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The President Speaks

Greetings, one and all.

What a roller-coaster year we've had so far! I trust all of us who are still active in trade and commerce are none the worse for wear — and are taking steps to navigate the unpredictable slings and arrows of fortune. The same applies to those who have left the trappings of corporate life — we live in interesting times, an oft-quoted phrase that seems to apply to every era.

On the BTRA front, we've seen a few new members join, while others have moved on to homes that better suit their current lifestyles — whether downsizing, relocating, or simply embracing a new chapter. Such transitions are part and parcel of community life, and we welcome all who continue to make Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta vibrant, connected neighbourhoods.

Based on some of the frequently discussed topics on the Members chat group, I'd like to highlight three key issues we've raised with the local authorities in recent months:

1. Property development projects

The sheer scale of some developments in our area has been alarming. More concerning is the apparent disregard of building regulations in some cases. We've formally requested tighter enforcement, particularly for the super-sized projects that now seem all too common.

2. Non-residential use of residential homes

Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta are zoned as residential areas. Operating commercial businesses out of homes here is not permitted — not only is it unlawful, but our infrastructure is not designed to support such activities. BTRA has submitted a list of properties suspected of violating these rules and requested that appropriate checks and enforcement action be taken.

3. Sporting events using our streets

While we can't prevent organisers from selecting our roads — and our terrain does make for a challenging course — we've asked that better communication be made with BTRA prior to events, and that organisers be held responsible for trash collection during and after races.

Our AGM is scheduled for late June, which unfortunately means meeting highlights will not make it into this issue. I can share, however, that we anticipate welcoming one or two new Committee members — a healthy injection of "old new blood," you might say! I remain deeply grateful for the energy and commitment of my Committee colleagues past and present. And I thank you, our members, for your continued support and active participation. Without you, there would be no Association.

Muthanna Abdullah



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Zoning Classification for Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta

The issue of the use of property in Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta has come to the fore of late on the members chat group.

To clear the confusion, zoning classification, or land use zoning, refers to the planned and / or permissible use of land and is one of the key determinants of development control. There are three main zoning classifications: residential, commercial, and industrial, under the relevant Act.

Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta are zoned residential.

This means that any property here that is used for purposes other than residential is in breach of the zoning regulations, regardless of whether the property is used for community or commercial benefit.

A key role of BTRA is to protect the interests of its members, the majority of whom are supportive of this zoning classification. BTRA does not interact with the owner or tenant directly, for legal reasons. BTRA's role is to notify DBKL as the Regulator, to take appropriate action for breach of zoning regulations.

BTRA Security Patrol — An Update on Tracking

The BTRA Security Patrol provides an invaluable service via a nightly 12-hour patrol schedule, as well as responding to calls from subscribers for assistance at one's residence. There have been some enquiries regarding checks on individual properties and whether the patrol cars actually do stop at subscribers' homes.

In a nutshell, two patrol cars and one motorbike are used for the service at this time. The patrol guards tap the sensors on the signage displayed on a subscriber's gate or external wall. This signal is transmitted to Patrol Central for data entry, as is the exact location of each vehicle, using GPS.

The raw data captured includes the daily number of patrol rounds per vehicle, number of taps per vehicle, date and time of taps, and specific properties checked and tapped. Each month, a summary is shared with the BTRA Security Sub-Committee, which includes a bar chart showing number of property visits. That said,

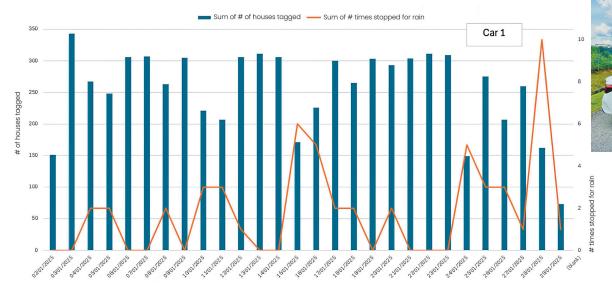


patrol rounds and tapping depend on the weather — heavy rain reduces the frequency of property checks and sensor taps. The captured data means that the BTRA Security team, including our security service provider, can check the route of a patrol vehicle on any given day.

Example of the monthly bar chart — January 2025.

The bars indicate number of taps, while the red line

indicates the rain situation.



New F&B Faces At The Stories Offer Familiar Favourites



Casual dining restaurant,

fennel & co.

is the latest addition at The Stories (as at time of printing). Owned by Kampong

Kravers, an established purveyor of local culinary favourites, fennel & co is the newest brand in the group's stable. Doors to the very first outlet in KL opened on 12th May at The Stories, offering all-day breakfast and a full-flavoured selection of local dishes.





Turks, the sister eatery of Turkish Café Istanbul in TTDI, opened its doors for business at The Stories shortly before Ramadan and is now in full swing. Serving familiar fare such as kebabs and

baklava, Turks offers a full menu of breads, salads and mezze. Neighbourhood residents have given Turks a thumbs-up for quality of food and service, as well as good value.





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Keep Your Pool Clean Effortlessly

Everyone loves swimming pools! From kids to adults, whilst you're on vacation or simply finding a way to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and day-to-day life, a good swim almost always finds a way to cool one down! Most people think that having a pool is all well and good, but that the effort and cost in maintaining it is too much trouble — that does not have to be the case with subtle changes to your pool system and new pool accessories like robotic vacuums and floating pool chlorinators to help you keep your pools effortlessly clean and safe!



Filter Media

Every pool owner knows that a filter is a key component of the swimming pool system, but the material used inside the filter known as "medium" determines how effective your system is to keep your pool water clean, clear and safe. As pool water is piped through the filter, it passes through the medium, which catches and traps debris and particles, allowing only the clarified water to return to the pool. Each type of filter medium available in the market, has its own special use that can contribute to your swimming experience. For residential pools, there are three main choices: sand; zeolite; and glass pearls.



What is it?
Filtration Rate
Unique Feature
Cost
Lifespan

Regular sand
Down to 25 microns
Widely available
RM1.00/kg
3 years

Sand

Zeolite



What is it?
Filtration Rate
Unique Feature
Cost
Lifespan

Natural minerals

Down to 5 to 10 microns

Able to remove high levels of ammonium, odours and heavy metals

RM9.50/kg

4 years



What is it? Filtration Rate Unique Feature Cost

Lifespan

Crushed glass manufactured into spherical pearls

Down to 5 microns

Reduces water and chemical wastage with minimal backwashing

RM12.00/kg

8 years

Robotic Vacuum

Robotic Vacuums are auto pool cleaners (needs to be plugged into a nearby electrical outlet) that have a self-contained pump and filter system to trap dirt and brush your pool floor and walls. These pool vacuums need only be dropped into the pool and can be left for several hours to do their work before being collected and cleaned the storage. Whilst not yet able to fully replace manual labour, robotic vacuums can offer a convenient time-saving option to keep your pool clean.

Floating Pool Chlorinator

A floating pool chlorinator (also known as a floating chlorine dispenser or feeder) is a simple contraption that has a slow-release mechanism to keep your pool sanitised over a long period of time with no care or attention needed. By loading several chlorine tablets into the chamber, the adjustable slow-release mechanism exposes only a small area of the chlorine tablet to water as it floats in the pool, ensuring it dissolves slowly, thereby chlorinating and sanitising the water. This accessory is particularly useful for pool owners going on short holidays – simply load up the chamber

and toss the floater into the pool before leaving so you aren't greeted by a green pool when you get back!

If you need more information about these little life hacks, you may find us at :



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FACT

Clear pool water means clean pool water

Even if the pool water is clear, micro-organisms that aren't visible to the naked eye may be present; you should ensure that your pool is regularly cleaned, sanitised and tested by a pool specialist.



Marathon Majors + Charity Fund-

Marathoner and running enthusiast, Jeff Ross, who must be household name in Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta by now, successfully completed the challenge he set for himself in 2024. That was to run all six World Marathon Majors (Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York), joining a short list of international runners to have achieved this feat. And during the year, his adventure helped to raise over RM100,000 for charity. Jeff has been featured in *The Hill* throughout his (arduous) journey, and here's the final wrap up.

How will the donations help the charity organisations?

We raised over RM100,000 for three charities. The funds will help them in their critically important work.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the fundraising campaign, which helped these three amazing charity organisations.





Home of Hope (National Cancer Society of Malaysia)

To support its Malaysian-based centres, enabling low-income families to home themselves and their children near the hospital where they are receiving treatment. https://cancer.org.my



charity: water

Charity: Water

A fresh water source (a well) in Cambodia is being built for a local community that has no access to fresh water. It is targeted to be completed in 2026. I plan to visit the rural village once the well has been built.

https://www.charitywater.org



SUKA Society

To support its rehabilitation centre, which helps young adults in Malaysia who have been victims of human trafficking.

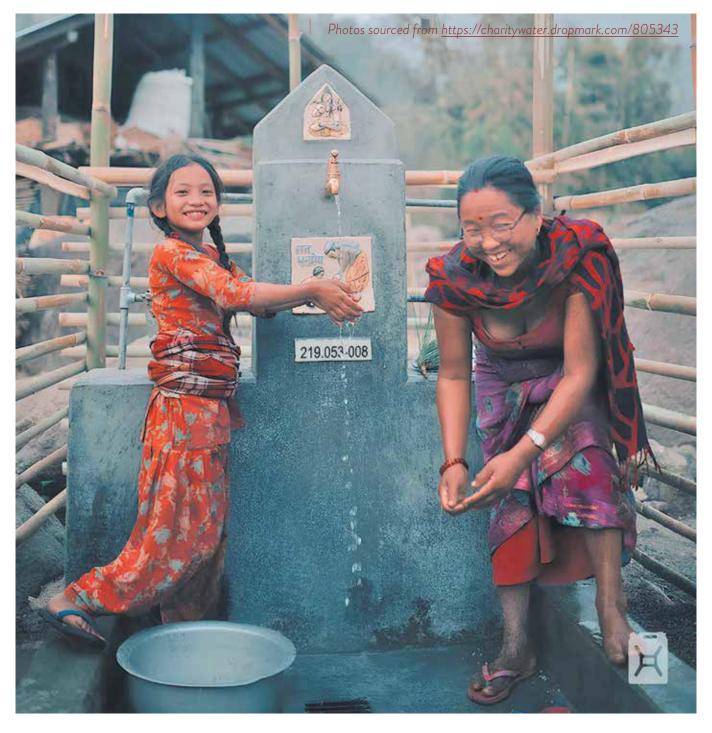
https://www.sukasociety.org

Raising = A Running Start

Which was your favourite marathon?

Hard to pick only one! Each was memorable in its own way. The finish at New York in Central Park is very special — and it was the last marathon, so I knew I'd completed the lot! My key supporters (family: Sue, my Mum and Dad, and my Aunt) travelled to cheer me on at Tokyo, Boston, London and Berlin,

which was very cool and much appreciated. But if I had to choose just one marathon, then I'd pick Tokyo, just because I love Japan and how orderly it was, compared to the very noisy US crowds that I found too distracting.



Which was your fastest marathon?

Tokyo, completed in 2 hours 57 mins. I was through 21km in 1 hour 20 minutes, but my knee played up a bit in the last 5km, which cost me a bit of time, but never mind!

Which was the hardest?

London was a short six days after Boston, so inevitably it was going to be very tough to recover in time. One day before the race, I was still struggling to walk, so I was dreading it, but once I got on the start line, miraculously (and mysteriously?) I felt ok and I managed to grind it out in 3 hours 12 mins, which was not too bad, all things considered. Plus, when I felt the going getting tough, I reminded myself about the three charity organisations and how I'm doing this for them as much as I'm doing it for me.

Most special memory?

Arriving in Chicago only the night before the marathon, due to my flights getting cancelled. I'm not sure I'd classify that as a "special memory", but I won't be forgetting that experience for a long time! It was super-hard and very stressful, but in the end I was happy just to be on the start line, even though I felt rotten!

Would you do it again?

Well, at this point, my answer is a big NO. But who can say for sure? Life and the universe work in mysterious ways!

I do want to thank everyone who followed my journey, as well as all those who donated to the charities. If you see me running in the streets of Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta, do wave and give a shout. And keep your eyes peeled for my next crazy challenge!







Omar Ali: 3rd Generation Makes The Cut

mar Ali, a home-grown bespoke tailor with roots in Bukit Tunku, sees its 3rd generation stepping into the business. Sulaiman Idris, son of Idris Mokhtar and Azizah Omar (daughter of the founder), sat down with The Hill to share his views and vision of this family-owned business, and how the atelier at The Stories has become its showcase and hub for innovation.

Joining the Family Business

This is interesting because this business was not on my radar screen at all. Tailoring was not my first passion, even though I followed my mother to the original boutique at Wisma Yakin — what good sons do, right? What whet my appetite was working at the factory in my gap year. I was curious at first, then became deeply interested, particularly in suits and jackets. I was entranced by the precision, fabric technology and usage, the fit and finesse of it all. I started to see great potential in *Omar Ali*. Despite its traditional roots, I noticed areas that could be modernised without compromising the heritage.

Working with My Parents

For me, working with Mum and Ayah is a privilege -1 am lucky in that sense. There's something special about figuring things out with those who've taught me everything I know about the trade. I wouldn't change that for anything. And I'm still learning from them!

My mother is the driving force behind the business, hardly surprising since she is the daughter of my grandfather, the founder — it's in her blood. She has a work ethic such that I had not experienced before — working almost seven days a week and on public holidays. I guess that's what people mean when they say, "they don't make 'em like that anymore"!

My father is involved in the Bukit Tunku atelier. His creative contributions bring a distinctive edge to our offerings, for example, intricate embroideries and custom songkoks using innovative materials like carbon fibre-inspired fabrics. Among his originals are the MTAC button series for Baju Melayu; and the Keris button, designed in 1995. Both endure to this day and reflect an eye for detail and our heritage.

What I appreciate most is that both give me the freedom to operate independently, without much interference but with occasional reality checks to make sure I'm on the right track.

Savile Row Academy

In 2024, I finally did something that had been on my list for a while — attending a course on Savile Row under the tutelage of Master Tailor and OBE Professor Andrew Ramroop. It was nothing short of lifechanging. Stepping into Professor Ramroop's studio felt like entering the heart of bespoke tailoring, an institution of precision, heritage, and unmatched craftsmanship.

After a star-struck moment or two, I rolled up my sleeves. Starting with the "basics" of cutting, sewing, and conducting fittings, I wanted to understand the depth and discipline behind tailoring and bring that back to *Omar Ali*. The smallest detail can make the biggest difference, and this course taught me to appreciate that on a whole new level.





Upon completion of the two-month programme, I received a certificate from the Savile Row Academy, which is proudly displayed in our Bukit Tunku boutique. More importantly, I returned with a renewed vision: to fuse traditional craftsmanship with modern tailoring excellence.

Omar Ali at The Stories

Between 2019 and 2021, I helped my mother to set up the *Omar Ali* atelier at The Stories — *Omar Ali Bespoke* and *Omar Ali Couture*. My mother did the heavy-lifting — organising and coordinating suppliers, contractors, workers, and the like. The family's touch was at its core; older sister Nurul designed the interior, while younger sister Hasha worked on our social media presence and marketing. It was a fresh chapter of growth, anchored in our values but open to new possibilities.



The Bukit Tunku atelier serves as our creative canvas, a centre where we blend *Omar Ali* classic identity with a more modern, bespoke image. We fulfill custom orders for everything — from suits and shirts to trousers, wedding gowns, and more. It is also home to our first Baju Melayu and wedding gown made with Loro Piana fabric — for those in the trade, this is special. Our team measures, cuts, and stitches in-house, making it the closest thing *Omar Ali* has to a Savile Row-style atelier.

Beyond Bukit Tunku, there are another eight Omar Ali boutiques across Klang Valley, the most recent one at Plaza Shah Alam opened in 2024. Our own tailoring hub in Shamelin, Cheras, has more than 20 skilled workers on site.

My vision for *Omar Ali* is to maintain its prestigious brand, catering to men and women, one that honours its 90-year legacy while striving toward new heights. Every day is a step towards that goal.

Visit <u>www.omarali.com.my</u> to browse collections, book appointments, and stay abreast of *Omar Ali's* latest traditional and contemporary designs and apparel.





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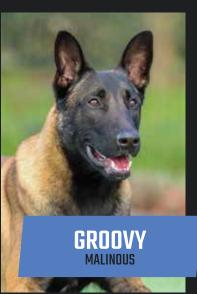




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Recycling For Good

A s national governments, global agencies and climate groups grapple with the devastating impact of the Climate Crisis (or as some climate activists would call it, a "Climate Catastrophe"), small actions by millions of ordinary citizens can play an important role.

Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta are participating neighbourhoods in the on-going "Separation at Source" programme jointly organised by Alam Flora Environmental Solutions (AFES) and Nestlé. Its collection service is still operating, although it may need a nudge every so often.

A visit to the RISE facility on 13th March gave more insight to the process of separation at source and what happens to discarded household items that are collected. AFES has invested in a system that further segregates recyclables to specifications, after which the output is baled and shredded for downstream marketing to end-user manufacturers and reprocessed into useable, everyday products.



A reminder of the steps for separating household items at source:

Step 1:

Separate dry recyclable items from non-recyclable items.

Step 2:

Clean the recyclable items — make sure they are dry.

Step 3:

Place the dry items in your blue bins (if you have them) or in plastic bags

Step 4:

Place the blue bin or plastic bags outside your gate before 8:00 am on Thursdays

Please do not mix nonrecyclable items with recyclable items, especially food waste and general domestic trash. This may result in items not being recycled at all.

Resources — Where to Look

The DoE website (doe.gov.my) has a downloadable PDF document of e-waste collection centres in Malaysia — just look for those listed in Kuala Lumpur,

on pages 8 and 9. The pages are not numbered, so you will need to refer to your computer when scrolling. The list is dated 2021.



The QR Code connects to the Precious Plastic Malaysia Instagram site . https://preciousplastic.com.my

Precious Plastic Malaysia is dedicated to produce products made from 100% recycled plastic and is actively contributing to the fight against plastic pollution.

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By purchase our products, you are not only getting functional and environmentally friendly items but also engaging in a larger mission to address plastic pollution.

Recycled material from RISE has been processed for downstream use making items that are useable at home, in schools, in offices and other such places.

Beyond government agencies, there are private companies that offer e-waste collection and responsible disposal services.

For example, if you are a Maxis customer, you may have received text messages about its service.

Please note that not all e-waste collection services have the resources to deal with batteries responsibly, so asking a simple question is suggested. Batteries are highly toxic and harmful to the environment and our own well-being, if not disposed in the proper manner.

https://www.maxis.com.my/ en/about-maxis/ewaste/



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Electronic waste or e-waste are electronic products that are discarded, not functioning or nearing the end of their usefulness. E-waste can pose serious environmental pollution and health hazards, if not handled properly.



TBM, an appliance retailer that has an outlet at Bangsar Village, Lower Ground, is an authorised e-waste collection service. You may either bring items to the outlet, or if you have larger appliances, you may callto arrange collection, for which there is a fee.

<u>https://shop.tbm.com.my/pages/e-</u> waste

According to its website, LALAMOVE, the transport and delivery service provider, works with six recycle and e-waste companies in Kuala Lumpur to contribute to sustainability. Check its blog on the website for more information.

https://www.lalamove. com/en-my/blog/6recycle-centres-inklang-valley





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