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Annual General Meeting 2003

Sunday, 19th October 2003, 3.00 pm

E & O Hotel (Arshak Suite), Farquhar Street, 10200 Penang

Agenda

1. To consider and approve:
 - a) The Minutes of the PHT Annual General Meeting
 - b) The PHT Annual Report September 2002 – August 2003
 - c) The PHT Financial Report ended 31 December 2002
2. Election of Office Bearers (2003-2005)
3. Other Matters



E & O Hotel

President's Message

Welcome to another AGM of the PHT.

Trying to review events and activities over the last year has been a daunting task; even as president, I am amazed at quantity, variety and quality of the work that must have been put in to achieve this. Thanks once again to our dedicated staff, members and volunteer supporters and not least the many sponsors whose funds have made this possible.



Creating greater Public Awareness and Support

For a long time, PHT has concentrated on increasing awareness amongst stakeholders in the city as well as building up the management capacity of policy-makers and administrators.

This process continues through our busy programmes of public talks, heritage tours, technical workshops and academic conferences. Significant contributions have also been made by individual members of the trust through publications, statements and restoration project to support our confidence in the future of our heritage.

Previous criticisms of elitism are being addressed as we try to reach out to almost all relevant stakeholders, residents, landlords, tradesmen, cultural and clan associations, and local religious councils down to school and college students. The wide newspaper coverage of our views and activities show that our base of support is broadening though more needs to be done.

We believe that public opinion is not sufficiently supportive to provide a soft 'political landing' for the introduction of firmer and more comprehensive conservation policies; unfortunately, the state government is still hesitant fearing a political backlash.

Links with other Organisations

In the quest for Georgetown's heritage, PHT continues to strengthen important links with other organisations. UNESCO, under its Cultural Advisor Dr. Englehardt, has been playing key role supporting and guiding Penang's efforts for inscription on UNESCO's World Heritage List. PHT is part of a tripartite team working together with the Penang State Government to achieve this long term goal.

Badan Warisan Malaysia, as the national conservation NGO under it's President Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji, shares our concerns and we continue to support each other and we consult and seek their advice especially on Federal Legislation.

PHT and the Government

Although the PHT appreciates that Tan Sri Dr. Koh as the first Penang Chief Minister seriously committed to a state conservation policy, unfortunately, its effectiveness is seriously hampered by the poor response of the Federal and Local authorities e.g., in appropriate funding, legislation and planning approvals. The

State Heritage Conservation Committee under the CM (comprising State Executive Council members, administrators, private consultants, NGOs including the PHT) has not achieved the results anticipated at its inception 6 years ago. While inappropriate building plans are still being passed, genuine efforts in heritage development continue to face discouraging obstacles from obsolete regulations and inflexible bureaucratic attitudes.

Equally disappointing are certain government-funded restorations of their own properties. The Syed Alatas Mansion, restored as an example of international co-operation has been subverted from its original purpose as a conservation centre and is now temporarily unoccupied. Suffolk House, already partially restored with PHT and Federal funds remains incomplete despite potential corporate sponsorship awaiting token government support. And, finally, Fort Cornwallis recently restored by Muzium Negara, remains neglected without a management plan for adaptive reuse. We hope the current restoration of the Town Hall will meet with a better fate.



Suffolk Home

pursuing a conservation policy; these obstacles must be quickly cleared before we lose more of our cultural and architectural heritage. It must recognise the long-term economic and cultural value of conservation against the ad-hoc, short-term policies demanded by the anti-heritage lobby, looking for quick profits. The government must also realise that major financial investments and long-term planning are essential before we can reap these benefits. There is already so much recognition of George Town's priceless heritage assets by international experts that it is inexcusable for any government today to neglect it on the excuse of ignorance.

Dr Choong Sim Poey
President, Penang Heritage Trust

Threats to the PHT

Within the PHT, we are threatened with organisational fatigue, needing fresh transfusion in leadership and activists urgently. Larger premises are desperately needed and the PHT council continues its search for new home to be restored under AMEX/World Monuments Fund. With our over stretched organisation committed to so many projects/activities, the new council might start to consider narrowing our focus in future.

The Future of George Town?

The State Government administration continues to face major obstacles in



Penang Heritage Trust

Members Present

Ahmad Chik
 Anna D.W. Tan
 Andre Ng
 Barbara Lim
Catherine Loh
 Chai Siew Ping
 Chew Phaik Geen
 Linda Ch'ng Cheng Ee
Choong Sim Poey
 Chris Webb
 Denys Speed
 Douglas Fox
 Eddy L.S. Low
 Eric Yeoh Kok Ming
 Eng Saw
 Fabien Octave
 Ganesh Kolandaveloo
 Gan Teik Chee
 Grace Chuah Lih Lin
 Hanizah Jonoh
 Ho Fai Fong
 Irene Teoh
 Jennifer deVries
 Joanne Khaw
Kim Wong
Khoo Salma Nasution
 Lawrence Leong

Laurence Loh
Lim Gaik Siang
 Lim Jin Chua (Sunny)
Loh-Lim Lin Lee
 Marlene Fox
 Mohd Bahroodin Ahmad
 Md. Hassan bin Hj Ariffin
 Ng Wai Queen
 Oh Eng Sim
 Ong Siew Fong
 Ooi Bok Kim
 P A Laine
 Saw Keng Choo (Renee)
 Susan Tan
Tan Chong Guan
Teresa Capol
Teoh Poh Huat
 Tong C.K. Ho
 Wong Kum Choon
 Woo Yee Saik
 Zakaria Basheer
 Urs Capol (observer)

Staff in attendance
 Magdeline Ng-Leong

Names of the PHT Council Members for the Term 2001 – 2003 are in bold.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

Sunday, 29 September 2002

3.00 pm

Nanyang Chinese Cuisine,

164 Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, 10200 Penang

1. Chairman Welcoming Address

The President, Dr Choong welcomed the members present and called the meeting to order at 3.20pm. He thanked members for their support and made a few announcements in the meeting. He invited members to join the short site visit after the AGM. He also reminded members to renew their membership and announced that those who have not paid up their subscriptions for year 2001 would be deleted from the membership list after the AGM.

Dr Choong informed that the American Express Foundation has, through the World Monuments Watch programme, approved a grant for PHT to restore a heritage building in George Town to be used as the PHT office. Ms Khoo Salma added that as yet, no heritage building has been identified – a visually prominent, historically significant building for long-term lease would be ideal. She appealed to members to help on this.

Dr Choong apologized for the delay in holding the AGM, explaining that last year had been very busy and fruitful for PHT. He encouraged members to read the thick annual report.

A Tourism Forum 2002 was announced by Mr Eddy Low, the chairman of this forum. It would be held on the 9th and 10th of October 2002 at the Wisma Masyarakat Penyayang. He invited PHT members to attend and to share their expert views.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM 2001

It was pointed out that several names had been omitted from the list of those who attended the previous year's AGM. The names to be added to the attendance list are: Mrs Marlene Fox, Mr Robert Holland, Ms Oh Eng Sim and Ms Anna DW Tan.

There were no other amendments and the confirmation of the minutes was proposed by Mrs Marlene Fox and seconded by Mr Laurence Loh.

Ms Salma pointed out to members that the PHT membership is valid from January to December of each year, therefore membership expires by the end of the year, regardless of the month in which the subscription is renewed.

3. Presentation and Adoption of the PHT Annual Report 2002

Ms Khoo Salma highlighted the annual report. The membership has hit 500 and this is hoped that it will continue to increase for the coming year.

More funds were raised last year. The major grants were for the Penang Story Project. An Oral History workshop and four colloquiums were held, PHT co-organised with other groups; the Academy of Social Sciences, Malaysian Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Chinese Clans Association Youth committee and Penang Eurasian Association, leading to a final event, the Penang Story International Conference – a very successful and highly publicized event.

Under the UNESCO Participation Programme, a workshop 'Warisan Kita Di Tanjung' was organized to create awareness on Muslim heritage in George Town.

Cikgu Bahroodin was invited to introduce his Museum talks/performance to members.

Ms Loh-Lim reported that the Anak-Anak Kota project was a very successful programme funded by Ford Foundation and it is still an on-going project. Talks were given to the schools, children were introduced to traditional trades. Loh-Lim commented that children had been exposed to the inner city in a very enthusiastic way, she has re-applied to the Ford Foundation for funding for this year. She also announced that we would be given a donation of RM5,000 by pan Malaysian Pool under the Tanjung heritage 2002 Award for the endangered trades introduced by ArtsEd.

Ms Loh-Lim corrected a typing error on the list of school on page 26. In the talk on 10th April to Sekolah Padang Polo, the number of participants should read as 50 instead of 0.

Mr Laurence Loh corrected an error on page 28 – Suffolk House Restoration. Last sentence should read as 'The State government (not PHT) has yet to receive the funding from the Federal government under the 8th Malaysian Plan for Phase 2 restoration of Suffolk House.'

Ms Lim Gaik Siang reported on heritage alert. Instead of seeking to confront the MPPP, we are now seeking to engage and co-operate with the city councilors to resolve matters. Ms Lim requested members to report to PHT if they came upon any illegal demolition in the city.

Ms Khoo Salma called upon Zakaria Basheer, a descendant of Sheikh Omar Basheer, to brief the members on the Acheen Street alert. He explained that this is the oldest living Muslim settlement in the city and it is located near to Khoo Kongsi and Little India. PHT is concerned about the environmental impact as well as the cultural impact on the life of people in the area.

Mr Ahmad Chik reported that PHT has formed a coalition with other like-minded bodies to resolve urban blight issues. The proposals submitted and meetings with the city councilors to tackle the problems have resulted in marked improvements in a few areas.

Mrs Teresa Capol, who heads the PHT heritage trails and tours, said that there has been good response in the last year. Some income has been generated through this programme and she was hoping that more locals would be interested to join the tours. She said that the PATA Task Force who did a tourism assessment in Penang earlier this year emphasized that heritage and culture is the core attraction of tourism industry in Penang, as PHT has been saying all along.

PHT's exclusive site visits was one of the most successful programmes organised for members, Ms Loh-Lim announced. She was overwhelmed by the number of members attending the last site visit to Batu Ferringhi Aqueduct and Guillemard. She said that site visits also involved community participation. She called for suggestions of sites and invited members for feedback on areas of improvement.

Ms Salma said that the editorship of the PHT newsletter has been taken over by Ms Loh-Lim. Volunteers are needed to help revive the PHT website.

PHT suffered high staff turnover during the reporting period. Magdeline Ng who started work in mid-February, is running the office now.

Ms Salma voiced her dissatisfaction concerning heritage conservation in George Town, as more houses are in dilapidated state. She appealed to members to support efforts to safeguard heritage buildings. She said that the support from the government and private sectors is very important.

As there were no further questions, the annual report was adopted – Mr Pierre Laine proposed and Mrs Teresa Capol seconded.

4. Presentation of Honorary Treasurer's Report

Ms Catherine Loh presented the report. She informed members that the main income for PHT last year was from the fundraising dinner. Two-thirds of the fixed deposits are reserved as designated project funds. The project funds received mainly benefited the projects and the community. PHT only charges an administrative fee for projects in order to run the office, hence more funds are needed to cover the expenses.

It was resolved that Messrs UHY Diong be re-appointed as auditors for the ensuing year, the motion was proposed by Ms Lim Gaik Siang and seconded by Mr Teoh Poh Huat.

As there were no further questions, the treasurer's report was adopted by Mr Teoh Poh Huat as proposer and Mr Woo Yee Saik as seconder.

5. Mr Laurence Loh was invited to give a briefing on Badan Warisan Malaysia's recent fund-raising dinner. As the vice-president of Badan Warisan, he reported that during the Badan Warisan Fund-raising dinner, DPM Datuk Seri Ahmad Badawi said that the Town and Country Planning Act would be amended, and legislative guidelines would be formed to safeguard heritage buildings. The RM20 million heritage fund's announcement by YB Dato' Seri Ong Kah Ting would enhance the country's conservation programme, especially in Penang and Malacca.

6. Other Matters

Proposal by Mr R.K. Jones.

As the original proposer was absent, Mr Douglas Fox proposed that PHT should pass a resolution stating PHT's concern for impact the outer ring road would have on Gurney Drive. Mr Ahmad Chik supported this concern by briefing members on the history of Henry Gurney of Gurney Drive.

After some discussions, members decided that an amendment be made to Mr Jones's proposal; it should be read as –

'That Penang Heritage Trust recognizes that Gurney Drive is an essential component of Penang's heritage and strongly opposes any development which would interfere with the present sea-front and which may have an adverse impact on the historic port area of George Town.'

The amendment was proposed by Mrs Marlene Fox and seconded by Mr Pierre Laine. The resolution was unanimously agreed to by all.

As there were no other matters, the AGM adjourned at 5.00pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair. Dr Choong then invited members for tea before the walkabout along Armenian Street.

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Council Members and their Profiles

PHT Council Members (Term 2001 –2003)

1. Dato' Nazir Ariff, Immediate Past President:
Managing Director, Chairman of numerous philanthropic and charitable organisations.
2. Dr Choong Sim Poey, President
Medical practitioner, political party local Vice-Chairman, Chairman of several local non-government organisations.
3. En Ahmad Chik, Vice-President
Retired engineer, social activist in Malaysian Nature Society, Friends of Penang Hill and Friends of Botanic Gardens, head of several PHT projects.
4. Ms Khoo Salma Nasution, Honorary Secretary
Historian, writer, author of Penang Postcard Collection 1899-1930s; Convenor, Shared Histories Conference (SEASREP); Advisor, Women in Urban Governance & Revitalization (CIDA)
5. Ms Catherine Loh, Honorary Treasurer (until June 2003)
Former financial controller of international resorts, medical centre and college.
6. Mr. Ang Peng Hai, Honorary Treasurer (from June 2003)
Former internal auditor of ABN-AMBRO Bank, Penang Branch
7. Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee
Conservator, lecturer, social psychologist, restoration consultant, historic researcher, author of dilapidation studies of historic buildings, head of several PHT projects such as Heritage Education Programme & Site Visits Co-ordinator, speaker and guide on historic conservation areas.
7. Ms Teresa Capol
Licensed tourist guide, antique collector, head of several PHT projects.
8. Ms Lim Gaik Siang
Asia-Pacific regional manager of a multi-national company for engineering products. Mandarin language resource person for PHT. Chairperson for Chinese Colloquium of the Penang Story Project. PHT technical consultant on photography, and information technology.
9. Dr Tan Chong Guan
Medical practitioner, collector and expert on the history of local artists and their artworks.
10. Mr Teoh Poh Huat
Senior Vice President of a real estate company, registered valuer, project manager, market researcher and estate agent.
11. Mr Kim Wong
Architect by profession, consultant for allergy treatments and avid collector of aviation memorabilia.

Advisors & Ex-Officio

Mr Laurence Loh, Deputy Chairman, Badan Warisan Malaysia – Architect, Heritage Consultant & Advisor

Cikgu Bahroodin, Cultural Advisor

Abdur-Razzaq Lubis, Representative, Sumatra Heritage Trust, UNESCO-LEAP

Mr Gan Teik Chee, Legal Advisor & Chairman of Elections

PHT Annual Report

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1. Council Meetings

Besides informal meetings for strategy and projects, PHT has held 6 council meetings since the last AGM. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Dr Choong Sim Poey	6/6
En Ahmad Chik	5/6
Ms Khoo Salma Nasution	6/6
Ms Catherine Loh	(Outgoing Treasurer)
Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee	5/6
Ms Teresa Capol	5/6
Ms Lim Gaik Siang	5/6
Dr Tan Chong Guan	4/6
Mr Teoh Poh Huat	4/6
Mr Kim Wong	3/6
Mr Ang Peng Hai	(Incoming Treasurer)

Management Committee

The Management Committee is chaired by Ahmad Chik with several Council Members to ensure the smooth running of the PHT office and the general upkeep of the office.

2. Membership

Founder/Life Members	66
Ordinary Members	494
Total	560

The number of new members is encouraging. The PHT Council appeals to members who support our objectives to keep their subscriptions up to date and to get more members.

3. PHT Premises

PHT Office at 26-A Stewart Lane

We are currently renting our premises from the trustees of the Hainanese mariner's club. In addition to operating the organisation, the PHT Office receives a lot of telephone inquiries and visitors weekly. A number of tourists are among the walk-in visitors, as the PHT Office is located on the American Express Heritage Trail. The PHT Office is also the starting point of the PHT Heritage Trails. We are currently looking for a historic building within George Town inner city to restore for PHT premises, using the grant from AMEX/World Monuments Fund.

PHT Museum Shop

The PHT Museum Shop is run by Mr Peter Foo. The shop sells souvenirs, T-shirts, cards, books, maps, antiques and collectibles, soft drinks etc. The shop provides PHT with higher visibility and quite a few members have been recruited through the PHT shop.

4. *Donations and PHT Funds*

We would like to acknowledge the following funders for their generosity:

SEASREP Programme (jointly funded by Toyota Foundation and Japan Foundation)
 Canadian High Commission – Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
 Women's Initiative Fund
 HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad
 Tanjong PLC
 American Express Foundation
 And others

5. *PHT Projects & Programmes***Shared Histories, Communities and Cultural Heritage in Southeast Asia's Western Littoral Conference (Sponsored by SEASREP)**

The conference was conceived during The Penang Story – International Conference 2002, when it was realized Penang was a sub-regional centre for this area, but lost its significance after the creation of nation-state boundaries. This is the first time that scholars of Myanmar, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia met to discuss the socio-cultural history and cross-cultural links of Southeast Asia's Western Littoral. They were joined by



scholars and participants hailing from Japan, Singapore, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The conference started with a welcome dinner and opening speech by Dato' Anwar Fazal and a book launch of 'Penang Postcard Collection' by Khoo Salma Nasution and Malcolm Wade. Participants were entertained by a performance by Cikgu Bahroodin and enjoyed the exclusive tours to Penang's Historic Port Settlement, Pulau Tikus Burmese and Thai Temples, and College Generale, Mariophile.

As in the Penang Story, the centrality of Penang in the region was very much promoted, tracing Penang's links to Aceh, Medan, Phuket and Rangoon. Senior professors and new scholars alike acknowledged that the history of Penang is very much under-investigated. In particular, Penang's historical role as an educational centre and the intellectual centre of this region's 'knowledge networks' deserves much greater attention.

A number of positive suggestions and proposals arose at the end of the conference. First, that the region could be alternatively called Southeast Asia's Indian Ocean

Littoral. Secondly, that publications on the commercial historical links between Penang and Phuket and a biographical dictionary of Chinese in the region should be produced. Third, that the next Shared Histories Conference should be held in Myanmar. Fourth, that Acheen Street should be further researched and converted into a Hajj Museum, commemorating the experience of thousands of pilgrims who embarked for Makkah from Penang during the age of sea travel.



Anthony Reid Public Talk at Shared Histories Conference

The Shared Histories Conference was sponsored by SEASREP, the Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Programme, which aims to promote Southeast Asian Studies in Southeast Asia. The programme is jointly funded by the Toyota Foundation and the Japan Foundation Asia Centre. A big thank you to all the speakers, participants, staff and volunteers who made this event a success.



Conference tours to the Burmese Temple and Thai Temple.

Heritage Education programme 'Anak-anak Kota'

The 2002 to 2003 programme continued its earlier phase with further talks in schools followed by inner city workshops during the school holidays.

Three different workshops were run:-

1. The Architectural Workshop where facilitators worked with children, identifying different styles of buildings and varying details. They focussed on roofing, facades, fenestration, materials and also looked at 'appropriate' and 'inappropriate' elements and changes and why these were so. The children then produced a pamphlet for various types of houses
2. The Traditional Foods Workshop. Children identified 5 traditional foods and set about to spend some time with the traders to learn and to document recipes, ingredients and styles of preparation. Brochures are being produced

3. The Endangered Trades Workshop. Again, the children conducted informal apprenticeship with the traders and documented processes and materials, brochures are being produced.

A video is in its final stages of preparation and this will collate all the work that has been done in the heritage education programme. A website is also being set up. Besides working with children, the movement to disseminate information as part of the general 'raising of consciousness' about conservation, has been brought to colleges, universities, other NGOs and professional organisations. These have included talks and slide shows and as well as heritage walkabouts in the inner city.



Architectural Conservation for Anak-Anak Kota.

Urban Blight & Beach Street Revitalization

The PHT-led, urban blight awareness campaign has resulted in the Beach Street Revitalization project. The latter seeks to redress many of the problems identified such as pedestrian-unfriendly walkways, bad signage, pavements in disrepair, uncoordinated utilities etc. The project commenced in July 2003 and should be completed by late November 2003.

World Monument Funds

The funds (US\$80,000) from the World Monument Fund is still pending as PHT has yet to identify a significant building in the inner city, which is in need of restoration, with suitable conditions attached. We are hoping to obtain a long lease from the owner so that the restored building can be used as the PHT office and community space. Over the last year, we have viewed over two dozen buildings and have finally come upon what looks like a suitable choice – to be announced.

Heritage Community Revitalisation through Women and Youth – Warisan Kita Di Tanjung

This two-year project, supported by CIDA Women's Initiative Fund, ended in February 2003. Several events and activities were organised for women in Lebuah Aceh. The objective was to mobilize the women's group and to upgrade their skills, so that they are more united and more vocal to liaise with the authorities to save this last intact urban Malay settlement in George Town. Talks on Waqf, Haj pilgrimage in Acheen Street were coordinated by Zakiah Basheer and attended by the Lebuah Aceh community. The women learned computer skills, attended Arabic and English classes, and were brought together through curtain sewing and baking classes. PHT had printed out Hari Raya Greeting cards, designed by Zakaria Basheer, as a nationwide campaign to save Lebuah Aceh.

Women in Urban Governance & Urban Revitalization

This is a follow-up project of 'Heritage Community Revitalisation through Women and Youth – Warisan Kita Di Tanjung', extending the programme to women from all cultural backgrounds, with a focus on inner city women. The main objectives of this project, again supported by the CIDA Women's Initiative Fund, are to strengthen networking among inner city women to expand the network of support services relevant to them; and, to work with various community groups to strengthen their roles as agents of change in their heritage and historic environment of George Town, which is being nominated for World Heritage

status. Between May and July, besides small meetings with various groups, two talks and a workshop were organized.

A Syariah Talk on 'Emergence of Waqf Land in Penang and the Possible Role of Beneficiary to Administer Them', a proposal has been suggested at the end, which is to form Waqf Watch, to administer the Waqf land in Penang.

The talk on 'Accessibility, Legislation and Its Implementation on Building Requirements for Disabled Persons' was attended by over 40 persons from organisations like Disabled Society, Cheshire Home, Women Centre for Change, Spastic Association, University Sains Malaysia and city councilor. Several meetings were held with representatives of the Society of Disabled Persons, Penang to discuss issues like access to housing and heritage sites.



The Single-Mothers' Motivational Workshop brought together 60 low-income single mothers. Most of these women were Malay/Muslim women from George Town. The workshop covered talks on heritage, housing conditions and the urban environment, skills training and a talk on avenues for micro-financing.

Community Directory. A draft Community Directory is at the planning and compiling stage, the scope includes but is not limited to civic, health, charity, community services, cultural, welfare, business opportunities for women, and hotlines.

6. *Diary of Events*

This is a chronological list of events which the PHT and its council members organised, co-organised, supported or promoted in one way or another, continuing from the previous year's Annual Report.

Sunday, 8th September 2002

Performing Arts of Penang – Oi! Mai Tengok Wayang! By Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum.

Saturday, 14th September 2002

Talk by Cikgu Bahroodin to an audience of 56 tourist guides on the subject of culture of the people of Penang.

Sunday, 15th September 2002

Cultural Diversity – Lagu-tu Lagu-ni Orang Tanjung by Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum.

Thursday, 19th September 2002

1st Cultural talk by Cikgu Bahroodin to Seri Inai Secondary School. He introduced Boria to the students.

Sunday, 22nd September 2002

The Legacy of P. Ramlee – Pusaka P. Ramlee performed by Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum.

Wednesday, 25th September 2002

Haji Yusuf Azmi Merican gave a talk on 'Waqf' to the Acheen Street group.

Friday, 26th September 2002

2nd Cultural talk by Cikgu Bahroodin to Seri Inai Secondary School. Cikgu performed the joget and zapin followed by the Inang Cina.

Sunday, 29th September 2002

Malay Customs & Traditions – Tepak Sirih Pulau Pinang by Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum.

Tuesday, 1st October 2002

Cheque presentation 'Tanjung Heritage Award 2002', donation of RM5,000.

Thursday, 3rd October 2002

Local Government meeting attended by Dr Choong Sim Poey.

Friday, 4th October 2002

3rd Cultural talk by Cikgu Bahroodin to Seri Inai Secondary School.

Saturday, 5th October 2002

Talk by En Abd. Muif on waqf issues.

Sunday, 6th October 2002

Performing Arts of Penang – Oi! Mai Tengok Wayang! By Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum.

Monday, 7th October 2002

Beach Street Revitalization meeting attended by Loh-Lim.

Wednesday, 9th October 2002

- * State Government meeting on Strategies to revitalize heritage buildings in George Town with RM20 million allocation from the Federal for Penang and Malacca. Attended by Dr Choong Sim Poey.
- * Lunch hosted by PHT for City Councilor Mark Ooi to discuss the Urban Blight situation.

Wednesday – Thursday, 9th – 10th October 2002

Tourism Forum organised by Penang Travel Centre, participated by Salma, Teresa Capol, Lim Gaik Siang, Magdeline and several Acheen Street Women. The Forum focussed on the theme 'Reflections and New Dimensions in the Penang Tourism Industry'.

Saturday, 12th October 2002

Media Walk to China Street conducted by Lim Gaik Siang and Khoo Salma Nasution.

Sunday, 13th October 2002

Cultural Diversity – Lagu-tu Lagu-ni Orang Tanjung by Cikgu Baharoodin at the Penang Museum

Thursday, 17th October 2002

2nd Local Government Consultative Forum attended by Dr Choong.

Monday-Thursday, 14th-17th October 2002

2nd 'Pulau Pinang Bandar Sejahtera' Forum held at Pulau Langkawi. Cikgu Bahroodin represented PHT and gave a paper presentation related to issues on beautification and preservation in Penang.

Saturday, 19th October 2002

Talk on 'The Hajj Pilgrimage' by Cikgu Jaafar Rahim, Secretary of Badan Warisan Masjid Melayu Lebuah Acheh.

Sunday, 20th October 2002

The Legacy of P. Ramlee – Pusaka P. Ramlee performed by Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum

Saturday, 26th October 2002

- * Media Walk to Church Street conducted by Lim Gaik Siang and Khoo Salma Nasution
- * Talk on 'The Golden Era of Acheen Street' by Mohamad bin Yahaya
- * Local Government Consultative meeting to discuss UNESCO Workshop 'Evaluation and Mainstreaming' of the Lijiang Models. Attended by Dr Choong & Loh-Lim.

Sunday, 27th October 2002

Malay Customs & Traditions – Tepak Sirih Pulau Pinang performed by Cikgu Bahroodin at the Penang Museum.

Monday, 28th October 2002

Motivational Workshop entitled 'Program Kotak Putih; Peningkatan Prestasi Berterusan 2002, kelolaan Persatuan Warisan Pulau Pinang dan anjuran CIDA WIF/CHC', for Acheen Street Women, conducted by Zakaria Basheer

Saturday, 30th October 2002

Visit by Peter Carey, a twice Booker-prize winning author. Peter Carey was doing research for his book which has just been published, entitled 'My Life as a Fake'.

Sunday, 30th October 2002

Heritage Talks to Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Perempuan Sri Mutiara and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Hamid Khan by Cikgu Bahroodin.



Heritage Tour Guide Course.

Saturday – Sunday, 9th-10th November 2002

Penang Heritage Trust 'Heritage Tour Guide Course' conducted by Teresa Capol, with Loh-Lim and Khoo Salma as speakers. Attended by 10 tour guides, the course was to familiarise the guides with historical

George Town and the inner city trails. The guides who attend this course are accredited by PHT as heritage-trained guides.

Saturday – Wednesday, 9th-27th November 2002

Architectural Conservation Workshop collaborated by Penang Heritage Trust and ArtsEd. The first workshop was conducted by Lim Gaik Siang and Ooi Bok Kim, the 2nd workshop by Ang Bee Saik and Liza Lee and the 3rd workshop by Taufik Hidayat and Teoh. The overall programme was coordinated by Janet Pillai and Sheau Fung.

Friday, 15th November 2002

Zakaria Basheer led 15 delegates from the Lebuah Acheh community presented a memorandum to the Chief Minister during the sitting of the State Assembly.

Sunday, 17th November 2002

Journalist and Photographer, Anthony Anderton, joined the Anak2 Kota kids on the endangered trades trail.

Sunday, 24th November 2002

A talk on 'Heritage & Conservation in Tourism' was given to tourist guides under training by Loh-Lim at Systematics.

Thursday, 12th December 2002

Visit by Michael Blackmore and Ben Suffian from the Canadian High Commission.

Tuesday, 17th December 2002

Local Government Consultative Forum. Follow up meeting, issues discussed involved the Urban Blight situation highlighted by PHT. Attended by Dr Choong & Loh-Lim

Monday, 23rd December 2002

Hari Raya Open House organised by PHT and Kumpulan Waqf Wanita



UNESCO Nordic World Heritage 15-18 January 2003.



Hari Raya Open House
PHT and WAQF

Tuesday, 24th December 2002

Courtesy call by Associate professor Yagi Masao from the Department of Architecture, Akashi National College of Technology Japan, accompanied by Professor Yushi Utaka from USM. Professor Masao had conducted a talk on 'Heritage Conservation in Japan: Community Involvement in the Early Days' at the Pusat Warisan a day earlier.

Wednesday – Saturday, 15th -18th January 2003

UNESCO-Nordic World Heritage Foundation Workshop on Culture Heritage Management and Tourism. It was a closed-door workshop, representatives of 8 pilot

sites as well as international experts from UNESCO, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, World Tourism Organisation and Pacific Asia Travel Association were involved. PHT was involved in the presentations and facilitations, and also provided technical support and heritage tours of the workshop. The Lijiang Models served as a checklist for the State's preparation for the nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Thursday, 23rd January 2003

Courtesy call by Professor Lin Juei Ming from Foundation of Historic City Conservation and Regeneration, and Associate Professor Kung Shiann Far from Department of Urban Planning, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan.

Sunday, 9th February 2003

Open House at Dr Sun Yat Sen's Base for the State Chinese New Year Street Celebration.

Wednesday, 19th February 2003

Salma and Teresa Capol attended the 'Lebuh Aceh-Armenian Street' revitalization meeting organized by PDC-AR&T Total Project Management.

Wednesday, 26th February 2003

Kim Wong attended the lunch meeting organized by Mr Eddy Low from Butterfly Farm. The meeting discussed promoting tourism products in Penang.

Thursday, 13th March 2003

State Heritage Steering Committee meeting chaired by State Secretary, attended by Dr. Choong Sim Poey.

Monday, 16th-19th March 2003

Okinawa International Symposium in Japan. Abdur Razzaq Lubis participated on behalf of PHT to present issues related to sustainable economic development.

Tuesday, 18th March 2003

Visit by Professor Jacek Purchla, Head of the Department of Urban Development of the Cracow Academy of Economics, Poland. He gave a public talk on 'Heritage & Transformation – the Case of Cracow' at the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion, organised by PHT and the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP).

Thursday, 3rd April 2003

First CIDA meeting at PHT attended by Salma, Magdeline, John, Yusri and Yeyen, followed by a meeting with Tan Kuan Aw from the Society of Disabled Persons, Penang to explore possible collaborations.

Friday, 4th April 2003

- * Housing and Local Government meeting on environment and housing management plan for World Heritage Listing, attended by Lim Gaik Siang.
- * Meeting with Peter Lee of the Smokehouse Inn to dinner to discuss Penang Hill. Mr Lee has been given the contract to upgrade some State Government properties on the Hill. The meeting was attended by Dr Choong, Ahmad Chik, Loh-Lim and Laurence Loh of PHT.

Saturday, 5th April 2003

Meeting with Ben Suffian, CIDA Liaison, attended by Khoo Salma.

Friday, 11th April 2003

- * Briefing provided 7 UUIM students regarding Waqf & Urban Malay (Peranakan) Architecture, by Salma, Abdur-Razzaq, Zakaria, Yusri & Yeyen
- * Meeting on World Heritage Listing management plan organized by MPPP Licensing Department, attended by Lim Gaik Siang and Magdeline Ng.
- * Meeting with Mr Adrian Brown, General Manager of E & O, attended by Dr Choong, Salma, Loh-Lim, Teoh Poh Huat, Lim Gaik Siang, Teresa Capol, Kim Wong and Magdeline. Among the topics discussed were a heritage trail for patrons of the E & O.

Saturday, 12th April 2003

Meeting with Association of Disabled Persons, KL group. Magdeline met up with Christine Lee, Chan Win Hon and Tan Kuan Aw. CIDA programme to strengthen the disabled persons' roles in heritage and historic environment of George Town, to motivate and to develop their leadership, collective power and moral courage to take responsible action towards improving the society's well being.

Tuesday, 15th April 2003

Meeting with Khoo Boo Hong, secretary of Khoo Kongsi, to look at site of former Madrasatul Al-quran at 68, Acheen Street. Salma, Yusri, and Magdeline attended the meeting.

Wednesday, 16th April 2003

- * First meeting on the Shared Histories Conference at 120 Armenian Street, chaired by Khoo Salma. Pranee Sakulpipatana, Dato' Marie Ritchie, Toolseram, Gerald Greene, Anthony Sibert, Ong Ju Lynn, Cikgu Bahroodin, Kim Gooi, Magdeline, Yeyen and John attended the meeting.
- * Briefing on how to set up a resource library by Lakshmi Menon from WABA, attended by Salma, Magdeline, John Loh, Yusri and Yeyen attended the briefing.

Tuesday, 22nd April 2003

Talk by Ric Francis, founder of Perth Electric Tramways entitled 'History of Penang's Municipal Public Transport – the Age of Trolleybuses' organised by the MPPP and PHT at the Shangri-La at 10 am. Dato' Anwar Fazal gave the opening speech and introduced Ric Francis. The talk was attended by 30 people including senior municipal staff.



Talk by Ric Francis.

Wednesday, 23rd April 2003

Public talk by Ric Francis entitled 'History of Penang's Municipal Public Transport – the Age of Trolleybuses' at Equator Academy of Art at 8 pm organised by the PHT.

Thursday, 24th April 2003

First meeting on 'Bengkel Motivasi Ibu Tunggal' co-organised by PHT as part of its Women in Urban Governance and Urban Revitalization programme, attended by Magdeline and Yeyen..

Friday, 25th April 2003

World Heritage Listing (Industry and Services) meeting on Traditional and Endangered Trades, attended by Loh-Lim.

Wednesday, 7th May 2003

Syariah talk entitled 'Kewujudan Tanah-tanah Wakaf di Pulau Pinang & Peranan Waris dalam Pengurusannya mengikut Hukum Syaraq' by En Habib Rahman bin S. Mohideen, chairman of Syariah Sub-Committee, at Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang. 25 persons attended the talk.

Thursday, 8th May 2003

The 2nd meeting of the Motivational Workshop for Single Mothers held at Wisma Penyayang.

Saturday, 10 May 2003

Seminar Local Agenda 21 (LA 21) at Hotel Sheraton. Full day seminar to acquaint MPPP officers and others on LA21 Programme currently being implemented throughout the country; attended by Loh-Lim

Friday, 16th May 2003

Solo art exhibition 'Precious George Town' by Olga Miksche at Ching Lotus Humanists Space at 7.30pm. A percentage of the proceeds were donated to PHT.

Saturday, 17th May 2003

Full day workshop on 'Bengkel Motivasi Ibu Tunggal' at Caring Society Complex, opened by Rumah Nur Bt Bendera Chairman, Puan Lee Ean Kee. Khoo Salma gave a talk on housing conditions and the urban environment, and the role as women in urban governance. 60 low-income single mothers from the inner city attended.

Sunday, 18th May 2003

Informal gathering with the disable group at Jaya Jermal Court Conference Room from 2.30pm – 5.00pm. Mr Tan Kuan Aw chaired with 15 persons attended including 2 PHT staff and 2 PHT volunteers. Among the projects proposed are a video presentation, making Armenian Street disable friendly, housing, transport, heritage building accessibility in an effort to bring back the disable persons back into the community.

**Thursday, 29th May 2003**

First meeting of the 'Penang Chinese Cultural Carnival' to be held in the month of September, PHT will collaborate with 45 NGOs to organise this month-long event. Magdeline attended the meeting.

Saturday, 31st May 2003

Project Penang Gold Bazaar organised by MPPP, attended by Ahmad Chik.

Monday, 9th June 2003

Dinner sponsored by HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad to discuss funding for Suffolk House Restoration. Dr Choong, Ahmad Chik, Loh-Lim, Hillary Manecksha and Laurence Loh of PHT were invited.

Tuesday, 10th June 2003

2nd meeting of the 'Penang Chinese Cultural Carnival', attended by Lim Gaik Siang and Magdeline.

Wednesday, 11th June 2003

'Taklimat Projek Menaiktaraf Lebuh Pantai' was attended by Loh-Lim & Khoo Salma.

Friday, 13th June 2003

Local Government Consultative Forum (PLGCF) attended by Loh-Lim

Thursday, 26th-28th June 2003

Malacca PATA Conference on Heritage and Health Tourism. Loh-Lim presented a paper entitled Cultural Tourism.

Monday, 16th June 2003

Shared Histories Conference second meeting at PHT office chaired by Khoo Salma. Dato' Mary Ritchie, Tunku Dato Dr Ismail Jewa, Dr Anthony E. Sibert, Gerald Green, Abdur-Razzaq Lubis, Teresa Capol, Magdeline Ng and John Loh attended the meeting.

Thursday, 19th June 2003

Chinese Cultural Festival Press Conference and meeting attended by Lim Gaik Siang and Magdeline

Wednesday, 2nd July 2003

A talk on 'Accessibility, Legislation and Its Implementation on Building Requirements for Disabled Persons' by Janett Jimenez-Santos, Mexican architect and expert on universal design. Khoo Salma Nasution and Tan Kuan Aw introduced. Over 40 persons attended the talk at Caring Society Complex, including representatives of organisations like Disabled Society, Cheshire Home, Women Centre for Change and Spastic Association.



Talk on accessibility, legislation for disabled persons by Janett Jimenez-Santos.

Thursday, 3rd July 2003

Post mortem evaluation on the Single Mothers Workshop at Caring Society Complex. Magdeline and Yenny attended.

Thursday, 17th July 2003

Chinese Cultural Festival Meeting attended by Lim Gaik Siang and Magdeline Ng

Monday, 28th July 2003

Shared Histories final meeting at PHT office organized by Khoo Salma. Dato' Mary Ritchie, Tunku Dato Dr Ismail Jewa, Gerald Green, Abdur-Razzaq Lubis, Teresa Capol, Magdeline Ng and John Loh attended the meeting. A press conference was held after the meeting.

Wednesday, 30th July-3rd August 2003

Shared Histories, Communities and Cultural Heritage in Southeast Asia's Western Littoral at the City Bayview Hotel, Penang.

Thursday, 31st July

Penang Launch of the book 'Penang Postcard Collection: 1899-1930s' by Khoo Salma Nasution and Malcolm Wade, at the E & O Hotel. The launch was



organised by HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad, which sponsored the publication of the book and donated 300 copies to Penang Heritage Trust as their contribution to heritage and community. Speeches were given by HSBC Regional Manager Mr. Hari Dass and Mr. Ahmad Chik while the authors answered questions during the following press conference.

Saturday, 2nd-3rd August 2003

Sabah PATA Conference. Loh-Lim presented a paper entitled Cultural Heritage and the Tourism Potential – a Win-Win Vision.

Thursday, 7th August 2003

Penang Chinese Cultural Carnival (PCCC) Meeting attended by Lim Gaik Siang

Sunday, 10th August 2003

Launching of PCCC at Gurney Plaza attended by Khoo Salma, Lim Gaik Siang and Magdeline Ng.

Friday, 22nd August 2003

PCCC Meeting attended by Lim Gaik Siang and Magdeline Ng

Wednesday, 27th August 2003

World Heritage Listing (Steering Committee Meeting) attended by Dr Choong.

7. Heritage Trails & Tours

The Heritage Trails & Tour project coordinated by Teresa Capol generates income for PHT besides providing visitors with greater awareness of Penang's heritage sites. The heritage tour also serves as a niche in our existing tourism industry. The following tours were conducted by Teresa Capol, unless otherwise stated:



Saturday, 28th September 2002

A group of 13 from Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), UK visited PHT. A tour led by tour guide Pat Chong gave a quick overview of street life in Penang followed by a tour of the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion. Loh-Lim and Ahmad Chik gave a short presentation to the guests.

Monday, 14th October 2002

30 Officers from Tourism Malaysia went on a trishaw heritage tour.

Thursday, 17th October 2002

75 Consul-Generals for Malaysia from around the world, were taken on heritage tours of the inner city.

Sunday, 2nd November 2002

18 pupils and 2 teachers from Uplands School did a walking tour of Little India, and were especially thrilled by the Ramadhan Market in Queen Street.

Sunday, 17th November 2002

A full day tour for 6 was conducted for Diethelm Travel. This tour included Little India Spice Trail and the Historical Enclave. The tour ended at 3.30 pm after the guests had enjoyed a sumptuous Banana Leaf lunch.

Wednesday, 20th November 2002

The Historical Enclave was conducted for Mike and Dean.

Wednesday, 27th November 2002

30 pupils and 3 teachers from Uplands School did a tour conducted by Mr Yeap Peng Hoe of PHT focusing on endangered trades in the inner city.

Saturday, 30th November 2002

A specialised tour conducted for Mrs Berg Mice and Susanna

Monday, 30th December 2002

A Little India and the Historical Enclave Tour were conducted for tourists from Kuantan

Friday, 10th January 2003

A Heritage Trail with Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion tour was conducted for 6 members of the American Womens' Association (now called the International Womens' Association)

Wednesday, 15th January 2003

70 participants from the UNESCO – Nordic Foundation Lijiang Models Workshop went on an Armenian Street, Khoo Kongsi and Little India Tour. Lim Hooi Siang briefed the participants at the new Heritage Centre, Laurence Loh, the restoration architect of Khoo Kongsi conducted the Khoo Kongsi tour and Teresa and Joanne together with MPPP senior representatives briefed the participants and answered questions on the upgrading of Little India.

Wednesday, 22nd January 2003

A full day tour for 2 was conducted for Diethelm Travel. In the morning, a tour of Little India was conducted, taking in the sights and scents, ending up with a sumptuous Banana Leaf lunch. After lunch, the Historical Enclave was explored with the tour ending at 4.00 pm.

Monday, 17th February 2003

The Historical Enclave tour was conducted for Jane Jenkins and friends.

Tuesday, 25th February 2003

The Historical Enclave tour was conducted for 42 from Diethelm Travel. The tour was conducted by Teresa and Yeap Peng Hoe. Khoo Salma and John Loh accompanied.

Wednesday, 19th March 2003

Dr Zygmunt Langer of the Polish Embassy and his family together with Professor Jacek Purchla of Krakow, Poland, here in Penang for a public lecture, were brought on a Heritage Tour of George Town.

Friday, 21st March 2003

A Little India tour with Banana Leaf lunch was conducted for 2 from Diethelm Travel. The afternoon was spent visiting the Historical Enclave.

Tuesday, 25th March 2003

The Historical City of George Town tour was conducted for 4 from Diethelm Travel.

Monday, 31st March 2003

The Historical Enclave tour was conducted for Diethelm Travel group.

Monday, 7th April 2003

Trails on Penang Hill and Heritage Walk were conducted for Gecko Travel group. Yeap Peng Hoe and Joanne Khaw helped conducting these trails.

Wednesday, 30th April 2003

The Heritage Trail and Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion was conducted for Loretta McLennan and friend.

Saturday, 17th May 2003

The Heritage Trail and Cheong Fatt Tze for staff of Klinik Rakyat.

Saturday, 24th May 2003

Khaw Yiat Lin conducted the Heritage Trail and Cheong Fatt Tze for Tan Saw Im and group.

Tuesday, 27th May 2003

A group of 36 students from St Xavier's Institution went on the Historical Enclave trail conducted by Joanne Khaw.

Saturday, 31st May 2003

His Excellency, the Singapore High Commissioner to Malaysia Ashok Mirpuri and his wife requested a heritage tour of the city and Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion which was conducted by Goh Mai Loon, Loh-Lim and Laurence Loh.

Friday, 6th June 2003

Award winning author Bharati Mukherjee, sponsored by the US Embassy, conducted a workshop on creative writing at Ching Lotus Humanist Space, stayed at the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion and was taken on tour of the historic city by Neil Khor.

Monday, 16th June 2003

A group of 10 from International Women's Association (IWA) went on Balik Pulau trail covering Convent Church, Fruit Farm and Silvercraft. The trail was conducted by Yeap Peng Hoe.

Saturday, 21st June 2003

Group trail for Diethelm

Tuesday, 24th June 2003

4 Taiwanese from Dalat School were taken on a Historical Enclave Tour by Khaw Yiat Lin.

Tuesday, 1st July 2003

A group of 23 including teachers and students from St. Christopher's School went on a Little India Tour (with lunch).

Wednesday, 2nd July 2003

Japanese and Mandarin speaking guide Ms Loh Yun Suet conducted an afternoon trail of Little India and Streets of Harmony for 2.

Thursday, 3rd July 2003

A group of 24 including teachers and students from St Christopher's School went on a Little India Tour (with lunch).

Wednesday, 9th July 2003

A big group of 85 including teachers and students from Dalat School went for Heritage Trail. The trail was conducted by Khaw Yiat Lin and Loh Yun Suet.

Thursday, 10th July 2003

Joanne Khaw conducted a Little India Spice Trail for two.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 29th July 2003-1st August 2003

Heritage Trails conducted by Yeap Peng Hoe for Gecko Travel

Sunday, 3rd August 2003

Heritage Trail conducted by Yeap Peng Hoe for Mr & Mrs Nelemans

Wednesday, 13th August 2003

Heritage Trail conducted by Joanne and Suraiya for school students

Thursday, 14th August 2003

Heritage Trail conducted by Teresa for Mr and Mrs Theo Kamsma

Monday, 25th-26th August 2003

Heritage Trails for Natalie Le Blanc from Evita Magazine, Belgium. The trails were conducted by Teresa Capol.

Sunday, 31st August 2003

Heritage Trails for Tourism Penang's VIP, conducted by Teresa Capol.

8. PHT Exclusive Guided Heritage Site Visits

Site visits on the last Sunday of the month continued to receive good response from members. Coordinated by Loh-Lim Lin Lee.

27th October 2002 – Kek Lok Si Temple

An exclusive site visit where private rooms inaccessible to the general public were opened. We were given the rare privilege to view life-like miniature statues of prominent donors and chief monks. Talk by Rev. Zheng Ming and PHT member Goh Mai Loon.

24th November 2002 – The Penang War Museum

A visit to War Museum before it was open to the public located at Batu Maung. Talk by Penang Veterans Association President Harold Speldewinde.

26th January 2003 – Sri Mutiara, the Residency

An exclusive site visit to the Governor's Residence which is under restoration. Talk by Consultant Architect, Laurence Loh & Loh-Lim.

23rd February 2003 – Penang Hill

Penang Hill re-visited with an exclusive site visit to Bel Retiro and Crag Hotel. Talk by Ahmad Chik, Loh-Lim Lin Lee and Robert Raymer and Matron of Uplands, Mrs Daniels.

30th March 2003 – Gurney Drive & Uplands School

A leisurely walk along the promenade and then to the St Joseph's Catholic Major Seminary which is now the venue for Uplands School. Talk by Teresa Capol and Alexis Kerr.

27th April 2003 – Clan Jetties

The historic Clan Jetties built over water is considered a living heritage by international UNESCO consultants. Talk by Pengkalan Kota State Assemblyman YB Lee Hack Teik.

25th May 2003 – Kedah House

An exclusive site visit to the residence of the Kedah royal family. Talk by Tunku Dato' Dr Ismail Jawa and Dr Jon Lim.

29th June 2003 – Freemasons Masonic Lodge

An exclusive site visit to the Penang Masonic Temple. Talk by Dato' Dr Peter Vanniasingham and Dr Darjit Singh.



Site Visit – Clan Jetties.



Tua Pek Kong Temple.



Kedah House.

27th July 2003 – Tua Pek Kong Temple

One of the oldest Hakka temples in Penang and the earliest Chinese graves on the island were viewed at this visit. PHT members were greeted by the Chairman of the Temple Committee, Mr Ho In. He gave us a briefing on the history and importance of the temple as well as its connection to its sister temple in King Street and the contribution of the Hakkas in the development of early Penang.

31st August 2003 – Masjid Kapitan Keling

This was our first visit to the mosque since it was recently restored by National Museum for RM5.5 million Briefing by Khoo Salma Nasution. We also visited the tomb of the founder, Kapitan Keling, and another tomb in the Campbell Street Market. We assessed the damage caused by the pedestrianization scheme along Pitt Street and the fallen neem trees.

9. Publishing & Publicity**PHT newsletter**

Since the last AGM, 4 newsletters have been produced by Loh-Lim and 1 PHT Circular produced by PHT office

- * PHT newsletter issue No. 76, August to October 2002 (20 pages)
- * PHT newsletter issue No. 77, November 2002 to January 2003 (16 pages)
- * PHT circular dated 10th March 2003 (1 page)
- * PHT newsletter issue No. 78, February to April 2003 (20 pages)
- * PHT newsletter issue No. 79, May to July (28 pages)

Website

The PHT website was put up in 1999. Although the website has not been updated due to budget constraints, it remains a popular website especially among students, fans of Penang and Malaysians living abroad who are looking for heritage information on Penang.

10. Human Resources

Since February 2002, the office was run Magdeline Ng-Leong. A year later on February 2003, John Loh joined to assist her in the day-to-day affairs of PHT. The following is a list of staff and volunteers that served since the last AGM.

Staff

John Loh, Admin Assistant (February-early September 2003)
Zakiah bte Basheer (October-December 2002)

Interns

Suraiya bte Shaik Dawood (November-December 2002)
Md Yusri b Md Yusoff, B.Sc. in Urban and Regional Planning, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) (April-June 2003)
Ms. Yenny Rahmayati, from Universitas Sumatera Utara, who has previous experience in heritage work in Medan (December 2002, April 2003, July 2003)

Short-Term Volunteers

Nicola Higgins

Tabitha Djik

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers for their dedication and unceasing efforts. Special thanks go to Cheah Chee Yeong, Keegan Lim, Marie Shanti, Zakaria Basheer, Lim Bee Lin, Mary Vincent, Marcia Howard, Renee Saw, Ch'ng Saw See, Khaw Yiat Lin, Joanne Khaw for their unwavering support in the recent Shared Histories Conference.

11. *Networking & Collaboration*

The PHT is working closely with other organisations to further broaden the heritage movement. Among the local groups we have been working with this year are:

Arts-Ed

Badan Warisan Malaysia

Badan Warisan Masjid Melayu Lebuah Acheh

Consumers Association of Penang

Penang Syariah Sub-Committee

Rumah Nur Daerah Tinur Laut (Udara)

Persatuan Ibu Tunggal Balik Pulau

HAWA (Hal Ehwal Wanita)

WABA (World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action)

Women's Centre for Change

Penang State Museum

Penang Tourist Guides Association

Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia

SERI (Socio Economic Research Institute)

Society for Disabled Persons, Penang

SILA (Sustainable Independent Living Access)

STEP (Sustainable Penang Initiative)

13. *Acknowledgements*

We would like to acknowledge all our funders, members, volunteers and supporters. We ask your forgiveness if anyone or anything has been left out.

– prepared by Khoo Salma Nasution, Magdeline Ng-Leong, John Loh

Treasurer's Report for the Year 2002

Members with long memories may recall that the 2001 Treasurer's Report ended with a note of warning. Unhappily the warning has been proven to be only too accurate.

The income for 2002 was RM70,464 (in 2001 it was RM96,845), whereas the corresponding expenditure was RM90,361 (RM88,448), with the result that the PHT incurred a deficit of RM19,857. This compares unfavourably with 2001 when we had a surplus of RM8,397.

This is worrying development which has to be addressed as quickly as possible.

Comparing the 2002 figures with those of the previous year several salient points become evident:

- i) In 2001 the Trust received RM49,209 as income from a dinner and silent auction. There was no such income in 2002.
- ii) AGM and Council Meeting Expenses doubled to RM6,390 in 2002.
- iii) Salaries and related staff expenses declined by about 12% in 2002.
- iv) The cost of printing the newsletter jumped from zero to RM10,406.
- v) Income from entrance fees and subscription increased marginally (RM20,207 v RM19,173).

As usual, the staff costs form the largest percentage (46%) of our expenses. The other major cost items were printing of newsletter (11%); office rental (9%); AGM and council meeting expenses (7%).

On the whole our financial position has deteriorated and is likely to continue into the near future unless serious efforts are made to arrest the trend. Your Council needs help with this matter. Members who are in a position to help with fund raising are requested to contact the Treasurer or any Council member.

As an immediate measure, we have been trying to increase the income from sales of merchandise and to obtain sponsors of the newsletter, but, so far, with singular lack of success. If any member wishes to sponsor single issues or even a series of newsletter (or have the knowledge of anyone or corporation who may wish to do so) please get in touch with the office.