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Message from the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Sarawak

To the Bahá'ís of Sarawak

Dearly loved Friends,

With the passing of the *"Most Great Festival"*, we take joy to inform the friends that all the existing 78 Local Spiritual Assemblies as well as 2 new ones were duly elected on the 1st Day of Ridvan. During this Festival, the 14th National Convention was also successfully held on 30 April to 2 May in Penview Inn, Kuching.

We are most pleased to share the news that in this Convention many historic milestones were reached in the annals of the Faith in Sarawak. Among these, as highlighted in the message of the delegates to our beloved Universal House of Justice, a copy of which is shown in this newsletter, were highest number of delegates in attendance as well as the presence of women delegates, and the non-occurrence of loss of ballot and spoilt votes.

On the morning of the second day of the Convention, in a solemn atmosphere and prayerful attitude, the delegates cast their ballots, and the results of the election of the members of the Spiritual Assembly was announced by the Chief Teller just before lunch break.

We are most pleased to inform that the new members elected were, in the order of highest number of votes received, Mdm Kong Ah Fah (secretary), Mr. Dajai Mancha (treasurer), Mr. Chin Chia Chau (vice chairman), Mr. Yong Kiong Choon (chairman), Mrs Marilyn Lee, Mr. Robert Ting, Mr. Neilson Narong, Mr. Terrence Tinggi and Mr. Tipk Ladi, with their office-bearing functions shown in bracket as per election among the members themselves the following day.

We are sure that, by now, the friends must have already read and discussed among themselves the Ridvan 2011 Message from our beloved Supreme Body. Let us call to mind the salient points of this Message, namely, the unveiling of the newly "gilded dome" of the Shrine of the Bab, the Prophet-Martyr of our beloved Faith; the "intense study" across the Bahá'í world of the features of the next 5 Year Plan; recognition of the "accelerated disintegration" of the old world order; discernment of the "constructive process" of a "New World Order" that the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh "must erelong establish"; the privilege of us Bahá'ís that the longing to contribute to societal development, especially among the young, is able to find "such eloquent expression" in what the Bahá'í community is presently carrying out; setting the example of our beloved Master as our "instinctive guide" in achieving the aim of the Plan; and, lastly, the broad description of how the divine light, "kindled in the Siyah-Chal", will finally reach "the stage at which the light of God's triumphant Faith shining in all its power and glory will have suffused and enveloped the entire planet."

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We are fully aware that we are still far from reaching that stage. But rest assured that we are a step closer to that goal as each and every one of us responds whole-heartedly to the call of the beloved Universal House of Justice in its 1 Jan 2011 letter to every follower of the Blessed Beauty to “make this global enterprise a personal concern and become as occupied with the well-being of the human family as you are with that of your dearest kin.”

We are most pleased to note that all the clusters in the southern region have already held in-depth study of the 28 December 2010 message, and that most of the clusters in the northern region and the Sibiu cluster in the central region, with representatives from various clusters in that region, have also done so. We are confident that the friends will heed the call of the Supreme Body to give the message “thoughtful study”, alongside the Ridvan 2010 Message, at “gatherings of all kinds – whether at the national, regional, or cluster levels, in local communities, in neighbourhoods and villages, or in the home.”

Lastly, we wish to remind the friends of two great anniversaries for the Baha’is in the month of May, namely, the Declaration of the Bab on 23 May (1844) and the Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh on 29 May (1819).

As you all prepare to commemorate these two anniversaries in the most appropriate manner befitting them, we, too, pray that each one of you “may be surrounded by the potent confirmations of Bahá’u’lláh as you convey to the others the spark of faith”

With loving greetings,
Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of Sarawak

A total of 81 Local Spiritual Assemblies were elected on 21 April / Ridvan 2011

CENTRAL REGION (Total: 9)

Cluster Kanowit: 2

Kanowit Town, R Kasau

Cluster Kapit: 1

Kapit Town

Cluster Mukah: 1

Mukah Town

Cluster Selangau: 3

R. Nanggai, R Penguang, R Sebeli, Sg Sikat

Cluster Sibiu: 2

Sibiu Town, Sibiu Jaya

NORTHERN REGION (Total: 25)

Cluster Bakong: 11

R Morgan, R Ansok, R Benang, R Manggi, R Balang,
R Bantan, R Ali, R Bangga, R Nega, R Anjan, Ladang
Surea

Cluster Bintulu: 2

Bintulu Town, R Radin

Cluster Limbang: 5

Limbang Town, R Senggat, R Sintau, R Jubang, Kg
Menuang Baru

Cluster Miri: 1

Miri City

Cluster Niah: 4

R Ngadan, R Sg Libai, R Mat, R Anjat

Cluster Tatau: 2

Tatau Town, R Sulang,

SOUTHERN REGION (Total: 48)

Cluster Asajaya: 3

Kg Sg Buloh, Kg Sampun Kelili, Kg Senangeh

Cluster Betong: 2

Kg Enteban, Rh Ganya, Ulu Teru

Cluster Gedong: 6

Kg Belimbing, Kg Telagus Legai, Kg Triboh, Kg Remun, Kg
Lebor, Kg Merakai

Cluster Kuching: 8

Kg Bintawa Lama, Kg Betong, Kg Turong, Kg Singai Atas,
Kuching City South, Kuching City North, Padawan, Samarahan

Cluster Lubok Antu: 2

R Tunku, R Kiroh

Cluster Lundu: 2

Kg Bitokan, Kg Selampit

Cluster Pantu: 1

R Merindeng

Cluster Sebuyau: 11

Kg Belimbing Besi, Kg Bulan, Kg Entanggor, Kg Sg Nibong, Kg
Kesindu, Kg Sg Pedada, Kg Ensika, Kg Kelait, Kg Lunying, Kg
Skitong, Kg Pantu Pelai

Cluster Serian: 4

Kg Bugu Mawang, Kg Mayang Tea, Kg Mujat, Kg Sumpas
Tampek

Cluster Simunjan: 6

Kg Bt Mumong, Kg Mawang, Kg Temiang, Kg Sekendu, Kg Sg
Lingau, Kg Mengeli

Cluster Sri Aman: 1

Sri Aman Town

Cluster Saratok: 1

R Kupun

