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Editor's Note

Selamat Sejahtera,
It has been a while but MAYCHAM has kept going with loads of exciting trips, events and updates for our MAYCHAM members.

The cover of our Berita was the design for 'Malar Hijau' Merdeka Nite 2025 theme with Yijia Tiong our EXCO as Chairlady with a strong core organising committee and support from many generous and selfless partners, sponsors, donors, volunteers et al. According to our new Head of STF Gina Wong, "...we raise \$4,667,300 for the STF, a sum sufficient to fund about 30 students over an average of four years and each student at HK\$40k annually". Our Dato Gan also personally like to highlight and commend some 20 ex-students who have re-donated a very meaningful HK\$101,350 therefore a new total of HK\$4,768,650.

This edition, we feature our Matthew Thew who was the first batch of the STF to bare his soul to us. We also celebrated a successful 11th AGM as we wholeheartedly thank our EXCO for their ongoing unwavering support and dedication, also welcoming a new EXCO member Akihiro Cheng. Teamwork had enabled MAYCHAM to organise an exclusive Nasi Lemak talk with YB Anthony Loke, Ministry of Transport, and members of WiN got together for M2M (part 1). Keep reading and check out more updates on our exciting events and activities.

As 2025 draws to a close, our beloved HK is deeply shaken by grief after the Tao Po fire tragedy. We extend our sincerest wishes to the families and those affected also heartfelt gratitude to the (unsung) heroes and all support given expeditiously and selflessly as HK resiliently put the pieces together with renewed hope and courage.

Thank you for all the support, wishing all members and friends of MAYCHAM a Happy New Year 2026!

Always,
Woan-Chiun Joe Ng
Subcommittee Media & Communications;
Vice-Chair, Head of Membership





AGM 2025/26



A Year of Growth, Connection, and Community — Highlights from the Annual General Meeting

By Bryan Neoh

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) brought together members, partners, and friends of MAYCHAM for a day of reflection, updates, and future plans. It was more than just formalities, it was a celebration of what we have achieved together and where we are headed to next.

We heard from Dato' KC Gan, our Founding Chairman, as he shared his reflection on the MAYCHAM's activities and achievements over the past year, and outlined the priorities for the year ahead. DS Cheah presented as the Convenor of the Advisory Council's Treasurer's Report. Followed by the treasurer's report that MAYCHAM ended the financial year (March 2025) with a healthy surplus. Bank and cash balances remain strong, with assets nearly five times the value of liabilities — a reassuring sign of stability.

The MAYCHAM Students Trust Fund was another bright spot. Over the year, it received a remarkable HKD 2.82 million in donations, with HKD 1.64 million awarded in scholarships. This means we not only supported talented students but also maintained a surplus to carry forward, ensuring the fund's sustainability.

After the Treasurer's report, each head of the subcommittees shared their updates — giving members a closer look at the teamwork powering MAYCHAM's initiatives.

Looking Ahead

We thank all the EXCO, subcommittee members and all who have directly and indirectly been a part of MAYCHAM. We also warmly welcome a new EXCO member Mr Akihiro Cheng to the family. In conclusion, the AGM was a reminder of how far we have come — not just in numbers, but in connections, partnerships, and shared purpose. With a strong financial foundation, an active membership, and committed subcommittees, MAYCHAM is poised for another year of meaningful growth. It was clear from the energy in the room: MAYCHAM is not just a chamber — it is a community. And together, we are ready for the next chapter.

THE ELECTED MAYCHAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 26/2025 (in no particular order)

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| 1. AIK Wei Shen | 8. NG Cheng Cheng |
| 2. CHEAH Cheng Hye | 9. NG Woan Chiun |
| 3. CHEONG Shin Keong | 10. Saniza OTHMAN |
| 4. CHOW Kok Kheong | 11. Esther OW |
| 5. GAN Khai Choon | 12. Helena PHUA |
| 6. Catherine HOR | 13. SONG Hoi See |
| 7. LIOW Zen Pin | 14. Kelvin TAN |



11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Events & Activities Subcommittee:

Organised 11 events, providing valuable platforms for members to connect, learn, and collaborate.

Interchamber & Partnership Subcommittee:

Focused on building bridges between chambers and promoting Malaysian brands in HK. Hosted five in-person events and five lively happy hours etc creating plenty of networking opportunities.

Macau Subcommittee:

Continued to strengthen ties and explore opportunities in the Macau market.

Media & Communication Subcommittee:

Worked to enhance MAYCHAM public image through our newsletters and close collaboration with other teams to publicise activities effectively.

Secretarial & Coordination Subcommittee:

Ensured smooth administrative and operational support across the Chamber's work.

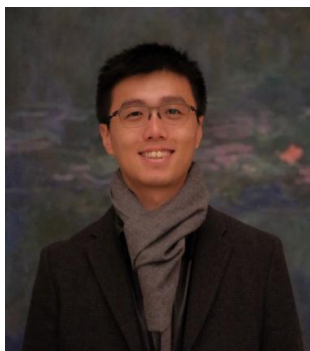
Students Trust Fund Subcommittee:

Managed the fund donations and disbursements, keeping its mission front and centre.

Trade & Services Subcommittee: Advanced initiatives to support businesses in trade and professional services.

Women Internal Network (WiN): As part of the Membership Subcommittee, it championed diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within the Chamber. It also worked with other internal and external interest groups to increase engagement and raise the profile of our activities.

Introducing New EXCO



Akihiro CHENG is originally from Kulai, Johor has spent most of his formative years in Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya before relocating to Brussels, Belgium to pursue tertiary education. After graduating with a BSc in Business Administration and a MSc in International and Sustainable Finance from KU Leuven, he moved to HK for a career in private banking with HSBC in 2020. In his day job, Akihiro is focused on relationship management and delivering tailored investment solutions to (U)HNWIs through a combination of deep analytical expertise with a robust understanding of client needs. Outside of work, he is an avid traveler that loves visiting museums and classical concerts.

Celebrating the first EXCO meeting after AGM and congratulations to Datuk Wira Song





Feature Story – Interview With Mr Matthew Thew

By Joe Ng



Tell us a bit about yourself

My story starts in a modest setting: Bagan Serai, a small town between Taiping and Parit Buntar. Growing up as the youngest of four, our family's simple means taught me the value of hard work and resilience. My greatest fortune was having parents who, despite their own limited formal education, never let me forget the critical importance of learning.

That lesson became my compass, leading me to Hong Kong nine years ago for my studies at HKU on a full scholarship. It continues to guide my career today at UBS, where I am an Investment Banking Associate specializing in FIG M&A. A pivotal moment in this journey was receiving the MAYCHAM Students Trust Fund ("STF") in 2017, a grant that removed my financial worries and empowered me to pursue these opportunities with confidence.

That experience solidified my desire to give back. Today, I channel that gratitude into my MAYCHAM roles, serving on the Student Trust Fund selection committee and as a Young Professional representative, to help open doors for others as they were once opened for me.

You are one of the first batch of MAYCHAM STF and you had share some of your experience in our previous Berita (Nov 2022) can you share and tell us how this has positively influence or has an impact on you?

Being featured in the Berita article was a very meaningful full-circle moment for me. It's hard to track or quantify the impact in a direct way. However, its positive influence was profound in two more intangible ways.

First, it served as a powerful personal milestone of reflection. Revisiting my STF journey for the article forced me to pause and truly appreciate the distance travelled. It is a reinforcement of my gratitude and a reminder of the confidence that the grant gave me.

Second, it was an opportunity to amplify a cause I care about. The most significant impact was likely on the STF itself. If my story helped even one reader understand the trust fund's importance or inspired a future donor, then it was immensely valuable. This

kind of impact is hard to measure, but it's critical for raising the awareness that ensures the fund's sustainability.

So, while I can't point to a specific metric, the article positively influenced me by deepening my sense of purpose. And it perfectly aligned with my, and MAYCHAM's, vision to secure sustainable funding, so more students can have their paths opened, just as mine was.

What was your main drive that get you to where you are now and what keeps you going?

Growing up with limited resources, I always told myself I had nothing to fall back on. That reality fuelled a relentless drive to be hardworking and be resourceful. My highest motivation was to become self-reliant and, one day, be in a position to provide for my family. That core motivation hasn't changed; my family remains my primary source of strength and the reason I keep pushing forward.



You are also now one of the MAYCHAM EXCO member who is actively supporting the MAYCHAM STF (for e.g. interviewing potential recipients), engaging with the MSA students as well as being a supportive male ally for WiN; how has it been and what do you think you can do for MAYCHAM and its members?

It has been incredibly energising. I'm eager to help build stronger bridges between our young professional members, students, and the broader MAYCHAM community.

My goal is to foster an environment where they can find mentors, build meaningful networks, and form deep, supportive relationships. I genuinely enjoy meeting new people and drawing inspiration from their fresh perspectives and young energy.

Ultimately, I hope to put their interests first and act as a catalyst for their growth and connection within the ecosystem.

How do you split your time between work and leisure? What is your hobby that helps you to unwind/relax, or what is a perfect weekend for you?

Given the demanding nature of investment banking, work naturally takes up the majority of my time. To unwind, I turn to racquet sports, which are a great way for me to decompress.

A perfect weekend, however, is all about connection. It involves hanging out with my best friends here in Hong Kong—like Grace,

Hong Bin, Ben, and Scott, who are also MAYCHAM Young Professional Members and my former housemates.

Other than that, I also enjoy playing chess and watching chess tournaments when I get the chance. While it's been on hold for a while, I definitely intend to get back into the semi-competitive chess scene, recapturing some of that focus and intensity I enjoyed back in school.

What would you say to your younger self? And what would you say to your future self?

To my younger self, I would say: "Focus on broad-based development. Don't just chase grades; build a wide range of skills and experiences."

To my future self, I would ask: "I hope you are making a positive impact on the people around you and that you look back on the path you chose without any regrets."

What would you share with the potential STF applicants or the Young Professional Members (YPM) who are still exploring their career paths? What is your motto in life and how do you define success?

My advice is twofold: First, be ready before you become hungry. Equip yourself with the right skillsets and knowledge, and then show your eagerness. Second, use internships as a discovery tool – try different roles to figure out what you genuinely enjoy, not just what you're told you should do. Always prioritise skills that will take you far in the long run over short-term financial rewards; the former will naturally lead to the latter.

My motto in life is that there are only a few things that truly matter: your health, your family, and the people you surround yourself with.

I define success on two levels. Personally, it's about being comfortable with and liking what you do, while maintaining happy, strong connections with your close circle. On a broader level, you achieve true success when you have helped others reach their own version of it.

If there is someone that you can have tea/meal with, who would it be?

My late father. I would give anything to share a meal with him and simply say, "I'm doing fine and thank you for everything"



EXCLUSIVE: NASI LEMAK TALK SERIES – Special Dialogue with YB Anthony Loke, Minister of Transport, Malaysia - 10 Sept

Malaysia Transport Minister, YB Anthony Loke, graced MAYCHAM with his presence for a rare and highly sought-after fireside chat – an honour that drew a full house of members and industry leaders. In a relaxed yet revealing conversation deftly moderated by member Ms Zuraidah Ibrahim, Executive Managing Editor of the South China Morning Post, the Minister pulled back the curtain on the bold decisions, political realities, and long-term vision driving Malaysia's transport transformation – from high-speed rail ambitions and urban mobility solutions to aviation recovery and sustainable logistics.

Attendees savoured candid insights into policymaking at the highest level, forged valuable connections over post-chat networking, and left energised by the Minister's infectious optimism and pragmatic roadmap for the nation's infrastructure future. A truly memorable evening that reminded everyone why access to leaders of this calibre remains one of MAYCHAM's signature strengths.



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NEW MEMBERS



Shaw Ming Chia

Head of Corporate Finance, China & Hong Kong

A seasoned banker with c.20 years of corporate and investment banking experience in Greater China and Southeast Asia. Proven track-record in executing cross-border private and public M&A transactions, advising corporate clients on equity and debt fundraising, and managing client relationship.



Scott Yong

**Associate Director
ALPS Capital Management**

Originally from Sungai Buloh, Selangor, and moved to HK in 2016 to pursue my university education at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). In 2019, I was honoured to receive the MAYCHAM Students Trust Fund (STF) which marked the beginning of my active involvement in MAYCHAM activities. Over the years, I have remained engaged with the community, and I am now committed to nurturing the next generation of Malaysian students in HK by actively participating in STF initiatives. Professionally, I am currently part of the investment team at ALPS Capital Management, a multi-family office.



Joyce Koh

**Chief Operating Officer
Datatrade Limited**

Responsible for driving operational excellence and steering the company's strategic growth. Her deep operational expertise is complemented by a strong commitment to advancing the field of business analytics. Over 40 years overseas from her birth country Malaysia navigating her career across Asia Pacific. Recently appointed to the Corporate Advisory Board for the Master of Science in Business Analytics (MScBA) program at HKUST Business School. In this role, she lends her industry knowledge to help shape the curriculum and ensure the next generation of analysts is equipped with the skills needed to thrive in the modern data-driven economy.



Kelvin Lau

**Director
The HK Virtuoso Chorus**

A renowned choral conductor and educator, Founder of the Hong Kong Inter-School Choral Festival (HKICF) and Conductor of the Hong Kong Inter-School Choir (Primary Division). Kelvin established the Hong Kong Virtuoso Chorus (HKVC) in 2011. HKICF's driving force, expanding the annual event to serve 40,000+ participants from 300+ schools. A strong proponent of "training the trainers", leading teacher workshops for dozens of local schools and serves as a music consultant. An alumnus of Berklee College of Music in Boston, USA, Kelvin also conducts internationally, and contributes as a judge and clinician at global choral events.



Melvan Kuan

**CEO
Airmel Tech**

A seasoned cybersecurity professional with over 10 years of experience, I relocated to HK in 2021 to establish and lead a business consulting firm focused on cybersecurity. We offer specialised services in strategic cyber advisory and rigorous technical assessments, such as Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT). My career includes tenures with globally recognised firms including KPMG Hong Kong and Accenture Malaysia, providing me with deep expertise in cybersecurity advisory, audit processes, network infrastructure, cloud security, and the security implications of AI and IT/OT technologies.



Tan Teck Kwang

**Student
HKUST**

I completed my bachelor's degree in computer engineering and pursuing master degrees in computer science in HKUST. I have been in HK for five years, looking forward to learn more about Malaysian community here.



Victor Foo

**Director
IBX Limited**

Born in Penang, Malaysia; Victor has been actively involved in the Financial Services Industry over the last 30 years. He has a vast network amongst the business community and actively supports charities in aid of children.



Min Hong

SFC

Originally from Hangzhou, now a Manager at the Investment Products Division of the Securities and Futures Commission, HK. Previously a lawyer for more than six years working at Baker & McKenzie HK office and King & Wood Mallesons HK and New York offices. She holds a JD degree from Georgetown University Law Center and an LLB from China University of Political Science and Law.



NEW MEMBERS



Leonard Wong

**CEO
Hong Kong Cantonese
Opera Troupe**

A renowned music leader in Cantonese Opera. Visiting lecturer in HK Metropolitan University in Cantonese Opera. Former lecturer in the HK Academy of Arts. Speaker in many talks in relation to music and culture. Besides music and opera, he is a member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. He is a CIETAC panel arbitrator as well as an accredited mediator in HKIAC. With 46 years experience in construction and property development in both HK and Mainland China, in particular, dispute resolution.



S T Woon

**Director of Engineering
New World Millennium
Hong Kong Hotel**

A seasoned engineering leader with over 40 years of experience in the field. Woon's deep technical expertise and strategic vision have taken him to more than 10 countries where he has led complex engineering projects and built high-performing teams. Currently based in HK, he serves as a Director of Engineering, continuing to drive innovation, operational excellence, and cross-border collaboration.



Milton Cheng

**Global Chair
Baker & McKenzie**

A Partner of global law firm Baker McKenzie; the first Asian to lead the Firm as its Global Chair (2019-2025). Widely recognised by the legal industry for his leadership, he was awarded 'Outstanding Overseas Executive of the Year' at the Singapore Business Awards 2021. Milton has considerable experience in M&A, REITs, corporate finance and corporate restructurings. Consistently recognised as a leading lawyer in his field, Legal 500 Asia-Pacific acknowledged him as "The pioneer of Hong Kong REITs". Milton is Singaporean and has lived in Hong Kong since 1993.

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NEW MEMBERS

Stephanie Tang

Bridget Lin-Chun Huang

Serena Kwok Chan

Christine Van

Laiman Tam

Terrance Lok

Kimberly Chan

Yuuki Brian Saito

PVH - Calvin Klein

Celadon Partners

Just Grace

Kelly International Corporation Ltd

Vastway Entreprises Ltd

TalentLabs

Japan Corporate Advisory Institute

Legal Counsel

Director

Director

Director

Partner

Student

Head of Greater China





EVENTS / HAPPENING

MAYCHAM Monthly Happy Hour – 18 August/ 18 September

MAYCHAM members and friends gathered at a new location for our Happy Hour, the Lounge & Vin et Vin, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel. This exciting change brought them to a chic, versatile space with a stunning wine cellar. We enjoyed drinks over talks, making new connections with entrepreneurs and business professionals in Hong Kong.



Joint Chamber HumpDay Happy Hour – 25 June/ 9 October

Fourteen (14) international chambers, including MAYCHAM, once again joined forces for the ever-popular Joint-Chambers Humpday Happy Hour. Swapping a different hotspot each time, members from across the global business community gathered to unwind, swap stories, and expand their networks over chilled drinks – keeping this lively cross-chamber tradition one of Hong Kong's favourite ways to power through the mid-week hump.

[NASI LEMAK TALK] Navigating new realities – Hong Kong's future and legal landscape 2 June

Our next Nasi Lemak Talk series had the honour of inviting the renowned speaker Cheng Huan, S.C., to share his perspectives on the Hong Kong legal system post-National Security Law, the city's future vision, and its relations with China. Participants gained valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing Hong Kong today.





Win: AI 101 for Busy Executives 10 April

This exclusive engaging event also book signing with Mr. Lai Voon Keat, the Group Managing Partner of M.B. KEMP and Co-Founder of FYDUS Limited with a comprehensive understanding of how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can enhance their productivity and streamline decision-making in today's fast-paced business environment.



MAYCHAM x Google AI Pop Up Experience - 16 June

MAYCHAM collaborated with Google to organise an exclusive event showcasing the latest AI breakthroughs. Aside to the usual presentations, attendees were treated to a Lego competition and other creative activities using Google Imagen, and a tour of the Google office.

Durian Feast - 3 July

Our first bi-annual Durian Feast was held in July this year. Durian lovers savoured the juicy king of fruit Musang King along with the delicious Penang Char Kway Teow at JW Marriott.





**YPM Exclusive Event
- Beyond The Network Signal, 5 July**

Exclusively for MAYCHAM's Young Professional Members (YPMs), HKT opened its doors for a curated behind-the-scenes adventure. The group plunged into the heart of the action: touring the high-stakes ISOC (Integrated Service & Operation Centre), exploring a futuristic innovation lab, and stepping inside the critical exchange facilities – gaining rare insights into the invisible backbone of telecom infrastructure, the tough business challenges operators face, and the groundbreaking technologies powering the connected future.



**WiN Event Exclusive Private Movie Screening:
Four Trails, 12 June**

When the lights dimmed in the theatre, MOVIE MOVIE Pacific Place, Four Trails unfolded like an emotional odyssey. What captivated the audience most was the undeniable spirit of the runners who dared to take on one of the planet's most gruelling ultra-marathons: 298 km across four of Hong Kong's most formidable trails in just 60 to 72 hours

Within that hushed cinematic glow, viewers leaned in with empathy as the film portrayed participants pushing beyond physical limits, battling dehydration, injuries, and hallucinations amid relentless climbs and rocky descents. Moments of silence often gave way to bursts of applause when a runner, bloodied and exhausted, finally crossed the finish at Mui Wo's green postbox. It wasn't just athleticism on display. It was determination, pure and simple. But the real jaw-dropper came when Jacky Leung crashed through the finish line in 49 hours and 26 minutes, becoming the first person ever to finish in under 50 hours—an unbelievable record at the time. Imagine watching that unfold on the big screen—tears, cheers, silent awe. For many, it turned the movie from inspiring to unforgettable.

Post-screening, chatters were full of praise. People called it “a love story to Hong Kong,” applauding the stunning visuals, editing, and raw honesty of the storytelling. In the end, Four Trails is more than just a movie about an ultra-marathon. It's a tribute to grit, human spirit, and the beauty that exists all around us.



SNEAK PREVIEW

Upcoming Berita



AKAN DATANG



Benefits for MAYCHAM members

Please check our website [mcchkm.com/benefits](https://www.mcchkm.com/benefits) for more details as the offers may only be applicable for certain products or services through our partners below.

 10% OFF F&B Valid until further notice	 Special Price for Physical Check Up Plan Seasonal Flu Vaccine 2025 and Up to 56% Off Prime Express Health Screening Special Rates for New Shingle Vaccine Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 12% OFF While Stocks Last Valid While Stocks Last	 25% OFF Grace Cup Products Valid until further notice	 20% OFF Health Bank Products Valid until further notice
 20% OFF Specified F&B Valid until 30 Dec 2025	 20% OFF Laundry Service Valid until further notice	 Special Room Offer Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 20% OFF Specified Room, 25% OFF Specified F&B Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 All Products at Staff Price Valid until further notice
 15% OFF Entrance & Other Offers Valid until further notice	 20% OFF F&B Valid until further notice	 8% OFF Specified Room, 20% OFF Specified F&B Valid until 30 Dec 2025	 Special Price for Digital Subscriptions Valid until 31 May 2025	 15% OFF Room Offer & Special F&B Discounts Valid until 31 Dec 2025
 20% OFF for Room Offer & Special F&B Discounts Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 15% OFF for Room Offer Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 15% OFF OFF for Room Offer & Special F&B Discounts Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 Limited Exclusive Stay Offer and Special F&B Discounts Valid until further notice	 20% OFF Premium Gourmet Ganoderma Coffee Valid until further notice
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 Special F&B Discount Valid until 31 Dec 2025	 15% OFF F&B Discount Valid until 31 Dec 2026	 20% OFF for Membership CRM System Online Store Valid until 31 Dec 2026	 Exclusive Experience for MAYCHAM Members Valid until 31 Dec 2025	

We are constantly updating the perks and benefits for our valuable members. For the most comprehensive and updated list of benefits, please visit our website: <https://www.mcchkm.com/benefits>

Also check out our events page for all our upcoming events: <https://www.mcchkm.com/events>

If you are not our member yet and would like to join our MAYCHAM family, you can fill up the application form at this link: <https://www.mcchkm.com/join>