

1. Conducting conferences and talks, such as
 - 1.1. Symposium of Lim Lian Geok and Usman Awang : the real Malaysian Nationalists (19/6/10)
 - 1.2. "The spirit of Lim Lian Geok, democracy and human rights" talks by Dato' Dr. Toh Kin Woon (Jan & Mac 2010)
 - 1.3. "Islamic culture and economy" Intercultural Seminar, jointly organized with KLSGAH (Oct 2009)
2. Conducting forums to debate on current issues, such as "To explore the policy of teaching of mathematics and science in English from angle of educational philosophy" with PAKSI, KLSGAH and others
3. Holding a Cultural Night to raise fund for Padang earthquake victims, jointly organized with PAKSI, Tamil Foundation and KLSGAH (11/11/2009)
4. Participation and taking charge of secondary school drop-outs project of Huazong's 20 Year Plan of Action
5. English book launch cum seminar, "Lim Lian Geok : Soul of The Malaysian Chinese", jointly organized with KLSGAH (31 July 2010)
6. Series of activities on annual Chinese education festival in every December.

Our Activities:

Dato' Dr. Toh Kin Woon is the president of LLG and Mr. Low Sik Thong is the deputy. LLG board of directors comprises 35 persons, with seven committees under it, namely the liaison committee, the academic committee, the Chinese education festival committee, the financial planning committee, the publicly committee, the civil society committee, and the cultural and educational committee. At present, there are six staffs led by Madam Yow Lee Fung in carrying out all the activities and implementing plans set by the organization.

Our Leaders:

- (1) To commemorate Lim Lian Geok and disseminate his spirit of justice, freedom and equality
- (2) To promote mother tongue education and foster traditional ethnic cultures
- (3) To actively involve in inter-ethnic and civil society activities, focussing on upholding cultural and education rights, human rights and democracy
- (4) To deepen the concept of multiculturalism and cultural rights through organizing academic studies and conferences, publication of books and education and trainings on humanism, democracy, civics and the like.

Our objectives:



LLG Cultural Development Centre

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LLG Cultural Development Centre was formed on Dec 28, 1985 by 15 leading Chinese organizations to commemorate Mr. Lim Lian Geok, the most revered Chinese educationist in Malaysia, exactly 10 days after he was laid to rest. The date of his demise subsequently was fixed and announced as 'Chinese education festival' by Chinese educationists as a tribute towards Mr. Lim's immense contributions.

LLG aims to promote the spirit of Mr. Lim Lian Geok which embodies :

- I. Spirit of patriotism and love for the nation through upholding multiculturalism and minority's cultures
- II. Advocacy for racial equality, unity and friendship, mutual tolerance and assistance, co-existence and co-prosperity
- III. Unwavering struggle and brave sacrifice for cultural rights particularly the equitable status of mother tongue education with no yielding and surrendering under pressure from those powers at the top.



Fight for Chinese School Teachers' Welfare

Lim Lian Geok was a teacher in Confucian Chinese school since 1935 until 1961. In 1945, he took charge of the rehabilitation of the school which was destroyed by the war. He was actively involved in the founding of the Chinese Teachers Association of Kuala Lumpur (KLCSTA) to fight for the welfare of the Chinese school teachers in the spirit of modern unionism.

1901 - 1985
Born in FuJian, China
Arrived Malaya in 1927

"I feel honoured to be able to make sacrifices for the sake of truth and justice. It is certainly no humiliation. The Concept of equality of all communities I advocate is universal, fair and reasonable. Though It may not be a reality now, it will certainly develop to fruition in the future. My body may wither through age, illness and death, but my soul will march on"

Opposition to Barnes Report

Barnes Report of Education 1951 which proposed to abolish Chinese and Tamil schools had caused strong revolt from Chinese and Indian communities. Lim Lian Geok, then the president of KLCSTA together with other Chinese educationists called a Pan-Malayan Chinese teachers meeting in August 1951 to oppose the Barnes Report. This had led to formation of United Chinese Schools Teachers Association of Malaya (UCSTA, now UCSTAM).

Malacca Meeting and Razak Report

Lim and his associates attended a pre-election negotiation session, namely Malacca meeting, with the Alliance at the residence of Tan Cheng Lock on 12 Jan 1955. Lim compromised by promising not to raise the official language issue before the election in exchange for a verbal guarantee from Tunku Abdul Rahman that the 1952 Education Ordinance as an implementation of Barnes Report would be abolished. It helped the Alliance scored a landslide victory by capturing 51 out of 52 seats in the general election. In return, the 1956 Razak Report incorporated all four existing streams of primary schools into the national education system.

Citizenship revoked

Lim Lian Geok's citizenship and teaching license were revoked in 1961 due to his strong opposition against 1960 Rahman Talib Report and 1961 Education Act which required all secondary schools to teach in English or Malay. Eventually 54 out of 70 Chinese secondary schools had been converted to 'national type secondary schools' by accepting the government's financial assistance. Lim refused to return to China where he was born, he said that "Lim Lian Geok can withstand the test of crisis and hardship, I never surrender nor renege! I do not give up! I do not escape or leave my country!"

In those pre-Independence days, Lim Lian Geok had a Malayan perspective and advocated the Malayanizing of text books in the local Chinese schools in 1952. He said that : "The existing books were written and published by China, much materials do not reflect the real situation in Malaya, we should reform the outdated text books.... This goes to prove that our younger generation is being imbued with a sense of loyalty to Malaya"

Malayanizing of Text Books

Manifesting a Malayan Mindset

Lim Lian Geok was invited to address the readers of Utusan Melayu on Hari Raya Aidilfitri titled "Manifesting a Malayan Mindset"(published in Jawi script) on 4 May 1956. It is a tribute to the stature of Lim Lian Geok, at the time a Chinese community leader and a supporter of Malay mother tongue education

In 1985, he died of lung infection. The honour the Chinese community bestowed on him upon his death was to turn the Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall into the funeral parlour, the first time this has been done in its past 60 years of history. At his funeral, the procession was the largest the capital had ever witnessed for any Malaysian Chinese.

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