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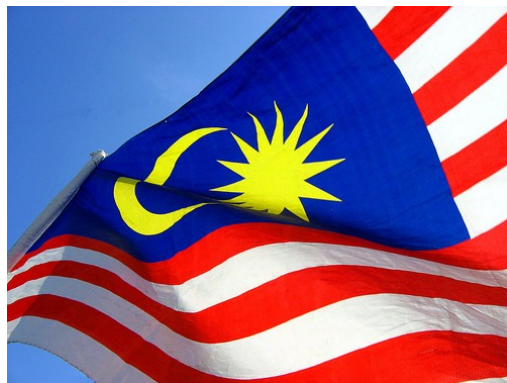
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Editorial — There is no place like home

Home is where our root is. The language, culture and people are all part of us – distinct features that are difficult to be forgotten just like that.

We hear people complaining and grumbling about various issues and non-issues all the time. Despite the shortcoming, we are still safe in the country. Going elsewhere, we can never enjoy the sense of belonging like what we are enjoying now.

A country prosper in few ways - stable politics, thriving economy, lower crime rate, healthy relationship between rakyat, fair juridical system among the rest. I don't know if there is one leader who can make all these happen at one go, though Tun Dr Mahathir did an excellent job in putting Malaysia in world map. At least the country became recognised, rather than just being refereed to as "the country above Singapore".



Patriotism is something to be instilled from young. However, singing Negaraku every morning is not enough, and changing History syllabus and Science's medium of delivery could backfire.



We questioned the rationality of using the draconian law.
We questioned the issues of religious intolerance.
We questioned the political instability.
We questioned the ruling party.
We questioned the opposition party.
But have we ever questioned ourselves for letting all these to happen?

Sometimes, it will be just better for us to put aside the differences and stick together. To keep us from being laughed at. To live in peace together and with the others. To prosper together and eliminate poverty.

May God bless Malaysia.
There is no place like home, after all.

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By,
Amutha Ramadas

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I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.
Nathan Hale

Activity Report

Deepavali Charity Program

In conjunction with Deepavali celebration, IGAUPM organised a charity drive with aim to distribute provisions to orphanages. The association managed to raise cash donation of RM1,500 which was used to purchase provisions. **Sinthamani Divine Life Ashram** and **Anbu Illam** received the provisions for this year's program.

There are 31 children at Sinthamani Divine Life Ashram. The youngest occupant being just one month old and oldest 21 years. There are also three single mothers and aged man and woman who are seeking shelter at this Ashram. The Ashram was started by Praveendran five years ago taking care of only 4-5 kids, but later the number grew to 31.

Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam under the management of Per-satuan Saiva Siddhanta Malaysia comes to the aid of underprivileged children who are from broken homes, orphans, neglected, abused etc. by providing residential care, education, counseling and guidance to empower these children to become a well worth and contributing citizens. This is a non-profit organization which has been in existence since 1982 with aims to continuously provide and care for these children with the help from public and corporate sector.

We would like to take this opportunity to everyone who has donated for this charity program.



*"He who wished
to secure the
good of others,
has already
secured his own."
- Confucius*

Upcoming events

11th AGM & Annual Dinner



The Executive Committee of Indian Graduate Association of UPM (IGAUPM) is pleased to invite the members of IGAUPM to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the association to be held on **30th April 2011**.

Meeting Venue:

Nouvelle Hotel (formerly known as Mint Hotel), Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

Time: 6.00pm

Members and non-members are welcome to register for the **Annual Dinner (Theme: 80s)**, which is to be held at the same venue after the AGM. The dinner tables are priced at **RM60 per pax (adult); RM30 for children between 6 & 12 years old, and is free for children below 6 years old.**

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*"Where there is
charity and
wisdom, there is
neither fear nor
ignorance."
- St. Francis of
Assisi*

The Education Council & High Achiever Awards

The Education Fund Council comprised of the following members :-

Chairman	: Dr. A. Rajan
Secretary	: Dr. Uma Rani
Treasurer	: Dr. Shanthi
Comm. members	: Dr. A Sivapragasam Mr. Jude Gasper
Ex-officio representing IGAUPM	: Mr. Vijiandran

The role of the council would be mostly to administer the Education Fund and also recommend to the main committee means of increasing the education fund.

The council had decided to present two awards worth RM 500 each will be awarded to **top students** (one male and one female). A certificate of appreciation and a plaque will also be given.

For this year, six candidates (3 from each gender) will be suggested by PHUPM and the Education Fund will then select the shortlisted candidates.



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Membership



We would like to request for the existing members to spread the word regarding IGAUPM and assist us with the registration of new members.

MS Word version of the membership form and online membership application form is now available at our website for the ease of registering new members. The registration fees and annual membership fees could be paid online to our CIMB account. The details are available in the form.

Members and non-members are also encouraged to be a part of our online community by joining the IGAUPM Facebook group.



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms Haemamalar (M0169) the newest member to IGAUPM's family.

Postgraduate Scholarships, Awards & Grants

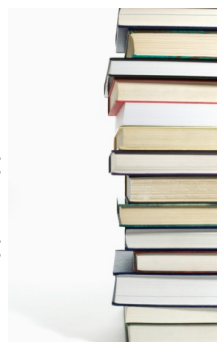
The details of following scholarships, awards and grants are available in our website:

The Rolex Award

The Rolex Awards for Enterprise will be presented in 2012 to five new Laureates for their projects that demonstrate innovative thought and benefit the world we live in.

La Trobe University Scholarships

These scholarships are offered to international students taking up courses at the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering at La Trobe University.



RMIT Scholarships

The School of Computer Science and IT is offering up to 15 full scholarships for eligible international students towards PhD study in Melbourne, Australia.

Adelaine Scholarships International

The University of Adelaide offers a scholarships scheme for international students undertaking postgraduate research study.



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