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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — A Gold Medal won by Malaya at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Exhibition in England recently has inspired the formation of an Orchid Society here.

About 100 enthusiasts gathered here last night and inaugurated the Selangor Orchid Society to promote interest in the culture of orchids.

The Director of Information Services, Inche Ya'acob bin Abdul Latiff, who convened the meeting, said that Malaya made headlines in England recently when she stole the show at Chelsea with a "breath-taking" display of some 2,600 sprays of orchids contributed by growers and amateurs throughout the country.

The display won for Malaya the coveted Gold Medal of the Royal Horticultural Society and Malaya was given the honour of being chosen as the venue of the fourth World Orchid Conference in 1963.

Dr. (Miss) Soo Kim Lan was elected president. Other officials were: Vice-president, Mr. Chua Swee Cheng; secretary, Inche Ya'acob bin Abdul Latiff; treasurer, Mr. Tan Keat Chye, and committee: Dr. Chong Thean Chooy, Mr. G. Ratcliffe, and Mr. Saw Hock Beng.

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