



its 35 Boeing 737 aircraft with newer models or planes from rival

manufacturer Airbus SAS as it upgrades its fleet to cut operating costs. The national airline would decide within three months whether to replace the 737s, in service for between nine and 12 years, with Boeing's 737-800 and 737-900 planes or Airbus's A320s, said chief financial officer Low Chee Teng.

Replacing them all may cost US\$2.1bil, based on Boeing's average catalogue prices. "The timing depends on how much the change is going to contribute to more reduction in terms of operating costs," Low said in an interview in Kuala Lumpur.

MAS is flying more routes to meet rising demand from business and leisure travellers and needs new planes that use less fuel to compete with rivals such as Singapore Airlines Ltd.

Bookings in Asia may rise by a fifth this year, according to Abacus International Pte, the region's largest air-ticket agent. "They are expanding at the right point in the economic cycle. If you aim to be among the leading airlines, you have to renew your fleet. Singapore Airlines has been doing it for years." Teoh Kok Lin, managing director of Kuala Lumpur-based Singular Asset Management, said.

In December, Malaysia agreed to buy six A380 planes for US\$1.6bil, which will be added to MAS' fleet in 2007 and 2008. From March 28, MAS will lease an additional four A330-200 aircraft to increase capacity on its Asian



network. The focus would be on China, India, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam, the airline said in its fiscal 3rd-quarter profit report on Feb 17. It will also be acquiring two more Boeing 777-200 planes, increasing its fleet to 111 aircraft by the end of 2004.

Fleet expansion is part of MAS' wider plan to enhance profitability by reducing costs by as much as 10% over the next five years. "There hasn't been a conclusion, but we're engaged with them in the process," said Boeing's vice-president for sales Larry Dickenson at the Asian Aerospace 2004 exhibition in Singapore.

The carrier won't have to pay for any of the new purchases under a restructuring plan that left the government owning the aircraft and assuming its debt. It will lease the aircraft from state-owned Penerbangan Malaysia Bhd, its parent company. (Bloomberg)

'Kampung Boy' en français

par Natalie LEVISALLES

Jan 22 - En malais, «bulat» signifie «rond comme la Lune». Tout petit déjà, Mohamed Nor Khalid avait une tête toute ronde. Son père l'appelait Bulat, ou Lat. Aujourd'hui, Lat a 53

ans, il a toujours une tête ronde et c'est un des dessinateurs les plus célèbres d'Asie. En Malaisie, c'est quasiment un héros national: pour fêter le dernier ramadan, les télécoms ont affiché un de ses personnages sur les écrans des portables,

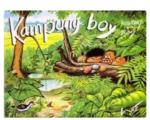


les McDo locaux servent un kampung-burger (d'après Kampung Boy, le plus célèbre de ses albums), et Malaysia Airlines veut baptiser un de ses avions Lat.

En France, Kampung Boy, mis en scène par un réalisateur américain, a gagné un Prix spécial au Festival international du film d'animation d'Annecy en 1999, mais, en dehors d'une poignée de fans qui ont acheté ses albums en Asie, personne pratiquement ne connaît Lat. Heureusement, le voilà édité, pour la première fois en dehors d'Asie, par Ferid Kaddour, le patron de la toute petite mais très pointue maison d'édition Tête Rock Underground.

Le premier album publié en français, Kampung Boy, est l'histoire d'une enfance malaise dans les années 50. Cet album, paru en Malaisie en 1979, est à la fois un document ethnologique, passionnant et poétique, et un récit autobiographique drôle et touchant. En découvrant les pages aux textes précis, très matter of fact, et au trait rapide, à la fois réaliste, stylisé et gentiment moqueur, on pense autant à Persepolis de Marjane Satrapi qu'au Petit Nicolas de Goscinny et Sempé.

Les saynètes de Kampung Boy racontent une enfance idyllique, simple, gaie et bucolique dans les collines du nord de la Malaisie, la douceur et le raffinement d'un monde qui a presque disparu, s'il a jamais existé. Les enfants se baladent



tout nus, pour le goûter maman prépare du kueh bengkang (avec de la noix de coco, des oeufs et du sucre de palme), papa est fonctionnaire à Batu Gajah où il va tous les jours sur sa bicyclette Elswick. C'est un grand et gros homme, gai et bon vivant, qui emmène

ses enfants se baigner dans la rivière en rentrant du travail et se fait engueuler par sa femme quand il danse avec des entraîneuses les soirs de fête.

Il y a même des choses sérieuses, comme la circoncision qui fait très peur mais pas si mal, et qui se finit par une journée au lit avec un drap en forme de tente au-dessus du zizi, ou comme le premier jour à l'école coranique où papa présente Lat à Tuan Syed, le prof grincheux et moustachu en lui disant : «"Je te confie mon fils dans l'espoir que tu lui enseignes le Coran. S'il se montre têtu ou indiscipliné, n'hésite pas à le punir avec cette baguette, tant que ça ne va pas jusqu'à lui briser les os ou le rendre aveugle." Tuan Syed a pris la baguette et a acquiescé. Fin des formalités.» (Libération)



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## **Members write - Kampong Talk**

FLANER A PARIS

by Lim Hui Ling

*Flâner* - one French word that I still cannot find the English equivalent to. Why this word? Why did I choose to write a little reflection on this word?

Firstly, it typifies my experience here, or rather, it is typical of the experience of many people when they travel abroad. In a strange country, one always tries to search for the

meanings of words, and often, to find the definitions in the language they understand. It is only natural. It is the basics of communicating, and from there, of connecting with people. But to my



disappointment, I found that *flâneur* = 'stroller' in my dependable little Robert. The first image that came to my mind when I read 'stroller', was a baby pram. A 'stroller' is where you place your baby, so you can walk with ease, pushing the pretty stroller in front of you. Well, that is certainly not the same as *flâneur*. The closest definition would be: a person who strolls about without any specific destination in mind. Still, it did not satisfy my curiosity. I felt that something was not right. And so it was, for some time, my anglophone brain just could not register the idea, because the word escaped an exact translation.

Lately, I realised that I might just be able to find what I have been looking for all these months. I started to see what a futile exercise it had been, to think of the French language framed in English terms. The French language stems from the culture, and words are created embodying the spirit of the cultural environment. To *flâner* about town is a very, dare I say, 'French' thing to do. And this is the second reason why I chose to talk about this word. It is one of the things that I would miss when I return to Malaysia.

Back home, going out means wandering the corridors of

shopping centres these very modern,
no doubt
wonderful
creations. But it is a
very different
experience from
discovering Paris
and its shopping
galleries with art



nouveau façades, Gallerie Vivienne being one, its grands boulevards and cobbled streets, its impasses, inner courtyards, second-hand bookstores, and then end the day with a drink in a medieval wine cave with a live jazz band playing. Only they can create the word 'flâneur' here. They always say that the French are a very proud people. Well, they have reason to be! They can be proud of all these beautiful buildings with small plaques telling how significant they were, or all those mysterious corners that brim with beauty, that one chances upon if one looks hard

enough. Yes, indeed, the French love their heritage. This is the spirit of the *flâneur* - one who strolls about always in search of a new discovery, a new destination, new itineraries. It is an incessant activity that consumes you.

I am totally consumed by it by now. Every day, I walk till after nightfall, choosing my favourite spot along the Seine, marvelling at the craftsmanship of old doors (yes, doors), choosing my own bag of *bonbons* at the market under La Motte-Picquet station, finding sanctuary in the churches, finding out the identities of all the great people for whom Paris has decided to built statues or create streets.

Alas, my favourite section of metro ride is on line 5, between Gare d'Austerlitz and Quai de la Rapée... when the train crosses the old metallic bridge, at sunset, the sunlight and streetlights shimmer off the surface of the Seine. Without anyone explaining it to me, I feel that I have finally understood the very essence of *flâner*.

#### AIDIL ADHA IN CHERBOURG

Aidil Adha for the Islamic year 1424 Hijra was celebrated on the 1st February 2004 by the Malaysian community in Cherbourg. H.E. Tunku Datuk Nazihah and the Head of

Project of the Royal Malaysian Navy Submarine Force Project Team (RMNSFPT), First Admiral Dato' Kamal bin Darus hosted a reception for the local community that day, aimed at bridging the gap between Malaysian community and



the local population. The reception was held at the house of Capt Mohammad Rosland bin Omar RMN, in Tourlaville. Some 150 people attended including the management of the DCN Cherbourg Shipyard and the Chilean and Pakistani Navy delegation in Cherbourg, and a number of Cherbourg-Octeville Muslims and Mosque Committee members.

Guests were received with the usual 'Malaysian' hospitality, and treated to Malaysian delicacies such as satay, rendang, kuah lodeh, mee rebus, pulut kuning. The Ambassador herself prepared the rendang, mee rebus and pulut kuning while the rest of the food was from the RMNSFPT members and families. The event was seen as a good opportunity to introduce Malaysian cuisine and tradition to the local population. It was also hoped to be a starting point to making the presence of the Malaysian project team known by the community in Cherbourg.

The TLDM staff and families would like to welcome all Malaysians to visit us in Cherbourg. Anyone wishing to do so may contact us at the following:

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## **SPORTS & LEISURE**

### TLDM Muncul Juara di Karnival Sukan 2004

Buat julung kalinya, Karnival Sukan Malaysia 2004 anjuran Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Paris, Perancis telah diadakan pada 5–6 Mac 2004 bertujuan untuk memupuk semangat kesukanan serta merapatkan hubungan silaraturrahim di kalangan rakyat Malaysia yang bermastautin di Perancis. Sebuah piala pusingan sumbangan TYT Duta Besar Malaysia ke Perancis, Tunku Datuk Nazihah Tunku Mohamad Rus turut disediakan kepada pasukan yang menjuarai karnival ini.

Karnival selama 2 hari ini menyaksikan 7 acara dipertandingkan: badminton, karom, dart, congkak (untuk kanak-kanak), ping-pong, bowling dan scrabble. Pasukan-pasukan yang mengambil bahagian ialah Home Base Staff (HBS), Locally Recruited Staff (LRS), Malaysian Association in France (MAF) dan MINDEF yang dianggotai sepenuhnya oleh Pasukan Projek Angkatan Kapal Selam (PPAKS) TLDM dan semua anggota ATM yang berada di Perancis.

PPAKS TLDM telah berjaya meraih gelaran juara keseluruhan dan berjaya membawa pulang Piala Pusingan bagi karnival sukan 2004.



## Pencak Silat Open de France 2004

The Association France Pencak Silat (AFPS) organized the 10<sup>th</sup> Open de France, which was held from 13<sup>th</sup> February – 15<sup>th</sup> February at Savigny-sur-Orge. Among the countries that took part were Malaysia, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Indonesia and Singapore. Ambassadors from Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore graced the event, which combined cultural diversity and sports performances.

For those interested in Pencak Silat, please contact Eric Chatelier at <a href="mailto:afps@chello.fr">afps@chello.fr</a> or visit the AFPS website at www.pencak-silat.net

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