

**OLD FREES' ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**  
**3, Mount Elizabeth #11-07, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore 228510**

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of Old Frees' Association, Singapore will be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 6.30 pm** at

**Princess Terrace, Level 1**  
**Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore**  
**403, Havelock Road**  
**Singapore 169632**

**AGENDA**

- (1) To consider and to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013.
- (2) Report by Dr Alex Ooi, President, on the affairs of the Association for 2013/14.
- (3) To receive the Hon. Treasurer's Report for 2013/14.
- (4) To elect a Management Committee for 2013/14.  
*Rule 13. A Management Committee (MC) shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM) to conduct the affairs of the Association. It shall comprise a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five ordinary MC members.*
- (5) To elect an Honorary Auditor.
- (6) Any other matters  
*Under Rule 20, the meeting shall consider items brought up by any member for which at least seven clear days' notice had been given to the Honorary Secretary.*

**By Order of the Management Committee**

Gabriel Teh Choo Thok  
*Honorary Secretary*  
3 October 2014

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**Post-AGM Programme**

Immediately following the AGM, we will hold our Annual Dinner at the same function room. Our Guest Speaker for the evening is Master JC Rajarao, an Old Free and former teacher at Penang Free School. The title of his talk is "Recollecting the Past, Enjoying the Present and Considering the Future".

Fee payable to cover annual membership subscription and cost of the sumptuous Penang buffet spread is:

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| Ordinary member: | \$50.00 per person (including annual subscription of \$20.00) |
| Life member:     | \$30.00 per person (no annual subscription)                   |
| Spouse/Guest:    | \$40.00 per person  |

Dinner is expected to commence at about 7.00 pm. Spouses and Guests are most welcomed.

Please mail your cheque, payable to “Old Frees’ Association, Singapore” to: 3 Mount Elizabeth #11-07, Singapore 228510.

For each Old Free, kindly indicate the following particulars:

1. Full name
2. Year left school
3. School House
4. E-mail
5. Mailing address
6. Mobile number

Alternatively, you might wish to register your particulars at our website: [www.ofa.sg](http://www.ofa.sg)

- Please help us to publicise the AGM cum Fellowship Dinner by circulating this Notice to all your Old Free contacts in Singapore.

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### **CV - J.C. RAJARAO**

J.C. Rajarao, known as JC or just Rao, is an old boy of the Penang Free School which he joined in 1947. Rao left school in 1953 and joined the University of Malaya (in Singapore) and graduated in 1958 with a First Class Honours degree in History, his thesis being “Public Administration in Penang: 1786 – 1832” obviously reflecting his deep links with Penang. After teaching history for a year at the University of Singapore, he left for the School of Oriental & African Studies in 1959 on a British Council Scholarship and subsequently was awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship. However, differences between him and one of his supervisors in his interpretation of facts in his thesis titled “The Development of Local Self-Government in Malaya”, caused him to resign his scholarship and return home without his post-graduate degree.

Rao joined PFS as a teacher from 1962 to mid-1964. He then joined the Socialist run Penang City Council as the Asst. City Secretary. He left the City Council when the Barisan National government took over the Council’s administration and abolished the elected representative system. He joined the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (RRIM) in 1996. At the RRIM, he became the Head of the Publications, Library and Information Division and its principal public relations link with Universities and public media until he retired in 1987.

Since retirement, he has edited and published more than a couple of books related to the development of natural rubber and plastics in Malaysia. One of the books he recently authored is titled “The Legacy of MARDEC: Its Origin, Development and Contributions to the Natural Rubber Industry.” Some Old Frees perhaps know him best for his short book on the “History of Penang Free School, and the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Old Frees Association”.

In all, Rao has led a very active life, and remains steadfast with his principles and certainly enjoys a sharp sense of humour. And for a man who is hitting 82 his life style is amazing. He says “Age does not matter; but what matters should not age!”