



The ASEAN St Andrews society proudly sponsors the Selangor St-Andrew's Society Ball

The ASEAN St Andrews was proud to strengthen our commitment to The Selangor St-Andrew's Society by sponsoring their 2021 St Andrews Ball, which took place on November 27th.

The event was hosted at the Impiana Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia . Interestingly the St-Andrew's Ball was the first function to be held at this hotel since the start of the pandemic, and many who had attended commented that the return of the Ball was very much welcomed. Presiding over the event was The British High Commissioner, Charles Hay MVO, and his lovely wife, Pascale, both graced the ball with their attendance.

For The ASEAN St Andrews Society this was the third successful regional sponsored event, it clearly shows that together we can extend the hand of unity and friendship.



Regional travel restrictions being what they were at the time, I was unable to travel to attend the event. Fortunately, in the spirit of cooperation and brotherhood, Robert Bellavance, President of the Canadian Association of Malaysia(CAM), seen in the photo below on the left, very kindly offered to represent the ASEAN society on the night. I talked to Robert the day after the ball, and he had highly praised the initiative taken by the St-Andrew's ASEAN Society, to support the region and its regional St Andrew societies, it is, he said something of great interest to CAM.



Personally, as the founder of the ASEAN St Andrew Society, it was heart warming to hear Robert remark that he felt that The ASEAN St Andrew's had adopted a pioneering approach, and that this could undoubtedly form the backbone of future initiatives to support multi-Society events in the region.



The Photos above show Kenny Ross, the current Chieftain of the Selangor St-Andrew's Society preparing the beast for the toast to the haggis, also seen Alan Wallace the previous Chieftain of the Selangor St Andrew's Society, ceremoniously escorting the haggis to the stage.

In closing it may be of interest to note that the current sponsors of The ASEAN St-Andrew's society are family owned businesses. All founders are of Scottish descent, and each are very proud to sponsor and support regional St-Andrew's society events.

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