

Visit to KL Di-Raja 87th Installation Dinner on Friday 19 September 2014

The delegation consisting of President Corina, First Gentleman Richard, PP Dr Jimmy Daruwalla, PP Dr Chin Koy Nam, Rtn Karen Tan, PP Dr Low Cze Hong, Ann Elizabeth, his son, Jonathan, made the road trip to KL on 18th September at 8.30 am promptly from Newton Car Park via a compact bus sitting up to 10 persons, with driver and tour guide from JB.

We stopped for lunch in Melaka, hosted by President Corina & First Gentleman Richard at BeiZhan Restaurant. It had wonderful roast duck porridge and other dishes. Unfortunately Jimmy was on a vegetarian diet that day and missed some dishes!



We arrived in the afternoon in KL by a tortuous interesting route, with some back street KL scenes. After checking in at the KL Shangri-la hotel, and a quick change to smart casual, we met with the KL and visiting Rotarians for a walk to the Tamerin Restaurant and night club where we met with more new and old friends / Rotarians from their nine sister clubs.

Finger food and Italian cuisines were provided including several Iranian belly dancers to get everyone excited. After the dinner, some of us, Koy Nam, Karen, Cze Hong & Elizabeth adjoined for hokkein mee / lime juice supper in Jalan Barat. Taxis were very reasonable, costs less than RM 5 between our hotel and the food stalls.



Friday, the next day, started with a Shangri-la sumptuous breakfast buffet spread.

Our culinary adventure took us to famous 'Klang Hilton' aka Siow Tiow promfret restaurant hosted by PP Cze Hong & Elizabeth, on the recommendation of Dato Jimmy. It was an hour long trip, passing from KL, through Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya and then to old Klang town; fortunately the traffic was good. The lesson we learned was to avoid KL on the weekends. We were too full for durians in SS 2 in Petaling Jaya on our way back, but were still able to drop by in Sungai Wang for coffee and shopping!



The official installation dinner was held in Shangri-La's basement two ballroom, making it easy for us. The Selangor Sultan was the guest of honour while PP Frank Lim was the organizing chairman. IPP Chan Kam Fatt did a great job during his third term. In-coming president Halim said he would have to a hard act to follow. The Malaysian menu was interesting with a fusion of Malay, Indian and Peranakan Chinese food. The first dish was an interesting Malaysian Four Seasons Platter followed by the Indian Mulligatawny soup. Wok fried vegetables with macadamia nut, Hainanese chicken chop, Nyonya style steamed fish, Nasi goreng belacan and finished off with Banana fritters with gula Melaka and vanilla ice cream. That's not the end, supper was served almost immediately after the dinner plates were cleared.



We were joined by IPP Jeffery and CP Siew Joon for drinks towards the end of the dinner. The programme officially ended at 1 am. We were provided with chicken porridge and nasi lemak for supper from 11.30 pm onwards. Frank was glad that some of us stayed back to fellowship. We finally said goodbye to our hosts.

Saturday morning after the Shangri-la breakfast, we set out at 9am to a Malacca for lunch and a visit to Makota Medical centre on our way back. Lunch was at a very good authentic peranakan restaurant called 'Amy'. This was hosted by PP Koy Nam. We arrived safely at Newton car park in the early evening.