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### President's Message

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As most of you might already know, our Consul General, Encik Norman Muhamad and Madam Kamziah will be leaving us at the end of June.

How time flies? Three years have gone by so fast. I can still remember vividly when CG and Mdm. Kamziah attended our CNY party during their first term in office. It seems like a year ago. You know, some things are better left unsaid. Goodbye is one of them. Well, instead of saying goodbye we should say we shall meet again.

We just got to know them better and now they have to leave. Who knows, someday they might be transferred back here again. Best wishes to you CG and Mdm Kamsiah. You'll be missed.

August is fast approaching. I am sure you would like to know where we will be holding our next big event. Our Merdeka/Malaysia Independence Day party will be held in the same location as last year at the Garvey Community Center. The board is working diligently towards the party and hope to achieve the same or better support and response than last year. Mark your calendar for this spectacular event on 8/27 and be rest assured it will be as enjoyable and memorable as the last one.

During this calendar quarter, the Association held its annual Easter/Spring Picnic on Easter Sunday (see article and pictures below), a special halal potluck on June 10 (also article and pictures below).

#### Akan Datang/Coming Soon!

Business network/makan, makan/dine out event on Sat, July 23. Announcement with detail of the event will be out soon. Stay tuned!

Mimi Lioe

This year's Easter/Spring Picnic was held on Sunday, April 24, at Barnes Park in Monterey Park City. We had 52 adults and kids in attendance. The early morning rain scared us for a bit, but by noon the clear blue sky lifted everyone's spirit; and what a good time we had as these pictures revealed. Food was purchased from Noorani and from Yazmin restaurants as well as dishes prepared by our Board Members. Family competition games like water balloon toss, tug-a-war, back-to-back balloon race, brought laughter and good cheers from winners and losers alike. Kids went egg hunting aided by their parents; and later creatively painted eggs. Prizes were given out for all categories. The event was chaired by Stephanie Lai. Photos by Robert Co (for more pictures go to our website gallery).



Are you ready for a good time?



A lot of food to go around......



Even for second helpings .....



Or third???



George entertaining the kids, as always.



Pull, Pull, Pull!



Color your eggs and win



Then, step further back



Easter Bunny was there too!



Don't let the balloon burst or drop



First, you toss to your partner at close range



And further back, until only one couple remains



Who's afraid of the big bad......Bunny?



First to the end zone wins

On June 10 we had a very special farewell potluck for our Consul General Norman Muhamad and Puan Kamziah at Ean's residence in Pasadena. Halal food was either purchased from Noorani and Yazmin restaurants or seafood prepared by members who attended. We were very fortunate to have some of CG's staff present. Encik Muhamad drove directly from LAX to attend this potluck after a long trip from New York. He praised the work of MASC Board and hopes the Association continue to give his replacement the support he enjoyed during his tour of duty here. President Mimi thanked him and wished him and Puan Kamziah all the best, till "we meet again". Here are some pictures of the event, courtesy of Mrs. Fadhlin Jaafar, CG's secretary:

























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