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FOREWORD



**FOREWORD BY CHAIRPERSON
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
KUALA LUMPUR BAR SILVER JUBILEE GALA DINNER**

Salamun Alaykum.

It is indeed a great honour to be entrusted with organising the Kuala Lumpur Bar's 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner. The biggest challenge was to ensure the committee was able to strike a balance between the demands and expectations of ALL members of the Kuala Lumpur Bar. We wanted to unite the Kuala Lumpur Bar legal fraternity through recreation and social events, hence we rebranded ourselves as the "ReSCu" Committee (Recreation, Social & Culture Committee). We listened to members and strove to take all the positivities. Although the task has been pretty daunting, the committee managed to emerge above it all. There have been times when I do feel personally discouraged by the lukewarm responses to some of our events, but I have learnt to lower my bar of expectations as there are over 8,000 members of the Kuala Lumpur Bar, and that it is not possible to appease all members. InsyAllah, we hope to organise more camaraderie activities and we welcome suggestions for future events.

This Silver Jubilee Gala dinner would not have been possible if not for our wonderful ReSCu team, especially Rachel Tan Mei Chien, Neo Hwee Yong, Daniel Annamalai A/L N. Subramaniam, Rajsurian Pillai, Gideon John Luke, Shugan Raman, Alvin Oh Seong Yew, Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad, Shashi Devan, and our KLBC Chairman, Goh Siu Lin, who have all graciously volunteered to make this event a success, without much sleep, including conducting meetings through Whatsapp, in the middle of the night. I wish to thank each and every member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee for their generous contributions and continued support and encouragement.

I have to personally thank Uvanarajan of the KL Bar Secretariat, who has been the overall coordinator and planner with his years of experience organising KL Bar events, and staying back late for meetings. Thank you Mary Tan, whom I had to refer to, ever so often, at her office, to ensure everything was within control. To all the staff at the KL Bar Secretariat who have tirelessly given us 25 years to celebrate - THANK YOU.

To the generous sponsors, very talented performers, and those who worked behind the scenes, our sincerest gratitude. And last but not least, each and every one of you present here, thank you for coming, and I wish everyone an enjoyable evening.

NIK ELIN ZURINA NIK ABDUL RASHID

FOREWORD



25 years and going strong!

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee, fondly known as "KLBC", to welcome you to our Silver Jubilee Gala Dinner 2017. The KLBC is the largest state bar and was established on the 1st of July 1992. We gather today 25 years later, to celebrate this glorious milestone.

What purpose has the KLBC served over the last 25 years?

The KLBC strives to provide better services for our members. Over the years, we have assisted pupils, collaborated with various governmental agencies and the court. We have recently addressed teething issues arising from the implementation of the second phase of the e-filing system, e-tanah and touting in the Kuala Lumpur Court. Many thanks to Muhendaran Suppiah and Vivek Sukumaran (Co-Chairs, Civil Practice & Court Liaison Committee), Jacky Loi (Chair, Corporate & Conveyancing Practice Committee), Sherrie Razak (KL Bar Representative on the Bar Council) and Shashi Devan (Chair, Criminal Practice Committee) who have worked hard during this transition period. I also thank Atan Mustafa (Professional Development Committee) and his team who have done an excellent job to uphold the highest professional standards through their varied professional development programmes. Foong Cheng Leong (Chair, Information Technology & Publications Committee) has harnessed technology to digitize KLBC records and improve processes. Additionally, we have established two new sub-committees to address the emerging issues faced by members, the Gender Equality & Diversity Committee and the Small Firms & Practitioners' Affairs Committee, the latter led by Alex Anton Netto. Thank you.

ResCu (Recreation, Social & Culture Committee) and YLC (Young Lawyers Committee) have organized Buka Puasa events to raise funds and shine a spotlight on the SEED transgender community and the Rohingya of Selayang. Thank you, Nik Elin Zurina and New Sin Yew. I also thank Colin Arvind Andrew who runs a tight ship at the Legal Aid Centre Kuala Lumpur.

A high note was the KLBC's stellar performance at the Interstate Bar Games in August. We emerged overall champions! Congratulations to our sportsmen and sportswomen led by Sports Chair, Chen Yu Szen.

In recent years, the legal landscape has evolved as women now form 52.5% of the Malaysian Bar. However, women shoulder the brunt of child and elder care due to cultural and societal expectations. A mind shift is needed for more flexible working arrangements and supportive care practices (for both men and women) to retain and advance women lawyers within the profession. There is also research-backed data showing synergistic magic in diversity leading to more debate, broader perspectives, increased perception and greater profitability for law firms.

On our part, the Gender Equality & Diversity Committee (GEDC) has collaborated with the Pupils Committee headed by Alvin Oh, to revamp the pupils' introduction programme to include an module on sexual harassment and unconscious bias, for greater awareness.

This evening would not be possible without your support and that of our generous sponsors, the Organising Committee led by Nik Elin Zurina, the KLBC Secretariat, Mary, Melissa and Rajan. They have all shown great energy and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you an evening of good food, wine and songs. You are all gems!

The KLBC congratulates Azura Idayu bt Zulkifli, winner of the KLBC 25th Anniversary Logo Competition whose design is featured in our website and publicity materials. Thank you.

Finally, special thanks to our homegrown talents, Neo Hwee Yong, Jessie Lim Shi Wei, Nik Yap Han Lun, Jeremy Ong Shern Li, Aloysius Cornelius Susek (Multi-medalist at the World Championship of Performing Arts 2017), Michelle M. Maman, Tisyah Yunus, Muhammad Danial bin Mohamad Nizam and Abdul Haqq bin Abdul Razak. Tonight's theme is Nostalgia. We are most fortunate to have renowned Malaysian singing sensation Nora Ariffin with her dulcet vocals to infuse sparkle and nostalgia into our festivities.

Happy Birthday Kuala Lumpur Bar! I wish you all an enjoyable evening and let the celebrations begin!

Thank you.

Goh Siu Lin
Chairperson

THE GALA DINNER PROGRAMME

- 7.00PM** ARRIVAL OF GUESTS
- 8.00PM** OPENING PERFORMANCE BY JEMARI DANCERS
- 8.10PM** WELCOME SPEECH BY NIK ELIN NIK ABDUL RASHID,
SILVER JUBILEE GALA DINNER ORGANISING
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
KLBC ReSCu COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
- 8.15PM** OPENING REMARKS BY GOH SIU LIN
CHAIRMAN OF THE KUALA LUMPUR BAR COMMITTEE
- 8.30PM** DINNER IS SERVED
PERFORMANCE BY GUEST ARTISTE, NORA ARIFFIN
- 8.45PM** VIDEO PRESENTATION "MEMORY LANE"
- 9.15PM** PERFORMANCE BY DANIAL & HAQQ
- 9.30PM** LUCKY DRAW
- 9.45PM** PERFORMANCE BY TISYA YUNUS, MICHELLE M. MANAN AND
ALOYSIUS SUSEK
- 10.05PM** LILIR DANCE PERFORMANCE
- 10.10PM** PERFORMANCE BY NEO, JESSIE, NICK AND JEREMY
- 10.40PM** JOGET LAMBAK PERFORMANCE
- 10.45PM** DANCE FLOOR OPENS
- 11.30PM** END OF GALA DINNER

HISTORY OF KL BAR

Kuala Lumpur was made a Federal Territory on 1 February 1974. When the Legal Profession Act 1976 came into force in 1976, it was provided for under s. 68 (3) that all those lawyers practising within the Federal Territory were deemed to be members of the Selangor State Bar.

Upon the establishment of the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, the Selangor Bar Committee was renamed the Selangor and Federal Territory Bar Committee in 1979.

In the 1986 Annual General Meeting of the Selangor and Federal Territory, it was mooted whether a separate Bar be established for all practising members within the state of Selangor. Members in Selangor felt that they will be better served with a committee that comprises more Selangor Bar members and furthermore, most Bar events were held in Kuala Lumpur.

However, this discussion was abandoned and the floor decided that the incoming Committee appoints two protem Committees to study the severance of the Selangor and Federal Territory. The Selangor Bar Protem Committee and Federal Territory Bar Protem Committee were then established and chaired by Jeffrey Fernandez and Dulp Singh respectively. Written opinions were provided by Mohd Ismail Shariff and Anthony Rocky Fernandez on whether the then Legal Profession Act 1976 allows the severance of the Selangor and Federal Territory Bar.

S. 68 (3) of the Legal Profession Act 1976 stipulates that all members practising in the Federal Territory shall be deemed to be members of the Selangor State Bar. Thus it was decided that s. 68 (4) be introduced to allow the establishment of a separate Bar. The original s. 68(4) is reproduced below in its original form:-

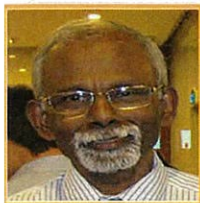
"S. 68(4) Members practising in the Federal Territory shall be at a general meeting called for the purpose by a majority vote of the members present be entitled to establish a separate Bar for the Federal Territory and until such time they shall be deemed to be members of the Selangor State Bar."

The said amendment was then forwarded to the Attorney General and in 1992, s. 68 (4) was introduced to allow the establishment of the Kuala Lumpur Bar. The words "Kuala Lumpur" were added. S. 68(4) is the only provision in the Legal Profession Act 1976 that specifically mention a State Bar.

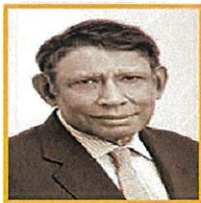
A meeting of members practising in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur was called in 1992. About 2,300 members were practising in Kuala Lumpur at that time. The Selangor Bar also called a meeting to fill the vacancies left by committee members who ceased to be members of the Selangor Bar.

On 1 July 1992, the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee was established. R.R. Sethu was the first Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee. Saseedharan Menon was the first Honorary Secretary of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee. Other committee members were Hendon bte Haji Mohamed, Roy Rajasingham, M. Puravalen, Manjeet Singh and Zainudin bin Haji Ismail. Lee Swee Seng and Mah Weng Kwai (both later became judges) were the first co-opt members of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee.

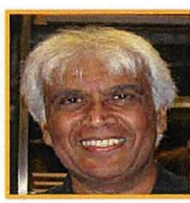
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M Puravalen



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Ismail



2002-2004
Rangunath
Kesavan



2004-2005
Dato' Jerald
Gomez



2005-2007
Dato' Lim Chee
Wee



2007-2009
R Ravindra Kumar



2009-2011
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