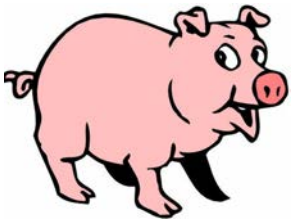
CBA NEWS
Sep 2007



Year of the Pig

CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

CBA NEWS

COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-JAMAICAN RELATIONS

H.E. Chen Jinhua

As we celebrate the 58th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government, our festive greetings to the Jamaican Chinese Community and sincere thanks to all our Jamaican friends who have been committed to the development of Sino-Jamaican relations.

Since it was proclaimed 58 years ago, the People's Republic of China has witnessed profound changes in every economic and social aspect and accomplished unprecedented achievements with the modernization drive. In particular, for 29 years on the path of reform and opening-up, China has succeeded in transforming itself into an open socialist market economy, with its GDP registering an annual growth rate of 9.7%, and its total trade volume surging to US$ 1.76 trillion last year. Meanwhile, the Chinese Government puts high priority on sustainable development, which calls for following the scientific thinking on development that puts the people first and promotes comprehensive, balanced and sustainable development. Internationally, China has been continuously conducting friendly exchanges and cooperation with the rest of the world, aiming at building a harmonious world with lasting peace and common prosperity.

The year of 2007 marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Jamaica. On the solidly based political foundation of our official relations in the past 35 years, our economic and trade cooperation have enjoyed rapid and steady advancement. The recently concluded 2nd Ministerial Conference of China-Caribbean Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum will further contrib-

(Continued on page 4)

Inside this issue:

Membership	2
Journey of Nationalism to new China	3
China Vice Premier announcement	4
CBA Family Fun Day	5
Cemetery Fundraising	7
Update on Sun Yat Sen Benevolent	10
AGM Notice	12

Don't forget...

CBA Garden Party Celebrating

China National Day

Sunday, September 30, 2007
at the CBA Centre from 4:00 p.m.

From the Editor

After a well deserved summer break, we are back with the September 2007 issue of **CBA News**.

General Elections

A new JLP government has been installed in office, with the Hon. Bruce Golding having been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Jamaica on September 11, 2007. A new cabinet with a mix of experience and youth bringing a fresh approach has received favourable reviews.

The General Elections in Jamaica had been scheduled for August 27, 2007 but with the passage of Hurricane Dean on August 19, the elections had to be delayed and was subsequently held on September 3.

On the whole, it was a fairly smooth election process but not without a few glitches. We are not yet perfect in this regard, but we have come a far way. The JLP won by a small margin of 33 seats versus 27 seats for the PNP in the House of Parliament.

In his acceptance speech on election night, following the preliminary ballot counts, Golding recognized the signal sent by the electorate through the narrowness of the results. He said this called for "constructive engagement among the political forces of the country". Under the circumstances, he sought to establish inclusiveness between the Government and the Opposition, in order for the country to go forward with a new paradigm of cooperation among all Jamaica.

Hurricane Dean

The effects of Hurricane Dean in Jamaica on August 19 included damage to the back wall at the Chinese Cemetery, which fell flat on the ground. This will now incur additional expenses in Phase 2 of the restoration project. Hurricane damage also occurred at the CBA Temple on Barry Street, which lost its roof. CBA is committed to carrying out the necessary repairs to safeguard its historic site.

Highlights

In celebration of China National Day, CBA will host a garden party on Sunday, September 30, 2007, at the CBA Centre. Do come out and celebrate with us our motherland!

Phyllis Kong, Editor

Ambassador Chen Jinhua of the Embassy of the PROC in Jamaica sends us a message on the occasion.

There are lots of photos in this issue for your viewing entertainment. They tell you what's been going on. Do read on.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership means a lot to us

Once you have signed up, paid your dues and become a member, the CBA is committed to you for life. Unless you gave up your membership, or being disqualified, we will continue to send you newsletters, let you know what is going on in the Chinese community, welcome you to use the facilities at the CBA Centre, and offer you special benefits. We respect your rights as a member and welcome your involvement in the management of the Association's affairs

As a member, you have one obligation and that is to send in your membership dues once a year. Thanks to those who remember the Association and have tried hard to send in their dues, though at times they may forget.

Since we no longer have the manpower to go around and visit everyone to collect dues, many members have accumulated several years' dues in arrears. Like membership in any organization, we understand it is not that members are unwilling to pay, but the logistics of paying makes things difficult. We have yet to come up with a solution. So do let us know if you have one that we can implement.

Meanwhile, since the annual dues vary for the past many years, the Management Committee has decided to make the calculation of outstanding dues easier by writing off amounts in arrears more than 6 years.

How much do I need to pay?

Look at the number at the left of your name on the address label. This is the year you last paid your dues. The dues for the past 6 years is $1,000 per year due March 1 each year. It is easy to calculate, or you can wait until next newsletter when we send you an invoice.

Senior Membership

When you reach age 65 lucky years, your membership dues is only $200 per year. Do let us know so when this happens so that we can correct our records and wish you Happy Birthday!

Members Migrated

Do let us know when you are migrat-

(Continued on page 4)

The Journey of Nationalism to the New China

By Wilson Look Kin

We mark the founding of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949 by celebration of China National Day and it is timely that we reflect on the struggles that had to be undertaken to achieve this goal of the China of Today.

In 1839 the Manchu (Qing) Dynasty was defeated by Britain in the first Opium War and there began the imposition of numerous unequal humiliating treaties by European countries, Russians, USA and Japan and involved subjugation of the populace and the ceding of vast territories from Tibet in the West, Hong Kong in the South up to Vladivostock in the North East.

This was a period of very great economic hardships and led to migration to other countries in South Asia, Americas and the Caribbean. With the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, Chinese labour was sought as a replacement by means of indentureship. In Jamaica, Trinidad and Guyana, they evolved into a small trader class.

It was the Taiping uprising and the subsequent People's revolution led by Dr. Sun Yat Sen in 1909, which led to the formation of the first Republic of China.

This was achieved initially by the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty and the sending of the infant emperor Pu Yi into exile.

Following Sun's death in 1925, there was a period of unrest as workers and peasants strove to expel the imperialists and landholding class.

The ensuing civil war reflected the ideological struggle between Chiang Kai Shek and Mao Tse Tung who were both senior members of the Military Academy of the first Republic. Increasingly, Chiang was seen as representing the old role of the Qing Dynasty and the occupying imperialists, and the alliance of workers and peasants led by Mao Tse Tung provided the regime, which was the predecessor of the People's Republic of China and was thus the basis of the second civil war of 1927– 1937.

"It was the Taiping uprising and the subsequent People's revolution led by Dr. Sun Yat Sen in 1909, which led to the formation of the first Republic of China."

After the first world war, Japan Imperialism began to extend its hegemony over Manchuria in China and thus began the war of resistance against Japanese imperialism 1937–1945. This led to cessation of the civil war as both the Kuomintang and the Communists, and overseas Chinese united to fight the common enemy. The incident known as the Nanking Massacre is a sordid reminder of the slaughter of over 300,000 Chinese men, women and children by the Japanese occupying forces.

To provide cover of legitimacy of Japanese occupation, the last emperor Pu Yi then a young adult was installed as Emperor of Manchuko in Manchuria under the control of the Japanese Admiral.

The atom bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima led Japan to surrender to the U.S., but the Japanese in Manchuria were not allowed to surrender to the People's Liberation Army as the U.S. imperialists sought the special prize of China's resources and markets. A means thus had to be created to install Chiang Kai Shek and the Kuomintang in the province of Taiwan as an alternative government.

The People's Liberation Army then begun the process 'encirclement of the cities by the villages' in both military and economic measures from the north and crossing the Yangtse River and proceeding to the south

On October 1st 1949, Mao Tse Tung was able to proclaim from the gates of Tiannamen Square in Beijing, the founding of the People's Republic of China

In the ensuing months, finalized control and delineated all its land borders (and giving up claims of territory previously ceded to Russia) with its neighbours creating in the process its autonomous mainly self governing regions where its significant minorities dominate namely Yunnan, Tibet, Uygurs in Sinkiang, Inner Mongolia and Manchuria and now the special autonomous regions of Hong Kong and Macau. Thus, only the island province of Taiwan remains outside the motherland.

China's policy is perhaps reflected as: "China keeps no troops or bases abroad. She has long decided to join no power blocs. She does not dispatch expeditionary forces or establish bases abroad, engineer plots to work changes in the Government of neighbour countries or assassination of leaders she may dislike."

(with excerpts from ***Opium War to Liberation*** *by I. Epstein)*

Vice Premier Wu Yi announces China support for investing in the Caribbean

Madam Wu Yi meeting the Chinese community in January 2003, when she made an official visit to Jamaica as State Councillor of the PROC.

According to news reports around the world on September 8, 2007, Vice Premier Wu Yi has announced that China will provide 4 billion yuan (US$530m) in favourable loans over three years to Chinese companies investing in the Caribbean.

The financing support is among the measures being adopted to strengthen relations with the Caribbean region in trade, investment, agriculture and fisheries, tourism, finance and human resources.

The Vice Premier made this announcement during her address to the China-Caribbean Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum in Xiamen, attended by delegates from 13 Caribbean countries.

As China continues its economic boom, the Caribbean is a growing source for its imports of raw materials such as aluminium oxide and sugar. On the other hand, China is an important source of clothing and other manufactured goods for the island nations.

According to the General Administration of Customs, trade between China and the Caribbean region reached a record US$4.4 billion last year, up 64.1 percent over the previous year.

The Vice Premier emphasized that China's development is inseparable from the world and the world's prosperity also needs China. China is ready to work together with various other countries of the world to achieve mutual benefit and win-win results in making common development and to build a peaceful, cooperative, prosperous and harmonious world.

Ambassador's Message

(Continued from page 1)

ute to the dynamic economic relationship between our two countries. Bilateral cooperative projects have progressed smoothly, as we witnessed the official handing-over of the Greenfield Cricket Stadium and the Sligoville Sports Complex, and the signing of the construction contract and concessional loan agreement for the Montego Bay Convention Center project. Some new areas of cooperation between China and Jamaica have been explored recently with more exchange programs carried out in the fields of media, culture, education, sports, justice and military.

China and Jamaica have set themselves for further boosting of bilateral relations through the establishment of the *Friendly Partnership for Common Development*. I believe that the concerted efforts by both sides will be rewarded by a stronger and more fruitful relationship between our two countries in the years ahead.

- Chen Jinghua
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Jamaica

Membership

(Continued from page 2)

ing or will be away for extended periods. We will put your membership on hold so that your records will be clean. Or you can continue to pay your dues and we would send the **CBA News** to your new address.

Is the CBA NEWS reaching you?

With the next issue of **CBA News**, a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be sent to you with a questionnaire. Please complete and return it to us so that we can know whether the **CBA News** is reaching you. If we receive no response from you, we would consider the mailing address invalid, unless you instruct us otherwise.

Please cooperate. You Association is as great as you make it!

CBA Family Fun Day

At Somerset Falls on Sep 9

CBA 9th Annual Badminton Tournament - a big success!

The 9th annual CBA badminton tournament took place at the CBA Centre over the last two weekends in June. The tournament attracted over 350 entries in the four Divisions: "Open", "B", "C" & "D" Divisions.

The tournament was dominated by young players from the inner-city communities and from Mandeville, especially in the "B" & "D" Divisions. In the "B" Division, the Mandeville players won 4 of the 5 finals, the only one escaping their clutches being the Ladies Doubles, which was won by CBA's Amande Low who teamed with Vinnette Rowe to beat Tracy Morgan and Shanakay Bailey in three tough sets: 21-16, 16-21, 21-17.

The "D" Division was completely over run by the inner-city players winning all 5 Titles in the Division. Their domination was so overwhelming that in some Finals they were playing against their fellow players. Ka Wai Liu was the only CBA member who managed to reach the Finals in the Ladies Doubles, where she teamed with Jade Clarke and lost to Alicia Lewis and Stacy-Ann Blake 21-12, 21-9.

The tournament will long be remembered by the youngster, Gareth Henry from Mandeville, who turned in possibly his best ever performance in a badminton tournament. Classified "B" at the tournament and still a few days short of his 16th birthday, he won the "B" Men's Singles and the "B" Men's Doubles title teaming with Chadwick Parsons. He then entered the "Open" Division the following week where he overcame the more established "A" players winning the Men's Singles by beating the No.2 seed, John Martin in 3 gruelling sets 21-13, 18-21, 21-19. He again teamed up with his fellow "B" player, Chadwick Parsons, to beat the veteran and No.1 seeded pair of Kingsley Ford and Neil Abrahams 21-18, 21-23, 21-15. He just missed out on being a triple champion when, teaming with his sister, Geordine, they lost to Kingsley Ford and former Olympian and Pan-American Ladies champion, Nigella Saunders, in 3 hard fought sets, 17-21, 21-18, 21-18. Gareth was, of course, voted "Male Player of the Tournament"

CBA wishes to again thank our two main sponsors, Tastee Ltd and National Baking Co. Ltd., for their continued support of our tournament and also the other trophy sponsors Park n' Shop Foods Ltd (Afen Yap) and Premier Optical Ltd. (Dr. Tommy Lee). The lovely T-shirts were donated by Kendel Trade Corp. Ltd., The Paper Place, and National Baking Co. Ltd. Other contributors included ADS Ltd (Mr Delsang Lue Taim), Atlantic Hardware & Plumbing Co. Ltd (Mr Donald Fung), Daytona Sales Co. Ltd. (Mr Daryl Fong Kong), and Western Sports. Many thanks to the hardworking Bar staff who served players and spectators alike with delicious refreshments.

Next year, of course, will be the tournament's 10th anniversary and we hope it'll be one of, if not the best ever to date.

- Robert Lee
Tournament Director

Transition

CBA NEWS notes with regret the passing of the following former members of our Chinese community in Jamaica and extends sincere condolences to their families:

CHANG, Hen Wah – Passed away peacefully on August 19, 2007, in his 84th year, surrounded by his family at Scarborough Grace Hospital. Beloved husband of Shew Lan (nee Wong). Dear father of the late Peter Chang & Christina Law, late daughter-in-law Cherry Chang, Carol & Richard Hoo, June & Phillip Ngui, Shirley & Barry Chung, Janet & Ian Chin. Loving grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

In earlier years, Mr. Chang was a former member of the CBA, who operated business in downtown Kingston, resided on Barbican Road and was well known in the then Chinese community.

YOUNG - Enid (Lue Chue Shun) (Ja-Po, PO-PO): 96 years, late of Canarsie, Brooklyn, N.Y, and formerly of 30 Arnold road, Kingston, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2007, leaving children Joyce, Douglas, Allan (Olivine), Carl (Betty), Monica, Carmen (Jerry), Dennis (Susan), 25 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Thanksgiving Service was held in Canarsie, N.Y. on Sunday August 26, 2007. Funeral Service was held at Dovecot Memorial Chapel and interment in the Park on Sunday September 2, 2007.

A collection was taken for the Chinese Home for the Aged. Mrs. Young was the maternal grandmother of CBA members Karen (Damian) Hoo and her brother Barry Chen in Jamaica, as well as great-grandmother of Kathryn and Gabrielle Hoo.

TTA lends a helping hand

The CBA is appreciative of the Tsung Tsin Association of Ontario (TTA), through its Cultural & Social Committee headed by Carol Wong, in lending support for the restoration of the Chinese Cemetery.

CBA Supervisor David Chang was invited to a meeting at the TTA headquarters in Scarborough, with Carol Wong, Dr Samuel Williams, David Chin, Gladys Chin, Patrick Lee, Herbert Chang, Franklin Tenn, and others. The purpose of the meeting held Sunday June 24, 2007, was to discuss formation of a TTA sub-committee for the specific task of raising funds for the CBA Chinese Cemetery Restoration project.

It was proposed that Gladys Chin would chair the committee and David Chin would serve as co-chairperson, with "energetic" assistance from Franklin Tenn. We note that both David and Gladys Chin have earlier served on the Board of the CBA and there are advantages to be gained from that connection.

While at the meeting, David was presented with contributions collected from: Alvin Chin, Abraham Chin, Sylvester Chong, June Lee, Norma Ngan, George Phang-Lyn, Skymark Sports Association, Michael Yee totalling CA$1,300. David also received contributions from Dr Samuel Williams and Rosa Chong in the amounts of US$1,000 and J$5,000. Contributions just previously collected from Albert Lym-Shue and Alsalita Williams totalled CA$500.

On our part, CBA Project Manager Robert Lee will prepare an estimate for the next phase of work in order to move forward with the project. Included in these cost estimates will be construction of the back wall that fell down during the recent Hurricane Dean.

Shui Mein Night

Held Saturday July 21, 2007 at CBA Centre. Proceeds towards Chinese Cemetery Restoration

Organizer Fay Chang Allen and her team engaged in food preparation the night before. "Head Chef" Johnny Chuck was ably assisted by Neil Yap Sam, Lloyd Hoo et al. The Shui Mein warmed the soul and deliciously so on July 21

Chinese Etiquette

China has often been referred to as the Nation of Etiquette. According to many westerners, however, Chinese people often act in what appears to be a discourteous manner. The reason for this anomaly lies in the different cultural and historical views of social decorum. In order to avoid unnecessary mistakes and embarrassment during communications, a better understanding of Chinese etiquette is essential.

Handshaking: Handshaking is considered formal greeting behavior in China. It is used to show respect, but only if the person is someone important, like a government official or a businessman. The grip should be firm, but not overly strong, and should not be prolonged because Chinese, like other Asians, prefer a brief handshake. After shaking hands, you may exchange your name or the title of your company with each other and then proceed to carry out the affairs.

Mianzi (Face): Mianzi, commonly referred to as 'face', is a reflection of a person's level of status in the eyes of his or her peers. Having 'face' means you are viewed by your peers, superiors, and subordinates as one in harmony with the prevailing disposition of society. It is a subtlety that is not openly discussed in Chinese society, but exists as a conversational skill nonetheless. As a foreigner, it is not necessary to take Mianzi too seriously when engaged in discussions that may be confusing. Mianzi can best be understood as the avoidance of embarrassment in front of others. Otherwise, it can be considered to be impolite.

Gift Giving: 'Courtesy demands reciprocity', goes an old Chinese saying, and the advice is an indispensable part of social interactions. It is important to both private and business relationships. The best choice for the initial meeting is a gift that expresses some unique aspect of your country. The gift packaging should be red or any other festive color. White and black are ominous and should be avoided. It is not proper, and is even considered to be unfortunate, to take a clock as a gift or to choose one having to do with the number four, which sounds like death in Chinese. Even though even numbers are considered as good luck, the number four is an exception. Do not brag about your gift in front of the recipient, and you should use both hands when presenting it. Generally, the recipient may graciously refuse the present when first offered. In this case, you should correctly assess the situation and present it once again. If the recipient did not open your gift, it does not mean that he or she is not interested in it. It is polite to open it after you leave.

Family Visiting: In China, a gift is also necessary when visiting a family. But it is not as complex as the above situation. Usually, flowers, common fruits and food are okay. As for alcohol, you had better check whether the person enjoys it or if they have such a hobby. During lunch time, hosts will ask you to have more food or alcohol. If you do not want to disappoint them, you can have a little more according to your situation. If you are truly full, you had better refuse directly, otherwise, the hospitable hosts will continue to refill your bowl.

If you follow the usual rules of etiquette in China, you will extend the proper respect to the people. But there is no need to worry more about the cultural barriers, for the warm and friendly Chinese will try their best to respect your customs when communicating.

Lion Dance

Lion Dancing is an important tradition in Asia, especially China. Usually the lion dance is performed during festive occasions like Chinese New Year, Grand opening of businesses and weddings. It is believed that loud noises scare away evil spirits so firecrackers and loud banging of the music are often used to scare away evil or bad karma. The lion dance brings good luck and happiness.

Lion Dancing has a very long history, which began as a result of the cultural interaction between China and West Asia. Persia began bilateral trade with China through the famous Silk Road nearly two thousand years ago. The ambassador from Persia sent animals, such as lions, to the Emperor of China as a gift. This is when the proliferation of lions began in China.

The Chinese people regard the lion as a symbol of bravery and peace. They hoped that by using the bravery of the lion, they might chase away evil sprits. This is why they always build statues of lions outside their homes in order to prevent evil occurrences from happening.

The Lion Dance combines art, history and martial arts in an extraordinary performance art. Normally, the performers have some martial arts background as the dance requires suppleness, flexibility, fitness, strength and balance. Every type of movement has a specific musical rhythm and the music mimics the move of the Lion. The drum beat follows the Lion and the cymbals and gong players follow the drum. The whole dance requires precision and to be in unison with each member of the team.

Through the years, the Lion Dance has undergone many changes and developments. After nearly two thousand years of creative thinking and practice, the Lion Dance has become a genuine performance art that is spiritually fulfilling as well as expressing optimism, unity and bravery of people.

Visit to Jamaica in June 2007 of Mr. Lan Yuechun, Deputy Director General of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, Shenzhen, China

THE CBA WANTS YOU!

We need a few young, strong Chinese fellows

Come to the CBA Social Night on Saturday October 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. and sign up for the CBA Lion Dance Troupe.

We will have an instructor to teach Lion Dance. You will learn the history of Lion Dance, its symbolic meaning and its significance. You will also learn basic martial arts and acrobatic skills that are incorporated in the choreography.

In addition, being involved with the Lion Dance Troupe teaches and reinforces our Chinese culture, develops social skills, and gives you a sense of pride and belonging. It also instils discipline and character development.

For further information, call Vincent J. Chang telephone 924-1153 or Doreen Chin at CBA Centre 929-3059.

UPDATE ON SUN YAT SEN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

It is with great relief that I share with you the news that Sun Yat Sen Benevolent Society has recovered from the lawyer the Title for 18 Trinidad Terrace, and the incomplete Transfer of the property signed by Charles Moo. This would put to rest our uncertainty of whether or not any third party still has claim on this subject property.

We have also received from the lawyer an Income & Expenditure statement of their involvement with the Society since Charles Moo's days. The balance of funds held on account for the Society has since been passed on to us, making a total recovered so far of over $10 million.

We have so far approved an amount of $2 million to jump-start Phase 2 of the Restoration of the Chinese Cemetery. When all legal requirements are finalized, a decision will be taken to determine how the assets of the Society can best be used to serve the Chinese community through the projects of CBA. The objectives of Sun Yat Sen Benevolent Society would have been served and it shall come to an end.

Hooray! to those who have given assistance to pursue this matter in the interest of the Chinese community, thus reinforcing our faith that with pride, dignity and determination, justice will prevail.

This closes one chapter relating to an issue in our history of Chinese in Jamaica. The answer to "Where did the alleged huge sum of money go?" is still up in the air. Rumour has it that some schools have received money. Although we have no intention of pursuing any payment given to charity, an acknowledgement of benevolence would be good for our records. We will solve the puzzle in due time.

- David Chang
September 13, 2007

BRING YOUR DUES UP TO DATE

The CBA is your community association and your membership dues help to defray expenses. Call 977-3059 for information on the amount outstanding.

Come Learn CHINESE!

In an effort to satisfy the growing demand for learning Chinese (Mandarin), the Chinese Benevolent Association will offer more classes this year. The Chinese Benevolent Association, with the generous help of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, a professional teacher from China has been hired. Your first lessons will teach you the basics, like Ping Yin (the Chinese pronunciation system) and writing simple Chinese characters. Very soon after, you'll be able to greet people, introduce yourself to a stranger and even use simple day-to-day phrases and expressions.

Come learn a new and exciting language. You will not be disappointed. Register now!

Classes will begin on September 18th. Please choose one of the following schedules:

Adults:

Class A	Tuesday	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Class B	Thursday	8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Class C	Saturday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Children:

Class A (6-10 y/o)	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Class B (11-15 y/o)	Wednesday	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Lesson Fees:

Adult	$9,000 per term (10 weeks)
Children	$7,000 per term (10 weeks)

Venue:

CBA Centre, 176 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6

Registration:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri) at the CBA Office (2nd Floor)

Contact:

Ms. Doreen Chin 977-3059 977-6053

为满足广大公众学习汉语的要求，中华会馆中文班将在 2007 年 9 月扩大招生，增设三个成人初级班和两个儿童初级班。

时间如下：

成人班：	A	星期二	晚 6：30—8：30
	B	星期四	晚 8：00—10：00
	C	星期六	下午 2：00—4：00
儿童班：	A（6—10 岁）		星期二下午 4：00—5：00
	B（11—15 岁）		星期三下午 4：00—5：00

新学期将在 2007 年 9 月 18 日开始，请于 2007 年 9 月 14 日前到 CBA 办公室（二楼）报名，

具体时间：9：00—16：00（星期一至星期五）。

地址：中华会馆

联系电话： 977-3059 Ms. Doreen Chin

The CBA GYM that members are invited to join at specially reduced rates

放工之后哪里去？ CBA 健身中心欢迎您。

这里，器械设备齐全；

教练专业指导；

同胞相聚交流。

来 CBA 健身，塑您 健康身，快乐人，年轻心！

会员价格：

1 年	$12,000.0(推广优惠价)
6 个月	$10,000.00
3 个月	$ 6,000.00
1 个月	$ 2,500.00
1 天	$ 300.00

开放时间：

星期一 -- 星期五	8:00am -- 12:00pm
	4:00pm -- 9:00pm
星期六	8:00am -- 3:00pm
星期日休息	

CBA NEWS

CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

176 Old Hope Road
Kingston 6, Jamaica, W.I.

Phone: (876) 977-3059, 977-6053
Fax: (876) 977-4364
E-mail:
chinesebenevolentassociationjamaica@hotmail.com

We're on the Web!
www.cbajamaica.com

CBA Garden Party celebrating China National Day

The CBA will celebrate the 58th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China with a garden party on Sunday, **September 30, 2007**, at the CBA Centre. Gates open at 4:00 p.m.

An entertainment programme has been planned for 7:00 p.m. to include performances by the Stella Maris Junior Ensemble, CBA Children Choir, Lion Dance, among other items. The hosts for this section will be Vincent J. Chang and Mary Chen See.

Dinner will be prepared by our own "in-house chefs" headed by Johnny Chuck. The menu planned is:

Pork and Muk-Ngee

Chinese Roast Chicken

Chow Choy

Fah-Chong

Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., so do come early!

A working committee, with chairperson Neil Yap Sam at the helm, has been busy organizing this event for your enjoyment.

Contribution is $700 (pre-sold) or $900 (at the gate). Tickets are available at CBA Centre, 176 Old Hope Road, telephone 977-3059 977-6053 or through CBA Executives.

See you there!

CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSSOCIATION

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next Annual General Meeting of the Chinese Benevolent Association will take place at the CBA Centre, 176 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6, on Sunday, October 28, 2007, at 12 noon for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the President.
2. To receive and, if thought fit, adopt the audited financial statements for the year.
3. To approve the appointment of the auditors.
4. To transact any other business of an annual general meeting.
5. To elect the committee of management for the coming year 2008.

Dated: September 14, 2007

By order of the
Committee of Management

Cynthia Lyew
Secretary