



# Malaysian Swiss Association

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## New Members

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Welcome to the MSA to:

- Chen Seong Jiun
- Elisabeth Roth
- Foong Sye Kay
- Ma Kok Kin
- Mayer-Tan Mei Foong
- Sandy Polesel-Goh
- Stephan Radermacher
- Winny & Albi Matter

## MSA website

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Please visit our website for updates & information: [www.m-s-a.ch](http://www.m-s-a.ch).

If you have a friend who wants to join as a member, please provide them the link as given above. We welcome everybody who has interest & would like to know more about the Malaysian culture.

## M S A bulletin email update

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If you have a change of email address, please send in your new email addresses to [sec@m-s-a.ch](mailto:sec@m-s-a.ch) for record update. All bulletins will be sent out electronically in the future.

## Bersatu publishing 2008/2009

To be out soon!

## Minutes of MSA AGM, 8th March 2009

- 1) The event started with lunch at 12.15 pm.
- 2) This was followed by the AGM at 2.15 pm with a welcome speech by the President – Yaw Hwa Chin.
- 3) Yaw proposed James Yee to be the Chairperson & John Cherukara for the vote counting.
- 4) Presentation started with the Association's Report of the events organized in 2008.
  - a) **Sechselauten Kinder Umzug 2008** – Clarification was given by Yaw regarding the expenses which exceeded the budget. It was due to the hiring of a wagon to carry the huge drums during the parade. Discussion continued as to whether this event has any advantage to the association. Adzam contributed his views to the topic followed by one or two members. Yaw stands for the advantage that it promotes Malaysia. Conclusion – event will be taken out for 2009 – cost too high.
  - b) **Velotour 2008** – Response was bad. Weather also was bad. Conclusion – event will be taken out for 2009.
  - c) **Merdeka 2008** – Loss was reported. Members registered but didn't turn up. As mentioned in the registration that members will be invoiced as accordingly & Marc sent out the bills but no payment was received. Suggestion from the floor to blacklist their names.
  - d) **Hiking trip 2008** – Poor response. James made the reservation one year in advance in order to get the place but had to cancel in the end.
  - e) **Bowling 2008** – This event has been responded & participants had a great evening with food afterwards at Singapore Restaurant.
- 5) The next topic for discussion was followed by the planned events for 2009.
  - a) **Chinese New Year 2009** – event was held in Oerlikon, Hong Kong Food Paradise. Place was reserved for minimum 80 pax & registration from members was only 40 - one week before the deadline. Yaw then suggested the invitation to be open to outsiders with the same cost as member to cover loss if the place is not filled up. Problem supposed to be solved this way but then members decided to join at the very last minute & register AFTER the deadline. This has obviously caused a problem to accommodate everyone. In the end, some had to be turned down. To avoid problems like this, members were reminded to observe the deadline for events & to register on time.
  - b) **4 Nations Football Tournament 2009** – Details will be updated to the website in April.
  - c) **Grill party – 4<sup>th</sup> July** - To be organized by Tina & Paul Boehler. Location : Richterswil. Bring own food for grilling. More details to be updated on the website.
  - d) **Hiking trip** – Ahmad suggested to include hiking as an event. Date & details will be given soonest possible.
- 6) AGM minutes for 2008 was approved by members. Copies were distributed for viewing.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Marc. Financial statement for 2008 was shown on the big screen. Approval was acknowledged by auditor K.Many.
- 8) **Bersatu** was the following discussion. Cheng Cheng will continue to publish for 2008/2009. Members were encouraged to contribute articles. Due to the outstanding amount not paid by advertisers in the previous Bersatu, it has been decided not to include advertisements for 2008/2009. Furthermore, there will be no printing on hardcopies. Bersatu will be published electronically on the website.
- 9) Paul commented that if there are sponsors, they should be referred to events.
- 10) The AGM was completed by the **election of committee members**. James made an announcement of the 2 positions to be dissolved & that is for sports & culture. The replacement is to have 2 committee members for General Affairs.
  - a) The position for **President** was open for proposal & votes. The candidates were Kuldeep & Chow. **Kuldeep** got the majority votes.
  - b) Next open position was for **Vice President** & **Chow** got the votes.
  - c) **James** was proposed to stay on as the **Advisor for MSA**
  - d) **Secretary** will continue to serve the association.
  - e) **Treasurer** – Marc is not able to commit for the extension of service to another 3 years due to future plan. Therefore, a **Deputy Treasurer** was proposed & Tina made a proposal for **Devi Kalaidis** & was approved by votes.
  - f) **General affairs** – **Winy Matter & Stephan Radermacher** were proposed & were supported by votes. A short introduction was made to the members.
  - g) **Bersatu** – **Cheng Cheng** will continue to do the publishing.
  - h) **Auditor** – **K. Many & Paul Böhler** have been appointed by votes.
- 11) Members offered to be supporting committee – Rosy, Edmund, Jeff Chan, Anna, Foong, Paul, Tina, John & Tan.
- 12) AGM ended at 4.15 pm.

## MSA Events

For all recent updates: please visit our website at <http://www.m-s-a.ch/events.htm>!

### Hiking in Amden

**06. June 2009**

**Time**

10:30 to ~ 14:00 h

**Location**

Meeting place – Amden,  
Arvenbüel (Hotel) → [map](#)



Join us for a grand tour (not all too strenuous ;- ) through one of the nicest areas for walking in Switzerland! Hope the weather is nice so we will be able to do some picnic. There is also a public fireplace for grilling. Bring enough food and drinks!

At Amden, there are a few parking spaces available. However, the village can be reached best with [SBB](#) in a 1:30h trip:

- ab 09:12 Zürich HB - Gleis 7 (IR 1765)
- an 09:57 Ziegelbrücke - Gleis 9
- ab 10:04 Ziegelbrücke, Bahnhof (BUS 17)
- an 10:37 Arvenbüel, Arven
- ab 10:37 Arvenbüel, Arven (Fussweg)
- an 10:42 Amden, Arvenbüel (Hotel)

**Please be at the meeting point in Amden, Arvenbuehl by latest 10:45!**

No registration for event necessary.

Contact person: **Ahmad Mokhtar (079 631 08 55)**

### 4 Nations Football Tournament

**21. June 2009**

**Time**

9:00 - 9:30 -Teams meet/  
register  
10:00 Matches start

**Location**

Sportplatz Heuel → [map](#)  
Rümlang



**Our traditional friendship games will take place again this year. Please join us as a player and/or spectator!**

*(The event is organized jointly by the Korean Association, VIS (Indonesian Association), Rümlang Sports Association and MSA)*

Drinks & Nasi Lemak will be provided for MSA players!

MSA is organizing preparation / **practice matches every week starting on Saturday 11th of April at 10:00am.**

Meeting point for the practice match is in front of  
Gemeinschaft Zentrum Affoltern Zürich, Bodenacker 25, 8046 Zürich

(The football field is near the Gemeinschaft Zentrum)

For further details and registration please contact John Cherukara (Tel: 078 748 42 42) or send an email to [johnvc@sunrise.ch](mailto:johnvc@sunrise.ch).

[More info is here \(pdf\).](#)

## Grill party

**05. July 2009 - changed!**



**Time:**

12:00h onwards

**Location:**

Horn Richterswil,  
near Youth Hostel → [map](#)

**Bring along:** Your own food and drinks, swim suit, sun protection, etc.

**MSA provides:** Firewood. - Paul may bring his sailingboat for short turn.

**The Richterswil Horn offers:**

- underground car parking for the early participants
- close to public transport (train)
- cafeteria at Youth Hostel for those who are looking for ice cream and as shelter in case of rain
- public grill place – shared with others
- large field for sunbathing and outdoor games
- beach volleyball field
- large access for swimming in the lake
- 1-2 places near the harbour to park/anker a boat

**Contact person:**

[Tina Boehler](#) (mobile 079 620 5322)

Paul Boehler (mobile 079 620 5460)

## Merdeka Celebration



**05. September 2009 - changed!**

**Time:**

Door open – 18:00h  
Buffet dinner starts – 19:00h

**Location:**

Rest. Suan Long → [map](#)  
Tessinerplatz 12  
8002 Zürich  
Tel. 044 202 09 33

**Join us for the annual celebration of our national day!**

**Entertainment:**

Mixed dance (Malay & Indian)

Chinese dance

Live music

There will also be **tombola** – 1st prize will be a return air ticket to Malaysia!

**Cost per person:**

CHF 55.- for members

CHF 65.- for non-members

CHF 28.- children age 7 to 13

f.o.c - children under age 7

**Please register latest by 21st August 2009 to [Kuldeep Malik](#) (079 438 14 56) or [Chow Kok Yeng](#) (079 2160 533).**

Registration after the deadline will be based on subject to availability. If you decide to join the event last minute by turning up at the door without registration, there will be no guarantee for a place - please register early!

## Badminton Games

**27. September 2009**

**Time**

10.00 –12.00

**Location**

Vitis Sport Center → [map](#)  
Wiesenstrasse 8  
8952 Schlieren



Badminton is a sport of growing popularity and Malaysians are specially good at it (see [here](#)) - so let's have a fun with flying shuttles on the court - sponsored by M.S.A.! :-)  
Bring your own racket & shoes (no dark soles please). Mineral water will be provided.

After the games, we will have **Lunch** (at your own expense):  
**Singapore Restaurant**  
Badenerstrasse 530  
8048 Zürich

**You can start registering now!** Every member of M.S.A. can participate! Please send a mail to [sec@m-s-a.ch](mailto:sec@m-s-a.ch) or call Lily Quah (076 380 32 68). **Registration deadline: 13. September 2009.**

## DeepaRaya Celebration

**24. October 2009**

Details to follow.

## Bowling Games

**28. November 2009**

**Time**

19.00 - 21.00

**Location**

Bowling West → [map](#)  
Ifangstrasse 8  
8152 Schlieren

Refreshments available at Bowling Centre.

Participants to register before November 22nd to James Yee: [promote@m-s-a.ch](mailto:promote@m-s-a.ch).

Dinner will be at your own expense:  
**Singapore Restaurant**  
Badenerstrasse 530  
8048 Zürich

## "Samichlaus" event

**06. December 2009**

This will be a pot luck event! Details to follow.

Thank you for your support and hope you will enjoy our events!

**Lily Quah**, MSA secretary  
[sec@m-s-a.ch](mailto:sec@m-s-a.ch)