

OFAS President's Letter to every old free we can reach in Singapore.

Dear friends and members,

Two weekends in May were busy ones, in terms of our old boy's matters.

Saturday May 19th was the lecture on Dr Wu Lien-Teh (a synopsis on him is in this website) at the Wawasan Open University in Penang, with Prof Dato Anwar Ibrahim in the driver's seat. The producer of the 3 part series on Dr Wu, Ms Ong Lay Hong, of Mediacorp, gave an excellent presentation and I had the honour of being moderator (attached is copy of the announcement for the event). Mr Loke Gim Tay, a prominent old Chung Ling boy, co-sponsored the event. The honourable Chief Minister came by to officiate the opening and make a speech. Over 200 people attended.

The weekend was also attended by Prof Ye Tian from Harbin Medical University and his assistant, both of whom had come to meet with us to discuss the planned international gathering at Harbin in January 2013. We also met with ThinkCity, Penang Heritage Trust, Penang Global Tourism, Penang Institute and OFA Penang as well as mapped out a possible Heritage Trail. We also had the opportunity to visit the School archives and Penang Museum (the original PFS location).

I am looking for people to help out with the organization of and attending the Harbin do. Please step forward and be counted!

We thank our secretary, Gabriel Teh and Ooi Oon Tat, for discovering our actual date of incorporation as OFA Singapore being 26 May 1962, even though there are newspaper cutting records of gatherings of old frees since 1952. Place of business is now officially my clinic address and we are in the process of updating banking records and our revised constitution.

On 25th May, we held a 50th anniversary gathering, attended by over 70 people. After many years, an old Free assumed the role of Headmaster of PFS once again. I invited him, Tuan Jalil Saad, to be our guest speaker and he was very well received. He spoke well, showing many slides on performance of the school (dismal) and of pictures in PFS archives. See the picture gallery.

Fortis Atque Fidelis!
Dr Alex Ooi 20 Feb 09