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Annual General Meeting 2006

Sunday, 10th September 2006 at 3.30 pm

Venue: 26, Church Street,
10200 Penang

Agenda

1. To consider and approve:
 - a) The Minutes of the PHT Annual General Meeting – 28th August 2005
 - b) The PHT Annual Report 1st September 2005 – 31st August 2006
 - c) The PHT Financial Report ending 31 December 2005
2. Other Matters

President's Message 2006

Welcome to our first Annual General Meeting to be held at 26 Church Street. Despite a very busy year, getting a premise of our own in the heritage city, after many years of 'dreaming', must rank as an important landmark in our organisation's history. We thank the Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture & Heritage, YB Dato' Wong Kam Hoong for his presence at our launching of our new office, as well as witnessing our Living Heritage Treasures Awards on 25 June 2006.

Our thanks to all the efforts made by our members who have kept faith with us over the years as well as those who believed in our cause enough to support our fundraising efforts, especially during the last Heritage Gala Dinner graced by the late beloved Datin Seri Paduka Endon Mahmood at Homestead. These include the Corporate and Government sector which also made very significant contributions.

The restoration committee under Ahmad Chik worked very hard to complete the restoration project of this building on time and special mention should be made of Loh-Lim who liaised closely with the World Monuments Fund, our sponsor for the restoration project and her painstaking work in furnishing the building as we see it today.

Suffolk House has been until recently, a nagging symbol of our failure to protect Penang's most historic house. Finally it has been made safe from natural decay since its restoration was mooted some 40 yrs ago. It was through efforts by the Trust some 10 years ago amidst much scepticism that revived general interest in restoring the building. Fortunately, with fresh financial commitment from the HSBC 3 years ago, and a large grant from the Penang State Government and it is finally on its way to becoming Penang's premier heritage landmark.

The last phase of outfitting and interior design for the building now in progress still needs another RM 1.5million. This has been solved through an ingenious plan to 'sell Suffolk House in parts' to private and corporate donors, an idea that was mooted by Loh-Lim on behalf of the PHT and which both the HSBC and State Government have agreed to. They will be supporting the scheme to jointly help raise these funds.

Our efforts in making George Town a heritage city include efforts to ensure that the authorities adopt sustainability as its development philosophy. This includes getting involved in participating in public meetings on the Local Structure Plan and supporting more urban renewal projects in the city such as in Little India and Penang Road. However, we also publicise inappropriate building developments not only in relation to heritage but also to the general urban environment.

Currently, the threat of tasteless high density development in Tanjung Bungah and a new proposal for a massive new development the site of St Joseph's Novitiate is a battleground for more accountable planning procedures practised by the local government. Our most recent forum of protest was a combined effort with the Tanjung Bungah Residents' Association which adopted a series of resolutions that will later be submitted to the Government. Ahmad Chik played crucial role in pulling all the parties together for this Forum.

One of the Trust's early declared objectives in the early '90's was to get George Town declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and while we have successfully 'sold' this idea to the State Government through numerable dialogues (even involving the UNESCO officers from Bangkok), this ambition still remains elusive as ever due to important 'paper-work' being held up at Federal Level. Its implications for the State in developing as more liveable and culturally vibrant city has enormous implication for both tourism and investment in the State of Penang. We hope renewed efforts will be made to expedite our application to UNESCO.

Finally, in rounding up these highlights of a very busy and eventful year for the Trust, I would like to give credit to the continuous commitment and support the staff, the members and the Council who have given to our various projects and activities. My only complaint as president is having to juggle and prioritise so many ideas and proposals during council meetings. On a more positive note as Mr Leslie James, our guest editor observed at one council meeting, there's never a dull moment!

Dr Choong Sim Poey
President, Penang Heritage Trust

Penang Heritage Trust
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2005
Sunday, 28th August 2005 at 3.30 pm
ABN-AMRO USM Gallery, Beach Street, 10200 Penang

Members Present

Ahmad Chik

Ann Cutter
Annelies Allain
Annie Lim
Ang Poay Khuan
Brian Everett
Ch'ng Saw See

Choong Sim Poey

Chris Webb

Clement Liang

David Oman-Morris
Derek Seagrove
Douglas Fox
Douglas Howard
Eng Saw
Evelyn Toh
Gan Teik Chee
Gertrude Soong
Joann Khaw
Joan Shori

Khaw Yiat Lin

Khong Eng Leng

Khor Teng How

Leslie A.K. James

Lim Chin Min

Lim Jin Chua, Sunny

Lim Gaik Siang

Loh-Lim Lin Lee

Marcia Howard

Pow Lin James

Richard Jones

Saw Leng Choo, Renee

Tan Chong Guan

Teh Ewe Hoon

Toh Kim Hock

Tong C.K. Ho

Yeoh Kok Ming

Yeo Khee Chin, David

Staff in Attendance

Magdeline Ng

(Names of PHT Council members for term 2005/2007 are in bold)

President's Welcome Address

The President, Dr Choong Sim Poey welcomed all members present, thanking them for giving this AGM a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3.40 pm.

He informed members that PHT's biennial elections are due this year to elect the PHT Council for Term 2005/2007.

He further announced that after a lengthy search for a new office, we have finally bought a building at 26, Church Street. The purchase of this building will be funded by the contributions from the Fundraising Dinner, and the restoration funded by the World Monuments Fund grant.

Apologies were read out: Tunku Dato' Dr Ismail Jewa (Vice-President), Mr Jack Ong (Council member) and Dato' Yap Ching Chau (Council member). PHT members: Mr Timothy Tye, Mrs Marlene Fox, Dato' Kee Phaik Cheen, Mr Laurence Loh, Mr Ong Jin Cheng, Mr Tony Hughes and Mr Philip Tan have also sent their apologies for their absence from this AGM.

1. **a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM 2004**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 3rd October 2004 was unanimously approved and adopted on the proposal of Ms Annelies Allain (L-26001) and seconded by Tong C.K. Ho (O-26029).

b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the EGM 2005

The Minutes of the EGM held on 7th May 2005 was unanimously approved and adopted on the proposal of Mr Lim Jin Chua Sunny (O-26395) and seconded by Ms Joan Shori (O-26132).

c) Presentation of the Annual Report 2005

Mr Ahmad Chik, the Honorary Secretary, presented the Annual Report.

i) Membership

He reported that although the number of ordinary members stands at 577, half of them have not been actively involved and have not paid their subscriptions promptly. He requested help from members to appeal to their friends who have not renewed their membership.

ii) World Monuments Fund Project

Ms Loh-Lim explained the unsuccessful bid for 2 & 4 Church Street for which World Monuments Fund had, based on the proposal, sent the USD40,000 (from the total grant of USD80,000). The reason for this was due to the landlord's unwillingness to give us a long lease, and therefore, the MoU which had already been prepared, was not signed. Subsequently 26 Church Street was found, and a fresh proposal was submitted to WMF to obtain their consent. The Sale & Purchase Agreement has been signed and other legal documentation are in preparation stage. In answering to Mr Derek Seagrove's (O-26524) query on the commencement and completion of the project, Ms Loh-Lim anticipates restoration work to begin in early October and should be completed by early 2006.

iii) Fundraising Gala Dinner

Mr Ahmad Chik commented that the "Arts in Heritage" fundraising dinner was a success and the major donors were highlighted in the Report. Dr Choong said that it was gratifying to know that the state government and the federal ministries had committed themselves by contributing a total of RM175,000. This is an indication of PHT's high standing in the public sector. Dr Choong apologized to members for the numerous changes in the dates, venues and format for the dinner. He explained that the event was initially planned for 600 guests at the Equatorial Hotel but it was finally decided by the organizing committee to have it held at 'Homestead'. However, this resulted in the number of guests having to be cut down to 250. Nonetheless, despite the changes, our objective of raising a substantial amount was met.

iv) HSBC – PHT Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Awards and Suffolk House

Mr Ahmad Chik informed that the Living Heritage Treasures Awards funded by HSBC is an ongoing project, and that HSBC is also the main sponsor for the Suffolk House restoration. Ahmad expressed his gratitude for HSBC's committed support. Ms Loh-Lim revealed the possible adaptive re-use of Suffolk House as an art museum/gallery to showcase Early Paintings of Penang.

v) Heritage Watch

Mr Ahmad Chik informed that the 'Penang Watch' website is still in progress; and highlighted several heritage issues. The status of the *Koay Jetty and Catholic Cemetery* was discussed. It was concluded that *Koay Jetty* has indeed created greater public awareness although we did not manage to save the Jetty. There was no further progress from the Catholic Church regarding the upgrading of the cemetery but PHT will continue to play a supporting role to help monitor the progress. Members are encouraged to access to the weblink created for these two issues. Mr Clement Liang reported that there are plans to restore the 140-year old *Kwong Hock Keong Temple* in Nibong Tebal after the controversy. Members present were also informed that E & O Hotel will be celebrating its 120th anniversary and they hoped to contribute to heritage. PHT will send a proposal and budget to E&O for the restoration of the *Protestant Cemetery*. Dr Choong informed members that the *Moongate* issue is resolved and a full report on the historic significance of the structure will be prepared by Mr Tan Yeow Wooi to be submitted to the MPPP. We are lobbying for a full restoration and for the monument to be gazetted under the Antiquities Act. PHT was thankful to members namely Mr Leslie James, Ms Ann Cutter, Ms Joann Khaw, Mr Timothy Tye, Mr Tan Yeow Wooi, Mr Ooi Bok Kim etc for their help in the heritage issues.

vi) PHT Heritage Tours

The heritage trail and PHT tours continue under Mr Khaw Yiat Lin have proven not only an income generating project for PHT but also an excellent PR and networking strategy especially with our VIP clients.

vii) Site Visits and Town Hall's Future

Ms Loh-Lim reported that this is the 6th year site visits have been organized and the response has been good, and a few sites have been re-visited. Ms Loh-Lim requested members to give suggestions for future sites to be visited. Heritage sites on the mainland will be looked into since members are keen. Dr Choong highlighted the recently visited Town Hall, and informed members that this gazetted building has been finally restored to its original design. PHT has written to the YDP and Dr Teng to remind them of their undertaking in 1999, when the decision to restore was taken, to return the Town Hall to the people of George Town as an important civic space, as was its original intention.

viii) Newsletter and 'Kota Kita'

Ms Loh-Lim apologized for not publishing the newsletter regularly due to heavy work schedule but reported that Mr Leslie James has agreed to be the guest editor for future issues of PHT newsletter.

Dr Choong pointed out that credit should be given to MPPP for funding the 'Kota Kita' newsletters, and that it should be acknowledged in the Report.

As there were no further remarks, the annual report was adopted on the proposal of Mr Brian Everette (O-26487) and seconded by Miss Joann Khaw (O-26035).

d) Presentation of Honorary Treasurer's Report

i) Clarifications on Accounts System

Dr Tan Chong Guan, the Honorary Treasurer presented the Report. He clarified that the funding received from HSBC Living Heritage Treasures Award and the proceeds from Fundraising dinner are not reflected in the Financial Statement ending 31 December 2004.

Mrs Marcia Howard (O-26110) queried on the expenditure of office rental on page 5, where the amount is RM14,400 compared to RM7,300 for the previous year. Magdeline explained that the RM7,300 was a net figure after a direct deduction of the rental income we received. Dr Tan explained that with a new professional accounting system, the rental income and rental expenditure are shown as true figures now, and reflected on either end.

ii) AWPNUC

To a question from the floor about AWPNUC (Asia & West Pacific Network for Urban Conservation), Dr Tan said that AWPNUC account is no longer functioning and is closed. In addition, Ms Loh-Lim explained that PHT was the secretariat for AWPNUC since 1996, and in 1997, Ms Khoo Salma Nasutin published a book called Heritage Habitat funded by UNDP, and AWPNUC newsletters. As PHT can no longer maintain AWPNUC due to lack of resources, interests from members and funding, we have written off the amount owing to PHT and handed over AWPNUC to Ms Khoo Salma Nasutin from the beginning of the year.

iii) Newsletter Expenses

To a query by Tong CK Ho, Loh-Lim clarified that the expenditure of RM11,626 on newsletter and magazines was mainly from the high printing cost and professional fees. The idea of an electronic newsletter to save cost was not supported. The incoming council will re-look at this issue.

As there were no further questions, the treasurer's report was adopted after a proposal by Mr Derek Seagrove (O-26524), seconded by Dato' Khor Ten Haw (C-26059).

2. Election of Office Bearers (2005-2007)

Dr Choong invited Mr Gan Teik Chee, PHT's legal advisor, to chair the proceedings. The elections will be for the whole Council. Elected Council

Members will then elect the office bearers amongst themselves. Out of 10 Council Members, 4 should be life/founder members.

The following were nominated:

Nominee	Proposer	Second
1. Dr Choong Sim Poey (<i>Life</i>)	Loh Lim	Lim Gaik Siang
2. Lim Gaik Siang	Ahmad Chik	Joann Khaw
3. Ahmad Chik (<i>Life</i>)	Leslie James	Douglas Fox
4. Loh-Lim Lin Lee (<i>Life</i>)	Richard Jones	Joan Shori
5. Timothy Tye	Ho C K Tong	Joann Khaw
6. Dr Tan Chong Guan (<i>Life</i>)	Lim Gaik Siang	Clement Liang
7. Tunku Dato Dr Ismail Jawa (<i>Life</i>)	Loh Lim	David Yeo
8. Clement Liang	Ho C K Tong	Dr Choong Sim Poey
9. Jack Ong	Ahmad Chik	Khaw Yiat Lin
10. Khaw Yiat Lin	Lim Gaik Siang	Clement Liang

Dr Choong informed that Tunku Dato Dr Ismail, Jack Ong and Timothy Tye had given their consent to be nominated.

Dato' Khor Ten Haw proposed nominations be closed and Mr David Osman Morris (O-26494) seconded the proposal. As there were no objections from the floor, Mr Gan Teik Chee called the nomination closed.

As there were no other matters, the meeting adjourned at 5.10 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Members were invited to tea before the Powerpoint presentation on 'Heritage Education Programme' was given by Ms Loh-Lim.

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PHT Council Members (Term 2005/2007)

1. Dr Choong Sim Poey, President
Medical practitioner, ex State Assemblyman and ex-Municipal Councillor, Chairman of several local non-government organisations.
2. Tunku Dato' Dr Ismail bin Tunku Mohammad Jawa, Vice President
Retired Dean and Professor of Educational Administration, USM.
Chairman, P.I.E. Industrial Bhd, President, State of Penang Family Planning Association.
3. Dato' Nazir Ariff, Immediate Past President:
Managing Director, Chairman of numerous philanthropic and charitable organisations.
4. Mr Jack Ong, Honorary Secretary
6th generation Peranakan, proponent of local Penang cultures and practices, specifically its living heritage. Heads the Penang and Johor operations and communications of a global professional body.
5. Ms Lim Gaik Siang, Honorary Treasurer
Advisor to the Conservation Committee of Penang Teochew Association, Chairman of the North Malaya Teo-Aun Association. A technical consultant and Mandarin resource person for PHT.
6. En Ahmad Chik
Retired engineer, social activist in Malaysian Nature Society, Friends of Penang Hill and Friends of Botanic Gardens. Head of several PHT projects.
7. Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee
Conservator, lecturer, social psychologist, restoration consultant, historic researcher, author of dilapidation studies of historic buildings, heads several PHT projects such as Heritage Education Programme & Site Visits Co-ordinator, speaker and guide on historic conservation areas.
8. Dr Tan Chong Guan
Medical Practitioner, collector and expert on local art and history of artists and their artworks.
9. Mr Khaw Yiat Lin
Retired from Citibank. Vice-President of Penang Tourist Guide Association, avid collector of art, head of heritage trails.
10. Mr Clement Liang
Quality Program Senior Manager of an MNC. Presented the paper on pre-war Japanese community in Penang, Penang Story colloquium speaker and fluent in several foreign languages, active conservationist.
11. Mr Timothy Tye
Founder of AsiaExplorers, an organisation for travel enthusiasts. A person with a particular penchant for heritage destinations, to visit, photograph and document them.

Advisors & Ex-Officio

1. Mr Laurence Loh, Heritage Technical Advisor to the Trust
2. Prof Wazir Jahan, Muslim Heritage Advisor to the Trust
3. Mr Woo Yee Saik, Public Relations, Human Resources, Development and Training
Ex-Officio of the Trust
4. Cikgu Bahroodin, Cultural Advisor to the Trust
5. Mr Gan Teik Chee, Legal Advisor to the Trust
6. Mr Tan Kuan Aw, Advisor to the Trust in the area of Access for Disabled People
7. Mr Leslie A.K. James, Guest Editor of the PHT Newsletter

PHT Annual Report

1 September 2005 – 31 August 2006

1. Council Meetings

Besides informal meetings for strategy and projects, PHT has held 9 Council meetings since the last AGM. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Dr Choong Sim Poey	9/9
Tunku Dato' Ismail	6/9
Mr Jack Ong	8/9
Ms Lim Gaik Siang	7/9
En Ahmad Chik	6/9
Dr Tan Chong Guan	6/9
Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee	7/9
Mr Khaw Yiat Lin	6/9
Mr Clement Liang	6/9
Mr Timothy Tye	6/9

2. Membership

Founder/Life Members	77
Ordinary Members	208
Total	285

Note :

Members whose subscriptions have lapsed - 402

The Council undertook a membership recovery campaign earlier in the term to rescue lapsed members, but not many kept their subscriptions up-to-date. A more dedicated recovery programme will be initiated for the coming year.

The Council hopes that all members will continue to support our objectives, and stay within the fold of the Trust, and renew their subscriptions on time.

Council Members have also at the last Council Meeting resolved to encourage Student Members to join the Trust.

3. PHT Premises

The PHT new office at 26, Church Street, was officially opened by the Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture & Heritage, YB Dato' Wong Kam Hoong on 25 June 2006.

After many years of struggle, and with the effort and help of many individuals and organisations, and many months of painstaking restoration work, we were delighted to have the more than 150 invited guests attending the ceremony, to share in the momentous milestone for PHT – the official opening of the permanent home for the Penang Heritage Trust

This building, 26 Church Street, is believed to have been constructed more than 140 years ago around the 1860's. It housed an early-mercantile establishment in the island port settlement. It was originally owned by Mr Lim Lean Teng, who used it as an office and it has been in the family for well over 100 years. Mr Lim Lean Teng was the founder of Han Chiang School in Penang, and was a prominent local merchant and philanthropist.

This building is especially important as an example of a very early shop house prototype. Although double storeyed, it is considerably lower than the neighbouring houses, an indication of its earlier, and more modest, origins. At that time, buildings were significantly lower in height, less flamboyant, and generally more unassuming.

These "lesser" buildings, often termed "transitional" shop-houses, are considered as under greater threat as their presence on the street is overshadowed by the more elaborate and larger buildings of the turn of the century, when wealth was more evident.

The Penang Heritage Trust is proud to undertake the restoration of this significant building for its permanent home. The Trust is confident that its experience in such adaptive reuse restoration will spring-board the main-streaming of conservation consciousness, particularly critical for the listing of Georgetown as a World Heritage Site.

Besides using the property as PHT's office, the upstairs hall will be used for exhibitions, small conferences/seminars, and other related uses.

The purchase and fit-out of this historic shop-house, was achieved through the fund-raising efforts of our members and friends and generous donations from the Penang State Government, the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism, the Malaysian Ministry of Culture, Arts & Heritage and a supportive corporate sector.

The meticulous and painstaking restoration of the building was made possible, primarily through financial support by American Express, through the World Monuments Watch, a programme of the World Monuments Fund.

4. PHT Museum Shop

Three months' notice has been given by the State Museum Board to vacate the Railway Coach as PHT's Museum Shop. The due date for handing back to the Museum Board is 14 October 2006. It is hoped that the Railway Coach can be restored and maintained by the Board.

5. Donations and PHT Funds

We would like to acknowledge the following funders for their generosity during this reporting period:

Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage Malaysia
Penang Tourism Action Council
UNESCO Bangkok Office
Japan Foundation
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation
Konrad-Adenauer Foundation
World Monuments Fund
Prof. Chong Peng Khuan, PHT member

6. PHT Projects & programmes

Penang Heritage Trails Brochures

Sponsored by Penang Tourism Action Council, PHT and Arts-Ed redesigned the heritage trails brochures. The "Historic George Town Trails" incorporated the two existing AMEX Trails 1 & 2 of historical buildings in George Town into a single booklet, and a new "Traditional Trades & Food Trails of George Town" has also been designed and has been printed for distribution to tourists and locals.

PHT has done a background research on establishing a 'Muslim Historical Sites' brochure. This brochure is to highlight the contribution of the Muslim community in the inner city of George Town to the cultural and physical development of Penang and the whole country generally. The Ministry of Culture, Arts & Heritage has in principle agreed to fund the brochure.

The City as an Open Classroom: "Diversity & Dynamism in Urban Conservation"

This is an Asian Heritage Cities Triangle project initiated by the Nara Machizukuri Center, coordinated by Ms Khoo Salma Nasutin from Lestari Heritage Network, Dr Irene Leung from Institute for Cultural Enterprise, and supported by PHT. The project was carried out from 8th January to 10th January 2006. The aim of the project was to exchange practices, strategies and tools used to curb challenges facing urbanization and the final day was devoted to roundtable discussions on sharing strategies on urban conservation.

Balik Pulau Cultural Mapping Project - MyBALIKpulau - Phase 1 & Phase 2

15 children aged 11-12 years from schools in Balik Pulau District undertook a cultural mapping project organised by Arts-ED, PHT and Badan Warisan Malaysia during the November and December period 2005. The children came out with four end-products: myPOSTCARD, mySELF, myFAMILY and myTOWN. The research and photographic works of the children on their community's heritage were on public exhibition throughout January and February 2006 in the town of Balik Pulau, leading to the "Seeing With Young Eyes" Workshop in January 2006.

Arts-ED and PHT will continue its phase 2 of myBALIKpulau project in November/December 2006. This follow-up project will involve a few young residents of Balik Pulau with optional participation from teachers. Some retired teachers and local residents from Balik Pulau may be involved to act as resource people and researchers. The setting up of this adult support resource group is an experiment in building a sustainable initiative within the educational and cultural communities in Balik Pulau. The children will continue to research and map the heritage (tangible and intangible) of their town and village (personages, trades and buildings) using the creative arts as a tool.

SEA Teachers Training Workshop "Seeing With Young Eyes"

Penang Heritage Trust (PHT) together with Arts-ED (PECC-USM) and Badan Warisan Malaysia, were invited by UNESCO to organise the 3rd SEA Regional Teachers Training Workshop "Seeing With Young Eyes" from 15- 21 January 2006 in Penang. The workshop comprised key education experts including lecturers in culture, architecture

and fine arts; teachers of history, geography, living skills, English; education directors and curriculum developers; cultural heritage managers, programme coordinators, writers and researchers from seven Southeast Asian countries (Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Mongolia and Malaysia).

This workshop aimed to develop the capacity of teachers, heritage workers and young facilitators using art to teach World Heritage. The very intensive 7-day workshop examined ways in which heritage learning could be achieved through creative engagement with historic and cultural environments. There were hands-on on-site cultural mapping and interpretation activities to help the participants to develop pedagogic tools for introducing heritage education in their respective national or local school curricula.

The Penang Global Ethic Project

This project was aimed to promote the principles of "World Religions-Universal Peace-Global Ethic" by identifying them with Penang's traditions of religious tolerance and diversity. It was launched by TYT The Governor of Penang on 7th February 2006, and closed on 10th March 2006.

It involved a series of lectures, forums, tours and exhibitions to showcase Penang as a unique site with different cultures and faiths. Co-ordinated by Ms Khoo Salma Nasution, the project partners are: USM, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, MPPP, Penang Museum & Art Gallery, Malaysian Interfaith Network, Institute for Cultural Enterprise, Lestari Heritage Network, Arts-ED and PHT.

PHT was responsible for the English component of the Exhibition at the Town Hall. PHT also organised the World Religions Walk for adults, and together with Arts-ED, the 'Discovery Trails' for young people and students.

Heritage Education Programme

The PHT continues to support work with children as part of our Heritage Education Programme. We provide both funds as well as staff and members. Ho Sheau Fung of PHT is one of the best known facilitators in heritage education, having a wonderful ability to work with children and have them feel comfortable, yet motivated and excited by the whole idea of heritage. She facilitated the visual arts Wayang Bayang Bayang during the Anak-anak Kota "HERITAGE HEBOH! - The 1st Children Street Festival In Penang"

From March to July 2006, Janet Pillai - 'Madame Heritage Heboh of Penang', led some of Penang's leading artists who worked intensively with 50 young Penangites aged 12-18 to pass on the performance traditions of dance, puppetry, music and song.

The participants underwent 4 months of intensive workshops where they researched the living and built heritage of inner city George Town. Through music, dance and visual arts, they examined inherited architecture, ecology, early Penang settlement, craftsmanship, etc to understand how their identities were rooted.

Putting together what they had learnt, the young participants incorporated their perceptions of the inner city's living heritage into 3 dynamic artistic performances on the streets of Penang for the general public on 15 July 2006.

Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Awards

2005 to 2006 saw the continuation of this very special PHT project. The awards were launched in November 2004 to identify Penangites who possess, preserve or promote, to the highest degree, skills and techniques that are considered traditional and core to Penang's cultural heritage. The awards are limited to a maximum of 3 in a year and 8 in total at any one time.

In 2005, the first 3 recipients were

1. Dato' Chuah Thean Teng - Batik Artist
2. Cikgu Baharrudin Mahmud - Cultural expert
3. Mr Lim Bian Yam - Chef Extraordinaire of Penang cuisine

In 2006, we are pleased to report that the awards seem to have attracted a slightly different category of nominees. This year the awardees reflect the traditional artisan skills of Penang:

1. Mr Yeap Seong Kee - Penang's most renowned Nonya Kebaya designer
2. Mr Kok Ah Wah - Penang's last hand-carved signboard maker
3. Mdm Ooi Ah Kan - Puppeteer/singer/story-teller/owner of the last Hokkien Puppet Opera Troupe

The awards were formally given out this year in conjunction with the official opening of the PHT's new home on 25 June 2006; with the Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage, YB Dato' Wong Kam Hoong acknowledging the awardees, who each received a Certificate and Plaque and RM2, 000 per year for life. Full Documentation of skills, techniques & processes is being conducted.

Judges for 2006: Dato' Shahrom Ahmad (Chair), Encik Rosli Rahmat (HSBC Area Manager), Puan Sri Datin Susan Jalauddin (Badan Warisan Malaysia), Dato' Tang Hon Yin (State Museum Board), Prof . Tan Sooi Beng (USM), Tengku Dato' Ismail Jewa (PHT) [replaced by Mr Jack Ong], and Encik Ahmad Chik. The convenor of the awards is Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee.

Suffolk House Restoration

While the Penang public has been rallying around the cry to save Suffolk House since the 1960's, when it was still being used as a canteen by the Methodist Boys School, the PHT has been involved since the mid-1980's in actively promoting its full restoration. Initially concerned with awareness about the importance of the house, PHT decided that it should be pro-active in 1993, when it was clear that the house was rapidly and literally falling apart. Assistance was sought from various quarters, the British High Commission, SACON -South Australian Construction and SOCFIN.

PHT produced measured drawings and a brief dilapidation survey, and also carried out termite proofing and removed vegetation growing in the house. We also erected scaffolding and covered the entire house with strong tarpaulin sheets to prevent further water damage, confident that this temporary measure would hold while awaiting actual restoration works.

7 long years later in 2000, Phase 1 started with RM500,000 from the State Government which was sufficient only to restore the central jack roof area.

Phase 2 had to wait for another 4 years while awaiting further funds, where in 2004, generous help of RM2 million was received from HSBC and another RM1.5 million from the State.

Phase 3, the fit-out phase will take place this year-end with the current public fund-raising where sponsorship is being sought for various columns and rooms.

The State Government and the main funder have agreed to the eventual usage of the house, that it be an art gallery exhibiting the State collection of Early Paintings of Penang, as well as a public events venue. The current fund raising drive is based on the agreement of this usage. PHT is the initiator of this fund-raising idea and presently acts as the coordinating party.

It is hoped that the State Government will, as promised, set up a Management Committee made up of various parties such as the State, PHT and HSBC which will oversee the management and future well-being of Suffolk House.

6. Urban Blight & Heritage Alert

Penang Watch Report

Members may recall that early this year the Trust, with the cooperation of several organisations and individuals, launched the Penang Watch web-site (www.penangwatch.com). It was designed to give Penang residents and rate-payers another avenue to lodge their complaints about poor municipal services and public transport, among others.

Even though various government agencies, including the MPPP, have their own mechanism to deal with complaints, these are notoriously ineffective and it was hoped that Penang Watch will produce better results.

The site proves to be popular and has many visitors. That is not to say that it has not been without difficulties. There were several technical problems and the latest was a software glitch which made it impossible to up-load photographs. This will be resolved and normal service will resume shortly.

In the meanwhile we have been publicising this site through the press, by word of mouth and via the online media. In mid-July several PHT Council Members met the president of the MPPP and introduced the site to him. He promised to ask all his departmental heads to visit penangwatch.com regularly and attend to the complaints.

One difficulty we are having is not enough complaints are being sent in. So far only 4 or 5 individuals are contributing. It is not as if there are insufficient reasons for complaints, it is that only a few people are motivated enough to make the effort.

We appeal to members to help us make YOUR web-site a success. Please take your digital cameras the next time you go out, and if you see something which merits a complaint, take a photo, and post it on the site by following the simple instructions given there.

Former St. Joseph Novitiate Site

A Press Conference was called by Dr Choong and Mr Jack Ong on Saturday, 24 Jun 2006 to raise awareness and express concern about the enormous ramifications of the Gurney Drive development at the former St. Joseph Novitiate.

The PHT followed-up with direct distribution of flyers to the neighbouring residents to highlight to them their rights to voice their opinion with regards to allowing the project be approved by the Council. Meetings with residents' groups from the surrounding apartments were also held.

This culminated with a public forum on "Greater Transparency in City Planning : Focus on the Present and Future Developments at Gurney Drive and Tanjung Bungah" held on 27 August 2006 at the Caring Society Complex.

Over 150 members of the public turned up for the event, which was moderated by Ms Tan Pek Ling. There were 4 presentations :

- Dr Choong Sim Poey on Heritage Conservation
- Dr Mohamed Talhah bin Idris on Traffic
- Dr Amir Fawzi Bahaudin and his USM Students on Planning
- Ms Meenakshi Raman on Legal Implications

The Panel Discussion was moderated by Dato' Dr Chin Fook Weng, a former Municipal Councillor. Numerous questions and issues were raised by those present, especially as there were 5 City Councillors present. The event was covered by major newspapers.

The Public Forum adopted a series of Resolutions which will be submitted to the Government. The Resolutions are :

1. Accountability in planning requires that all major development projects that have impacts beyond their immediate vicinity be subject to public scrutiny and comment within 3 months
 - 1.1. including public access to any planning proposal made before approval.
 - 1.2. setting up an independent planning and design review panel to oversee the development of the state.
2. MPPP and the state government must recognize their previous failings in approving developments which have had serious negative impacts on the surrounding areas, destroying established neighbourhood precincts.
3. The Government has to set its planning guidelines for development in heritage sensitive precincts to the highest international standards if it wants George Town to be recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.
4. Present planning guidelines assumes the lack of an efficient public transport system in the state; the provision of this essential service must be incorporated within the process of physical planning, example road-widening and car parking facilities
5. There should be moratorium on all high-rise development until a local plan has been approved for these areas.

6. There should be public hearings on all applications for conversion of large parcels of land originally zoned institutional, educational or recreational.
7. Expedite the establishment of local plans for Penang.

PHT and Sustainable Transport

Traffic chaos has become an increasing threat to the urban environment. Since 1999, En Ahmad Chik and Dr Choong representing the Trust have been involved in a sustainable transport lobby called Sustainable Transport Environment for Penang (STEP) to formulate and propose to the State Government the steps that could be taken by them and the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) to address this.

However, complete failure to get any effective response forced STEP to change its strategy by joining a coalition of like-minded NGO's including the Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP) and Save OurSelves (SOS) and to bring this issue into the public realm.

This began in late 2005 when we started holding public demonstrations, making aggressive media statements and threatening legal action.

This seemed to have catalysed the government into action when they implemented a major reorganisation the public transport services in April 2006. However, lack of competence and political commitment caused this to be a dismal failure.

PHT will continue to fight for the people's right to an efficient public transport system in the State and the Coalition for Public Transport (CEPAT) is mulling over its next move at point of writing.

8. Diary of Events

Continuing from the previous year's Annual Report, this is a chronological list of event highlights which the PHT and its Council Members organised, co-organised, supported or promoted in one way or another.

Sat, 3 Sep 2005

Lim Gaik Siang gave a heritage talk to a group of USM Chinese Club students.

Thu, 8 Sep 2005

Tanjong PLC's Tanjong Heritage 2005 award prize presentation ceremony attended by Council members and staff.

Wed, 14 Sep 2005

1st PHT Council Meeting (term 2005-2007).

Wed, 21 Sep 2005

1st Recce of Balik Pulau by Janet Pillai, Sheau Fung and Yoke Pin for UNESCO project "Seeing with Young Eyes" planned in January 2006.

Fri, 30 Sep 2005

1. Press Conference "Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Awards 2006" announcement.
2. Courtesy call by Mr Shimada Seiya, Head of Cultural Affairs and Mr Hafiz Othman, Program officer, both from Japan Foundation. Welcomed by PHT Vice-President Tunku Ismail.

Sat, 1 Oct 2005

Site survey of Balik Pulau for UNESCO project "Seeing with Young Eyes" and full-day meeting for working group.

Sun, 2 Oct 2005

"Seeing from Young Eyes" planning meeting attended by BWM, PHT and ArtsEd.

Tue, 11 Oct 2005

1. 2nd Recce to locate workstation for "Seeing with Young Eyes" project.
2. Courtesy call by Mr Phillip Hoffmann, Counselor for Public Affairs, and Mr Chew Wing Foong, Senior Program Specialist Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy KL. They were welcomed by Dr Choong and Loh-Lim.

Mon, 24 Oct 2005

Meeting with Peter Schier from Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation and Dato' Anwar Fazal of Malaysian Interfaith Network at USM to discuss the project "World Religious-Universal Peace-Global Ethic". Dr Choong and Magdeline attended the meeting.

Fri, 28 Oct 2005

2nd PHT Council Meeting

Mon – Wed, 21-30 Nov 2005

'myBALIKpulau' Young People's Heritage Education 1st Workshop begins at Balik Pulau with 30 students involved. This is a preparatory project leading to the UNESCO workshop "Seeing with Young Eyes" scheduled in January 2006.

Mon-Tue, 21-22 Nov 2005

Penang Forum with Government officials organized by SERI, attended by Dr Choong, Tunku Ismail, Ahmad Chik and Loh-Lim.

Wed, 23 Nov 2005

Khoo Kongsi 100th Anniversary Meeting attended by Magdeline.

Fri, 25 Nov 2005

Transportation Meeting with Structural Planning group organized by Seri, attended by Dr Choong and Ahmad Chik.

Tue, 29 Nov 2005

2nd Penang Local Government Consultative Forum attended by Loh-Lim.

Sat, 3 Dec 2005

Dr Choong attended the launch of 'Heritage Week' by YB Datuk Dr Rais Yatim, the Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage in KL.

Tue, 6 Dec 2005

Leong San Tong Centennial Celebration meeting attended by Magdeline.

Thu, 8 Dec 2005

Protest by 'Citizens for Public Transport' about the deplorable state of Penang public transportation system. PHT with 20 NGOs signed the memorandum.

Sat, 17 Dec 2005

3rd PHT Council Meeting

Mon-Fri, 19-30 Dec 2005

'myBALIKpulau' Young People's Heritage Education 2nd Workshop at Balik Pulau.

Thur, 29 Dec 2005

Leong San Tong Centennial Celebration meeting attended by Dr Choong.

Sun-Tue, 8-10 Jan 2006

The City as an Open Classroom: "Diversity & Dynamism in Urban Conservation" project organized by Lestari Heritage Network, coordinated by PHT and Institute for Cultural Enterprise. Participants from Nara Machizukuri Centre and Urban Development Institute Foundation Chiangmai attended the 3-day workshop.

Sun-Sat, 15-21 Jan 2006

"Seeing With Young Eyes" Third sub-regional Southeast Asian teacher training workshop on using art to teach about World Heritage. Organised by UNESCO, Arts-Ed, Badan Warisan Malaysia and PHT.

Tue, 24 Jan 2006

World Heritage Steering Committee Meeting attended by Dr Choong.

Sat-Fri, 5 Feb – 10 Mar 2006

World Religions – Universal Peace – Penang Global Ethic Project. As one of the event organisers, PHT was responsible for the English exhibition at Penang Town Hall, world religions guided tours and discovery trails for schools. Other events: public forums and panel discussions, art competition, Arabic and Chinese calligraphy and public talk by Austrian storyteller Folke Tegetthoff.

Thu, 16 Feb 2006

Inner City Walk with President and senior officers of MPPP by Ahmad Chik, Dr Choong and Loh-Lim to look into the possibility of an inner city walking trail.

Sun, 26 Feb 2006

A press conference was held by the Citizens for Public Transport Coalition on public transportation in Penang. PHT is one of the 24 NGOs.

Mon, 27 Feb 2006

4th PHT Council Meeting

Thu, 1 Mar 2006

Suffolk House Meeting with the State Govt, attended by Loh-Lim, Ahmad Chik & Dr Choong.

Sat, 25 Mar 2006

Launching of Penang Watch website. This Website is an initiative of Dato' Anwar Fazal and Ahmad Chik, operated by Ong Boon Keong, and supported by PHT.

Fri, 31 Mar 2006
5th PHT Council Meeting

Thu, 13 Apr 2006

The judging meeting for the Living Heritage Treasure Awards. Panel of Judges: Dato' Shahrom Ahmad (Chair), Encik Rosli Rahmat (HSBC Area Manager), Puan Sri Datin Susan Jalaudin (BWM), Dato' Tang Hon Yin, Prof Tan Sooi Beng, Tengku Dato' Ismail Jewa (replaced by Jack Ong) and En Ahmad Chik. Loh-Lim Lin Lee as the convenor for the project.

Sat, 22 Apr 2006

PHT Hon. Secretary, Jack Ong conducted a press conference at Leigh Street about the inappropriate street lighting in this heritage area.

Sun, 23 Apr 2006

Press Conference about the new public transportation system in Penang, the formation of citizen's group 'BUG' and the announcement of Citizen's Survey/Report Card, co-ordinated by Dr Choong.

Tue, 25 Apr 2006

6th PHT Council Meeting

Wed, 3 May 2006

Meeting with Mr Rajendran, Traffic Engineering and Mr Zainuddin from MPPP regarding Street Signs in Penang, Ahmad, Clement and Magdeline attended the meeting.

Thu, 4 May 2006

Visit by Mr He Da Zhang, VP Research Center China Sooiing Ching Ling Foundation, Beijing and Ms Chong Len Fong, Secretary Sino-Cultural Foundation Singapore, they are greeted by Magdeline and Goh Mai Loon.

Fri, 19 May 2006

Suffolk House Steering Committee Meeting attended by Dr Choong.

Sat, 20 May 2006

7th PHT Council Meeting

Sat, 27 May 2006

Jack Ong and Lim Gaik Siang attended the Khoo Kongsi Centennial Celebration Launch at the Khoo Kongsi.

Thu, 1 Jun 2006

Courtesy Call on the new MPPP President, YB Dato Abu Bakar bin Hassan by Dr Choong, Tunku, Ahmad and Loh-Lim.

Sat, 24 Jun 2006

Press Conference by Dr Choong and Jack Ong to raise awareness and expressed concern about the enormous ramifications the Gurney Drive Development on former St. Joseph Novitiate site might impose.

Sun, 25 Jun 2006

Opening of Penang Heritage Trust' new office at 26, Church Street and presentation of the Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Award 2006 by Deputy Minister of Culture, Arts & Heritage, YB Dato' Wong Kam Hoong.

Wed, 28 Jun 2006

Launch of Suffolk House Fund Raising Campaign. The campaign is to raise RM1.5 million needed to complete the last phase of the restoration.

Thu, 13 Jul 2006

Local Government Consultative Forum attended by Clement Liang. Clement presented a powerpoint presentation on Billboards on behalf of Loh-Lim and Ahmad.

Fri, 14 Jul 2006

8th PHT Council Meeting

Fri, 21 Jul 2006

Meeting with YDP by Penang Watch committee, Dato' Anwar Fazal, Ahmad Chik, Ong Boon Keong and Lim Gaik Siang to discuss penangwatch website.

Fri, 18 Aug 2006

9th PHT Council Meeting

Sat, 19 Aug 2006

Seminar by Mr Stephen Shaw on "Tourism & Multicultural Heritage: Tools for Participation" at 26. Church Street.

Thu, 24 Aug 2006

Courtesy call by US Embassy Cultural Attache, Dr. Marjorie Harrison and Senior Cultural Affairs Specialist, Mr Chew Wing Fong. They were greeted by Dr Choong, Mr Jack Ong, Mr Ahmad Chik and Ms Loh-Lim.

Sun, 27 Aug 2006

Public Forum on "Greater Transparency in City Planning : With Focus on the Present and Future Developments at Gurney Drive and Tanjung Bungah" organised by PHT.

7. Heritage Trails & Tours

The formation of PHT's Heritage Trails and Tours in 1999 was to promote awareness amongst tourists about Penang's cultural, built and living heritage.

The 2005 ICCROM and UNESCO workshop revealed that: 'Today's tourist is less materialistic than previously, and is not focused exclusively on the pursuit of personal pleasure. The new tourists wish to understand the country they are going to visit even before they depart, and to prepare accordingly'. This concluded that today's tourists actually want a more enriching experience.

PHT's heritage trails and tours serve this purpose of linking the cultural heritage and tourism industry.

The lack of clear, reliable information from the ordinary guides can be a stumbling block. To reach out and to remedy this situation, PHT has proposed to the Ministry of Tourism a Specialist Heritage Tour Guide Course and the project is underway.
Please see below "Specialist Heritage Tour Guide Course".

During the reporting period, PHT has given tours to local and foreign tourists. Tours were also conducted for government officials, VIPs, as well as editors, professors,

students and tourists. The income derived from the tours contributed to costs needed to run this non-profit organization.

Specialist Heritage Tour Guide Course

PHT has been involved in the promotion of heritage tourism for many years. In recognition of the more sophisticated demands of present-day tourists, PHT has proposed a specialist heritage tour guides' course for the inner city of George Town to the Ministry of Tourism Malaysia, with the objectives stated below:

- To upgrade guide capacity by providing in-depth knowledge and insight
- To promote a sense of ownership on the part of the host community
- To improve the richness and quality of experience for the visitor
- To improve sustainability through improved code of conduct of tourists

This course is very comprehensive and is based on the assumption that George Town (with Melaka) will be inscribed by UNESCO as a world heritage site in the very near future. The syllabus highlights the importance and significance of world heritage sites with special emphasis on the culture and history of Penang.

The syllabus has been drawn up based on the UNESCO programme and it has been sent for review to the panel appointed by UNESCO to draw up the framework and guidelines for the training and certification of Cultural Heritage Guides at UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The objective of the UNESCO programme is to raise the capacity of guides, improve interpretation and safeguarding of the fragile cultural sites and increase socio-economic benefits for the local communities.

The UNESCO panel is made up of consultants & experts from NGOs including the Penang Heritage Trust, UNESCO and members of the Asia-Pacific Education & Training Institutes in Tourism (APETIT) & the Asian Academy for Heritage Management (AAHM) network.

PHT is seeking the Tourism Ministry's endorsement and financial support for this project. The Ministry's response has been very encouraging, and a budget will be submitted for approval.

8. PHT Site Visits

The site visits on the last Sunday of each month continue to receive excellent response from members.

25th September 2005

Elsiedale Bungalow in Elsiedale Estate, Mount Erskine Road

An estate home of Lim Leng Cheak, son of one of the first Chinese to come to the settlement. The house is surrounded by graveyards, in the neighbourhood of Ong Bee Nio estate and Pepper Estate. In the past, the family would retreat to Elsiedale for the 'fruit season' and during Chinese All-Souls Day.

12th October 2005

Penang Prison, the oldest prison in Malaysia

Penang Prison was built in 1849 and opened by Colonel William T. Butterworth. The tour was conducted by Tuan Idris bin Haji Ismail, Director of Penang Prison. The tour included the oldest part of the prison which houses the former death row and the gallows, together with the open yard where canings are carried out.

27th November 2005

Phor Tay Hee (Teochew Puppet show)

This visit was in conjunction with the birthday of Goh Teik Kong temple's patron deities (the Nine Immortal Fairies) at Tanjong Tokong. The Teochew puppetry is an endangered trade and art due to lack of apprenticeship.

11th December 2005

Exhibition and Talk on "The Old Masters of Penang" at Galeri Seni Mutiara

Council Member Dr Tan Chong Guan who is the owner of the Galeri Seri Mutiara, gave a very interesting and insightful presentation on "The Old Masters of Penang".

He talked on the life and work of several famous pioneer artists of Penang, namely Yong Mun Sen, Dato' Chuah Thean Teng, Kuo Ju Ping, Khaw Sia, Lee Cheng Yong and Tay Hooi Keat. Numerous works of these Old Penang Masters were on exhibition at the Gallery.

26th February 2006

Convent Light Street Re-visited

The Convent, founded in 1852, is Malaysia's oldest girls' school. The Government House, acquired as part of the premises, was the former official residence of Francis Light and seat of the early government of Penang in its days as the fourth Presidency of the East India Company. There is an in-house historical and heritage trail established in August 2005.

30th April 2006

Hock Teik Cheng Sin Temple & Edelweiss Café

The temple is located at Armenian Street, and the principle deity of Hock Teik Cheng Sin Temple is 'Twa Peh Kong'. The four associations, Poh Hock Seah, Tong Kheng Seah, Cheng Hoe Seah and Hokkien Kongsu maintain the continuity of the temple's use as a base for local Chinese merchants.

Members later proceeded to Edelweiss Café, to appreciate the restoration work of its new owners, and to view the showcase collection of antique furniture, pictures, polychromed nyonyaware, silver jewellery, etc; and also to enjoy a fine tea.

28th May 2006

Runnymede Re-visited

Runnymede once served as the residence of Stamford Raffles. The British Navy took over the hotel in 1940, and the Japanese used it as a military base during the Occupation. It reverted to the British Government for military use in 1951 until 1957 when the British sold it to the Malayan Government for RM1.00. Runnymede was known as Wisma Persekutuan until the Malaysian military moved out in 2005 to Bukit Gedung.

30th July 2006

"Segara Ninda" Residence of Ku Din Ku Meh & Little Penang Street Market, Upper Penang Road

Tengku Baharuddin bin Tunku Meh @ Ku Din Ku Meh was born at Anak Bukit, Kedah around 1848. He started his career as Head of Kedah Prisons. He was later appointed High Commissioner of Setul (Satun) by the Sultan of Kedah in 1897. However, when Kedah came under the control of the British, Setul was annexed as part of Southern Thailand under the Treaty of Bangkok in 1909. Ku Din modernised the administration and introduced advances in education, agriculture, trade and commerce.

The Little Penang Street Market is a local initiative by Lestari Network, and the project is aimed at promoting local arts, craft and culture.

9. Publishing & Publicity

PHT Newsletter

Since the last AGM, 3 newsletters and 7 PHT Circulars have been produced.

The ground work of the third issue of 'Kota Kita' magazine has been done and is pending funding approval from the MPPP.

- PHT newsletter issue No. 85, May – October 2005 (12 pages)
- PHT newsletter issue No. 86, November – March 2006 (28 pages)
- PHT newsletter issue No. 87, April – June 2006 (16 pages)

Circulars :

- Site visit - Elsiedale Bungalow
- Site visit – Phor Tay Hee (Teochew Puppet show)
- Site visit – Galeri Seri Mutiara
- Site visit – Convent Light Street
- Site visit – Tua Pek Kong
- Site visit – Runnymede
- Site visit – "Segara Ninda" Residence of Ku Din Ku Meh

Press Statements & Newspaper Write-ups

Issues on the development of former St. Joseph Novitiate site, street signs, public transportation, inappropriate street lighting in heritage Leith Street etc were raised and featured in English, Chinese and Malay newspapers.

Recent issues on billboards, colour scheme and signage at Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, inner city jogging track were proposed and appealed to YDP MPPP.

Website (www.pht.org.my)

The Penang Heritage Trust website is now revamped under the very capable direction of Council Member Timothy Tye. New sections include a list of all the site visits of the past years. Current events initiated by PHT are also provided coverage within the new design. We are keen to make the PHT website the central resource for heritage-related information about Penang.

10. Human Resources

Staff

The office is managed by both Magdeline Ng and Ho Sheau Fung.

Volunteers

We would like to acknowledge our heartiest thanks to Ms Ch'ng Saw See and Ms Helen Foong for organising the Resource Library for PHT. They have spent long hours working out an appropriate classification system for us. Thanks to their hard work and unwavering effort, we should soon have a very well classified system for the Resource Centre at the new premise.

We would also like to thank members who regularly help out during site visits, workshops and meetings, namely Ms Joann Khaw, Mr Kim Wong and Ms Ann Cutter. Thank you!

11. Networking & Collaboration

The PHT works 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
- Lestari Heritage Network
- Penang Teochew Association
- Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion
- Universiti Sains Malaysia
- Penang State Museum
- Pinang Peranakan Museum
- Consumer Association of Penang (CAP)
- Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)
- Socio Economic Research Institute (SERI)
- Tan Yeow Wooi Culture & Heritage Research Studio
- AsiaExplorers
- Khoo Kongsi
- Cheah Kongsi

12. Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge all our funders, members, volunteers and supporters. We apologize if anyone or anything has been left out or inaccurately stated.

Penang Heritage Trust

Treasurer's Report for the Year 2005

I would like to highlight the financial statements of the Penang Heritage Trust for the financial year ended 31st December 2005.

The Project Income totalled up to RM814,045. They derived mainly from the following:

- PHT 'Arts in Heritage' fundraising Dinner (RM544,812)
- The closing of 'Penang Story Conference 2002' account (RM223,085),
- CIDA – Women in Urban Governance (RM30,050)
- Tour Guide Course (RM8,700)
- School Walks, Public Talk & miscellaneous (RM7,398)

Miscellaneous income are: Heritage Trails (RM28,000) and Merchandize (RM25,000), these came up to RM53,232.

We have received a 2nd payment of USD31,995 (RM115,848) from World Monuments Fund for PHT restoration project, this amount was received in year 2006, hence it is not reflected in 2005 Financial Statements. The balance of US\$8,000 will be released upon submission of final report.

Our main expenses are also from the projects:

- 'Art in Heritage' Fundraiser (RM96,805)
- Penang Story Conference (RM176,288)
- CIDA – Women in Urban Governance (RM12,699)
- Tour Guide Course (RM4,642)
- School Walks, Talk etc (RM1,856)

The miscellaneous expenses of RM8,469 are expenses from the post-'Arts in Heritage' fundraising. We gave an appreciation dinner to our volunteers and special gifts to the Chairperson and event manager, these expenses are reflected in PHT's general account. Other miscellaneous expenses are museum's Daniell's paintings that we acquired for the new office and moongate report etc.

There is a higher bank charges of RM856 in year 2005 against RM125 in year 2004 due to credit card amounting to RM570 being written off. This was carried forward since the termination of the merchant service in October 2003.

The newsletter and magazines expenses had been reduced due to the voluntary service of the Guest Editor, Mr Leslie James.

Our principal Fixed Deposits as at 31st December 2005 was RM332,526 (with interest), a substantial amount will be used for the restoration of PHT office, it will only be reflected in year 2006 Financial Statements.

Ms Lim Gaik Siang
Hon. Treasurer