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2019 Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting

Dear Members of Penang Heritage Trust,

Notice is hereby given for the 2019 Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting with the following details:

Date: 30th June 2019 (Sunday)

Time: 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Penang Heritage Trust Office

Agenda

1. President's message
2. Confirmation and approval of 2018 Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting minutes dated 8th July 2018.
3. Annual Activity Report as of 31st May 2019.
4. Annual Financial Report as of 31st December 2018.
5. Election of Council Members for 2019-2021 term.
6. Appointment of Auditors for 2019-2020 term.
7. Other Matters
8. Adjourn and Tea

Announcements

1. Members who wish to raise specific issues for the AGM can submit their written concerns to PHT via email (info@pht.org.my).
2. Kindly RSVP by noon of 28th June 2019 (Friday)

Thank you.

**PERSATUAN WARISAN PULAU PINANG
PENANG HERITAGE TRUST**

Registered Address:
26 Lebuhraya 10200 Pulau Pinang

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018
MINUTES OF MEETING**

8th July 2018

3.00pm to 4.30pm

Penang Heritage Trust Office



IN ATTENDANCE

Aidatul Fadzlin	S-26030
Anwar Fazal	L-26034
Bendula Wismen	L-26970
Boon Luea Arooratana	O-26938
Chin Saik Yoon	O-26862
Chow Chee Kit	O-26764
Christina Wong	O-27083
Christopher Webb	O-26313
Clement Liang	L-26954
Creighton Connolly	L-26971
David Giam	O-27151
Loo Chee Hin	O-27113
Eric Yeoh Kok Ming	O-26371
Fatimah Hassan	O-27011
Himanshu Bhatt	O-27000
Kheng Yi Ping	O-27106
Khoo Salma	L-26056
Lim Gaik Siang	L-26983
Loh-Lim Lin Lee	L-26032
Marron D.A	O-26059
May Yeap Kam Moey	O-26567
Nagathisen Katahenggam	O-27154
Preveena Balakrishnan	S-26012
Ric Francis	Observer
Teh Ewe Hoon	O-26543
Tan Hiang Ghee	O-27156
Ho Tong Cheng Kim	O-26029
Tony Tan Kai Loon	O-27050

1. President's Address

PHT President Lim Gaik Siang called the meeting to order at 3.00pm and extended her warm welcome to all the members who attended. She started her address by expressing her concerns and observations of 10 years after George Town's listing as a Unesco Heritage Site and how it had affected the advocacy strategies of PHT in the past year.

She continued her address by highlighting other advocacy work of PHT especially in the Penang Transport Master Plan (PTMP) and the redevelopment of Pulau Jerejak and thanked those who had supported PHT through the advocacy work done in these areas.

She concluded her address by thanking Khoo Salma for her contribution and work in the one-year term as Penang City councillor.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting 2017.

The minutes to the 2017 PHT AGM were read by Hon. Secretary Ben Wismen. The minutes were proposed for adoption with no amendments by Dato' Anwar Fazal (L-26034) and seconded by Tony Tan Kai Loon (O- 27050).

3. Penang Heritage Trust Annual Report 2018

Hon. Secretary Ben Wismen presented the PHT Annual Report as of 31st May 2018.

a. Membership Report

- a. PHT registered 303 members as of 31st May 2018 with the following breakdown of membership: 14 Founding Members, 145 Life Members, 142 Ordinary Members and 2 Student Members.
- b. The increase in life membership subscription shows that people still believe in the cause and work of PHT. However, the decrease in number of ordinary members were probably due to the lapse in subscription and the passive engagement of members.

b. Programmes and Projects

a. PHT Living Heritage Treasures Awards (LHTA)

- i. The LHTA vacancy following the death of Dato' Lim Bian Yam was filled by the traditional songkok maker, Haja Mohideen. The award was presented by then-MBPP mayor Dato' Maimunah Sharif in a simple ceremony in the Nagore Dargha Sherif.

b. Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisan (PAPA)

- i. Two workshops were carried out by PAPA and had received encouraging feedback from the participants.
- ii. Announcements were made to members to recommend artisans to the programme.

c. Site Visits

PHT had organised the following site visits during since the previous AGM:

- i. Site visit to Fort Cornwallis (27 August 2017)
- ii. Site visit to Church of Assumption and Penang Diocesan Museum (27 January 2018)
- iii. Site visit to Boon San Tong Khoo Kongsi (10 February 2018)

d. PHT Public Talks

The PHT Public Talks were talks organised by PHT to spread awareness and advocacy for our cause. The talks organised were:

- i. Saving Pulau Jerejak by Ben Wismen (30 July 2017)
- ii. The Sustainability Paradox: Developing and Managing Tourism at Urban World Heritage Sites by Fergus Maclaren (13 September 2017)
- iii. Tales from the Graves: Northam Road Protestant Cemetery by Marcus Langdon (19 November 2017)
- iv. Gentrification of George Town by Dr Ruth Foo and Dr Gengesar Krishnapillai (17 March 2018)
- v. Exploring the History of Penang as Port City by various speakers (24 and 25 April 2018)

e. Monthly Tours

PHT continued with the Northam Road Protestant Cemetery Tour, held at the last Sunday of the month.

c. Advocacy Projects

PHT had done the following advocacy work in 2017-2018:

- i. Visit by British High Commissioner and Heritage Walk (9 September 2017)
- ii. Penang Expo (30 September 2017)
- iii. Pulau Jerejak: Voices from the Past, Choices for the Future (10 March 2018)
- iv. Penang Forum Agenda (12 April 2018)

d. Human Resources

PHT thanked Ms Sariel Leong and Mr Lim Seong Lee for their work and support rendered as PHT staff. PHT had also received interns from 10 local and international universities over the past year.

The activity report was proposed for adoption by Tong C.K Ho (O-26029) and was seconded by Creighton Conolly (L-26971)

4. Penang Heritage Trust Financial Report 2017

PHT Hon. Treasurer Derek Loo presented the financial activities and report as of 31st December 2017.

The PHT funds were split into project funds and general fund. For 2017, the project funds were at RM614,066.00 whereas the general funds were at RM 499,598.00. The total income received for the 2017 financial year was RM 51,540.00 and the total expenditure were RM100,754.00. The project income received were RM 48,870.00 and donations were RM7,925.00. The final surplus for the year was RM 4,837.00.

Dato' Anwar Fazal (L-26034) proposed for the adoption of the financial report and was seconded by Praveena Balakrishnan (S-26012)

5. Appointment of Auditors

The reappointment of Al-Jeffri Dean as auditors for the coming financial year was motioned by Ben Wismen. The motion was agreed and was proposed for acceptance by Boon Leau Aroonratana (O-26938) and seconded by Tong C.K. Ho (O-26029)

6. Adjournment

The Penang Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting 2018 adjourned at 4.30pm with a motion of thanks to president Lim Gaik Siang and the other council members.

PHT AGM 2018 Minutes

Prepared by,

Ben Wismen

Honorary Secretary 2017-2019

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1. President's Message

PHT with 40 other organisations started Penang Forum (PF), a fluid and loose coalition of progressive public-interest civil society groups in 2008, and had mooted the development of a Transport Master Plan (PTMP) for Penang State. The State Government then engaged an UK-based engineering consultant, Halcrow Group, to prepare the original PTMP that aims for a holistic approach to solving Penang's mobility and transport problems; adopting a paradigm shift by moving people - not cars. This PTMP was then adopted by the State Government in 2013.

Unfortunately, after the RFP was called, the Project Delivery Partner counter proposed an alternative PTMP with 69.7km of highways (out of which 30.4km will be elevated), 42km of elevated LRT and Monorail tracks and the reclamation of three islands with a total area of 4500 acres at the south of Penang island. Should this "distorted" PTMP were to be completed, there will be a total of 72.4km elevated structures (against a trip around Penang island which is only 70km) built in front of double storey shophouses, religious institutions, and heritage buildings. Some of the heritage buildings and trees may also need to be removed to facilitate this development. In other words, the completion of the "distorted" PTMP will bring about permanent and irreversible changes to the aesthetic and setting of this beautiful island.

We are not against the PTMP but we in support of a more sympathetic PTMP which moves people and not cars. When the EIA for the six – lanes elevated Pan Island Link (PIL1) was released in July last year, we were shocked to see the alignment affects many heritage buildings on this island.

The proposed alignment to the 19.5km elevated highway will affect buildings such as Phor Tay Buddhist School (founded in 1950 by Au Boon Haw of Tiger Balm fame), St Nicholas School for the Blind (in the present premise since 1938), Penang Chinese Girls' Primary and Secondary Schools (established since 1950s), Shree Muniswarar Temple (founded in 1853), Kek Lok Si temple (opened since 1905). The plans further include a suspension bridge across Youth Park, a viaduct across the Penang Hill railway while the southern alignment will affect the Sungai Ara neighbourhood park. Countless houses, commercial buildings, religious institutions and public facilities will also be affected.

A tunnel will also be constructed less than 500 meters away from Ayer Itam dam which was completed in 1962 by Lim Goh Tong (founder of Genting Group). It is an earth dam built on 235m above sea level, with the height of 52m and max capacity of 2,500 million liters of water. It was worrying when the EIA specifically identified that area as a "fault zone" whereby the earth is not stable for such constructions.

Since then, PHT and Penang Forum had gathered a panel of 31 in-field professionals and 20 contributors with PhDs and master's degrees in relevant sectors to study the EIA report, and found many glaring issues and inconsistencies within the report. The findings were submitted to the Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change ministry and the Penang Chief Minister.

With the support from the office staff and council members of PHT, under the name of PF, we have organised not less than 30 sessions of briefings, talks, dialogues with the State Assemblymen and City Councilors, signature campaigns, public forums etc. in three languages to highlight the issues with the PIL 1 and PTMP. The NGOs also requested a town hall session with the Minister of Environment and the state government. Alas after all these effort, the EIA report for PIL1 was approved in April this year.

While the battles of PTMP (PIL1, LRT, South reclamation scheme etc) were still ongoing, there were other battles that surfaced that required our attention and action.

Pulau Jerejak has a strong history on leprosy preceding even that of Sungai Buloh's leper's village. The isle further underwent changes when it was made into a quarantine camp for visiting travelers, a tuberculosis sanatorium and a detention centre, and a hotel before it was abandoned. In view to the above historical importance, we have been working with other counterparts who are involved in Sungai Buloh leprosy, to list Pulau Jerejak and Sungai Buloh Leprosarium as Unesco World Heritage Sites.

Unfortunately, the Penang State Government is not interested in this listing. The Sungai Buloh Leprosarium has been successful listed into the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in February this year. Last year, planning permission were also approved for the developer, Tropical Island Resort Sdn Bhd, to develop Pulau Jerejak starting with a four-lane bridge connecting the island to Penang island. This wanton development will severely affect the historical and natural assets of Pulau Jerejak.

In April this year, our government announced that construction of the proposed Komtar-Bayan Lepas Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, part of Penang's multi-billion-ringgit Transport Master Plan (PTMP), will commence early next year. However, the public is still left in the blind as many components including the location of the proposed hub (Prangin Canal site or moved to Macalister Road), the detailed alignment, and the number of heritage buildings or sites affected are still unknown.

PHT's management had also made several changes over the past year to adapt to our financial situation. Firstly, the council has agreed to move PAPA's office back to PHT office at Church Street. While PAPA is running low on funds, we are still actively running the programme and had organised a few workshops such as Nyonya Chang, Chinese Knotting and Ang Ku Kuih in the past year. More PAPA workshops are still being planned and it is hoped that this will be able to draw more interest to the programme.

Last year, we were visited by the City Councils of Vancouver City, Canada, Cummer Heritage Consulting and scholars from many worldwide universities. This year, we were hosted a visit by Members of Germany's Parliament and staff of Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and took them on a heritage walk.

Aside from this, we still conducted regular site visits, talks and programs aimed for our members only. We also continued our knowledge sharing and capacity building component by training interns from local and oversea universities. We always welcome networks and friendship with local and foreign NGOs, universities, students and parties who are interested and involved in heritage conservation.

Thank you

Lim Gaik Siang
President

2. Penang Heritage Trust Council Members

The Council Members for the 2017-2019 term were elected following the PHT Annual General Meeting held on 30th July 2017. The present Council Members and Executive Committee are as such:

President:	Lim Gaik Siang
Immediate Past President:	Dr Choong Sim Poey
Vice President:	Khoo Salma Nasution
Honorary Secretary:	Ben Wismen
Honorary Treasurer:	Derek Loo Chee Hin
Council Members:	Loh-Lim Lin Lee Clement Liang Fatimah Hassan Himanshu Bhatt Woo Yee Saik Dr Goh Hsiao Mei (resigned in February 2018)
Trustees:	Dato' Anwar Fazal Laurence Loh Dr Choong Sim Poey
Auditor:	Aljeffridean Chartered Accountants

The Council Members had met four times over the 2018-2019 period with the following details:

- 4th PHT Council Meeting (2017-2019) – 23rd November 2018
- 5th PHT Council Meeting (2017-2019) – 21st February 2019
- 6th PHT Council Meeting (2017-2019) – 14th March 2019
- 7th PHT Council Meeting (2017-2019) – 27th May 2019

The council members would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all members, friends and family for supporting their work during the past term.

3. Membership

Penang Heritage Trust is a membership-based organisation, run largely based on the member subscriptions and support. There are five membership categories and four are open for subscriptions. The membership duration runs from the 1st January and ends on 31st December of the year, except for Life and Founding Members.

Penang Heritage Trust's membership subscription as of 31st May is as follows:

Membership Category	No. of Members (31 May 2019)
Founding Members	14
Life Members	133
Ordinary Members	120
Student Members	5
Junior Members	0
Total Members	272

The total members of Penang Heritage Trust, as of 31st May 2019, stands at 272 members instead of 303 members last year. The decrease in membership numbers may be attributed to the reduced number of activities carried out last year. Most of the activities held in 2018 were focused on the PTMP and PIL campaign and were not targeted to our members. However, the council had realigned its focus and have planned for more members-based activities for 2019.

The other reason for the reduction in number is due to the lapse in subscription. PHT had repeatedly send reminders to members to renew their membership at the start of the year, but not all ordinary members whose membership had lapsed were able to do so.

Erratum: The number of life members reported in 2018 was 145 and had included the founding members in the list. The actual number of life members for 2018 was 131

4. Programmes and Projects

The following are programmes and projects carried out by Penang Heritage Trust throughout the year. The programmes and projects are developed based on the objectives of preserving and conserving our heritage assets for the next generation.

4.1 Living Heritage Treasures Awards (LHTA)

The Living Heritage Treasures Awards (LHTA) continue with the support of George Town Heritage Hotels. Eight individuals are awarded in recognition of their skills, trade or expertise and are given an honorarium to support them.

4.2 Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans (PAPA)

PAPA continued with its workshops to promote awareness and sustainability of the local artisans and their crafts to the public. The following PAPA workshops were conducted in the previous year:

1. Nyonya Chang (Dumpling) – 4th August 2018
2. Chinese Knots – 19th January 2019
3. Ang Ku Kuih – 17th March 2019

PAPA is still actively looking for artisans to participate in our programmes and widen the variety of workshops that PHT-PAPA can offer.

4.3 Site Visits

The site visits remained a feature within the PHT programmes as it brings members and the public to interesting places and sites and experts are engaged to deliver insider or lesser-known knowledge and facts to the audience. The following site visits were conducted last year:

1. ***Cherok To'kun, St Anne's Church and Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Pagar Tras (01 July 2018)***
2. ***Peace and Coexistence Trail: Hu Yew Seah, Chinese Methodist Church, Kuan Yin Temple, Jewish Cemetery and Pakistan Mosque (09 December 2018)***
3. ***The Church of the Immaculate Conception Penang (24 February 2019)***
4. ***Penang Buddhist Association (12 May 2019)***

4.4 PHT Public Talks

These talks were organised by PHT to promote awareness and disseminate interesting information on heritage related issues.

1. ***Urban Conservation in the Historic Cities of Amritsar and Puri (05 August 2018)***
This talk was conducted by conservation architect Gurmeet S. Rai and showcased her work in conserving the historic cities of Amritsar and Puri of India.
2. ***Jerejak, A Site of Memory (18 August 2018)***
The fourth talk on Pulau Jerejak, conducted by Remy Prakash Chacko of Penang Hills Watch and Khoo Salma Nasution. This talk focused on efforts to preserve the memories of Pulau Jerejak before the proposed developments happen on the island.
3. ***HAJJ The Malayan Experience 1860s-1941 (18 November 2018)***
This talk was conducted by Dr Aiza Maslan and with a discussion session facilitated by Mike Gibby. The talk focused on the experiences of pilgrims returning to Malaya after performing Hajj from 1860s to 1941, and how the British were responding to the growing reformist ideas that came from the Muslim community following the First World War.
4. ***"Sook Ching" 1942 and the Involvement of Chung Ling High School Penang-A New Interpretation (27 January 2019)***
Conducted by Dr Tan Chee Seng of USM, this talk focused on the Sook Ching massacre, a dark period suffered by the Chinese during the Japanese Occupation and the involvement of Chung Ling High School within this period.
5. ***Tracing Shared Heritage: Histories, Archives and Technical Influences-Repairing In Context (21 April 2019)***
This talk was conducted by Dr Gwynn Jenkins, a local conservation architect, and discusses the efforts and research done prior to undertaking conservation works for a building.

4.5 Monthly Tours

The free monthly tour to Northam Road Protestant Cemetery is still ongoing, despite the closure of the Little Penang Street Market. Clement Liang, our PHT Council Member, conducts the tour every last Sunday of the month, and offers interesting stories about the graves within the historic Northam Road Protestant Cemetery.

5. Advocacy Projects

5.1 PTMP and PIL

Penang Heritage Trust was largely involved in the anti- Penang Transport Master Plan (PTMP) and anti-Pan Island Link (PIL) campaigns last year. Community workshops, roadshows and demonstrations were held to raise awareness on the consequences of these plans and how it would affect the social, environmental and economic landscapes of Penang. These campaigns were supported by Penang Forum, affiliate NGOs and individuals who shared the same concerns.

5.2 Penang State Structure Plan 2020

PHT was also involved in advocating for the review of the Penang State Structure Plan 2020. This came following the workshop done by PlanMalaysia (formerly Town and Country Planning Department) and its call for input the new state structure plan.

5.3 Pulau Jerejak

PHT continued to voice its opposition against the developments on Pulau Jerejak, and the failure of the Penang State Government to recognise and collaborate with National Heritage Department to jointly list Pulau Jerejak and Sungai Buloh Leprosarium in the Unesco World Heritage Listing.

5.4 George Town Special Area Plan

PHT sent a letter to George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI) to request for a systematic review of implementation and adherence to the George Town Special Area Plan before the commissioning of a new plan. This followed an invitation by GTWHI to provide inputs and suggestions that may be incorporated into a new Special Area Plan for George Town.

6. Human Resources

6.1 Staff and Office Administration

Mr Lim Seong Lee, PHT's administrative assistant, left PHT in February 2019 following two years of service. The council would like to record its appreciation to Mr Lim for his service and contributions during his tenure in PHT.

6.2 Internship

PHT continued to be a resource centre for internship, and in 2018 to 2019, had received interns from the following universities:

Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Tamkang University (Taiwan), Ritsumeikan University, University Malaysia Kelantan, and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Acknowledgements

Penang Heritage Trust would like to thank the following for their continuous support, network and collaboration for the previous year.

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4. Boon Leau Aroonratana
5. Boon San Tong Khoo Kongs
6. Centre for Global Archaeological Research, USM (CGAR-USM)
7. Cheah Kongs
8. Church of Assumption
9. George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)
10. Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office
11. Khazanah Nasional Berhad
12. Japanese Foundation
13. Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang (MBPP)
14. Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai (MBSP)
15. Nara Machizukuri Centre
16. Penang Catholic Diocese
17. Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce
18. Penang Diocesan Museum
19. Penang Forum
20. Penang Global Tourism (PGT)
21. Penang Institute (PI)
22. PHT Living Heritage Treasure Award recipients
23. Penang Teochew Association
24. Penang Tourist Guides Association (PTGA)
25. Ritsumeikan University, Japan
26. Royal Bintang Hotel
27. Royal Thai Embassy, Kuala Lumpur
28. Royal Thai Consulate-General, Penang
29. Seven Terraces
30. Tan Yeow Wooi Culture and Heritage Research Studio
31. The Star Publications
32. The Star Pitt Street
33. Think City Sdn. Bhd

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 2018

I am glad to present Penang Heritage Trust Treasurer Report for the Year 2018. Kindly refer to Auditors' Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2018 for full details.

In summary, our total Accumulated Fund of **RM1,070,864** is a combination of two funds namely:

- (1) General Accumulated Fund of **RM501,326.00**; and
- (2) Project Fund of **RM569,538**

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 the 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]. This Appendix A is the same as Statement of Project Funds as of December 31, 2018 in page 5 of Auditors' Report, but I have re-organized the fund name for easy reference.

Our active project funds for Year 2018 included funds for Penang Apprenticeship Programme for Artisans (PAPA), Living Heritage Treasure Award (LHTA) and Penang Forum Fund. A new project fund, Penang Transport Master Plan Fund, was established last year.

2. Income and Expenditure

The total income received, without project surplus, was RM46,834 as compared to RM51,540 in year 2017. The total office and administration expenditures for the year is RM107,897 as compared to RM100,754 in year 2017. Total deficit before inclusion of project income is RM61,063 as compared to RM49,214 in year 2017. [Kindly refer to Appendix B for easy reference to our Income and Expenditures for year 2018.]

The project income received for year 2018 is RM52,361 as compared to RM48,870 in year 2017. Therefore, the deficit for the year 2018 before the inclusion of received donations stands at RM8,702 as compared to a deficit of RM344 in year 2017.

PHT received donations of RM10,430 for year 2018, hence the final surplus for the year is recorded as RM1,728. This is compared to year 2017 whereby the donations received were RM6,638 and total surplus for year 2017 is RM6,294.

The total office and administration expenditures for the year 2018 was RM107,897 and is broken down to of payments to staff (68%), office maintenance (23%), and other miscellaneous cost (9%) as compare to 69%, 21% and 9% respectively for the year 2017. [Kindly refer to Appendix C]

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 31st December 2018 as distributed.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors and collaborators for the PHT activities, project funders and all individuals and organizations 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
June 2019