**KLR**

**Humble Beginnings**

Incorporated on 19 May 1906, KLK will be 100 years old on 19 May 2006.

Registered as “The Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co. Ltd. (“KLR”), with its office at 9 Arundel Street, London, it set out to plant rubber around Kuala Lumpur – then under the British administration – to capitalise on the booming rubber price brought about by the introduction of the modern motor-car and pneumatic rubber tyres as replacement for horse-drawn carriages in the US.

Not much is known about the early founders of KLR, except that the first Board comprised the following:

Hon. Everard Feilding (Chairman)

Edward Henry Tootal (Vice-Chairman)

Edward Bunge

Alfred Grisar

Methold Sidney Parry

It seemed that Mr Feilding was a member of the royal family and also Secretary of the Society of Psychic Research, although any linkage with rubber planting if any, must be coincidental.

Hon. Everard Feilding [Friend of Count Blücher]

Hon. Francis Henry Everard Joseph Feilding was born on 6 March 1867. He was the son of Rudolph William Basil Feilding, 8th Earl of Denbigh and Mary Berkeley. He married Stanislawa Janina Tomczyk, daughter of Eustachiusz Tomczyk, on 27 November 1919. He died on 8 February 1936 at age 68.

Hon. Francis Henry Everard Joseph Feilding fought in the Egypt Campaign in 1882. He graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.). He was a practising barrister. He graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, with a Bachelor of Law (LL.B.). He fought in the First World War, with the Intelligence Staff in Egypt and Palestine. He gained the rank of Temporary Lieutenant in 1914 in the service of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was decorated with the award of Order of El Nahda of Hedjaz. He was decorated with the award of Order of the Nile (4th Class). He was invested as a Officer, Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in 1919.