



CHUI HUAY LIM CLUB

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166th Anniversary Dinner cum Opening Ceremony

Guest of Honour: **Mr. Teo Chee Hean**

Deputy Prime Minister &
Coordinating Minister for National Security &
Minister for Home Affairs

Date: 17-12-2011(Saturday) Time: 7:30pm Address: Chui Huay Lim Club Ballroom (190 Keng Lee Road)



Message



Tan Hee Nam PBM
President cum Trustee

The Chui Huay Lim Club is one of the oldest Chinese clubs in Singapore. For 166 years, it went through all kinds of hardships and difficulties, rising together with Singapore from the British colonial period, the Japanese Occupation, to the period of self-government and today to its new nation. It witnessed the construction of Singapore from a tiny island to a modern metropolis and its progress.

The early Chui Huay Lim Club had a reputation for its 'Tao' (Taoism). It was the center of the Taoist community and club members gathered here to hold Taoist rituals and activities. Over the years, the club has evolved and diversified its activities. It now plays a vital role in the Teochew community, serving as a center for cultural, educational, and social activities. It has been instrumental in the development of the Teochew community in Singapore, providing a platform for members to connect, share, and support each other.



Message

Lim Swee Say
Honorary Advisor
Prime Minister's Office and
Secretary-General of the
National Trades Union Congress

This year proves to be meaningful in the history of the Chui Huay Lim Club as it marks the completion of the construction of the new club building as well as the 166th anniversary of its establishment. On this occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Chui Huay Lim Club and wish the Club's success in the celebration activities for both festive occasions.

The relationship I shared with the Chui Huay Lim Club can be traced back to 19 September 2004 when I was invited to attend the Mid-Autumn Festival carnival which the club had organized. The programme presented that night were very exciting and created a rich cultural atmosphere for the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The Chui Huay Lim Club has made outstanding contributions in passing on the Teochew culture and promoting traditional Chinese culture. Since its establishment, many poets and literary men come here to recite poems and paint. The Club has also been organizing varied and graceful cultural and educational activities that spiritually enriched the lives of the Teochews and even the entire Chinese community. Although the great and fruitful garden of the Chui Huay Lim Club has been replaced by the new building, I believe that it will continue its mission to pass on the traditional cultures and to be the spiritual home for everyone.



Message

Heng Swee Keat
Honorary Advisor
Head of Ministry of Education
of the Republic of Singapore

The early 1900s saw large number of Chinese migrating to South East Asia. From then on, the clan associations in South East Asia have played an irreplaceable role in the welfare of the Chinese community. With the increase in immigrants and the changes in the minds of the Chinese who have set their roots in other countries, the clan associations have a mission to accomplish in the area of education.

As one of the oldest Chinese clubs in Singapore, the Chui Huay Lim Club has, since 1845, been an ideal place for the Teochews to keep in touch with each other and to relate. At the same time, it is committed to its work in charity, education and culture for the Chinese community. It is fair to say that the Chui Huay Lim Club has witnessed the historical development of the Chinese community and played an important role in the Teochew community.

Today, the Chui Huay Lim Club still has a sacred mission to carry out. It has to lead the Chinese community, promote the Chinese culture and carry on the fine traditions of the Chinese. Among all the activities organized by the Chui Huay Lim Club, cultural education activities have always been a priority. The objective of holding these activities is to promote the fine Chinese traditions, to introduce and recommend the Teochew folk arts, to give the Teochews a better understanding of their ancestral homeland, and to provide a platform for cultural exchanges and build business relationships. The previous Chui Huay Lim Club was antique and tranquil but with the completion of the new club building, the modernized equipments and facilities will be even more conducive to conduct exciting cultural activities.



Message

Dr. Lee Boon Yang
Honorary Advisor
Ex Minister for
Information Communications
and the Arts

Today marks a new chapter for the historical Chui Huay Lim Club. The Club's illustrious 166 years history makes it one of the oldest if not the oldest private clubs in Singapore. The opening of the new club building with a wide range of social and recreational facilities is indeed a proud moment for all members.

This milestone is all the more significant when viewed against the neglect suffered by the Club for several decades until the recent redevelopment. Fortunately members were committed and enthusiastic in rejuvenating the Club when the opportunity arose to redevelopment.

Thanks to the kind understanding of various government agencies, the Club was able to obtain approval to redevelop part of the land and to build a new clubhouse. Although the implementation of the redevelopment plan complex and taxing, the Board of Directors with strong support from members was able to steer the project to a smooth and successful completion.



Message

George Yong-Boon Yeo
Honorary Advisor
Ex Minister for Foreign Affairs

In 1845, the Chui Huay Lim Club was established as a social club for leading members of the Teochew community to facilitate networking and mutual support. Due to the huge influx of Chinese immigrants in the 19th century, there was also a great need to promote education and culture, and to help the needy. Chui Huay Lim became an important platform for the Teochew community.

After Singapore's independence, the State provided many of the services which the different ethnic and dialect communities in Singapore had to provide for themselves during British colonial rule. Over time, Chui Huay Lim's activities became mostly social. In the 1990s, a comprehensive review was carried out and the Club decided to recover some of its higher social purposes and again give emphasis to education, culture and welfare. The redevelopment of the land was then undertaken with this in mind, and approved by the Government on that basis.



Message

Seng Han Thong
Advisor
Member of Parliament for
Ang Mo Kio GRC

The Chui Huay Lim Club, the Teochew Pott Ip Huay Kuan and the Ngee Ann Kongsi are the 3 pillars of the Teochew community in Singapore. These 3 groups dedicate themselves to the development and promotion of various cultural, educational and social welfare activities for quite a long time, especially activities relating to the promotion of the Teochew culture. Many directors in these three groups are also serving as directors in another group or all the three groups and most of them are businessmen active in the business arena.

Today, we not only celebrate the 166th anniversary of the establishment of the Chui Huay Lim Club, we also celebrate the completion of the new building. For a private leisure club which has endured so many trials for so long without going into a decline in this society was carried out and the Club decided to recover some of its higher social purposes and again give emphasis to education, culture and welfare. The redevelopment of the land was then undertaken with this in mind, and approved by the Government on that basis.



Message

Heng Chin Kiang PBM
1st Vice President

In the year 2011, the new town club building of Chui Huay Lim Club is completed. It is a new start, generating new hopes and inviting new successes. 2011 also marks the 166th year of the club's journey with Singapore from pre-colonial times to a first world country. On 17th December 2011, the Chui Huay Lim Club will host the monumental "Double Celebration" for the completion of the new club building and its 166th anniversary.

As it is a significant milestone in the historical development of the Chui Huay Lim Club, the Board of Directors established "The 2011 Double Celebration Working Committee". The committee had been meticulously working thru every single detail of these 2 joyous occasions to ensure a memorable event for everyone.

Today is the day to harvest the fruits of hard work the Committee has put in. Our forefathers established the Chui Huay Lim Club to provide the Teochew businessmen with a place to relax, socialize and build friendship amongst each other. They have also looked after the welfare of their countrymen and relatives; maintain and promote Teochew and Chinese cultural traditions.

Guest of Honour
Teo Chee Hean
Deputy Prime Minister &
Coordinating Minister for National Security &
Minister for Home Affairs

Trustees & Board of Directors 2010-2011



Chui Huay Lim Club Brief History

The Chui Huay Lim Club was founded in 1845. Mr. Tan Seng Poh, then the Teochew community leader, anticipated that more and more Teochews would come to Singapore, leading to the flourishing growth of business and the need for entertainment. With the goal to provide a place where businessmen can relax, keep in touch with each other, build friendships, exchange knowledge and seek common development during their spare time, he offered the attic house at 190 Keng Lee Road to set up the Chui Huay Lim Club temporarily.

In 1879, after the demise of Mr. Tan Seng Poh, Mr. Tan Yong Siak, Mr. Heng Tuoh Leow, Mr. Goh Huk Dec, Mr. Tan Ah Lieng, Mr. Ee Dee Jiang, Mr. Chng Chin Hao, Mr. Low Lao See, Mr. Tan Meng Hua, Mr. He Swee Kiat and Mr. Ng Kim Puan pooled together 4,000 dollars and bought that piece of land from the Tans to be used as the permanent premise for the Club. These 10 people also became the trustees of the Chui Huay Lim Club.

The attic house was torn down after the war and a concrete building was constructed for the club. In the early days, the Chui Huay Lim Club was the platform that led in organizing social activities for the Teochews. The Club contributed money to nation building, disaster relief and charity activities, education and public welfare. Many programs for the Chinese and banquets were held here. It witnessed the historical development of the Teochews and is one of the oldest Chinese clubs in Singapore.

After the independence of Singapore, as changes of Singapore environment took place and with the rapid development Singapore's economy, the old club building fell into disrepair. With the help of our former Ministers, Mr. Lee Boon Yang and Mr. George Yong-Boon Yeo, the approval to rebuild the Chui Huay Lim Club was obtained.

Currently there are 100 principal members and the Club is inviting more Teochews to join.

On 17 December 2011 (Saturday), we will hold the double celebrations for the 166th anniversary of the Chui Huay Lim Club as well as the completion of the new \$60-million town club building. Our Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Teo Chee Hean, will grace the occasion and preside over the ceremony. At 7 p.m. that night, we will hold a banquet for our distinguished local and overseas guests to join in this auspicious celebration. The Famous Guangdong 1st Teochew Opera Troupe will be performing at night.

Facilities on Each Floor of the Chui Huay Lim Club

- 1st Storey** Chui Huay Lim BISTRO Café & Bar
Chui Huay Lim Teochew Restaurant
- 2nd Storey** Large and Small-sized Banquet Ballrooms
- 3rd Storey** Conference Rooms, Library, Reading room, Multi-media room, Multi-purpose room, Karaoke rooms, Recreational rooms
- 4th Storey** Gymnasium, Dance Studio and Cultural Exhibition Hall
- Roof-top** Swimming Pool, Children's Playground, Barbecue Corner

The 1st and 2nd storey are open to the public. All are welcomed to visit and dine-in at our well known F&B establishments. Professional M.C.E. facilities are available for corporate and private functions and events. (eg. banquets, conferences/talks, events, exhibitions)

The 3rd storey and above are available only to club members. It's an exclusive club created just for social and cultural activities. A fully optimized space for members' relaxation and entertainment needs.



Message

Ng Hoy Keng PBM
2nd Vice President

Today, the Chui Huay Lim Club will hold a banquet to celebrate the completion of the new club building as well as the 166th anniversary of its establishment. To celebrate the two joyous occasions, our Club has specially invited a Teochew opera troupe from the Guangdong Province of China to Singapore to bring us "nights of dazzling performance". Not only will this provide a convincing touch to our banquet, it will also satisfy the Teochew opera fans' hunger for the show.

I have always liked Teochew opera from the bottom of my heart. On these two joyous occasions, I am in a charge of inviting the Teochew opera troupe and making the necessary arrangements. I am honored that I can participate in the preparations of the celebrations for these two occasions. I handled everything personally because I had the great privilege of inviting the Teochew opera troupe to come and perform in Singapore has a far-reaching significance. The Teochew opera performance will pass on traditional Chinese culture, especially traditional Teochew culture. It will strengthen the friendship between the Teochews in China and Singapore, promote the exchange and development of the arts and culture between China and Singapore and enhance the community of the different cultures. To make the celebration activities even more enriching, we have specially invited the Teochew Opera Art Museum to showcase a collection of paintings and calligraphy. As the Chairman of the Teochew Opera Working Committee, I have the honor to be in the preparation of the exhibition and to work for the future culture that the Teochews love and appreciate.



Message

Tan Tat Boh
Hon. Secretary

The functions of the clan associations in Singapore have long since evolved from just looking after the interests of its own members and looking after the work of social welfare, promoting the Chinese culture and helping the government implement laws. In the past, clan associations will have many functions. Singapore has never had a clan before, wouldn't it be a great opportunity for them to expand and grow. Let's recall the early days when our ancestors first opened up in Singapore, to provide a place of refuge for the Teochews to stay in and, our forefathers started the Chui Huay Lim Club. After 166 years, the old building had fallen into disrepair. It could no longer meet the demands of the times and also the needs of its members. Hence the Board of Directors drew up a reconstruction plan. It took many years for the reconstruction to happen. We encountered many obstacles from the time we submitted our proposal to the government to the time the proposal was finally approved. During this whole period, the Board of Directors remained adamant, meanwhile, with the help of Mr. Lee Boon Yang and Mr. George Yong-Boon Yeo who were the Ministers for Information, Communications and the Arts and the Minister for Foreign Affairs respectively, we finally obtained the go-ahead for the reconstruction.



Message

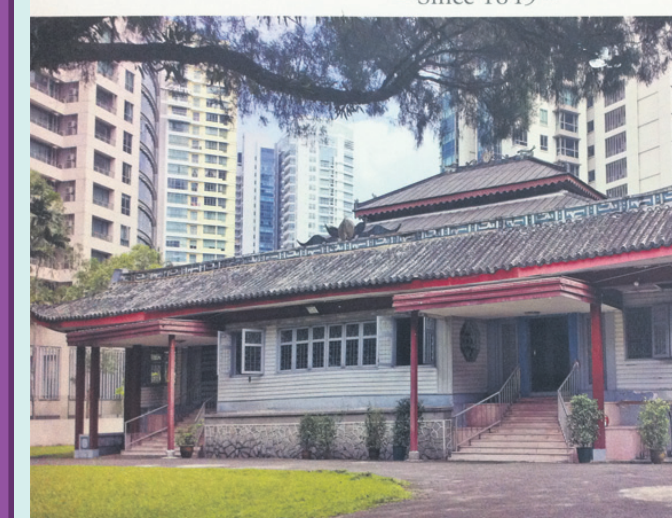
Chua Kee Teang
Hon. Treasurer

The Chui Huay Lim Club was founded with the main aim of providing a place for Teochew businessmen to relax and build friendships. Over the years, it has also build up an impressive record of participation in cultural activities.

With the rapid development in Singapore, the Club started to brew the idea of reconstructing the club building that has fallen to disrepair since 20 years ago. Comprehensive discussion was carried out to determine the strategy and direction for its future development.

In 2006, under the leadership of our President, Mr. Tan Hee Nam, the directors worked together to draw up a blueprint for the Club's future development. The plan was to lease out over 60,000 square feet of land out of the initial 120,000 square feet left by our predecessors for 99 years in exchange of S\$215.5 million. The Club will use S\$260 million from the proceeds to build a 4-storey club building that comes with 3 levels of basement carpark, facilities including swimming pool, fitness room, karaoke room, restaurant, café, library, exhibition room and a banquet hall that can accommodate up to 1,000 people. In addition, for value preservation and long-term development, the Club has formed a fund committee to invest the remaining proceeds from the lease into freehold real estates.

CHUI HUAY LIM CLUB - Since 1845 -



▲ Amidst the buzzing city centre sits the nostalgic old building of Chui Huay Lim Club. The enchanting and serene clubhouse with its lush and beautiful garden has attracted people from all walks of life. People from various cultural organisations, Teochew associations, club members and VIPs have graced the Chui Huay Lim Club over the past decades.

CHUI HUAY LIM CLUB ground-breaking ceremony in 2008



▲ Directors and VIPs participating in the ground breaking ceremony are (first row from left): Choo Si Sen (Trustee), Eng Liat Kiang, Tan Kien Lip (Chairman of Teochew Pott Ip Huay Kuan), Ng Hoy Keng (2nd Vice President), Tan Hee Nam (President), Dr. Lee Boon Yang (Ex Minister of Information, Communications and the Arts), Heng Chin Kiang (1st Vice President), Seng Han Thong (MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC), Teo Chiang Long (President of Ngee Ann Kongsi) and Tan Tat Boh (Hon. Secretary).

THE NEW CHUI HUAY LIM CLUB in 2011



▲ After the construction of the new clubhouse, all the members, management and the board of directors work in unity to inject new life and vibrancy into it. As a result, the magnificent and modern new building of Chui Huay Lim Club stands in place of the old clubhouse.

Chui Huay Lim Club Ordinary Members

