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IC Centenary Year Gala Dinner

In conjunction with the Imperial College Asia Convocation ceremony that would be held in Singapore on 30 November 2007 (Friday), ICAAS will be organizing a gala dinner to celebrate the Centenary Year and to mark the 30th Anniversary of the founding of ICAAS. The dinner will be held on Friday evening at: Noble House Restaurant, 5 Shenton Way, #06-13 UIC Building, Singapore 068808.

We strongly encourage you to form tables for a reunion with your fellow class mates. The double celebrations provide a strong compelling reason for such a get-together. Interested parties can contact Lee Yew Wei (email: as1a62@yahoo.com.sg), ICAAS co-opted member, to seek clarification on any question you may have.

For ICAAS members, individual seat costs S\$88 (nett); it includes 8-course Chinese dinner and a special edition DVD (see below). A table of 10 costs S\$808 (nett). For non-ICAAS members, individual seat costs S\$100 (nett), while a table of 10 costs S\$999 (nett).



In 2002, ICAAS secured an agreement with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTVHK) for the right to reproduce the television program "Preeminent Chinese Series: Lee Kuan Yew" on DVD to raise money towards a bursary fund for Singapore students studying at Imperial College London. This two-hour program is a documentary on then Senior Minister Lee's life, family values, and concept of government. He was the first Southeast Asian Chinese presented in RTVHK's "Preeminent Chinese Series" and also the first politician presented in the series.



The title of Fellow is the highest honour conferred by Imperial College, which conferred this honour on Lee Kuan Yew in November 2002 to recognize him as the "architect" of Singapore's economic success and to commend him on the huge contribution he had made in developing Singapore as a centre for high technology.

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At the Joint Technology Innovation Symposium



Assoc. Professor Seah Hock Soon (IC alumna and Chair of School of Computer Engineering at Nanyang Technological University) presented on the topic "The State of the Art in Computer Assisted Cel Animation." His Computational Arts Group had signed an agreement with Japan's Anime International Inc. to jointly develop anime episodes for the Japanese market.



Chen Hung (ICAAS life member and Vice Chairman of 3HPArchitects) recounted his work in helping to clear the pig farms, industries and river traffic along the Singapore River, as part of a concerted effort to give the river a new lease of life. His talk was entitled "A Dirty Story – Cleaning Up the Singapore River."

The second joint technology innovation symposium between ICAAS and the University of Illinois Alumni Association (UIAAS), supported by the National Library Board, was held on 21 April 2007. The day-long event featured a total of eight speakers, of which two were IC alumni.



Dr. Lee Hing Yan, president of ICAAS and UIAAS, gave the welcome address to a Saturday morning audience, eager for knowledge to make it a point to rise early to attend the symposium.



Raymond Kwok and Prof. Wong Limsoon (both former ICAAS presidents) were still deeply engrossed in conversation, despite the successful completion of the event and the thinning crowd on a late weekend afternoon.

We Seek Your Contributions ...

If you have had a class or year reunion recently, do drop us a few lines and/or send us a photo to share with others in the newsletter. This is a great way to catch up and/or locate long lost friends.

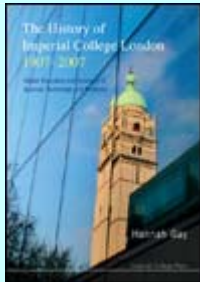
In Support of A Worthy Cause



Baey Yam Keng (MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC & ICAAS life member) was the guest-of-honour at a charity event spearheaded by Benjamin Wong (President of Rotary Club of Victoria, Singapore & ICAAS life member) on 26 April 2007. The charity film, "The Good Shepherd" held at the Cathay Cineplex in aid of the youths and children of D'Artistes Group, raised \$25,000. The newly-formed non-profit volunteer group focuses on opportunities for the performing arts for children and teenagers who are intellectually challenged.

L-R: Benjamin Wong, Baey Yam Keng, & Elsie Lee (wife of ICAAS president, Dr. Lee Hing Yan).

Exclusive Offer of 30% Discount to All ICAAS Members



The History of Imperial College London, 1907-2007, Higher Education & Research in Science, Technology & Medicine

By Hannah Gay (Imperial College London, UK)

If you wish to purchase a copy of this book, you can enjoy a 30% discount for purchase at the World Scientific online store at <http://www.worldscibooks.com/histsci/p478.html>. Email ICAAS President for the discount code to provide with your purchase.

This is the first major history of Imperial College London. The book tells the story of a new type of institution that came into being in 1907 with the federation of three older colleges. Imperial College was founded by the state for advanced university-level training in science and technology, and for the promotion of research in support of industry throughout the British Empire. True to its name, the college built a wide number of Imperial links and was an outward looking institution from the start. Today, in the post-colonial world, it retains its outward-looking stance, both in its many international research connections, and with staff and students from around the world. Connections to industry and the state remain important. The College is one of Britain's premier research and teaching institutions, including now medicine alongside science and engineering. This book covers both governance and academic activity within the larger context of political, economic and socio-cultural life in twentieth-century Britain.

MBA Talk on "Blue Ocean Strategy"

Date: 07 June 2007 (Thursday)

Time: 1900 hours

Location: The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore

Blue Ocean Strategy is a new approach to strategy and innovation designed to deliver on the "holy grail" of sustained, performance growth, with a correspondingly higher probability of success and greater impact. The strategy approach is based on certain strategic logic and key principles to generate innovation ideas that truly deliver value to the buyers and users.



Kee-Hian TAN is a Senior Global Expert in the Blue Ocean Strategy Network, co-founded by the creators of Blue Ocean Strategy, Professors Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne. Kee-Hian was a Shell Scholar and graduated with First Class Honours in Engineering from Imperial College.

Admission is FREE but registration is required. Please register before 12 noon on 6 June 2007, by emailing nlprogrammes@nlb.gov.sg and to include "ICAAS Talk on Blue Ocean Strategy" in the subject field. Places are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.

An Evening at Paulaner Brauhaus Microbrewery

Date: 30 May 2007 (Wednesday)
Time: 1915 hours

Venue: Paulaner Bräuhaus Singapore
9 Raffles Boulevard
Time² @ Millenia Walk
Singapore 039596

Kindly confirm your attendance latest by 4 May 2007 (Friday). Please register with Paul Brandeis, Honorary Secretary of ICAAS (email: brandeis@sg.pepperl-fuchs.com), who will make the reservations.



Information about the Brewmaster Tour:

- Tour will start at 1930 hours sharp.
- Please meet at the bar counter on Level 1.
- Alex Buchner, brewmaster of Paulaner, will conduct the tour personally.
- Duration of the entire tour is approximately one hour.

The price per person is a mere \$15 nett. You will never get it that cheap again! It includes the tour and a glass of fresh beer for each person, as well as a gift to be presented after the tour. After the tour, ICAAS members may opt to join the ICAAS Exco for its regular meeting.

For those interested to learn more about the brewing process at Paulaner, you may visit the following web-page: http://www.paulaner.com.sg/htmdocs_2006/microbrewery_brewing_process.htm

New Mini-Series on Wellness

ICAAS, in partnership with the University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore (UMAAS) and the National Library Board, will kick off a new talk mini-series on Wellness related issues. The monthly talk will commence in May 2007. The first two talks have been scheduled as follows:

19 May 2007 (Saturday), 3.00 - 4.30 pm at library@orchard

The inaugural talk, entitled "Bright Eyes – Improving Eyesight and Guarding against Reading Difficulties", will be given by IC and UM alumnus Yap Tiong Peng. He is a senior consultant optometrist with IGARD and a research fellow in ophthalmology & visual science with the Alexandra Hospital.

09 June 2007 (Saturday), 3.00 - 4.30 pm at Woodlands Regional Library

The second talk will focus on "Lutein Supplementation in Prevention of Age-related Eye Diseases." The speaker is UM alumnus Dr. Koh Hui Hiang, who is senior consultant optometrist with IGARD and a visiting consultant optometrist with the Singapore Polytechnic Optometry Centre.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Forthcoming Events in 2007

19 May	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk at library @ orchard (3 pm) "Bright Eyes – Improving Eyesight and Guarding against Reading Difficulties" By Yap Tiong Peng (Senior Consultant Optometrist, IGARD)
30 May	An Evening at & Tour of Paulaner Brahaus Microbrewery @ Millenia Walk (7:15 pm) By Alex Buchner (Brewmaster, Paulaner)
07 June	MBA Talk: "Blue Ocean Strategy" @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7 pm) By Tan Kee-Hian (Senior Global Expert, Blue Ocean Strategy Network)
09 June	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk @ Woodlands Regional Library (3 pm) "Lutein Supplementation in Prevention of Age-related Eye Diseases" By Dr. Koh Hui Hiang (Senior Consultant Optometrist, IGARD)
20 July	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk @ Bedok Community Library (7 pm) By TBA
08 August	An Evening with Imperial Ambassador By Dame Julia Higgins (Principal, Faculty of Engineering, IC)
17 August	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk @ Bedok Community Library (7 pm) By Dr. Elizabeth Ho (Asia Anti-Aging & Longevity Center Pte Ltd)
August	MBA Lecture: TBA @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7 pm)
September	Annual General Meeting & Dinner
29 November	Management Symposium @ NLB Building Technology Symposium @ NLB Building
30 November	Asia Convocation @ University Cultural Centre, NUS Gala Dinner @ Noble House (7 pm)



IC Centenary Year & ICAAS 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner

30 November 2007 (Friday)

The Noble House

5 Shenton Way, #06-13 UIC Building, Singapore 068808

Spend an exciting evening of drinks, networking, and gala dinner with our Guest of Honour, officials from Imperial College London participating in the Asia Convocation, distinguished fellow alumni and friends.

Programme

1900 Networking Reception
1930 Arrival of Guest of Honour
1930 Welcome by Emcee
Speech by ICAAS President
Speech by IC representative
1945 Dinner Commences
2130 Dinner Ends

Attire Formal (suit & tie for men)

Cost ICAAS Members S\$88 pax S\$808 per table of 10
Non Members S\$100 pax S\$999 per table of 10

Please complete and return the slip below with your payment. Your cheque should be crossed and payable to "ICAAS". The completed form and payment should be sent to ICAAS Gala Dinner Committee, c/o 22 Carpmael, Singapore 429769.

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Address _____

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