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Tonight's Programme

- 07:30 p.m. Arrival of Guests
- 08:00 p.m. Welcome Address by Mr Rangunath Kesavan,
Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee
- 08:15 p.m. Cake Cutting Ceremony
by the past and present Chairmen
of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee
- 08:20 p.m. Dinner is Served
- Lucky Draw
- 10:00 p.m. Show by Harith Iskander
- 10:30 p.m. Lucky Draw
- 11:00 p.m. Dance Time
- 01:00 a.m. Sayonara

Live Performance by "Vintage" throughout the evening

Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee 2002/03

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KUALA LUMPUR BAR COMMITTEE

Foreword

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee, to welcome all of you to our 2002 Annual Dinner & Dance.

This occasion is significant for it is also in celebration of our 10th Anniversary of the inception of the Kuala Lumpur Bar.

The Kuala Lumpur Bar was set up on 1st July 1992 and previous to that, we were part of the Selangor Bar.

We have, not surprisingly, grown to be the largest State Bar, comprising up to half of the total membership of the Malaysian Bar.

The success and relevance of the Kuala Lumpur Bar depend very much on the commitment of all its members and their participation in its activities, the primary aim being to bring us closer as a profession as well as a community.

As we come together to celebrate our 10th Anniversary, it may be appropriate to reflect on our past achievements and shortcomings, as well as our future aspirations.

The profession will continue to face challenges and we have always arisen to these challenges, regardless of the strength or might of the adversary. I am sure that we shall continue to do so.

The Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee would like to extend its thanks to our members and also organisations for their contributions and support in making tonight a success.

We hope that you would have an enjoyable evening.

Raguinath Kesavan
Chairman
Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee

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The Organising Committee



L. to R. (front) : Reggie, Mary, Natalie
(back) : Andrew, Colin, Ivan, Sanjeev, Rajan

Kuala Lumpur Bar Annual Dinner & Dance In celebration of its 10th Anniversary

It is my pleasure to welcome all our members and guests to our annual dinner of 2002 which is also in celebration of our 10th anniversary. This event would not have been possible without the hard work of the members of the social committee who sacrificed much of their personal time to ensure the success of this event. I would like to thank specifically, Mr. Ivan Wong who, for the second consecutive year, single-handedly made all the arrangements with the hotel and, Mr. Andrew Shee who took on the responsibility of ensuring the publication of this souvenir programme. I would also like to thank our masters of ceremonies, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar and Ms. Reggie Wong who, I am sure will provide you with an entertaining evening. The organising committee is also extremely grateful to Ms. Mary Tan, our Executive Secretary and Mr Rajan from the KL Bar Secretariat, who kept everyone and everything organised, in their usual efficient manner. Last but not least, our thanks go out to the many lawyers and firms who have continuously supported our annual dinners throughout the last decade.

Colin Andrew Pereira
Chairman
Social Committee
Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee
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KL Bar.....in the Last Decade...

We are celebrating our 10th Anniversary this year. Yes, we are only 10 years old. The youngest but largest Bar in the country..... the Kuala Lumpur Bar, commonly known as the "KL Bar".

The KL Bar was established on 1 July 1992 at a general meeting of advocates & solicitors practising in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur held on 20 June 1992 pursuant to Section 68(4) of the Legal Profession Act 1976, a new section created for the sole purpose of allowing legal practitioners in Kuala Lumpur to establish their own "home", the Kuala Lumpur Bar. This amendment to the LPA was necessary as the Selangor & Federal Territory Bar was not a combined Bar within the meaning of the Act and therefore Section 71 providing Severance of combined Bar could not be applied. The talk to go separate ways actually started in 1986 but it was not until 1992 that the LPA was amended to allow the break up.

Though the KL Bar was new, it was the Selangor Bar that had to start from scratch. As the secretariat was in KL, the KL Bar took over the same including its entire staff. With only 338 members, the Selangor Bar walked away with only 12.5% share of the assets.

At the time of its establishment, there were 2132 legal practitioners in Kuala Lumpur. Today we have close to 5500 members. Legal firms in KL too had grown from 1064 to almost 1800 now. Activities had also increased many folds with the setting up of more sub-committees in the last few years. In its first year, 6 sub-committees were set up; social, sports, continuing legal education, criminal law, ethics lecture and legal aid. In its second year, the sub-committees were reduced to 5 with the Criminal Law Sub-committee merging with the Criminal Law Committee set up at the national level. The sub-committees were further reduced to only 3 in the third year but that year saw the birth of the KL Bar newsletter, now known as "Relevan". With a fast growing membership and realising the need to sort out problems faced by members in the different area of practice, a Public Relations Committee [now known as the Public Relations & Court Liaison Committee (PRCLC)] was set up in 1995 and has remained the problems solver (especially problems encountered by members at the courts) until today. With close to 70% of the membership being junior members, a new sub-committee, Junior Lawyers Liaison Committee (JLLC), was formed in 1998 to address and promote the welfare and needs of junior lawyers within the KL Bar. 20 junior members were elected at the AGM on 14 March 1998 forming the first group of Junior Lawyers Representatives (JLR) who sat on the JLLC. After a year, the Committee discontinued with the JLLC and the JLR was given direct representation on the Bar Committee. The JLR was renamed the Young Lawyers Committee in 2001. As the country moves towards the IT age, we did not want to be left behind and thus the setting up of our IT Committee in the year 2000. Pupils too have a committee to look after their welfare, the Pupils' Welfare Committee which was set up in 1995. Environmental Law, the latest addition to the list of sub-committees, was formed last year, 2001. Today, we have 8 very active sub-committees, environmental law, public relations & court liaison, information technology, legal aid, pupils' welfare, social, sports and young lawyers.

KL Bar.....in the Last Decade.....

Five members had served the KL Bar as its Chairman in the last decade. The first Chairman was Dato' R.R. Sethu followed by Mr Cecil Abraham, Mr Dennis Appaduray, Mr M Puravalen and Encik Zainudin Ismail. The current Chairman is Mr Ragunath Kesavan.

As the KL Bar grows a little "older", members serving on its Committee are getting younger. We have also become vocal and have spoken up on matters affecting the profession directly and public interest issues. We have spoken out on matters relating to Criminal practice, for instance our view on the abuse of remand proceedings, exorbitant bail. In matter of the Legal Profession, we voiced strong objections to the proposed Malaysian Law Academy Bill in support of the stand taken by the Bar Council. Our criticisms and opinion have always been on issues, and we have even taken to task the Bar Council and its leaders on various matters.

The openness and frank manner in which we operate in, reflects the transparency and accountability of the Bar Council and the Malaysian Bar.

We have also been criticised, quite rightly, for our shortcomings as well, which we accept and shall endeavour to improve ourselves. The spat with the Malaysian Bar on our relationship with the judiciary in 1995 is a case in point.

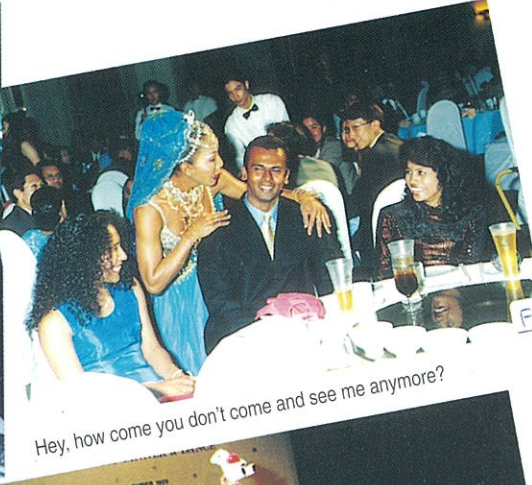
In 2000, we produced a Memorandum on the Administration of Justice in Malaysia. We also managed in 2002 to revive the tradition of holding reference proceedings in respect and memory of members of the KL Bar who had passed away, a tradition that was discontinued in 1988. Last year, our Annual Dinner was held in conjunction with a fund raiser and we managed to raise RM38,440.32 for the Malaysian Children's Aid Society (MACAS). Relevan, our newsletter, has in recent years become a platform for expression of views on matters concerning, not just the legal profession but of public interest, and not merely an information bulletin. The KL Legal Aid Centre is one of the most active and progressive Centre under the Malaysian Bar. In 1998, the Centre rose to the occasion to represent hundreds of peaceful "demonstrators" in the wake of the Anwar trial. The KL Legal Aid Centre had also been in the forefront on the expose of the juvenile detentions in prison and the Centre, to its credit worked relentless with the other stakeholders to resolve this issue.

Of course there were lots of other achievements by different Committees, which if were to be mentioned individually, will take up this whole souvenir programme.

We intend in the coming year to do more things for our members. To mention a few, the Wisma Denmark Bar Room will be equipped with a set of MLJs, Annotated Statutes of Malaysia, Malaysian Court Practices and Text Books for members to make quick references; talks on practical topics to assist members in their practice are being organized; negotiations are underway with LexisNexis to provide members with online research at special rates; an information portal and interactive website will be constructed; and of course, we will continue to speak up on issues that affects the legal profession and of public interest. We are sure there are more to come in the next decade.....



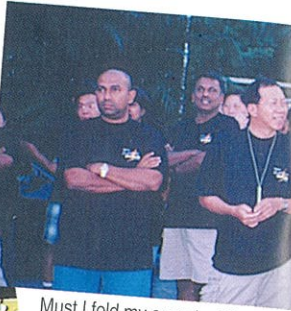
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Hey, how come you don't come and see me anymore?



Aiyo, yo.. these lawyers are giving



Must I fold my arms too??



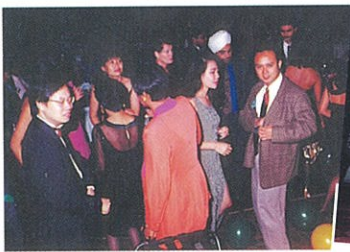
I hope my wife wins.... she's been asking for a hamper



Ha Ha Ha, I can give this fellow my photograph



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The Reluctant Performers - ADD 1992



Phew, thank god we got a girl on our table



KL Bar's 1st Birthday



Hey! Where's the beers!



No, we didn't win anything, we are just posing



This KL Bar food is definitely better than the food at home



The current first lady



Look, this is where the KLBC invests your money

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The present Chairman
Ragnath Kesavan 2002



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Buka Puasa at Darul Kifayah



How to play darts if these chaps don't move away



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Oh George, you are a good dancer



I'll creep up on those guys playing football



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PRCL Committee 2000/01



Will this guy stop looking at me eat



Forum on "The Malaysian Human Rights Commission: Aim & Objective" - 28.10.99



Get-together tea with the KL Sessions Court Judges, Magistrates & Registrars - 1995



YA Dato' James Foong briefing our pupils



Talk on "Amendments to the High Court Rules 1980 and its implications" - 10.3.2001



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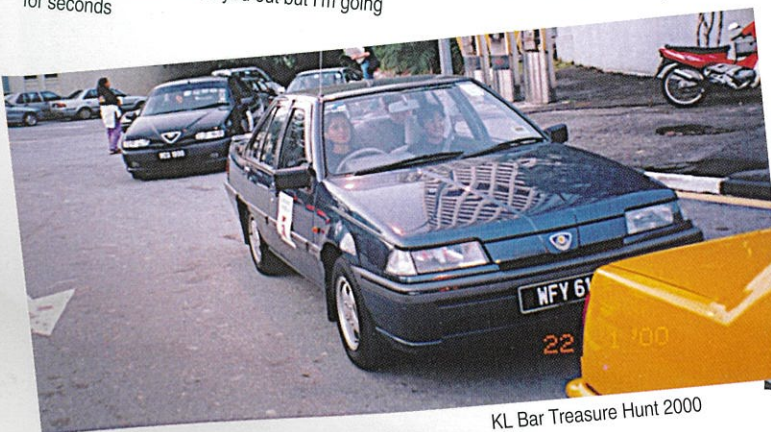
Young lady, I would invite you out but I'm going for seconds



No, no, no..... I told you that I don't want to be the KLBC Chairman anymore.....



Talk/Dialogue on "Advocacy & Decorum" - 16.1.2002



KL Bar Treasure Hunt 2000



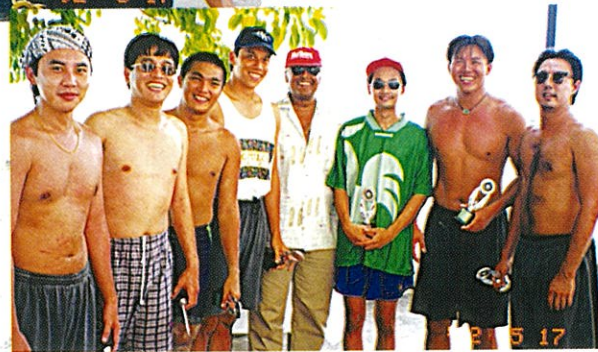
Forum on "Rule of Law: The Islamic Approach" - 10.7.99



I think either she's checking us out or she's thirsty too



Now, you mention for me in 10A, you in 10B, 10C & 10D and I'll wait in the canteen



Mr KL Bar finalists



Karate Kid!

Will those guys hurry up and come play with us



KL Bar members at F1? No, its only beach volleyball

Cheer up boy, it's only a game



These dinners have too many speeches. I'm hungry lah!



KL Bar members donating blood



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Nice moustache, Mr President



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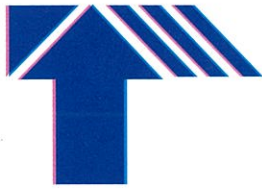


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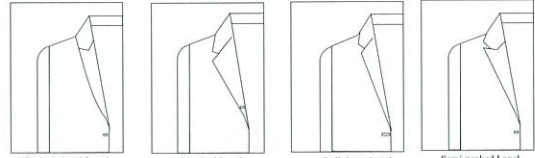
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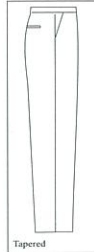


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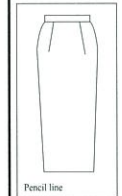
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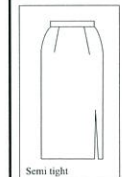
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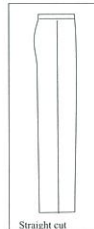
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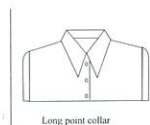
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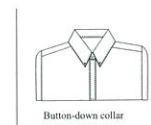
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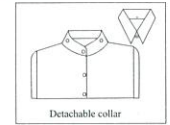
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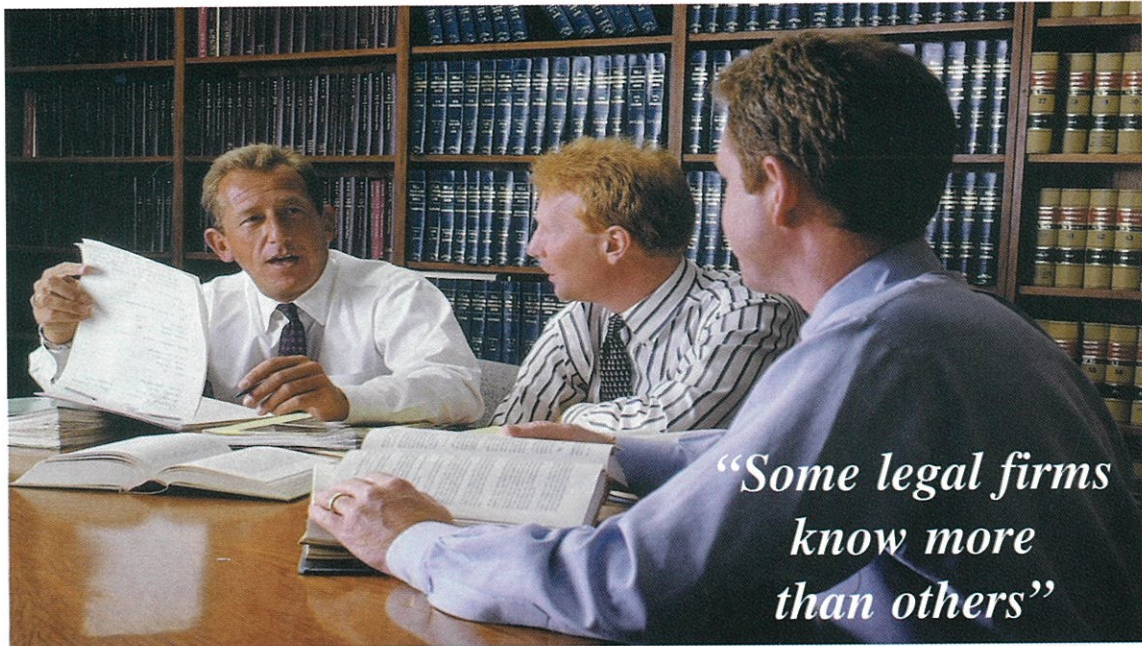
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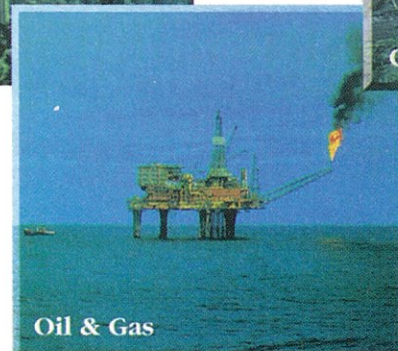
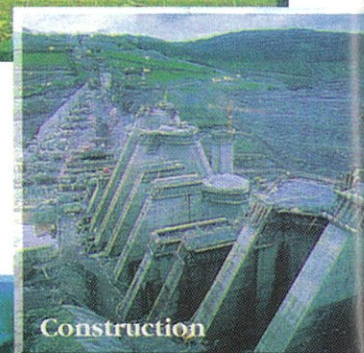
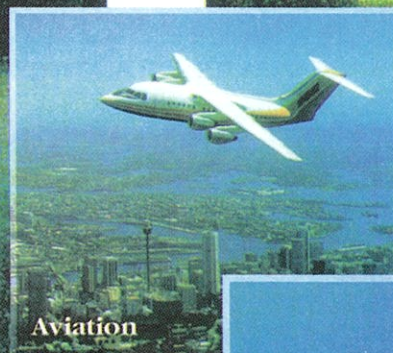
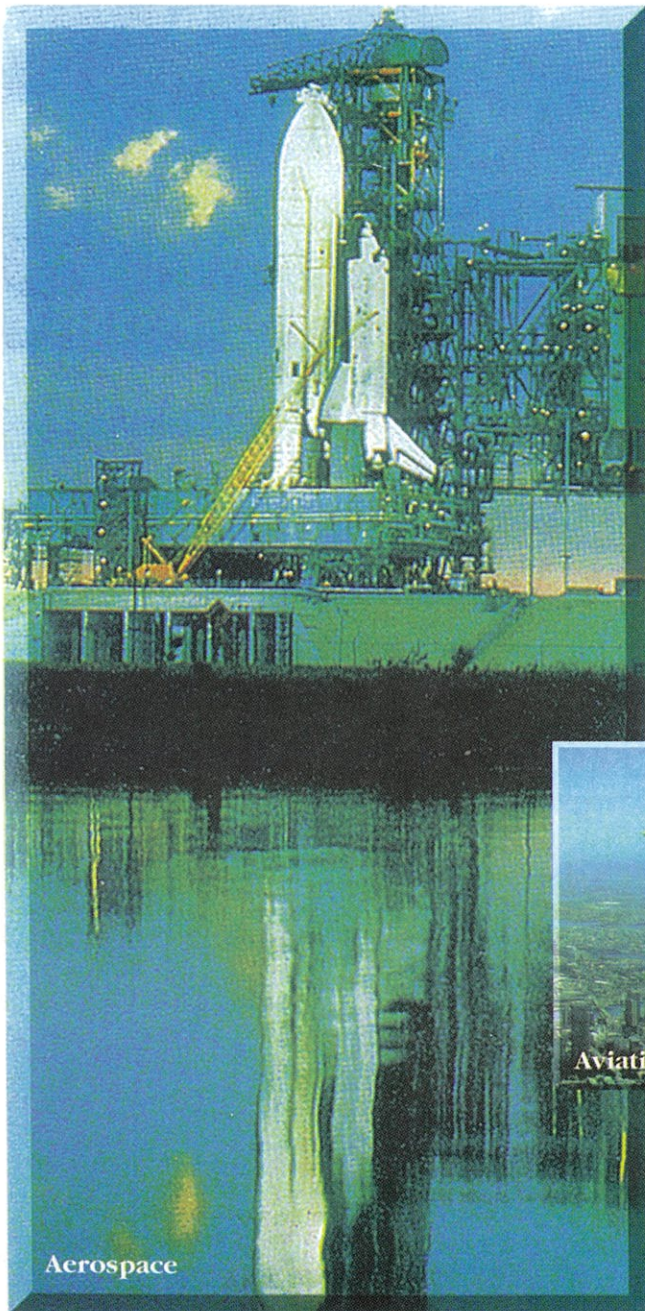
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