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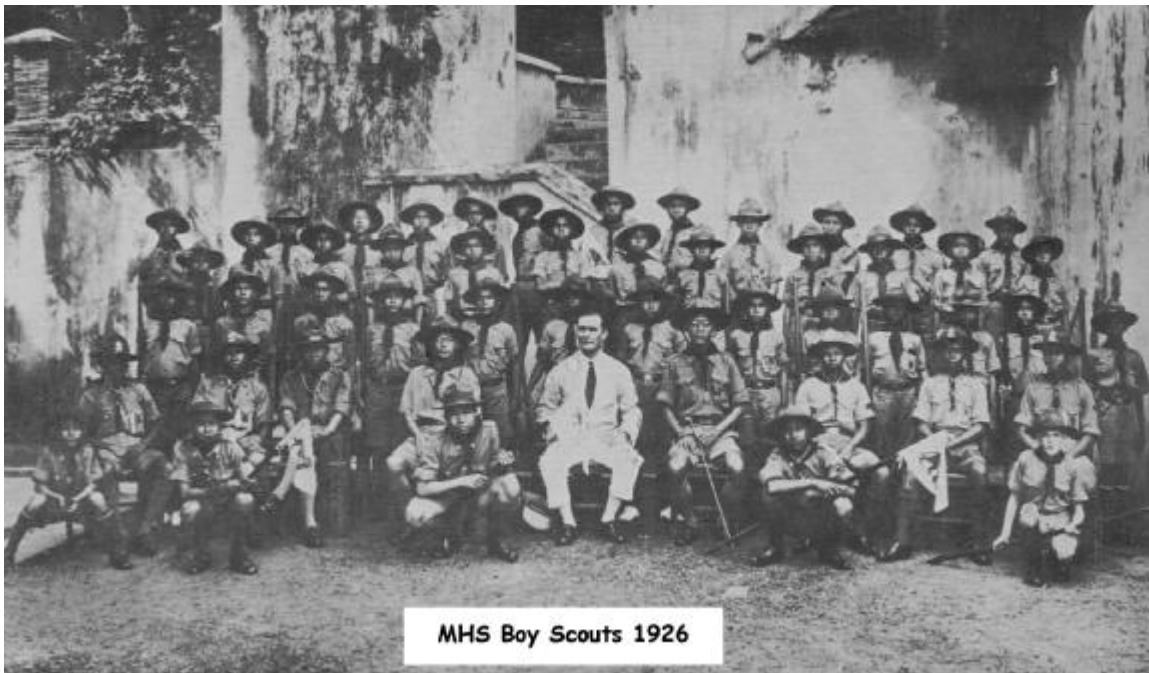
SCOUTING IN MALACCA HIGH SCHOOL from 1925 to 2005

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The Malacca High School Scout Movement was founded on 28th. February 1925 by Headmaster Mr. C.G. Coleman. He together with Mr. J.W.Jefferson and Mr. T.A.O'Sullivan put the Troop on sound footing.

It was formally registered as the 1st. Malacca(High School) Boy Scouts Troop on May 7th. 1925, and consisted of 6 patrols whose leaders were B.Hans Raj, Tan Boon Teng, J.A.R. Wellington, Abdul Rahman b. Haji Nurdin, Bachik b. Subah and M. Rajan. The Scoutmaster was Mr. W.B.O' Sullivan, who was assisted by Assistant Scout master Mr. Gurdial Singh and Mr. P.f. Pereira. Rules and regulations were drawn up by the members themselves for the management and discipline of the Troop. Laws were also formulated empowering the formation and defining the functions of the Court of Honour as an Executive and Judicial Body.

Mr. W.B. O' Sullivan resigned at the end of 1925 and was succeeded by Mr. A.C. Selby-Bigge in April 1926. Under him, the troop was divided into two sub-Troops. Many volunteers came forward at the end of 1925 to act as Instructors in various fields – from 1st. Aid to Boxing and Wrestling. Scouts were trained and tested by the Scout masters and instructors have instructions through games and Scouting practices.



Malacca High School Scout Troop taken in 1926 during 100th. Anniversary of Malacca High School

On February 14th. 1930, the Troop was divided into 3 Troops viz: the 1st.(under Scouter Tan Cheng Lock assisted by Mr. B.L. Bangah), 10th. Troop (Mr. Pang Yong Wah) and 11th. Troop (Mr. Tan Gim Ann assisted by Mr. Koh Kim Peng), Mr. K.K.Suppiah was appointed Senior Scout master and later became District Scout master. Pearce Cup for Signalling and the Brunton Cup for Ambulance Work were won by the High School Scouts for the 3rd. successive time. In September,

the 11th. Troop was renamed the 7th. Troop; Mr. T.K. Joseph was put in charge of the new Group under the name of 7th. Troop.

Meanwhile in 1936, a Rover Crew was formed by S.M. Joseph and in 1936, Mr. Tan Gim Ann was appointed Group Scout master. By this time the Scouts had a Scout Room and a Scout Library.

In 1938, for the 1st. time in the history of Malacca Scouting, the Group produced 5 Bushman Thong Holders viz: Chen Ah Leong, Hoe Sit Toh, Lim Ong Beng, Sim Beck Hoe and Tan Siew Hong, all from 11th. Troop specially trained by S.P.S.Pillay. Mr. S.P.S. Pillay was the first to form a Sea Scout Patrol followed by S.M.Lai. This Patrol was later transferred to the Head Quarters in 1939.



1942 – 1945 Scouting ceased in function because of Japanese Occupation.

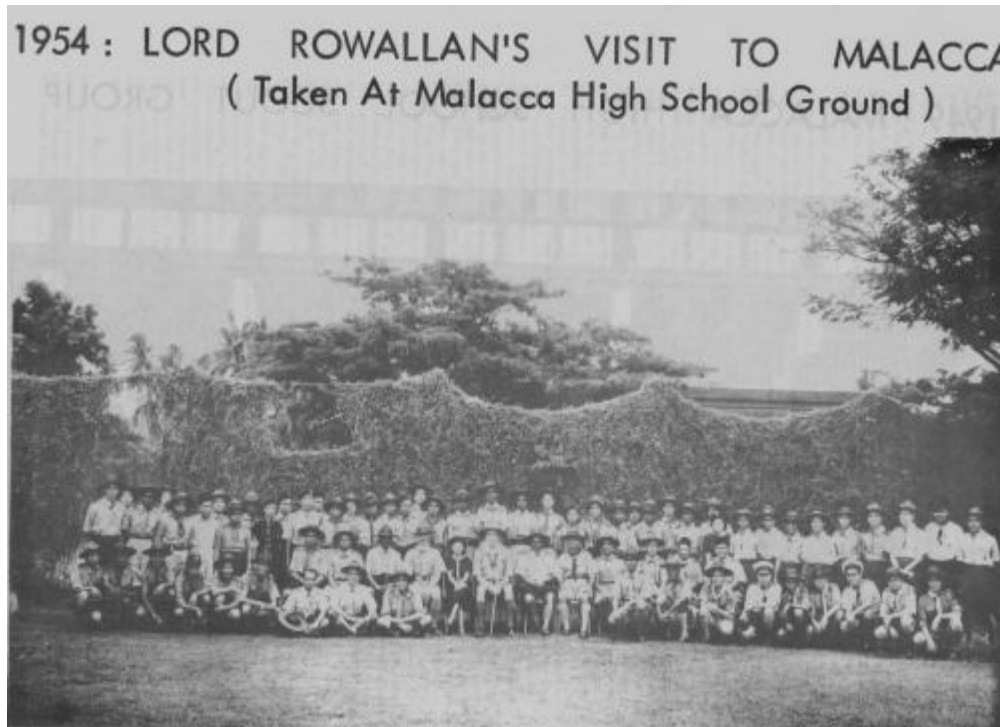
In 1947, Mr. Tan Gim Ann compiled, edited and published the “**Chronicles**” of the Malacca High School (1825 – 1947). Another objective of publishing the “**Chronicles**” was to raise funds for the Scout Fund of the school.

A thorough reorganisation of the Movement into Junior and Senior Scouts sections was carried out in 1949. Then, on 5th. May 1949, the Malacca Senior Scout Patrol Leaders’ Association was formed.

A Rover Crew was once again formed on 5th. March 1950. In 1953 the Group was divided into the 1st. Group and the 6th. Group. Hikes and Camps were organised and the Group took an active part in collecting funds for the Malaya Head Quarters Building Fund.

In 1954, there was a major reshuffle of the Malacca Scout Group with the High School Group coming under the new Fort District Boy Scout Local Association. The 6th. Group became the 4th.

Group while the 2nd. Group remained as it was on November 3rd. Chief Scout Lord Rowallan inspected a Grand Rally at the High School ground. The Rover Crew in 1955 was expanded to suffice a Women Crew. During this period, our Scouts took part in a programme 'Be Prepared' over Radio Malaya. A Group Committee, comprising of parents of Scouts was also formed by the Group.



To celebrate the 50th. Anniversary of Malayan Scouting in 1961, 20 Scouts from the school attended a National Champoree. This national Champoree was held at Camp Semangat, Cheras from 6th. To 12th. August 1961. In 1962, Scout Tay Kay Hui attended the 1st. Asian Jamboree in Japan from 2nd. August to 8th. August 1962 while Scout Ho Yew Wah attended the Golden Jubilee Jamboree in Hong Kong. Meantime, Scout Oh Kim Chwee attended the Thai National Jamboree from 19th. November to 25th. November

In 1964, Sir Charles Maclean, the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth visited Malacca from 31st. October to 2nd. November 1964. Our Scouts constructed two gateways and gadgets at the Mrs. Tan Chay Yan Camp during the visit.



In 1968, a Ranger Company was formed with a membership of 25. In the following year, the Scouts and Rangers visited the Spastic Home in Malacca. An annual campfire was held which was attended by more than 200 Scouts and Guides. From 7th. November to 9th. November 1969, the Scout troops took part in the Pre-Jamboree Camp at Ayer Keroh.

In 1970, for the 1st time, the Group had her own Group Newsletter '*The Fort*'. The Group also celebrated her 45th. Anniversary the same year. From 29th. July to 4th. August 1970, the Group of Seniors and Juniors participated in the 2nd. Malaysian Jamboree held at Ayer Keroh, Melaka. Our Scouters were also involved in organising this Jamboree.

During the 1971 floods, our Senior Scouts helped at various relief centres to ease the situation.

In 1972, most of our effort was directed towards the Scout Den Project. As such a Walkathon was held for the project. During this year too, the 1st. Ever Day Camp was held between the guides of M.G.H.S. and our Scouts, on May 6th. 1972.

In early 1974, the Group Scout Den costing \$3,000 was completed.



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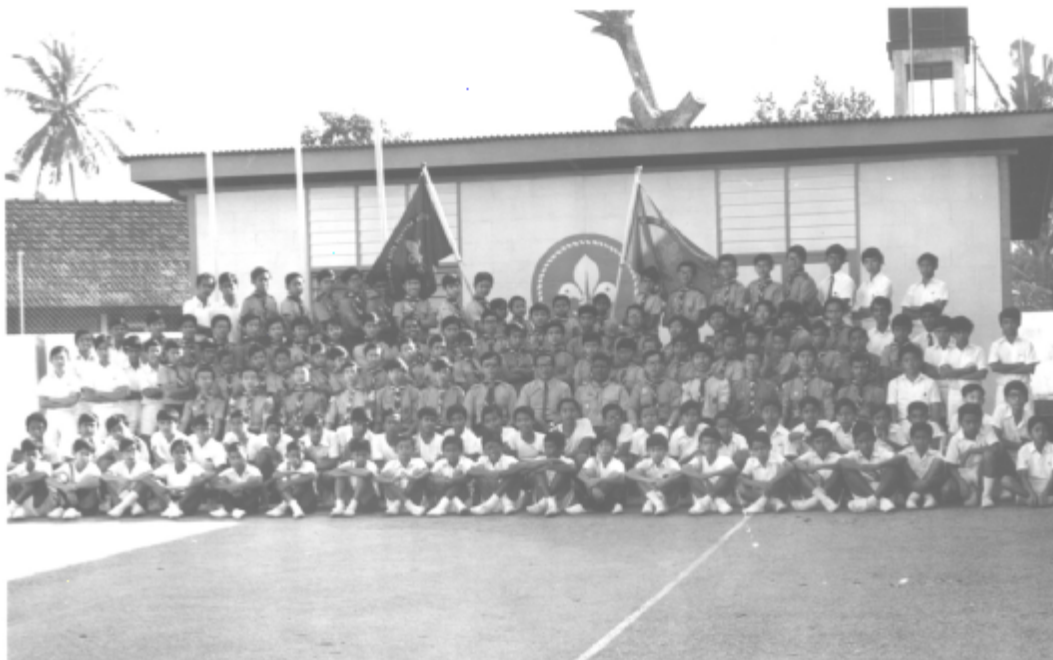


Inside the Scout Den

In 1975, the Malacca High School Scout group celebrated its Golden Jubilee (50th. Year) Anniversary. The Group was headed by Group Scout Leader Mr. Ooi Tsu Guan and Scout Leader, Mr. Kumaradas with assistance from Scout Leader Mr. Lim Tee Teck and Assistant Scout Leaders Peter Suan, Danny Tan, Ng Hock Moh, Lim Tee How, Kang Tsz Wong, Ong Seng Hui, Kang Tsi Kit and Koh Jak Boon.



*Left to Right : Mr.Tan Tian Tiong, ASM Ong Seng Hui, ASM Danny Tan, GSM Ooi Tsu Guan, Patron : Mr. Chan Ying Tat, SL Kumaradas, ASM Koh Jak Boon, ASM Kang Tsi Kit and ASM Kang Tsz Wong
Not in Photo: SL Lim Tee Tek, Peter Suan, Desmond Ng and Quek See Hean*



Malacca High School 1st. and 4th. Fort Scout Troops (1975)

Since its founding, the Scout group has contributed very much to the success and glory of the School. During this 50th. Anniversary, the group carried out the Green Book Plan, launched a Tree/Shrub Planting project at the Mrs. Tan Chay Yan Camp at Pantai Kundur on March 29th. 1975 as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. An Inter-Group Scoutcraft Competition was also held

for other Scouts/Guides troops from the Fort District on 24th. May 1975. Our Seniors and Juniors emerged Champions in their respective categories. Meantime, a Golden Jubilee Souvenir Programme was compiled to mark the anniversary and the Official Opening of the Scout Den cum Reunion Dinner was held on 11th. October 1975 where old Scout leaders and Scouts of the Group were invited. In conjunction with the Golden Jubilee celebrations, Brown Wolf (Mr. T. Moissnaic) specially composed a song for the Malacca High School Scouts.

In 1977, GSL Ooi Tsu Guan was transferred out to Kuala Lumpur after serving the Group for 7 years. The Group was then led by Mr. Kadir Md Nor. who maintained the high standard of the 1st. and 4th. Fort Scout Group. In 1977, six out of ten Scouts were chosen from 1st. & 4th. Fort to attend the Indonesian Jamboree in Medan Sumatra and was led by Encik Abdul Kader, a Scout master of 1st. & 4th. Fort Scout Group of Malacca High School.

In 1978, the MHS Rover Crew was formed for the Sixth Formers in Malacca High and was led by Rover Mates Tan Chee Kiong, Krishnan Nair, Lim Chor Pin and Soon Leh Hong. In 1980, Scout Nazian Bin Yusof was selected to visit Japan by the Japanese Scouts Association from 3rd. August to 17th. August 1980. All expenses for the trip was borne by the Scouts Association of Japan. In 1981, four Scouts from the Group attended the 6th. Asia Pacific Jamboree at Jakarta from 20th. June to 27th. June 1981. The Scouts were Shah Rizal Ishak, Sharminder Singh Dhaliwal, Loy In Koh and Mohd. Shuhaimi Jeram.

In 1983, Mr. Tan KhimYong took over the reins of the Group from Encik Kadir Md Nor. with the 1st. & 4th. Fort Group divided into 3 Troops viz:- Juniors, Seniors and Rovers. Activities of the Group included First Aid training, Fire fighting and an Annual Camp at Pantai Kundur from 1st to 3rd. April 1983. The Rovers meantime invited 'Uncle Au Loon' to present a talk in one of their numerous activities in 1983.

Peter Suan Teck Siang took over the Group Scout Leadership in 1991. Juniors were for students from Form 1 to 3, Seniors from Form 4 to 5 and a Hostel Troop was included under the Group. In 1993, the Group had expanded to 50 Senior Scouts, 90 Junior Scouts, 63 Scouts from the Hostel and 95 strong Rover Crew.

In 1994, the Rovers under Senior Rover Mate Darren Mah Teng Hock reached a membership of 104. The Rovers carried out a number of activities which included an expedition by 22 Rovers to Gunung Angsi in Negeri Sembilan. They also operated a stall during the "Societies' Day" and half the profits collected from sales of the stall was donated to the Kandiah Memorial Fund.

In 1998, due to the building of a few new blocks of classes near the *Wisma Pengakap*, the Wisma Pengakap (Scout Den) which was built through the Scouts own fund raising efforts from 1972 to 1974, was demolished. The Scout Den had served the Group since 1974 and it was unfortunate that it had to be sacrificed to make way for the School expansion. The Scout Den is now on 4th.floor of a new block.

On the 22nd. February 2000, in-conjunction with Lord Baden's Powell birthday, the Scout Group celebrated her Diamond Jubilee (75th. Anniversary) since 1925. A commemorative Diamond Jubilee Scarf, Diamond Jubilee Collar pin and Diamond Jubilee Badge were made to remember this auspicious occasion of the Scout Movement in Malacca High School. On 21st. April 2000, a campfire was held at the School Hall and other schools were invited to join in this Campfire.

From 2004, Encik Ibrahim b. Md Said headed the 1st.& 4th. Scout Group in Malacca High School. During this period, Scouts from the Group attended the 5th. ASEAN Jamboree which was held at Puan Tan Chay Yan Camp at Bukit Katil, Melaka.

In 2005, the Malacca High School 1st. & 4th. Scout Group celebrated her 80th. Anniversary of her founding since May 1925.