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# The Malaysian Apexian Citizenship, Service, Fellowship

## Editor's Note

Apexian Lee Kai Eng



Editor with National Board 2020/2021

I am very excited to announce the release of first and only issue of our Malaysian Apexian Magazine 2019-2020.

Firstly, I want to wish all our members a blessed 2020 by keeping ourselves safe and healthy. Always remember to follow our MoH SOP at all times.

Congratulation to Apex Club of SP for a very successful Mid -Term 2020, at Cinta Sayang Resort from 28-29 Feb,2020. A record number of 81 delegates was gathered for a fantastic meeting and fellowship. Thank you, Apex Club of SP for creating history, RM 200 per head for two nights stay and all meals!. The hard work of the organising Committee headed by Club President Lifer Kantha, paid off.

Due to overwhelming support on articles from many clubs, I have managed to condense and publish this issue of magazine for your reading pleasure. The soft copy is circulated to our members having e-mails.



National Mid-Term Meeting 2019-20  
Cinta Sayang Resort, Sungai Petani



Sritharan, National President,  
2020/2021

## ***Foreword from the National President 2019/2020***

Congratulations to the Malaysian Apexian Editor for producing this edition! I take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in one way or another to make this a success.

The Malaysian Apexian has a long-standing colorful history, in order for it to continue to be relevant, clubs and members must take the responsibility and initiative to contribute articles for it to represent Apex as a whole. This e-edition could be more relevant if a team of Apexians was appointed to sit on the Editorial Board to have continuity. My sincere hope is to see that this is implemented in the near future.

The purpose of this edition is to keep the Apex fraternity informed of the current events in the country and Apex Global as a whole, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Movement Control Order(MCO), the Clubs were not able to carry out activities as intended nor were they able to join our counterparts abroad in carrying out Joint International Service Projects.

On behalf of the National Association, I would like to place on record that this is the second consecutive edition after a lapse of a few years. I hope that the successive National Board will continue to produce a more informative and impactful editions in the years to come.

Sekian, Terima Kasih.

Sincerely,

(SRITHARAN KUNJAMBOO)  
National President (2019/2020)  
National Association of Apex Clubs of Malaysia



Apexian Balan Menon, PJK, PPN

## My Years Of Service by Apexian Balan Menon

### Services Started...

I was introduced into service through the Interact Club of St. Marks school, Butterworth. In 1974, during my working life, a group of us formed a charter club that was the Rotaract Club of Butterworth, and later I joined Rotaract Club of Klang as a President.

In 1987, Lifer A.Krishnan Nair and Ex-Apexian Sachithnathan of Sungai Petani introduced me to Apex Club of Butterworth and I was inducted in 1988.

Apex Club of Butterworth was closed in 1990, leaving Apexian Anthony Jayakumar and me, to join Apex Club of Penang.

## A brief history of Apex Club of Penang

- in 1971 Apex Club of Ipoh members, Apexians Robert Chan, Sam Chong, Chandran Nair, Tony Ng and Seow Chye Hiap expanded the formation of Apex Club of Penang and a pro tem was formed.

The 32 members consisting of international citizens, Australians from Royal Australian Air Force from Butterworth and Malaysians of Chinese, Indian and Eurasians joined the club.

Apex Club of Penang hosted the National Conventions 5 times, 1978, 1990, 1996, 1999 and 2007. We will be hosting the National Convention again in 2020 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Apex Club of Penang. We all hope and pray the Covid 19 will ease off by next year.



Apex 850 Mock Cheque presentation to SMJK © Mak Mandin in 2016

## Penang APEF - by Apexian Balan Menon, Chairman 2020/2021

This year I was elected as Chairman of Apex Penang Education Fund and I promise to carry out the responsibilities as sincerely to the satisfaction of all members.

Apex Penang Education Fund (APEF) was started in 2011, when Friends of Apex scaled Mount Kinabalu on 13 to 14th February 2011 with a target of RM50,000.

Under the leadership of Apexian Edward Mai started the Apex 850 series “Cyclotron With A Heart For Charity” was officially launched in May 2012 to raise funds for APEF.

The first charity ride from Penang to Singapore was flagged off on 22nd January 2013. The team of cyclist and support team were received by the Deputy Prime Ministry of Singapore Mr. Teo Chee Hean.



Apex 850 cyclists with their capitan, the late Danny Khaw (extreme right).

The second ride was in 25th February 2014, from Singapore to Penang via Malacca, Rawang and Ipoh. At Malacca and Rawang, RM 2,000 each was donated towards two schools. The Grand dinner at Vistana Hotel was graced by the present Chief Minister, YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow.

2015 Apex 850 was different, unlike previous years the version was divided into two events due to unavoidable circumstances that Apex 850 Singapore edition, Kota Bahru to Singapore on May 28-31 and the second edition Phuket to Penang on August 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> . The Singapore edition was extremely successful. The Penang edition started from Phuket via Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thamarrat, Hadyai to Penang.



Apex 850 cyclists preparing for the trial ride

The 4th Annual Edition of Apex 850 was from 30th October to 5th November 2016 and it created a number of records, the distance covered was 1,500km with 30 riders for 7 days from Singapore to Phuket, Thailand via Malacca, Klang, Sungai Siput, Alor Star, Trang and Krabi.



Beneficiaries of APEF



New desk and chair for SJK(C) Yit Min, Changlun

In 2018 from 20th to 24th September, 20 cyclists from Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia embarked on a 950 kilometer ride from Penang via Banding, Kota Bahru, Gua Musang, Cameron Highlands and back to Penang.

With all the five editions, Apex 850 raised RM 660,000 for the Apex Penang Education Fund. A total of RM 79,780 was given to 10 students as scholarship for their tertiary education. Besides making a difference in the lives of these recipients it has provided financial assistance to a multitude of deserving students from disadvantaged backgrounds.



Apex 850 cyclist and Apexian at the presentation ceremony, SJK(C) Yit Min, Changlun

**Lifer Nambiar recalls his  
days in Apex since  
1976.....**



Four visionary youths met in 1976 at a coffee shop near Sungai Petani's iconic clock tower, to have a platform to gainfully utilize their leisure time for the benefit of mankind. These energetic youngsters, all in their mid-twenties, were Dr. Ramanujam (now Dato), Abdul Aziz Ibrahim, Alexander David (late) and later Balan Nair and K.M. Nambiar were roped in.

That meeting saw the birth of Apex Club of Sungai Petani. The Club was registered and Dr. Ramanujam was elected as the charter President. Soon, normal activities rolled in and the Apexian looked forward for the Dinner Meetings. Such meeting were held in Methodist Church Hall, Jalan Sekarat, as Alex was a member. Aziz was given the task of preparing the dinner as his wife Faridah, excelled in her culinary skill. She prepared spicy and mouth watering chicken curry with chapathy. The Apexian looked forward for the Dinner Meetings. The fine sessions were hilarious as Apexians could cook-up anecdotes that were rib-tickling. Surprisingly, these did not attract new prospections. The membership still remained a single digit. The Apexian were not disappointed nor were discouraged. Undeterred, the show went on. The dedicated Apexians met and carried out numerous service projects for the less fortunate and the needy.

Among the major projects were:-

- Sending a hole-in-the-heart lady to Chennai, South India, for medical treatment. Apex Chennai helped the Club with admission and accommodation for her accompanying husband.
- Organising Blood Donation at the Sultan Abdul Hamid Hospital, Sungai Petani with the help of a medical staff there. This annual project brought in about 60 pints of blood for the hospital at each occasion.

- Yearly about 50 students benefited from the Bursary Presentation. They picked students who excelled not only in their studies but also in their co-curricular activities. This annual presentation cost the Club about RM 5,000.
- When unexpected flood swept Bedong town a few years ago, Apexians immediately came to their rescue. Apexians replaced all the damaged furniture of the less fortunate residents and in addition supplied food packets for the poor residents there.
- During festival seasons, Deepavali and Hari Raya, those needy received basket full of basic necessities, valued about RM60 each, to celebrate the festivals.
- Other service projects included donation of spectacles, shoes, uniform and stationery to the needy pupils. One Tamil school received 500 books to set up their library.

The fund for these projects derived from their own initiative. Car Wash, sales of old newspapers and bottles, donation from well wishers etc. Apex Sungai Petani received many laurels for the numerous services it carried out.

This remarkable praise came from *The New Straits Times*. The Editorial carried the following praise under the heading 'The magnificent eight of Apex'.

"The quite and constructive work of voluntary organisation is often unsung just as the vibrant development and change within the nation's lesser known towns often go unreported. It is therefore a pleasure to record the fine and remarkable achievement of the Apex Club of Sungai Petani. Only eight members strong, it has achieved feats in community service worthy of older organisations with bigger membership. The people of Sungai Petani have every reason to be proud of the achievement in service, fellowship and citizenship".



Dato Dr. S. Ramanujam  
Founder President

Tuan Haji Abdul Aziz B. Ibrahim  
Founder Treasurer

Lifer Balan Nair

Lifer KM Niambiar

## Leganes Hospitality, The Apex Experience by TT Singam

By the time you read this article, you may be attending this year's National Convention of Apex Malaysia, which kicks-off on November 27th 2020 in Petaling Jaya. Just in case you have forgotten, this year is Visit Malaysia Year 2020. But unfortunately we are in the throes of Covid-19, with the country's borders closed to our friends and families from overseas.

The Malaysian Government, through its Tourism Ministry, pours millions of ringgit into these programs, to showcase the country to the discerning tourist and indeed, tempt the tourist to come over and enjoy in the festivities.

While such festivities expose the tourist to a myriad of specially crafted programs, one of the most important ingredient in experiencing the culture of the country is missing. Visitors to a country need to stay among and mix with the locals to really experience the culture and daily lives of the ordinary people of the country.

The Malaysian Apexian



Apexian TT Singam, PJK, PBM.

Of my many visits to the Philippines, one stands out. This was my trip to attend the 39th National Convention of Apex Philippines and Apex Global change-over on 24th May 2014. I was lucky enough to be literally thrust into experiencing Filipino life.

This was of course not my first experience in staying with the locals. A few years ago, my wife and I were home-hosted by my dear friend, Life Governor Vic Rada of the Apex Club of San Pablo. It was indeed a thoroughly enjoyable experience that none of the five-star hotels in the Philippines could offer. Staying and experiencing the daily lives of the locals gets even better the second time around. And this time in Leganes.

After a short, but delayed, flight from Manila, our plane landed at the Iloilo airport, pretty late in the evening. The mostly Malaysian Apexians, and two more from India, were met on arrival by a welcoming party, made up of Leganes Apexians.

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We were split into two groups and were immediately whisked away by Apexian Alain Pulmones to spend the night at the home of club President Ren-ren. We were pleasantly welcomed into Ren-ren's home by his mom and dad and shown to our rooms, which were simple and decent.

**And that was the beginning of Leganes hospitality!**

As we awakened to the crowing of the cockerels, it felt like being in the countryside, which I had experienced as a young lad in a small town, somewhere in Malaysia.

We were then ushered into the patio where our breakfast was laid out...simple but filling. It was time to go to the convention venue in Leganes. Again, we were chauffeured like VIPs to our destination.

As we checked into our hotel rooms, the hospitality shown by our Leganes Apexian hosts, was anything but superb. Nothing was left wanting! You want to go shopping, there was someone to escort you. You want to go to "church", there was a security detail, drawn from Alain and Bob



Happy hour.....



Fellowship with Apexian at Philippines Convention .

following and keeping an eye on you, among others (sic), at all times. It boils down to logistics and the planning.

What more can these guys of Leganes do? Well, they showed us at the pre convention social. And what a venue too! We practically invaded the offices of the Leganes Municipality Mayor. I think Apexian Allen Espano, the then municipality's Vice Mayor, had a hand in this.

"There is no love sincerer than the love of food" (Bernard Shaw). This was the best part of the evening's fare...Filipino food. Tons and tons of lechon baboy, imbotido, menudo, adobo! You name it...it was all laid out for you to savour. What was missing perhaps, was my personal favorite, bulalu. But hey! There was a whole calf at the barbeque pit...all tasty and yummy, coated in honey, waiting to be chewed on.

But deep inside, I was wanting to get back to life in the Leganes countryside. And my wish was granted on the following Sunday, when Alain brought the newly-minted Global Chairman, Pratish Nand of Fiji, C.S. Gan, Apex Philippines ambassador-at-large Domz and I to spend the night at his house.

Nestled in a wooded area, it felt like stepping back in time to the laid-back life in small-town Malaysia. I do not know if Alain had an affinity with cockerels, but they were all over the place. His neighbour even had fighting cocks. I wonder what the bets were like!

After settling in, it was party-time! Fellowship all the way....Filipino style....courtesy of Alain and his charming wife, and other Apexians, namely Nonoy, Saddam, Dexter and of course, big, strong and friendly, David Sinay. The guys rustled up some tasty, local delicacies. Then someone wanted to try the dreaded balut! Boy! That was a turn-off!

However, San Miguel saved the day. Beers were free flowing and the conversation, as usual, zeroed-in on Apex. But the camaraderie was very much evident, as the hosts welcomed us into their fold....warts and all!

It was deja-vu! The same feeling I experienced in San Pablo, came over me. Fellowship and hospitality, all rolled into one.....something perhaps only the Filipinos can share.

The only sore point is....these guys can quickly revert back to Tagalog or Illocano, oblivious to our presence there. This is something that has to be worked on, huh.

Anyway, that was not a damper! As the night wound down, we were all boozed to the hilt and it was time to hit the sack. Was it the beers or the comfortable feeling that you are back home in your own bed? Sleep came within seconds.



Pre-social at Philippines Convention.

Now, it is said that to feel the vibrancy or the pulse of a nation and its people, one should go to the market-place. That is something one should do when one is in a foreign country.

The next morning, when Domz and Saddam wanted to go to the market to buy dried fish, which is also a delicacy in Malaysia, without any hesitation I tagged along, not realizing that I was dressed only in my night shorts and singlet, and wearing Japanese slippers.

The colourful atmosphere in the market, with the incessant chatter, the hanggling, the laughter and the din at the Leganes market, made me step back and enjoy the sights and sounds of the place.

Ladies meeting friends, taking time to gossip and exchange stories, in their usual animated body movements. The shopkeepers were even talking to me in the local dialect.

Perhaps they thought I was a magsasaka from the province. Or perhaps, a balikbayan. The gaiety and the scenes that I saw at the market will surely linger in my mind for years to come.

Well, all good things had to come to an end and it was time to pack-up and head back to Manila to catch the connecting flight back home, with fond memories of the time spent with the guys in Leganes.

The pleasant things that I encountered and experienced during my brief stay in Leganes can indeed be attributed to the hospitality showered on me and the rest of us by the Apexians of Leganes, how we were welcomed into their homes. Indeed, we practically had the run of the homes as we were treated like a family member. Surely, they, Apexians of Leganes are a microcosm of the Philippines nation, where hospitality abounds.

That had left me wondering if the Malaysians can welcome our visitors into our home and offer hospitality that would be remembered for ions.

**Apexian T.T. Singam  
Apex Club of Malacca  
Central.**



Things end but memories last forever

Snippets of Apex's Past – Lest  
we forget,  
Apex Governor Suresh Sivaram



Apex Life Governor Suresh Sivaram

## How Fellowship became one of our twin objectives

During the 1929 great depression a large percentage of the young men in Australia faced widespread unemployment and hardship and were depressed and lost. It was then that three unemployed young architects in Geelong, Victoria, namely Ewen Laird, Langham Proud and John Buchan met to seek ways to assist and give hope to the affected young men. They knew that men are gregarious by nature and the desire to interact socially with others will lead them to join some organisation or other in pursuit of fulfilling that desire, i.e. young men will find ways to indulge in fellowship activities.

At their first luncheon meeting on 3 December 1930, some sixty potential members from various businesses and professions participated in the meeting.

Though service was the priority of the founders, the objectives adopted then did not put service as a key objective. Most members looked upon the club as another meeting place where they could indulge in fellowship. It was then decided that both the ideals of service and fellowship be recognised as being inseparable. Thus evolved the awareness that service and fellowship can be compatible in that fellowship grew through service and that service acquired a special meaning through fellowship. And that was how the twin objectives of Apex – “**Service & Fellowship**” were adopted.

## How Dinner Badges came into being

The first Apex Club in Geelong was inaugurated on 10 March 1931 and two months later on 20 May 1931 the Apex Club of Ballarat, Victoria came into existence. With the aim of strengthening interaction, the two clubs formally decided on an identification badge which we now call the **Dinner Badge**.

## How Interclub activities became a tradition in Apex

When a number of Apexians from Geelong attended the inauguration dinner and

subsequent meetings of the Ballarat club, they started what has now become a tradition in Apex – Interclub visits. Interclub visits besides fostering friendship also in many ways help boost the morale of a new or a weak club. Interclub visits are now very much part of Apex activities.

### **When and why was an Association of Apex Clubs Formed**

By 1932, there were seven Apex Clubs (Geelong, Ballarat, Camperdown, Albury, Warrnambool, Bendigo and Wagga) with a membership of around three hundred and sixty. It became acutely clear then that if Apex were to move forward and grow, a supervisory and coordinating body must be formed to provide for some control over expansion. It was here that the decision was taken to form the Association of Apex Clubs under a Board of Control consisting of one representative each from the seven clubs.

The first Association President was Eric Hopper from Geelong. Assisting the board was a representative from each club. Eric Hopper was subsequently appointed the Association's first Life Governor.

### **Publication of an Official Organ**

One year down the line, the Board of Control decided on the publication of an official organ. The first issue of the **"The Apexian"** appeared in July 1933.

### **Zones & Districts**

With clubs being inaugurated all over Australia, the sheer geographical distances among clubs made the task of a single co-ordinating body daunting, hence in November 1935 during the Ballarat Association Convention, it was decided that the association be split into four Zones with each Zone having under their control several districts, and each district comprised of several clubs.

### **First Australian Association Service Project**

In 1936, at the third Association Convention in Albury, New South Wales, delegates decided on a common **National Service Scheme**. Monies were raised to purchase a truck to work in conjunction with Flying Doctor Service.

## **MALAYSIA**

### **First Service Project in Malaysia**

Moving on to Malaysia, the Apex Club of Kuala Lumpur which was formed in 1957 undertook a service project in 1957 just after its inauguration. This was the timber layering on a concrete base for the home of a Chinese family of ten in Jinjang. The breadwinner was semi-paralysed, while the wife suffered from tuberculosis. The finished floor provided the family with a dry floor for the first time in many years .



Flying Doctors Service



Dwelling for Cured Leprosy Patient

### **The first Asian Aid Project**

In late 1957 and early 1958, Western Australia Clubs, Singapore Apex Clubs and the Apex Club of Kuala adopted as the First Asian Aid Project known as the **Rehabilitation of Cured Leprosy Patients**. The pattern of rehabilitation assistance consisted of each family receiving approximately half an acre of land and M\$ 500.00 with which to build a small rural dwelling on the land provided. The families were further provided with a pigsty large enough to accommodate a pair of pigs and some poultry.

### **SOME EARLY SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

#### **First Student Bursary Scheme**

Student Bursaries, where cash stipends are given out to poor and deserving pupils, first started in 1963, when a few Apex Clubs, under District 5, Zone 4 decided on this scheme which proved to be a very successful and worthy activity. Besides funds raised locally, Australian Clubs were also very generous in their contributions.

#### **The First Joint Rotary, Lions and Apex Service Activity**

On 16 April 1968, the Selangor Inter-Racial Students Exchange Committee consisting of Rotary, Lions and the Apex Clubs of Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya organised the 'Foster Homes' project. At a ceremony at the Selangor State Assembly Chambers, forty-five pupils were handed over to twenty-five 'foster parents'. The children included ten from Penang, thirty from various schools in Selangor and five Orang Asli pupils from Banting

#### **Pahang Association of Consumers**

The Pahang Association of Consumers owes its existence to the Apex Club of Kuantan, Pahang, the first Apex Club formed in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. In 1973, the club initiated the formation of the Pahang Association of Consumers.

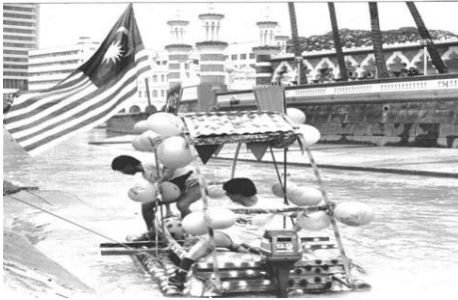
#### **Apex Week**

Did you know that the "Apex Week" was adopted as a National Service Scheme in 1981? The reason to hold a common 'Apex Week' was to sell Apex to the community to gain better recognition and publicity. The dates chosen for the first official Apex Week were from March 23 to 29, 1981. As the year 1981 was also proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Year of the Disabled Persons (IYDP) with the specific aim of the rehabilitation of people who suffered from some form of physical or mental impairment, local clubs were directed to attend to the disabled in our midst. There was a flurry of activities taking place all over the country during the week, many directed at physically and mentally disabled children. The publicity generated and the resultant attention by the community ensured the continuation of this special week till today.

#### **Unique Fund Raising Activity**

In 1982, the Klang Club embarked on an ambitious project to build a special school for the mentally retarded children in Klang. The existing school which was managed by a committee of the Selangor Association for Retarded Children (SARC) could only accommodate 29 children at any one time. There were many more on the waiting list. With this in mind, Klang Apexians in 1982 kicked off a number of fund raising activities. One unique project in 1985, where the club managed to get the services of a professional diver, Stanley Yeong and a bank officer, Yap Peng Chai to begin an 18-hour 'Journey of Hope'

down the Klang River in a fancy craft. This effort brought in an additional sum of MR 10,000.



Actual Craft



Caricature

### **From the past to the present**

#### **Registration Subsidy for Per-Capita Paying Members for Conventions/Mid-Term Meetings**

Since the 2019 convention, it has been the norm to subsidize registration fees for per-capita paying members only. This is a very laudable move and has come about through the efforts of both the organizing committees and/or benefactors/donors. This will of course have a positive effect on attendance. More active members will now participate and with that hopefully there will be better interaction; better and more meaningful deliberations; and understanding of apex meeting procedures. I fully support this initiative and I sincerely extend my appreciation to the benefactors for their generosity. However per-capita paying members must bear in mind that this is not an entitlement and may not continue ad infinitum.

Having said that, this exclusive offer to per-capita paying members has inadvertently alienated the non-active Life Members and Life Governors, who by virtue of our constitution have certain rights and privileges such as attending and participating in both club and National Association meetings and activities. They can also serve in sub-committees at club level and in the case of Life Governors may serve in National Association Appointed Committees and the Apex National Council.

Currently, there is some disquiet and bewilderment among the effected parties and over time this exclusion may see less participation and contribution from this aging group whose numbers, sadly, are fast reducing.

Thank you.

**SURESH SIVARAM**

APEX LIFE GOVERNOR

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS OF MALAYSIA

## 50 years and counting - Apex Life Governor TM Kumar

It is indeed a privilege to be invited to write this message for the “Malaysian Apexian” the voice of the Malaysian Apex Movement. I like to take this opportunity to remind all Apexians that this “Malaysian Apexian” is the one and only channel or media of communication between clubs and Apexians.

This magazine is also an effective tool to sell Apex to all potential Apexians. We have not been able to generate much publicity from press or TV, but here we have our own mode of operation that can propagate the much needed publicity, but yet we have few clubs that have taken the invitation to publicize their clubs, their members, their service projects and so on and on.

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Apex National convention is scheduled to be held from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday November 2020 at Hotel Crystal Crown with the hope that you will have a great time that will be long cherished.



**Apex Life Governor - TM Kumar**

In a lighter vein surprisingly many of us join Apex when we were bachelors ... got married ... became fathers ... and now many for us are grandfathers but still our Apex blood is very strong.

Being in Apex for the past 50 years I have seen Apex has experienced various obstacles in expanding and attracting the youth. The new generation has little interest in getting involved in community service organization. Apex has to relook how to attract the youth.

Let's have a successful Apex National Convention.

**Thank you,**

**T.M. Kumar**

**Apex Life Governor**



**Time has passed so fast and before you know it, the new term in Apex has started.**

I have been asked many a time, what made PJ suddenly rose to the top after inactive for more than 10 years ... hopefully by sharing, you would be able to pick up some pointers that may be useful for you.

We had a 2-year PLAN .. we planned the activities and worked the PLAN. We fortunate that we achieved our targets in less than 2 years.

I have to thank our senior member Apexian S. Ganesa who called me “out of the blue” and asked me to come back and help revive the club.

I immediately got involved in the organising committee of “Konvensyen Harapan 2018” and felt I could contribute more to my club. As the PJ Board has asked me to be the next Club President, I did not hesitate to accept the challenge but I knew we needed a facelift to make Apex PJ active again.

Meeting up with Life Governor Dato A. Gnanarajah was the next best thing that happen as we discussed in length on what we should do to revive Apex PJ. In having LG Dato Gnanarajah’s full support, we decided to call all our senior members to support our monthly Dinner Meetings and our 1st Dinner Meeting had an attendance of more than 15 members mostly from the past and 4 current members. Fast forward to the present, we are now having an average attendance of 20 members, mostly made up of the current active members.

Monthly Club Dinner Meetings is an important part of Apex where we meet once a month, eat together, have fun and laughters, sharing of ideas, have guest speakers and invite guests who have the potentials to join Apex.

Several service projects were identified, recce by board members and approved to be undertaken by the club.

With all the activities happening, the next part of the PLAN was to bring in younger members and we did. Getting them involved and participating in our planning and activities, we were actually grooming them up for the future.

Today, we are lead by our young and dynamic Apexian Kevin Mah and his board, comprising mostly of new and young members. As most of our PLAN has been achieved, we are confident that we will have a young Club President for the next 6 years...

I have to thank my board members and members for their full support in everything we did. It was amazing and THEY MADE IT HAPPEN, I was just a catalyst... Its all about TEAMWORK..

My advise to members, take up the position of a Club President as it is indeed an honour but be committed and ensure you match or raise the bar and bring your club to the next level... Don’t just be a number in your club.

Thank you to our National Vice President Apexian Lee Kai Eng for inviting me to have this write up.

Regards,  
**Apexian Jesse Mah**  
 Apex Club of Petaling Jaya

## Significant Projects - Saras Naido, President , Apex Club of KL, 2015-2020



LG Khutub from Apex Bangladesh and fellow Apexian at the Apex Awareness Program at Matrade Exhibition Centre, KL

Service Project at Valley of Hope, Sg Buloh in conjunction with Deepavali. There are 45 senior citizens at this home. NP Apexian Sritharan and NB&SD Apexian Giri join us in this worthy project.



Getting ready to deliver to porridge and goody bags



One of the senior citizen receiving the goody bag.



Distribution of snack to children home. Happy to see the smiling faces.

Apex Club of KL had an opportunity to introduce our Club Bursary recipient Mr Kaveintran (visually impaired) with special education and was graduated with a Law degree from University Malaya to SJK (T) Fletcher in Kuala Lumpur.



Service Project - Provide School Uniform And Shoes to students from Anbu Illam.



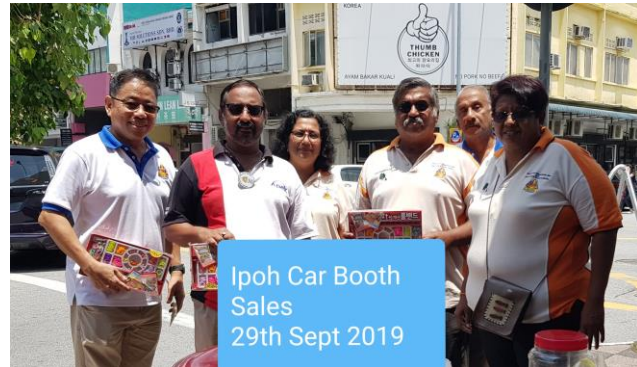


Edward with Philippines Apex Daycare children Function on 5th July 2019. Apex Club of Penang had sponsored the Wet Kitchen, exercise machines and lap tops to our sister club of Apex Leganes in the past.

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## Other clubs services

Fund Raising by Ipoh Kinta Club. SP Club and Penang Club came to support the event.



Apex Club of Penang & kind friends sponsored 40 senior citizen for Day Tour of Lake Garden Taiping just before lockdown.



Apex Education 2019 Group photo with trainer Frank Arokiasamy & Task Force Committee

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In loving memory of departed souls, you are always on our mind.  
Thank you for serving together in Apex.



Late Lifer Ee Hock Chuan  
Apex Club of Seremban



Late Jason Ang  
Apex Club of Penang



Late Stephanie Chee  
Apex Club of PJ