

## MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

I am pleased to present this report of MCBA's activities for 2025. Membership increased from 85 to 94 last year. We are grateful to President Mahinder Randhawa for his efforts to promote bridge by conducting lessons for beginners and encouraging them to join MCBA. Many thanks also to the Kuching Bridge Club for retaining and increasing membership in MCBA.

The four national events were duly held, the Mixed Congress, Tunku Abdul Rahman Trophy (Malaysian Open Pairs), Andy Chan Trophy (National Handicap Teams) and Wong Kok Leong Trophy (Individuals) with differing support. There seem to be a preference amongst the players to play in short events, usually for just one day. The Individuals event, a single session, attracted a much larger turnout of 28 players compared to previous years. MCBA now pay rental of premises to organise tournaments and so need to budget and charge entry fees accordingly. The Royal Lake Club Congress was also successfully held, though attracting a lower turnout than previous year, continue to be the flagship regional event in Malaysia for oversea players.

A milestone was achieved when Bridgemates scoring devices were used starting in April with the Royal Selangor Club, then extending to the national events. MCBA wish to record its gratitude to the Olympic Council of Malaysia for their grant in the purchase of the Bridgemates. MCBA has also subscribed to Bridgewebs which allows players to look up their weekly or tournament results together with hand records and this is a very useful tool for analysis and review.

The ASEAN/South East Asia Championships were held in Manila from 1 to 5 December 2025. MCBA sent an Open Team and, for the first time in many years a Youth Team. All the teams played in the same qualifying pool, with the top finishers in each series (Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior) The Open Team (Tan Su Beng, David Law, Mahinder Randhawa, Ruth Randhawa finished 17<sup>th</sup> (out of 22 teams) with a win-draw-loss result of 5-0-7 while the Youth Team (Loi Kai Jun, Oh Li Wei, Koh Wen Yu, Ong Zhi Jie) were placed 21<sup>st</sup> with 3-0-9 W-D-L. All the non-qualifiers played in the 14 team Swiss Consolation with the Open Team finishing 8<sup>th</sup> (3-0-3 W-D-L) and the Youth Team 13<sup>th</sup> (0-0-6 W-D-L). Malaysia will host the 2026 SEABF/ASEAN and hope to field more teams and with better results with the home ground advantage.

During the year MCBA members participated in some regional events, both open and regional. The Managing Committee has resolved that a small subsidy, depending on the entry fee charged, will be offered to encourage participation in the 2026 Singapore Pesta Sukan to help defray expenses.

The second Small Federations Online Open Teams, a World Bridge Federation Championship held online at Realbridge, was held in October and again there were not enough entries to form a team

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Honorary Auditor, Encik Mohd Ramzi Mohd Sharif, as well as the Committee Members and all members for their support and participation in MCBA activities.

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