
Preserving the Past and Looking Ahead

EPILOGUE

By Lee Eng Hin *and* Steve Foong

This coffee-table book was conceived by a dedicated group of Old Frees with the desire to document the history of our beloved alma mater and celebrate the contributions of Old Frees to nation-building in Singapore. It has been a long, challenging and interesting journey to uncover the past 200 years of our Grand Old Dame. Our immense gratitude to the author and editorial consultant Tan Chung Lee who upon taking on this massive task spent many hours in researching the archives and interviewing Old Frees before finally expertly weaving the text and photographs to produce this wonderful book.

This book not only tells the story of the Penang Free School but captures the essence of what it was like as a student of this magnificent School. Through the interviews and personal recollections, the reader cannot help but be impressed by the

dedication of the headmasters and teachers, the quality of the education as well as the emphasis on character-building that has produced a diversity of highly talented students who have gone on to be leaders in their own fields far beyond the confines of Penang and Malaysia.

Two events stand out in our recent past. One is Alex Ooi's role in tracing the roots of one of our most famous Old Frees, Dr Wu Lien-Teh, the Plague Fighter which took him to Harbin in China. Dr Wu is revered by the Chinese for his dedication and contribution to saving countless lives by controlling the spread of the Pneumonic Plague.

The other is Steve Foong's road trip with a group of Old Frees from George Town to Dittisham, South Devon, England where he traced the origins of our founder Reverend Robert Sparke Hutchings. The PFS Bicentenary Committee is planning a return trip from Dittisham to George Town

in 2016 in time for the PFS Bicentenary Speech Day.

As we celebrate our bicentenary in 2016, we will no doubt look back with nostalgia on our days in the School. We will remember with fondness and appreciation at what the school has done for us, but at the same time we will also look forward to see what we can do for the School. As each generation passes, we should aim to preserve the greatness of the School and enable its current and future students to rise to greater heights.

*"Let us onward to win and new laurels gain
Free School for the brave and the true!"*

Fortis Atque Fidelis

Annexes

Head Boys (Head Prefects)

Penang Free School 1865-2015

1	Eng Tin 1865	25	Phuah Chin Beng 1895	49	Ong Chong Keng 1922
2	Charles Nelligan 1866	26	Quah Sin Keat 1896	50	Lim Khye Seng 1923
3	Low Ah Maing 1867	27	Phung Chock Kong 1897	51	Ch'ng Eng Hye 1923
4	Chan Kim Keat 1868	28	Saw Whee Leow 1898	52	Tneh Say Koo 1924 – 1925
5	Quah Beng Poh 1869	29	Yeoh Guan Seok 1899	53	M M Hashim 1925 – 1926
6	Hobart D Caunter 1870	30	Koh Kheng Seng 1900	54	Yeap Choong Lyow 1926 – 1927
7	Beng Hong 1871	31	RH McClelland 1901	55	Lim Peng Kok 1928
8	John Anthony 1872	32	WW Davidson 1902	56	Cheah Heng Sin 1928
9	T Cawthorne 1879	33	Lim Guan Cheng 1903	57	Tann Wee Chong 1928
10	Yu Phung C 1880	34	Axel Hastrup 1904	58	JWD Ambrose 1929
11	Koh Cheng Siew 1881	35	Lim Keat Leong 1905	59	Yeoh Bok Choon 1929 – 1931
12	Lim Teow Chong 1882	36	Kam Ching Poh 1906	60	Lim Keng Eok 1931
13	Khoo Ee Ghee 1883	37	Khoo Heng Kok 1907 – 1908	61	Tan Ah Ee 1932
14	Yeoh Lean Hong 1884	38	Abdul Kareem 1909 – 1910	62	Khoo Phin Hong 1933
15	PV Locke 1885	39	Saw Whee Seong 1911 – 1913	63	Chung Shiu Tett 1936
16	Tan Choo Choy 1886	40	Ong Huck Chuan 1913	64	Chiu Ban It 1937
17	Law Ewe Ee 1887	41	Cheah Tiang Lim 1914	65	Leong Mun Sen 1938
18	Toh Lip Khoo 1888	42	Lee Boon Hock 1914 – 1915	66	Tan Ah Fee 1939 -1940
19	Ung Bok Hoey 1889	43	Chee Chuck Lum 1915	67	Lim Teik Ee 1940
20	Lim Chin Poh 1890	44	Ng Cheong Yew 1916	68	Lau Kam Phooi 1941
21	Koh Leap Teng 1891	45	Cheah Teik Hong 1917	69	Joseph Isaac 1940 -1941
22	Gun Chaik Seng 1892	46	SM Zainul Abidin 1917 – 1918	70	Lee Chin Thuan 1946 – 1947
23	Koay Thean Chin 1893	47	Basha Merican 1919 – 1921	71	Lim Chiang Choo 1947 – 1948
24	Gnoh Lean Tuck 1894	48	Syed Omar 1921	72	Chew Kim Seng 1948

- 73 Chan Kong Thoe 1948
- 74 Lim Ewe Hin 1948 – 1949
- 75 Goh Hock Lye 1949 – 1950
- 76 Yiap Khin Yin 1950
- 77 Lim Ah Soo 1950 – 1951
- 78 Eddy Chung 1952
- 79 Boey Khoon Loong 1952 – 1953
- 80 Mahinder Singh 1953 – 1954
- 81 NA Ogle 1954 – 1955
- 82 Lee Teng Chye 1955 – 1956
- 83 Teoh Soon Teong 1956
- 84 Kee Yong Tau 1956 – 1957
- 85 Thong Kar Cheong 1957 – 1958
- 86 Tan Teng Nam 1959
- 87 Koe Eng Ghee 1960
- 88 Chin Wah Seng 1961
- 89 Chan Hen Sam 1962
- 90 Lim Chin Kee 1963
- 91 Tan Poh Seng 1964
- 92 Teng Kok Seng 1965
- 93 Teh Ping Choon 1966
- 94 Tan Heng Soon 1967
- 95 Goh Hong Guan 1968
- 96 Tan Kheng Kooi 1969
- 97 Lim Hun Soon 1970
- 98 Yew Teik Chye 1971
- 99 Lim Siang Jin 1972
- 100 Ng Beng Lee 1973
- 101 Tan Hock Guan 1974
- 102 Yeang Hoong Kheng 1975
- 103 Lim Kew Seng 1976
- 104 Goh Kok Yew 1977
- 105 Ch'ng Geam Liang 1978
- 106 Lim Hoon Chong 1979
- 107 Soh Yew Siang 1980
- 108 Tan Poh Eng 1981
- 109 Khoo Guan Huat 1982
- 110 Ong Ewe Lee 1983
- 111 Yeoh Hock Thye 1984
- 112 R Angappan 1985
- 113 Boo Soon Yew 1986
- 114 Khor Seng Teng 1987
- 115 Y Narendran 1988
- 116 Abdul Aziz B Haji Sulaiman 1989
- 117 Eric Chang Choong Yin 1990
- 118 Lye Chien Chai 1991
- 119 R Murali 1992
- 120 Jerry Chang Shang Yu 1993
- 121 Adrian Tay Peng Kuan 1994
- 122 N Sunderaj 1995
- 123 Santosh Raj 1996
- 124 Tan Hee Seng 1997
- 125 Ding Teng Yew 1998
- 126 Jeffrey Woo 1999
- 127 Lim Teong Keat 2000
- 128 Lee Teong Ghee 2001
- 129 Kenneth Teow Kheng Leong 2002
- 130 Goh Kok Yun 2003
- 131 Teo Lee Ken 2004
- 132 Ivan Ooi Jieun Vei 2005
- 133 Yeoh Jit Wei 2006
- 134 Ritchie Lee Zhe Zin 2007
- 135 Kenneth Tan Yu Shen 2008
- 136 Jashan A/L Siva Sankar 2010
- 137 Koh Cheang Huat 2011
- 138 Por Kai Yann 2012
- 139 Ooi Jian Ming 2013
- 140 Teoh Ewe Mun 2014
- 141 Amirul B Akbar Khan 2015

Queen's Scholars

Penang Free School 1893-1957

- 1 Ung Bok Hoey 1893
- 2 Koh Leap Teng (MB B.CH) 1894
- 3 Gnoh Lean Tuck also known as Wu Lien-Teh (MA, MD, ETC) 1896
- 4 Quah Sin Keat (BA, LSA) 1898
- 5 Yeoh Guan Seok (BA, LLB) 1901
- 6 RH MacClelland (BA, LCE) 1901
- 7 Koh Kheng Seng (BA) 1902
- 8 WW Davidson (BA) 1903
- 9 Lim Guan Cheng (MB, BCH,ETC) 1904
- 10 Khoo Heng Kok (BA, LLB) 1909
- 11 Tneh Say Koo (BA, ACA) 1924
- 12 Tan Ah Tah (BA, LLB) 1924
- 13 Yeoh Cheng Hoe (LRRCR, MRCS) 1925
- 14 Oon Khye Beng (BA) 1926
- 15 Lim Kheng Kooi (BA, LLB) 1927
- 16 Cheah Heng Sin (BA) 1927
- 17 JWD Ambrose (BA,BCL) 1928
- 18 Ooi Tiang Eng (MA, BM, BCH, ETC) 1929
- 19 AV Winslow (BA, LLB) 1934
- 20 Lim Chong Eu (MB, BCH) 1937
- 21 Chung Shiu Tett (BA, LLN) 1940
- 22 Cheah Bian Kung (MSc, PHD) 1948
- 23 Lim Kee Jin (MB, BS) 1952
- 24 Chan Kong Thoe (MBBS) 1954
- 25 Wong Lin Ken (MA) 1955
- 26 Khoo Soo Hock (BA Hons) 1957

The Old Frees' Association, Singapore

Presidents

1962-66	Mr Justice Tan Ah Tah
1973 – 74	Mr Justice Alfred Victor Winslow
1975	Mr Heah Hock Meng
1976 – 80	Professor Chan Kong Thoe
1981 – 83	Mr TQ Lim
1984 – 85	Mr Ng Kong Yeam
1985 – 86	Professor Chan Kong Thoe
1986 – 87	Mr TQ Lim
1987 – 88	Professor Lee Seng Teik
1988 – 89	Mr TQ Lim
1989 – 92	Dr Oh Siew Leong
1992 – 95	Mr Kok Weng On
1995 – 96	Mr Chong Soon Khean
2007 – 2010	Mr Neo Kim San
2010 – 2016	Dr Alex Ooi Koon Hean

Life Members *(As of 30 June 2016)*

1	Dr Alex Ooi Koon Hean	21	Captain Lim Cheng Leong
2	Professor Alan Tan Khee Jin	22	Dr Lim Eam Khoon
3	Dr Chan Kong Thoe	23	Mr Malcolm Tan Ban Hoe
4	Mr Chan Soo Khian	24	Dato' Ng Kong Yeam
5	Dato' Cheah Cheng Hye	25	Ms Ong Su-Chzeng
6	Mr Cheah Hock Leong	26	Dr Ooi Choon Jin
7	Dr Chin Wah Seng	27	Professor Peter Lim Ai Chi
8	Dr Chong Tian Hoo	28	Mr Philip Ling Soon Hwa
9	Mr Dennis Lee Ean Hooi	29	Ms Poh Cheng Kin
10	Mr Gabriel Teh Choo Thok	30	Professor Soo Khee Chee
11	Mr Gan Khai Choon	31	Mr Sreenivasan Iyer
12	Mr Heah Hock Heng	32	Mr Steve Foong Ther Hoei
13	Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam	33	Dr Tan Seang Beng
14	Mr Jeff Yeo Nai Kwang	34	Dr Tan Yew Oo
15	Mr John Lim Kok Min	35	Mr Tay Lee Soon
16	Mr Khaw Teik Kooi	36	Mr Thanneermalai Lakshmanan
17	Dr Khoo Hoon Eng	37	Professor Wong Peng Chiang
18	Professor Lee Eng Hin	38	Mr Yeoh Herr-Ling
19	Professor Lee Seng Teik	39	Mr Yeoh Keat Chuan
20	Dr Lim Beng Hai	40	Mr Yeoh Kheng Hock

About the author

Singapore-based Tan Chung Lee is an independent writer, researcher and editor. She began her career in journalism when she joined the foreign desk of *The New Nation* after obtaining a political science honours degree from the University of Singapore. She moved on to do investigative reporting and writing on social issues such as housing for which she had her own column. She was the editor of two regional travel magazines and a contributor to travel and trade publications in Hong Kong, Bangkok and San Francisco before joining the public relations industry as a consultant specialising on tourism and travel.

Although best known for her travel writing for which she has won three awards, Chung Lee has a penchant for the eclectic. She has written, edited and published several specially commissioned works for various governments, corporations and institutions on a wide variety of topics, from nature, wildlife and the environment to culture, industries, finance, travel and tourism. This is her 19th book. Her commissioned works include *Cultures of the World: Finland; Bali, Isle of Light; Lending a Helping Hand* on Fullerton Financial Holdings' micro-financing activities in six countries; *Warming Hearts for Generations: 150 Years of City Gas* and *The Story of NWC* on the National Wages Council in Singapore.