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### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TALK**

It is my pleasure to inform you that there will be a MSSA fellowship lunch talk to be held at Royal Commonwealth Club House in the month of May 2012. The details are given below:

Title of the talk: **Gardening for fun and for health – turning “greenhorns” into “green fingers”**

1. Speaker: Dr. Tan Swee Lian, FASc
2. Date and time: 26 May 2012 (Saturday), 12.00pm
3. Venue: Commonwealth House of The Royal Commonwealth Society  
No. 4 Jalan Birah, Damansara Heights,  
Kuala Lumpur (Map attached)

#### **Synopsis:**

Why do we garden? For the love of plants, for family fun, for exercise and to be able to eat the fruits of our labour. The talk will provide some basics in gardening, touching on the important roles of soil, sunlight, water and nutrients. There will also be useful tips on potting and planting. The information should be useful to novice gardeners, and may also be a refresher for the experienced. The talk will highlight the health benefits of sweet potato and the vast potential for other uses of this plant.

**Profile of Dr. Tan Swee Lian** Ph.D., FASc, KMN  
President, Selangor and Federal Territory Gardening Society

Dr. Tan Swee Lian obtained her Ph.D. from University of Malaya, majoring in studies on Genetic x Environment interaction. Her major contribution locally and internationally is on the research, breeding and development of new cassava and sweet potato varieties. In her more than 35 years of service with Malaysian Agriculture Development and Research Institute (MARDI), she has developed and released 5 new varieties of cassava and 4 new varieties of sweet potato. A prolific writer, and to date she has a total of 272 publications to her credit in local and international journals and books.

She has received numerous awards for her contributions from MARDI and UMAGA: Excellent Service Awards for 5 years, best Scientific Writer Award, Best Academic Book Award, Excellent Technology Commercialization Award, and ..... the list just goes on and on. In 2010, she was awarded the Anugerah Maulidur Rasul (S.A.W.)

National Level 1431H/2010M for service to the nation in agriculture and UMAGA's Life Time Achievement Award.

Presently, she is a Fellow, Academy of Sciences, Malaysia and an International Collaborative Partner, UTAR as Advisor in agriculture. She is also the President of Selangor and Federal Territory Gardening Society.

All members, in particular for those who are keen in gardening, are welcomed and encouraged to attend this interesting talk to render your support. Sweet potato is no longer a cheap source of carbohydrate for the poor. The tuber is packed with plenty of nutrients and antioxidants. Buffet lunch will be served after the talk at 1.00pm. at the club house. Registration fee for each participant is RM30 for member and RM40 for non-member to cover the cost of the lunch. Those who are interested please reply to me, as early as you can for lunch arrangement, at this email address or SMS me at 012 2071537 **BEFORE** 20 May2012.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Chew Boon Hock', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Dr. Chew Boon Hock  
Hon. Secretary MSSA