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Dr Goh Keng Swee Dies



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Former Deputy Prime Minister and Singapore's economic architect Goh Keng Swee died on May 14, 2010 at the age of 91.

Dr Goh came from a rich Malacca family and was the son of Goh Leng Inn, a manager of a rubber plantation. His mother was from the family that produced famous Malaysian politicians Tun Tan Cheng Lock and his son Tun Tan Siew Sin.

Dr Goh joined the Department of Social Welfare in 1946 and was active in post-war administration. He resigned from the civil service in 1959 to enter politics and was elected as the People's Action Party representative for Kreta Ayer, his constituency until he retired in 1984.

In 1959, when he became finance minister, he described the state of the economy as "wretched".

Upon Singapore's independence in 1965, Dr Goh also became Minister for the Interior and Defence until 1967, assuming responsibilities for strengthening Singapore's military and domestic security capabilities. A key policy was the creation of National Service, a mandatory

conscription system for able-bodied young males.

In 1979, Dr Goh moved on to the Education Ministry, where his Goh Report greatly influenced the development of Singapore's education system, introducing key policies such as streaming and religious education. He retired as Deputy Prime Minister in December 1984.

His body lay in state in Parliament House from May 20-22 for the public to pay their last respect. A state funeral was held on May 23 at the Singapore Conference Hall. The cortege then left for Mandai Crematorium where a private ceremony was held for family members.

ANNUAL PICNIC

We are pleased to announce that the Club's Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010.

Details of the picnic are as follows:

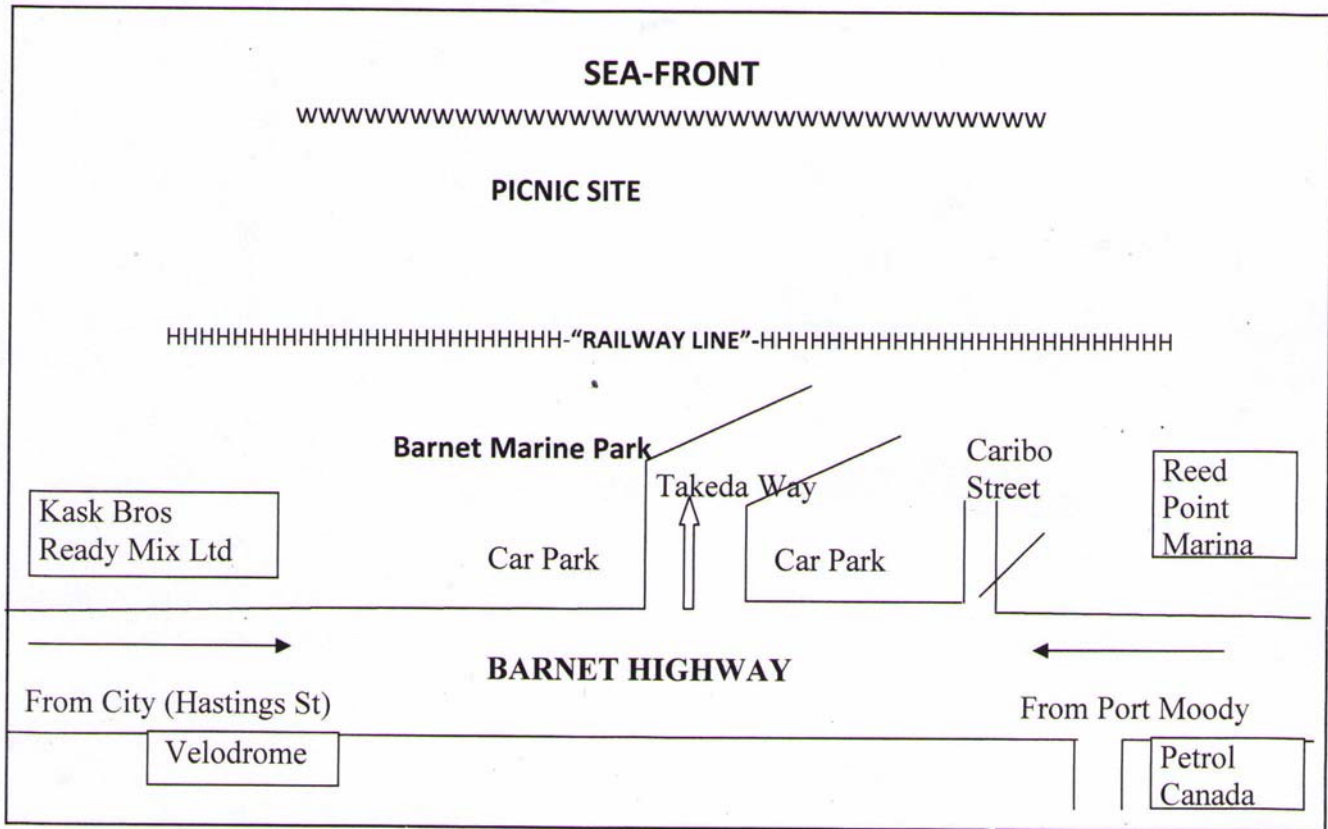
1. Date: Saturday, July 17, 2010
2. Time: 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
3. Venue: Barnet Marine Park, Burnaby.
4. Price: Members and immediate family – "FREE"
Guests: Adults \$12.00 per person
Kids \$6.00 per person

The Executive Committee is working on the "menu" for food and this will be announced later.

If you wish to attend the Annual Picnic, please register with any of our Ex-co Member:

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Map to Barnet Marine Park - Picnic Site (NOT drawn to scale)



THE LEAP YEARS by Jean Yeo

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Time: 7.00 p.m. Reel Asian Sense of Wonder Tour/The Leap Years \$12

8.45 p.m. The Leap Years (only) \$10

(Tickets at the door from 6.00 p.m.)

Venue: Pacific Cinematheque

1131 Howe St, Vancouver.

Attendance-in-Person: Director Jean Yeo (Follow with Q&A)

Co-presented by: Vancouver Singapore Film Festival and MediaCorp Raintree Pictures

We look forward to see you and your family at our Annual Picnic - remember to register early.

Have a wonderful summer!

Michael Leong

President

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Date: May 24, 2010.