

Persatuan Warisan Pulau Pinang

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Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting 2012

3.30 p.m., Sunday, 11st November 2012
Venue: Chong San Wooi Koon, King Street
George Town, Penang

Agenda

1. To consider and approve:
 - The Minutes of the PHT Annual General Meeting – 25th September 2011
 - The PHT Annual Report 1st September 2011– 31st August 2012
 - The PHT Financial Report ending 31st December 2011

2. Other Matters

President's Message 2012

Dear PHT members,

'Preserving our heritage for future generations'. It is a simple mission to enunciate but not so easy to carry out. Over the years, the Penang Heritage Trust has embraced an ever-widening scope of interests and championed an increasing number of heritage causes big and small. Now that there are many players on the culture, arts and heritage scene, the organisation needs to focus and consolidate its strengths. At the end of last year, we invited Peter Watts, the legendary director emeritus of the Historic Houses Trust, New South Wales, to spend a month in residence in Penang as our advisor. With his guidance, we held a visualisation workshop to think about restructuring our organisation and came to a consensus.

Our core business is **advocacy**, which includes education and awareness. Our support comes from our **membership** base. In order to be **financially sustainable** we conduct income-generating activities which complement our objectives. By improving our **governance** we ensure that we fulfil our mandate effectively and accountably.

Rebecca Duckett and Ben Wismen looked at our membership structure and convinced us that we should have a younger membership. Our goal is to achieve 1000 members by 2015, of which 30% should be below the age of 40 years old. Accordingly we held an Emergency General Meeting in April to revise our membership structure. As soon as the Registrar of Societies approves the amendments to the constitution we intend to embark on a membership campaign to recruit more youths.

We have reached out to potential members through fundraising event such as the Loke Villa private house visit on World Heritage Day, and Strawalde's exhibition at the Gehrig Gallery. We organised a series of talks by diverse personalities, UN Assistant Secretary-General Judy Cheng (who is now a PHT member), Professor Lynn Hollen Lees of Pennsylvania University, the Parsons-trained communication designer Sali Sasaki and the Australian-Malaysian chef Tony Tan.

Penang Heritage Trust joined Penang Forum to protest unrestrained hill-slope development, to reject the hyper-dense 87 units per acre formula, and to call for a moratorium on the demolition of heritage buildings outside the World Heritage Site. Loh-Lim and Laurence Loh have played a leading role in this advocacy. Experience has taught us that each time we have a heritage alert we tend to address the symptoms instead of diagnosing the syndrome or tackling the disease. So we decided to explore new strategies in our advocacy.

Through councillor Dr. Lim Mah Hui's initiative, the Municipal Council of Penang Island (MPPP) has agreed to hold dialogues with Penang Heritage Trust to bring up systemic issues affecting heritage and to make recommendations for mainstreaming heritage management. We have had two dialogues so far, and the outcomes are most encouraging. Our Honorary Treasurer Lim Gaik Siang is now representing Penang Heritage Trust on MPPP's Technical

Review Panel which assesses planning and building applications with the objective of safeguarding heritage and ensuring good design.

We are deeply concerned that we are losing our kampung warisan or 'heritage villages' in Penang state, and especially on the island. Our vice-president Dato' Dr. Razha and our Muslim advisor Dr. Wazir Karim are championing the gravely endangered Tanjong Tokong. We met up with Janaton's descendants and the relevant interest groups championing Batu Uban which is gradually encroached upon by surrounding highrises. And we are now on a fact-finding mission in relation to Balik Pulau, as its idyllic setting is encroached by new suburban developments. In response to this dire situation, we are bringing together various parties to meet with the authorities.

In identifying heritage, we often select items to fit into existing typologies (for example, shophouses, bungalows, forts) and categories (for example, monuments, buildings, archaeological sites, underwater heritage). Those items which do not fall into existing typologies and categories will be 'invisible' to planners and therefore the authorities may neglect to protect them until it is too late. We are losing our Jawi Peranakan houses because the typology has not been properly researched, defined, developed and promoted. As for kampong warisan, I have drafted the following definition for discussion and proposed future inclusion in our heritage legislation:

Heritage villages (kampung warisan) are clusters of traditional dwellings, including their setting, open spaces, trees and any related communal, service or ancillary buildings therein, which represent the social history of particular ethnic, indigenous or hybrid communities. The spatial character of heritage villages depicts their rural or suburban beginnings, even though they may have since been subsumed by urban expansion.

Penang Heritage Trust and Think City are partners in continuing the Penang Story Lecture series and the Penang and the Indian Ocean focus. Our commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Wu Lien Teh, 'a Penang hero who modernised medicine in China' has led to the founding of the Dr. Wu Lien-teh Society, on 14 October 2012, with Dato' Anwar Fazal as protem president. The visit by Professor Sugata Bose of Harvard University and his mother former Indian Member of Parliament Krishna Bose has strategically renewed Penang's historical links with Calcutta. Our Honorary Secretary Clement Liang has helped to identify the Thai community's heritage in Penang, to establish the German Heritage Trail, and to remember the Japanese Occupation.

Our heritage alerts are usually passed on to the George Town World Heritage Incorporated which helps to mediate between private owners, NGOs, MPPP and other statutory bodies to achieve desired heritage outcomes. This year, GTWHI has initiated a major project on Revitalizing Intangible Cultural Heritage (acronym RICH) in the George Town World Heritage Site. Penang Heritage Trust is heavily involved in supporting the survey of traditional trades, traditional crafts and traditional arts. In the process, we have recruited and trained up many

young people as cultural surveyors, initiating them in the experience of heritage investigation.

When George Town functioned as the capital of Penang, a large percentage of the population lived in shophouses in town. Even those who lived outside of the city centre would regularly come downtown to shop and pay their government bills, as well as visit their friends and relatives staying in shophouses. The older generation tend to assume that familiarity with local place-names, walking along five-footways, stopping at a sundry shop or coffeeshop, shopping along Campbell Street, or going to a cinema on Penang Road are all part of the common Penang experience. However, most Penang youth who have more recently grown up in the suburbs and satellite towns no longer share this local knowledge and social memory. By involving young people in the investigation of our intangible cultural heritage, by encouraging them to communicate with long-time residents and shopkeepers, we have the opportunity to expose them to our common heritage.

We believe that heritage is important as a cultural resource for future generations. As part of 'preserving our heritage for future generations' we have to learn to transmit our social memory and cultural values more effectively to the younger generation. Only in this way can we nurture future leaders and champions of heritage. With this, we hope that all of you will go all out to help us to recruit your friends, family members and relatives and also their children as PHT members in order to revitalize our movement with a youthful membership, for it is they who will ultimately secure a future for our heritage.

Khoo Salma Nasution
President, Penang Heritage Trust

Penang Heritage Trust
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2011
Sunday, 25th September 2011 at 3.30 pm
Eastern & Oriental Hotel, Lebuhr Farquhar, 10200 Penang

Members Present

Ann Cutter	Ken Khor
Ben Wismen	Khoo Salma Nasution
Brian Walling	Laurence Loh (Trustee)
C.K. Tong, Ho	Lee Yong Seng
Carolyn Walling	Leslie James
Chew Khuan Yin	Lim Gaik Siang
Ch'ng Saw See	Lim Li Lian
Chow Chee Kit	Linda Ch'ng
Clement Liang	Loh-Lim Lin Lee
Cornelius Obert	Lyndy Ong
Cumalle Ang	May de Vries
D.A. Marron	Mohd Razha Rashid
Dato' Anwal Fazal (Trustee)	Ong Siew Guat
Dato' Sharom Ahmat	Pamela Ong
Datin Mahmuda Bibi	Pow Lin James
Eddy Lim Woi Hong	Rebecca Wilkinson
Eng Saw	Rita Obert
Eric Yeoh	Roy de Vries
H.P. Berkhout	Solvay Gerke
Haji Hassan	Tan Khar Hong
Janet Saw	Timothy Tye
JCK Yoong	Wazir J Karim
Joann Khaw	Woo Yee Saik
John Ferguan	Yeoh Peng Hong
Julie Ng	

Staff in Attendance

Ho Sheau Fung	Lau Pei Ling
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(Names of PHT Council members for term 2011-2013 are in bold)

President's Welcome Address

The president, Khoo Salma thanked members for attending the AGM. This year PHT is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and the council would like to focus on membership drive.

PHT had worked hard for the inscription of George Town as World Heritage Site for the past decade and now it is time to focus on more concerted effort in terms of membership and funding.

PHT is also trying to recruit more employees to support the present staff level. Younger staff level would attract younger people to join the and the President expressed her hope to see young council members take on the stage soon. She wished that PHT could reach to a newer height after 25 years in existence.

1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM 2010

Member, Brian Walling expressed that members were not able to get a copy of the AGM and financial report before the AGM, therefore he felt uncomfortable with the AGM. He felt that PHT should follow the normal procedure. Salma expressed her appreciation to Brian and members. On behalf of the council members, she apologized for the lateness.

Hon. Treasurer, Gaik Siang reported that the audited account also running very late this year and she was not able to rectify the financial report.

Laurence Loh proposed the floor to go over the meeting minutes and AGM report and make amendment if necessary. Members are invited to vote for the approval of the AGM after the presentation. Ann Cutter seconded the proposal.

2) Presentation of the Annual Report September 2010- August 2011

Mr Clement Liang, Honorary Secretary, presented the Annual Report.

i) Membership

Clement reported that PHT needed more membership enrolments and participation in its activities. So far, we only have Time Out Magazine signed up as a corporate member.

ii) Donation and PHT funds

The Treasurer, Lim Gaik Siang reported that the Sun Yat Sen Conference has brought a substantial funding to the to support the expenses of the conference and in turn, PHT being paid as the appointed secretariat.

Salma further elaborated that the SYS Conference required detailed logistics and resource planning for the centenary celebration . The conference invited 2 members from each of the SYS memorials overseas and the highlight was the public lecture presented by Prof. Wang Gang-Wu. The conference generated a lot of local and international publicity to and it become a major fundraiser for PHT in 2010.

iii) Projects:

- **As-Heritage Forum**
PHT collaborated with GTWHI to invite 9 members of Aus-Heritage to conduct 4 workshops and 4 forums. Each forum was attended by 100-200 participants and with committed workshop participants.
- **Penang Story project** was initiated and organized by PHT since 2001. Recently PHT collaborated with Think City to organize the Penang and Indian Ocean Conference. Pn. Maimunah, the Chairperson of MPSP has expressed her keen interest to work with PHT on Prai Story as part of the Penang Story Initiatives.
- **George Town Festival.** PHT is again involved in the George Town July Celebration “Tapestry of Culture”. PHT planned the cemetery tour and shophouses trail with PTGA and Tan Yeow Wooi.
- **PHT Website.** Clement reported that we had upgraded our website and it has effectively drawn more tour assignments and denizen’s attention to the heritage alerts.
- **PAPA.** Lin Lee reported that PAPA programme is exhausting its fund. We have received further grant from Think City for a documentation project which forms a vital part of the programme that was unable to be carried out in the initial years.
- **Living Heritage Treasure Awards.** Lin Lee reported that PHT could not find any funder to continue the financial support. PHT needs RM20,000 per year to cover the payout to the 8 award winners and a small sum of money to go to documentation.
- **Traditional Performing Arts.** Ahmad Chik initiated the project and the idea has been superseded by the organization of George Town Heritage Celebration.

iv) Site Visit

Timothy reported that we had had 5 site visits during the reporting period. The site visits gave opportunities to members and friends to appreciate the heritage sites and events. Timothy urged members to bring more friends to join the site visits, and hopefully by doing so, their friends will consider joining PHT as members.

v) Students Internship Programme

Clement reported that for the first time that PHT has formalised internship programme with one of the universities in Japan. Two interns were here for 2-

4 weeks. It was a good exchange programme and we wished that this will continue and to stay as an annual programme.

vi) Heritage Alerts

Clement reported that PHT expressed its disapproval with the method of exhumation to Kapitan China Koh Lay Huan's family tombs which resulted in a loss of an important heritage site of Penang.

Lin Lee was glad that the redundant tiling arches at the Botanic Garden were removed. Tengku Idaura's 2-year contract as a director of Penang Botanic Gardens is due and Tengku has decided to discontinue her position there. The evidence of her good work during her tenure is obvious though it was a difficult task. PHT expressed appreciation to the work Tengku Idaura has put in for the gardens.

Rebecca reported that Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia has announced the ban of swift activity in the World Heritage Site by end of Year 2013. Enforcement and implementation of the removal are the major concerns. There is no proper regulation at the moment and Penang has to wait for the State Government to adopt the 1GP guidelines. Salma expressed that we need support from the public, as the number of the swifts dwelling in the urban areas has exploded. It is very difficult to highlight the damage caused to the heritage shophouses as many are locked and not accessible.

vii) PHT Newsletter

Newsletter Editor, Leslie A.K. James invited members to contribute articles to PHT newsletters. Many stories can be written by members and get published in the newsletters which should become members' platform for sharing.

viii) Cemetery Restoration

Lin Lee reported that the old Protestant Cemetery was poorly maintained. PHT had had several meetings with MPPP to discuss about the maintenance issues. PHT has then applied to Think City to restore the graves. At the same time, the adjoining old Catholic Cemetery has obtained a small grant from Think City for some basic restoration.

ix) Human Resource

Clement reported that 2 staffs, Ho Sheau Fung and Lau Pei Ling are manning the PHT office. May Yeap was recruited to coordinate the PAPA programme. However, we also need members to join us as volunteers to help for documentation on certain projects and the site visits can also be coordinated by volunteers. Members can also contribute by writing letters on public concerns.

3) **Presentation of Honorary Treasurer's Report**

Gaik Siang reported that the even though the total income has decreased, total expenses of the year also decreased proportionately. There are many ongoing projects in which the profit and income will only be reflected in the following year.

There were slight increases in membership renewal, donation from public, sales from merchandise, heritage tours and site visits. However, she urged council members to focus on PHT's major operations. She felt that the operations should be the bread and butter of the trust, and it should not be relying on ad hoc projects, as it is not easy to get secretariat fee for these projects.

She expressed that SYS conference has generated good project income for PHT this year. And she wished to take the opportunity to thank Dr. Yee Thiam Sun for helping PHT to source and raise the funding for this project.

4. **Election of Office Bearers (2011-2013)**

Khoo Salma briefed that the election this year will be for Council Members for the term 2011-2013. When the Council has been elected, the Council members will then elect the EXCO members amongst themselves. Out of the 10 council members, 4 should be life/founder members.

The following were nominated:

Nominees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
1. Khoo Salma Nasution	Dato Sharom	Anwar Fazal
2. Clement Liang	Timothy Tye	Lim Gaik Siang
3. Lim Gaik Siang	Clement Liang	Joann Khaw
4. Loh-Lim Lin Lee	Ben Wismen	Woo Yee Saik
5. Rebecca Wilkinson	Eric Yeoh	Lim Gaik Siang
6. Haji Hassan	Ann Cutter	Khoo Salma Nasution
7. Ben Wismen	Pow Lin James	C.K Tong, Ho
8. Mohd. Razha Rashid	Hassan Hamid	Rebecca Wilkinson
9. Lyndy Ong	Timothy Tye	Pow Lin James

10. Joann Khaw

Gaik Siang

Clement Liang

Leslie James proposed nominations be closed and Woo Ye Saik seconded the proposal.

Others Matters:

Woo Yee Saik proposed to approve the AGM report, and it was seconded by C.K. Tong.

An EGM will be arranged to present the financial report, proposed by Pow Lin James and seconded by Haji Hassan.

The AGM ended with a note of thank from Dato Sharom to Khoo Salma Nasution for taking on the leadership. Timothy also expressed that after 3 terms of servicing the as council member, he wishes to see more people to join us as members. Nevertheless, being an ordinary member, he will still be available and continue to provide his assistance on the site visits if requested.

Salma also expressed her gratitude to Dato Sharom Ahmat, Joe Sidek, Ahmad Chik, Jack Ong and Timothy Tye for their tireless supports during their term as council members.

PHT Council Members (Term 2010-2012)

1. Khoo Salma Nasution, President

Local historian, author and publisher, Penang Story, Areca Books, Lestari Heritage Network, Little Penang Street Market, Penang Sun Yat Sen Base, Phuket-Penang Peranakan Networks.

Author, social historian and heritage advocate. She runs a small publishing company Areca Books and is custodian of the Sun Yat Sen Penang Base at 120 Armenian Street.

2. Razha Abdul Rashid, Vice-President

Academician, Social Anthropologist with special interest in Orang Asli Ethnography (Semang/Negrito hunters and Gatherers). Director General of Academy of Socio-economic Research and Analysis (ASERA) and a Commissioned officer of the Royal Malaysian Naval Reserve Corps with special interest in Maritime heritage of the Nusantara.

3. Choong Sim Poey, Immediate Past President

Medical practitioner, ex State Assemblyman and ex-Municipal Councillor, Chairman of several local non-government organisations.

4. Clement Liang, Honorary Secretary

Active in several cultural and nature conservation NGOs. A researcher on the historical minorities and certified guide and educator on local heritage, history and tourism subjects. Speaks several foreign languages.

5. Lim Gaik Siang, Honorary Treasurer

Vice president for Asia Pacific of a USA Fortune 500 company. Committee member of George Town World Heritage Incorporated. Advisor to the Conservation Committee of Penang Teochew Association and former Chairman of the North Malaya Teo-Aun Association. A technical consultant, researcher for Chinese history and Mandarin resource person for PHT. Speaker for WHS, Chinese culture, Chinese heritage and history. Member of the MPPP Technical Review Panel.

6. Loh-Lim Lin Lee

Conservator, lecturer, social psychologist, restoration consultant, historic researcher, author of dilapidation studies of historic buildings, heads several PHT projects, speaker and guide on historic conservation areas.

7. Rebecca Wilkinson

Artist and designer now residing with her family in their restored merchants house on China Street, George Town. The house was originally saved because of direct action by members of PHT in the 90's.

8. Bendula Wismen

Research student focusing on Penang's natural heritage and environment. Other

interest includes heritage, culture and sustainable development. Active in several local NGOs.

9. Hassan Abdul Hamid

A Civil Engineer with 30 years' experience on various Projects. Specialising in Project Management and Structural Design. Interested in Malay and Muslim Heritage.

10. Joann Khaw Juat Seng

Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide. Free-lance heritage and architectural guide with almost 20 years' experience in Penang. She is also a foundation guide at the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion.

11. Lyndy Ong Choon Imm

Freelance registered tour guide with the Ministry of Tourism and market coordinator for Little Penang Street Market. Born in George Town.

Advisors & Ex-Officio

1. Dato' Anwar Fazal, Trustee
2. Mr Laurence Loh, Trustee and Heritage Technical Advisor
3. Prof Wazir Jahan, Muslim Heritage Advisor
4. Mr Woo Yee Saik, Public Relations, Human Resources, Development and Training Ex-Officio
5. Mr Tan Kuan Aw, Advisor on Access for Disabled People
6. Mr Leslie A.K. James, Guest Editor of the PHT Newsletter

PHT Annual Report

1 September 2011- 31 August 2012

1) Council meeting

Besides informal meetings for projects, PHT held 5 council meetings and 1 Extraordinary General Meeting since the last AGM. Attendance was recorded as follows:-

Ms. Khoo Salma Nasution	6/6
Dato' Dr. Capt. Mohd Razha Rashid Razha	5/6
Mr. Clement Liang	6/6
Ms. Lim Gaik Siang	6/6
Ms. Loh-Lim Lin Lee	3/6
Ms. Rebecca Wilkinson	5/6
Mr. Ben Wismen	6/6
Tuan Haji Hassan	4/6
Ms. Lyndy Ong	3/6
Ms. Joann Khaw	1/3 (resigned 1 st Apr, 2012)

2) Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The Extraordinary General Meeting was called for under Section 38 of the PHT Constitution by the President, on 29 April 2012, upon the request from the 2011 AGM and the unanimous decision of the PHT Council Members, to review the membership structure and to table the financial report for year 2011 for approval by members.

3) Membership

Founder Members:	17
Life Members:	108 (5 deceased)
Ordinary Members:	249
Complimentary:	21
Junior Members:	2
Corporate Member:	1
Total:	398 (same as last year)

4) Donations & Funds

We would like to thank the following funders during this reporting period:

- (i) Think City Sdn Bhd:
 - a. RM10,000.00 for Peter Watts's workshop and stakeholders talks
 - b. RM37,400.00 for PAPA Documentation Project
 - c. RM1,000.00 for Sali Sazaki's workshop and talk
 - d. RM15,000.00 for Penang Story Lecture

- (ii) German Embassy : RM24,000.00 for German Heritage Trail
- (iii) Individuals/ guests whom had attended Judy Hopkins' talk at China Tiger
- (iv) Individuals/guests/volunteers whom had attended the PHT fundraising site visit at Loke Mansion

5) PHT Projects & Programmes (September 2011- August 2012)

5.1. PHT Visualization Workshop by Peter Watts, (6 Oct 2011 – 29 October 2011) at China Tiger

From 6 October 2011, China Tiger and the Penang Heritage Trust had hosted Peter Watts, Emeritus Director of the Historic Houses Trust, New South Wales, for a one-month residence in Penang. He was here to assist with capacity building and institutional strengthening for the Penang Heritage Trust, George Town World Heritage Incorporated and other organisations in Penang. We hope this programme will help to strengthen heritage partnerships in Penang towards conserving and revitalizing our places of heritage significance.

Peter Watts's stay and programme is kindly supported by AusHeritage, George Town World Heritage Incorporated, Think City Sdn Bhd, and China Tiger Penang.

A one day PHT visualization workshop was organized with the expert knowledge from Peter Watts, and facilitated by our human resource advisor, Mr. Woo Yee Saik. Followings are the outcome of the workshop:-

a. Membership Drive Proposal

Following the visit of Peter Watts, AM, and the one day strategic planning workshop that was held on the 26th of October, 2011, several key focus areas were identified for immediate action. One of which is on the membership of the Penang Heritage Trust (PHT). The membership structure for the PHT remained largely the same since its inception in 1986, with little amendments and targets, and is slowly losing its relevance to the reality of the present day. As PHT is a members-based society, the council members, trustees and governors of the PHT felt that it is prompt to relook onto the membership structure of PHT, revamping it to meet the needs and challenges of PHT, and also strengthening it as an advocate for the George Town World Heritage Site.

Up until April 2012, the membership structure of PHT can be divided into the following categories:

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| 1) Founder Members | (17 members) |
| 2) Life Members | (108 members) |
| 3) Ordinary Members | (215 members) |
| 4) Complimentary Members | (18 members) |

- 5) Junior Members (2 members)
- 6) Corporate Members (1 member)

The membership structure, alongside the description as based in the PHT Constitution was deemed necessary to be amended to meet the following targets outlined during the strategic planning workshop:

- 1) To achieve 1000 members by 2015
- 2) To have at least 30% of the members represented by youths
- 3) To enhance revenue from members' subscriptions; and
- 4) To target new demographics for members, including young professionals

In the strategic planning workshop, several strategies were also outlined to facilitate PHT to achieve the outlined objectives. While these strategies may not be comprehensive, it serves as target milestones that can be realised by PHT by 2015. These strategies are:

- 1) Revise the membership structure to accommodate the new growth
- 2) Conduct road shows in public events, colleges and street market
- 3) Conduct site visits that caters to the interest of the young and new members
- 4) Revise existing programmes and develop new programmes to attract participation from youths; and
- 5) Jointly collaborate with various institutions and service providers to provide discounts, rebates and incentives for members when purchasing goods or services.

On the 29th of April, 2012, an EGM was called by PHT to address the previous financial statement of PHT, and also to make amendments to the PHT Constitution regarding the membership structure of PHT. The EGM was attended by 38 members, including six council members and one trustee, and the amendments that were accepted are as follows:

- 1. Revision of Item 10 of the PHT Constitution to read the following:
Ordinary membership shall be open to individual persons whose membership has been accepted by the Council. Ordinary Members shall pay an admission fee of not more than RM 50.00 to the Society and an annual subscription fee of not less than RM 60.00, and the Council may increase the subscription fee by no more than 20% annually.
- 2. The abolishment of Item 13 of the PHT Constitution i.e. the abolishment of the Corporate Membership category in PHT. This was done based on the following considerations:

- a. The corporate membership fees are not able to support the expenditure of the PHT
 - b. The duration of the corporate membership is not justified
 - c. PHT requires more sponsorship/collaboration with corporations for events and programmes; and
 - d. PHT has only one corporate member since 2011, despite the existence of this category since many years ago
3. The acceptance of a new membership category, Student Members. This category is created to attract new members from the student demography (aged 18 and above), and serves as an incentive factor to potential members that are still students. The student members are required to pay RM30.00 as admission fee, and an annual subscription of RM30.00 that is revisable by the PHT Council by not more than 20% annually. The student members will also receive similar privileges as described for the Ordinary Members, as outlined in Item 16 of the PHT Constitution.

These approved resolutions and amendments were submitted to the Registrar of Societies (ROS) of Malaysia and will take effect once approved by the ROS.

The amendments to the PHT Constitution serve as the first step in PHT's resolute effort to revamp the society and to make it more relevant, attractive, stronger and participatory for Penang's society today. The next strategies will be implemented in stages and it is hoped that the outlined targets from the workshop can be achieved come 2015.

b. Advocacy

Advocacy is one of the core purposes for the existence of Penang Heritage Trust. Advocacy takes the form of representation of PHT within government committees, public realm, education, media statements, heritage alerts and mobilising public pressure on heritage-related issues. Advocacy must be based on the legal framework and compliance, and making the government accountable. There is a need to communicate public advocacy at a higher, more visible and more consistent level, to establish the conditions for the proper legal and compliance framework.

- a. Determine how PHT can contribute to building professional capacity within the various government organisations.
- b. Determine a mechanism for ensuring that advocacy issues are targeted and based on sound, consistent and principles position.

c. Governance

In view of the heavy demands and expectations of PHT, the present governance arrangements are inadequate. PHT needs to prioritise its functions and streamline its focus. Its effectiveness as an organisation can be improved by enhancing four related areas:

- a. Contribute towards building capacity in government agencies to complement its advocacy.
- b. Turning its consultancy services to the government into an income generating mechanism.
- c. Creating a second tier of volunteers to increase capacity.
- d. Develop capacity to appoint a CEO

d. To ensure PHT is Financially Sustainable

At present, PHT's expenditure exceeds its budget by approx RM27,000 annually. This is unsustainable and needs to be addressed immediately. PHT needs to explore new avenues of generating regular income to support the operations and sustainability of the society. The strength of PHT lies in its brand, expertise, skills and track record.

Targets:

- a. Increase in annual regular income from a forecasted deficit of RM 27,000.00 (2011) to an expected surplus of RM 50,000.00 annually by 2014.
- b. Review all existing and any potential new sources of revenue
- c. Consider setting up a business arm to generate income that will build on the PHT's brand, strength and expertise. This might be in the areas of:
 - Tours, site visits & excursions
 - Product development & merchandizing
 - Research & professional consultancy.

5.2 Loke Villa Fundraising Visit, 18 March 2012

The Loke Villa Private House Visit was a very special fundraising event for PHT as this is the first year we have celebrated World Heritage Day, 18th April, with the public! The key person behind this PHT fundraising event was council member Rebecca Wilkinson, whom had arranged exclusive permission, worked out the intricate logistics and worked tirelessly to prepare the house for the visit, even though she had to attend to a family emergency and could not be with us on those days.

We are proud to announce that on the two days, 18th and 21st April, we welcomed 160 visitors who came to see the grand house and to support our fundraising

program. PHT collected RM9,130.00 from this event. Thanks to the inspirational briefings at the Loke Villa by our president Khoo Salma Nasution we also managed to recruit 14 new members to join PHT.

The caption boards by Dr. Gwynn Jenkins provided valuable insight into the design details of the Loke Villa. A few visitors inquired about the paintings by Strawalde displayed on preview at the Loke Villa. These paintings were put up for exhibition at Gehrig Art Gallery, Coffee Atelier, 47-55 Stewart Lane, until June, and one special painting, Penang No. 1, has been donated by Art Trove, Singapore, to the Penang Heritage Trust for auction.

We should like to thank all members, friends and volunteers who made the PHT second fundraiser at the Loke Villa a success and welcome our new PHT members.

Special thanks to all the volunteers: Dr. Gwynn Jenkins, Lau Pei Ling, Paul Gerarts, Mark Lay, May Yeap Kam Moey, Tan Yar Loon, Dr. Ang Ming Chee, Yeoh Eng Hong and Hasya for their time and dedication. We also wish to extend our gratitude to Teresa Capol (Edelweiss Café) and Stefan Gehrig (Coffee Atelier) for sponsoring the wonderful snacks, cake and food for the visit.

Encouraged by this success, we hope to organise another exclusive Open House as a fundraiser in conjunction with World Monuments Day in September.

5.3 Strawalde's visit, 24 March, 2.00 pm & 4.00 pm at E & O Hotel.

PHT received a surprise visit by a very well-known German artist, Strawalde, hosted by the Art Trove Gallery from Singapore. Strawalde has been acclaimed as "one of the greatest figures in German contemporary art".

Strawalde, a prolific German artist whom we represent exclusively, spent a month being thoroughly inspired by the beauty of Penang and painted a total of 23 paintings.

The painting "**Penang I**", the first painting that Strawalde made after only 3 days in Penang, has been generously donated by Art Trove to Penang Heritage Trust. It was unveiled and auctioned during the Loke Villa fundraising visit and all proceeds will go to the Penang Heritage Trust. "**Penang I**" was exhibited at coffee Atelier for an exhibition, from 29 April to 20 June, together with the other 22 paintings by Strawalde. Gehrig Art Gallery has kindly sponsored the exhibition space.

The gallery, Art Trove from Singapore, was working together with PHT for 2 months, organising Strawalde's month-long stay in Georgetown, Penang.

5.4 Citizens Awareness Symposium

Citizens Awareness Chant Group is a newly formed but very active community group. The group consists of members of several NGOs and residents of Penang. In this recent symposium, the group discussed several issues, such as the sPICE project, Kek Lok Si carpark issue, Pykett Avenue illegal demolition, Penang Hill development etc.

5.5 Penang Forum 4 (Development and Good Governance)

Date: 18 Dec 2011 (Sun)

Time: 8.45am – 5pm

Venue: Caring Society Complex, Jalan Utama, Penang.

The Penang Forum Steering Committee organised the fourth public forum entitled Development and Good Governance to look into the impact of property-centric development at the local level in particular the problems of high-density development, congestion, transport, environment and land reclamation. These planning and sustainable development issues were put in the context of the yet-to-be-enforced Local Plan. Speakers attempted to analyse all these issues from a broader perspective and to come up with possible solutions together with public inputs. For summary of the event, please log on to their blog.

<http://penangforum.net/2011/12/03/penang-forum-4-development-and-good-governance/#more-238>

5.6 PENANG FORUM 5

A Public Dialogue With The CM "A Vision For An International Liveable City"

Date: 4 August 2012

Time: 2.00 - 5.00 pm

Venue: Caring Society Complex, Jalan Utama, Penang

Following the previous forums organized by PF, PF5 was arguably its most successful in terms of public interest and participation. Almost 700 people turned up to listen to the speakers and to have their say.

The afternoon began with introductory remarks by Chairman Dato' Dr Anwar Fazal, followed by Penang Island Municipal Councilor Dr Lim Mah Hui who gave his 'Current View on Development in Penang'. The CM then shared his 'Vision for an International Liveable City', the major draw of the afternoon, followed by a very animated Q & A session for the public participants with a panel consisting of the C.M., State Exco Member Chow Kon Yeow & Dr Lim Mah Hui.

Questions from the floor focused on issues such as hill-slope developments, increased densities, illegal demolitions of historic structures, public transport, education etc. All questions that could not be answered due to the time constraint were submitted to the organizing committee to be later submitted to the State Government.

Planner Chau Loon Wai and Architect Laurence Loh then presented views on 'Issues of Planning & Policies That Determine The Quality of Our Lives'. This was also followed by a Q & A Session with a panel including the 2 YDP's from MPPP and MPSP.

Ex-Councilor Lim Kah Cheng then presented an 8-point Plan of Action to round off the evening. The Penang Forum will pursue the following:

1. The need to hold more dialogue with government agencies besides local authorities – e.g. JPS, JKR etc
2. To review Penang Structure Plan (SP) and Draft Local Plan(LP) as they are already dated
3. To review the increased density policy of 87 units per acre – currently implemented everywhere without reference to transport nodes as recommended in LP
4. To stop new hill-site developments and improve mechanism to monitor existing ones – to immediately review new guidelines
5. To hold more public consultations on major projects and review the procedure for objections
6. To expand the composition of SPEAD and ensure the independence of consultants of impact assessments – EIA's
7. To resolve problems in maintenance of high rise buildings
8. To call on State government to take back control of reclaimed land, Penang port and ferry operations

5.7 PHT Talks

- ***December 2011, China Tiger by Khoo Salma Nasution***

A talk about Penang Heritage Trust was given by Khoo Salma to a small group which included Judy Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for Peace building Support, Dato' Anwar Fazal, director, Right Livelihood College and PHT trustee, and Mariam Lim, President of the Women's Centre for Change. We are happy to say that Judy Cheng-Hopkins and Mariam Lim have joined PHT as our newest members.

The talk was coordinated by Jay Sharma and hosted by Rebecca Duckett at 25 China Street.

- ***March 2012, Seberang Perai by Lynn Hollen Lee***

On 10th March 2012, PHT with the collaboration of the Municipal Council of Seberang Prai (MPSP) arranged a talk by Professor Lynn Hollen Lees of the University of Pennsylvania on Sir John Ramsden and the Penang Sugar Estates, focusing on the Caledonia Estate. The talk was followed by a site visit to

the Caledonia Estate (99-Door Mansion) with the kind permission of the present estate owner, Mr. Lee and family.

Professor Lynn Hollen Lees presented an informative talk on the 19th century sugar plantations and industry in Province Wellesley and the particular role of the cluster of estates owned by the Ramsden family. She outlined the importance of sugar in the colonial and global economy and described how sugar was eventually replaced by rubber which in turn was replaced by palm oil. Professor Lees also discussed the effects of the plantation economy on social structures in colonial Malaya and speculated on the 1948 murder of Sir John Ramsden's grandson at Caledonia Estate. At the conclusion of Professor Lees's talk members drove in convoy to Caledonia Estate to view the extraordinary Ninety-nine Door Mansion.

- ***March 2012, Dinner Discussion at China Tiger with Judy Cheng***

On 14 March, Sunday, 6.30pm at China Tiger, PHT had a small dinner hosted by PHT council member Rebecca Wilkinson. The dinner, the first of a series of our 'mini' fundraising activities, were attended by 11 paying guests. They included PHT Immediate Past President Dr. Choong Sim Poey and wife Dato' Kee Phaik Cheen, Mr and Mrs. Harriet Saw, Julian Candiah, Gwynn Jenkins, Mr. Zimbulis and wife Sehra Yeap Zimbulis, Mr. Strawalde (German Artist who has offered one of his paintings for our fundraising in April), Liyana Aziz from Time Out Magazine and Mdm Linda Ch'ng.

We collected RM4,400.00 from the dinner. A heartfelt gratitude to Rebecca for the arrangements and for preparing the fantastic meal for all the guests. We also wish to thank David Wilkinson for taking the guests on a tour of the house.

It is also our great pleasure to have Judy Cheng-Hopkins to share her personal view on heritage preservation. This dinner was warmed with the presence of Dato' Anwar, Salma, Clement, Gaik Siang, Prof. Wazir, Ben and Mr. Jay Sharma.

- ***August 2012, Sali Sasaki's workshop & talk***

Together with GTWHI, PHT invited Sali Sasaki, a communication designer and researcher in design to come to George Town. She is familiar with George Town, well as Kuala Lumpur and aspects of the local design field and creative industries. Sali Sasaki was in Penang for 4 days to explore the role of design in sustaining heritage in the George Town World Heritage Site. She gave a public lecture and also conducted a workshop that helped to build capacity among local craft designers, heritage practitioners, cultural programmers, cultural entrepreneurs, researchers and facilitators, and also look at the local crafts markets and cultural enterprises.

- **August 2012, Tony Tan's Peranakan Cuisine**

On 14 August, Tony Tan delivered a talk as one of PHT fundraising events. Tony Tan is one of Australia's most respected culinary teacher and chef specialising in Chinese, Nyonya, Indonesian, Korea, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Indian, Singaporean, Malaysian and cross-cultural cooking. Trained at La Varenne in France and Leith's School of Food and Wine in England, he has owned and cooked at Shakahari Restaurant in Melbourne and *Tatlers Café* in Sydney. Even though the talk was organized during fasting month, it has successfully attracted 40 paying guests.. We wish to thank China House for providing the space for the talk.

5.8 Restoration of Protestant Cemetery, May- December 2012

The Protestant /Francis Light Cemetery (1789-1892) within the World Heritage Site of George Town, like other important cemeteries in historic cities, is much appreciated by foreign and local tourists and historians and is clearly an invaluable source of information and insight into the past . The Christians interred include Armenians, French, Dutch, Germans, Americans, Chinese, besides the English, the Scots and Welsh. It is also the resting place of names familiar to us all and those responsible for the early history of our port island settlement, from Governors to sailors, surgeons and lawyers – Light and the Scotts, the Browns, Hutchings, Logan, McNair, Macalister, Leith, Farquhar, Gottlieb, Dundas, Arratoon and a host of others, including the husband of Anna Leonowens of 'Anna & the King' fame.

The Penang Heritage Trust together with MPPP, SOCFIN, HSBC and BACSA , have been responsible for restoration works in 1994 and 2007 but the climate and a tight budget have necessitated further works today.

The PHT and George Town World Heritage Incorporated would like to keep the public informed of the current restoration works within the George Town World Heritage Site.

As of May 2012, with help from various sources, works have begun on the following:

- a. Careful poisoning and removal of plants and creepers on the tombs
- b. Careful water jetting to remove fungus and dirt
- c. Repair of the broken walls on the East and South perimeter
- d. Repair of the damaged gatepost with appropriate materials
- e. Removal of trees where roots are damaging the foundations of the tombs and falling branches have threatened the integrity of the tombs

- f. Removal of trees where there is overcrowding resulting in disease and weakened branches (it should be noted that the cemetery was used as a tree nursery in the 1980's with the intention of providing saplings for new roads. However, over time, the site and intention were overlooked and the saplings grew to become huge trees growing very close together)
- g. Pruning of trees to allow better growth and sunlight to penetrate the tomb areas
- h. Repair and replacement of spotlights
- i. General cleaning up of surrounding areas
- j. Laying of an appropriate walkway following the layout from historic maps
- k. Seats and rest areas

As and when funds become available, the following will be carried out:

- i. Repair of all damaged tombs with appropriate materials
- ii. Repainting of walls with appropriate breathable paints
- iii. Repainting of tombs with appropriate paints where required
- iv. Re-inking of inscriptions where required

In the meantime, PHT is also appointed by GTWHI who received funding from Think City to work on the formulation of a Management Plan for the Cemetery which will include full documentation of all tombs and a schedule of maintenance.

5.8.1 Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans (September 2011- August 2012)

In 2012, PAPA continues its program with 4 dedicated artisans, they are Mr. Yeap Siew Kay (master of woodcarving), Mdm May Lim (Nyonya Manik Shoe), Mr. Wong Heng Mun (the handmade shoe maker) and Mr. Sim Buck Teik (Master of rattan weaving) and son.

The program also receives a project grant from Think City Sdn Bhd to conduct full documentation on 5 selected artisans. The documentation process started in August 2011, and it is ongoing. Through this grant program, the Penang Heritage Trust managed to consolidate existing information on those selected traditional crafts practised by 5 artisans attached to PAPA and to document these vulnerable individuals and their skills which have previously not been extensively documented. It is essential that proper documentation of their skills, processes and knowledge be

acknowledged, preserved and transmitted, in order that we may not be left in bereavement for the loss of our heritage.

5.9 Living Heritage Treasures Award, ongoing

When the award was initiated in late 2004, it was the first project in Malaysia to recognise and acknowledge ordinary artisans and craftsmen who embody or who have, in the highest degree, the skills and techniques necessary for the production of certain aspects of our culture, the life of our people and the continued existence of our cultural heritage.

As of 2012 we are proud to announce that the LTHA project is still ongoing, and it stands as the only project initiated by an NGO that recognizes intangible cultural heritage assets in Penang. As has been reported before, Penang Heritage Trust has to source for other sponsors after 2012 for this very worthy programme. We have also written to the State Government to ask for their assistance to provide medical care assistance to these elderly awardees. The main weakness lies in the inability of the programme to help the aged artisans in the urgent area of medical assistance and elderly care. PHT has requested the State Government to arrange for General Hospital 2nd class or 1st class care to a maximum sum per year. We would appreciate members' support of this programme by helping us to seek and source financial support for the LTHA project.

5.10 Internship Program with Ritsumikan University, March-April 2012

PHT received two students from Ritsumeikan University of Kyoto as part of their student internship programme to fulfill certain curriculum requirements. Mr. Yuichiro Kurokawa and Miss Sayaka Umiji were stationed in PHT from 7th February this year for a month. Under the programme, the students carried out studies on the various aspects of heritage conservation in Penang and documented the Japanese history in the island, including the Pre-war Japanese community and the military occupation.

The students were attracted by the myriad cultures found in Penang and studied how the local Japanese community adapted to the environment here. They created a Japanese language website for PHT <http://pht-jp.blogspot.com/> to introduce PHT, interesting sites and food found in Penang, local Japanese community etc and to enable information searches on Penang to be available in Japanese language.

5.11 Revitalization of Intangible Cultural Heritage, June- December 2012

Inventory of Cultural Heritage

PHT is supporting the GTWHI to conduct a survey to inventorize the Intangible Cultural Heritage Assets in the World Heritage Site.

A number of traditional art forms, crafts and skills have furthermore been identified by various research studies as being threatened by extinction or modification beyond recognition through periodic surveys, as well as through monitoring and observation efforts conducted on a somewhat sporadic basis. This inventory is a coordinated effort to consolidate, update and augment existing data through fresh research to produce a comprehensive survey of all existing intangible heritage, starting with those contained within the GTWSH, and to research in further detail a selected number of forms as the first stage in what will be an on-going process of detailed documentation process throughout the state of Penang over the coming years.

The results of the studies conducted in this project will be used to inform socio-economic development and livelihood enhancement programmes, heritage management planning, community strengthening activities, and increased heritage awareness and understanding amongst stakeholders as well as the greater public.

OBJECTIVES

- I. produce a comprehensive inventory of all forms of intangible or living heritage in the historic zone of George Town, as well as for use in planning and future research
- II. based on the results of the inventory, identify and conduct mapping research on 20 forms in danger for preservation and development recommendations
- III. conduct detailed cultural mapping research and ethnographic profiling on 50 pre-identified forms of intangible heritage for improved interpretation and understanding
- IV. create opportunities for existing traditional traders and craftspeople for socio-economic development and advancement
- V. contribute to knowledge development required in GTWHI's role as custodian of the World Heritage Site
- VI. provide information required for socio-economic planning, tourism planning and heritage management planning for all relevant stake-holders

The PAPA Signage Project

As part of Penang Heritage Trust's contribution to the George Town World Heritage Celebrations 2012, the PAPA (Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans) master

woodcarver, Mr. Yeap Siew Kay was engaged to participate in a traditional street signage project. Mr. Yeap had 4 apprentices who underwent 3 months of training – two months of instruction under his supervision and one month producing the signboards. They managed to produce 5 carved timber signboards that are traditionally hung at the entrance to a shop. As part of the exercise, several streets-- Armenian Street, Cannon Street and Church Street were mapped for the final selection of the 'recipients'. The façades of the shophouses were photographed and studied. Residents and owners of businesses along the streets were asked about their willingness to participate in the program as recipients. The responses were overwhelmingly positive with many shop owners lamenting the loss of traditional signboards over the years and wanting to be part of the project.

As the result of the mapping and community engagement, 5 shophouses along Church Street were eventually selected. The completed signboards were then presented to 5 shop-houses, one residential home and four with commercial activities.

The new signboards were launched by the Chief Minister of Penang YAB Lim Guan Eng on World Heritage Day, 7 July 2012 together with Master carver Mr Yeap, Project Convener, Loh-Lim Lin Lee, PHT President Khoo Salma Nasution, the recipients, members of the State Exco and the neighbourhood community of Church Street.

Stage two of the Project will continue with the production of another 5 signboards by the master carver and his apprentices for another 5 shop-houses along Church Street.

5.12 George Town Heritage Celebration, 7-9 July 2012

This year, PHT celebrated the 4th anniversary of George Town World Heritage Celebrations by co-organizing several programmes with George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI).

1. Siamese Heritage Celebration 6-8 July, 2012

The George Town World Heritage Day this year was celebrated with recognition of Penang's ethnic Siamese community and the long historical ties between Penang and Thailand. The project was initiated by Clement Liang. Hosted jointly by Thai Consulate-General and PHT, a full-house evening talk on 6 July at the House of Yeap Chor Ee by 3 historians from Thailand and Malaysia shared the unknown stories about the sojourns of Thai princes and politicians to Penang and the successive Thai royal visits from King Rama V to the current King Rama IX to the island. Prof. Tengku Sepora, a descendant of Ku Din Ku Meh elaborated her ancestor's role in the geopolitical transformation in Siam and northern Malaya.

On 8 July, a **memorial plaque unveiling ceremony** at Wat Pinbang Onn, Greenlane was carried out to commemorate **Phraya Manopakorn Nititada**, the 1st Thai Prime

Minister who was in exile and died in Penang in 1948. Attended by the granddaughter of the former Prime Minister, Thai consulate and local dignitaries, the solemn ceremony and emotional speeches testified the unique role of Penang as a place of asylum accepting people from other countries since the early days. The plaque was designed by PHT and documented the life history of Manopakorn in Thai, English, Malay and Chinese. In the evening, an open air event aptly named “**One Night in Bangkok Lane**” offered the first ever Thai-theme street party in Penang. Organised by GTWHI and PHT, hundreds thronged the car-free street sampling Thai hawker food, handicraft and watching the performance of traditional Thai dances including the renowned “Menora”, a diminishing Thai temple dance only found in northern Malaysia and southern Thailand. The street party marked the end of the 3-day World Heritage Day celebrations.

2. Heritage Trails

On 7 July, PHT also organized a few heritage trails for the public. The forever green “**Street of Harmony Walk**” was guided by PHT cultural guides Teresa Capol and Cumalle Ang. It was part of the opening event for the celebration officiated by the Chief Minister of Penang. In the afternoon, we had our heritage trail “**Mansions of Great Men**”, a special guided tour of the homes of some of George Town’s most prominent men: the first Kapitan Cina of Penang, Koh Lay Huan; the former home of businessman and philanthropist Yeap Chor Ee; and the home of Cheong Fatt Tze, the famous Blue Mansion, guided by Joann Khaw, Paul Gerarts and Cumalle Ang.

We are very grateful for all the supports by Laurence Loh and Loh-Lim, Ms. Darryl Yeap of House of Yeap Chor Ee and Rebecca Wilkinson for allowing us to visit these premises.

3. “Early Secret Societies” Talk and Trail

On 8 July, PHT celebrated the last day of the celebration by organizing the **Early Secret Societies trail** and presentation on an unexplored route of the early secret societies in Penang researched by Lim Gaik Siang. The trail received overwhelming response and the participants followed a 2 hours trail guided by Gaik Siang assisted by May Yeap Kam Moey (in Mandarin) and Joann Khaw (in English).

In the afternoon, a Public Talk: “The Early Secret Societies of George Town” specifically on Malay and Chinese Alliance presented by local historian Mr. Tan Kim Hong and Professor Mahani Musa of Universiti Sains Malaysia at MPPP Town Hall. The attendees learned about the Ghee Hin and Tua Pek Kong society, and the Red Flag and White Flags groups that ran the inner city of George Town. The talk attracted more than 100 people.

5.13 Smoke Free Campaign at WHS, September- December 2012

The Penang-Bebas Asap Rokok (PENBAR) Campaign or Smoke Free Penang Campaign is an initiative initiated by the State Health Department, in collaboration with the Penang State Government, the Malaysian Health Promotion Board (MySihat) and several other agencies to transform Penang into a cigarette smoke-free city. The initiative was first initiated by the Penang State Government in 2009, when YB Phee Boon Poh first declared the Penang State Assembly Building, and several other locations including the Esplanade and Gurney Drive promenades as cigarette-free areas.

This initiative was continued by the State Health Department, and on 31st July 2012, declared that six popular destinations in the state, aside from the 21 areas gazetted in the Regulations for Tobacco Products Control 2012, as cigarette-smoke free zones. These areas are:

1. Penang Botanic Gardens
2. Penang State Municipal Park (Youth Park)
3. Air Itam Dam
4. Teluk Bahang Dam
5. Mengkuang Dam
6. Ampang Jajar Municipal Park

Alongside the announcement of these sites, the State Health Department had also planned on an initiative to transform the George Town World Heritage Site as a cigarette smoke-free zone. This initiative was propose following the precedence of other cities and world heritage sites including Luang Prabang, Davao City, Bangkok and many more. This initiative was also done with the following objectives:

1. To fulfill the needs of Article 8 in the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control that *mandates the government to 'recognize the scientific evidence that clearly confirms the dangers of cigarette smoke which can cause illness, death and harm'*.
2. An effort to create a locality, part or whole of a city to be a smoke-free city; and
3. To protect the public from the threats of second hand smoke (passive smoking)

Specifically, the initiative was created with several strategies that can be implemented to realise the outlined objectives. Priority was given to strategies that create awareness and education on the dangers and threats of cigarette smoke, and enforcement will be carried out two years after the start of the initiative. The strategies outlined for the initiative are:

1. Creation of policies and local ordinances
2. Promotion and advocacy
3. Strengthening enforcement activities
4. Creation of networks and relationships with various stakeholders , including state agencies and non-governmental agencies
5. Cigarette quitting services
6. Monitoring and evaluation of the programme.

The Penang Heritage Trust (PHT) was asked to be jointly involved in the initiative based on the following considerations:

1. PHT has the ability to conduct research, survey and develop capacity for various topics;
2. PHT's rapport as an active non-governmental agency that works well with the community in George Town;
3. PHT's strength in networks with various stakeholders; and
4. MySihat's policy on funding non-governmental agencies to undertake projects/programmes

On 31st July 2012, Khoo Salma Nasution, president of PHT, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CEO of MySihat, Datuk Dr. Yahya Baba that enables PHT to be part of the implementing agencies that is responsible for the programme. Following this, PHT will be actively participating in the research, promotion, stakeholders advocacy and capacity building for the programme.

5.14 German Heritage Trail

A project sponsored by German Embassy since early 2012, PHT is tasked to map and introduce the historical sites of German community in George Town during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Led by Hon. Secretary Clement Liang, the German Heritage Trail in Penang will be designed to become one of the latest heritage trails to be promoted to tourists and school students to understand the significance of German presence in this cosmopolitan city.

The German shipping company Norddeutscher Lloyd, trading houses Behn Meyer & Co., Katz Bros. Ltd, August Huttenbach who introduced street lamps to George Town, early postcards of Penang produced by Ernst Kaulfuss, Henry Neubronner who designed many iconic buildings in the city, Felix Gottlieb, a renowned lawyer and Johann Bausum who was in the missionary work etc, all had played significant roles in the economic, industrial and administrative development of Penang in the last two centuries. The heritage trail will be officially launched on the German Unification Day

celebration on 3 Oct, 2012 in Penang by the Chief Minister of Penang and the German ambassador. Interpretative signboards in German, Malay and English will mark the specific sites and tourist brochures in German and English will also be made available from selected outlets including PHT office to relate the story to the visitors.

5.15 Penang Story Lectures

- ***Plague Fighter Dr Wu Lien-Teh, A Penang Hero who modernized medicine in China”, 4.00pm, Saturday, 19 May 2012.***

On Saturday, 19 May 2012, 4.00pm at Wawasan Open University, we were honoured to have Ms. Ong Lay Hong, a very established film producer from Singapore to share with us on her research on Dr. Wu Lien Teh, popularly known as Dr. Tuck, a Queen’s Scholar of 1896, he was a plague specialist of International fame. The public lecture was very well received.

The public lecture was followed by a special designed Wu Lien Teh trail in Penang led by Clement Liang to invited guests. The preliminary research of this trail was funded by Penang Global Tourism.

- ***Penang Story Lectures: Building bridges across the Bay of Bengal, 28 Aug, Wednesday, 3.00pm.***

The public lecture was presented by Prof. Sugata Bose, the Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University. This lecture explored the intellectual, cultural and political conversations across the Bay of Bengal between South and Southeast Asia conducted by Tagore and his contemporaries. The exploration gave us fresh insights into the modern intellectual history of Asia as well as theories of universalism, cosmopolitanism and internationalism.

6) Urban Blight & Heritage Issues

6.1 Update- Swiftlet farming in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town, Penang

Until now, there has been no obvious enforcement to remove swiftlet houses in the UNESCO zone of George Town. PHT is extremely disappointed as structural damage continues against neighboring houses, the populations of swiftlets continue to increase, and the noise of birdstweeters continues in the neighborhoods within the UNESCO zone.

In a very few cases swiftlet owners have, after instructions from MPPP, unblocked their windows, but all have made no effort to remove the birds as required under the instructions of the Veterinary Department.

MPPP has yet to work & collaborate with Veterinary Department in order to expedite the process. Despite guidelines for removal laid out in the 1GP & the provision of removal plans & procedures by NGO's, officers from MPPP have so far, failed to implement any of these procedures in a proper organized routine to ensure a successful removal of these swiftlet farms.

There is a clear reluctance to enforce against this illegal business which jeopardizes the UNESCO listing for George Town.

On 24th August 2012 the **Mesyuarat/Perbincangan berkaitan isu- isu warisan/tapak warisan dan bangunan warisan bilangan 2 tahun 2012** was held between Datuk YDP Patahiyah and her officers.

MPPP officers confirmed that MPPP has the figure of 108 swiftlet houses to be removed in the GTWHS zone. Datuk YDP Patahiyah was taken aback at this figure. When PHT questioned the officers on why no obvious action has been taken recently on any of the swiftlet houses, Datuk YDP Patahiyah confirmed with her officer, Encik Razif whom had represented MPPP for this issue- that enforcement & implementation to remove swiftlet houses must continue & cannot stop. The deadline for removal of all swiftlet houses in the GTWHS zone still stands at 'the end of 2013'. Just over a year to go.

PHT will now insist on seeing records of notices given out by MPPP as proof that action is being taken in order to protect the integrity of our much treasured GTWHS.

6.2 YTL Shorefront Project

The history of water supply in Malaysia has its beginning on Penang Island. When the population of the settlement reached the 10,000 mark, a formal plan for a water supply system in George Town was drawn up in 1804 by Robert Townsend Farquhar, the Lieutenant Governor of Penang then. Convict labourers were recruited to construct a four-mile long aqueduct, built from bricks and granite slabs, to channel the clear stream water from the waterfall in Penang Botanic Gardens, via Pulau Tikus to an outlet near Leith Street Ghaut where the current YTL's Shorefront project is located. From there, the water was sold to passing ships that needed to refill.

Back in 1997 when MPPP demolished the old historical houses near Leith Street Ghaut, they accidentally uncovered a row of bricks and granite slabs lying underneath the compound leading to the sea and it is believed that the remnant structure is the end section of the aqueduct.

Penang Heritage Trust appealed to all parties involved in the approval of any development project on this historical site which is also situated within the UNESCO World Heritage Zone to take all necessary and sensitive measures including archaeological survey and excavation to preserve and document any and all important historical artefacts found in the vicinity without delay and not to permit construction or land clearing before proper archaeological investigation takes place. We also proposed a comprehensive Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) be conducted.

6.3 Threats outside WHS

6.3.1 Batu Uban

Penang Heritage Trust (PHT) supports the zoning of Batu Uban as a heritage site based on its early history as a landing site of the first Malays of Penang, Batu Uban ("White Rock") got its name from Malays who used the rocks, gleaming white in the sun from the droppings of seagulls, as a navigational guide to the island. It strongly supports the efforts of the Penang Malay History and Heritage Association – Persatuan Sejarah dan Warisan Pulau Pinang (PEWARIS) to present a proposal to the State government to declare Batu Uban as a heritage site. Batu Uban, like Tanjung Tokong predates the occupation of Penang by Captain Francis Light in 1786 and is evidence of the existence of early Malay settlements along the island's coast. With massive land reclamation projects changing Penang's coastline, it is all the more important to conserve these former coastal areas as the original sites of early Malay settlements. To propose upmarket development on land which has been occupied by the Malays for centuries will obliterate the rich cultural diversities of Penang's early history which is strongly supported by the State Government.

Dato' Dr Wazir Jahan, anthropologist and advisor for Muslim Affairs to PHT endorses its early history, affirming that the mosque at Batu Uban built around 1734 is the oldest mosque on the island and should be conserved in its original form. Nakhoda Nan Intan from Sumatra was its founder and it led to a thriving Sumatran Malay settlement which later expanded all along the Southwest coast of the island to Sungei Batu. It has been historically established that coastal areas of Penang and Seberang were dotted with settlements that served as stop point for shelter and water by traders plying the port of Kuala Kedah to other well known trading ports of the Straits of Melaka, like Pasai, Batu Bara, Kota Pinang and Siak, Indragiri and Melaka. Batu Uban conforms to Malay cultural ecology of a Malay "water-edge" settlement characteristically containing four main elements: mosque, fresh water source, penghulu's house and cemetery.

Unfortunately, The Sungei Batu settlement has already been destroyed , leaving Batu Uban the last remaining Malay settlement along the Pualu Jerjak channel. The site at Batu Uban is already destroyed by rampant development which has not encased the village in its original form and the approach from the sea to river tributaries here has been destroyed by the highway and other commercial housing. Given that this is the landing site of the early Malays of Penang, both State and Federal agencies should cooperate to make this a visible landmark of heritage on the island.

6.3.2 Former St Xaviers' Brothers Bungalow, Rampant demolitions at Macalister Road and Burmah Lane Thai Heritage building

The former St Xaviers' Brothers Bungalow at 457 Burmah Road, a Category II building is facing the threat of demolition by repeated appeals from the current owner and developer. PHT raised strong objections to the MPPP for allowing the demolition appeal to be heard and approval to 2 blocks of high-rise to be constructed on site, ignoring the historical and architectural significance of the old bungalow and the worsening traffic congestion at the stretch of Burmah Road fronting Convent School Pulau Tikus.

In the Penang Forum and Citizen Chant Group, PHT raised the grave concerns of more old bungalows along the Macalister Road and the Thai heritage building at Burmah Lane being simply demolished for high density development with no prior public hearing or consultation.

6.3.3 Penang Hill Station redevelopment

Penang Hill Corporation revealed a plan to build an iconic metal shelter to cover the Penang Hill base station and roofed walkway on the hill top which is likely to mar the natural landscape of the hill. Views and objections were collected from the public and PHT's Facebook and presented to the relevant authorities.

6.3.4 SAP Botanic Garden

PHT has submitted its views and suggested improvements on the drafted Special Area Plan for Penang Botanic Gardens and attended a public hearing in July 2012. Together with several other NGOs in Penang, PHT raised the concerns on the continuing presence of Penang Rifle Club and possible reinstatement of Scout's Coronation Camp in the Gardens which will hinder the proper functioning and integrity of Penang Botanic Gardens.

7. PHT Calendar of Events:

4 November 2011, 3.30pm, Level 17, KOMTAR
City day celebration meeting with MPPP

15 November 2011, 2.30pm, KOMTAR
City Day celebration meeting with MPPP

22 November 2011, 9.00am-1.30pm, The Northam Hotel
Meeting with Tourism Stakeholders, called by Ministry of Tourism Malaysia

7 December 2011, 8.30am-5.00pm Cititel Penang
Penang Ecotown workshop- Sharing Information and Experiences in Developing a Recycling Oriented Society.

10 December 2011, 9.00am-5.00pm, 29 China Street
Seminar Workshop "Review for a Sustainable Penang(RSP)" by Citizen CHANT

12 December 2011, 9.00am-12.00pm, Cititel Penang
Local Government Consultative Forum

18 December 2011, 9.00am-5.00pm, Caring society Complex
Penang Forum 4: Development and Good Governance

20 December 2011, 5.00pm, Bilik Gerekan, KOMTAR
Heritage Consultative Panel meeting with CM. The meeting was postponed.

23 December 2011, 3.00pm, GTWHI office
GTWHI Consultative Panel Meeting

29 December 2011, 9.30am, Kuala Lumpur
Meeting with National Heritage Department on Swift Issue in World Heritage Site, Melaka and George Town.

18 January 2012, 10.30am-12.00pm GTWHI office
Meeting on restoration of Goddess of Mercy Temple

29 January 2012, 9:00am – 12:00pm PHT
Visit by 36 students from Chiangmai University, Thailand

15 March 2012, 4.30pm Level 53 KOMTAR
State Transportation Meeting chaired by YB Chow Kon Yeow.

4 April, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Bilik Perdana KOMTAR
Meeting on Balik Pulau old market, chaired by Ahli Masjlis Felix Ooi.

9 April 2012, 8.15am-12.00 noon, The Gurney Resort Hotel
Local Government Consultative Forum chaired by YB Chow Kon Yeow.

Friday 11 May, 3.30pm-5.30pm Wawasan Open University
Public Forum by Think City: George Town after World Heritage Inscription: Are we on the Right Track?"

Saturday 12 May, Public Talk: The Sumatran Community at Acheen Street, George Town, Penang, by Abdur-Razzaq Lubis, 3.00pm at GTWHI.

15-17 May, GTWHI Heritage Management Plan Workshop (Part one), Bayview George Town.

Saturday 19 May, 4.00pm at Wawasan Open University
Public Talk: "Plague Fighter Dr Wu Lien-Teh, A Penang Hero who modernized medicine in China".

26 & 27 May 2012, 9.00am-5.00pm at PHT
Workshop on Intangible Cultural Heritage Project

27 May 2012, 2.00pm at Protestant Cemetery
Monthly Cemetery Tour

30 May 2012, 9.30am-11.30pm, Level 4, Bilik Perdana, KOMTAR
Meeting with YDP (Illegal Demolition of Heritage Building)

31 May 2012, 10.00am at GTWHI
Protestant Cemetery Meeting with GTWHI, Think city and MPPP. The cleaning of Protestant Cemetery has started on 9 May.

6 & 7 Jun 2012
OKU friendly workshop by MPPP, a power point presentation by PHT volunteer's Naziaty was shared by GTWHI to MPPP. The power point presentation was prepared by Naziaty for a project commissioned by Think City. Naziaty permitted us to use the power point to share some of her recommendations to the council.

12 June 2012, 9am, P.Ramlee Complex
Polemic on Early Settlements in Penang.

16 & 17 June 2012, 9am-6.00pm, PHT
Workshop for Cultural Surveyors for Intangible Heritage Inventory.

20 June 2012 (Wednesday), 3.00PM at Meeting Room, Upper Station.
Penang Hill Meeting called by PHC

2 July (Monday) Kick start of the inventory of Intangible Heritage Project.

2 July 2012, 2.30PM at Bilik Mutiara, Level 52 KOMTAR.

Transportation Meeting call by SUK

4 July (Wed), 3pm- 5.00pm

DBKL visit to WHS, visiting PHT

6 July (Friday), 8.30pm at House of Yeap Chor Ee

Public Talk: Siamese Heritage & Footprints in Penang. A collaboration by PHT and Thai Consulate-General, Penang.

7 July (sat), 9.00-12.00pm, starting from MPPP Town Hall

Heritage Trail: Street of Harmony.

7 July (sat) 10.20am at Church Street

Launching of PAPA program "Traditional Signage for Community" by CM,

7 July (Sat), 1.30pm- 4.00pm

Heritage Trail: Mansions of Great Men, venue involved: China Tiger, Blue Mansion and House of Yeap Chor Ee.

8 July (Sun), 9.00am start at PHT

Early Secret Society in Penang Trail.

8 July 10:00am, at Wat Pinbang Onn, Jalan Mesjid Negeri

Siamese Heritage Trail, Unveiling of the plaque to commemorate Phraya Manopakorn Nititada, Siam's First Prime Minister

8 July (Sun), 6.00pm-10.00pm at Bangkok Lane

One Night in Bangkok Lane, , an initiative by PHT and residents in Bangkok Lane.

9 July 2012, 9.00am-5.00pm, Northman Hotel

Validation workshop for Course of Study and Written Instruction Material for Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide Program.

18 July 2012, Wednesday 2012, 2.30pm at Level 37 KOMTAR

Meeting on Free Smoke Campaign at WHS.

Saturday 28 July, 10am-11:30am at Sekeping Victoria

Sali Sasaki Talk: Heritage x Design~ *The role of design in sustaining Intangible Cultural Heritage*, Co-organized by George Town World Heritage Incorporated.

Tuesday, 31 July 11.30am at Level 53 KOMTAR
MOU signing for Smoke Free at WHS campaign. It is a project initiated by Jabatan Kesihatan Malaysia (MySihat). PHT is appointed as the Secretariat of the project.

Saturday 4 Aug, 2.00 – 6.00 p.m. Bosch Hall, Komplek Masyarakat Penyayang
Penang Forum 5: 'A Public Dialogue with the CM' VISIONS FOR A LIVEABLE CITY'

Tuesday 14 Aug, 3.30pm at ChinaHouse
Tony Tan talks about the Peranakan Cuisine (another mini-fundraiser for PHT).

Friday 24 Aug, 9.00am at Dewan Persidangan Majlis
Meeting with YDP. This is a follow up meeting with YDP to discuss about the heritage issues.

Sunday 26 Aug, 2.00pm, Protestant Cemetery
Monthly Cemetery Tour
Tuesday 28 Aug, 9.00am- 12.00 noon, at Think City Office.
Workshop on Penang and Indian Ocean.

Tuesday 28 Aug, 3.00pm- 6.00pm at Wawasan Open University.
Tagore Memorial Lecture - Professor Sugata Bose of Harvard University. Co-organised with Think City Sdn Bhd.

1-2 September 2012, Penang
Exchange program with Taiwan Heritage Society. Hosted by GTWHI

10 September 2012, 8.15am-12.00 noon, Level 4 Bayview Hotel George Town
Local Government Consultative Forum.

8. Circular and Site visit

This is an eventful year at Penang Heritage Trust. We managed to arrange 5 site visits since November 2011, a fundraising house visit at Loke Villa, 2 talks and 2 public lectures for members and friends of members.

13 Nov 2011
Site Visit – Oasis Hotel

11 Dec 2011
Site Visit – Restored Distressed college premises, China Street Ghaut
Talk – The Japanese bombing of George Town

10 March 2012

Site Visit – Caledonia Estate

Public Talk – Sir John Ramsen and the Penang Sugar Estates by Prof. Lynn Hollen Lees

14 March 2012

Fundraising Event – Dinner Discussion with Judy Cheng-Hopkins, China Tiger

20 March 2012

Public Talk – The Heritage of the Armenian Maritime Traders in Modern Asian Seas by Prof Shinji Shigematsu

24 March 2012

Meet the Artist Session – Strawalde at E&O Hotel

29 April 2012

Site Visit & EGM – Penaga Hotel

13 May 2012

Site Visit – Grave of Datuk Jenaton & Batu Uban Mosque

28 July 2012

Public Talk – The Role of Design in Sustaining Intangible Cultural Heritage by Sali Sasaki

14 Aug 2012

Tea-Talk – Peranakan Cuisine by Tony Tan

28 Aug 2012

Penang Story Lectures – Building Bridges across The Bay Of Bengal: Tagore And His Contemporaries by Sugata Bose

9. Publishing & Publicity

PHT Newsletter:

Since the last AGM, 2 newsletters and 11 circulars were produced. Members are welcome to download a copy of the newsletter from the website.

- PHT newsletter issues No. 100, Oct 2011
- PHT newsletter issue No.101, April 2012

10. Human Resources

Staff

The office is managed by Ms. Ho Sheau Fung, Ms. Vanessa Lim and a part-time coordinator for PAPA project, Ms. May Yeap Kam Moey.

Volunteers

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11. Networking & collaboration

PHT worked closely with other organisations to further broaden the heritage movement. Among the local and international groups we have been working with this year are:-

- a) Arts-Ed
- b) Academy of Socio-Economic research and Analysis (ASERA)
- c) Asia Explorers
- d) Badan Warisan Malaysia (BWM)
- e) Bangkok Lane Community
- f) Consumer Association of Penang (CAP)
- g) Citizen Chant Group
- h) Friends of Penang Botanic Gardens Society
- i) Friends of George Town Heritage
- j) George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)
- k) German Embassy in Kuala Lumpur and German Honorary Consul, Penang
- l) Khazanah Nasional Berhad
- m) Lestari Heritage Network
- n) LLA Sdn Bhd
- o) Nara Machizukuri Center, Japan
- p) Penang Forum
- q) Penang Global Tourism
- r) Penang Institute
- s) Pykett Avenue residents
- t) Ritsumeikan University, Japan
- u) Tan Yeow Wooi Culture and Heritage Research Studio
- v) Think City Sdn. Bhd.

w) Thai Consulate-General, Penang

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