2024-2026 COUNCIL NOMINEES

POSITION	NOMINEE NAME
PRESIDENT	VINCENT CHOW KOK KOW
	AHMAD BIN ISMAIL
	ANNA WONG @ WONG YUN MOI
VICE PRESIDENT	AYADURAI A/L LETCHUMANAN
	LAI CHONG HAUR
	NOOR JEHAN ABU BAKAR
HON. SECRETARY	ASSOC PROF DR CHONG JU LIAN
HON. TREASURER	DR RAJENDRAN A/L MUTHU

PROFILE STATEMENT of Vincent Chow

a) How long the nominee has been a MNS member;

Since 1981

b) Their planned contribution to MNS in relation to the MNS Strategy Plan 2017 – 2023, a copy of which is available on the MNS webpage (www.mns.my);

I have achieved some of objectives of the MNS Strategy Plan as follows:

On Conservation:

Have jointly organised the Scientific Expedition Panti with the Johor State Forestry and UTHM and the findings of the MNSJ team were presented at the Seminar held at KSL Resort, JB from 2-4th May 2023. in and the following paper were presented



FIRST REPORT OF SPOTTED LEOPARD FROM PANTI CONSERVATION AREA (PCA)

Vincent Chow, Aminuddin b Jamin, Hj. Salim b Aman, Tony Wong, Sivapragash Periannan, Vilma D'Rozario

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ABSTRACT

Earlier camera trap surveys have indicated that the Leopard, Panthera pardus, is more commonly found in Peninsular Malaysia as a black or melanistic form. Most observations made south of the Isthmus of Kra had been melanistic and not the spotted form. However, in 2000, a wounded individual of the Spotted Leopard was rescued from the Endau-Rompin National Park, and later recovered at the Malacea Zoo. In 2010, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) obtained three photos of the Spotted Leopard out of 11,500 from Endau-Rompin National Park, confirming that the species was present in Peninsular Malaysia. Another two observations were reported from camera traps at Ulu Muda, of a male in 2014 and subsequently, a female in 2015. The current report covers observations of Leopards from a camera trap study conducted at some compartments of the gazetted Panti Conservation Area (PCA) of size 13,152.13 ha. and highlights the presence of the spotted form as first recorded on 29th September 2022 at PCA, and more evidence in subsequent records in videos and photographs. These observations confirm and reaffirm the presence of the Spotted Leopard at the most southern part of the Central Forest Spine in Johor.



BIODIVERIY ASSESSMENT IN PANTI CONSERVATION AREA USING TRAIL CAMERS: EXTENDED REPORT.

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Abstract

The current wildlife survey of the Panti Conservation Area (PCA) was conducted in collaboration with the Johor Department of Forestry and the Johor Wildlife Department (PERHILITAN). In total, 30 motion sensor trail cameras (also known as camera traps) were mobilised. Results obtained showed a tally of 34 mammalian species, with bycatches of 17 birds and 4 reptiles when compared to previous efforts that obtained lower numbers of mammals (13 and 16). The camera team has been active since August 2021 mostly in Compartments 5, 28, 34, 35, 36 as well as at Compartments 54 and 55 of the Panti Bird Sanctuary (PBS). The melanistic form of the Leopard was first recorded at Panti by other parties in 2019. No previous proof of the spotted form had been known from the Panti Conservation Area (PCA). In this study, the camera team recorded the Spotted Leopard at PCA for the first time, making it the second confirmation of its presence in Johor after the earlier record at Endau-Rompin Johor National Park. The results have revealed that the 13 152.13 ha of the Panti Conservation Forest is very rich in wildlife and surveys are needed to unravel more.

On Membership

- Membership could be increased if there are large impactful activities like the planned Ulu Muda Scientific Expedition to attract the masses at k]large.
- 2. Need to draw up a more attractive package to sign up the Corporate sectors as members. For the present, there is othing to make the corporate interested to sign up. This could be a good avenue to get good funding if we have the right approach. This idea can be developed.

On Environmental Education

1. First activity if to invite all chairs and committee members to attend a series of workshops how and what to see and do things about Nature inorder to understand nature. These hands-on activities will be saleable activities to the public as meaningful activities for children and adults. Without the right knowledge, branches are quite limited in reaching out.

c) What they have contributed for MNS during their tenure in Council (if seeking re-election) or in

other ways (if seeking election for the first time);

- 1. Organized the Scientific Expedition with Dept of Forestry and conducted Camera Trapping at the Panti Forest for almost 2 years and have recorded many mammal species for the first time in 2022-2023 .Two papers were coauthoured with the MNS-NSS Team and presented at the Seminar at KSL Resort Hotel from2nd-4th May 2023 . Both papers were submitted to Forestry for publication in the Proceedings.
- 2. Have widened the recogniton and awareness of MNS among Southeast Asian countries by joining Global Environmental Institute(GEI) which has formed the East and Southeast Asdia Community Conservation Network. We are the only Malaysian NGO in this Association. MNS has sent Bernadette Stansinlaus to the Carbon Determination Workshop at Malang this year.
- **3.** Have organised the Inaugural Bird Race at Panti as a joint activity of MNS and the Johor State J Department of forestry
- **4.** As Acting Managing Editor of Malaysian Naturalist, have produced all the required Quarterliy with the special issue of Sarawak and Sabah branch. As Chairman, the Malaysian Journal was also produced on time and the ranking has improved, which is now 0.8
- d) Declaration of any potential conflict of interest;

None. This is a voluntary job and I have no financial interest nor other conflict of interest.

e) and any other relevant information.

- 1. Wants to make the Ulu Muda Scientific Expedition an iconic project for MNS and publish the findings. This event could also be used to recruit new members.
- 2. Also planning to publish a coffee table book on the Kuala Selangor Nature Park and use it to attract more visitors and sign up new members.
- 3. Will also try to revive the Suara Enggang with the BCC under Tan Choo Eng at the present.

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Making the link

"Creating the links, connecting the dots"

Ahmad Ismail is a retired professor in wildlife ecology and ecotoxicology at Universiti Putra Malaysia. His involvement with MNS started since his student time back in 1980s and continue active after 1990s. In MNS, he was a council member for the term 2010-2012, became a Vice President from 2012-2016, and the President from 2018-2022. During his involvement with MNS, he contributed significantly to Kelab Pencinta Alam (KPA) schools, Education Centres i.e. KSNP and EcoCare Environmental Education Centre, Kertih and he was also involved with Malayan Nature Journal (MNJ).

In addition to the above, Ahmad Ismail also participated in most of MNS signatures events (Raptor Watch and Festival of Wings) and other important internationally celebrated days with environment theme at MNS. Education and publication are two important things for MNS to stay relevant in protecting and conserving our natural heritage. He will continue working with MNS on KPA matters—at schools promoting nature education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) through nature. More training activities for trainers need to be done among the KPA-teachers, strengthening the branches and improving regular events such as Asian Water Birds Census (AWC), World Wetlands Day (WWD), Raptor Watch, World Environment Day (WED), World Ocean Day (WOC), Beach Cleaning, Festival of Wings and other celebrations on wildlife and habitats especially those involving KPA.

Continuous effort in strengthening collaborations with the Ministry of Education and other agencies are also required. Also crucial is to support all members interest especially on birding as birds can be a good indicator for the quality of

the environment. He is also involved in other groups such as MON (Malaysia Otter Network), flora and fauna. Protecting and promoting selected areas to be new Ramsar Sites, Flyway Network Site, new scientific expedition location are also important tasks for MNS. All these can be achieved under the leadership and guidance of Ahmad Ismail

Ahmad Ismail's past track record with MNS

For twelve years, he has helped MNS in the area of environmental education through many activities such as :-

- being advisor to education department of MNS
- directly involved in promoting MNS through education activities with schools and universities. MNS have more than 400 schools under KPA (Kelab Pencinta Alam)
- He is one of the Honorary Editors of Malayan Nature Journal (MNJ), the oldest nature-based journal in the region, and is responsible to bring MNJ to higher levels,
- Chairman of the Management Committee of the MNS-Petronas Ecocare Centre in Kertih, Terengganu,
- · Advisor to the Ulu Muda project including the scientific expedition,
- Advisor to the EU/BL Forest Governance Project.
- Writing an article related to current environmental issues on behalf of MNS in Berita Harian newspapers on regular basis.
- Responding to current environmental issues on behalf of MNS in national newspapers



ANNA WONG @ WONG YUN MOI

Membership Number: F/E/8725/E

Immediate Past Chairperson of Malaysian Nature Society Sabah Branch

<u>Candidate for MNS President Post</u>

Origin: Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

Anna Wong joined MNS in 1993, she has served in MNS for the past 31 years and has been the MNS Sabah Branch Chairperson for about 15 years, intervals with other chairmen of the Branch. Besides, she had served in MNS Council represented the Branch; and lately as an elected council member for 2022-2024. She was one of the pioneers alongside founder, Mr. Robert Stuebing, who initiated and carried on the baton of MNS Sabah Branch to greater heights. She has contributed significantly in the MNS Strategy Plan 2017-2023 especially on monitoring terrestrial IBA sites such as Imbak Canyon Conservation Area, Danum Valley Conservation Area and others; and assisting on IBA review, carried out capacity building workshop, participated in scientific expeditions and raised awareness on protecting and gazzetting of Pulau Ular, off Labuan F.T. She has good rapport with government agencies, institutions, NGOs and entrepreneurs which has allowed many environment conservation programs/ projects/activities to be carried out successfully and effectively. A former Senior Lecturer of Institute Tropical Biology and Conservation (ITBC) and Faculty of Tropical Forestry, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), she has vast experience on environmental conservation and specialise in zoology, wildlife management as well as policy and regulations of conservation in biodiversity. She is also a member of IUCN Species Specialist Group for Otter and Amphibians. Due to her patient and commitment with MNS, disregarding any personal interest, she untiringly advocates protecting the environment and biodiversity conservation, environment education and public awareness. She envisaged to lead MNS to a better platform to attract the interest of everyone, committed to make significant changes in MNS, spearhead MNS to tackle climate change and complement government's green initiatives for our beloved country. She can be reached at anna65wong@gmail.com

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE TERM 2024-2026

PROFILE



NAME: AYADURAI A/L LETCHUMANAN

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: O/E/32561/B

CURRENT POSITION: VICE PRESIDENT

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION: BA Hons (UM), MA (UM)

OCCUPATION: TEACHER (RETIRED)

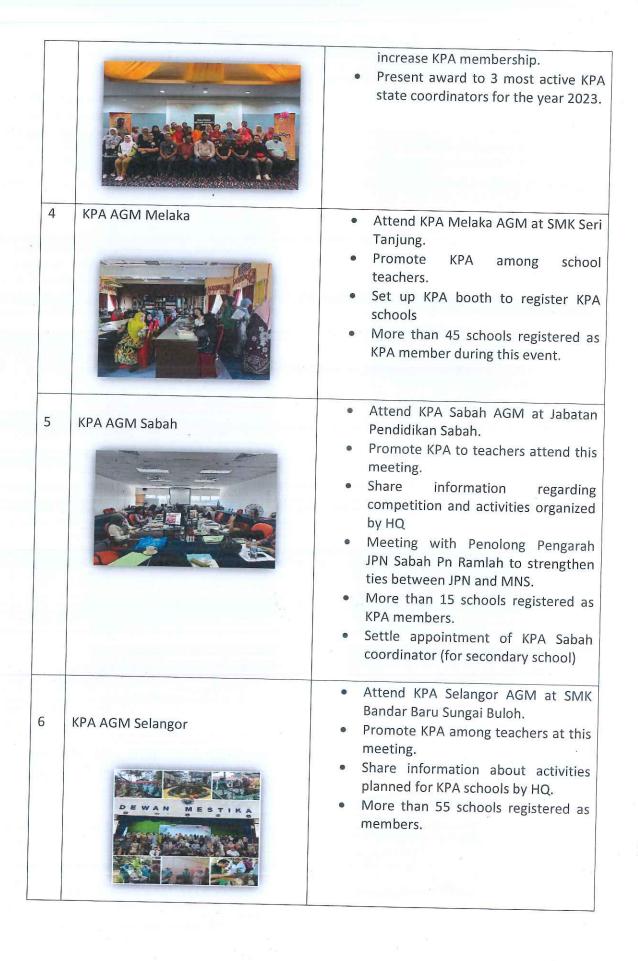
MNS MEMBER: FROM 2016 (9 YEARS)

COUNCIL MEMBER: 2020 - 2022

VICE PRESIDENT: 2022 - 2024

CONTRIBUTION

	ACTIVITIES	DETAIL
1	Increase MNS membership among KPA School teachers &	 Promote MNS membership among KPA School teachers. Organize campaign to promote membership during KPA
	Increase KPA Schools.	coordinators meeting and KPA school teachers meeting Through all this initiatives more than 30 school teachers join MNS as members. Initiative to increase KPA member schools in all states. Attend state KPA meetings and programmes to promote KPA among teachers. Presentation on KPA and programmes conducted by MNS HQ during KPA meetings. More than 200 KPA schools registered as new member or renew membership.
2	KPA Coordinators Meeting - 2022	 Serve as organizing committee member for KPA coordinators meeting at Ancasa Hotel, PD. Invite all coordinators and Timbalan Pengarah UPBM for this meeting. All together 32 coordinators attended this meeting. Prepare itinerary for this meeting and conduct meeting. Presentation on programmes and competition organized by MNS HQ
3	KPA Coordinators Meeting – 2023	 Organize KPA coordinators meeting at Taman Alam, Kuala Selangor. Coordinate with staff from HQ and staff from KSNP to arrange this event. All together 27 coordinators and officers from JPN attended this meeting. Conduct discussions on ways to



Work with MNS HQ on Biodiversiti Kem Biodiversiti – Frasers Hill 2024 Camp at Frasers Hill. 7 Engage STPM students as volunteers. Advise committee on itinerary and selection of participants for this event Organize Environmental Education Tour to Nepal for KPA School Nepal Environmental Education Tour 8 teachers. Colloborate with Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN). Prepare itinerary and arrange visit to schools in Nepal. this 17 school teachers join educational tour Arrange MOU signing ceremony between KPA Schools from Malaysia and Annapurna Secondary School in Nepal. Organize Environmental Education KPA Selangor Education Tour to Tour to Perak. KPA school teachers from Perak 75 Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Kedah join this tour. Visit KPA School in Taiping, Perak. (SMK Dr Burhanuddin) Arrange MOU signing ceremony between schools from Selangor and SMK Dr Burhanuddin. Open KPA booth to promote KPA and MNS membership. Work with MNS HQ on SREEF launching ceremony at Rimba Ilmu, **SREEF Launching Ceremony** 10 Universiti Malaya. This event funded by Dr Paul Rajendran through SREEF. Arrangement for students from Sembilan and Melaka, Negeri Selangor to participate in this

programme.

11	MNS Resource Centre	 Colloborate with Dr Yong from Rimba Ilmu, UM to make this event success Incharge of MNS Resource Centre at MNS HQ. Books from FRIM Library removed to Resource Centre at HQ. Organize gotong royong to arrange books at Resource Centre Engage volunteers from UM Library to help us on cataloging.
12	Dark Caves	 Organize gotong royong at Dark Caves with the help from student volunters. Meet up with Batu Caves Temple management to update them about ongoing works at Dark Caves. Attend meeting with Majlis Perbandaran Selayang regarding Dark Caves.
13	Press meet for SREEF Competition	 Promote SREEF Competition for Tamil School students. Invite RTM for press conference to reach out to more Tamil Schools. Through this initiative 85 schools participate in this competition for the year 2023 Form volunteer group to help HQ to conduct Tamil schools competition.
14	KSNP monitoring	 Help HQ to moniter Kuala Selangor Nature Park. Visit KSNP occasionally to monitor ongoing maintenance works. Advise HQ on matters related to management. Give suggestion and ideas to overcome issues regarding programmes and activites conducted by KSNP.

PROFILE STATEMENT



Name : Lai Chong Haur

Age : 54 years old

Academic Qualifications: Master in Human Resources & Industrial Relations

(MIHRM & IR), Master of Business (M.O.B), Bachelor of Law (LL.B)

Professional Career: Managing Director, HK Harmony Resources Sdn Bhd

Director, Seven Tea One Sdn Bhd

Core Competencies: Leadership, Management, Corporate re-engineering, Organizational Development, Environmental Advocacy and Community

Development

Recognition: Star Golden Hearts Award 2020, Gamuda Inspiration Award 2020, Successful People in Malaysia Editon 3 (2021), Media features on The Star, China Press, Sin Chew Jit Poh, FMT, Vulcan Post, Quang Ming Daily.

Involvement in MNS:

- i) Member of MNS for the past 12 years since 19th April 2012
- ii) Assistant Coordinator for Marine SIG (2012 2013)
- iii) Committee Member for MNS Selangor Branch (2016 2017)
- iv) Council Member for MNS (2018 2022)
- v) Honorary Secretary for MNS (2022 2024)

Contribution to Environmental Conservation:

Throughout my membership tenure, I have been actively involved in various environmental conservation and advocacy activities organized by MNS and by other environmental NGOs.

Organized the Eco-Trail Putrajaya Marathon 2019, an international event in collaboration with Eco-Trail Paris in aligning environmental conservation and climate change agendas through running marathon.

Focused on the development and administration of Kuala Selangor Nature Park (KSNP), together with MNS HQ and KSNP team

- Personal Pledge as Vice President:
 - a. Strengthen the administration of MNS by harmonizing close working relationships between Board of Trustees, HQ Secretariat and Council
 - b. Establish more collaboration with other environmental NGOs and Governmental agencies in championing environmental conservation and climate change issues at policy-making and grassroots levels.
 - c. Enhance financial sustainability of MNS for greater nature conservation impacts through corporate sponsored projects, scientific research, expedition, community development and advocacy.

- d. To make MNS as Center of Reference for all matters related to bio-diversity, environmental and climate change for corporates, researchers, policy makers and rakyat
- e. To position MNS at global arena championing environmental cause
- f. To increase membership base of MNS through active enrolment of corporate bodies, Universities students and nature lovers
- g. Greater accountability and transparencies in the administration of components of MNS at all levels.

Lai Chong Haur

Candidate Profile: NOOR JEHAN ABU BAKAR

Membership Number: 0/E/17783/C

Candidate for Vice President, Malaysian Nature Society Post

I have been a member of MNS Pahang since 1999 and have been the Chairman for MNS Pahang intermittently since 2010 till today.

As the Chairman of the Pahang Chapter of the Malaysian Nature Society, I have had the privilege of leading our initiatives to conserve and protect the rich biodiversity of our region. My tenure has been marked by a series of impactful achievements that demonstrate my commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement.

Achievements:

1. Community Engagement & Education: Under my leadership, we engaged with the community and lauched the Waste To Wealth program, which has successfully trained over 300 local volunteers in conservation practices such as turning used cooking oil into soap, turning kitchen waste into enzymes and compost and other environmental education. This initiative not only raises awareness about ecological issues but also empowers community members to become stewards of their natural environment.

- 2. Conservation Projects: I spearheaded multiple conservation projects, including mangrove reforestation efforts in critical areas of Pahang, which resulted in the planting of over 10,000 mangrove seedlings. These projects have played a vital role in enhancing local biodiversity and improving the ecosystem our communities rely on.
- 3. Partnerships and Collaborations: I have established strong partnerships with local schools, NGOs, corporate bodies and government agencies to leverage resources and amplify our conservation efforts. These collaborations have enabled us to undertake larger projects, such as river clean-up and mangrove planting campaigns with BASF Petronas and wildlife monitoring programs with Habitat Foundation and Enggang, furthering our mission to protect Malaysia's natural heritage.
- 4. Advocacy and Policy Influence: I have actively participated in initiatives aimed at influencing environmental policy at the local levels. Through workshops, seminars, and public forums, I have advocated for sustainable development practices that balance the needs of local communities with environmental conservation.

My Vision for the Malaysian Nature Society:

As a candidate for Vice President, I believe I bring valuable experience in grassroots conservation work and a deep understanding of the challenges

faced by both the environment and the communities that depend on it. My vision includes:

- Strengthening Community Involvement: I aim to further amplify the voices of community members in our conservation efforts, ensuring that their needs and insights shape our initiatives.
- Expanding Educational Outreach: I will push for enhanced educational programs that inspire future generations to value and protect their natural surroundings, cultivating a culture of stewardship across Malaysia.
- -Enhancing Partnerships for Greater Impact: I plan to expand our network of collaborators, fostering innovative solutions to conservation challenges through shared expertise and resources.

With your support, I am confident that together we can strengthen the Malaysian Nature Society's impact, protect our nation's rich biodiversity, and empower our communities to thrive alongside our precious natural resources. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

PROFILE STATEMENT FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. CHONG JU LIAN NOMINATION AS HONORARY SECRETARY, MALAYSIAN NATURE SOCIETY



With a deep-seated passion for conservation and a commitment to sustainable development, Chong Ju Lian is dedicated to advancing the mission of the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS). As a nominee for the role of Secretary, Ju Lian brings extensive experience in environmental stewardship, project management, and community engagement, which aligns seamlessly with the MNS Strategy Plan 2017-2023.

Chong Ju Lian is a dedicated environmental advocate, and has been a MNS member since 2007. Ju Lian was also in the MNS Council Member for 2 years from 2012-2014, 2022-2024. On the branch side, she held the post of MNS Terengganu secretary from June 2015 – 2018, and from 2008-2011. Additionally, Ju Lian was also in the MNS Terengganu committee from 2007-2008, 2011-2012 and 2019-2021.

During Ju Lian's tenure as MNS Council member, she attended Council meetings and assisted in collective decision making in projects and matters of interest to MNS. Ju Lian have also contributed my expertise in matters relevant to field of study when required.

Ju Lian's candidacy for Honorary Secretary is driven by a belief in collaborative leadership and a desire to contribute in a stronger and effective manner to the Malaysian Nature Society's ongoing efforts to protect Malaysia's natural heritage.

In relation to the MNS Strategy Plan 2017-2023, based on Ju Lian's academic expertise, vast experiences in publishing including scientific articles, books, modules, and as an editorial member in several scientific publications, Ju Lian intend to contribute to Conservation and Policy by strengthening the scientific value of MNS publications namely Malayan Nature Journal (MNJ) and Pencinta Alam. For MNJ, Ju

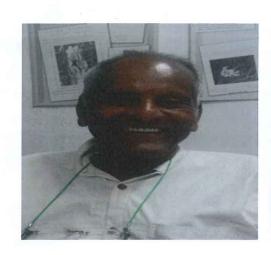
Lian hope to increase its scientific value to become a peer-reviewed publication under World of Science (WoS) and not just as a Scopus certified publication. As such, the status of MNJ will be highly elevated and to be accepted as one of the top nature and wildlife publications in Malaysia and Southeast Asia, which in turn is able to create more awareness and disseminate knowledge across various strata of the Malaysian public. Also, with MNJ listed as a WOS peer reviewed publications, MNJ is poised to be a reputable source of information regarding wildlife, conservation and environmental topics in the region. Additionally, MNJ is estimated to be a stable and long term income generator for MNS in terms of article publishing fees and subscription fees. As for Pencinta Alam, Ju Lian hopes to increase its visibility as a credible and accepted premiere publication on nature-related matters for the general public in Malaysia and as a compulsory reading material for primary and secondary school children.

For Environmental Education, Ju Lian have been involved in public awareness programs involving the Sunda pangolin in Peninsular Malaysia since 2017-2019, and also in the creation of materials such as a nature module for nature guides. At the same time, Ju Lian have also been involved in several Department of Wildlife and National Parks Peninsular Malaysia programs on tapir, Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 and others. As such, I believe my expertise and experience can contribute to the improvement of content and marketability of current modules and programs under MNS.

For Membership, with Ju Lian's vast networking and linkages across academia, and other layers of society, Ju Lian is able to promote more effectively and increase more academicians and university students to be MNS members to increase volunteerism and manpower development in the biodiversity and conservation fields.

I, Chong Ju Lian declare that I have no conflict of interest with this nomination.

Profile for Dr. Rajendran a/l Muthu.



- 1. Name: Dr. Rajendran a/l Muthu.
- 2. Current Position in MNS: Honorary Treasurer.
- 3. Academic Qualification: (a) BA Hons (University Malaya),
- (b) MEcons (Nagoya University, Japan).
- (c) Ph.D (Griffith University, Australia.
- 4. Associate Professor, University Malay & Professor, Iwate Prefectural University, Japan.
- 5. Contributions to MNS: Donated 1000 copies of my wife's book "Malaysian Birds, A Glimpse to MNS. This is a coffee table version.
- 6. MNS used the donations from this book to start a fund: Stella Rajendran Environmental Fund to promote greater awareness among Malaysian school children of the need to protect the Environment.7. I have pledged RM100,000 to the above Fund.
- 8. I was appointed as a Treasurer by the Council in June, 2023 when the current Treasurer as well as the Finance Manager resigned from MNS.
- 9. I managed to bring out the Audited Report for last year's AGM.
- 10. I also got the Exco and Council to be more transparent when staff and Exco members went on study trips sponsored by MNS Hq. I also got Council to approve a rule that any Council member making any applications for MNS projects or events should get the permission of Exco.