



message from the *President*

This maiden issue of MAF's newsletter marks another milestone for our year-old association. We have come this far, through thick and thin and yet have grown in numbers because we believe in and have worked for MAF's objectives and because we have always had support and guidance from our Honorable Patron, Her Excellency Tunku Datuk Nazihah Tunku Mohd Rus, the Ambassador of Malaysia to France.

Every member has played a part in building up MAF and we hope that, through the facility of the column "Kampong Talk", we will not only improve in our approach and in our activities but also in communicating with members who do not have access to our website. A very special thought goes to our student members who are more often than not, prevented by distance and studies, to join us in our past functions. We hope that they will not hesitate to call or write in and we will try our level best to be of assistance. As we continue in our commitment, let us be reminded that MAF could signify the following :

**Malaysian selalu boleh
Amitié (friendship)
Foresight**

We have, at long last, an association that allows



H.E. the Ambassador, blowing the MAF anniversary cake

Malaysians and friends of Malaysia to establish a precious link between home and residence abroad. It is our duty to perpetuate this link not only for us now but for our children and for our sunset years. To make sure that MAF will live we must have room for two things : forebearance and a sense of humour. So, fellow members and would-be members, let us come together for the Malaysian Association in France.

Wan Hua Chapouthier

upcoming events

Easter Egg Hunt picnic and Launching of **Tai Chi** sessions kicks off on Sunday, April 27th at Luxembourg Gardens. Tai Chi will start at 10h30 and picnic will start at 11h30. Bring your own picnic basket and eggs. This is an enjoyable Spring time outing for the whole family. Members who are not married or have no children can come and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Malaysians and the beautiful Luxembourg gardens.

For further information call **Melissa** at **06 24 25 29 22** or e-mail : winter_spring76@voila.fr or **Wan Hua** at **01 45 68 34 76**.

May 18 · Sunday
[12h30]

Pesta Menuai

Pot Luck party in your best sarong
Venue: 48, rue de la Faisanderie, 75116 Paris

June 7 · Saturday

Birthday of SPB Yang di-Pertuan Agong

Venue: Rumah Malaysia

June 22 · Sunday

Promoting Malaysia in Vineuil

Venue: Malaysia Food Festival Vineuil Sports Complex

August 31 · Sunday

National Day Family Picnic

September

Business Seminar

French Expatriates' experiences in Malaysia

October

Walkathon

October 25 · Saturday

Deepavali Dinner

November 29 · Saturday

Hari Raya Puasa

December

MAF Annual Dinner

All events dates are subject to change . Please check the website [www.maf.online.fr] regularly or with a member of the committee for confirmation.

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interested in *badminton?*

MAF's Badminton Club sessions are held every Wednesday from 8.00 – 10.00 pm at the UNESCO Building in rue Miollis. We not only have badminton but other activities such as table tennis, scrabbles, sepak takraw, etc.

For security reasons, you will need a pass to enter the UNESCO building, so, please submit to **Mdm Wan Hua Chapouthier**, President of MAF your photo and a copy of your passport or resident card in order for her to obtain your security badge.

We look forward to see you every Wednesday !

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AGM 2002

MAF held its first Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the UNESCO Restaurant in Paris on 17 December 2002. About 90 people turned up voting seriously for the new office-bearers 2003 and had so much laughter and fun during the rest of the soir  e.



The P. Ramlee gang at work.



TDC cultural show

The Malaysian cultural show was held on 10 January 2003 at the Palais de Congr  s, Paris by Tourism Malaysia (TDC) with the guest of honour, Datuk Abd. Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism. The cultural show was part of Tourism Malaysia's efforts to promote Malaysia in France. Other than Paris, the cultural show also took place at Bordeaux, Toulouse and Marseilles.

New Year Chinese celebration



H.E. the Ambassador leading the "Yee Sang" with a long pair of chopsticks.

The Embassy of Malaysia, in collaboration with MAF hosted a Chinese New Year celebration on Saturday, 1 February 2003 at the Embassy. About 150 people joined in the celebration, with families and local friends. MAF sincerely thanks all the attendees that came and for the food contribution that was so kindly contributed to the level of success we had. It was a great celebration with Chinese, Malay, Indian and Western food, making the event a feast of real Malaysian warmth and hospitality. Syabas to all!

new members

who have recently joined us

MAF would like to extend a warm welcome to the following members who joined us since the beginning of the year...

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| 1. Irein Senat | Toulouse |
| 2. Cheong Yow | Nice |
| 3. Michele Person | Paris |
| 4. Norwaini Ismawl | Marseilles |
| 5. Wong Siew Ping | Paris |
| 6. Lt. Col. Mohd Khir Abdullah | Paris |
| 7. Ivan-Marie Costilhes | Paris |
| 8. Fairus Humar | Nice |
| 9. Mohd Izwan Mamat | Nice |
| 10. Kamarul Hafiz Mahpot | Nice |
| 11. Hazli Omar | Nice |
| 12. Atroulnizam Abu | Nice |
| 13. Norsehah Abd Karim | Nice |
| 14. Taha Mohamed | Nice |
| 15. Mohd. Fadzil Abu Hasan | Nice |
| 16. Shaifuladi Shaharuddin | Nice |
| 17. Mohd Saidi Hanaffi | Nice |
| 18. Lukman Omar | Nice |
| 19. Affandy Othman | Nice |
| 20. Ruwaida Ramly | Nice |
| 21. Katinah Markab | Montbeliard |
| 22. Dr Soh Kim Gai | Paris |
| 23. Cecile Moo | Paris |
| 24. Vincent Terreau | Paris |
| 25. Jean-Louis Arokion | Paris |
| 26. Gaston & Marina Ganger | Lyon |
| 27. Rosita & Bernadette
Theroomyanasamonthar | Lyon |

...not to be missed

Malaysia Airlines flies daily from Paris-Kuala Lumpur in 2003.

6 days a week, except Wednesdays, from Paris with effect from 31st March and daily, with effect from 1st November 2003. Malaysia Airlines is offering promotional fares at   450 per person or   799 for two persons ONLY for the following dates:

Monday 31 March	Thursday 03 April
Saturday 05 April	Monday 07 April
Thursday 10 April	Saturday 12 April
Monday 14 April	Thursday 17 April
Saturday 19 April	Monday 21 April



For further enquiries contact MAS office at **01 44 51 64 20** or your travel agent. For those of you who could not make it for the above dates, the special fares given to MAF members are **  730** (for low season) and **  899** (for peak season). You need a letter from the Embassy to certify you as a MAF member.

Contact :
Rogayah or **Halida** at **01 45 53 11 85**.

kampong talk

How about presenting some of our leisure activities we have in our kampongs, for example :

- Catching fighting fishes in the padi fields (if we can find one that's not too frozen).

- Fighting spiders – remember that one ?
- Kite making and then kite fighting (but with out the strings that cut).
- Sepak Takraw in the open air ?

financial statement

as of 31st December 2002

Total subscriptions from 2002 :	3 993.66 �
Minus Petty Cash :	412.88 �
Total credit in bank :	3 580.78 �

All contributions and suggestions to the newsletter are welcome. You may send your contribution by e-mail to any of the editorial board members or sent it to MAF address :

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