

**Persatuan Warisan Pulau Pinang
Penang Heritage Trust**

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Annual Report 2011



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Annual General Meeting 2011

3.30 p.m., Sunday, 25th September 2011

Venue: E & O Hotel, Farquhar Street
George Town, Penang

Agenda

1. To consider and approve:
 - The Minutes of the PHT Annual General Meeting – 28th November 2010
 - The PHT Annual Report 1st September 2010– 31st August 2011
 - The PHT Financial Report ending 31st December 2010
2. Election of Office Bearers (2012-2013)
3. Other Matters

Penang Heritage Trust President's Message

We are most fortunate to live in a heritage city with a rich history, amazing architecture, remarkable traditions and a multicultural community. These things used to be taken for granted, and have survived largely because of the slow pace of urban change in the past.

But now the world knows that George Town is special and the local people feel it too. Ironically, the World Heritage listing has contributed to a sudden surge of attention and interventions, and this rapid rate of change is threatening to destroy the things which we have learnt to appreciate. Our history, heritage and community have been recognized as possessing 'outstanding universal values' which must be protected in order to keep our World Heritage listing for George Town. Indeed, these values should be embedded in our approach to development. With this in mind, we appeal to all members of the Penang Heritage Trust, to support our concerns and commitments.

First, we will look at what has come to pass since the last AGM. The Penang Heritage Trust participated in a process to draw up the Special Area Plan, so that conservation policies would have a legal basis in the Town and Country Planning Act. The Penang State Government has also passed a Conservation Enactment, although this has yet to be implemented. A framework is slowly but surely being put in place to 'manage change'.

The old problems have not quite gone away. Derelict buildings like Shih Chung School, the Mission House on Farquhar Street, even the former Judge's Residence, stand as landmarks of wilful neglect. An important case of illegal demolition is unresolved, while threats to other heritage sites loom on the horizon. Tenants are still being displaced, old trades disappearing. Swiftlet houses continue to proliferate, illegal works carry on regardless (especially over the weekends and on public holidays) resulting in irreversible loss of heritage. With all eyes on it and more people thinking about it, however, the heritage agenda is now more focused. It has become clearer to all parties what needs to be done and who is responsible for implementation.

From 1998, the Trust played an instrumental role in the attainment of World Heritage Status for George Town. But now the interest in heritage has suddenly expanded. New organisations like George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI), George Town Festival and Think City have come into the picture with substantial funds and human resources. We welcome this growth as there is always more work to do to safeguard our heritage and realize its potential for the benefit of society. In fact, we have been undertaking exciting projects in collaboration with our new partners. Together with Think City, we have undertaken the programme 'Penang in Global History', a sequel to the original 'Penang Story' of 2002. This has included global lectures on the Bujang Valley, Rabindranath Tagore, and Penang and the Indian Ocean, by prominent speakers such as Professor Wang Gungwu, Dr. Saranindranath Tagore, Professor K.S. Jomo and Sir Christopher Bayly. We celebrated the centenary of Sun Yat Sen's Penang Conference in a big way, working closely with 12 other organisations to stage an international conference and exhibition on Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling, and launching the Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail.

Together with George Town Festival, we helped to programme community events and performances showcasing our living heritage in the Tapestry of Cultures in July 2011. Our study on traditional performing arts has been completed, providing a framework for our future involvement in key areas of George Town's living heritage.

Together with AusHeritage and GTWHI, we organised a series of training workshops on conservation management planning, design and infill, cultural tourism, and capacity building for managing the World Heritage Site, featuring Australian and Malaysian experts on the subjects, and participated by various sectors of the heritage industry.

We are currently involved in a community building workshop in league with the Asian Coalition of Housing Rights (Bangkok), Think City and GTWHI, a promising approach which mobilizes community-level stakeholders to have more voice in urban change.

We have also maintained our usual programmes. This last year, we organised nine site visits to various places of cultural and historic significance. We have kept up our commitments to traditional trades through the Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans (PAPA). We continue to play our role as a heritage watchdog, with the help of heritage-lovers, concerned citizens and the internet. Yet, we are constantly required to do more. There is growing pressure for us to expand our attention to places of cultural significance outside the World Heritage Site, including Seberang Prai, Penang Hill, the Botanic Gardens and historic cemeteries. We cannot but gradually take on more of an ecological and environmental agenda, as our society's objectives compel us to protect nature as well as culture.

In order to strengthen the Trust, we need to create stable sources of funding, enlarge our membership, as well as build our staff and volunteer capacity. We certainly need people with skills, experience, and enthusiasm to come on board as council members and volunteers. We also need to attract the younger generation. The Penang Heritage Trust has been spearheading the conservation movement for the last 25 years. The date 22nd August 2011 marked the 25th anniversary of the Trust. We are celebrating this milestone with a series of commemorative and fund-raising events that will take us to the 10th anniversary of the Penang Story in 2012. We need you to remind the people you know that we are a deserving tax-exempt charity.

We have got to this point through the efforts of the founders and pioneers of Penang Heritage Trust who gave generously of their ideas, time and money. Now that the movement has more momentum than ever, we realise that the organisation will have to step up to the next level. If we are to remain relevant for the next 25 years, we need to be stronger and more strategic in our actions, while remaining true to our vision. And we must pave the way for a new generation of heritage leaders to champion Penang's history, heritage and community. Please help us to carry out our mission of preserving Penang's heritage for future generations.

Khoo Salma Nasution
President, Penang Heritage Trust

Penang Heritage Trust
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2010
Sunday, 28 November 2010 at 3.30 pm
Suffolk House, Jalan Air Itam, Penang

Members Present

Angeline Leong Mee Foong	Lim Gaik Siang
Ann Cutter	Lim Kim Suan
Anwar Fazal (PHT Trustee)	Lim Siew Kang
Betty Cotton	Lim siew Kok
Brian Walling	Loh-Lim Lin Lee
Carolyn Walling	Maire Louise Oh
Ch'ng Saw See	May de Vries
Chen Ching Eng	May Yeap
Chew Khuan Yin	Ong Siew Guat
Choong Sim Poay	Ooi Teik Chye
Chow Chee Kit	Phan Gaik Chen
Clement Liang	R. K. jones
Cumalle Ang Poay Khuan	Rebecca Wilkinson
Eng Saw	Roy de Vries
Eric Yeoh Kok Ming	Sharom Ahmat
Helen Foong Hei Ling	Sharon Cheah
Jack Ong	Steve Pegg
Jacqlyn Khor	Tan Chong Lam
Janet Saw Suat Hoon	Teh Ewe Hoon
Janette Khaw	Timothy Tye
Joanna Aeria	Tong C.K. Ho
John Robertson	Ursula Schnidlt-Dogru
Khoo Salma Nasution	Wong Oiling
Laurence Loh (PHT Trustee)	Woon Shyan
Lawrence Chuah	Yap Ching Chau
Lee Yong Seng	Yeap Peng Hoe
	Yeoh Peng Hong

Staff in Attendance

Ho Sheau Fung

Lau Pei Ling

(Names of PHT Council members for term 2009-2011 are in bold)

President's Welcome Address

The President, Khoo Salma Nasution, welcomed all members present and called the meeting to order at 3.45 pm. Apologies were read out: Ahmad Chik and Joe Sidek.

Khoo Salma thanked Badan Warisan Malaysia and council member Lin Lee for arranging the 2010 PHT AGM at Suffolk House. She expressed that the Trust is very glad that Badan Warisan Malaysia is awarded as the management company to manage Suffolk House. PHT has been working very hard since day one to promote the restoration of Suffolk House.

1. **a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM 2009**
The Minutes of the AGM held on 4 October 2009 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Ms. Ong Siew Guat (O-26457) and seconded by Ms. Phan Gaik Chen (O-26759).
- b) Presentation of the Annual Report 2010**
Mr Clement Liang, Honorary Secretary, presented the Annual Report:-
 - i) George Town City Day, 1st January 2010
PHT has been spearheading the efforts to bring the awareness among the public that George Town became the first city in the Federation of Malaya via a royal charter granted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 1st, January 1957. In 2009, PHT was working closely with MPPP to conduct Heritage Walks for the public to understand the multi-layered histories of George Town.
 - ii) Membership
Clement thanked all the sponsors for their continuous financial support. He also urged members to bring more friends to join the Trust to support the conservation efforts.
 - iii) Study Trip to Nara Machizukuri Centre, May 2010
Salma, Clement and Sheau Fung were sponsored by Japan Foundation for a seminar and study trip to Nara and Kyoto in Japan. Organised by Nara Machizukuri Centre, the trip was meant to share the success as well as issues faced by George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site to the public in Japan with our sister organisation, Nara Machizukuri Centre. Clement commented that through the exchange, the group learnt the common problems faced by the other WHS and ways to overcome them. It was an eye opener and they were given the opportunity to look at how Nara and Kyoto restored and revived the usage of the old Machiya or shop houses and the promotion of traditional trades.
 - iv) George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site Celebration, July 2010
Salma congratulated Joe Sidek, the key person who organised the one-month long George Town Festival with great success. The festival showcased what Penang has through a street party celebrated by all cultural groups and local communities in George Town. One of the most successful events was the shophouse tour co-organised by PHT, PTGA and ARTS-ED to celebrate our built heritage. It was hoped that the shophouse tour could be developed into a walking heritage trail for George Town.
 - v) Projects & Programmes

PAPA

Project Convener, Ms. Loh-Lim Lin Lee reported that the program has managed to sustain for another fruitful year. The program had also set up a workshop at 66 Acheen Street that housed the artisans. Due to the overwhelming requests, PAPA started the fee-paying workshops, where bead works and rattan workshops were conducted. Lin Lee further

informed that PHT is still looking for suitable artisans and apprentices for the project. She asked members to offer assistance for more artisans and apprentices to join the program.

Living Heritage Treasure Awards

Ms. Loh-Lim appealed to members to help the Trust to source for sponsorship to this meaningful program which gives recognition to outstanding craftsmen and artisans. The sponsorship from HSBC ended in 2010. The Trust needs new sponsors to continue its funding as we have committed financial remuneration of RM2,000 to each artisan for the rest of their lives. Currently there are 8 awardees who are paid a total of RM16,000 per annum.

Regional Community Housing Workshop, Aug 2010

Salma reported that a staff of the Trust was sent to participate in the Regional Community Architects Workshop in Chiang Mai. The workshop was organised by a regional network programme based in Thailand, ACHR (Asian Coalition of Housing Rights). The participants from Penang would come back to look at affordable housing issues in George Town. The Trust will continue to support this programme as the spiralling of housing prices after the World Heritage Listing and rental hikes adversely affect the local people who live and work in George Town.

PHT Website

Salma felt that the PHT website should be revamped in order to capture the younger generation to join the Trust. It was felt that younger generation is keener to access information via website. A user-friendly and dynamic website could reach a wider audience, win more members and help generate more funds for PHT. Salma recorded her appreciation to Mark and Reese who had come in to help PHT to revamp the website.

iv) Urban Blight & Heritage Issues

Swiftlet Issue

Rebecca reported that the swiftlet farming issue has been going back and forth over the years. It was announcement by the Deputy Prime Minister that no more swiftlet farming in George Town and Melaka. In the same year, the State Government reached a final decision to follow the 1GP guideline developed by the Department of Veterinary which disallows swiftlet farming within 50m of residential areas. It is reported that the plan will be implemented by MPPP soon, but it is foreseen that it will take about 3 years to remove the swiftlet farming operations in town. The removal process does not involve merely the closing down of the swiftlet houses, but requires the relocation of live chicks to other places.

Brook Road

Lin Lee reported that the battle to protect and conserve Penang's heritage did not confine itself to George Town WHS alone. In view of the rapid disappearance and demolition of more heritage buildings in the city and outskirts, it has become necessary to monitor those heritage buildings existing outside the WHS.

The Brook Road development involves the demolition of 2 existing pre-war buildings to build more houses on the same plot.

The Botanic Gardens

Lin Lee also reported that the campaign for the Botanic Gardens was the big battle won for the year. The campaign was started in March 2010 upon the public awareness of the massive and inappropriate development proposals for the Gardens. Ahmad Chik and Lin Lee worked

together with the Penang Forum Group to investigate the entire process, the budget involved and eventually the obligingly tilting arches. There was great concern about the overall management of the Botanic Gardens. Through this campaign, the State Government and Federal Government should have learnt that massive development projects must come with public consultations and proper management.

Lin Lee also reported that Tengku Iduara – past President of Friends of Botanic Gardens has been made the Director of the Botanic Garden for 2 years to look into the management of the gardens.

It is suggested by a member that PHT website should have a page that can provide public a platform to make their protest on all sorts of projects related to massive development that lacks public consultation.

Heritage Trails & Tours

Timothy reported that the PHT monthly site visits provided good opportunities for PHT members to get to know one other. It also helped the members to appreciate the significance of heritage. Timothy also urged members to provide more suggestions for the site visit.

He added that even though PHT was not able to arrange the heritage tours outside Penang, there are plans to visit Songkhla, Ipoh and Singapore in future.

Human Resource

Sheau Fung has been promoted as the manager, assisted by Lau Pei Ling who has just graduated from the university. PAPA is coordinated by Hooi Seam. She also wanted to thank Leslie James who has been tirelessly editing our newsletter.

Presentation of Honorary Treasurer's Report

Ms Lim Gaik Siang, the Honorary Treasurer presented her report.

She reported that even though PHT is having deficit in this year's account, she is still optimistic that our financial condition will be further improved. She revealed that there are several ongoing projects that will generate income to the Trust e.g., the Sun Yat Sen International Conference. The conference had received donations from private sectors and it became the main fundraising event that generated substantial income for PHT.

As there were no further comments, the Treasurer's report was adopted with Brian Wailing as proposer and Ms. Chen Phan Gaik as seconder.

3. **Other Matters**

Salma expressed that George Town does not have a tourism office in town. PHT has been providing free service to all the tourists and visitors. Since the listing of the WHS, the PHT council members and the staff had been attending all sorts of meetings. And next year will be the 25th anniversary of PHT. She hoped that members can help us to get sponsors or new members to join the trust.

Loh-Lim also expressed that after the UNESCO listing, PHT has become the first contact point for the researchers from all over the world. The EXCO members were spread thin and needed more resources from the members to offer their help to take care of visitors. It is agreed that the office is under-resourced in terms of manpower. Timothy echoed the idea of having volunteers to man the office, as this was commonly practiced in other World Heritage Sites.

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LAPORAN TAHUNAN 2010/2011
September 2010 – Ogos 2011

Penang Heritage Trust
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September 2010 – August 2011

PHT Council Members (Term 2010/2011)

1. **Khoo Salma Nasution, President**
Local historian, author and publisher, Penang Story, Areca Books, Lestari Heritage Network, Little Penang Street Market, Penang Sun Yat Sen Base, Phuket-Penang Peranakan Networks.
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. **Dr. Choong Sim Poey, Immediate Past President**
Medical practitioner, ex State Assemblyman and ex-Municipal Councillor, Chairman of several local non-government organisations.
4. **Mr Clement Liang, Honorary Secretary**
Active in regional cultural and nature conservation NGOs, researcher on the historical minorities. Speaker and interpreter in several foreign languages. A certified guide and educator in heritage, cross cultural and tourism subjects.
5. **Ms Lim Gaik Siang, Honorary Treasurer**
Vice president for Asia Pacific of a USA fortune 500 company. Committee member of George Town World Heritage Incorporated. Advisor to the Conservation Committee of Penang Teochew Association and former Chairman of the North Malaya Teo-Aun Association. A technical consultant, researcher for Chinese history and Mandarin resource person for PHT. Speaker for WHS, Chinese culture, Chinese heritage and history.
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. **Mr Jack Ong**
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.
9. **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.
10. **Joe Sidek**
Impresario, Cultural Advocate and a socially involved Industrialist.
11. **Rebecca Wilkinson**
Artist and designer now residing with her family in their restored merchants house on China Street, George Town. The house was originally saved because of direct action by members of PHT in the 90's.

PHT Trustees

1. Dato' Anwal Fazal
2. Laurence Loh

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. Mr Gan Teik Chee, Legal Advisor to the Trust (*Deceased 2010*)
5. Mr Tan Kuan Aw, Advisor to the Trust in the area of Access for Disabled People
6. Mr Leslie A.K. James, Guest Editor of the PHT Newsletter

PHT Annual Report
1 September 2010– 31 August 2011

1. Council Meetings

Besides informal meetings for projects, PHT held 4 Council meetings since the last AGM. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Ms. Khoo Salma Nasution	4/4
Dato' Sharom Ahmat	2/4
Mr Clement Liang	4/4
Ms Lim Gaik Siang	2/4
Ms Loh-Lim Lin Lee	3/4
Mr Jack Ong	2/4
Mr Timothy Tye	3/4
Mr. Joe Sidek	1/4
Ms. Rebecca Wilkinson	3/4

2. Membership

Founder Members	17	
Life Members	106	
Ordinary Members	274	
Corporate Member	1	
Total	398	(as compare to 354 last year)

Note :

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.

3. Donations and PHT Funds

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

- Sun Yat Sen Conference
 - Khazanah National Berhad RM150,000.000
 - Venice Residence Sdn Bhd- RM50,000.00
 - Dato' S.M. Aidid – RM40,000.00
 - Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, RM39,350.00
 - Muda Holdings Berhad- RM20,000.00
 - Loke Gim Tay, Opening Dinner
 - Dato' Khor Ten Haw, Closing Dinner
 - OCBC Bank (M) Berhad- RM5,000.00
 - Dato' Seri Nazir Arif- RM3,000.00
 - Royal Selangor International Sdn Bhd

- ThinkCity Sdn Bhd – Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail – RM60,000.00
- Think City Sdn Bhd- PAPA Documentation Project – RMRM37,400
- Hongkong Shanghai Bank (HSBC)- PAPA- RM15,000.00
- OCBC Bank Berhad - Sun Yat Sen Penang's Conference "A Centennial Commemoration" Exhibition RM10,000.00

4. PHT Projects & Programmes (September 2009- August 2010)

A. SUN YAT SEN PENANG CONFERENCE 2011, 19-21 NOVEMBER 2010

This was the largest event organised by PHT in 2010 and it also served as a major fundraiser for PHT. Through this event, PHT reached a large local and international public.

In 2010, a week after Sun Yat Sen's birthday anniversary on 12 November, the people of Penang celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Penang Conference. In conjunction with this, the **22nd Joint Conference of the Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling Memorials** was held in Penang for the first time outside of China. Delegates representing 30 Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling museums and memorial sites from China, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and the Phillipines converged for this event. They were joined by 29 direct descendants of Sun Yat Sen and his elder brother Sun Mei. A highlight of this event was the Penang Story lecture delivered by the eminent Professor Emeritus Wang Gungwu.

The memorials network and joint conference were inaugurated in 1989 and now includes more than 40 organizations around the world. In November 2010, the 22nd Joint Conference took place in Penang, Malaysia. It was hosted by the Sun Yat Sen Penang Base, which has been the sole Malaysian member of the Joint Conference since 2005. PHT was the secretariat for this International Joint Conference.

The celebrations took place over six months and was organised by a large coalition of government and 13 non-government bodies:

- The celebrations kick started with the International Centennial Celebrations of Sun Yat Sen's 1910 'Penang Conference' in July 2010 at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall in Taipei with a charity premier of 'Road To Dawn.
- The façade of the Sun Yat Sen Penang Base was restored.
- The Penang Heritage Trust developed the Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail.
- An extensive exhibition entitled 'Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling: Their Life and Legacy' was put up by Min Sin Seah and Penang Heritage Trust at the Penang Museums' new premises. The exhibition also highlighted the importance of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his movement in the history of Penang and Malaysia, and contained a lot of new information on their contributions in Chinese education, the Chinese press as well as social and political movements. This is the first exhibition outside of China organised by the memorials network.

The International Centennial Celebrations were a culmination of Penang's efforts to commemorate Sun Yat Sen's historic sojourn in Penang. Museum curators and scholars came together to talk about the significance of the 1910 Penang Conference. The international delegates and Sun's descendants met with the custodians of heritage sites in Penang who have preserved Sun's memory. With these celebrations, we have revisited the legacy of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his followers in Penang, while reminding the world of Penang's contribution to the China Revolution of 1911. Events included the launching of the Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail, a delegate's tour, an international symposium and a drama production.

The event was hosted by Sun Yat Sen Penang Base and organised by Min Sin Seah and Penang Heritage Trust, in partnership with the Penang Chinese Town Hall, Wawasan Open University, Equator Academy of Art, Penang Chinese Town Hall, Taipei Investors in Malaysia Association, Malaysia, The Federation of Alumni Association of Taiwan Universities, Chung Ling High School Alumni Association, Penang Zhongshan Association, Penang Philomatic Union, Penang Tourist Guides Association, Vision Academy (Malaysia) and supported by Think City, Penang Global Tourism and Penang State Museum.

B. SUN YAT SEN IN PENANG HERITAGE TRAIL, Nov 2010- March 2011

The Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail is a project developed by PHT and supported by Think City Sdn Bhd. The trail has identified and documented 19 historical sites in Penang associated with Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his followers. We foresee that the research will be continued to further enrich the trail and the documentation of this historical revolutionary movement in Penang.

C. AUS-HERITAGE FORUM: PROGRESSING WITH HERITAGE, March- May 2011

With George Town's listing as a World Heritage Site, the growing importance of heritage to Penang's future is now widely recognized. Through collaboration between AusHeritage and Penang Heritage Trust (PHT), nine Australian heritage specialists were invited as resource persons for four heritage forums and workshops took place in Penang from March to May 2011. The forums and workshops were organized by George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI) and supported by the Penang Government, Penang Global Tourism (PGT) and the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM).

The heritage forums were held on Saturdays. These were open to the public and consisted of public lectures in the morning presenting international and Australian heritage practices and issues. In the afternoon, stakeholder forums with representatives from different sectors identified current challenges and possible areas of cooperation between different heritage practitioners from different fields and other relevant stakeholders and areas of expertise. Sundays and Mondays were dedicated to closed-door focus group workshops to table and produce realistic and achievable action plans and recommendations to the government and other relevant bodies.

The forum and workshop series were designed to nurture the expertise and build on the existing knowledge in Malaysia required for the conservation of the World Heritage Site. It aimed to raise the general levels of interest and awareness, promote dialogue between government, non-government and professionals, as well as forge collaboration among different sectors of the heritage industry. It is anticipated that the series will contribute towards skills development and institutional strengthening for the care and management of the unique George Town WHS as well as wider heritage places across Malaysia.

D. PENANG STORY PROJECT, 2010

The Penang Story Initiative was started in 2001 by Penang Heritage Trust and jointly organized by Star Publications with the support of various stakeholders. With the UNESCO WHS Inscription in 2008 and the growing awareness about cultural heritage issues, the new chapter of the Penang Story, Penang in Global History, not only continues to “celebrating cultural diversity” but expanded to include a ‘re-discovery’ of Penang’s place in local, regional and global history.

With the support and active partnership of Think City Sdn Bhd, the project had successfully organized the following lectures:

- **Remnants of a Relationship: Significance of the Bujang Valley to Penang & Global Archeology** on 18 December 2010, 5.00pm at Wawasan Open University by Universiti Sains Malaysia’s Centre for Global Archaeological Research (CGAR) Director Associate Professor *Dr Mokhtar Saidi*, who headed the archeological dig that recently unearthed monuments dating back 1,900 years and where the oldest recorded man-made buildings in Southeast Asia have been discovered.

- **Inaugural Penang Story Lecture “Sino-Western Penang Responses”** on 19 September 2011, 2.00pm at Bayview George Town Hotel, by the illustrious *Professor Wang Gungwu*, Chairman of the East Asian Institute and University Professor, National University of Singapore and Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University.
- **Tagore and His Cosmopolitan Vision**, by the grand nephew of *Dr Rabindranath Tagore*, Dr Saranindranath Tagore at 9.30am on 14th May 2011 at Wawasan Open University. This is part of a series of events that we are organising in conjunction with the *Tagore in Penang* celebration being held on May 12th, 13th and 14th.
- **Globalisation and Penang**, 28th July 2011, 4pm-6pm at Wawasan Open University by *Jomo Kwame Sundaram*, the Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development in the United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Penang and Indian Ocean Conference which will be organized in September 2011, is also part of the Penang Story Project.

PHT would like to wholeheartedly express our gratitude to all the team members of Think City Sdn Bhd for their active support in organizing the Penang Story Project.

E. SUN YAT SEN EXHIBITION AT KONGSOON HOUSE, 6- 30 MAY 2011

In conjunction with 100th anniversary of the Huanghuagang Uprising (27 April 1911) which was planned during the 'Penang Conference' of 1910, PHT put up an exhibition entitled '**SUN YAT SEN'S PENANG CONFERENCE: A CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION**'. The exhibition featured four themes related to Sun Yat Sen’s revolution in Penang with his supporters: Sun Yat Sen in Penang and the 'Penang Conference', Sun Yat Sen's Penang Supporters, Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail and Sun Yat Sen's Post-1911 Impact on Penang.

The exhibition took place at the Kongsoon House, 1 Lebuh Gereja/ 24 Lebuh Pantai, Penang which was previously down the street from the PHT office. The exhibition was sponsored by OCBC Bank Berhad (which also provided the rent-free venue), and was supported by Penang Min Sin Seah and Sun Yat Sen Penang Base. The launch was officiated by Ms. Tan Siok Choo, the Director of OCBC Bank, on Friday, 6 May 2011 at noon at Kongsoon House.

F. GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL 2011 & UNESCO WHS CELEBRATIONS ‘Tapestry of Culture’

To celebrate the 3rd anniversary of George Town being listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site, the George Town Festival (GTF) 2011 had a special highlight on ‘Tapestry of Culture’, a 3-day street celebration that featured the local arts and cultural performance and crafts to the public. PHT is proud to be part of the GTF team to organize the following events with George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI).

TAPESTRY OF CULTURES - GEORGE TOWN WORLD HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS, 7-9 July 2011

To celebrate the city’s rich history and cultural diversity, the theme of the celebrations was based on the three Outstanding Universal Values (OUV) associated with the World Heritage listing, with each day of the festival devoted to one OUV: tangible and intangible heritage, multicultural exchanges and architectural landscape.

Day 1: events on this day featured performances and exhibitions that expressed our living heritage, art and music, food, language, and religious practices

Day 2: Together with GTWHI, PHT organized various talks and forums to cover a brief yet useful introduction to George Town's multi-faceted history. The talks included:

1. Public Talk: Japanese Occupation of Penang by Clement Liang

Venue : Town Hall, MPPP, Jalan Padang Kota Lama

Time : 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Language: English

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Japanese occupation of Malaya which lasted 3 years and 8 months and was the darkest period in the history of Penang. The talk was presented by PHT Honorary Secretary Clement Liang using rare archived photos and video footage.

2. Public Talk: The Jawi Peranakan and Straits Muslims: Culinary Heritage and Food Tourism by Wazir Jahan Karim

Venue : Town Hall, MPPP, Jalan Padang Kota Lama

Time : 8.30pm to 10.00pm

Language: English

PHT Muslim Heritage Advisor, Prof. Wazir spoke on Jawi Peranakan foods. Jawi Peranakan Foods are fusions of Malay, Punjabi, Arab (Yemeni, Mecca in Saudi) North Indian Iranian and Turkish cuisines, reminiscent of the early Muslim migrants to this entrepôt city in the early eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. *Jawi Peranakan* women are socialised to cook from a young age, great is the belief that the way to a man's heart is through the stomach. In the old days, the richness of *Jawi Peranakan* food did not lead to weight issues for they would always dance the frisky *ronggeng* or *joget* as the last *adat* ritual of weddings and feasts of celebrations. In *Jawi Peranakan* culture, food, wealth and women are an integral part of the enrichment of social networks, status and community building.

3. Public Talk and Demonstration: History of Baba Nyonya by Michael Cheah

Venue : Studio at Straits Collection at 86 Lebuhr Armenian

Time : 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Language: English

PHT member, Michael Cheah presented “The Penang Babas & Nyonyas, their history, culture and ceremonies” and shared his Baba tales: Memoirs of a Penang Baba. The presentation showed images of Michael and his family members. It provided an insight story of how Baba Nyonya culture was practiced in a Penang family.

4. Public Talk: Sun Yat Sen in Penang by Lim Gaik Siang

Venue : Penang Teochew Association, Lebuhr Chulia

Time : 8.30pm to 10.00pm

Language: English and Mandarin

PHT Hon. Treasurer, Lim Gaik Siang presented an in-depth talk on Sun Yat Sen in Penang. Sun Yat Sen visited Penang for at least 5 times between 1905 and 1911. In 1910, he transferred the Tongmenghui Nanyang Headquarters and his family to Penang. Then in November, he convened the “Penang Conference” to plan the Second Guangzhou Uprising or the Huanghuagang Uprising, which eventually led to the historic Xinhai Revolution of 1911.

Day 3: On this day, PHT together with ARTS-ED, GTWHI and PTGA offered shophouse trails and heritage 'open houses' allowing visitors to experience the unique world of George

Town. Together with Penang Tourist Guide Association, Penang Heritage Trust offered the **Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail** and **Cemetery Tour** to the public and our members.

G. PHT WEBSITE

PHT's website was finally completed. The design has been changed to provide more interactive and user friendly interface to the users. The website has a special link reporting heritage alerts in Penang, and it also has a forum inviting interested parties to post their concerns on our website.

We wish that members can actively participate in all our events. Do subscribe to the RSS feed as soon as possible to get first hand stories on all the alerts and events organized and promoted by Penang Heritage Trust.

PHT is on FACEBOOK! To reach out to the general public, this year, we have taken steps to setup a facebook account with the hope that our heritage alerts and events will be able to raise awareness among the general public.

H. PENANG APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES FOR ARTISANS (SEPTEMBER 2010- AUGUST 2011)

Starting from March 2009, PAPA continued its mission to engage more traditional artisans and young people to participate in the apprenticeship program. With the aim of sustaining these cultural assets, we have been looking for potential and committed artisans and apprentices to participate the programme.

The on-going apprenticeship programmes consist of Nyonya bead work, rattan weaving, traditional signboard/wood carving and hand making of shoes. We are looking for apprentices to sign up for Songkok making, and to learn from traditional Chinese and Indian goldsmiths. Regrettably, the Mengkuang weaver had discontinued the teaching due to some unforeseen circumstances.

This year, the PAPA project was awarded a grant by Think City Sdn Bhd to document 6 artisans who participated in the project. The Trust proposed to Think City to consolidate existing information on Traditional Crafts practised by artisans, and to document these vulnerable individuals and their skills which had previously not been extensively documented. It is essential that proper documentation of their skills, processes and knowledge be acknowledged, preserved and transmitted, in order that our heritage skills can be preserved and continued.

In order to protect our vulnerable intangible cultural heritage, we hope that PHT members can play a more active role by helping us to look for potential artisans and apprentices, to publicise the programme and to seek and source financial support. Volunteers in the form of ideas and help are always welcomed by the project team.

The council members would like to thank Ms. Ng Hooi Seam, the former PAPA coordinator for her tireless efforts on the PAPA project, and we wish to welcome May Yeap Kam Moey to join the PAPA project as the new Project Coordinator.

I. LIVING HERITAGE TREASURES AWARD 2011

PHT has been very grateful to HSBC's committed financial support for the last five years. This year, the funding has been discontinued, and the trust is still painstakingly looking for potential sponsors to continue funding this worthwhile project.

Over the last 6 years, the project has awarded 11 artisans and cultural practitioners who carry with them the passion and highest degree of skills and knowledge in cultivating the crafts and cultural heritage assets of Penang. Through this award, many of these artisans and cultural practitioners were empowered to continue their efforts to protect and to pass on the skills and technique to the next generation. Today, we are glad that we still have 8 awardees who are still continuing their efforts to disseminate the knowledge and skills, we grieve over the loss of Cikgu Bahroodin bin Ahmad (the Penang performing arts and cultural expert), Dato' Chuah Thean Teng (the Father of Batik Painting) and Mr. Yeap Seong Kee (the Master Kebaya Designer). We hope that Dato' Lim Bian Yam (the Chef extraordinaire/ Floral Designer & Instructor) and Mr. N.B. Samarasena (one of the few remaining jewellery craftsmen from Sri Lanka left in Penang) will recover from their illness, and join us for the preservation of our intangible cultural heritage. We desperately hope that members will be able to help to seek and source financial support for the LHTA project.

J. TRADITIONAL PERFORMING ARTS STUDY

The idea of having a traditional performing arts festival was mooted by Ahmad Chik many years ago. PHT has submitted a study plan to Think City to serve as the blue print for organizing a festival. Part of the study was tested this year during the 3-day street celebrations "Tapestry of Culture" and the outcome was encouraging. The idea was welcomed by Joe Sidek, the Director of George Town Festival, and we are hoping that with the support of George Town Festival, the festival will kick off next year as one of the highlights of the George Town Festival.

5. Heritage Trails / Tours & Site Visits

In the past year, three Site Visits and one Heritage Tour. The site visits were to Cintra Street, Yeng Keng Hotel, St. George's Church and Thin Seng Sauce Factory. We also had a two-day Heritage Tour of Ipoh and Papan. We are in the process of planning new site visits and heritage tours which we hope to announce once they are finalized.

28 November 2010 AGM & in-house tour of Suffolk House by Laurence Loh & Lin Lee

9 January 2011 - Japanese Community in Penang, Cintra Street by Clement Liang

Feb 2011 - Break for Chinese New Year

13 March 2011 - Yeng Keng Hotel, Chulia Street. hosted by Dato' Ong Kim Huat and hotel manager, Jacky

Apr 2011 - No site visits. Members were invited to 'Progressing With Heritage' forums.

14 May 2011 - St. George Church, Faquhar Street. Briefing given by Roy Chai, member of the St. George's Church restoration committee.

5 June 2011 - Thin Seng Soy Sauce Factory, Kampong Malabar. Sharing by Jenny, the 3rd generation of family involved in this cottage industry.

18 & 19 June 2011 - Heritage Tour of Ipoh and Papan

This long awaited tour to Ipoh and Kinta was coordinated by council member Timothy Tye and spouse, 2 staff and 17 members and friends. In Kinta, the group was guided by Law Siak Hong from Perak Heritage Society. We visited historic sites in Papan and Batu Gajah such as Sybil Kathigasu's house and makeshift clinic, Raja Bilah's mansion, Batu Gajah Jail and Cemetery, Batu Gajah Hospital as well as the last tin dredge in Malaysia. The tour ended with a jelly desert drink and seafood dinner in Tanjong Tualang.

In Ipoh, Mark Lay from Kinta Heritage Sdn Bhd led the Ipoh Heritage Walk following the self-guided map produced by Perak state authorities. The tour started with a welcome note from the Head of the State Legislative Council for Tourism. The Ipoh heritage tour through the Old Town ended with a lunch of Ipoh's heritage food in a famous coffee shop just at the end of Concubine Street.

July 2011

This was a month filled with cultural activities. In conjunction with George Town Festival, cemetery tours and Sun Yat Sen PHT offered heritage tours to our members as part of our regular site visits. This was in addition to the activities organized under Tapestry of Cultures.

6. **STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME:**

In the beginning of 2011, PHT received a number of visiting students from universities in Japan, particularly Osaka City University, Yokohama City University and Ritsumeikan University. Ritsumeikan, one of Japan's biggest private universities, sent two internship students to PHT in February as part of their overseas immersion programs to learn about the local communities. Manami Kimura and Yuki Morikawa were chosen to participate in the program and were attached with PHT for 2 to 4 weeks. They chose heritage tourism and youth's arts programs in Penang as research topics. The students were familiar with the heritage conservation and revival of traditional crafts in their hometowns and they shared some unique Japanese perspectives on Penang's efforts to do the same. Through the student internship programme, PHT is able to enhance its credentials in overseas academic institutions as a centre of heritage and social studies on Penang.

7. **HERITAGE ALERTS:**

Historical Heritage: Preservation of historical burial sites, memorial monuments, cenotaphs, tombs

About 70 graves of the descendants of Kapitan Koh Lay Huan, the first Chinese 'Kapitan' of Penang were dug up from their present burial sites in Batu Lancang. The grand tombs of Penang's illustrious historical figures like Koh Seang Tat and Koh Seang Teik, whose names could still be found on the fountains, mansions and road names in Penang were irreversibly damaged during the exhumation exercise in late 2010. Barely a few months later, another burial site, the Kam's cemetery suffered a similar fate. In 2005, the two-century old Catholic cemetery in the St. Xavier's Church compound nearly faced a total demolition until PHT and the Catholic descendants intervened. Sadly it remains in a state of neglect today.

Perhaps the significance of historic tombs, cemeteries and memorials is a topic that few people in Penang would give a serious thought on, let alone to plan for any preservation of these structures. The continuing existence and preservation of these sites and memorials are vital to serve as a physical link to our past history and we should appeal to the authorities & public for a more comprehensive approach to the conservation of all the historic burial sites and memorials in Penang.

Proposals:

1. Burial sites, memorial monuments, cenotaphs and any tombs over 50 years or of significant historical values should automatically come under the state's legal protection.
2. Any conversion of land use from burial to other purposes must include public hearings for all stake holders (neighbourhood residents within 1km radius, descendants, public interest groups, historians etc) to raise any concerns or objections.
3. Any illegal alteration, destruction, removal or intentional neglect of the site or structure should be viewed as an act of vandalism of public property and be dealt with heavy penalties no less than those which apply to the illegal demolition of buildings.
4. Obligations from the Municipal council to protect the structure and upkeep the cleanliness of the sites for public interest. In the event the site or structure is in private ownership, the right to impose repair and maintenance fees on the owners if the latter fail to carry out their duties to do so.
5. Incorporate existing burial sites as part of town planning for open space and green lung in Penang
6. Explore the opportunities to develop cultural heritage tourism on these sites / structures with sensitivity. Improvement of interpretative signage, access paths, landscaping, night lighting and police patrolling

The Saga of the Arches of the Botanic Gardens

The PHT is very pleased to report that it was centrally involved in the eventual demolition and removal of the 2 massive and controversial arches erected at the entrance of the Botanical Gardens. Working with members of Friends of Botanic Gardens, MNS, SERI, etc, Ahmad Chik, Tengku Idaura and Loh-Lim persisted for 6 months with agitation, advocacy, harassment, threats and generally making a nuisance of themselves with the authorities. We held press conferences, made presentations, took part in on-line surveys, had meetings with the Minister of Tourism; we climbed fences, shot catapults, installed plumb lines and waded through streams and snake infested undergrowth. In August 2010, the arches were brought down, the Director of the Gardens was replaced by Tengku Idaura, who has made the ultimate sacrifice of giving up her well-earned retirement to serve for 2 years in a very difficult position. We can all see the improvement in the gardens over the last 8 months and we would like to acknowledge and thank her.

The entire episode serves as a useful lesson for decision makers in dealing with much-loved and much-used public assets without consultation with the public and the stakeholders. It also serves as a lesson in avoiding monumentalism and inappropriateness in Penang.

Report on Swiftlet breeding in the WHS

The State Government has stated that swiftlet farms will be removed from the UNESCO WHS within three years of 1st January 2011. This is in line with the statement on September 2nd 2010 by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Bin Md. Yassin that all swiftlet breeding farms will be prohibited in the UNESCO World heritage sites of George Town and Malacca and all would have to be removed within 3 years.

In April 2011 a physical count was taken by PHT volunteers. Equipped with the swiftlet house lists compiled previously by USM and MPPP, a total of 173 swiftlet houses have been recorded in the 1 square mile of the UNESCO WHS. This has been presented to MPPP and GTWHI (George Town World Heritage Incorporated) in order for them to follow up investigations and enforcement. Please note that this figure is conservative as volunteers did not, in some cases, have the capacity to enter suspected houses to confirm presence, and some of the rear portions of these properties were inaccessible.

The 1GP (Garis Panduan Pembangunan Industri Burung Walit) or the Official Guidelines & Regulations for the Swiftlet Nesting Industry was published and made available in June 2011. However, Penang State has yet to endorse and adopt the 1 Garis Paduan. Other states have endorsed the 1GP in order to enhance their regulations and enforcement powers.

In July, after Malaysian Red Bird's nest exported to China was found to contain unacceptable levels of nitrate, a group of swiftlet producers from Penang, claiming to be representatives of the Malaysian Veterinary Department and Bird Nest Export Association, called a press conference in China to state that red bird's nest from Malaysia was safe for consumption. Some of these representatives have since been arrested by the Malaysian authorities.

In the meantime, the populations in the swiftlet farms within George Town continue to increase in an alarming rate. Swiftlets are now visible at all times all over the island. Just a year ago they were not as noticeable. Swiftlet farmers continue to operate and renovate with no fear of reprisal from State or MPPP.

As yet there has been no enforcement against swiftlet houses within the UNESCO WHS and the population of swiftlets continues to rise rapidly. The farms continue operations and renovations and implementation of the State removal plan has yet to get underway.

Actions to be taken:

- PHT has to continue to lobby for the adoption of the 1GP by Penang State.
- PHT will continue to put pressure on State to begin the removal implementation plan & enforce regulations.
- We do need public support on this and we appeal to PHT members to support us by sending in objections to the swiftlet farming in the UNESCO WHS to the State.

We also need to be mindful of and take heed of the recent regional outbreaks of new deadly strains of Avian Flu.

8. **Calendar of Event (Oct 2010-September 2011)**

3 October 2010

Site visit by PHT members to General Hospital, 3.30pm hosted by GH officer

19 October 2010

Visit by about almost a hundred Thailand ICOMOS conference participants. Presentation by PHT President, Khoo Salma to the group at PHT, 8.00am

20 October 2010

Logan Memorials Commemoration

27 October 2010

Presentation of George Town WHS to Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto by Clement Liang

5 November

Meeting with MPPP on George Town City Day Celebration

12 November 2010

Launching of the exhibition of Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling: Their Lives and Legacies by YB Wong Hon Wai. The exhibition, event of the International Centennial Celebrations in Penang, was organised by Min Sin Seah and supported by the Penang State Museum. Penang Heritage Trust was instrumental in the development of the exhibition content.

12 November 2010 to 17 February 2011 at 57 Macalister Road

Exhibition of Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling: Their Lives and Legacies at the new Penang State Museum premises (former Maternity Hospital), Macalister Road, Penang.

19- 21 November 2010 at Bayview Georgetown Hotel

The 22nd Joint Conference of the Sun Yat Sen and Soong Ching Ling Memorials in conjunction with the International Centennial Celebrations of Sun Yat Sen's 1910 'Penang Conference'. Conference: 19-22 November 2010 at City Bayview Hotel

20 November 2010 at Bayview Georgetown Hotel

The Grand Launch of the 22nd Joint Conference was officiated on behalf of the Prime Minister of Malaysia by his political secretary Dr. Oh Ei Sun. Speeches were given by Su Qiang, Deputy of China Mission, the Chinese Embassy in Malaysia, Leland Sun, doyen of the Sun clan, the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall Taipei, Khoo Salma, president of Penang Heritage Trust, Lim Gaik Siang, project director, Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail.

The launch was followed by the Inaugural Penang Story Lecture by the illustrious Professor Wang Gungwu, Chairman of the East Asian Institute and University Professor, National University of Singapore and Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University. In his lecture "Sino-Western Penang Responses", Wang Gungwu looked at the early phases of Penang's globalization, through the encounters of personalities such as Dr Sun Yat-sen and Ku Hung-ming. The launch and lecture were organised by the Joint Committee of the International Centennial Celebrations and supported by Khazanah Nasional Berhad.

20 November 2010

Delegates' tour led by Hong Kong celebrity Fung Bo Bo, inaugurating the Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail, tracing the footsteps of Dr Sun and his followers, and then touring the exhibition at the Penang Museum Penang Maternity Hospital premises.

Launch of Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail, George Town World Heritage Site at the Sun Yat Sen Penang Base, 120 Armenian Street, by Prof Wang Gungwu, witnessed by Dato' Anwar Fazal, Tan Sri Dato' Azman bin Hj. Mokhtar, Khoo Salma Nasution, project chairman and lead researcher Lim Gaik Siang, Hamdan Majeed, Laurence Loh. The heritage trail was developed by the Penang Heritage Trust, and supported by Think City Sdn Bhd

21 November 2010

International Symposium on Sun Yat Sen, Soong Ching Ling and Southeast Asia at Wawasan Open University. This symposium was launched by Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department. It brought together 15-20 scholars. One focus was the 1910 'Penang Conference', and its significance in the history of China. It was chaired by Clement Liang and co-organised by Wawasan Open University

6 November 2010

Book Launch "Penang at War" by Andrew Barber, 6pm at Gallery 29, 29 Church Street, hosted by Rebecca Wilkinson.

12 November 2010
Movie “Road to Dawn” Japanese version at Wawasan Open University

28 November 2010
PHT AGM, 3.00pm at Suffolk House

1-3 December 2010
Visit by Sumatera Heritage Society and Medan Tourism Board, arranged and coordinated by Khoo Salma Nasution.

5 December 2010
Talk on “China in Those Days” by Thomas Brandt at CFT Mansion, coordinated by Clement Liang.

16 December 2010
Local Government Consultative Forum chaired by YB Chow Kon Yeow at Bayview Georgetown Hotel, 9.00am-12.00pm

23 December 2010
Meeting with Pykett Avenue residents, 8pm at 8 Lorong Pykett to discuss the illegal demolition of 20 Pykett Avenue.

1 January 2011
George Town City day celebration, 8.00pm at Jalan Padang Kota Lama. PHT set up ‘City of George Town’ exhibition at MPPP Town Hall to celebrate city day.

8 February 2011
Student Internship Program with Ritsumeikan University, Manami Kimura & Yuki Morikawa, supervised by Clement Liang.

18 February 2011
Visit by officers from Dataran Bandaran Kuala Lumpur (DBKL). Briefing by Clement.

5-7 March 2011
AusHeritage Workshop “Progressing with Heritage”

22 March 2011
Visit by China ZhongShan City Government officers and reporters

9-11 April 2011
Cultural Tourism Exchange Workshop with HongKong University.

18 April 2011
Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between PHT and AusHeritage Ltd at Faquhar Suite, E & O Hotel.

19 April 2011
Visit to Penang Hill with Perbadanan Bukit Bendera Pulau Pinang

23-25 April 2011
AusHeritage Workshop “Progressing with Heritage” – Cultural Tourism and Interpretation

6 May 2011
Launching of Sun Yat Sen Exhibition at OCBC Kongsoon House, Lebuh Gereja. The opening of the exhibition was launched by Ms. Tan Siok Choo, the Director of OCBC Bank Berhad.

6May -31 May 2011

Exhibition of Sun Yet Sen in Penang Exhibition at OCBC Kongsoon House.

26 April 2011

Special Area Plan (SAP) briefing by CHAT (Cultural Heritage Action Team) and PHT (Penang Heritage Trust), 8.00pm.

27-30 May

3-day visit by Indonesia Heritage Trust to Penang, co-hosted by Penang Heritage Trust, Penang Global Tourism and George Town World Heritage Incorporated.

28-30 May

AusHeritage Workshop “Progressing with Heritage” – Heritage Assets Management & Capacity Building

12 June 2011

Training of guides on Penang Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail by Lim Gaik Siang. Total of 42 guides attended the training session.

13 June 2011

Visit by British High Commissioner, HE Mr Simon Featherstone to Penang Heritage Trust office at 2.30pm. Power point presentation by Loh-Lim Lin Lee.

18 June 2011

Booth at Straits Quay organized by the TimeOut Magazine. Rebecca Duckett & Clement Liang raised RM301 for PHT from the public donation.

18 & 19 June 2011

Ipoh Heritage Tour. 22 PHT members visited Ipoh and PAPAN, guided by Law Siak Hong and Kinta Heritage Group.

24 June 2011

Second training session of guides by Lim Gaik Siang on Penang Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail.

15 July 2011

Briefing by Khoo Salma to Thailand Community Caravan (comprised of 16 community members from Bangkok Chinatown project, the district officers, the landowners, and Ms. Somsook, the ACHR's general secretary)

9. Publishing & publicity

PHT Newsletter

We would like to record our appreciation to our guest Editor, Leslie A.K. James, for putting up the newsletters for the Trust. We wish members can contribute more articles and site visit reports to the newsletter. We are also grateful to Mr. Tan Yeow Wooi's contribution on a special page, namely **Disappearing George Town** that documented the loss of our built heritage in the WHS. Special thanks to Rebecca Wilkinson who has shared with us her living in George Town.

Since the last AGM, 2 newsletters and 9 PHT circulars have been produced. The Trust is in the midst of producing issue no.100.

- PHT newsletter issue No. 98 (28 pages)
- PHT newsletter issue No. 99 (24 pages)

Circulars:

- Nov 2010: AGM & in-house tour of Suffolk House
- Jan 2011: PHT Jan Site Visit: Japanese Community in Penang, Cintra Street
- Mar 2011: PHT March Site Visit, 13 March, 3.30pm & Progressing with Heritage Public Forums & Workshops (March-May 2011) & Ipoh Heritage Tour
- May 2011: PHT May Site Visit, Saturday 14 May, 3.30pm
- June 2011: Ipoh Heritage Tour (18 & 19 June) & PHT Site Visit: 5 June Sunday, 3.30pm, Thin Seng Soy Sauce Factory, Kampong Malabar
- July 2011: George Town Festival Public Talks 8 July (Friday) & Heritage trails offered on 9th July 2011

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

It had been a very busy yet fruitful year for PHT to continue its effort in preserving the cultural heritage of Penang. The office is now managed by Ms. Ho Sheau Fung with the assistance of the project officer Ms. Lau Pei Ling and a part-time project coordinator for PAPA, Ms. May Yeap Kam Moey.

Since the listing of George Town as UNESCO World Heritage Site, the role of PHT has become more critical to safeguard the tangible and intangible cultural assets in George Town. Council members and staff are swamped with various stakeholders' meetings, drafting proposals and conducting more and more research for the enhancement of interpretation of the WHS. Therefore, we hope to have more participatory inputs from our members, friends and volunteers in the following areas:

- 1) Reporting and documenting of heritage alerts and monitoring of sites
- 2) Provide assistance to support tourist enquiries at PHT office
- 3) Research and documentation for documentation projects
- 4) Provide assistance in workshops, site visits and conference coordination

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. ARECA Books
- e. Badan Warisan Malaysia (BWM)
- f. Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion
- g. Chung Ling High School Alumni Association
- h. Eastern & Oriental Hotel
- i. Equator Academy of Art
- j. Friends of Penang Hill
- k. Friends of Penang Botanic Gardens Society
- l. Gallery 29 China Street
- m. George Town Festival Office
- n. George Town World Heritage Incorporated
- o. Khazanah Nasional Berhad
- p. Lestari Heritage Network
- q. Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)
- r. Malaysian German Society
- s. Min Sin Seah
- t. Penang Japanese Association

- u. Penang Chinese Town Hall
- v. Penang Zhongshan Association
- w. Penang Forum
- x. Penang Philomatic Union
- y. Penang Global Tourism
- z. Penang Tourist Guides Association
- aa. Penang Teochew Association
- bb. Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM)
- cc. Socio Economic Research Institute (SERI)
- dd. Sun Yat Sen Penang Base
- ee. Tan Yeow Wooi Culture & Heritage Research Studio
- ff. Taipei Investors in Malaysia Association, Malaysia
- gg. The Federation of Alumni Association of Taiwan Universities
- hh. ThinkCity Sdn Bhd
- ii. Time-Out Magazine
- jj. Vision Academy, Malaysia
- kk. Wawasan OpenUniversity
- ll. Ombak-Ombak ArtStudio

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We apologize if anyone or any record has been inadvertently overlooked in this report.

Penang Heritage Trust Treasurer's Report for the Year 2010

We had a busy year in 2010 where the funds applied for a number of projects are still being used to carry on the projects to year 2011.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2010, our total income has decreased from RM 246,385.46 in 2009 to RM 115,384.22 in 2010, but the total expenditure has also decreased from RM 265,540.68 in 2009 to RM 141,236.93 in 2010.

The decrease in income and expenditure is actually due to many projects are still being carried on to this year and will not reflect in our accounts until the projects are completed and the project-specific accounts are closed.

Our income for 2010 mainly came from the following :

- New admission fees decreased to RM 9,940 in 2010 compared to RM 10,298.00 in 2009 but membership renewal has increased from to RM 14,558.35 in 2010 compared to RM 10,952.35 in 2009.
- We also received a donation of RM 5,096.65 in 2010 compared to RM 1,479.98 from various sources.
- Merchandise income also increased to RM 30,328.72 in 2010 compared to RM 24,566.55 in 2009.
- Site visit income has increased to RM 2,179.00 in 2010 compared to RM 1,613.00. There is a gross profit of RM 1,196.00 (2,179.00 - 983.00).
- Our heritage tours which consist of heritage trail , school walk and trishaw tours, collected a total of RM 30,391.00 in 2010 is not too far away from RM 31,341.00 collected in 2009. There is a gross profit of RM 10,242.00 , ie RM 30,391.00 - (RM 19,166 + RM 983.00).

Other income derived mainly from the following:

- Andrew Barber's Talk - RM 700.00.
- Cultural Heritage Brainstorming Workshop – income of RM 450.00 and expenditure of RM 274.00, a gross profit of RM 176.00.
- Curator workshop – income of RM 405.00 and expenditure of RM 31.40, a gross profit of 373.60.
- George Town Festival, where we were involved in organising talk by Marcus Langon, movie screening of Blue Mansion and Red Kebaya, launching of “ Hail Penang and Sara Saga” book, shop house trail and cemetery trail etc– income of RM 13,386.80 and expenditure of RM 2,879.00, a gross profit of RM 10,507.80
- Public Talk by Dr. John Robertson – RM 7,230.00 and expenditure of RM 1,121.90, a gross profit of RM 6,108.10

Our expenditure in 2010 amounted to RM 132,846.08, out of which RM 105,400.00 is the overhead to run the office. The overhead has reduced compared to RM 134,470.70 in 2009 mainly due to our expenditure for salary has reduced to RM 48,281.00 compared to RM 82,098.65 in 2009.

There is a deficit of RM 25,852.71 in 2010 compared to RM 19,155.22 in 2009. This is because none of the project account has been closed in 2010 and we are still having a number of on-going projects which will only be reflected as revenue in year 2011 and upon completion of the project.

Here are the major ongoing projects:

- Cultural Heritage specialist Guide - RM 47,739.10
- Living Heritage Award - RM 19,440.90
- PAPA - RM 208,705.59
- Penang Traditional Performing Art - RM (800.00)
(RM 50,000 funding from Think City)
- Sun Yet Sen Conference - RM 224,966.09
- Sun Yet Sen Heritage Trail - RM 29,352.25
(RM 100,000 funding from ThinkCity)

Hence, up to 31st December 2010, we still have RM 582,452.81 in our project account, which is before expenditure.

Meanwhile, our principal fixed deposits as at 31st December 2010 has dropped to RM 281,366.53 compared to RM 383,305 in 2009. Nevertheless, we have RM 389,226.48 in cash and bank balance in 2010 compared RM 67,737.00 in 2009. As the result, we have current asset of RM 775,141.01 in 2010 compared to RM 459,880.38 in 2009. The high cash flow in our account was due to we received funding to run the Sun Yet Sen Conference in November last year.

However, we are still seeking for sponsors to support the Living Heritage Award, which requires RM 16,000 annually to pay to all the award recipients. In addition, due to high overhead, we have to continuously raise fund to support the running of the office and be thrifty in our spending.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors, Thinkcity Sdn Bhd who supported a number of projects, Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon, Dato' Syed Mohd bin Syed Mustafa ,Venice Residence Sdn Bhd, Muda Holding Berhad, Loke Gim Tay, Dato' Khor Ten Haw, OCBC Bank Berhad, Dato' Seri Nazir Arif, Royal Selangor Berhad who supported the Sun Yet Sen Conference, both in cash and in kind. We also would like to thank Sun Yet Sen Penang Base which handed over the Sun Yet Sen Conference project and Sun Yet Sen Heritage Trail project to Penang Heritage and all the funding to us. We also have to thank Dr. Yee Thiam Sun who had done wonderful job in helping to raise fund for Sun Yet Sen Conference project.

Lim Gaik Siang
Hon. Treasurer PHT
(September 2011)