

# Penang Heritage Trust

*Preserving our Heritage for Future Generations*

## **PERSATUAN WARISAN PULAU PINANG**

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## **PENANG HERITAGE TRUST**

Annual Report 2016/2017

June 2016- May 2017



## **2017 Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting**

Dear Members of Penang Heritage Trust,

Notice is hereby given for the 2017 Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting with the following details:

**Date:** 30 July 2017 (Sunday)

**Time:** 3.00pm to 4.30pm

**Venue:** Penang Heritage Trust Office

### Agenda

1. President's message
2. To confirm and approve minutes of the 2016 PHT Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
3. Annual Activities Report as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.
4. Annual Financial Report as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.
5. Matters Arising from 2016 PHT AGM
6. Other Matters
7. Election of Council Members for 2017 – 2019 term
8. Appointment of Auditors for 2017-2019 term
9. Adjourn

Kindly RSVP by Noon of 28 July 2017 (Friday)

Ben Wismen

Hon. Sec. PHT

# Persatuan Warisan Pulau Pinang Penang Heritage Trust

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## **Penang Heritage Trust**

### **Annual General Meeting 2016 Minutes of Meeting**

**26 June 2016  
3pm to 4.30pm  
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CHIN SAIK YOON	O-26862
CHOW CHEE KIT	O-26764
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CUMALLE ANG POAY KHUAN	O-26437
DR CHOONG SIM POEY	L-26012
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JOHN TAYLOR	O-26831
KHOO SALMA NASUTION	L-26056
LAU EAM LENG	O-26993
LILLIAN TONG POH KHENG	O-27099
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LOH-LIM LIN LEE	L-26032
LORNA ELIZABETH TAYLOR	O-26830
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MARK LAY	O-26732
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## **1. President's Address**

Gaik Siang welcomed called the meeting to order at 3.10pm and extended her welcome to all the members to the meeting. She started her address by pointing out several loopholes in the regulations that were supposed to protect our heritage, and had resulted in unwanted losses such as the illegal demolition of Runnymede hotel. Next, she informed the members on the threat of turning Prangin Canal and Sia Boey market into a transport hub. She also informed the members that many heritage houses and shops inside and outside the World Heritage Site were bought up by foreigners for redevelopment, and this trend is worrying as it threatens the intangible heritage fabric of Penang. She concluded her address by asking the members for continuous support in the Trust and its cause of preserving heritage in Penang.

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes of Penang Heritage Trust's Annual General Meeting 2015.**

The minutes were read by new Hon. Secretary Mr Ben Wismen to the members. The minutes were adopted with the proposal by Mark Lay (O-26732) and seconded by Tong C.K. Ho (O-26029).

## **3. Introduction of Council Members for 2015-2017**

Gaik Siang introduced the new council members' line-up to all the members. The council members and office bearers are as such:

President:	Lim Gaik Siang
Vice-President:	Khoo Salma Nasution
Immediate Past President:	Dr Choong Sim Poey
Hon. Secretary:	Ben Wismen
Hon. Treasurer:	Dr Ruth Foo
Council Members:	Loh-Lim Lin Lee Clement Liang Trevor Sibert Fatimah Hassan Dr Goh Hsiao Mei Himanshu Bhatt
Appointed Auditors:	Yeang & Co (No. AF: 1062)

## **4. PHT Annual Report 2016**

### ***a. Membership Report***

1. Ben presented the membership status for the Trust as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The Trust had 310 members, whereby 172 were Ordinary Members and 112 were Life Members. The rest were Founding Members (14 members), Student Members (9 members) and Junior Members (3 members).
2. Ben reminded all that the annual membership term is from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the particular year, and members were advised to renew their membership before it lapses.

***b. Programmes & Projects***

The following programmes and projects by PHT were presented:

***1. PAPA***

- a. Free Talk on PAPA (January 2016) : A free talk to reintroduce PAPA to the general public. The talk was conducted by convenor Loh-Lim Lin Lee, and a Mandarin translation was provided by Gaik Siang
- b. Rattan Weaving Workshop (April 2016): The first workshop for PAPA was that of rattan weaving conducted by artisan Mr Sim Chew Poh.
- c. Artisan Market (April 2016): PHT-PAPA collaborated with The Star Pitt Street and organised the first Artisan Market, featuring local artisans including PAPA artisans, to a wider audience.

***2. Penang Story Lectures & Seberang Perai Story Lectures***

The following lectures were held since November 2015:

- a. Cosmopolitan Backwaters, Penang and Performing Arts in the Twentieth Century by Lawrence Ross (7<sup>th</sup> November 2015)
- b. Batu Uban in Penang. Past, Place and Presence by Prof Dato Ahmad Murad Merican (15<sup>th</sup> November 2015)
- c. Public Libraries in Penang – Past, Present and Future by Dato’ Anwar Fazal and Marcus Langdon (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015)

***3. Site Visits***

PHT organised the following site visits for the benefit of the members:

- a. Ranee Dhoby and Sri Ramar Temple, Dhoby Ghaut (4<sup>th</sup> October 2015)
- b. Cheah Kongs, Armenian Street (16<sup>th</sup> January 2016)
- c. Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Light Street (5<sup>th</sup> March 2016)
- d. Kampung Siam, Pulau Tikus (10<sup>th</sup> April 2016)

***4. Public Talks***

PHT organised the following talks and were open to PHT members and the public:

- a. PAPA Public Talk and Recruitment (31<sup>st</sup> January 2016)
- b. Penang Hill Railway (9<sup>th</sup> April 2016)
- c. Prangin Canal- The Promised People’s Park? (24<sup>th</sup> April 2016)

***c. Heritage Alerts***

The following heritage alerts were issued by PHT in the previous term:

1. Runnymede Hotel- Runnymede Hotel, located along Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah, was listed as one of PHT’s Most Important 7 Endangered Heritage Sites. However, the hotel was demolished illegally on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (coincidentally the second day of Chinese New Year)

2. Kampung Siam – A small village of traditional Siamese settlers located in Pulau Tikus will be evicted for redevelopment. The village is home to PHT's Living Heritage Treasure Awardee Wan Dee Aroonratana.

***d. Circulars & Publications***

The coming issue of PHT newsletter was to be published in June 2016. The council thanked Trevor and Himanshu for their efforts in making the newsletter happen.

***e. International Collaboration***

Gaik Siang informed the members on PHT's participation in the Asian Heritage Network 2016 conference in Karangasem, Bali. The conference was attended by herself, Ben Wismen, Clement Liang and Dr Goh Hsiao Mei. PHT, together with other member organisations, adopted the Karangasem Declaration 2016 in efforts to preserve and conserve heritage.

***f. PHT Office and Administration***

1. Ben informed that Ms Ch'ng Tze Wun and Ms Pamela Shamine were staff with the PHT Office. He also announced the operating hours of PHT Office to all the members present.
2. The following institutions had sent their students to PHT for internship for the past year, and PHT look forwards to future collaboration as such:
  - a. Ritsumeikan University, Japan
  - b. Segi College, Penang
  - c. University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
  - d. Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
  - e. Lingnan University, Hong Kong
  - f. University College of London, London
  - g. Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang
  - h. National Taiwan University, Taiwan.

The Annual Report was read and proposed for adoption by Annelies Allain (L-26001) and was seconded by Trevor Sibert (O-26662).

**5. PHT Annual Financial Report**

PHT's Annual Financial Report 2015, with financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, was presented by Dr Ruth Foo to the members of the Trust.

She announced that total income for 2015 was RM 146 206.20, a sharp decrease from RM 250 067.52 received in 2014. She attributed the decline due to the lack of donations and reduced activities in 2015. However, there was also a decrease of expenditures from RM 209 182.87 in 2014 to RM 138 103.61 in 2015. The reduced expenditure was due to smaller overhead costs and activities held. The net surplus for 2015 was RM 8,102.59.



The biggest source of income collected was from the heritage trails conducted by PHT. This was followed by the Penang Story Lectures and membership subscriptions. The biggest expenses incurred were for salaries, heritage trails and purchase of merchandise goods.

The Annual Financial Report was adopted with the proposal from Yeap Peng Hoe (L-26958) and seconded by Dato' Anwar Fazal (L-26034)

## **6. PHT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

Ben announced that PHT will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with a series of programmes and will culminate with a dinner. The purpose of the celebrations was to show appreciation to the members for the continuous support, and also to expose the work of PHT to a wider audience.

## **7. Other Matters**

### ***a. Appointment of Auditors***

Following the resignation of Yeang & Co as auditors for PHT, the council was asked to approach a new auditor to audit the accounts for PHT. The PHT council had approached Al-JeffriDean, and they had consented to the appointment as auditors.

The council received unanimous approval from the members of PHT during the AGM for the appointment of Al-JeffriDean.

## **8. Adjournment**

The PHT Council Meeting was adjourned with a motion of thanks to the president, Ms Lim Gaik Siang, and the other council members for their work. The motion to adjourn was proposed by Joann Khaw (O-26035) and was seconded by Annelies Allain (L-26001). The AGM adjourned by 4pm, and was followed by tea break.

PHT AGM 2016 Minutes

Prepared by,

Read by,

Ben Wismen

Lim Gaik Siang

Hon. Secretary

President

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## 1.0 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Penang Heritage Trust turned 30 years old in 2016. It is been a long journey for Penang Heritage Trust, 30 years old means 30 years of public advocacy, awareness raising and knowledge transfer on heritage and cultural related matters in Penang. PHT had spent the last 30 years in the public realm advocating and educating on heritage and cultural protection. While we may have lost some battles, nevertheless we also won some like getting George Town listed as an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Penang Heritage Trust started as a very small organisation, with less than 20 people coming together to establish the Trust. However, that number had grown in the past 30 years, and we now have about 300 active members scattered worldwide. The growth in membership goes to show the support and appreciation towards our cause of heritage protection and conservation.

We celebrated and reminisced over these immensely meaningful years with a series of programs such as video screening, talks and special site visit to Penang Hill, which lead to the finale on August 21, 2016, with a special dinner in the heart of the George Town World Heritage Site, at the nostalgic Ham Jiang Ancestral Temple of the Penang Teochew Association.

This 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, attended by around 200 members and supporters, had interesting events including small exhibition which featured memories on the historic milestones and challenges faced by PHT; showcased traditional handicrafts, performances of our traditional cultural and artistic forms; and the guests were treated with an array of delicious hawker-style Penang cuisine fit for the grand occasion.

I would like to take this opportunity to our members, sponsors and friends who contributed to the success of this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Beginning of last year, we were busy involved in the advocacy of moving the transport hub of the LRT from the heritage site, ie Prangin area to outside of George Town World Heritage Site. Until today, there is still no firm decision or update from government on the above Penang Transport Master Plan (PTMP).

Beginning of this year, we got to know that there are plans to develop Pulau Jerejak, an island at the south of Penang Island, which is rich of history. Pulau Jerejak was once an entry point for migrants coming into Penang where migrants from India, China and several other places were quarantined in Pulau Jerejak for a period before they were allowed to proceed to Penang Island. Pulau Jerejak was one of the early leprosarium in Malaysia and it was also a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients, providing refuge to these patients while they convalesce. Pulau Jerejak was also a famous prison and detention camp, having held prisoners from the Malayan Emergency and the May 13 riots up until 1993.

Pulau Jerejak is also one of Penang's last few natural forest reserves and home to diverse flora and fauna. Its island setting in between two land masses also makes it a perfect breeding and feeding ground for marine life, adding biodiversity value to Penang.

In order to raise awareness on the significance of this island, Penang Heritage Trust and Penang Forum organised a bi-lingual public forum on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Penang Institute to share the history and significance with the general public. The forum was well attended by the public and widely reported by the media.

Penang Heritage Trust is proud that our Vice President, Ms Khoo Salma Nasution has been appointed as City Councillor for MBPP, as the NGO candidate representing Penang Forum. We hope that she will be able to contribute more in the heritage conservation efforts by influencing the policy changes, monitoring and task force internally.

Other than advocacy program, we also conduct regular site visits, talks, membership drive and other programs to keep the members engaged. We hope to get support from members in the above programs.

Thank you

Lim Gaik Siang

President

## 2.0 PENANG HERITAGE TRUST COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council Members of Penang Heritage Trust are elected once every two years to oversee and manage the operations and affairs of the society. The present council board was elected on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015, and will be disbanded for a new council in the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The present Council and its Executive Committee is as such:

President:	Lim Gaik Siang
Immediate Past President:	Dr Choong Sim Poey
Vice President:	Khoo Salma Nasution
Honorary Secretary:	Ben Wismen
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Ruth Foo Lee Hoon (Resigned 22 August 2016)
	Loo Chee Hin (Effective 15 September 2016)

### Council Members:

Loh-Lim Lin Lee  
Clement Liang  
Trevor Sibert  
Fatimah Hassan  
Himanshu Bhatt  
Dr Goh Hsiao Mei

Trustees:	Dato' (Dr) Anwar Fazal
	Laurence Loh
	Dr Choong Sim Poey

Advisors:	Mr Woo Yee Saik
	Mr Tan Kuan Aw

Auditor:	Aljeffridean Chartered Accountants
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The council members would like express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to members, friends and family who had lent their unwavering support for the past year, especially in making the PHT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations a success.

The council has met four times with the following details:

- 4<sup>th</sup> PHT Council Meeting (2015-2017) – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016
- 5<sup>th</sup> PHT Council Meeting (2015-2017) – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- 6<sup>th</sup> PHT Council Meeting (2015-2017) – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016
- 7<sup>th</sup> PHT Council Meeting (2015-2017) - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### 3.0 MEMBERSHIP

Penang Heritage Trust is a membership-based organisation run largely based on the membership subscriptions and support. There are five membership categories and four are open for subscriptions. Except for Founding and Life membership, all other membership commences from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the particular year.

Penang Heritage Trust's membership as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 is as follows:

Membership Category	No. of Members
Founding Members	14
Life Members	125
Ordinary Members	244
Student Members	10
Junior Members	9
Total Members	402

The total active membership for Penang Heritage Trust as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 is as follows:

Membership Category	No. of Members
Founding Members	14
Life Members	126
Ordinary Members	168
Student Members	1
Junior Members	0
Total Members	309

Penang Heritage Trust received four new subscriptions in the first five months of 2017. The breakdown of the subscription is as follows:

Membership Category	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
Ordinary	0	0	0	0	3
Student	0	0	0	0	0
Life	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0

There has been a significant drop in the membership subscription of Penang Heritage Trust over the first quarter of 2017. PHT did not organise much activities and events to promote the membership over the said period due to the lack of manpower and also the attempt to consolidate the existing membership base within the office. As such, the office was more focused on retaining the existing members by reminding them to pay their subscriptions, and also if possible, to pay an advanced subscription of three years.

## **4.0 PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS**

Penang Heritage Trust actively carries out its programmes and projects central to its cause of conserving and preserving both tangible and intangible heritage in Penang.

### **4.1 PENANG APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME FOR ARTISANS (PAPA)**

PAPA is a programme developed from Penang Heritage Trust, under its convenor Loh-Lim Lin Lee, to promote awareness and sustainability for the endangered traditional local skills in Penang.

With its workshop located in 66 Acheen Street, its coordinator May Yeap will invite artisans to conduct workshops for a certain duration that is suitable to transfer skills and knowledge to wanting apprentice. They are also on the lookout for artisan masters that are keen to showcase their skills and craftsmanship and willing to train apprenticeship to ensure survival of the particular skill.

Throughout the 2016-2017 term, several workshops were conducted by our artisans to promote their skills and craft. The workshops conducted were:

1. Wood carving workshop – 7, 14 & 28 August 2016
2. Lantern making workshop – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016
3. PAPA Workshop for PCGPHS – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016
4. Handmade Joss stick workshop – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Unfortunately, the following workshops were planned but cancelled due to the lack of participation:

1. Rattan weaving workshop – July 2016
2. Wood carving workshop (Level 2) - December 2016/January 2017

PAPA is still actively looking for artisans who are willing to share their trade knowledge and skills to a wider audience. PAPA's website was also redesigned to provide better information and access to the programme, the artisans and the available workshops.

### **4.2 LIVING HERITAGE TREASURE AWARDS**

The Penang Heritage Trust Living Heritage Treasure Awards continues in 2016 with the sponsorship from 7 Terraces, a company under the George Town Heritage Hotels Sdn. Bhd. The LHTA recipients were invited to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations dinner and the annual awards were presented there.

### 4.3. PENANG STORY LECTURES AND SEBERANG PERAI STORY LECTURES

The Penang Story Lectures and Seberang Perai Story Lectures came to a close with a talk by Dr Arjunan Narayanan in June 2016 and another by Catherine Churchman in July. Dr Narayanan delivered a talk on the memories of studying in Tamil Schools in Province Wellesley, set against the backdrop of the Sri Ananda Bhawan Restaurant in Seberang Perai. Catherine presented a talk on Penang Hokkien and how the regional lingua franca is slowly dying in the present day society.

The third instalment of Penang Story Lectures kicked off with an inaugural lecture and launch by Dato Anwar Fazal on 10th December 2016. His talk, entitled The Spirit of Penang, was to provide an overview of the dynamics of public interest activism and social changes in and out of Penang.

### 4.4 SITE VISITS

Site visits continue to be a feature of Penang Heritage Trust as we offer visits to places that are unique in Penang, with insightful information and exposition given to the audience. The site visits from June 2016 to May 2017 were as follows:

#### 1. *Site visit to Penang Hill (14 August 2016)*

The site visit programme kicked off with a special site visit organised to coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of PHT. Mike Gibby delivered a fascinating talk about the history of Penang Hill in David Brown Terraces, while guests helped themselves to tea. Then, guests were taken on a site visit around the special areas in Penang Hill including to Convalescent bungalow and Sri Merdeka Bungalow (owned by life member Mr Neoh Soon Kean). Guests then concluded their site visit by having a special trip to Penang Hill's latest attraction, The Habitat, and a special guided tour by director Mr Allen Tan.

#### 2. *Site visit to Gurney Drive (16 October 2016)*

The second site visit took place in Mr Pot's Café along Gurney Drive, whereby three speakers shared their experiences, memories as well as the future of Gurney Drive. Dato Anwar Fazal provided a narration of the experience of Gurney Drive in the past, while Dato Dr Leong Yueh Kwong presented on the present state of Gurney Drive. Anil Netto concluded the talk on the future and how the present reclamation project will affect Gurney Drive as how Penangites know it. Guests however did not manage to walk along the Drive during the visit as it there was a thunderstorm during the visit.



### **3. *Site visit to Chulia Street (11 February 2017)***

The site visit to Chulia Street was led by Khoo Salma, Vice President of PHT and MBPP Councillor, to introduce the street to guests and also to highlight the present initiatives to free the 5ft ways along the street.

### **4. *Site visit to Penang House of Music, KOMTAR (23 March 2017)***

The site visit to Penang House of Music took place in March, as members were invited to visit the latest museum in Penang that curates a very special branch of music, Penang Music. Hosted by curator Paul Augustin, the members were taken around the museum and were given explanation on the past, diversity and heritage of Penang's music legacy.

## **4.5 PHT PUBLIC TALKS**

Penang Heritage Trust continues to play its role as heritage advocacy group by organising talks to promote awareness and disseminate information on heritage-related issues. Over the past few months, the Society had organised the following free public talks to spread the awareness and promote our cause.

### **4.5.1 Late Nights with PHT: Lim Gaik Siang**

The first talk by Lim Gaik Siang, President of PHT, to kickstart the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. The talk was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July in two languages, and had attracted a lot of members and new friends to sign up as members. Gaik Siang presented on the Interpretation of George Town World Heritage Site, and had generated very proactive discussions on George Town and its role and future as a World Heritage Site.

### **4.5.2 The Lost Tribe of Chetti Melaka – Who Are We**

The talk was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016, in conjunction with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and the George Town Festival. David Bok, a researcher specialising on the Chetti Melaka group, presented his findings on the group of people, their history and culture to the audience.

### **4.5.3 Connecting the Lights**

Four prominent speakers and historians gathered on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016 to present their case findings and histories related to Captain Francis Light, the founder of Penang. Datuk Wira Mohd Shariff, Marcus Langdon, Kelly Henderson and Dato' Dr Anthony Sibert talked about the legacy of Francis Light in Penang, and subsequently the connection to Adelaide in Australia.

### **4.5.4 Sustainable Transport Strategies beyond Megacities**

Dr Dorina Pojani from Queensland, Australia presented this talk on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Penang Heritage Trust Office. The talk was based on Dr Pojani's research and thoughts in sustainable transportation and development.

#### **4.5.5 A History of Phuket and Its Relations to Penang**

Colin Mackay, author and researcher living in Phuket, came to Penang Heritage Trust and delivered this talk on 1st November 2016. The talk focused on the links between Phuket and Penang, and how relationships and interactions were established and survived until present day.

#### **4.5.6 Yangon Echoes – Inside Heritage Houses**

Virginia Henderson and Tim Webster presented a talk on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November entitled Inside Heritage Houses. The talk presented an intimate view into the lives in Yangon, and the heritage and history hidden within those homes. The talk was also a tie-in to their new book, Yangon Echoes.

#### **4.5.7 George Town's Iron Rod Sculptures**

Mike Gibby returned to Penang Heritage Trust's platform and presented a talk on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December in Hin Bus Depot on the iron rod sculptures used to mark George Town. Mike discussed on the representation and significance of the sculptures and its relevance in the George Town's setting.

#### **4.5.8 Penang in Thai Documents**

Prapassorn Posrithong presented an interesting account on Penang's mention and documentation in Thai documents in PHT office on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016. The talk focused on the mention of Penang (and Koh Hmak, the Siamese name of Penang) in Thai documents, as well as a glimpse on the stories of Thai nationals who had settled in Penang.

#### **4.5.9 #SaveJerejak: Unravelling the Secrets of Pulau Jerejak**

Penang Heritage Trust collaborated with Penang Forum to organise a talk on Pulau Jerejak on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017, in Penang Institute. The talk focused on the history and heritage of Pulau Jerejak and featured a panel of knowledgeable speakers including Lim Gaik Siang, Mike Gibby, Loh-Lim Lin Lee and Ben Wismen.

### **4.6 MONTHLY TOURS**

Northam Road Cemetery Tour

The free monthly tour to the Northam Road Protestant Cemetery continued throughout 2016-2017. Organised by Penang Global Tourism, and led by Clement Liang, the tour will start from Little Penang Street Market and end in the cemetery.

## **5.0 HERITAGE ALERTS**

### **5.1 Better Cheaper Faster Penang Transport Master Plan**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Penang Forum, in which Penang Heritage Trust is a component member, launched the Better Cheaper Faster Penang Transport Master Plan (BCF Plan) to the general public. This master plan was a response to the State-endorsed SRS- Penang Transport Master Plan (SRS-PTMP), and how an alternative plan should be adopted due to the costly impacts and effects that will happen. The BCF Plan outlined the weaknesses and shortcomings of the SRS-PTMP, and referred to the previously endorsed Halcrow Transport Master Plan to provide alternatives and suggestions that were deemed feasible for immediate implementation.

A petition, supported by video publicity and other source materials, were also launched to gather the feedback, opinion and comments from the general public. The petition managed to gather significant support and feedback, and was delivered to the Chief Minister of Penang for consideration.

## **6.0 CIRCULARS AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **6.1 NEWSLETTER**

The PHT Newsletter continues with the efforts of Trevor Sibert and Himanshu Bhatt. They had been collecting news articles and write-ups, as well as editing submissions and opinion pieces so that it can be published.

We wish to thank Trevor Sibert and Himanshu Bhatt for their dedication and perseverance in producing the newsletter.

## **7.0 PHT 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS**

### **7.1 Site Visit to Penang Hill**

PHT started the celebrations with a special site visit to Penang Hill. Mike Gibby was invited to present a talk on the history and heritage of the hill, while guests were treated to afternoon tea in David Brown Restaurant and Tea Terraces. Then, the guests were taken for a short walk on top of the hill, visiting two very interesting bungalows namely Convalescent and Sri Merdeka. After that, guests were treated to a special guided walk on Penang Hill's latest attraction, the Habitat. The exclusive visit was well received and was overbooked.

### **7.2 Late Nights with PHT: Talk by Lim Gaik Siang**

PHT's president delivered a special lecture on Interpretation of George Town World Heritage Site in the PHT office as part of the celebration activities. The talk was delivered in two sessions and in two languages, and was well received by members and guests.

### **7.3 Free Movie Screenings**

Throughout August, PHT had screened several films that were filmed in Penang, and had also invited friends and members to share their experience while the filming took place. The first film was Indochine, whereby parts of the movie were shot in Butterworth, Crag Hotel and Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion. Laurence Loh and Loh-Lim Lin Lee shared their experience on working with the crew and how the movie had affected the restoration process of the mansion.

The second film presented was Road to Dawn, a Mandarin movie filmed entirely in Penang. The movie tells of the story of Dr Sun Yat Sen and his time in exile in Penang. Himanshu Bhatt, who played the role of the Gurkha guard, was present to share his experience of working in the production.

The third and last movie presented was Anna and the King. The movie of Anna Leonowens and her experience of serving in the Thai Royal Household was screened, with a special commentary given by Dato Anwar Fazal.

### **7.3 PHT 30th Anniversary Dinner**

The 30th Anniversary celebrations culminated with the Anniversary Dinner held in Penang Teochew Association on 21st August 2016. The event was a spectacle as we had demonstrations from PAPA artisans, cooking demonstrations, traditional Teochew puppet show and several cultural dances to highlight the diversity and heritage of George Town. During the dinner, the LHTA awards for 2016 were also presented to the awardees, recognising their significance and role in defining Penang's story. The dinner ended with a special lucky draw session and saw many happy guests leaving with prizes such as hotel stays, dinner vouchers and special tickets to visit The Habitat. From the dinner, RM 27,524.95 were raised from the dinner and have been reserved for renovations and restoration of the Penang Heritage Trust office in 2017.

## **8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **8.1 Staff & Office Administration**

Penang Heritage Trust welcomed two new staff in 2017 following Ms Ch'ng Tze Wun departure to pursue a career in education. Ms Sarel Leong was employed in April 2017 to the position of Administrative Executive, while Mr Lim Seong Lee was employed in January 2017 to the position of Administrative Officer.

PHT would also like to thank Mr Aaron Wong, Ms Chua Di Xuan and Mr Lim Gark Tong for their short services in PHT during the transitory period.

### **8.2 Internship**

PHT received student interns from the following universities in 2016: Ritsumeikan University, Segi College Penang University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of HK, Lingnan University, Universiti Sains Malaysia, University College London and National Taiwan University.

## 9.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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15. Nara Machizukuri Centre
16. Penang Catholic Diocese
17. Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce
18. Penang Global Tourism (PGT)
19. Penang Institute (PI)
20. PHT Living Heritage Treasure Award recipients
21. Penang Teochew Association
22. Penang Tourist Guides Association (PTGA)
23. Ritsumeikan University, Japan
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We would also like to acknowledge and thank all our funders, members, volunteers, donors and friends who very often came to assist in many ways. We apologise if anyone or anything has been inadvertently omitted or inaccurately stated.

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# **Penang Heritage Trust**

## **Treasurer's Report for the Year 2016**

The Financial Report for Penang Heritage Trust for the year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 was changed to reflect a proper format as used by Non-Profit Organizations. Our total Accumulated Fund of **RM1,129,852.00** is a combination of two funds namely:

- (1) General Accumulated Fund of **RM493,304.00**; and
- (2) Project Fund of **RM627,243.00**

### ***1. Project Fund***

Project funds is kept separate by PHT for the specific projects and proceeds from the projects (including secretariat fees and reimbursements) are transferred into the General Accumulated Fund after a particular project is closed, or partly withdrawn to reimburse the project costs (including office administration purposes). [Please refer to Appendix A for Details on Project Funds]

Our active project funds for Year 2016 include funds for Penang Apprenticeship Program (PAPA) and Living Heritage Treasure Award (LHTA). New projects started last year were Saving Prangin Canal, Penang Forum, and Siamese Heritage Center.

The Siamese Heritage Center project was completed in 2016. The PGCC Campaign Fund was held on behalf of the Penang Forum Steering Committee, and has now been transferred to the proper Penang Forum project accounts. RM27,500.00 was raised from the PHT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and were transferred into the Office Repair and Maintenance Fund for the said purpose only. Repair and maintenance work will commence in 2017 when PHT receives suitable quotations for the desired works.

### ***2. Income and Expenditure***

The total income received, without project surplus, was RM59,527.00 as compared to RM54,303.00 in year 2015. The total office and administration expenditures for the year is RM100,221.00 as compared to RM95,156.00 in year 2015. Total deficit before project surplus is RM40,694.00 as compared to RM40,853.00 in year 2015. [Kindly refer to Appendix B and C for easy reference to our Income and Expenditures in year 2016.]

The project surplus received in year 2016 is RM37,606.00 as compared to RM41,804 in year 2015.[ Kindly refer to Appendix C for Project Income and Surplus]. Therefore, the deficit for the year 2016 was RM3,088.00, as compared to a surplus of RM951.00 in year 2015.

PHT received donations of RM7,925.00 for 2016, hence the final surplus for the year is recorded as RM4,837.00. This is compared to year 2015 whereby the donations received were RM6,252.00 and total surplus for year 2015 is RM7,203.



The total office and administration expenditures for the year 2016 was RM100,221.00 and is made up of payments to staff (51%), office maintenance (27%), and other miscellaneous cost (22%). [Kindly refer to Appendix D]

For the complete report with detailed breakdown on the respective costs and accounting factors, please refer to Audited Financial Report for PHT for year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 as distributed.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors and collaborators for the PHT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events, project funders and all individuals and organisations who had made donations in monetary terms and in kinds to PHT.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loo Chee Hin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Loo Chee Hin

Hon. Treasurer PHT

July 2017