



Kite flying for peace, cultural transfer, understanding and tolerance -- this was a one day event, 'one sky one world', in short OSOW, prepared by Tomas J. which is also a 'world wide live action for OSOW day'. The flying day was on the 13th October 2002. SKA members gathered at the Pasir Ris Park that day to support kite flying for world peace and cultural harmony.

Check out more at web-site for OSOW at <http://subvision.net/sky/osow/osow2002/>

Picture featuring SKA members gathered for OSOW. Wind conditions were rather poor and only a few kites got airborne -- but spirits flew high!

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Marina South Padang Converted to Football Field

The Marina South Padang was converted into 6 soccer fields from 1 Sept 2002 and the entire Marina Padang has been re-designated as a NON kite flying area.

There's a booking fees for each s field of **\$247.20** for a **4-hour block** for private functions.. Commercial functions (that is those that make money out of the event, set-up stalls etc) are charged a commercial rate of \$618 per field.

However Singapore Sports Council (the new tenant) will permit kite flying if bookings are made in accordance with the published rates.

Ideally three soccer pitches would be needed for kite flying. That would mean a booking fee of \$741.60. Booking may be done up to two years in advance by email to: ssc_bookings@ssc.gov.sg

The **designated kite flying area is now the vacant land to the south of Marina Padang**, closer to the open sea, There are **no charges** for the use of this field.

A new page has been added to the SKA portal, featuring the proposed SKA kite.

Here is the link:

<http://members.tripod.com/winglee/skakite.htm>

For more terms and conditions, please visit

<http://www.ssc.gov.sg/2002/marinasmouth.shtml>



Map featuring the location of kite flying area and the non-kite flying area.

The car park behind the Superbowl charges on a per entry rate.

Shanghai cracks down on kite-flying



SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Shanghai has appealed to people not to fly kites, a centuries-old Chinese pastime, in city parks in an effort to spruce up the city's image as a modern metropolis, an official says.

A growing network of power lines in the city -- China's largest and richest -- pose a danger to kite enthusiasts, who range from toddlers to the elderly, he said.

Kites shaped like dragons, butterflies and birds now float between the modern steel and glass skyscrapers which increasingly dominate the skyline.

State media said the city had barred kite flying in all its 125 parks, but the official said the ban mainly covered areas with power lines.

"There are some places that do not allow people to fly kites, especially areas where there are high voltage electric wires," an official at the city's Gardening Administrative Bureau told Reuters on Thursday.

Shanghai has staged numerous international events as it bids to prove itself as an international city, including an Asia-Pacific summit last October attended by U.S. President George W. Bush.

A month after that, city officials said Shanghai would increase fines on people who draped laundry on bamboo poles overhanging sidewalks along major streets.

Story provided by
Shakib Gunn thro Neil Taylor of
Hold The Line Kites, Perth. W.A.

2002 Taipei County International Kite Festival

We were in Taiwan for five glorious days -- we were in Taipei County, for third time to attend TAIPEI COUNTY INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL 2002, held 28-30 Sep'02.

This time our team comprised of four people only -- :Gadis Widiyati, Stephanie, Peter Teo and Eugene Tan.

We flew kites for two days only, on Saturday and Sunday, but the schedule was still very tight for all participants. Teams came from USA, France, Germany, Australia, India, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, South Korea, Singapore and of course from Taiwan Kite Fliers Association. SKA did a kite workshop at a Cultural Seminar/ Exhibition where there was a stunt kite performance and an indoor kite flying demo -- it was amazing. I have never seen anything like it before, they kids put up a super performance and we salute Bell Chiu from Taipei Kite Flier who is was their teacher.

I did a workshop on Saturday at the Cultural Seminar, and on Sunday with Stephanie and we flew together Dragon and Phoenix kites. I would like to say thank you to my friend Robert Foong, who kindly loaned us his Dragon kite and trusted me to take it to Taiwan -- once again thank you so much.

The day following the festival we were taken on a city tour. We went to the building of Taiwan's President and to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hal, then to a night market.

Thank you Angela Wu as organiser and the one who is to invited us. It is my my pleasure and wish to see you again on your festival.

Gadis

For those who would like to take a look at the very first pics featured by Tom J., please visit:
<http://subvision.net/sky/events/taiwan/taiwan2002/index.htm>

JAKARTA INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

This is a simple report from my trip to 10th Jakarta International Kite Festival 2002.

Only Gadis represented Singapore attended 10th JAKARTA INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL at PANTAI BAGUS, ANCOL, JAKARTA on 28-30 of June 2002.

This time more overseas participants attended than that of last year. They were from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Holland, Malaysia (2 Teams), Taiwan and myself from Singapore. There were, of course, many participants from the Indonesian provinces, totalling around 200 people. There were kite competitions for 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional kites. All participants waited in great anticipation for the final competition -- the Rokkaku Challenge.

A Kite Aerial Photography Exhibition was great. It was the work of an Indonesian kite flier, our good friend, Anshory Jausal from Lampung. Kite makers from South East Sulawesi (Muna) showed us how to make a kite from a leaf, a long tradition in Sulawesi.

On the last day on 30 July, the final of the soccer world cup 2002, the organizer provided a big screen on the field for watching final between German and Brazil -- wow...every kite flier enjoyed that evening! But I have to record, we were sorry for our friend from Germany (Wolfgang and his wife from South Korea). Night flying concluded with fireworks at 9.00 pm.

Thanks to Sari Madjid as organizer and as my good friend who invites us every year, and thanks also to other friends who always do so much to help me. See you soon at another festival!

Gadis

REPORT FROM EAST COAST PARK

Shakib reports on kite fishing, kite kayaking and kite surfing.

Making friends with a **fisherman** named Thomas at Bedok jetty, Shakib showed him how to fish using a roller kite. With the wind now blowing from Sumatra (southwest), the line is taken in towards the shore, but when the wind direction changes to northeast mid-November, the line will be taken off-shore where Thomas hopes to fish where he has never fished before!

Meeting two guys assembling their **collapsible kayaks** one day near the jetty, Shakib made friends and told them about his own kayak and his interest in sea-sports. This led to them coming to his house and exchange ideas.

The two guys (Cher Huey and Tau Chou) each have 12ft single-seater kayaks. Their last long trip was to Bangkok! They paddled from Desaru, sleeping on-shore at night. The trip took them two months to complete! Shakib suggested that a kite may help them when paddling down wind and so they bought two 7.5sq.ft made-in-China parafoils from Go Fly a Kite in USA.

"They haven't found it easy getting use to launching and retrieving them sitting in their kayaks at sea, but they are getting better and they will definitely take the parafoils on their next trip" says Shakib.

Cher Huay -- www.kayakasia.org

Jason is a **kite surfer** and a guy Shakib met two years ago when his Naish airfoil kite got caught in Bedok jetty. Jason has had many accidents and has used up many kites, including a Peter Lynn peel. Once he jumped 10m over the waves and woke up in Gleneagles hospital. From practising, he has now become a professional, as the sole importer of Airush kites and kitesurfing equipment.. These are big (up to 9 metre) semi-inflatable rigs. At a guess, Shakib estimates there are 20 or more kite surfers in Singapore -- and the number is growing. The favorite spot for week-end flying is Pulau Bintan, although you can meet them occasionally around Big Splash and the Hawker Centre at the Lagoon.

Jason -- pacinter@pacific.net.sg

Shakib

Overseas Kite Friends Visits

Arrival of the Drachen Foundation gang

Scott Skinner and Ali Fukino from the Drachen Foundation will be in Singapore on December 1-3.

They are stopping over before leaving for a kite festival in **Cambodia** on December 7-8.

After that they will return to Singapore around December 10 when Orlando Ongkingco will join them.

They then plan to go to Malaysia to follow up on Orlando's research study on **Asian Kites**.

One of their visits will be to the **Kite Museum at Pasir Gudang**.

Members interested in meeting Scott, Ali and Orly should keep in touch with Shakib or Gadis about a dinner mid-December 2002.

News about a new book you will want to possess

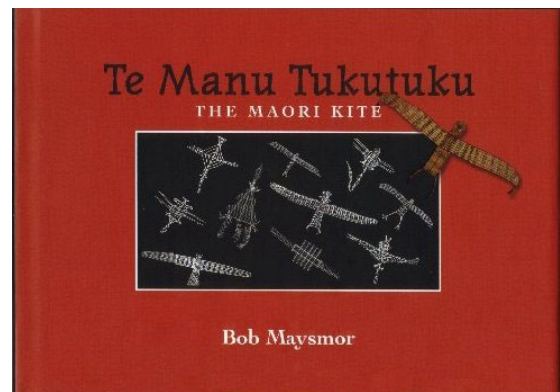
You may have heard about the second edition of the book by Bob Maysmor titled "Te Manu Tukutuku" or translated "The Maori Kite"

This is a book that is a "must be on your shelf" kite book. It has rich illustrations, drawings and photo's of historical and modern kites.

It is a 112 page work of art.

To find out more and how to get a copy of this book click on the link below.

<http://www.nzka.org.nz/manu.html>



KITE FESTIVAL INVITATIONS

June 15-16, 2002

Singapore Dragon Boat Festival

SKA dragons were flown at the Marina Promenade / Marina Bay Supported by Tan See Liang, Robert Foong, Sim Kay Seng, Tan Poh Wah, Ng Thang Eng, Yusni, Abu Bakar, Peter Teo, Stephanie, Eugene and Jennifer.

June 28-30, 2003

10th Jakarta International Kite Festival At Pantai Bagus, Ancol, Jakarta

Attended by Gadis.

August 7 - 10, 2002

Kelantan International Kite Festival

Attended by the Engels on 10 August 2002.

August 11-13, 2002

China Qinhuangdao International Kite Festival

Attended by Robert Foong and Tan See Liang.

August 17-18, 2002

Jemputan Ke Festival Layang Layang Sekolah Sekolah

Ke 8 Peringkat Negeri Johor Darul Takzim 2002
Invitation only.

29-30 September, 2002

2002 Taipei County International Kite Festival

Supported by Gadis, Peter Teo, Stephanie Lee and Eugene Tan.

KITE WORKSHOPS

June 1, 2002

Kite Workshop at SINDA HQ

Conducted by Gadis. Assisted by Shakib, Yusni, Abu Bakar, Eugene, Jennifer and Wing.

**Singapore
Environment
Council**



02-03 November 2002

SEC Green Week Carnival

Gadis and Tan Poh Wah will be conducting a kite workshop for the public using environmentally friendly materials.

Venue: Open grounds adjacent Woodlands MRT

08 December 2002

SINDA kite workshop and kite flying.

A voluntary FOC project by Gadis for the SINDA group.

Venue: Marina South

A QUICK LOOK FORWARD

19-23 February, 2003

Pasir Gudang International Kite Festival

Again, to be supported by many SKA members.

Kite website for kite members, happy surfing:

Drachen Journal at www.drachen.org

Tomas J. is back from Diepe, here is the latest update from Tomas about Dieppe kite festival 2002 Sept 2002.

<http://www.subvision.net/sky/events/dieppe/index.htm>

Jennifer & Bob Snyder, Dancing Frog at the 7th international Thailand kite festival in March 2002.

<http://bhc.com/thailand2002>

Tomas J. gives an account of the workshop at the Thailand kite festival, March 2002.

http://kitec.net/x_events/thailand/index.htm

Tomas J. at the kite festival Berck-sur-mer 2002 in April 2002.

<http://subvision.net/sky/events/berck/index.htm>

Penang kite fliers from our neighbouring country, Malaysia.

<http://www.gotcha.com.my/skyriders>

Interested in underwater kiting? Check this out.

Tomas J. giving an interesting account of Lebanon Underwater Kiting.

<http://2hi.de/sky/events/libanon/2002liban.htm>

AGM

Enclosed you will find the Minutes of the last AGM (year 2001/2002) held at Pasir Ris on October 28, 2001 when the following office bearers were elected:

President:

Lee Wing Hong

Hon. Secretary:

Polly Ching

Hon. Treasurer:

Gadis Widiati

Committee members:

Shakib Gunn

Yusni Bakar

SKA MERLION KITE



SKA Merlion kite - hands needed:

Thanks to our long time member Robert Foong, we have a kite design to represent SKA. This is a kite uses an appliqué design of our national flower, the orchid, as the train body; the head is of the Merlion.

We hope this will be a group effort with members contributing their skills. For example, we would like to urge those who are able to sew to help make the body

Please feel free to let Wing or Robert know if you would like to play a part in this project. All helping hands are welcome.

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