



Shalom and Greetings from the Malaysia Baptist Convention office.

2015 has been an eventful year in the international front as well as our home ground, Malaysia. These events have in one way or another brought the various denominations together and I trust the same for Malaysian Baptist Churches. Though yet to be called closely knitted but at least we had some platforms to collaborate and to contribute to the welfare of our fellow believers in countries stricken by disasters.

**Among the disaster relief aides provided by MBC this year:**

When Nepal was hit by the severe earthquake in April 2015, the Malaysia Baptist Convention collected and contributed USD 30,000 to MCDS and in particular to rebuild a village called Rayale; and also donated USD 4,000 to Nepal Baptist Church Council for the earthquake aides.

MBC donated RM10, 000 to Sarawak Baptist Church to assist 32 families in Rumah Nunong in Menggeris to rebuild their home when the long houses were gutted by fire

**Berkeley Land in Klang:**

MBC had officially written to three owners whose land surrounds MBC's Berkeley Land in Klang, to inquire their interest in purchasing the land from MBC.

In the meantime, we wrote to the Klang Hokkien Association for compensation for their encroachment on 10 feet of MBC's land. We are now awaiting their response.

**Sarawak Baptist Churches Admittance to M.S.O. 1937 of Sarawak:**

We rejoice with Sarawak Baptist Churches as they are admitted to the Missionaries Societies Ordinance 1937. This means that SBC will come under the constitution in Sarawak rather than ROS. This will give greater religious autonomy to the churches to administer themselves.

**2016 – 2017 Outlook – Wisma Baptist:**

The MBC Exco had unanimously agreed to embark on rebuilding MBC into Wisma Baptist. The Exco sees the potentials of Wisma Baptist as the center of reaching the communities around us through theological education and community work. A comprehensive plan will be published for your perusal at AMC 2016. The Exco looks forward to working with you on this investment into eternity with a new Wisma Baptist in the coming year.

I want to thank everyone for your collaboration and your participations.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and a blessed new year ahead.

Blessings,

*Richard Toh*