



# NEWSLETTER

July 2005

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## Local Events

### South East Sand City II and Family Hub Launch

30 July 2005

Organised by South East CDC, this event features a sandcastle competition, a product launch, as well as many exciting fringe activities. SKA have been invited to participate in this event by performing Kite Acrobatics to entertain the crowd.

So all stunt kite flyers, on the July 30 it is flying at ECP on the beach adjacent to the Lagoon Food Centre. Time: 3-7 PM.

### Celebrate! Sembawang!

August 14, 2005

There will be 2 competitions for residents, namely Kite Painting and Kite Making. SKA will be there to support the event and SKA officials we will be judges.

Time : 8:30am - 1:00pm

Venue : Open Field in front of Blk 775A (multi-storey carpark) Woodlands Crescent

Organisers have allocated a stall for SKA to display their. Members are encourage to support this event and bring along kites for display.

**Please contact Wing if you are able to attend so that refreshments can be provided.**

## Invitations

### Cape Town International Kite Festival, Africa

September 17-18, 2005

Keith Mould wrote : "..... In fact, if you can make it, come out the previous weekend and spend the week with us - as those who came last time will tell, we had a great time combining the great sights, culture and night life of Cape Town with flying events for disadvantaged and challenged kids. This all came to a great climax with the festival itself. By the way we learnt from last time - which was the first time kites such as yourselves had come out to join us in such a group - so this time there will be hospitality tents, organised tour guides etc."

### Pasir Puteh Carnival Kite Flying, Johor Malaysia

August 6-7, 2005

Pasir Puteh (rivermouth Sungei Johor, along from JB) is to be the new water sports centre in Johor. Organisers are planning a carnival and kite flying to promote Pasir Puteh. Peter Lynn will also be there. SKA is also invited. Please call Wing if you are interested for transport arrangements.

### Jakarta International Kite Festival, Indonesia

July 8 - 10, 2005

We have been informed that the Jakarta Kite Festival planned for July has been combined with the 2006 festival. Currently the organisers are planning for a kite festival every two years.

## 3rd Istanbul International Kite Festival, Turkey

June 28 – July 4, 2005

Invitation for two flyers. The only things participants have to pay for are their air fares. Hotel, meal, transfers and sightseeing tour will be paid and arranged for by the Istanbul Kite flyers Association. The Istanbul Kite flyers Association will also pay for extra luggage costs.

For detailed info about hotel please visit <http://www.yenisarayotel.com/english.index.html>

## 6th International Kite Festival, Lebanon

July 4 – 11, 2005

(flying show July 8, 9 and 10)

Invitation only. You have to find your own way there. Here is the link to their previous festival:

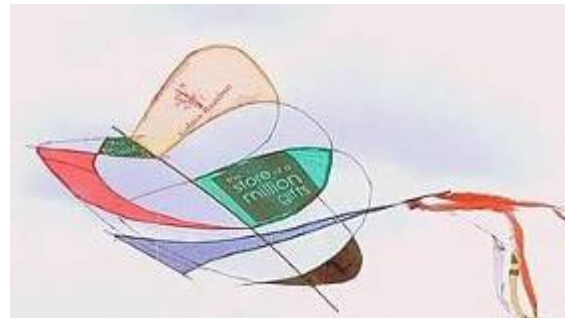
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## 1st Sarawak International Kite Festival, Bintulu

Date : Aug 21 - 28, 2005

We are expecting invitation for two flyers as information is still trickling in. Those interested please contact Wing.

## Past Events



### Who says that kites must be symmetrical in order to get airborne?

May 30, 2005

New Engagement, New Opportunities. That was the theme for this year's Pre-University seminar organized by the Singapore Education Ministry and Jurong Junior College.

**Five hundred and forty** A-level students from Singapore's best and brightest attended a kite lecture and workshop conducted by Singapore Kite Association in May this year. The students were challenged to build asymmetrical kites and spent an afternoon on June 2, 2005 at a Woodlands field flying them.

The result – impressive!





*Students waiting to fly their kites*



*Not quite asymmetrical but nevertheless, an excellent kite*



## 10<sup>th</sup> Pasir Gudang International Kite Festival, Malaysia

February 23-27, 2005



*Opah Terbang made her debut in Pasir Gudang.*

Opah Terbang or Flying Grandmother is a re-enactment of an event that took place in 1844, over 160 years ago. Dr. Colladon, a Swiss gentleman and early kite inventor, watched his brother-in-law send flowers and fruit up the kiteline on a parachute. Dr Colladon decided to send up something more spectacular – he made a lifesize dummy of a lady sitting in a chair with an umbrella.

In Singapore Kite Association re-enactment, a lifesize dummy, 'Opah Terbang' aged 92, was lifted and flew in a chair with her colourful umbrella, seluar panjang batik pants and silver high-heeled shoes while off the ground her equally aged helper waved an identical umbrella.





Attached to another kite were streamers attaching to the flying line with a message was specially composed for the festival by Kassim Ahmad of Penang:

### **NANYIAN LAYANG-LAYANG**

*Layang-layang*

*Putus talinya*

*Terbang melayang*

*Tahukah kamu*

*sampai ke mana?*

*Hari ini kita berpamir di Pasir Gudang*

*Saban tahun kita datang*

*Melihat temasya layang-layang*

*Bergembira dan berkenal buat sejenak  
dan kedudian pulang*

*Tahun ini badai tsunami*

*Melanda banyak panti negeri*

*Aceh kena teruk sekali*

*Mengapakah jadi begini?*

*nampaknya manusia tak pandai jaga diri*

*Layang-layang putus talinya*

*Jangan pergi jauh nanti sesatnya jadinya*

*Mari kita kaji kembali*

*Perjalanan kehidupan kita di bumi  
mungkin terbabas dari jalan Ilahi*

### **SONG OF THE KITE (English version)**

*(This is not a translation of Nanyian Layang-Layang)*

*Kite!*

*Fly, fly into the azure sky*

*What a wonderful day it is in Pasir*

*Gudang in my beautiful country of*

*Malaysia*

*But what a sight of horror was there*

*When the tsunami waves suddenly*

*pounded our shores and around the*

*Indian Ocean rim taking lives so*

*apparent to the eye*

*Oh kite, do you know what that means?*

*Our happy lives disrupted and thrown*

*our of gear*

*Maybe we have to rethink the way we*

*live*

*With war, poverty, pollution and whatnot?  
don't you think so, my kite?*

*Fly, fly into the azure blue*

*Is there a limit to the sky?*

*Not that I can see*

*I would want mankind's life so to be*

*like the sky, limitlessly high*

### **SKA Kite Flying Day**

February 20, 2005

Our overseas members Steve and Rocky Engel attended our flying day at the Pasir Ris Park. Here are some pictures of their kites.





## Gujarat International Kite Festival, India

January 11-14, 2005

Since 1989, the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat has been organising the International Kite Festival in Ahmedabad. This year was no different and the Government of Gujarat along with the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat celebrated the festival of Uttarayan by organising an International Kite Festival at the Police Stadium in Ahmedabad on 11 January 2005. SKA members Gadis and Peter Teo attended.

Peter wrote:

"The opening ceremony was held at the police stadium on the 11 Jan. Many kites from the international teams were put on display. Unfortunately, not many kites were in the air as wind conditions were poor.

The cities of Patan and Gandhinagar were our next two days flying locations. There again the wind did not make good flying possible.

Uttarayan, on the 14 Jan was a day where all young and old people came out to fly fighting kites on rooftops and

roadside. We had the pleasure of flying on the rooftop with the honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat.

As the one looks out over the skyline of Ahmedabad, or any other city of Gujarat one cannot fail to experience a lifting of the spirit, and a lightening of mood as one witnesses a sea of fluctuating colours as small kites dart in all directions against a clear blue backdrop."



*Kite-flying on rooftops*

## Phnom Penh Kite Festival, Cambodia

December 11-12, 2004



*Gadis at the ribbon-cutting ceremony*

## 3rd Goa Kite Festival, India

December 9-14, 2004

"Goa Kite festival held on the 9th to 14th Dec 04 was attended by Robert and Peter. SKA was the only team from the Asian Region.

This festival was unique. There were no fancy ceremonies but lots of flying for the 3 days. Wind condition were very good. A sandy beach about the size of 2 to 3 football fields at Miramar Beach was our flying location. Here we had the public mingling and flying with the international flyers. Each flying day ended with an evening of song and music performed by local artistes on a huge stage set up by the flying area."



*Peter enjoying the concert at the beach*

## Nantou International Kite Festival, Taiwan

November 10-14, 2004

Kite flying in the high winds of autumn. This event is attended by Tan See Liang and Peter Teo.

## Think Green!

November 7, 2004

Kite Workshop for Clean and Green Week



*Shakib on the panel of judges for the kite painting competition*

## One Sky, One World Kite Flying Day

October 10, 2004



*Flying for world peace*

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