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Annual General Meeting 2009

Sunday, 4th October 2009 at 10.00 am

Venue: Penang Heritage Trust
26, Church Street
10200 Penang

Agenda

1. To consider and approve:
 - a) The Minutes of the PHT Annual General Meeting – 21st September 2008
 - b) The PHT Annual Report 1st September 2008 – 31st August 2008
 - c) The PHT Financial Report ending 31 December 2008
2. Election of Office Bearers (2009-2011)
3. Other Matters

President's Message 2009

Anno UNESCO – ONE !

Perhaps this last year can be considered as AU-1 or Anno UNESCO One! After taking a long and winding road to achieve this accolade, the final announcement came almost as a surprise to many of us. Some people may think that the Penang Heritage Trust can now take a break and rest on our laurels; after all it is on record that the lobbying and support given to achieve this listing started in the early 90's i.e. almost immediately after the demolition of Hotel Metropole. Eventually, the first formal application was made to UNESCO in 2004.

Continuing Threats to WHS Status and the Urban Environment

Unfortunately today, we are still facing a whole host of threats to our heritage status. After the Penang Chief Minister had negotiated successfully with the developers of the 4 controversial high rises in the core and buffer zones, we still face threats over the loss of more heritage buildings with many owners continue doing their 'own thing' in renovating their heritage buildings.

Equally serious is the deliberate destruction of old shop-houses for the lucrative swiftlet breeding industry (for birds nests), illegal but politically sensitive, thus causing the state government to hold back the MPPP from strictly enforcing the law. Our warnings on the dire consequences of the continued expansion of the activity in the heritage city have so far fallen on deaf ears.

Poor transport policies of the previous administration have created a car dependant environment which threatens to choke the heritage city and the CEPAT lobby in which PHT plays a key role, is working with the State Transport Council to reverse this trend with better public transport and improved pedestrian access.

George Town World Heritage Office

Central to all these problems is the fact that the World Heritage Office, supposed to implement the management plan for George Town, now only exists as a skeleton concept with neither the requisite funds nor manpower to carry out their responsibilities as required under our commitment to the UNESCO office.

Supporting our Cultural Diversity and Tourism

Meanwhile, the PHT continues our activities to highlight our cultural diversity as part of our core activities. Our educational outreach programme to schools and colleges, in cooperation with ArtsEd under Ms Janet Pillai, is to reach out to the next generation. The annual HSBC Living Heritage Treasure

Awards (LHTA) is to recognise living icons of Penang's diverse cultures, started by Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee. The training programme for young apprentices, the PAPA Project is linked to pioneers and experts under LHTA. There is also a plan to establish a Traditional Performing Arts Festival in George Town initiated by En. Ahmad Chik and supported by Khazanah Nasional. We are also working with the Ministry of Tourism to train specialist guides for the heritage city focusing on more in-depth knowledge of local history and cultures.

Public and Government Support

The PHT is deeply appreciative of the increasing public support it has received over the years; we believe this to be indicative of the people's intrinsic understanding and appreciation of Penang's culture and history, despite the vocal opposition from certain business interests. We also thank the state and federal government and the corporate sector for their invaluable financial support.

Stepping Down

Finally, I would like to inform our members that I shall be stepping down from the PHT Presidency at this AGM, having already served 5 terms in that position. Some other senior members have also indicated their intention to do so. I strongly believe that every organisation must have a succession plan and I believe the PHT has now within its council and membership enough people with the capacity and commitment to take over the organisation and continue its sterling work.

It has been a great honour for me to have enjoyed your support during my tenure and I am personally amazed at what we have achieved together over the last 10 years. I shall of course continue to support the PHT in a minor role as its Immediate Past President in its Council.

Dr Choong Sim Poey
President, Penang Heritage Trust

Penang Heritage Trust
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2008
Sunday, 21st September 2008 at 10.00 am
Penang Heritage Trust, 26, Church Street, 10200 Penang

Members Present

Abdul Shukor	Lam Lai Foon
Ahmad Chik	Laurence Loh
Annelies Allain	Lee Yong Seng
Ann Cutter	Leslie A.K. James
Arthur Chin	Lim Chin'Chye
Brian Coomber	Lim Siew Kang
Ching-Yin Ong	Lim Siew Kok
Ch'ng Saw See	Lim Thean Heng
Choong Sim Poey	Loh-Lim Lin Lee
Clara Chan	Lyndy Ong
Chew Khuan Yin	May de Vries
Chandraseagar Veerappan	May Lim Beng Suan
Hamdan Abdul Majeed	Michael Cheah
Jack Ong	Ong Siew Guat
Janet Saw	Renee Saw
Janette Khaw	Roy de Vries
Jenny Tse	Sharom Ahmat
Johnny Chee	Shashikant Popatlal
Julie Ng	Sunny Lim
Joan Shori	Tan Chong Guan
Kok Pow Lin	Tan Yar Loon
	Teh Ewe Hoon
<u>Observers</u>	Timothy Tye
Penny Coomber	Tong C.K. Ho
Yoon Choy Seem	Wong Kum Choon
Teh Ewe Ling	Yeoh Kok Meng

Staff in Attendance

Magdeline Ng
Ho Sheau Fung

(Names of PHT Council members for term 2007-2009 are in bold;
council members absent were: Lim Gaik Siang and Clement Liang)

Chairman's Welcoming Address

The President, Dr Choong Sim Poey, welcomed all members present and called the meeting to order at 10.15 am.

He referred members to the Annual Report.

1. a) **Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM 2007**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 21st October 2007 were unanimously approved and adopted on the proposal of Mr Roy de Vries (O-26556) and seconded by Mr Yeoh Kok Meng, Eric (O-26371).

b) Presentation of the Annual Report 2007

Before proceeding to the Annual Report, PHT Honorary Secretary, Mr Jack Ong greeted all and asked members if they have any queries.

Mr Roy de Vries commented that the Annual Report should be sent with ample time for members to read before AGM. Jack clarified that 3 weeks' prior notice has been given via e-mail, and a hardcopy has also been sent to those members without email. This was followed by an e-mail incorporating the Annual Report and Audited Accounts. Members were also advised in both the e-mail as well as the hardcopy mail that they may pick up a hardcopy of the Annual Report and Financial Report from the office, or request for it to be sent to them.

Jack proceeded by highlighting the Annual Report.

i) World Heritage Site

The success of George Town into the UNESCO World Heritage listing is a key milestone for PHT.

ii) Strategy Day

Jack explained the reason for the Strategy Day. The idea was to set a direction for action and key activities for 2008-2009, and that it was concluded that PHT should concentrate on two key issues, ie PGCC and UNESCO World Heritage Listing. The involvement in the PGCC has strengthened PHT's role in social mobilization, advocacy, information dissemination and capacity building. PHT will continue to play the role as a watchdog to this World Heritage Site and this is crucial to the future policies and developments of George Town. PHT's other activities involved working in line with its core objectives and mission relating to local governance, transportation, environment, heritage, marketing and promotion of George Town's inscription as a World Heritage site.

iii) Donations and PHT Funds

Jack further clarified that the amount received from funders as shown in the report were gross figures, in that they were the full amount received to run the various programmes. PHT earns a small percentage of the full funding as administrative fee. Mr Leslie James (O-26517) pointed out a typo error. BACSA should read as British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia (and not of).

iv) Projects & Programmes

Jack highlighted the Historic Street Name project. It will be one of the most noticeable improvements for George Town streetscape with historical names in various languages, an important decorative role to give character to the city. In addition, Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee mentioned that these street plaques are compatible to the countries that are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Whilst it is primarily meant for locals to realise the local names used in the early days, visitors will also benefit from the information. 90 streets have been designated and about 120 plaques will be put up. Dr Choong added that

positioning of the plaques without being obstructive is of vital importance, hence he saw no reason why residents should object to street plaques mounted onto their walls if required.

v) Suffolk House

Dr Choong referred members to a recent Press Conference by the Chief Minister re Suffolk House. The CM envisaged that Suffolk House will be open before end of this year and the state government is in the process of identifying a site manager and an open tender system will be exercised to select a proper management organisation for the running of Suffolk House.

vi) PHT-HSBC Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Awards (LHTA)

Jack mentioned that the judging panel was chaired by Dato' Sharom Ahmat and the 2008 awards were given out by the Chief Minister at the Little Penang Street Market. Dr Choong further added that two awardees have passed away since we started the LHTA in 2005. In view of this, recognition of key people as living human treasures is of utmost importance.

vii) Heritage Trails & Tours

Jack invited Mr Timothy Tye to brief members on the PHT tours. Timothy reported that PHT tour business has expanded outside of Penang Island, with a local tour to Taiping and also international tours to Angkor Wat and Japan having been organized. He said the overseas tour has to be suspended for the time being as proper infrastructure needs to be worked out in order to make tours more heritage-centric and we have yet to find a tour agency which can offer the kind of tour we require. Hopefully, by end of the year, PHT's tours will commence and the next countries we are looking to visit are : Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar. He said that local Penang Site Visits will continue, but we are also working out on quality tours outside Penang, like heritage places in Kuala Lumpur, Perak, and Malacca.

In addition, Dr Choong mentioned that PHT is requested by the Penang Tourism Action Council (PTAC) to facilitate a brainstorming session with the stakeholders to look into new cultural trails for future use by tourism industry. Timothy added by saying that guidelines for cultural heritage trails will be drawn out for stakeholders who intend to either to re-write/upgrade existing trails or to write new trails.

viii) Traditional Performing Arts Festival (TPA)

The purpose of organising an event like this is to enhance Penang's image on the UNESCO World Heritage listing. Ahmad Chik, who initiated this proposal, explained that PHT will be working closely with Penang Art Alliance to ensure that this original event will make a mark on the arts scene for Penang. It will involve traditional performing arts from the Asean region, to be held annually over five days. The festival will also involve workshops/seminars and even promote traditional arts and crafts. Proposal has been sent to interested parties like Khazanah and PTAC.

iv) PGCC

Dr Choong explained briefly the controversy of PGCC, and on the forum which was organised a week earlier. He mentioned that the Forum was to present a collective decision by the PGCC campaign group to propose a People's Park. The proposal consists of 10 acres for community housing, compared to 90 acres of high-end housing, and that the proposed land for the People's Park would be 87 acres. Loh-Lim clarified that this is merely an alternative proposal. As under the Structure Plan, Penang Turf Club has been re-zoned for 'redevelopment', the idea is to lock in long term benefit for Penang, as there will be all kinds of other proposals. This alternative proposal was meant to be self-sustainable and self-financing for interested parties.

Mr Leslie James raised the issue of legal arguments for the case for re-zoning. Dr Choong replied that there were a lot of discrepancies within the Structure Plan itself. The Local Plan, which was based on the Structure Plan, would be ready in October for exhibition and for public viewing, and this Local Plan applies to the entire island. The public can raise objections to the proposal in the Local Plan. Ms Loh-Lim urged members to take strong interest in the Local Plan especially those members belonging to Residents Associations (RA) as RAs are responsible for their own areas and objections have to be made known before the Local Plan is confirmed.

v) Other Heritage Issues & Activities

Transport Master Plan

Besides our main core activities, Dr Choong mentioned that PHT has been actively involved with other NGOs on issues such as transportation. PHT together with CEPAT (Citizens for Public Transport), is pressing the Government to look into a transport master plan. Ahmad informed that there would soon be a Forum on Public Transportation on the 14th October 2008. Among things proposed in the master plan is the re-introduction of Trams in Penang.

Swiftlet Breeding

Mr Leslie James asked if there was any solution to swiftlet Breeding. Dr Choong said that there is no action taken yet from the local government, as they are probably waiting for the moratorium on breeding in the inner city to end on December 2008.

Tanjong Tokong Malay Village

Mr Ahmad Chik informed that UDA was authorised to upgrade this village more than 30 years ago but they did not fulfil their promises and it has now been designated for upmarket coastal development. Tanjong Tokong Resident's Association is seeking support from the Penang State Government for the village to be conserved into a heritage zone.

Mr Jack Ong further invited comments from the floor. Before ending up the Annual Report, on behalf of the Council members, he thanked volunteers particularly those who helped out in the historic street names plaques, Mr Leslie James and Mr Tan Yeow Wooi for their contributions to the PHT's newsletter, Prof Dato' Dr Wazir Jahan and Ms Damina for assisting the

Tanjung Tokong Malay Village issue, Mr Laurence Loh for Suffolk House matters, Mr James Lochhead for the write up on Traditional Performing Arts Festival and Mr Woo Yee Saik for giving his services voluntarily for several projects.

In response, Mr Leslie James said that he is delighted to help with the newsletter and he hoped for members' contributions for the newsletters in other areas besides site visits write ups. Mr Timothy also requested for old photographs to be contributed in order to be included contributions in the site visit reports.

As there were no further remarks, the annual report was adopted on the proposal of Mr Chandraseagar Veerappan (O-26716) and seconded by Mr Roy de Vries.

c) Presentation of Honorary Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Honorary Treasurer who was absent from the meeting, Dr Choong highlighted the Treasurer's Report and asked if there are any questions from the floor.

Mr Sunny Lim (O-26395) raised a question about the upkeep of Suffolk House and on the remaining funds. Loh-Lim clarified that PHT is only acting as one of two trustees for the Suffolk House account. PHT has no control over the money, and the account is separated from PHT's accounts. Currently, RM3,000 is used every month for the upkeep, and this is taken from the remaining funds. The State Government is urged to quickly make a decision on the future usage of SH.

As there were no further questions, the treasurer's report was adopted after a proposal by Ms Annelies Allain (L-26001) and seconded by Mr Shashikant Popatlal (O-26298).

2. Other Matters

Proposal by the Council of Penang Heritage Trust – To review PHT's Membership Subscription Fee

Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee brought members up to speed on the current situation of our membership fee. She said the RM36 per year is equivalent to RM3 per month, and that the rate is on the low side considering all costs like postage and printing have increased. She also mentioned that since we have gained World Heritage-listing status, our workload has increased. PHT acts as a de-facto Tourism Information and Research Centre servicing the World Heritage matter. By doing all these services, PHT will make attempt to seek a grant from the State Government. Miss Ching-Yin Ong (O-26734) asked about PHT's website and whether it is easily accessible for public to leave enquiries. Ms Loh-Lim answered that there should be a State website about world heritage information but unfortunately there was none, hence people fall back on PHT for a lot of information and enquiries.

Mr Brian Coomber (O-26664) suggested one way to get more funding is to seek sponsorship from corporations, banking institutions and hotels, where in turn,

the donors get publicity, for eg, a donor's plaque will be installed at PHT, for a period of twelve months.

After much discussion, Mr Roy de Vries invited Council members to propose a resolution stating the new rate. Since PHT's membership is among the lowest rate in NGOs, the Council members therefore seek permission to increase membership subscription for ordinary members from RM36 to RM60 per year.

A RESOLUTION was therefore made as below:

It was resolved that Penang Heritage Trust Ordinary Membership Subscription be increased from RM36 per annum to RM60 per annum with effect from 1st January 2009.

The motion was nominated by Mr Brian Coomber and seconded by Mr Leslie James and was unanimously supported by all members present.

Dr Tan Chong Guan suggested that members should be encouraged to join PHT as Life Members. The one-off membership fee is RM1,000 only and that will go a long way. Mr Leslie James asked about junior membership. Ms Loh-Lim clarified that the junior membership was already in existence, in that junior members should be below the age of 18. There were a few junior members who joined during workshops but their membership has lapsed.

As there were no other matters, the meeting adjourned at 11.40 am with a vote of thanks to all. Lastly, Mr Leslie James acknowledged his thanks to PHT staff, Magdeline and Sheau Fung for their good work and this was applauded by all.

Members stayed on and enjoyed a singing performance by Mr Johnny Chee and his four lovely back-up nyonya dancers before moving downstairs for tea.

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LAPURAN TAHUNAN 2008/2009
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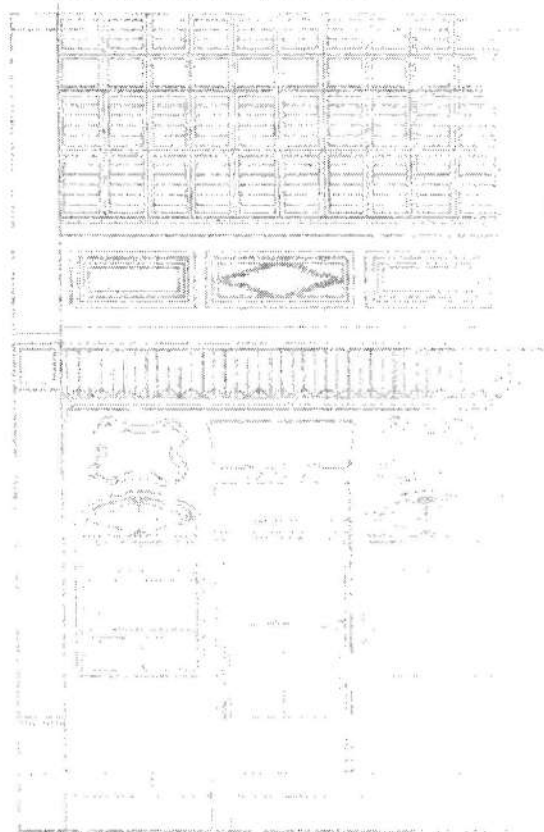
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PHT Council Members (Term 2007/2009)

1. Dr Choong Sim Poey, President
Medical practitioner, ex State Assemblyman and ex-Municipal Councillor, Chairman of several local non-government organisations.
2. Dato' Dr Sharom Ahmat, Vice-President
Director SERI, Former Deputy Vice-Chancellor USM, Academic Advisor University Brunei, Former CEO Wawasan Education Foundation, Director St. Nicholas Home for the Blind.
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 institute.
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, 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 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.
10. 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 (*until 28 June 2008*)
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 2008– 31 August 2009

George Town World Heritage Site - Celebrations

In celebration of the first anniversary of its World Heritage listing (7th July 2009), MPPP with the support of NGOs, organised a month's long event. The opening ceremony held on the actual day, ie 7th July, included with a power-point presentation by CHAT (Cultural Heritage Advisory Team) on George Town as World Heritage Site and its Outstanding Universal Values, a launching of a Heritage Passport (initiated by PHT) and prize presentation of an Art Competition (held 2 day's earlier "A Glimpse through Our Heritage" co-organised by PHT and Penang Teachers' Art Council).

Other than the launch ceremony, PHT organised the 3 sessions of heritage introductory walks conducted in 3 languages for 3 consecutive Saturdays. The closing ceremony included Clan Jetties boat rides from Lim Jetty, Acheen Street Islamic exhibition, solo performance lecture by Marion D'Cruz, trishaw rides, film screenings, open houses and many other activities organised by Kongsis' and associations, street stalls where PHT took up one for the display of PAPA products and a grand cultural performance in the evening.

Also as part of the first anniversary celebration, to showcase George Town's conservation and cultural development efforts, Invest Penang under the Penang State Government, Ms Khoo Salma Nasutin, together with PHT and other NGOs will be organizing the Penang International Conference on Sustainable Cultural Development on the 8th & 9th October 2009. The theme of the conference 'The Economics of Revitalization' encompasses lectures from international speakers and engages local stakeholders, in order to formulate the correct approaches and broaden the movement to revitalize the George Town as World Heritage Site.

Setting Up the World Heritage Office

As a follow up to George Town's UNESCO listing as a World Heritage Site, the Chief Minister of Penang officially launched the George Town World Heritage Office (WHO) on 30 April 2009. This Office, under terms of our dossier, will manage non-statutory matters for the Site including liaison with the local authorities on all matters pertaining to the Site which are outside their purview including branding, promotion, tourism and liaison with State, Federal and International organizations and agencies for betterment of the Site.

The WHO will also liaise with the local community living and working in George Town. Issues to be raised would include public transportation, security, research, impact studies, site interpretation, public awareness and community liaison.

PHT is working closely with Janet Pillai (ARTS-ED), MPPP and Pusat Warisan for the physical set up of the office. Presently it acts as a resource centre in George Town for public to learn about conservation and restoration materials.

A protem committee has been formed under Pn. Maimunah Mohd Sharif as the Acting GM (presently also Director of MPPP Planning Department). Members of the protem committee include representatives from relevant departments of MPPP, NGOs such as

the PHT, ARTS-ED, Lestari Heritage Network, a newly formed Cultural Advisory Team (CHAT), academics from USM and some committed conservationists e.g: Tengku Idaura, Ooi Bok Kim and Tan Yeow Wooi.

Unfortunately, there is still some uncertainty as to the funding of WHO so that it is presently run by 3 staffs from Pusat Warisan Pulau Pinang and cannot be fully operational until it is properly funded and staffed.

1. Council Meetings

Besides informal meetings for projects, PHT held 5 Council meetings and 1 Emergency Meeting (Hunza Suit) since the last AGM. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Dr Choong Sim Poey	6/6
Dato' Sharom Ahmat	6/6
Mr Jack Ong	3/6
Ms Lim Gaik Siang	4/6
En Ahmad Chik	4/6
Dr Tan Chong Guan	1/6
Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee	6/6
Mr Clement Liang	4/6
Mr Timothy Tye	6/6

2. Emergency Meeting

All members of PHT have been informed of the threatened legal suit by Hunza. Hunza cited our press statement dated 14th November 2008 which highlighted the progressive damage to the Loke Mansion and our concern for the Chapel of St Josephs' Novitiate (PHT Newsletter Issue No. 95). At present, no legal proceedings have been initiated.

3. Membership

Founder Members	17
Life Members	76
Ordinary Members	232
Junior Members	0
Total	325 (as compare to 352 last year)

Note :

Members whose subscriptions have lapsed – 540 (Since 2001 till 2008)

PHT Council members have been working hard on the membership drive and appeal to members to support our objectives to get more members and to renew their subscriptions on time.

4. Donations and PHT Funds

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

- Penang State Government – Annual Grant RM10,000
- Penang Tourism Action Council – Street Name Plaque RM70,000
- Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation – LHTA RM22,360, PAPA RM24,000
- Creative Quest S/B (Harry & Rosna Cockrell) – PAPA RM100,000
- Yayasan Haji Zainuddin – PAPA RM40,500
- Tanjung PLC – PAPA RM20,000

5. PHT Projects & programmes

PAPA Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans

The PAPA Project is the brainchild of Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee and En Ahmad Chik and PHT projects facilitator, Ho Sheau Fung. It is the logical extension of the highly successful Living Heritage Treasures Awards Programme where apprenticeship was always viewed as a necessary follow-up. Financing proved a problem till the end of 2008 when sponsorship was sourced from very generous PHT members and corporate supporters.

Ms Fidel Ho was hired as a part-time co-coordinator in January 2009 and the programme was launched on 30 March 2009. The programme provides rental assistance for the artisan, an honorarium to teach, a living allowance for the apprentice and pays for materials used by the apprentice. Items produced by the artisans are for sale to members and the public, and proceeds are shared with the apprentices.

Trainees recruited

- In March, the signboard engraver started the programme with a female apprentice and later joined by another apprentice in April.
- In May the manik (beadwork) group started with five apprentices, sulam (traditional noynya embroidery) with six apprentices and rattan with two male apprentices.
- In July the beadwork shoe making started with a female apprentice. All the apprentices at the moment are part-timers.
- Mr Yin, a rattan weaver, specializes in repairing rattan chairs agreed to teach on an ad-hoc basis
- After Hari Raya, the songkok maker will only start teaching.

No luck yet with the Indian goldsmith who prefers Indian boys who can speak Tamil and preferably Hindus in order to work on temple ornamentation. Unfortunately, the traditional Chinese lantern and joss stick makers refuse to teach at the moment.

We have approached non-A type schools, NGOs and charitable organizations for apprentices but the response has not been good. The apprentices at the moment consist of single mothers, a retrenched worker working temporarily as a parking attendant, free-lancers, self-employeds, and housewives.

All the artisans above are teaching at their own premises except for the manik group which initially used PHT as a temporary classroom. We have managed to rent an old shophouse from Khoo Kongsi at 66, Acheen Street for the project. The Manik group

started operating from there effective 1 September 2009 and the sulam group will move in after Hari Raya in mid-September.

We are in the midst of starting collaboration with KDU on the PAPA project. They will work together with the artisans and the apprentices from the rattan group on product development. Other projects will include packaging for PAPA products, documentation of PAPA and the artisans and flyers for PAPA for publicity if possible.

PAPA would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our sponsors who have contributed so far:

Harry Cockrell & Rosna Yusoff Cockrell (Creative Quest S/B)	RM100,000
Yayasan Haji Zainuddin (1 st - 9 th payment)	RM 40,500
HSBC Bank (1 st payment)	RM 24,000
Tanjung PLC	RM 20,000

Also our sincere thanks to Mr Nick Ridley (member) for his donation of 3 fans and two cabinets, David Yeoh (member) for lending us his antique cabinets and Arkitek LLA for 7 tables and one cupboard which have made No.66 a more comfortable home for PAPA. We urge members to publicise the project and to assist in sourcing apprentices.

Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide Training Programme

In 2007, PHT was entrusted by UNESCO and Kementerian Pelancongan Malaysia (the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism) with the training and certification of UNESCO Cultural Heritage Specialist Guides for George Town, Penang. Accredited trainers from within PHT (Ms L.L.Loh-Lim & Mr Laurence Loh) as well as from UNESCO and the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), Macao SAR, together with local experts, conducted the 6-day (pilot) course at the Malaysian national level.

In 2009, two Regional Training of Trainers Workshops on Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide Programme were held in Macao (from 12 to 16 January) and Borobudur (from 10-15 August). The two workshops were run by trainers from the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), Macao and UNESCO, Bangkok. Representatives from Ministry of Tourism Malaysia (MoTour), Badan Warisan Malaysia (Mr Mark Gibson) and Penang Heritage Trust (Ms Ho Sheau Fung & Mr Leslie James) attended the workshop to devise an outline curriculum for training Cultural Heritage Specialist Guides for Melaka and George Town that is appropriate and suitable to the Malaysian Guide Training National Curriculum. On 29 July, PHT and BWM were appointed by MoTour to develop and deliver the national training curriculum, the trainees' manuals, reading lists (for both George Town and Melaka) and 30-minute video showing a pilot training session based on Modules 1 & 2 requested by UNESCO for use at the Borobudur workshop.

The goal of developing the programme for Melaka and George Town is to set new standards where the Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide Programme will raise professional capacity in guiding visitors at world heritage sites. It aims to provide the highest level of visitor experience, to raise awareness about cultural heritage and conservation issues and to foster awareness of community participation and long-term sustainability of these sites. The visitor to George Town & Melaka, World Heritage Site, will benefit from the best trained cultural heritage guides.

Penang Traditional Performing Arts Festival (TPA)

The Traditional Performing Arts Festival is very much a work in progress. Members may recall that since last year your Trust has been trying to promote an annual festival of traditional performing arts of the region in Penang partly to celebrate our new-found status as a world heritage site and also to promote and preserve these performances which are dying through neglect and lack of support.

Early this year we received a small boost when Khazanah agreed, with a RM50,000 grant, to fund a feasibility study. We then appointed a small team of consultants for a 3 month study which was to have been completed by the end of August 2009.

Unfortunately, things did not work out as we had planned despite a fairly rigorous selection process. Their work did not meet our expectations and the whole situation was made worse by the consultants' attitude which made any meaningful communication with them almost impossible. As a result, PHT and Khazanah decided mid-way through the study to terminate the agreement with much acrimony.

We are now trying to re-start the study with another set of consultants, but due to a shortage of suitable people there may be some delays; we expect that by early next year we should have the feasibility study ready.

Meanwhile, we are still inviting other corporations to sponsor the festival for the initial 5-year period but have not received a favourable response yet. It is our hope that in 2010 we will be able to launch the first of the festivals.

Historic Street Name Plaques Project

This project was initiated by the Penang Heritage Trust in 2007. It was an attempt to document for posterity all the traditional names that the local communities of George Town used when referring to their streets, so that future generations may understand the growth of the inner city. The project was funded by the Penang Tourism Action Council (PTAC) and the implementation was supported by the Municipal Council of Penang Island (MPPP).

In December 2008, a total of 113 plaques featuring historical street names in four languages had been installed on pillars of shop-houses, on end walls and on street lamp posts in the world heritage site of George Town. The project is the first in the country that documents historical street names in a feasible and sustainable manner. Often the local names referred to traditional trades and activities that the area was known for, or to a prominent building or personality. Often the local communities ignored the official names of the streets preferring ones in local dialects that would actually help them to find their way or to locate traders or skills required.

It was an enormous effort driven by all involved to preserve the vulnerable local oral history, an important cultural heritage asset to the community. The plaques have also served as one of the most prominent interpretation tools to enhance the experience of visitors who have come to George Town, UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This project was also one of the most successful fundraising projects for PHT in 2008. Therefore PHT would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals and organizations who were involved in one way or another in the installation of the historic blue plaques:

Ho Sheau Fung, Ahmad Chik, Dato' Anwar Fazal, Tengku Idaura, Ismail Hashim, Prof. Karthigesu, Kali K., Joann Khaw, Muna Mazlan, Faizah, Ooi Bok Kim, P. Murugiah, Tan Kim Hong, Tan Yeow Wooi, Janet Pillai, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, KL, Hindu Sangam Malaysia, Majlis Perbandaran Pulau Pinang (MPPP), Penang State Museum, Penang Tourism Action Council (PTAC) and reporters from various Chinese Press.

PHT-HSBC Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Awards 2008 (LL)

While we were still grieving the passing of Cikgu Bahroodin (Cultural Expert) in June 2008 and Mr. Yeap Seong Kee (Master Kebaya Designer) in Feb 2008, the passing of Dato' Chuah Thean Teng (the Master of Batik Painting of Malaysia) in November 2008 proved to be another great loss for all Penangites and Malaysians.

The judging for the 2009 Living Heritage Treasures Award took place on Tuesday, 31 March 2009, 2.00pm at the Penang Heritage Trust office.

This year, the panel of judges had selected 2 dedicated master craftsmen as our 2009 PHT-HSBC Living Heritage Treasures of Penang. They are Mr. N.B. Samarasena, one of the few remaining jewellery craftsmen from Sri Lanka left in Penang who designs and makes handmade gold & silver jewellery for the store of BP De Silva (clientele whose includes Malaysian royal family members) and Mr. Sim Buk Teik, Penang traditional rattan and cane weaver who produces and invents many intricate and authentic rattan products with a high level of skill. The Awards Presentation was held at the Penang Heritage Trust office on Sunday, 31st May 2009. The Chief Minister of Penang, Mr Lim Guan Eng in the presence of Honourable Dr.D.D. Ranasinghe, High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, presented the cheques and certificates to the 2 award winners.

Nominees for 2009

	Name	Age	Cultural Heritage
1	N.B. Samarasena	85	Master Jeweler of De Silva
2	Yeoh Cheng Im	83	Pioneer 'Actor' of Teochew Opera
3	Lim Swee Kim	75	Nyonya Kebaya designer and tailor
4	Khaw Cheng Poh	78	Mid Autumn Lantern Maker
5	Yong Soon Teik	49	Qi Gong Master
6	Koay Teow Soon	71	Ghee Hiang Biscuit Factory Pastry Master
7	Cheah Swee Huat	58	Bonsai Cultivations & Tea Art enthusiast
8	Sim Buk Tek	81	Rattan & Bamboo Weaver

Once again, we would like to thank our panel of judges for their invaluable input. The panel of judges consisted of Dato' Sharom Ahmat (Chairman /Educationalist), Encik Rosli Rahmat (HSBC Area Manager), Mr Laurence Loh (BWM Representative), Prof Tan Sooi Beng (USM Musicologist), Encik Ahmad Chik (PHT Council) and Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee (Convenor - PHT).

Last but not least, PHT is thankful to HSBC's committed financial support for the last 5 years for this particular project. However, the Penang Heritage Trust has to source for other sponsors after 2010 for this very worthy programme. In order to protect our vulnerable intangible cultural heritage, we need assistance and financial support from various sectors to move forward. We hope that members will also be able to help to seek and source financial support for the LHTA project. Sustainability of our cultural heritage is the ultimate aim of the project.

Suffolk House

At last, light at the end of the tunnel! October 2009 is the targeted date for the soft launch of Suffolk House, under the management of Badan Warisan Malaysia.

For the last 2 and a half years, the Penang State Government under both BN as well as PR, have been unable to come to any clear decisions about the future of Suffolk House. Due to a fear of it being mismanaged, it was left unmanaged for the entire time. PHT continued to keep an eye on the house during this period of uncertainty, ensuring funds were found to both maintain it as well as keep it secure.

Arkitek LLA submitted the restoration for the prestigious UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Conservation Awards 2008, successfully winning the *Award of Distinction* for the Restoration and Conservation of Suffolk house. The Award Ceremony has yet to take place due to the uncertainty over the appointment of a management company in 2008. The Ceremony is planned for October 2009 with the presence of new Director for Culture for UNESCO Asia Pacific, Mr Tim Curtis.

In May 2009, with the kind permission of the Chief Minister, YAB Mr Lim Guan Eng, PHT managed to hold a successful fund raiser at Suffolk House. Emily of Emerald Hill was performed in glorious surroundings and RM27,000 was raised for PHT.

We look forward to a very well managed heritage site and to PHT's continued informal guardianship of Penang's Great House.

Heritage Education Program (September 2008- August 2009)

The demand for the school walks for school students has increased since the world heritage listing. We have received many requests from schools not only from the Island, but from the mainland and some other States. We have conducted at least 20 walks for schools students, of which 12 walks were conducted for students from mainland, Kedah, Taiping and Perak. Due to the increased demand, 10-12 licensed guides were trained by Janet Pillai (ARTS-ED) to conduct George Town migration walk for school students in March 2009.

Cultural Mapping of the Inner City

The partnership with ARTS-ED for Heritage Education program this year was focused on research based projects. A two-year cultural mapping project funded by USM was started in early 2008 to map the cultural assets around the Campbell Street Market and the surrounding of Carnarvon Street. The cultural mapping project was led by Ms Janet Pillai and assisted by Ms Chen Yoke Pin (ARTS-ED), PHT staff Ms Ho Sheau Fung and PHT member Mr Ooi Bok Kim, an experienced architect. The mapping project is aimed to develop a suitable mapping tool to map the cultural assets in

George Town. The first phase of the mapping was very fulfilling and the result has led to the survey of swiftlet and scrap metal operations in the inner city of George Town. It is hoped that the result of the cultural mapping project will be properly inventorised and be used for future research and documentation.

Cultural Heritage Trails / Interpretation Workshop

Based on the cultural heritage trails study completed by Badan Warisan Malaysia in April 2004 for Ministry of Tourism Malaysia to evaluate the existing cultural heritage trails in Peninsula Malaysia, PHT was appointed by Penang Tourism Action Council (PTAC) in May 2008 to facilitate a Cultural Heritage Trails Brainstorming Workshop. Key players involved in cultural heritage preservation were invited to identify areas for improvement of cultural heritage trails and to fabricate a framework to consolidate the promotion and substantiation of George Town as a World Heritage Site.

The first brainstorming workshop on 10 March 2009 was facilitated by Ms Janet Pillai (ARTS-ED), Mr Woo Yee Saik, Dr. Choong Sim Poey, Ms Ho Sheau Fung together with Ms Lim Ee Lin and Mr Mark Gibson (from Badan Warisan Malaysia). Brainstorming for ideas continued into the second workshop, which introduced the concept of Heritage Interpretation to interested participants. Based on the feedback and suggestions from participants, the committee then ran the Heritage Interpretation workshop, namely a series of study tours to various award-winning heritage sites aimed to (a) identify areas for enhancing the quality of visitor experience in the George Town World Heritage Site and (b) to introduce and share among the key players various interpretation tools that will benefit site interpretation and promotion of existing cultural heritage sites and trails.

The Interpretation workshop is still on-going and the study tours have been very well-received. The participants are from various areas of expertise, such as graphic design, web design, tour guiding and guide training.

We would like to thank the following for so generously sharing their time, knowledge, skills and resources : Ms Janet Pillai (ARTS-ED), Ms Khoo Salma Nasutin, Ms Lim Gaik Siang, Dato' Kee Phaik Cheen, Mr Ahswin Gunesekaran (PTAC), Ms Katharine Chua (Tropical Spice Garden), Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee and Mr Timothy Tye.

6. Urban Blight & Heritage Issues

Penang Hill Funicular Railway

"I shall not keep readers in suspense and so will tell them immediately what they already know: our campaign to save the Penang Hill Railway failed and once again the vandals are triumphant" (Quote: *En Ahmad Chik*)

We recognised that it was uphill struggle (pun intended) even before we started, but the funicular railway is such a much-loved icon and a rare engineering treasure that we felt that it was worth the effort. It was obvious that several other groups felt the same way and almost a dozen diverse organisations joined our campaign. The press, particularly the SUN and the Chinese newspapers, were very supportive.

From the outset, there were suspicions that strong vested interests were involved. The 21-day tender period was much too short for a complex contract of this nature that

required specialised inputs from foreign suppliers. We protested loudly, as only the PHT can, and even though it was played up in the press, no one paid any attention and it was soon evident that the whole thing had been stitched up.

Subsequently, the PHT and our NGO allies were invited to meet the Director General of Tourism in KL to present our objections. We arranged for Mr Ric Francis to attend who, together with Mr Ahmad Chik, gave an excellent presentation on the technical and financial aspects of our alternative proposal for upgrading the funicular. It showed how it was much cheaper, faster to implement, respectful of the heritage values, safer and less disruptive. We were well received and initially we thought we had made a difference. The DG was particularly concerned because during the construction period residents at the Middle Station will not have access to the city.

Unfortunately, after the Minister of Tourism was given another briefing by the JKR where we were excluded, we were informed that she decided that the 'official' proposal was the way to go.

The tender has been awarded and work on the ground should begin early next year. Those who wish to savour the leisurely train journey for the last time should do it soon, preferably on a Saturday evening when there is a late service.

For the record, the contract value is RM57 million and the funicular will be out of service for at least 6 months.

CEPAT in the Penang Transport Council

Citizens for Public Transport (CEPAT), led by SP Choong and Ahmad Chik have been appointed as board members of the Penang Transport Council. They continue to push for better public transport services under Rapid Penang and, in cooperation with UNDP/UPEN, to try established barrier-free access for the disabled and elderly and improved facilities for bicycles. Currently, Penang's traffic congestion is worsening and infrastructure for pedestrian access is still poor e.g. insufficient pedestrian crossings, blocked 5-footways and pedestrian pavements and ramps for the disabled, are all clearly important issues in sustainable development both for tourism as well as for the local residents of George Town.

Inner City Swiftlet Breeding Operation Study

The Swift Industry Management Committee chaired by YB Chow Kon Yeow has upheld the moratorium licenses be terminated by 31st December 2009 (an extension of one year since last reported). Subsequent integrated actions on all types of birds and vermins was recommended for the heritage site. Birds are known to carry viruses and this was confirmed by USM Research Expert, En Mohd Hifni Mohd Baharuddin that 60 types of health alarming viruses were actually carried by birds from itchiness, rashes, blindness, flu, tuberculosis and the possible link between birds and H1N1. It was strongly recommended that the breeding operation be confined to open air agricultural lands to protect peoples' health and cultural heritage.

Note that PHT attended a previous meeting early 2008 chaired by YB Malik, where we were confronted by representatives of Swift Breeder association asking for extension to moratorium to Dec 2009 which was granted despite our protests. Also reported an assault on Janet Pillai by a swiftlet breeder in Tok Aka Lane, a police report has been made.

Kampong Buah Pala

The PHT supports the residents of Kampong Buah Pala in their quest to remain in the historic site of where their ancestors settled 200 years ago. They are the heirs of a historic community which contributed to the prosperity of the early settlement of Penang. They have continued with a traditional way of life on the same site until today. We see these as very important reasons for them to be supported and valued as part of the state's assets in historic living culture. Members attended a Ponggal ceremony there in January as a gesture of support.

This is no different from the reason for supporting the Indian community in Little India in the heritage enclave in George Town. It is not only in buildings that history is remembered but also in the continuity of living communities and cultures in their original historic sites that can give meaning to the unique history of our multicultural population. The PHT has used the same arguments to try save the traditional Malay fishing village of Tanjung Tokong.

7. Diary of Events

PHT has been closely involved with the federal, state and local governments on issues related to sustainable development, sustainable living/transport, heritage revitalization, socio-economic-cultural data, urban blight, etc. and have attended numerous meetings with the federal and state governments as well as the local Municipal Council throughout the reporting period.

Listed below are a handful of highlights which the PHT and its Council Members organised, co-organised, supported or promoted in one way or another.

12th Sept 08

Visit by British High Commissioner, HE Boyd McCleary

14th Sept 08

Public Forum on PGCC

18th Sept 08

Visit by Ms. Marrie Schaefer, Public Affairs Counselor of the U.S. Embassy and Mr Chew Wing Foong, Senior Program Specialist, Public Affairs.

21st Sept 08

PHT AGM

14th Sept 08

Local Government Consultative Forum

16th Sept 08

Visit by British Royal Defence Studies Personnel

14th Oct 08

- 2nd Local Government Consultative Forum

- Public Transportation Seminar

12th Nov 08

Visit by Mr Shimada Seiya, Head Cultural Affairs Department, the Japan Foundation.

13th Nov 08

Press Conference re Gurney Paragon – status of Loke Mansion and St Joseph's Novitiate

1st Jan 09

52nd George Town City Day Celebration

15th Jan 09

Dr Choong meeting the evicted tenants at 'Sia Boey' market area

8 Feb 09

Official opening of Batik Painting Exhibition at Galeri Mutiara, sponsored by PHT.

10 Feb 09

Panel Discussion on Branding Penang for the next 10 Years in Industry and Tourism organized by InvestPenang, Lim Gaik Siang attended as a speaker

11 Feb 09

Meeting with Solicitors, Presgrave & Matthew on Sg Bakap Temple dispute. Dr Choong and Clement Liang acted as mediator for temple committee

28 Feb 09

Sustainable Penang Initiative Roundtable

10 Mar 09

Implementation of Cultural Heritage Interpretation Workshop

17 Mar 09

Public lecture by Mr Ho Weng Hin, "A Learning Experience in Architectural Conservation: Applying Italian Analytical Methods to Projects in Singapore" organised by PHT

27 Mar 09

PHT Fundraiser - 'Emily of Emerald Hill' at Suffolk House

30 Mar 09

Official launching of Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans (PAPA) Project

31 Mar 09

The judging for Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Award (LHTA) took place on at Penang Heritage Trust office

17 Apr 09

Panel judging and oral presentation of 2 bid proposals of Traditional Performing Arts Festival (TPA)

22 Apr 09

Press Conference call by Friends of Penang Hill and PHT on the upgrading of Penang Hill Funicular Railway system.

20 May 09

- Formation of World Heritage Site Office (WHS) 1st meeting

- UNDP-UPEN Penang Project "Access Audit of Public Transport Facilities & Infrastructure in Penang Participatory Stakeholder Workshop"

24 May 09

LHTA award ceremony with the presence of the Honorable Penang Chief Minister, High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

05 Jun 09

Meeting was called by the Ministry of Tourism on the upgrading of the Penang Hill Funicular Railway. Tram Expert, Ric Francis was accompanied by Dr Choong Sim Poey and Ahmad Chik.

27 Jun 09

Site Visit by President MPPP to the Christian Cemeteries at Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah accompanied by Dr Choong. Request put forward to MPPP to continue the upkeep of both cemeteries.

28 Jul 09

Local Govt Consultative Forum

05 Aug 09

Landmark/signage meeting for George Town as World Heritage Site

28 Aug 09

Swiftlet Meeting called by Swift Industry Management Committee

8. Heritage Trails/Tours & Site Visits

It is once again an eventful year at Penang Heritage Trust with several interesting trips and site visits. Among the highlights of our 2008-2009 are the trips to Kuala Sepetang, Malacca and a selection of local Site Visits.

At Kuala Sepetang, we enjoyed a delicious seafood dinner by the riverbank. On 1-3 May, 2009, we were hosted by friends who showered us with the wonderful Malacca hospitality. We also got a glimpse of the heritage sites in our sister World Heritage Site.

Closer to home, we visited the King Edward Memorial Maternity Hospital, the House of Yeap Chor Ee, the Sia Boey Market Site and Prangin Canal, Snake Temple and Soonstead, among others. As part of the inscription of George Town as a World Heritage Site, we conducted a series of three street walking tours for the public to understand and appreciate the early history of different parts of George Town. We also rediscovered Little India, witnessed the unveiling of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the Gandhiji Ashram, and joined our Indian friends in celebrating Ponggol at Kampung Buah Pala. Already in the works are new, fascinating trips and site visits for the 2009-2010 year.

The site visits have been rescheduled from the last Sunday to the first Sunday of the month. Below site visits in chronological order:

3rd August 2008

Former King Edward Memorial Maternity Hospital, 57, Macalister Road

7th September 2008

Heritage-cum-Seafood Outing in Kuala Sepetang

5th October 2008

Gandhiji Ashram, Waterfall Road

2nd November 2008

House of Yeap Chor Ee, King Street

4th Jan 2009

Historic Prangin Canal

Old Sia Boey Market Building, Penang

18th Jan 2009

Ponggal "High Chaparral" Harvest Festival at Bukit Gelugor

1st Feb 2009

Upper Beach Street

1st Mar 2009

Chor Soo Kong Snake Temple at Bayan Lepas

5th Apr 2009

Discovering Light Street

5 Jul 2009

Northam Lodge (Soonstead)

2nd Aug 2009

Discovering Little India & 25, China Street

9. Publishing & Publicity

PHT Newsletter

Since the last AGM, 2 newsletters and 14 PHT Circulars have been produced.

- PHT newsletter issue No. 94, October 2008 (28 pages)
- PHT newsletter issue No. 95, April 2009 (24 pages)

Circulars :

- Site visit - Former King Edward Memorial Maternity Hospital, 57, Macalister Road
- Site visit - Heritage-cum-Seafood Outing in Kuala Sepetang
- Site visit - Gandhiji Ashram, Waterfall Road
- Site visit - House of Yeap Chor Ee, King Street
- Site visit - Historic Prangin Canal
- Site visit - Old Sia Boey Market Building
- Site visit - Ponggal "High Chaparral" Harvest Festival at Bukit Gelugor
- Site visit - Upper Beach Street
- Site visit - Chor Soo Kong Snake Temple at Bayan Lepas
- Site visit - Discovering Light Street
- Site visit - Exploring Melaka Tour

Site visit - Northam Lodge (Soonstead)
Site visit - Discovering Little India & 25, China Street
Public Lecture – Mr Ho Weng Hin, “A Learning Experience in Architectural Conservation: Applying Italian Analytical Methods to Projects in Singapore
Stephen Shaw “Capturing the Social Benefits of Heritage”

10. Human Resources

Staff

The office is managed by Ms Magdeline Ng, Ms Ho Sheau Fung and a part-time project co-ordinator for PAPA project, Ms Fidel Ho Fai Fong.

Volunteers

PHT would like to record our thanks to the volunteers, particularly the Intel group who has helped us in our projects namely, the Historic Street Name Plaques' survey, Heritage Arts Competition and Heritage Passport, while offering free service, PHT also received volunteer matching grants from the Intel Involved Matching Grant Program under the Intel Foundation.

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:

- a. Arts-Ed
- b. Academy of Socio-Economic Research and Analysis (ASERA)
- c. AsiaExplorers
- d. Badan Warisan Malaysia (BWM)
- e. Consumer Association of Penang (CAP)
- f. Friends of Penang Hill
- g. Friends of Botanic Garden
- h. Khazanah Nasional Berhad
- i. Lestari Heritage Network
- j. Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)
- k. Penang Teochew Association
- l. Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM)
- m. Socio Economic Research Institute (SERI)
- n. Tan Yeow Wooi Culture & Heritage Research Studio
- o. Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

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

Penang Heritage Trust Treasurer's Report for the Year 2008

As promised, PHT held a fundraising event "Emily of Emerald Hill" at Suffolk House on 27th March 2009 and we have collected a net profit of RM26,509. This amount will be reflected in year 2009 Financial Statements.

For financial year ended 31 December 2008, total income has increased by RM14,565 to RM191,597 (RM177,032 in 2007), total expenses have also increased by RM17,546 to RM187,098 (RM169,552 in 2007). There is a small surplus of RM4,499.

The income derived mainly from the following:

- Project Income (RM87,694)
- Merchandize & Heritage Trail (RM34,963),
- Membership and subscription (RM16,229)
- Government Grant (RM10,000)
- Other Income – Clan jetties project, heritage tour, school walk, rental of office space etc (RM29,369)

Besides main expenses like staff salaries, EPF, projects, trails and tours, we have paid out a RM20,000 to Areca Books being the 1st allocation for the publication of 2nd volume of the Penang Story International Conference proceeding. Other miscellaneous expenses involved PGCC campaign, internship allowance, computer/web hosting paid biennially. We are glad to inform that MPPP has agreed to a 90% waiver of assessment fee as an incentive for the restoration of PHT premises and this will be backdated from Dec 2007 for a period of five years, till Dec 2012.

For financial year ended 31st December 2008, the Suffolk House account held in trust by HSBC and PHT remained as RM749,311. Badan Warisan Malaysia has recently been awarded the tender to manage Suffolk House by the Penang State Government. It is anticipated that BWM will draw up a financial plan and the disbursement of the unutilized funds left in the account to be used as fit-out of Suffolk House.

Our principal Fixed Deposits as at 31st December 2008 were RM147,899, although this reflected a decreasing figure as compared to 2007 (RM205,948), we have since transferred RM80,000 from bank balance of RM98,146 to FD in February 2009.

Lim Gaik Siang
Hon. Treasurer PHT