



**THE SABAH SOCIETY
PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE REPORT 2009/2010**

1. INTRODUCTION

Let me first inform that in 2009, the Executive Committee concentrated on preparing programmes for the celebration of Society's 50th anniversary this year. The prelude to the Society's Golden Jubilee celebration was the *Centennial Climb of Mount Kinabalu – In the Footsteps of Lilian Gibbs*, by 5 all lady-members of the Society and three female porters plus a guide from Sabah Parks, when they re-enacted the ascent of this mountain by Lilian Gibbs, the first woman to ascend Mt. Kinabalu exactly 100 years ago from 21st – 24th February, 2010. The preview of the climb was held on 27 January, 2010 and post-climbing sharing session on the ascent was held on 9th March, 2010, in the presence of the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment, TB Datuk Masidi Manjun. A special thank also goes to the Minister of Youth And Sports, YB Datuk Peter Pang, for sponsoring RM3,000.00 to this special event.

The leader of this expedition was Vicky Ng Vui Kee who was joined by Tengku Puteri Soraya, Rina Jamieson, Catherine Chu Moi Hiong, and Jane Chong Nyuk Yen while the guide was Rossiti Maineh and the porters were Rita Moguring, Lotium Lumadan and Noriah Lunsin

On Tuesday, 16th March, 2010 the Society held an evening where past presidents and key committee members were invited and the Secretariat highlighted some of the main activities carried out by the Society for the past 50 years.

On behalf of the Society, I would also like to take this opportunity to express our profound thanks and appreciation to Datuk Tham Nyip Shen, a former Deputy Chief Minister of Sabah, as well as a life member of the Society, for his generosity to fully sponsor the publication of our latest monograph, **HISTORY OF JAPANESE MIGRATION TO SABAH BY Yutaka SHIMOMOTO.**

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee elected for 2009 :

PRESIDENT	-	PUAN ZAHRA YAACOB
VICE PRESIDENT	-	DR. HENG AIK CHENG
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	-	DATO' SERI TENGKU (DR) Z. ADLIN
HON. SECRETARY	-	MS. MAIMIE SCOTT
HON. TREASURER	-	WILLIAM WONG WAI WAH
<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	-	DATUK CHAN CHEW LUN
	-	MR. TERENCE PANG
	-	MR. RICHARD NELSON SOKIAL
	-	MR. PETER PIKE
	-	MR. PEIN CHEONG LEE
CO-OPTED MEMBER	-	DR. ROBERT CYRIL ONG KIM LEONG <i>(Chairman, Sandakan Branch)</i>
EX-OFFICIO	-	THE DIRECTOR OF SABAH MUSEUM & REPRESENTED BY MR. SINTIONG GELET

MEMBERSHIP

<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
242	229	216	222

It's really worrying to note that the total life membership is still very high at 126 as compared to 96 ordinary members. In 2009 there are about 40 members who did not renew their membership. I do hope the new in-coming Committee will look into new ways to sustain members' interest and ensure that membership fees are attended to. So up to now life membership are not open to anyone.

The Society lost 2 prominent members, namely Prof. Kamarudin Mat Salleh on 9th November, 2009 and Dr. Andrew Bacon on 11th December, 2009.

TALKS HELD IN 2009

At its headquarters, the Society held 20 talks throughout 2009 and another 6 talks were held from January – April 2010. Most of the talks are well attended by both members and guests.

Please refer to **Appendix 1** for the details of the talks held.

EVENTS and FIELD TRIPS 2009

The Committee did its level best to organize interesting trips but regret to report that we receive very lukewarm response from members.

The trips organized were:

10 – 12 April, 2009	:	Pulau Banggi Trip
28 – 30 November, 2009	:	Tabin Wildlife

ART EXHIBITIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>
March/April 2009	Postcards from Sabah	Dianne Gee
May/June 2009	Batik Paintings	Francis Chong
Sept/October 2009	Personal Collection of Tina Rimmer's Drawings/Paintings	Tina Rimmer
Nov/Dec 2009	Birds of Sabah	Sabah Art Society
Feb/Mar 2010	“Spirit of Light”	Christianne Goonting
March/April 2010	Pictures of Sabah	Dianne Gee

OTHER EVENTS (2009) TO WHICH THE SOCIETY WAS INVITED, AND WHERE A COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDED AND REPRESENTED THE SOCIETY

The Society has been frequently invited to participate in a number of events and meetings organized by different government agencies and NGOs and was often represented by a member or the Administrative Assistant, Ms. Veronica Chrispinus.

Refer to *Appendix 2* on List of events to which the Society was invited in 2009

MAGIC BOX COLLECTION

Jan – Dec 2009

Jan – April 2010

<u>Month</u>	<u>RM</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>RM</u>
Jan	122.00	Jan	-
Feb	100.00	Feb	-
Mar	63.00	Mar	526.00
April	288.00	Apr	511.00
May	359.00		
Jun	147.00		
July	78.00		
Aug	738.00		
Sept	74.00		
Oct	270.00		
Nov	-		
Dec	-		
Total	2,239.80		686.00

STOCK CHECK

Stock-checking of The Society's asset was carried out on 4th February, 2010 with the following details:-

	<u>Titles</u>		<u>Copies held</u>
01.	A P/G to the Birds of Borneo	-	1,302
02.	A F/G to the Mammals of Borneo	-	651
03.	Kinabalu: Summit of Borneo	-	1,294
04.	The Tamparuli Tamu	-	1,093
05.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 1	-	275
06.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 2	-	0
07.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 3	-	811
08.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 4	-	901
09.	Birds of Borneo (Large Book)	-	13
10.	The Hugh Low Trail	-	291
11.	East Kinabalu	-	166
12.	Tales and Traditions from Sabah	-	995

Journals

13.	Vol. 17	2000	-	166
14.	Vol. 18	2001	-	111
15.	Vol. 19	2002	-	100
16.	Vol. 20	2003	-	140
17.	Vol. 21	2004	-	409
18.	Vol. 22	2005	-	100
19.	Vol. 23	2006	-	100
20.	Vol. 24	2007	-	300

BOOK SALES IN 2009

<u>Titles</u>	<u>Copies Sold</u>			
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
01. A P/G to the Birds of Borneo	613	788	320	338
02. A F/G to the Mammals of Borneo	214	280	162	215
03. Kinabalu: Summit of Borneo	58	24	29	53
04. The Tamparuli Tamu	29	57	17	36
05. Orchids of Borneo Vol. 1	50	46	50	35
06. Orchids of Borneo Vol. 2	sold out	-	3	-
07. Orchids of Borneo Vol. 3	91	35	37	32
08. Orchids of Borneo Vol. 4	277	4	10	5
09. Birds of Borneo (Large Book)	2	7	-	-
10. The Hugh Low Trail	9	6	7	31
11. East Kinabalu	23	9	4	6
12. Tales and Traditions from Sabah	91	178	40	35
13. Journals	87	-	6	19
14. Slip-in case				9
Total Books and Journal sold	1473	1434	685	814
	(RM) 54,764.00	35,594.00	24,247.25	30,303.77

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Society looks forward to the continuing co-operation of all members, and having more people participating in our activities, particularly the younger members.

To the Committee members thank you for your wonderful support and cooperation. My special thanks go to Peter Pike for his untiring *E-efforts* to keep us connected electronically, and to Maimie Scott, the Hon. Secretary for taking care of the Secretariat.

To those who will be joining the Committee line-up tonight, I appeal to you to be more committed and seriously focus on revitalizing the Society's activities. Otherwise, we will not be able to attract young bloods to build the next lineage of Society's leadership.

My sincere thank to all of you members who have contributed so much to the Society, especially those who donated generously to our *magic box* as per circulated during the talks.

TALKS HELD IN 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11 Feb (Wed)	Blogging Culture in Sabah	Julian Lee H'ng
26 Feb (Thurs)	All About Raleigh International	Jim Clements
		Mac McCarthy
		Ms. Yolanda Graham
18 March (Wed)	Traditional Houses in Sabah	Richard N. Sokial
30 March (Mon)	Postage Stamps & Postal Service of British North Borneo & Labuan	Mr. Wong Shau Yee
15 April (Wed)	Marine Sea Snakes & Their Toxins	Prof. Gopalakrishnakone
22 April (Wed)	Conservation of the Bornean Elephant in Sabah	Dr. Benoit Goossens
04 May (Mon)	The Lipag (song poem) of The Tatana	Frazer Jipin
11 May (Mon)	The Making of Lihing (Traditional Rice Wine)	Herman Scholz
20 May (Wed)	Green Marine Re-Power	Mr. Mark Stafford
26 May (Tues)	The Fishes of Tunku Abdul Rahman Park (TARP)	Dr. Ditch Townsend
11 June (Thurs)	Traditional Baskets of Sabah	Ms. Jennifer Linggi
24 June (Wed)	The Dusun Tindal Music & Culture of Kampung Tenghilan	Ms. Chong Lee Suan
14 July (Tues)	SABAH: The Gourmet Chocolate Capital of The World	Dr. Douglas Furtek
06 Aug (Thurs)	Indigenous Ethnic Communities of Sabah: The Kadazandusun	Tan Sri Herman Luping
18 Aug (Tues)	Ethnic Kadayan of Borneo	Mr. AmdeSidik
25 Aug (Tues)	The Lives of Martin & Osa Johnson	Ms. Jacquelyn Borgeson
26 Aug (Wed)	Live Reef Fish Trade in SE Asia & Sabah	Dr. Geoffrey Muldoon
15 Sept (Tues)	Tina Rimmer's stories and Art Exhibition	Mrs. Tina Rimmer
13 Oct (Tues)	Recycled Products, Environment-friendly (WPC Enterprise)	Mr. Raymond Thong
		Ms. Theresa Liew
30 Oct (Fri)	The Bird Life of Maratua Island, off the east coast of Borneo	Mr. Quentin Phillipps

There were no Talks in November and December 2009

EVENTS TO WHICH THE SOCIETY WAS INVITED – 2009

- 31 January SEEN Activity on Composting at the Lok Kawi Wildlife Park. Veronica attended on behalf of The Sabah Society.
- 10 February UPEN's Invitation to attend briefing on the result of the research on "***Consequences of Different Forest Management Strategies for Fields and Viverrids in Sabah, Malaysia and their Phylogeography and Ancestry in the Sunda Shelf***" by German Researcher Andreas Wilting. Attended by Maimie Scott.
- 11 February Environmental "Luncheon Talk" on ***Transition to Sustainability Through Cooperation*** by Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director of Regional Environment Centre, organized by Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Environment at Tanjung Room 2 & 3, Shangri-La Tg. Aru Resort. Attended by Maimie Scott and Veronica.
- 19 February Workshop on the proposed implementation and monitoring of ***Sabah Environmental Education Policy (SEEP)*** at the Semporna Room, Tabung Haji Complex, Sembulan. Veronica attended the workshop on behalf of the Society.
- 19 February Talk on ***The Study of Animals Tolerant to Human Disturbance in Secondary Forests and Oil Palm Plantation in Tabin Wild Life Reserve*** by Mr. Yoshihiro Nakashima, a Scientist from Kyoto University, Japan, at the UPEN. Maimie Scott attended the talk.
- 07 March Launching of ***'Love Our Drains' Campaign*** by the Environmental Action Committee Sabah at the SRK Sri Gaya, Luyang, KK. Veronica attended on behalf of The Sabah Society.
- 15 March ***World Wetlands Day 2009*** at the Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre. Attended by Maimie Scott.
- 23 March Earth Hour Press Launch at the Le Meridien Hotel, Kota Kinabalu. Attended by Maimie Scott.
- 24 March SEEN Members' Discussion on ***The Implementing of Sabah Environmental Education Policy*** at The JPAS Meeting Room, 2nd Floor of Wisma Budaya. Attended by Veronica.
- 09 April **SEEN Members 1/2009 Meeting** at LKNS Meeting Room, 3rd Floor Wisma Budaya, Kota Kinabalu. Attended by Veronica.
- 03 May Sabah Tourism Board Invitation to The Sabah Society Committee and Members to the Grand Launching of Sabah Fest 2009 at The Magellan Grand Ballroom, Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu. Committee members attended the event.
- 16 - 17 June First Stakeholder Consultative Seminar Di Bawah Projek Kajian Pencegahan Pencemaran dan Peningkatan Kualiti Air Lembangan Sungai Kinabatangan, Sabah. This was an invitation from the Environment Department in Putrajaya. No representative from the Society.
- 29 June WWF-Malaysia Invitation to National Workshop on **High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF)** Toolkit for Malaysia at Citetel Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. No representative from The Sabah Society.

- 14 August Invitation from the Department of Environment, Sabah to the official **Launch of Rakan Alam Sekitar (RAS)** at the Auditorium of the Sabah Federal Government Administration Complex at Jalan UMS-Sulaman, Kota Kinabalu. RAS Launching was officiated by the Chief Minister of Sabah, Y.A.B. Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman and witnessed by Y.B Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Kurup, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment and Y.B. Datuk Masidi Manjun, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment. Attended by Veronica.
- 03 September Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Environment 2nd Meeting of “**Majlis Perundingan Pelancongan Negeri (MPPN)**”, chaired by YB Datuk Masidi Manjun, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Environment, at the Keningau Room, 3rd Floor, Le Meridien Hotel, Kota Kinabalu. No representative.
- 29 September **SEEN Members Meeting 2/2009** at Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Wisma Budaya, Kota Kinabalu. Attended by Veronica.
- 02 - 03 Oct Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society Invitation to **Facilitation Skill Workshop Under The “Invest in The Young and Future’ Extension Programme** which is to develop the skills of participants in the art of facilitation.
- 15 October Invitation from Wildlife Department (HQ) to attend State-Level **Workshop on Study on Tourism Development Plan for Protected Wildlife Areas in Sabah** at Beacon Hall 1, 12th Floor, Tang Dynasty Park Hotel., Sembulan, KK. Attended by Veronica.
- 19 October Invitation from Sabah Environment protection Department to attend the **Cheque Presentation by SHELL MALAYSIA for the “Program Sekolah Rakan Alam Sekitar (SERASI)** for the 6th time of 2009/2010 at the St. Michael School Hall, Penampang. Attended by Veronica.
- 05 November Invitation to attend a briefing on the result of the research on “**Consequences of Different Forest Management Strategies For Cats and Civets in Sabah, Malaysia and Their Phylogeography and Ancestry in the Sunda Shelf**” by German Researcher Andreas Wilting at UPEN Meeting Room 1 at Wisma MUIS, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Attended by Maimie Scott.
- 18 November Invitation from UPEN to attend Briefing on the result of the Research on “**An Investigation of the Ecology of Borneo’s Wild Cats Using Camera Trap Methodology**” by British Researcher Miss Joanna Ross. No Sabah Society representative
- 21 November Invitation from the Sabah Tourism Board to The Society Committee as special guests to **the Sabah Tourism Awards, 2009** at The Ballroom of The Magellan Sutera, Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu. Well attended.
- 22 November Invitation to Maimie Scott to **Raleigh International’s 25th Anniversary Dinner** at Sutera Harbour Tennis Area.