

DIARY – ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL YEAR 1991/1992

JULY 1991

- 05 6th Installation Night Dinner.
- 14 Joggerthon was successfully concluded.
- 20 1st luncheon meeting.
Dr. Mohd Sidek from Normah Medical Specialist Centre talked on "Taking Care of your Health"

Presentation of a cheque to Mr. Matthew Chan, the organising chairman for fund raising for the Blind Centre.
- 22 First Board of Directors meeting hosted by the President.
- 27 Rotarians attended the Installation Night Dinner of the Rotaract Club.

AUGUST 1991

- 03 Rotary Anns attended cooking session at Rotarian Andy's house.
First Ladies' night on August 3, 1991 at Rotarian Andy's house at 6.30 p.m.

Dr. Tiki Ak Lafe delivered his topic on Ear, Nose, Throat Cancer.

Cooking session on Penang Laksa at Dr. Samuel Kiyui's residence in the afternoon.
- 10 Rotarians attended SMK Kuching High Interact Club Installation Night Dinner at 6.30 p.m.
- 17 Luncheon meeting.
- 24 First Club Assembly.

SEPTEMBER 1991

- 03 District Governor Dr. Robert Loh and his Rotaryann Mary paid his maiden visit to our Club.

Induction of Rotarians Kurt Lanzerstorfer and Mohd Ibrahim Nordin by District Governor Dr. Robert Loh.

2nd Club Assembly.
- 14 Mr. Johnny Kuek, Club's speaker talked on "Home Library".
- 15 Participated in Charity Sales at Society for the Deaf.
- 21 Encik Mohd Suffian Yek spoke on "Pesticide & Residue"

1st production of Club's bulletin.

22 Donation \$100 to Telematch and took part in the Telematch organised by Rotaract Club of Kuching.

26 2nd BOD meeting hosted by President Elect Loa Djin Liang.

28 Luncheon meeting

OCTOBER 1991

05 2nd Club's monthly Bulletin. Luncheon meeting.

12 Luncheon meeting

19 Visiting Rotarian John Williams told us he was in Kuching in 1962. He retired as army at the age of 38. At Tortola, there are 2 Clubs as in Kuching.

President officially announced the appointment of Rtn Mohd Ibrahim Nordin to be the New Director for Club Service.

26 Mr. Alan Vest, Sarawak Football coach gave an informative talk on football and its career benefits.

Video show on "Invention and Ideas".

NOVEMBER 1991

02 Luncheon meeting.

04 3rd BOD meeting hosted by Rotarian Kho Ping.

09 Guest Speaker Mr. Jacob Sebastian talked on "Yoga".

A Vocational project undertaken by our Club. President presented Vocational Award to Mr. Victor Tan Cheng Eng in recognition of his fine work as swimming coach. Another one ins Miss Annie Soon, a teacher with the School for the Blind Centre.

10 Fellowship night at Yuki Pub on Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

Golfers assembled at Golf Club to tee off at 6.30 a.m.

16 Luncheon meeting.

Pot-luck dinner at Rtn Wilford Teo's house @ 7.30 p.m. in conjunction with 3 group study exchange students visit.

24 Our Club under the Youth Director's project, sponsored 10 Interactors to participate in the speech competition organised by the Toastmaster Club. (\$ 10/- per participant)

30 Video Show entitled "Pursuing The New Renaissance".

DECEMBER 1991

01 Participated in Annual Charity Sales at Hilton Hotel.

07 Luncheon meeting.

08 Under the Youth's project, Rotarians consisting PPs conducted a leadership training seminar for Board of Directors of Kuching High School and Tun Abang Haji Openg Interactors at Telang Usan Hotel.

10 Interactors from Kuching High and 6 from TAHO attended.

14 Another Youth's project is the launching of Essay writing Competition for English, Mandarin Bahasa Malaysia with our main sponsor SEDC.

16 4 TH BOD meeting hosted by Rotarian Ee Guan Teck.

21 C. P. Chua to talk on Rotary's Classification.

Rotarians headed jointly by Youth Director and Community Service Director visited Old Folks home to throw a Christmas party for them. Present together with the Rotarians, were 31 Interactors to present some items to entertain the Old Folks Home's inmates.

28 Luncheon meeting.

29 Golf tournament for in-house Rotarians with tee-off time at 6.30 a.m.

JANUARY 1992

04 Luncheon meeting.

11 Luncheon meeting. David Wong of R.C. of Kingston Park, Adelaide, South Australia, of District 9250 expressed his desire to twin with our Club and to look for joint projects to accomplish for Rotary Year 92/93.

18 President invited every Rotarian to take part in brainstorming sessions to give concrete ideas to improve the attendance of weekly luncheon meeting.

21 Ladies night fellowship at Rtn Philio Tang's residence (on Tuesday night) at 7.30 p.m.

24 5th BOD Meeting hosted by Rotarian Mohd Ibrahim Nordin. The Board agreed to pay \$100.00 to "Bangladesh Disaster Relief Fund" as per decision made at the recent Joint District Assembly.

25 Annual General Meeting for year 1991/1992 and Election of new BOD for year 1992/1993.

FEBRUARY 1992

01 Luncheon Meeting

08 Luncheon Meeting

- 15 Luncheon meeting and practiced R.I. 's theme song "LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF".
- 21 6TH PAN BORNEO MEET - hosted by Rotary Club of Kuching Central.
Fellowship night for Rotarians at Holiday Inn Kuching.
During the Dutch auction, an amount \$2050.00 - \$1410 was raised.
- 22 Launching of Pan Borneo Community Project at Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial Hospital (Leprosy Centre) by District Governor Dr. Robert Loh with the present of DG Nominee Gerald Minjoot and Presidents of various Club in Borneo.
Pan Borneo Meet was officially declared opened by our State Secretary Datuk Amar Bujang Mohd Nor.
- 23 Closing ceremony for the 6th Pan Borneo Meet
- 29 Closing date for National Open Mandarin essay writing competition, a project jointly organized by Rotary Club of Kuching and our Club.

MARCH 1992

- 07 Talk on "Investment in Forex"
- 14 Took part in hosting a group of students from USA coming under Group Study Exchange during their visit to Kuching.
- 21 Rotaryann Wanda Justice from Canada shared with us her work as teacher for the handi-capped children for the pre-school level.
- 26 6TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - hosted by Rotarian Michael Hii.
- 28 Luncheon Meeting.

APRIL 1992

- 04 Rotarian Kho Ping talked on mobile phones.
- 05 Rotarians visited President and other Muslim Rotarians in conjunction of celebrating Hari Raya.
- 10-12 Sponsored 12 Interactors to Attend the 1st District 3310 Interact Conference in Singapore.
- 11 Luncheon meeting
- 18 Presentation of prizes for essay writing competition for English, Mandarin and Bahasa Malaysia.
- 25 Luncheon meeting

MAY 1992

- 02 Presentation of prizes for the 9 winners of the essay writing competition organized by our Club through our Youth Director Rtn Patrick Luk and sponsored by SEDC for the Bahasa Malaysia section, the English section and the Chinese section.
- 03 Took part in the charity sale at the School for the Mentally Retarded.
- 09 Rtn Chin Chia Chau reported the recent chinese essay writing competition was concluded successfully. This was a project jointly organized by Rotary Club of Kuching & our Club with the help of Sin Chiew Jit Poh. The first 3 winners came from West Malaysia. The 1st prize carries a cash prize of \$1,000.00 Whereas \$500.00 & \$300.00 went to the 2nd & 3rd prize winners respectively.
- 11 7th Board of Directors' meeting hosted by Rtn Chin Chia Chau Monday at 7.00 p.m. and the venue was at Telang Usan Hotel.
- 16 Luncheon meeting
- 23 Luncheon meeting
- 30 Rtn Ee Guan Teck gave a talk on Life Insurance in Malaysia and the impact of Consumer Price Index on existing Life Insurance Policy.

JUNE 1992

- 13 Luncheon meeting
- 20 Luncheon meeting
- 24 8th BOD meeting hosted by President Odita at his residence.
- 27 Luncheon meeting

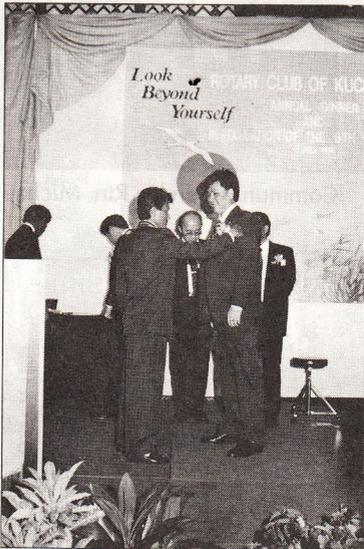
6TH INSTALLATION NIGHT



Installing the 6th President Odit Ibrahim.



A happy handover from outgoing President Frankie Yang.



Installing his Chief Officer, Secretary Rtn. Ee Guan Teck.



Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Augustine Wong.



Vice President Rtn. Dr. Samuel Kiyui.



President-Elect Rtn. Loa Djin Liang.



Treasurer Rtn. Zainal Abidin.



Community Service Rtn. Michael Hii.



Community Service Rtn. Bobby Chai.



Vocational Service Rtn. Sim Choo Phong.



Youth Service Rtn. Patrick Luk.



International Service Rtn. Chin Chia Chau.



The 6th President Rtn. Odita Ibrahim delivering his speech.



6th Board Members & Guest of Honour YB Datuk Abang Hj. Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Hj. Openg, PNBS, JBS.



Rotarians and Anns.

6TH INSTALLATION NIGHT



An appreciation plaque by outgoing Pres. Frankie Yang for 100% percenter PP Chieng Lee Ching (District Governor Representative).



President-Elect Rtn. Loa Djin Liang having a "fun" Raising Session.



Shell Sarawak Bhd. donation for the Blind Society Sarawak.



A gift – an Electronic Keyboard Organ for the blind musician Mr. Karang. We don't give him fish but teach him "how to fish."



Though a small donation but it means a lot to the recipient.



A small fund raised for Mr. Karang in appreciation for his musical entertainment.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT



A long table dinner with DG. Loh hosted by RC Kuching Central.



DG Robert Loh giving away prizes to the winner of Golf Competition.



DG Robert Loh handing over the donation to Karang, the blind musician after his musical performance.



At the main table the President, DG Robert Loh and 1st Lady Mary Loh.



The DG and his wife belting out a number.



Rotary Ann Norlida presenting a souvenir to 1st Lady Mary Loh.

YOUTH SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT RUMAH SRI KENANGAN, KUCHING.



President Odita handing over gifts to the inmates of Rumah Sri Kenangan with the help of Interactors.



Group photo of the Interactors of Kuching High School and SMK Tun Abg. Hj. Openg and the officer at the Rumah Sri Kenangan.



Interactors presenting their numbers.



Handing over the Chinese New Year Cheers to one of the inmates.



Interactor from Interact Club of SMB Kuching High distributing the gifts.



President Odita introduces the officers and the sponsors, Rtn. Patrick Luk and Rtn. Sim Choo Phong with the Interact Presidents.

Vocational Service Month



President Odita giving away the 'Vocational Award' to the State Swimming Coach, Mr. Victor Tan.

Youth Service programme



Representative from SEDC launching the Essay Writing Competition during weekly meeting.



President Odita giving away the prize to the winners of the Essay Writing Competition organised by RC Kuching Central and Borneo Post Group with prizes jointly sponsored by SEDC.

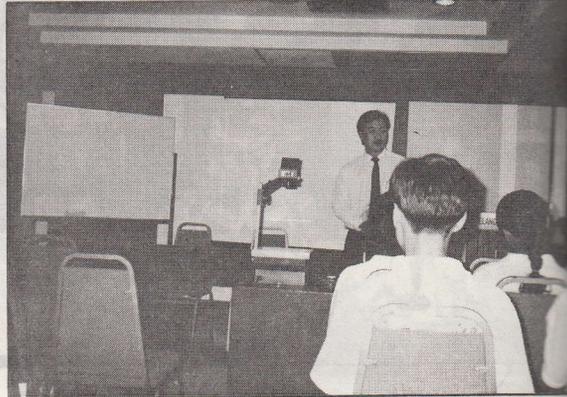


One of the winners of the Essay Writing Competition.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR OFFICERS OF INTERACT CLUBS



A dialogue session with the Interactors led by C.P. Chua Teck Kheng.



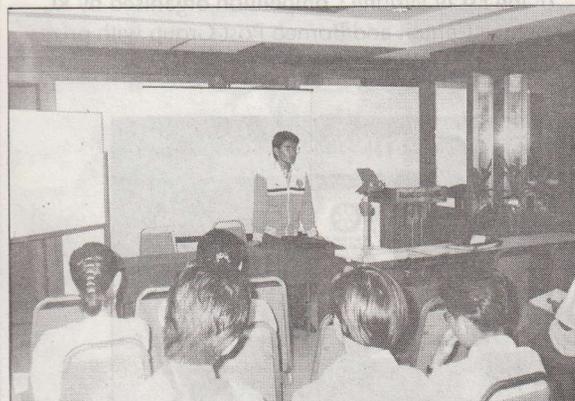
Rtn. Patrick Luk, Director of Youth Service welcoming the participants.



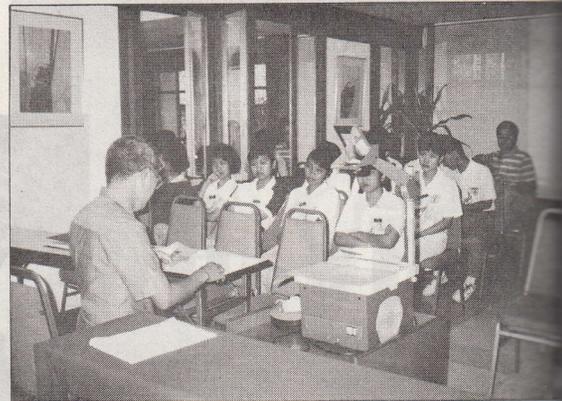
IPP Frankie Yang presenting his paper on "secretaryship."



P.P. Chieng Lee Chieng on the 'History of Interact'.



President Odita on 'Organizational Structure'.



P. P. James Hii on 'Leadership and motivation'.

AT CHARITY SALES



The Charity Stall stalwart and committed workers with Mayor Song, Rtn. Anns Norzan, Norlida and Joyce.



Nasi Lemak Stall at the Charity bazaar organised by the Society for the Deaf, Sarawak.



Rtn. Michael Hii and his gang sampling the Javanese Noodle - served by R.C. Kuching Central Stall at PERKATA Charity Bazaar.



The Rotary Anns Joyce, Norlida and Miriam getting the noodles ready.



Rtn. Wilford Teo always present at Charity Sale like this - may be it is near his house!

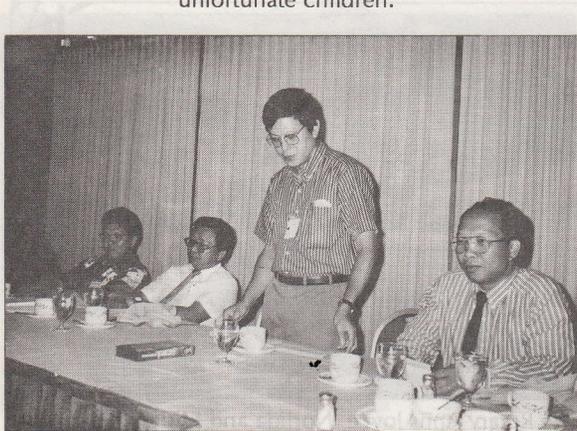
Speakers at Weekly Luncheon Meeting.



Rotary Ann Wanda Justice from Rotary Club of Vancouver South giving a talk on special education for unfortunate children.



Jacob Sebastian a speaker on Yoga.



Rotarian from Australia introduces his club.



President Odita presenting a souvenir to Dr. [Name] after his talk on Ear and Throat.



Oversea Visiting Rotarians drop in at our weekly meeting.

Visiting Rotarians from Overseas



Exchanging of banner with Rotarian from RC of Banstaple Link.

Mr. Tang Jian Feng, Kuala Lumpur
Mr. Tan Guan Guan, Terak



President Odita presenting a banner to a visiting Rotarian.

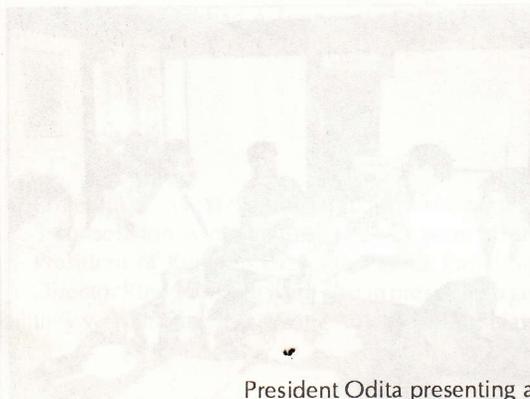


A Rotarian from Rotary Club of Ipoh introduces himself.

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MEETINGS MEETINGS



A time for giggles.



BOD Meeting at Tunhon Industries Office hosted by Rtn. Michael Hii.



Weekly meeting in progress.



BOD meeting at Local hotel hosted by Rtn. Patrick Luk.



Before the weekly meeting starts.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rtn Chin Chia Chau
Director



ESSAY COMPETITION

The International Service theme of this year is "World Peace and Understanding." An essay competition was jointly organised with the Rotary Club of Kuching and Sin Chiew Jit Poh. For the first time the essay competition was in Mandarin. The publicity was mainly provided by Sin Chiew Jit Poh. The response was quite encouraging with entries coming from West Malaysia and Sarawak. The prizes offered were very attractive with a cash value of M\$1,000.00 for 1st, M\$500.00 for 2nd and M\$300.00 for 3rd prizes respectively. The seven consolation prizes were sponsored by the Sin Chiew Jit Poh.

The winners were :-

1st prize Mr. Poh Min Kwang – Johor
2nd prize Mr. Gan Keng Chong – Negeri Sembilan
3rd prize Mr. Chuan A Teng – Selangor

Consolations :-

Mr. Tang Han Foong – Kuala Lumpur
Mr. Cheah Chin Kiaw – Perak
Mr. Voon Teck Ming – Sarawak
Mr. Tan Teck Lee – Sarawak
Mr. Hon Nyiat Bui – Sarawak
Mr. Cheng Yok Heng – Sarawak
Mr. Chin Ann Lee – Sarawak

Prizes for the West Malaysia winners were presented by the Sin Chiew Jit Poh on behalf of the two Clubs while the 5 consolation winners from Sarawak were presented at the Saturday luncheon meeting on 27 June 1992. The President of Kuching Club Rtn Patrick Panai Sigar, President-Elect Rtn Peter Wong and International Service Director Rtn Victor Lee were also in presence to give away the prizes. Souvenirs were also presented to the 3 judges, they were namely Mr. Wong Kok Kyen, Mr. Liaw Kui Ted and Mr. Sick Goh Ngong.



President Odita gave away a souvenir to one of the Judges, Mr. Sick Goh Ngong with President Patrick Panai of Kuching Club at the back.



President Odita and President Patrick Panai (L), Rtn. Victor Lee (L) and Rtn. Chin Chia Chau (R2) both Director of International Service with the winner, member of the Judges and representatives from Sin Chiew Kit Poh.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

A joint project with the Kuching Club, the International Night was held on the evening of the Banquet Dinner for the 6th Pan Borneo Inter-Club Meet. 5 Interact Clubs, namely, Kuching High School, St. Thomas School, St. Joseph School, Tun Abang Haji Openg School and Green Road Secondary School each presented an item to entertain the guests. The variety of items presented include a solo on the classical Chinese instrument called "Yang Ching", a musical play based on the theme song of the film "Grease", a Malay candle light dance, cha-cha formation dance and a local Bidayuh dance. The performances were highly praised by the audience.



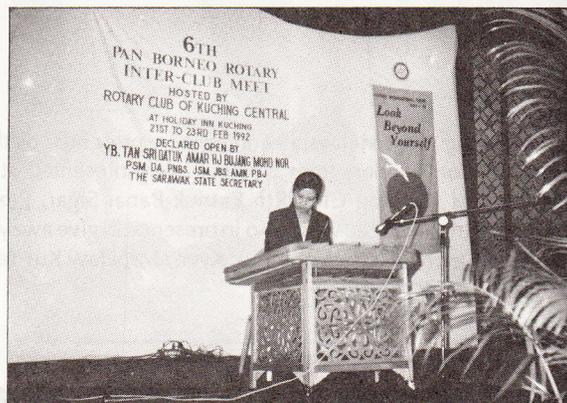
Entertainment presented by Interact Club of St. Thomas. A musical play from "Grease".



Bidayuh dance by Green Road Interact Club.



Cha-Cha formation dance by St. Joseph Interact Club.



A Solo Classical Chinese Instrument "Yang Ching" by Kuching High Interactor".



Candle dance by Tun Abang Haji Openg Interact Club.

6th Pan Borneo

Inter-Club Meet

On 21-23 February 1992



Opening Ceremony speech by the organising Chairman IPP Frankie Yang.



Speech by President Odita Ibrahim



Arrival of Guest of Honour Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Mohd. Nor, State Secretary of Sarawak being escorted by Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Augustine Wong.



Talk on "AIDS" by Dr. Chew Peng Hong.



Talk on "Forest Conservation in East Malaysia" by Forest Officer Rtn. PP Lee Hua Seng.



Rotarians warming up the morning with a song, "Look Beyond Yourself" before the Plenary Session. (L-R) Rtns: Ee Guan Teck, Pres. Patrick Panai, CP Chua Teck Kheng, Chin Chia Chau, Dr. Samuel Kiyui, Philip Tang and Andy Suharto.



Rotarians found the talk on "AIDS" extremely interesting.
 (L-R) Rtns: Wilford Teo, Patrick Luk, Patrick Yu, PP James Hii and Kho Ping.



Rotarians from Pan Borneo Rotary Clubs.



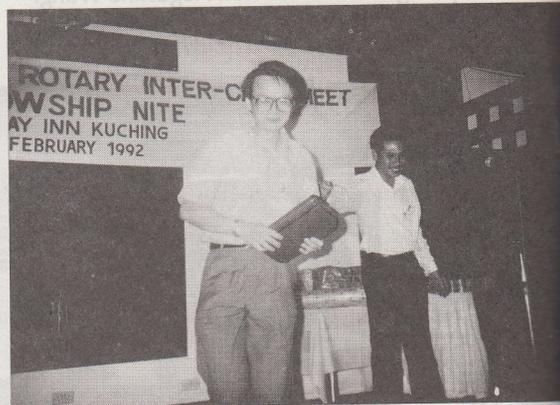
President Odita exchanging banneretts with Sabah Rotary Club.



Fellowship Evening.



A joint effort-entertaining the Rotarians and Rotary Anns, Rtn : Zainal & CP Chua Teck Kheng (L-R)



Rtn Michael Hii smiling away with a "Bonia" handbag for his girlfriend bid from Dutch Auction Fund-Raising

BRIEF HISTORY OF RAJAH CHARLES BROOKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Leprosy Institution (Leper Settlement as it was then called) was first located at 5th Mile, Rock Road, Kuching. It accommodated about 70 patients. In 1917, a fund in memory of the late Second Rajah Sir Charles Brooke, was set up and generously supported by the public. With the funds collected, it was possible to build a new Settlement at Satang Island. This was desirable as the patients were becoming a public nuisance by begging in the streets and involved in other activities such as gambling, etc.

In 1924, the buildings, houses, stores, dispensary and others were completed and the patients were moved to the new settlement. Unfortunately this site was found to be unsuitable because during the Landas season, supplies, communications, rations and other necessities were extremely difficult. This prompted a move to a more suitable sanctuary.

In October 1925, the patients were shifted back to the mainland to the present site at 13th Mile, Penrissen Road. This new place was found to be ideally suited for the location of the settlement. In 1926 more permanent buildings were constructed by the patients themselves as 'Gotong Royong Project' from timber and other building materials brought from Satang Island. In the same year (1926) the Government took over full responsibility of the settlement, but it was still named as Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial Leper Settlement.

In 1940, permanent administrative block and hospital wards were built which could accommodate about 40 patients who needed proper medical and nursing care due to acute illness, ulcers and complications. Since then progressive expansion and improvements continued to take place until 1962. The present Institution consists of the following infrastructure:-

- Administrative Block
- 3 Wards buildings
- 11 Dormitory Barracks
- State Leprosy Control Centre Building complete with Computer and Record Rooms
- Outpatient Department building/Laboratory/Pharmacy/Kitchen/Laundry
- M.C.H. Clinic/Workshop/Canteen
- Mortuary
- Generator House
- Fire hose/pump house
- 7 Staff Quarters/Barracks
- 1 MO Bungalow
- Places of Worship : Chinese temple/SPG Churches/Surau
- Trainee Hostel
- Community Hall/Occupational Therapy Unit/Classroom
- Kindergarten

The settlement was renamed in 1962 and since then is known as Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial Hospital with a total of 62 acreage.

Since its establishment, R.C.B.M. Hospital is the sole Leprosarium providing leprosy care to patients not only from Sarawak, but also from Sabah, Brunei and Kalimantan Indonesia. At its peak occupation, the patient population was as many as 500 plus.

The Sarawak Leprosy Control Programme was launched in June 1974. Since then, with the decentralization and integration of leprosy care into the general medical services, the patient population has progressively declined over the years. This was because compulsory admission by law of a leprosy patient to R.C.B.M. Hospital was abolished and R.C.B.M. Hospital was and is that of Referral Hospital for:

- (i) High infectious cases that cannot be effectively managed in their own environment.
- (ii) Patients with complications and reactions that cannot be managed at peripheral hospital level.
- (iii) Patients for intensive phase of Multiple Drugs Therapy 'Regime (MDT) (especially those coming from Bahagian Kuching)
- (iv) Patients requiring special rehabilitative services.

Since the launching of Leprosy Control Programme until today a total of 1512 cases are being registered and only 590 are still receiving treatment while the rest were either cured or died of old age. It is assumed that there are about 2000 cases of leprosy in Sarawak.

Leprosy Treatment In Sarawak

Before 1940, leprosy was thought to be an incurable disease. The first medicine introduced for Leprosy was Chaulmogra oil injection extracted from the fruit of the Hydnocarpus trees. However it has been found to have no medical value. The greatest advance made in the treatment of leprosy came in 1949 with the discovery of Dapsone, a derivative of Sulphonides and was first introduced to this Hospital in 1951, after which a number of leprosy patients were cured and discharged from the hospital, thus warrant unnecessary admission to leprosarium. However in 1972 other medicines have since been discovered which are also effective for the treatment of leprosy, there being Lamprone and Rifampicin used as dual therapy with Dapsone.

In 1986 W.H.O. introduced the use of these three drugs i.e. Dapsone, Rifampicin & Lamprone (Ethionamide) and termed as Multiple Drug Therapy Regime, which are very effective and thus accepted as National Therapy. Now a total of 173 cases are on MDT, while 94 cases are on surveillance and 417 cases are either on Dual Therapy or Monotherapy.

Leprosy as a Disease

It is caused by Mycobacterium Leprae, a gram positive bacilli, invading only the skin and peripheral nerves. It is infectious and contracted through prolonged intimate contacts with the patient, but it is **NOT HEREDITARY** and its incubation period is about 2-7 years.

Natural body resistance of an individual will determine the severity of the disease, thus the early sign of the disease (Indeterminate) may just disappear if the body resistance is high.

According to W.H.O. definition there are only two types of leprosy namely Paucibacillary and Multibacillary, which can be recognised with the following signs and symptoms:-

- White/Red patch or patches over the skin
- Loss of sensation over the white patch(s)
- Not sweating over the white patch(s)
- Swollen and painful peripheral nerves
- Presence of Mycobacterium Leprae in skin smears or skin biopsy.

LEPROSY IS CURABLE AND TREATMENT IS FREE

EARLY DETECTION PREVENTS DEFORMITY



Members of PAN-BORNEO COMMUNITY PROJECT COMMITTEE

Rtn. Michael Hii – Project Chairman

Rtn. CP Chua Teck Kheng – Deputy Chairman

Rtn. Ee Guan Teck & Kho Ping – Members

Hj. Mohamad Ismail b. Hj. Gusta – Hospital In-Charge.



The Multi-Purpose Hall built in 1954.