# Persatuan Warisan Pulau Pinang Penang Heritage Trust

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# **Annual Report 2015**



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# Annual General Meeting 2015 3.30 p.m., Sunday, 15th November 2015

3.30 p.m., Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Venue: The Star Pitt Street, 15, Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, 10200 George Town, Penang

### **Agenda**

- 1. To consider and approve:
  - The Minutes of the PHT Annual General Meeting 9th November 2014
  - The PHT Annual Report 1st October 2014–30th September 2015
  - The PHT Financial Report ending 31st December 2014
- 2. Other Matters
- 3. Election of the New Council Members for the term 2015 2017

### Penang Heritage Trust President's Message



When I first became involved in heritage 25 years ago, the Penang Heritage Trust was still trying to make the public aware that heritage buildings should not be pulled down; that heritage buildings have economic value and will appeal to tourists. Indeed, that was the challenge then. As far as tourism goes, the pendulum may be swinging too far and too fast to the other side.

Should we not simply promote a living and working city? If we start to increase residential use and improve public realm, we may yet achieve some of the advantages of a genuine urbanism. A city which is healthy, safe, efficient, convivial and affordable (for people who live in it) is also bound to be successful and resilient. Visitors may find the city interesting not least because they can observe and experience a local way of life, not one manufactured for tourists.

Shortly after the World Heritage listing of the Historic Cities of the Straits Malacca was announced in 2008, I attended a talk given in Penang by Richard Engelhardt, former regional advisor for culture at UNESCO. He described George Town as a cultural property and a palimpsest. The Oxford English Dictionary defines a palimpsest as 'a manuscript or piece of writing material on which later writing has been superimposed on effaced earlier writing', or 'something reused or altered but still bearing visible traces of its earlier form.' The idea of a 'palimpsest' is so useful it has been introduced in forensics, history, archaeology, history, landscape interpretation and even glaciology.

When scribes used to write on papyrus or parchment, the material was often reused and therefore traces of earlier writing would be preserved. The palimpsest is evidence of the daily activities of homes and neighbourhoods, social patterns, cultural exchanges, trade and commerce, religious routes; in short, evidence of lives lived.

In the past, when buildings were reused or adapted, traces of previous use would usually survive behind the paint and lime plaster. Nowadays with electrical jackhammers and Portland cement, it is so easy to erase all evidence of the past in the process of 'restoration', 'conservation', 'adaptive reuse'. And since most of the original community have moved out of the neighbourhood and the refurbishments are done for tourists, who can tell the difference?

Heritage education is now carried on by George Town World Heritage Incorporated on a regular basis. But it will take a long time before enough people have imbibed the philosophy and principles of heritage and acquired the skills that will equip them with the competence and capacity to look after our heritage. I must say that there are plenty of young talented architects and designers who are well-versed in 'how to design a heritage café' or 'how to design a heritage-themed boutique hotel'. But not quite so many who know 'how to restore according to conservation principles' or 'how to look after the cultural significance of a place'. Which is why, the government (national, state and local) as well as private sector should look at hiring more young Malaysians who have graduated in fields such as heritage conservation, museum studies and archaeology, in order to professionalise the field of heritage management in Malaysia.

Meanwhile changes are taking place at such a rapid pace that little by little the George Town palimpsest is losing its richness. The first step to managing change is to know when to slow down until we have built enough capacity to 'monitor and manage' (not just promote) the World Heritage Site.

Within the Trust, we started more than 20 years ago to look at historic areas rather than just singular buildings, at ordinary people's heritage rather than just the legacy of rich people, and at vernacular heritage and traditional settlements (including both rural and urban villages) in addition to religious monuments and European-inspired buildings. One generation later, we have somewhat managed to change people's perceptions in the first two areas, but now it is our individual buildings and building ensembles outside the World Heritage Site which are at risk from sheer development pressure. We have started to think about our cultural landscapes such as Penang Hill, Penang Botanic Gardens. We have also started to map out our heritage in Seberang Perai – archaeological sites, villages and towns, our agricultural settlements and coastal settlements.

Without adequate protection, we have to ask whether the traditional settlements of kampung warisan of Batu Uban, Tanjung Tokong and Balik Pulau, will still be around in ten or twenty years' time? We have already lost Kampung Buah Pala and the traditional settlements around Bayan Lepas. Kampung Siam is on the brink. If such settlements are not recognised early enough in the planning process, unsympathetic landuse in the surrounding eventually exerts too much pressure on their existence.

Our national heritage legislation is not really designed to protect traditional settlements such as Malay kampung; state and local policies are hardly any better. Which is ironic, considering that one of the main reasons for preserving built cultural heritage is to preserve our Malaysian history and identity. Vernacular heritage encompasses both the indigenous and the indigenised forms and settlements, so that for example, peoples who have been in the country for a long time, have intermarried, or have adopted local ways of building would qualify as being 'indigenised'.

A 'heritage settlement' (kampung warisan) could be defined as a cluster of traditional dwellings, including their setting, open spaces, trees and any related communal, service or ancillary buildings therein, which represents a tropical way of building and the social history and cultural heritage of a particular ethnic, indigenous or hybrid community or communities. The construction and spatial character of traditional settlements depict their rural or periurban beginnings, even though they may have since been subsumed by urban expansion. The living community is part and parcel of such traditional settlements, and really what needs to be protected are people's homes and community 'ownership' of the place for after all the tangible and intangible are hardly separable.

Our understanding of heritage – not just in Penang but also internationally – has evolved over the last several decades. Aesthetic values are only one dimension of heritage. Heritage is preserved as a record of our common past, but we constantly have to ask ourselves, what is it that is important to preserve? If records of architectural and engineering history are important, do our architects and engineers currently know enough about the history of their profession to champion their heritage?

When we think about the meaning of heritage in a democratic society, we must include the social, cultural and historical values of the heritage, and how these values have created a sense of belonging, shared social memory and pride of place across generations. Cultural diversity and intercultural values represented through our heritage can form a basis for dialogue and common place-making. Heritage-themed places may serve as an introduction to tourists, but our urban palimpsests, our traditional settlements and our cultural landscapes are infinitely richer.

### **Penang Heritage Trust**

#### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2014**

9th November, 2014 Sunday, 3.30PM at Penang Heritage Trust office 26, Church Street, 10200 George Town, Penang

#### **Members Present:**

Khoo Salma Nasution (L-26056)
Dato' Mohd Razha Rashid (O-26895)
Clement Liang Chow Ming (L-26954)
Lim Gaik Siang (O-26165)
Loh-Lim Lin Lee (L-26032)
Bendula Wismen (L-26970)
Trevor Sibert (O-26662)
Agnes James (O-27013)
Fatimah Hassan (O-27011)

Lorna Taylor (O-26830) Cumalle Ang Poay Khuan (O-26437)

Janet Saw Suat Hoon (O-26715)

Lim Gim Seng (O-26889)

Rudharapathy Vijayavale (O-27056)

Brian Everett (O-26487) Teh Ewe Hoon (O-26543)

Cumalle Ang Poay Khuan (O-26437) Janet Saw Suat Hoon (O-26715)

Marie Louise Oh (O-26497) May De Vries (L-26586) Roy De Vries (O-26556) Khoo Kay Liang (O-27042) Khaw Teik Gim (L-26972)

Neoh Chye Seng (O-26235) Mariam Lim (L-29626)

Benjamin Lim Keat Seong (O-27047)

Boon Leua Arronratana (O-26938)

Lyndy Ong (O-26581)

Ganesh Kolandaveloo (O-26041)

Dr. Choong Sim Poey (L-26012)

Dr. Goh Kang Chuan (O-27054)

May Yeap Kam Moey (O-26567)

Mark Lay (0-26567)

Dr. Goh Kang Chuan (O-27054)

Khoo Kay Hean (O-26672) Anthony Hughes (O-26380) Tong C.K. Ho (O-26029)

Soontzu Speechy (O-27017) Pow Lin James (O-26518)

Leslie A.K. James (O-26517)

Joanna Aeria (O-26610) Janelle Khaw (L-26965)

Douglas Fox (O-26273)

Marlene Fox (O-26491) Oon Chee Soon (O-27048)

Laurence Loh (L-26079)

Louise Goss-Custard (O-26813)

Woo Yee Saik (O-26086) Philip Tan (O-26507)

#### **President's Welcoming Message**

Salma welcomed all the members who attended the meeting and introduced the council members and the trustees.

After her message, she invited PHT Hon. Secretary, Clement Liang to present the 2014 annual report.

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM 2013.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved with no amendments raised and adopted on the proposal of Dr. Choong Sim Poey (L-26012) and seconded by Khaw Teik Gim (O-265972).

#### 2. Presentation of the Annual Report October 2013- September 2014

Clement reported that PHT had carried out the following activities since last AGM.

The 9 council members with PHT immediate past president, Dr. Chong Sim Poey were serving the organisation.

#### Membership

Clement reported that PHT currently had the following number of members in 2014. The corporate membership has been converted to life membership.

Founder Members: 17

Life Members: 104 (include 1 corporate member)

Ordinary Members: 227
Student Members: 10
Junior Members: 10

Total: 368 (as compare to 409 in 2013)

#### **Sponsorship and Donation of funds**

PHT wish to thank the funders especially Think City which had provided the much needed sponsorship for a number of its projects e.g. The Penang Story. The Star Publications who donated RM36,500, being the proceeds from the sales of Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai's book "Penang's History, My Story". Years of close working relationship with the embassies, especially the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Penang and Thai Embassy in Kuala Lumpur has resulted in the signing of MOU on the Friendship cities tie between Penang and Phuket in 2014, PHT was invited to witness and give presentation in the ceremony held in Phuket on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2014. PHT is also grateful to the Seven Terraces for sponsoring the Living Heritage Treasures Awards.

Clement continued to report on the following activities:

#### i. Penang Story Project and Public Talks:

Think City has been the main supporter of the Penang Story Project. PHT held 8 talks during the year, which included:

- (i) Remembering Malayans on the Death Railway and the INA by Prof. David John Boggett, Jeyaraj C. Rajarao, Himanshu Bhatt on 19 Oct, 2013
- (ii) Dr Albert Stanley McKern (1885-1945)— a Penang Doctor in Myth and Reality by Leslie James and Michael Rawlinson on 30 Nov, 2013
- (iii) Moors and Muslims: Sri Lanka-Tamilnadu Muslim connections by Prof. Dennis McGilveray on 6 Mar, 2014
- (iv) Dr. Wu Lien-Teh and China's First Medical Research Institute: The North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service, 1912-1931 by David Luesink on 1 Jun, 2014
- (v) From Penang to Adelaide: Surveyor-General William Light by Kelly Henderson on 14 Jun, 2014
- (vi) Save The Bukit Brown Cemetery by Raymond Goh and the Brownies from Singapore on 5 Jul, 2014.
- (vii) Penang Story Lecture: Hamengkubuwono II, The Diary of the Javanese Prince Exiled in Penang, 1810-1814 by Sri Margana and Adrian Perkasa on 20 Jul, 2014
- (viii) KOMTAR and the Buckminster Fuller Connection by Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat. Penang Symposium "Urban Conservation Network in Asia and Its Future" on 23 Aug, 2014.

A question was raised by Pow Lin James (O-26518) as to whether the talks were being record; Clement replied that PHT has video-recordings of all the Penang Story talks and copies of the video files are kept in the PHT library.

- ii. Public Tours and Celebrations. PHT took part George Town in the World Heritage Celebrations on 6-8 July 2014 by organising Lim Gaik Siang's presentation on Chinese folk beliefs. Clement Liang has been conducting the monthly cemetery tours. The events were supported by Penang Global Tourism and GTWHI respectively.
- **iii. Living Heritage Treasure Awards of Penang**. Lin Lee reported that the 2007 Living Heritage Treasure awardee and the last lantern maker in town, Mr. Lee Khek Hock has sadly passed away. PHT would be asking for public nominations for a new LHTA awardee in 2015.
- iv. PAPA. Lin Lee reported that PAPA would consider running apprenticeship classes on Nyonya food at the State Chinese Association if there is a demand for it. The State Government is currently looking at building capacity to sustain the authenticity of the Penang local food preparations.
- v. Internship. Clement reported that ten students from Ritsumeikan University Japan, Instituto de Formação Turística (Institute of Tourism Studies) Macao, SEGI College Penang, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong Baptist University and Lingnan University attended their internship programmes with PHT in 2014 with supervision from the

honorary secretary and the office. A few other universities also expressed interest to participate in the internship programme with PHT.

- vi. Heritage Alerts. Despite the UNESCO World Heritage Inscription, George Town and the larger Penang are not safe from the constant threat of destruction to and neglect of the built and living heritage. PHT is compelled to keep highlighting such dangers. The future of the sites listed on "Penang's 7 most important endangered heritage sites" are still uncertain and the communities living in historic urban villages like the Kampung Siam and Tanjung Tokong are still facing eviction orders. After rounds of petitions by PHT, the development of "Soonstead" was temporarily staved but its future remains unpredictable. The advocacy role of PHT remains important and even more relevant in the clashes between new development and heritage conservation in Penang.
- **vii. Website.** PHT website has been revamped to enable easier searching and better categorisation. Clement also reported that there are now more than 3,000 members joining our Facebook group compared to 1,000 a year ago.
- viii. PHT Circulars and Publishing. Two PHT newsletters were produced during 2014. After 9 years of volunteering as the editor, Leslie James is handing over the duty to the council member Trevor Sibert. PHT wished to express their gratitude to Leslie for his years of dedication and sharp editorials which bravely voiced out the many wrong-doings and failures of the heritage conservation in Penang.
- ix. Staff and Volunteers. PHT wish to record its appreciation to the staff, tour guides and all volunteers who had given their precious time to help running PHT. Most of PHT's funds came from the limited number of projects and more often the staff were underpaid and over worked. Salma took the opportunity to welcome the new staff Mr. Tan Yan Qian and soon Mr. Rudhrapathy Vijayavale who will be joining PHT in late 2014.

The annual report was approved through the proposal of Bendula Wismen (L-26970) and seconded by Soontzu Speechy (O-27017).

#### 3. Treasurer / Auditor's Report

Treasurer, Lim Gaik Siang reported that PHT had a busy year with many projects running concurrently. For the financial year ended 31 December 2013, PHT's total income has increased from RM 226,383 in 2012 to RM 318,667 in 2013, but the total expenditure had also increased from 220,120 in 2012 to RM 317,651 in 2013. There is a surplus of RM 1,016 in 2013 due to completion of some of the projects in 2013 and the profit transferred from the project into our main account. PHT's income source came from donations, site visits, heritage walks, heritage projects, merchandise sales, Penang Story Lectures, etc.

Gaik Siang reported that 63% of the net income came from projects, which are run by council members voluntarily and concluded that PHT is very much a project-based organisation.

She also thanked all the funders and donors for all their great support.

The treasurer's report was adopted with the proposal of Loh-Lee Lin Lee (L-26032) and seconded by Leslie A.K. James (O-26517).

#### Other matters arising

The AGM ended at 5:30 pm and members adjourned for a tea break.

**Khoo Salma Nasution** 

Clement Liang Chow Ming

President

**Honorary Secretary** 

# Persatuan Warisan Pulau Pinang

LAPORAN TAHUNAN 2014/2015 Oktober 2014 – September 2015

## **Penang Heritage Trust**

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#### PHT Council Members (Term 2013-2015)



#### 1. Khoo Salma Nasution, President

Author, social historian and heritage advocate. She and her husband run a publishing company Areca Books. She is also the custodian of the Sun Yat Sen Museum at 120 Armenian Street.

'We should do everything we can to keep our heritage intact, alive and relevant for present and future generations'

#### 2. Razha Abdul Rashid, Vice-President

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

'Heritage is the Soul of our History'

#### 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. Clement Liang, Honorary Secretary

Active in regional conservation groups and a researcher on the historical minorities. He collaborated in the production of local WWII and heritage documentaries and a number of

brochures introducing the German, Japanese and Siamese heritage sites, Dr. Wu Lien-Teh's history and the Clan Jetties of Penang. He also conducts training, talks and tours on topics related to the local history and heritage in several languages.

#### 5. Lim Gaik Siang, Honorary Treasurer

Holding a top management post with an USA public listed engineering company. In her free time, she is involves with heritage advocacy and is currently sitting onthe Consultative Panel of George Town World Heritage Incorporated and Technical review Panel of MPPP, also 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 interpretation of George Town heritage site in Chinese history, architecture, culture, folk beliefs , traditional trades, artisans and other intangible heritage.

#### 6. Loh-Lim Lin Lee, Council Member

Conservator, lecturer, social psychologist, restoration consultant, historic researcher. ICOMOS member, UNESCO consultant for Mt Lushan World Heritage Site. Works on Condition Investigation Surveys and Heritage Impact Assessments of historic buildings, heads several PHT projects, speaker and guide on historic conservation areas.

#### 7. Bendula Wismen, Council Member

Ben Wismen is a post-graduate research candidate with Universiti Sains Malaysia, working on the development of a plant conservation policy in the Penang Botanic Gardens. Aside from environmental conservation, he is also interested in conserving environmental heritage, cultural landscapes and has a particular interest in Sino-cultural and religious activities. He is also the incoming curator for the Global Shapers Community George Town, an initiative with the World Economic Forum (WEF). He believes that youths should play a more active role in creating and developing a sustainable future to live in

#### 8. Agnes James, Council Member

Agnes Maritha James was Senior Grant Programme Manager of Think City. Before joining Think City, she was Director of Corporate Communications at Wawasan Open University. She was also Special Assistant and Manager of International Affairs to the former Penang Chief Minister. Agnes obtained her B.A. in Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and spent thirteen years as a journalist in the print media. In 2004, she set up an HIV/AIDS organisation which developed a pioneering prison programme funded by the Ford Foundation and endorsed by the Ministry of Home Affairs. She has also served as secretary of the Women's Centre for Change (WCC).

#### 9. Fatimah Hassan, Council Member

Fatimah Hassan worked for ten years with the Socio-Economic and Environmental Research Institute (now known as the Penang Institute) on research and projects in fields such as information technology, social, economic and environmental issues and education. Currently, she is attached to the Penang Education Council managing and coordinating various education programmes, including community-based creative learning programmes.

#### 10. Trevor Sibert, Council Member

Living in historic Malacca for five years spurred Penang boy Trevor Sibert's interest in history, heritage and culture. He joined PHT in his early 20s. Of Eurasian descent, Trevor is very interested in architecture and furniture restoration and is an antique collector. He believes, "We are only borrowing Penang from future generations." He is also the editor of the PHT newsletters.

#### **Advisors**

- 1. Dato' Anwar Fazal, Trustee
- 2. Mr Laurence Loh, Trustee and Heritage Technical Advisor
- 3. Prof Wazir Jahan, Muslim Heritage Advisor
- 4. Mr Woo Yee Saik, Public Relations, Human Resources, Development and Training
- 5. Mr Tan Kuan Aw, Advisor on Access for Disabled People

### PHT Annual Report 1st October 2014 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### 1) Council meeting

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' Dr. Capt. Mohd Razha Rashid Razha 4/4 Mr. Clement Liang 4/4 Ms. Lim Gaik Siang 4/4 Ms. Loh-Lim Lin Lee 4/4 Mr. Ben Wismen 4/4 Ms. Agnes James 3/4 Ms. Fatimah bt. Hassan 4/4 Mr. Trevor Sibert 3/4

#### 2) Membership

Founder Members: 16 Life Members: 108 Ordinary Members: 235 Student Members: 13 Junior Members: 0

Total: 372 (as compared to 368 last year)

#### 3) PROJECTS

#### 3.1 PENANG STORY LECTURES & OTHER TALKS, OCTOBER 2014- SEPTEMBER 2015

- (i) **Penang Story Lecture: Commemorating 130 Years of the Penang Botanical Gardens** by Stewart Henchie with Dato' Dr Leung Yueh Kwong as the moderator. Saturday, 11 October 2014, 1.30pm to 4:00pm at The Star Pitt Street
- (ii) **The Rumah in Arles** by Julia de Bierre, co-organised by PHT and Alliance Française de Penang Saturday 25 October 2014 at Level 1, The Star Pitt St, 15 Jalan Mesjid Kapitan Keling, George Town World Heritage Site
- (iii) **Penang Story Colloquium: The Seberang Perai Story: Pengkisahan Seberang Perai** by Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Dato' Dr Goh Ban Lee (Moderator), Dahalan Bin Fazil, Khoo Salma Nasution, Trevor Sibert. Saturday, 15 November 2014, 9.30am- 1.00pm at Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai (MPSP Auditorium), Bandar Perda
- (iv) "Straits Shophouses": Paintings of Melaka & George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca (UNESCO World Heritage) by Koh Shim Luen, co-organised by PHT and Atelier Art Space. 7-31 December 2014, at 15 Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, George Town World Heritage Site, Penang.
- (v) **Appreciation of Straits Shophouses** by Lim Gaik Siang. Sunday, 7 December 2014, 3pm, at 15 Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, George Town World Heritage Site, Penang.
- (vi) **The Chetti Melaka Community of Malaysia** by Devastry Parasurama Bok. Friday, 20 March 2015, 6.00-7.30pm at PHT function hall.
- (vii) **Penang Story Lecture: Recollections and Insights into the History of Penang Music** by Tan Sri Ahmad Merican, Saturday, 9 May 2015, 7.30-10.30pm at Level 1, The Star Pitt St, 15 Jalan Mesjid Kapitan Keling, George Town World Heritage Site

- (viii) **Seberang Perai Story Lecture: A Brief History of the RAAF in Penang** by RAAF officers Air Vice Marshal William Henman and Wing Commander Paul Webb. Saturday 16 May 2015, 2.30-5.30pm, at RMAF Station Butterwoth, Penang.
- (ix) **Penang Story Lecture: A Scrumptious Look into Penang Food Traditions** by Dr Ong Jin Teong, panel discussion by Lim Gaik Siang, Robyn Eckhardt and Jason Wong. Sunday, 7 June 2015, 6.30-9.30pm at Level 1, The Star Pitt St, 15 Jalan Mesjid Kapitan Keling, George Town World Heritage Site
- (x) Seberang Perai Story Lecture: From Agrarian Village to Urban Centre: The Rise and Transformation of Bukit Mertajam from 1800s to 1950s by Nicholas Chan and Koay Su Lyn. Saturday, 13 June 2015, 9.00-12.00pm at 1st floor, KTM Butterworth, Penang
- (xi) **Breakfast with PHT by Dr Goh Hsiao Mei**. Sunday, 26 July 2015, 8.30-9.30am at PHT function hall.
- (xii) **Penang Story Lecture: 5 Architects, 5 Houses** by Dr Jon Lim., co-organised with George Town Festival. Saturday, 1 August 2015, 9.30-12.30pm at MBPP Town Hall
- (xiii) **Penang Story Lecture: Townhouse, Shophouse Melaka-Penang World Heritage Site** by Tan Siok Choo and Tan Yeow Wooi, co-organised by George Town Festival. Sunday, 2 August 2015, 9.30-12.30pm, at MBPP Townhall.
- (xiv) Seberang Perai Story Lecture: James R. Logan, A Polymath on a Province Wellesley Plantation by Dr Gerrell Drawhorn, co-organised by George Town Festival. Saturday, 15 August 2015, 9.30am-12.30pm, at 1st Floor, Sri Ananda Bahwan Restaurant 2985 Jalan Bagan Luar Butterworth.
- (xv) **Seberang Perai Story Lecture: Early Views of Province Wellesley** by Khoo Salma Nasution & Khor Sim Ee, co-organised by George Town Festival. Sunday, 16 August 2015, 9.30am-12.30pm, at 1st Floor, Sri Ananda Bahwan Restaurant 2985 Jalan Bagan Luar Butterworth.
- (xvi) Seberang Perai Story Lecture: Seberang Perai's Archaeology and Epigraphic Treasures by Prof. Dato Dr. Mokthar Saidin, Saturday, 12 September 2015, 9.30am-12.30pm, at 1st Floor, Sri Ananda Bahwan Restaurant 2985 Jalan Bagan Luar Butterworth.
- (xvii) **Penang Story Lecture: Penang Kempetai War Crimes Trial** by Dr Arujunan Narayanan, Friday, 18 September 2015, 6.30pm-9.30pm, at The Star Level 1, The Pitt Street, 15 Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, 10200 Penang.

#### 3.2 Heritage Management Plan

Penang Heritage Trust coordinated the Heritage Management Plan for the Old Northam Road Protestant Cemetery for George Town World Heritage Incorporated. The consultants were Marcus Langdon, Dr. Gwynn Jenkins, Leslie James, Clement Liang and Ben Wismen.

The finalised report was delivered to GTWHI at the end of 2013.

PHT also submitted a proposal to do the Heritage Management Plan for Fort Cornwallis in 2013 but this was not unsuccessful and the whole exercise was postponed.

#### 3.3 Monthly Cemetery Tours

Supported by Penang Global Tourism (PGT), PHT has been running the free monthly cemetery tours on the old Northam Road Protestant Cemetery since 2013. The tours received positive responses from the public and a special "Halloween" night cemetery walk was added in 2014. The cemetery went through a basic restoration funded by Thinkcity in early 2015 and reopened two months later with new interpretative signs and cleaner environment.

**3.4** The Penang Heritage Trust - 7 Terraces Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Awards This year marks the 11th year of this programme, begun in 2004 by PHT to identify Penangites who carry skills that need to be acknowledged, documented, preserved and transmitted, so that we may not,

one day, regret their loss. UNESCO has stated that Living Heritage Treasures are persons who embody or who have, in the highest degree, the skills and techniques necessary for the production of certain aspects of our culture, the life of our people and the continued existence of our cultural heritage.

This year's public nominations saw the highest number ever witnessed, with 39 nominations submitted between the months of December 2014 to January 2015. These spanned the entire gamut of skills from artists to kavadi makers, cultural experts to musicians and cooks to songkok makers. After conducting due diligence on all the nominees, the Judges Panel met in May 2015 to deliberate. The Panel was chaired by Dato Sharom Ahmat and included Dato Anwar Fazal, Laurence Loh, Hamdan Majeed, Ho Sheau Fung and Ewan Taylor representing the current sponsors.

The choice of newest Awardee, globally celebrated poet and civil rights lawyer, Cecil Rajendra (74 years) was unanimous. Cecil has committed his life to the Arts and to Penang. His skill in writing especially in poetry has gained global recognition with his poems used in schools and colleges around the world, from Finland to Ireland. Coming from St Xavier's, Penang, Cecil published his first book of poetry 50 years ago in England where he was studying law. He says he feels both flattered and humbled to be chosen as the only living S.E. Asian poet to be included in a huge anthology called Poetry of our World published by Harper Collins.

Cecil is also well known as a human rights activist, he champions legal aid for the marginalised and has been placed in an anthology by Amnesty International where he was featured alongside such greats as D.H. Lawrence and has had the dubious honour of having his passport confiscated when he was writing about the plight of the natives of Sarawak. Cecil is a complex man of many passions, he writes about freedom, or the lack of it, overdevelopment, racism, corruption and waste, human rights; he says of himself that 'he is a lawyer by profession and a poet by compulsion'. A treasure amongst us with a great heart and a piercing social conscience.

As with all Awardees, Cecil received a Certificate, a Plaque and an annual RM2,000 which he will continue to receive for the rest of his life. The previous Award winners (2004 to 2014) are :

The Late Dato Chuah Thean Teng (2005) - Master of Batik Art /Innovator

Dato Lim Bian Yam (2005) - Chef extraordinaire/Writer/Floral Designer & Instructor (82 yrs)

The Late Mohd Bahroodin Ahmad (2005) – Performing arts/cultural expert, educator & promoter

Mr Kok Ah Wah (2006) - Handmade Signboard Carver (75 yrs)

The Late Yeap Seong Kee (2006) - Kebaya Designer

Ooi Sew Kim (2006) – Hokkien Puppet Troupe Owner (75 yrs)

Noo Wan@Wan Dee Aroonratana (2007) - ( Thai Menora Performer/Cultural Expert/ Shaman (90 yrs)

The Late Lee Khek Hock (2007) - Last Traditional Lantern Maker

Toh Ai Wah (2008) – Last Teochew Puppet Troupe Owner (65 yrs)

N.B.Samarasena (2009) - Master Jeweller (91 yrs)

Sim Buck Teik (2009) - Master rattan weaver (86 yrs)

The latest news is that the Chief Minister has given verbal promise of medical assistance on an individual basis for the Awardees if treatment is required at the General Hospital.

The 2015 Award ceremony took place on 30th August 2015 at the Little Penang Street Market. The Award to Cecil was presented by National Poet Laureate, Abdul Samad Said while the previous Awardees received their annual honorariums from the CM, YAB Lim Guan Eng.

These Awards would not have been possible without the assistance of Zed Cama and HSBC Bank initially and currently by Chris Ong of 7-Terraces.

#### 3.5 Penang Apprenticeship for Artisans (PAPA)

PAPA continues its vision and mission for crafts learning and promoting awareness for the endangered traditional local skills.

PAPA Courses: Signboard/wood carving Nyonya Beaded work Rattan Weaving Kebaya Embroidery sewing skills

Short Term Work Shops (3 lessons):-Beaded Shoe Face & Rattan Weaving

Middle Term Work Shops (05-10 lessons):-Nyonya Kebaya Embroidery

Long Term Work Shops (6 months – 3 years or More):- Signboard/wood craving

PAPA 2 master artisans: Ms. Lim Siew Seng the Nyonya shoe beader and Mr Yeap Siew Kay the wood craver continue to be dedicated and persistently help PAPA to continue its mission. Both of them have also regularly participated in the 'Occupy Beach Street Sunday morning crafts market'. Ms Lim and her students are demonstrating and displaying their products at the monthly Little Penang Street Market too. Our sincere thanks to LPSM and Occupy Beach Street car free day project committees for the offering of stalls.

PAPA is also concentrating on organising paid workshops. The aim is to attract interested persons to learn and be passionate about time consuming and tedious crafts. To promote, showcase and demonstrate these beautiful, intricate and innovative handicrafts.

PAPA crafts have been recognised in the 6th anniversary celebration of GEORGE TOWN UNESCO World Heritage Site Listing themed {2014 LIVING LEGACIES – Handcrafted Heritage} Our beaded work master, rattan and wood carving senior apprentices were invited by GTWHI to teach and facilitate on this event.

#### Get to know Traditional Skills and Trades in George Town

PAPA coordinated a team event by Intel factory on 22 August 2014. A total of 6 Crafts masters were invited to demonstrate their skills.

- Manic shoe face beading, Rattan weaving and Wood carving were held in the PAPA centre.
- Indian Gold Smith in Thana's shop located in King Street
- Batik Painting in Rozana's Batik at Acheh Street
- Hong Kong Shoe Shop at Kimberley Street

The events attracted about 170 people to see and acquaint themselves with some understanding of these endangered skills. PAPA managed to create interest among the younger generation to learn these skills.

PAPA also helped to source display objects for the exhibition hall at the ground floor of The Star Pitt Street . They are used wood-crafting tools, a sample base of a door plaque, a pair of manic shoes, beading materials , two different sizes of small rattan basket holders and other raw products. The Star Pitt Street launched its official opening on September 2014.

A basic Kebaya Embroidery Skills class was conducted from 14 November to 15 December 2014 by Master artisan Mdm Koid Boon Ean, the daughter of the late Aunty Kim, famous in Penang for her kebaya sewing skills. She manages Kim Kebaya boutique in Gurney Plaza . 3 students completed a very challenging kebaya embroidery skills class of 10 lessons. An intermediary course will begin at the end of 2015

#### 3.6 PHT Internship Programme

Three student from **Ritsumeikan University of Kyoto**, two students from **SEGI College Penang** and six students from three universities in **Hong Kong** attended their internship programmes with PHT in 2015 under the supervision of the Honorary Secretary and the office.

Yuna Kato, Yuei Harada and Kanae Kamachi, all third year students from Ritsumeikan University came in February, 2015 and spent a month in PHT to document their observations on the festivals of Penang.

Pamela and Badriyah from the School of Hospitality and Tourism, SEGI College Penang started the industrial training for 16 weeks from May 2014 to September 2014. They assisted PHT in the manning of the office and answering visitors' queries.

Initiated by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, PHT was invited to be one of the host organisations to join the ASEAN Internship Scheme and to offer university students from Hong Kong an opportunity to widen their international perspectives and enhance bilateral relations between Hong Kong and ASEAN. Matthew Yeung, Fung LH (University of HK), Zoe Leung (HK Chinese University), Peggy Kwong, Ivy Kung and Jonathan Chan (Lingnan University) came to PHT in June and July 2015. They helped to organise the Penang Story lectures, re-catalogue the book collections of our library and design the walking trails with Chinese description etc. The vitality of Hong Kong students was well demonstrated in their swift works and positive attitude.

PHT is frequently visited by students, professors, heritage conservation groups, tourists and government officials from many countries e.g. UK, Germany, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Taiwan and local institutions throughout the year and it is now being seen as a centre to learn more about the heritage of Penang.

#### 3.7 Breakfast with PHT

Breakfast with PHT is the latest programme organised by the Trust with the intention to increase our membership as well as to expose the Trust to a broader audience. Designed to resemble a casual conversation in the coffee shop, the programme will allow the speakers and audience to participate and have meaningful conversations. The monthly programme is also a casual and intimate discussion; each session will not have more than 20 participants, including the speaker.

To date, we have had Dr. Goh Hsiao Mei from the Centre for Global Archaeological Research, USM and Khoo Salma as guests for the breakfast session. Dr. Goh presented on her work on Gua Tambun, an archaeological site off Ipoh that features prehistoric rock art dating up to 4000 years old; while Khoo Salma talked about her recent award-winning book and experience as a heritage activist.

Moving forwards, we hope that members of PHT will participate and bring more friends to attend the breakfast session. We also hope that members can sponsor some of the breakfast sessions, or to propose guest speakers for the breakfast session. Members are also encouraged to use the #BreakfastwithPHT hashtag on Twitter and Facebook to follow the developments of the breakfast sessions.

#### 4.0 Heritage Alert

- Penang's 7 Most Important Endangered Heritage Sites
- Soonstead, 218 Macalister Rd wrong model for heritage restoration

- Urban Evictions WHS Chulia St, Siamese Village etc
- Old Catholic Cemetery
- **4.1** Since 2013, PHT kept highlighting the deplorable state of the following 7 prominent buildings and endangered heritage sites in Penang in an effort to draw the public and authorities' attention. It is disheartening to note that to date, no concrete action is taken against the owners who left their buildings in limbos.
- 1. Governor's Bungalow, Sepoy Lines 2. Khaw Loh Hup & Khaw Boo Aun's townhouse, Bukit Tambun 3. Chung Thye Phin Villa Relau 4. Udini House, Gelugor 5. Shih Chung School Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah 6. Tanjung Tokong Malay Village 7. Runnymede, Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah
- **4.2 Soonstead and 218 Macalister Rd**: while the online petitions started by PHT managed to garner more than 4000 supporters and forced the developers to put on hold their planned demolition of the back portion of the historic building for some incongruent highrise annexation, the lack of streetscape guideline by the authorities will soon enable the developer to move in again with alternative plan to add a giant block at the back and it would irreversibly compromise the heritage value of this important building, overshadowing the mansion's heritage and completely destroying the building's link to the sea. PHT would like to reassert its calls for a comprehensive review of heritage guidelines in Penang, especially heritage buildings outside of WHS which still facing threats from other proposed developments. We ask MBPP to review its policy and guidelines and renew its commitment to conserve the special character of Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah. We also ask for a scrutiny of the inventory, in case other precious heritage buildings like Soonstead have been left out or somehow gone missing from the inventory. PHT also deems another innovative 'restoration' plan to a heritage building at 218 Macalister Rd dismantling of the entire old building structure under Cat.2 for relocation and later enclosing it within new structure as totally inappropriate and deviation from international conservation practice. It is regrettable that even MBPP was misled and went ahead to endorse such a wrong methodology.

#### 4.3 Urban Evictions - Cheapside, Chulia Lane, Chulia St, the 7-Street District

The WHS listing of George Town is like a double-edged sword that draws in too many tourists and drives out too many residents from their homes. Rising rents, massive evictions and uncontrolled transformation of residential houses to commercial/hotel uses are hastening the gentrification of the old town centre. A comprehensive protection law should be introduced in the heritage zones to reverse such hollowing of living quarters. An empty town deprived of its residents and authentic local culture does not auger well for a sustainable growth of cultural tourism.

**Siamese Village, Pulau Tikus**: All the highlights in the media and interference from various parties have helped to prolong the life of the Siamese Village for the time being. Survival of the urban heritage living quarters is vital to preserve our traditional culture and prior approval of redevelopment plan should take this into consideration.

#### 4.4 Old Catholic Cemetery

After years of persistent appeals to conserve the old Catholic cemetery next to the Northam Rd Protestant cemetery, PHT has finally made a major breakthrough with the Catholic Diocese of Penang under the new leadership of HG Bishop Sebastian Francis. Together with GTWHI, PHT has a few rounds of discussions with the Catholic Diocese to suggest ways to improve the dilapidating conditions of the current old cemetery and the team is looking at the possibility of restoring the old cemetery following the guideline of heritage conservation.

#### 5. PHT Site Visits:

#### 5.1 Church of St. Anne

Date: Sunday, 02 November 2014, 2.30pm. (approx. 40 participants)

A brief history of the church was presented by Mr Lazarus Jonathan. The Church of St. Anne was founded in 1846. Its first chapel was built on top of the hill. As soon as the Catholic population began to grow, a new church was built. It was opened in 1888. This is the church which is now the St Anne's Shrine. It is the main church for the annual celebrations for St Anne's feast. This church has Minangkabau roofs, truly reflecting the Malaysian culture. In the 1950s, when Malaya was declared under emergency, the church grounds were designated as an off-bound area. It was only in 1960 that the emergency was lifted. In 1977, the church started moving back to the St. Anne's Shrine and restoration works begin, due to being abandoned for a long time. The stained glass inside and one of the three bells were recovered.

#### 5.2 Jewish Cemetery

Date Sunday, 4th January 2015, 3:30pm. (54 participants)

The site visit was guided by Mr. Joseph Jacobs. Penang Jewish Cemetery is believed to be the oldest Jewish cemetery in S.E. Asia. The oldest Jewish tombstone is dated 9 July 1835 dedicated to a Mrs. Shoshan Levi and is believed to mark the grave of an English Jewish woman that was the benefactor who donated the land where the current cemetery stands. There are approximately 107 graves located in the cemetery, with the most recent tombstone dated 2011, the grave of the last ethnic Jew on the island. It is the only cemetery established solely for the once small and thriving Jewish community in Peninsular Malaysia.

The graves of the Levi and Cohen families are in the northeast corner of the cemetery, separate from the main group of graves. The Cohen graves include one maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), that of Second Lieutenant Louis Victor Cohen, 9th Jat Regiment, son of Sassoon Jacob & Seemah Cohen of Calcutta. He died, age 23, on 9th October 1941.

The cemetery is itself managed by a board of trustees established and registered in 1885.

#### **5.3** Chulia Cemetery and Traditional Trades

Date: Sunday, 15 March 2015, 3.30pm, (77 participants)

Lebuh Chulia or Chulia Street as it is also known was named after the British term for South Indians, "Chulia", associated with the ancient Chola kingdom. Several mosques, shrines and cemeteries from the nineteenth century testify to the presence of a large and prosperous South Indian Muslim community in George Town. A small street called Lorong Masjid, off Chulia Street, leads to old Muslim structures and cemetery, whose significance has been all but forgotten.

This small cul-de-sac is perhaps better known as the back entrance to Mr. Mook's traditional Nyonya kuih kitchen which used to supply the delicacies via itinerant traders. The Kuih Nyonya Moh Teng Pheow has now opened a little eatery which we would like to introduce to PHT members. In the vicinity is the Sky Hotel and pre-war buildings, with traditional trades and old businesses such as frame-makers, chemical supplies, antique shops and hardware shops.

#### **5.4 York House**

Date: Sunday, 2 August, 2015, 3.00pm onwards (different sessions),

This site visit was led by architectural historian, Dr Jon Lim. The architect of York House, J.C. Miller was trained at the Glasgow School of Art, which was at the forefront of the Scottish Arts and Crafts movement. The 1930s in Malaya was a period of boom and busts, witnessing a rapid transition of architectural fashions. According to Dr. Jon Lim, The York House, designed in 1936, was probably the last great mansion built by a European architect before the war. Neo-Georgian, Indian Art Deco and South African influences can be observed. It was regarded by Miller's colleague as "internally the best finished house in Penang" of the late 1930s. The house is now the premises of The Learning Garden, which has kindly allowed the Penang Heritage Trust to hold this site visit.

#### 6.0 PHT Circulars & Publishing

Website & Facebook

Our website (www.pht.org.my) has gone through more systematic revamping and we are maintaining two facebook accounts, one for public announcements on PHT coming events and the other for public discussion.

The facebook group discussion was setup in year 2011 and we have now more than 5000 friends in the group who have initiated many discussions, including historical events, the urban blight and issues on the heritage conservation. It also provides a platform for its group members to share photographs and exchanging ideas.

#### PHT Newsletter:

Since the last AGM, 3 newsletters and several circulars were produced. Members are welcome to download a copy of the newsletter from the website.

- PHT newsletter issue No. 106, Dec 2014
- PHT newsletter issue No. 107, May 2015
- PHT newsletter issue No. 108, Sep 2015

#### 7.0 Donations:

The following donations were received and special thanks to all the donors for their kindness.

RM10,000 - OCBC Bank

RM7,000 - Koh Shim Luen

RM450 - Peter Tan

RM1,000 - DL Studio Sdn Bhd

RM1,370 - Rani Sebastian (upkeep of Jewish Cemetery)

RM100 - Cecilia Kvam (upkeep of Jewish Cemetery)

RM3,000 - Sharmila Daniel (upkeep of Jewish Cemetery)

RM3,000 - Razak School of Management

#### 8.0 Human Resources

Mr. Tan Yan Qian, our admin officer joined the office in late June, 2014 until Dec 2015 and he has left PHT to pursue his further studies. Mr. Rudhrapathy Vijayavale was working part time as a research officer for two months from December 2014. Ms. Ch'ng Tze Wun joined PHT in February 2015 and currently she is the main office staff running the PHT office operations.

PHT is indebted to their contributions and wishes to thank them for their tireless efforts to keep up the busy schedules of the office and make things work.

A note of thanks to the internship students and our part-time coordinator for PAPA project, Ms. May Yeap who helped to man the office with the honorary secretary Clement Liang when manpower was short.

#### 9.0 Networking & collaboration

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

- 1) Arts-Ed
- 2) Academy of Socio-Economic research and Analysis (ASERA)
- 3) Badan Warisan Malaysia (BWM)
- 4) Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Society
- 5) George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)

- 6) Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office
- 7) Intel Corporations
- 8) Khazanah Nasional Berhad
- 9) Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang
- 10) Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai
- 11) Penang Catholic Diocese
- 12) Penang Global Tourism
- 13) Penang Institute
- 14) Penang Teochew Association
- 15) Penang Tourist Guides Association
- 16) Pulau Tikus Constituency YB Yap Soo Huey
- 17) Pusat Penyelidikan Arkeologi Global, USM
- 18) Ren-I-Tang
- 19) Ritsumeikan University, Japan
- 20) Royale Bintang Hotel
- 21) Royal Thai Embassy, Kuala Lumpur
- 22) Royal Thai Consulate-General, Penang
- 23) Seven Terraces
- 24) Songkhla Heritage Trust
- 25) Tan Yeow Wooi Culture and Heritage Research Studio
- 26) The Star Publications
- 27) Think City Sdn. Bhd.

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### **Penang Heritage Trust**

### Treasurer's Report for the Year 2014

In 2014 there were lesser number of projects running, which contributed to payables of **RM 897,147** compared to **RM 952,618 in 2013.** Following are the project accounts that have not closed:

BACSA (Roman Catholic Cemetery)	RM	2,845.50
Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide	RM	49,231.07
Donation - Dato Lim Bian Yam	RM	5,652.40
Government House Restoration Project	RM	2,000.00
Living Heritage Treasure Award	RM	23,340.90
PGCC Campaign Fund	RM	5,591.92
Lebuh Acheh Project	RM	10,000.00
Smoke Free Campaign	RM	29,705.00
PAPA Documentation Project	RM	60,922.00
PAPA Project	RM	92,962.23
Penang Story Lectures	RM	26,680.06
SYS Conference 2010	RM	162,086.72
SYS Heritage Trail	RM	77,652.25
SYS Exhibition	RM	18,188.48

Total RM 566,858.53

PHT keeps separate accounts for the projects and only transfer the proceeds from the above projects (which include our secretariat fees) into the main account after a particular project is closed or part of the profits is withdrawn for the operation of the office.

In 2014, we have a surplus of RM 42,424 compared to RMR 1,016 in 2013. This is due to the decrease of overhead, i.e. salaries were decreased to RM 50,297 in 2014 compared to RM 116,881 in 2013.

With reference to Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2014, non-current assets (fixed asset) stood at RM 252,670, in which RM 112,000 is the book value of PHT office premises after depreciation and RM 140,000 is the value of land for the above premises located at 26, Church Street, George Town, Penang, while the balance is the net value of our office equipment, after depreciation.

Current assets have decreased from RM 1,147,634 in 2013 to RM 1,137,971 in 2014, in which RM 2,453 is in the stock of bags and T-shirts which we are selling in PHT office. The remaining balance in which RM 753,782 is in fixed deposit and RM 99,970 as cash and bank balances. After deducting RM 897,147 reserved for on-going projects (which appear as payables in Current Liabilities), there is a balance of RM 240,824 as the reserve for operations of PHT office in coming years.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2014, our total income has decreased from RM 318,667 in 2013 to RM 251,607 in 2014, but the total expenditure has also decreased from RM 317,651 in 2013 to RM 209,183 in 2014. There is a surplus of RM 42,424 in 2014.

Our income for 2014 mainly came from the following:

- New admission fee of life members has increased from to RM 5,959 in 2013 to RM 6,000 in 2014 while new admission fee of ordinary members also increased from RM 5,080 in 2013 to RM 6,160 in 2014. Membership renewal has decreased marginally from RM 11,806 in 2013 to RM 11,748 in 2014.
- We also received donations of RM 52,404 in 2014 compared to RM 12,709 in 2013 from various sources. This include donations of RM 36,500 from The Star Publications on proceeds of "Penang's History, My Story" by Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai, RM 10,000 from OCBC Penang Premier Banking Centre and other donations by individuals in supporting PHT's heritage movement.
- Fixed deposit interest has increased from RM 15,247 in 2013 to RM 17,456 in 2014.
- Our heritage trail income which consist of the heritage walk, student excursions and trishaw tours, has decreased to RM 30,965 in 2014 compared to RM 34,052 in 2013. There is a gross profit of RM 10,978 after deducting RM 19,987 of expenses. Gross profit has increased compared to RM 9,611 in 2013.
- Site visit income has increased to RM 2,940 in 2014 compared to RM 2,515 in 2013. There is a profit of RM 1,311 after deducting expenses of RM 1,629.
- Miscellaneous income of RM 11,025 consists of the following:

Sales of books, souvenirs and other merchandise – RM 10,986

Sales of newsletter – RM 39

Miscellaneous expenses were RM 6,609, whereas net miscellaneous income amounted to RM 4,416

• Other incomes of RM 75,709 consist of the following:

Items	Net Income
	( RM )
Festival project	31,614.18
Talk on anti-war memorial	1,690.00
Talk & tour by Lim Gaik Siang: Folk Beliefs in George Town World Heritage Site	5,160.44
Talk by Lim Gaik Siang: Traditional Shophouse	6,180.50
Talk on "Rumah in Aries"	394.00
Penang Story Lecture : Komtar and the Buckminster Fuller Connection	300.00
Penang Story Lecture: Hamengkubuwono II, The Diary of the Javanese Prince Exiled in Penang, 1810-1814	9,394.90
Penang Story Lecture : Commemorating 130 Years of the Penang Botanical Gardens	11,100.00
Penang Story Lecture: From Penang to Adelaide: Surveyor-General William Light	4,244.80
Penang Story Lecture : Seberang Perai Story	5,630.00
Total	75,708.82

 Project income was RM 37,200 in 2014 compared to RM 139,949 due to reduction of projects undertaken by PHT. At the same time, some of the Penang Story lectures were posted under other incomes (RM 30,668.00).

Project incomes consist of incomes from the following project:

• Pulau Tikus Project

Our expenditure in 2014 amounted to RM 209,183 compared to RM 317,651 in 2013 due to fewer projects in 2014.

From the expenditure, RM 69,579 was project expenses, RM 19,987 being expenses for running Heritage trails and tours, RM 1,629 for site visit expenses, the balance RM 117,988 was the overhead to run the office, compared to RM 208,210 in 2013.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors, Thinkcity Sdn Bhd who sponsored the Penang Story project, GTWHI who supported us on various projects, donation from The Star Publications, OCBC, Alan Teh and others who had made donations in terms and in kinds to PHT.

Lim Gaik Siang

Hon. Treasurer PHT

(October 2015)