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CELEBRATION OF MERDEKA CONCEPTION AT MALAYAN COLLEGE KIRKBY LIVERPOOL UK 07 FEBRUARY 1956



Merdeka Announcement...!

1 07 February 1956 Tunku Abdul Rahman arrived with **Entourage** and broke great news **Merdeka to be 31 August 1957 to us first** then Malacca **Malayan Film Unit** caught **Zainal Arshad Zainal Abidin & I** shout enthusiastically after **Tunku ..” Merdeka” 3 times!**

Merdeka was conceived here! Loyal Malaysians, I give you **Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj! Happy Merdeka!!**

2 Alan Lennox Boyd's Visit 5 March 1955

The **Secretary of States for British Colonies** with the **Staff & Students' Council of Malayan College** seated 7th from Left next to **Principal G J Gurney** **Tunku Abdul Aziz** Standing 6th Right

2 Choral Society rendered songs in **Mr Cross** Our choir also sang at our College societies teemed with activities historical sights, private invitations & Students in London, Cambridge, Belfast From Right : Winnie Cheah - Penang a bird! Koh Puay Neo/ **Loh Soo Koon** Soo Lan/ Cheah Lay Suat/ Lee Kwee Song we sang?



3 Malayan Medley Kirkby Style

300 Malaysians of **Kampong Kirkby** from the Golden Chersonese existed in **excellent integration & harmony** as the **melting pot** admired by the British population. The multi-racial multi-cultural & multi – religious Trainees staged such a fantastic show that Friends & invited Guests broke down when the curtains were drawn for this **grand finale** as it reminded them of home. This was the **best lesson in unity** ever! Thrilling Kirkby College experiences filled the vacuum in my life propelling me to great heights of elation & the most successful future back home!

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4 Chinese Tea Dance

was one of the most graceful movements thrilled Malayan Manchester etc

While the **interaction**, an excellent **mental psychic** the overseas tours **qu** **perspective** Front Left meet Law Jac Yee, Koh Siew Noi (hidden) Lilian T



5 Chinese New Year Celebration 1956 Liverpool China Town

Food galore! With **cheery spirits** attracting attention, the world was at our feet! Hilarious chat filled the air! **All these** were our regular dinner and social group**Sam Seng! Kong Xi Far Cai!** What a difference this festive celebration was from the daily meals served in the College Canteen?

Nostalgically for breakfast – bacon/ eggs/sausage/oats/ baked beans and toast with coffee
Lunch and dinner will be a hot meal of chicken/ fish curry/ rice / fruit /pudding or fruit
Morning/ evening/supper were tea or coffee was served with scones /sandwiches /cake/ pie

There was much friendly interaction and jolly laughter especially at supper time
Standing Left Gentlemen: Khaw Mong Hwa ,Keong Siew Liang Fang Ewe Churh / ?
Ng Kam Chee , Chiam Tah Wen , Lim Nai Tian, Chinese Restaurant Manager

Sitting Ladies: **Organiser Loh Soo Koon**, Lim Suan May , Goh Lay Poh , Mah Puay Hiong



6 Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance

Lead dancer Senior Loh Soo Koon audience This repeat performance aw **audience** who admired our slim bodi costumes I was stunned to be selected were more qualified so my confidence stringent censorship of Chinese songs influenced these had to be sourced fr The talented **Producers** were from L Ming Chin & **Choy Yoon Choon**, a the Malaysian Singapore Airlines Pil

Kee Su Lin



7 Liverpool Kirkby College Rugby Team

What a rugged able bodied group! ...Sure why not when they were youthful and energetic...just out of the kampong in Malaya like 'katak dibawah tempurong" so eager to explore to find out after having just left their homes 10,000 miles away

These formed the enthusiastic team come rain or **snow!**

We also travelled to cheer our Teams in our Sister **College at Brinsford Lodge!**

From Right standing: Dennis de' Silva, Mohamad Nor, Chiam Ah Kim, Mark Anthony,
Right Squatting: Rejab , Yavana & others



8 Ballroom Dancing Society

In acquiring the most **elegant social** & **Silvester's Television Dancing Club** & **samba** in the Quiet Room near the... Our fortnightly Dance was really exhilarating...gliding/ swing and the sway the rumba... refreshing..! The continuous smooth... memorable experience Waiting in the... **Mitzy, Loh Soo Koon & Monica Lai**... most accomplished dancer

Dancing to **Victor Silvester's live ballroom** was a **thrilling experience**... complete one quarter of the **Ballroom**... **elegantly dressed in fabulous gowns**... **irresistible!!**



10 Kirkby Woods
So serene tranquil & ideal place to relax! The long walks were most rejuvenating especially in the moonlight What a *postcard* scene with the snow thick & crisp! This is the haunt for young lovers, so.... romantic! Most nostalgic even now!

11 Principal Papa G J Gurney & Wife Lay Poh's birthday to party with warm chat galore... koay ka pek/ koay mung kek/ koay cakes / fruits! These certainly reminded us of most enjoyable!
From right Ladies: Mah Puay Hiong/ Koh S Poh/ Cheong Soo Lan (squatting) / Cheah S Men: ? / Fung Ewe Churh/ Lim Nai Tian/ C

9 Ballroom Dance Fashion 1955

This **halter neck sequined silk/ net over taffeta** is the **fashion** then! This is **Loh Soo Koon** your writer who loves ballroom dancing, travels & socialising Today she ravelis in Human Rights & Environment Conservation Campaign /Kill Cybercrime and Fraud /Cyber Critic / Crime Detection/ Teach Multimedia and Moral Education / Fight Victimization of Government Heads alleged Corruption



12 Pan Malayan Girl Guide Camp 1993 at the **Klang Istana Grounds**
Being specially selected Girl Guide from Penang due to my biggest \$\$ Odd Job collection What an exciting time for me – being appointed as the Camp Logmaster / MC at every camp fire and VIPs reception We marched, leadership trained, cooked, treasure hunt, danced, sang, games, camp fire with the **Scouts & Rovers** - what excitement & hilarious fun - unforgettable!

13 At last the tent was up!
The Scouts' challenge,” You can't do it! Beware the ghosts up the hill at night!”
Loh Soo Koon **3rd Penang Girl Guide Company Leader** was **not** to be **intimidated!** At night a **worm crawled out** Luckily the torrential flood **saved** May Yeow & me via **migration** into the **Klang Palace** hall Note my black arm band mourning for **King George VI** passing away 1952

14 Lady Templer, wife of Sir Gerald T Malaya honoured our **Pan Malayan Girl Exemplary Girl Guides** attended - total of 40 Her **gracious** presence was **overwhelming!**
Company Leader Loh Soo Koon accompanied performed the breaking of the Colors – the **Queen** The Media report added the air of im When the news reels were shown in local ci overnight... then much more excitement oo

15 Syabas! Selamat Merdeka 2007!

PM Abdullah, we share our **education** cum **scouting & guiding** in **Penang** plus the thrilling rich participation in youth movements S cheery spirits shared is forever while learning life's **positive response** despite the odds **beats** them all! Judging by the **great success** a have served Malaysia with **excellence!** In celebrating our **50th Anniverary of Merdeka** I SALUTE you **Malaysia**, you are my **hope** To **PM Abdullah, exemplary Government, the Police, MB Pahang, Kirkby Colleagues & People of Malaysia Syabas! Setinggi-t**

Felicitous 1: To Our Lecturers

My Personal Tutor Miss Minet Jee, Miss Hodge, Miss Danielle, Miss Chester, Miss Williams, Miss Beauchamp, Miss MacBain, Mr Atlee, Mr Walter, Dr J K Fielding, Dr Terret, Mr Struthers, Mr Moorhead, Mr Walker, Mr Jones, & Mr Bruce

Felicitous 2: To Other Colleagues

Una Tan ,Too Joo Yean, Soo Kim Lan, Hasnah, Lily Rozita, Siti Rohani, Ramlah Ahmad ,Tengku Zailan, Kalsombee, Catherine Chai, Lim Poh Choo, Margaret Cook, Caroline Beh, Lim Siew Har/ Mary Phang/ Chooi Kut Chun/ Fork Sin Meng/ Marina Johnson/ Jean Lam/Tan Kim Chai

Mustaffa, Khoo Phon Sai, Paul Yow, Abdul Hamid Abu Bakar, Sharma, Abdul Manan, Lau Hut Yee, Phun Tuck Yoon, Raja Ahmad Raja Harun/ Ahmad Dahan/ Francis Chai/ Chan Weng Chin/ Lionel Jayatilaka

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