

Year 2011 is nearly over as such it is time again to send greetings to our SEANET friends!

For us, it was a busy year with lots of activities from both work and play. We completed our radio shack and we are back on the air again. My XYL 9M6JY is keen on SSTV while I spend more time on hardware.

I drove over to Brunei alone for the 39<sup>th</sup> SEANET convention held on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November.

It was also another year of reunions - meeting HAM friends from AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BRUNEI, CHINA, GERMANY, JAPAN, KOREA, PHILIPPINE, SERBIA, SWITZERLAND, USA, 9M2, 9M8, 9M6 but we all missed THAILAND due to unforeseen circumstance.



The SEANET2011 Brunei Convention was very well organized led by YM Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman bin Pengiran Haji Damit

(V85DX) of Brunei Darussalam Amateur Radio Association (BDARA).

Registration started on the 17<sup>th</sup> morning and our dinner that evening was held at the home QTH of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee YM Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman bin Pengiran Haji Damit (V85DX). We had a Garden Buffet Dinner with a sumptuous spread of local Brunei delicacies.



On the 18<sup>th</sup> Morning after the Opening Ceremony, we were taken to the Waterfront for our Group Photo followed by a boat ride to nearby Water Village (Kampong Ayer) where we were treated with local delicacies and local folk songs.





At night we were taken by tour bus to RMS Port View Restaurant for Welcome Dinner. On the way back to the Centrepont Hotel, we were given a short tour to the State Mosque and the Sultan's Palace.



At eight the next morning, we gathered at the hotel lobby. We boarded the tour bus which took us to the water front to start our journey to ULU TEMBURONG NATIONAL PARK.



The type of boat in the above photo ferried us for an hour trip to Temburong district. The ferry cuts through dense Mangrove Forest and Nipah Palm. Upon arrival at Bangar Jetty, we were taken by bus for a half hour trip to Sumbiling Eco Village where we start our exciting river cruise up stream after a short Morning Tea break. We were taken through a very exhilarating trip by narrow boats helmed by extraordinary skilled boatmen who negotiate thru rapids, rocks and shallow water with no incident at all!!



At the Park, we joined a guided jungle walk on plank walkway with more than 1200 steps to the Canopy Walkway. Along the way, we enjoyed the surrounding refreshing rainforest environment.



We reached the base of the Canopy Walkway and after a short rest many of us climbed the 300 steps scaffolding for a bird's eye view of Rainforest canopy.



We have to walk over a hanging bridge to the other side of the

river to board our boat after descended from the jungle walk.



We had lunch back at the Sumbiling Eco Village before boarding the bus for Bangar Jetty for the boat trip back to Bandar Seri Begawan.

We were back at Centrepont Hotel just after five and we have plenty of time to rest and prepare ourselves for the Gala Dinner which was held at the Goldstone Ballroom Centrepont Hotel.



The dinner was a Sit-Down-Bufferet style where the various dishes were left inside a rotating food warmer in the middle of the each table.



China.



Germany.



Korea stole the night with their colourful outfit and songs. They gave a magnificent performance which entertained us to a wonderful evening.

After presenting the Contest Awards to the winner of SEANET Contest, the Chairman V85DX welcomes each and every country by presenting them a souvenir.

The country group performance started with Australia and ended with the host country Brunei.



Korea YL Saxophonist



Korea.



Malaysia.



Philippines.



Japan.



Brunei.

The night ended with great satisfaction.

The next morning after breakfast, the Plenary Meeting started at the Red Jade Room and was chaired by V85DX. There were presentations from the Brunei Licensing Authority, Mr. Johnny Tan V85DB on GAREC and 9M2RS on next year's convention.



Suggestion was also received from the JA1BRK that the SEANET

Control does not need to call country to country because of the limited number of check-in and to avoid potential check-in from waiting too long for their turn. It is suggested to open the call to anybody available on the frequency.

I will convey by e-mail the above suggestion to all the net control for their decision.



The meeting asked to nominate the host country for year 2013 but Philippines wish to play host for the year 2014 in order to get more time to prepare. It was then suggested that Japan be the host for 2013 and Taizo san reluctantly accepted the challenge but warned that it will be costly.



The SEANET Flag was handed over by the Chairman V85DX to the

next host Malaysia Mr. Rashid Sultan 9M2RS witnessed by Taizo san JA3AER and Mr. Hans 9M6QQ.

I drove back to Kota Kinabalu after lunch with JA1RJU Kazuo san, JA1BRK Tac san and JF1FBE Aoi san.

That's all for now.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012.

May the Almighty bless all of us with good health so that we can all meet again next year in Kuala Lumpur for yet another re-union.

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Yours Truly,

Godfrey Yin 9M6GY and Stella (Mijol) Yin 9M6JY



1<sup>st</sup> December 2011