

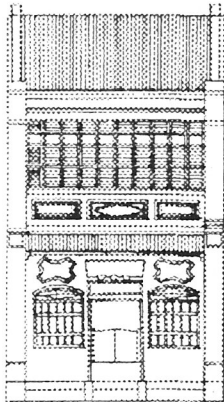
PHT *newsletter*

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OUR OFFICE

Thank You!

The PHT would like to thank all volunteers who helped during the UNESCO Conference/Workshop. So thank you Quah Sok Ching, Puan Zakiah Dato' Fadhil Basheer, Yeoh Swee Lin, Mrs Lim, Goh Mai Loon, Joan Shoari, Ahmad Chik, Tong, Alvin Looi, Dywll and Mr Beh for manning the booth at the City Bayview, preparing the PHT's office with snacks for the workshop and transporting the merchandise and exhibition boards. Well done!

PHT also received a lot of donations in kind at the UNESCO event. Mai Loon also made instant calligraphy scrolls and cards which PHT used as elegant presents for Dr. Richard Engelhardt and a few other distinguished friends of the PHT.

Mme. Lopez donated four copies of the beautifully illustrated coffee table book 'The Art of Living in Singapore' of which she is the author.

Victor Chin, who promised to participate in the 'Artists for Heritage Exhibition', but drove up to Penang too late to do so, instead gave us two of his elegantly framed limited edition prints of shophouses 124 Lebuah Cintra and 66 Lebuah Gereja. They are gracing the wall of the Penang Heritage office, much to Priscilla's joy. Thanks, Victor.

We are happy to announce that a TV set has been donated by Arlette Dorlanne, the treasurer of Alliance Francaise and a PHT member. Would anyone like to give us a **video player and a refrigerator**?



Social Housing

Thursday, 17 May 1999 - The Penang delegates of the UNESCO conference/workshop on "Economics of Heritage" held earlier in May met today to discuss the resolutions of the conference. The meeting was attended by members of the Penang Heritage Trust, Nanyang Folk Culture and others. The following is the main resolution:

Considering that the State Government of Penang has declared its intention to nominate George Town for World Heritage status, we wish to stress that this nomination should not be for the sake of attracting tourists per se, but it should be a commitment to the people of Penang that the Government will do all it can to ensure the sustainable development of our historic city through cultural development and community development.

Noting that the Chairman of the State Committee on Rent Control Repeal, State Executive Councillor YB Dr Toh Kin Woon has appealed for an extension of the transition period of the repeal of Rent Control, we hope that the transition will not just be another postponement of the inevitable consequences of Rent Control Repeal, but that a serious programme will be put in place immediately to create social housing and affordable housing within the inner city.

Many problems are now arising from the dislocation of original residents that is already taking place through the Repeal of the Rent Con-

SAVE INNER CITY
GEORGE TOWN
SIGNATURE COUNT

JUNE 1999 - ALMOST 2,500 SIGNATURES COLLECTED, OUR TARGET IS 10,000. AS THIS IS ALSO THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PREWAR HOUSES IN INNER CITY GEORGE TOWN, LET'S COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR EACH HOUSE WE HOPE TO SAVE... ALL PHT MEMBERS, PLEASE TRY YOUR VERY BEST TO CANVASS FOR SIGNATURES IN YOUR OFFICE, SCHOOL ETC. ALSO ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN OR WRITE IN BY EMAIL THROUGH THE PHT WEBSITE

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trol. The decline of business activities and a glut of vacant properties are adding to our economic woes.

We are worried that the poor, the weak, the elderly and disabled persons will face hardship and homelessness. We fear that inner city George Town will lose its current communities, especially the historic minorities, such as in Little India and around the Kapitan Keling Mosque. The inner city will turn into a ghetto for those who remain behind. The deserted streets will not be safe at night, and crime will increase.

The tenants relocated to Paya Terubong and other distant places will risk unemployment or add to the transportation problems that Penang is already facing.

The imbalance resulting from wholesale relocation would be costly to the society as a whole. For

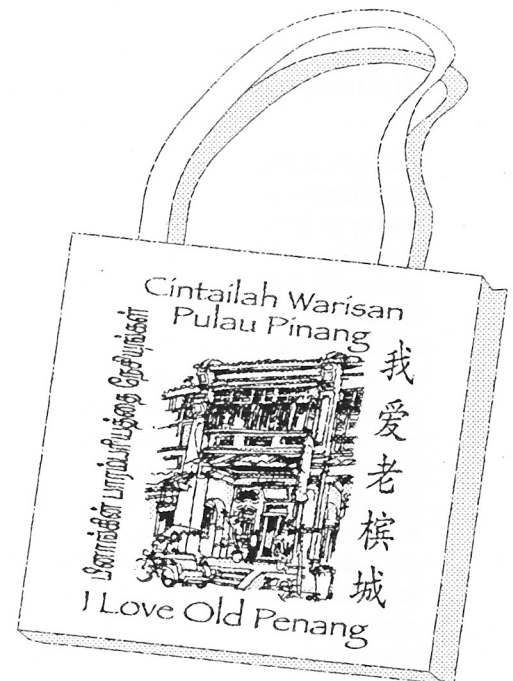
PHT BAGS & T-SHIRTS - NEW CHILDREN'S SIZES!

Now you can get 'I Love Old Penang' T-shirts for your children. We have children's sizes in unbleached cotton. Both the bags and T-Shirt feature a lovely ink drawing of the PHT office by watercolour artist Khoo Cheang Jin drawn specially for PHT.

T-shirts, bleached & unbleached cotton



Children's sizes: S, M, L RM 14
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 XL, XXL RM20



**Heavy-Duty
Canvas Tote Bags
RM 15**

example, more inner city schools will close down, while suburban schools would have to be extended to accommodate the increase in students.

Proposals

Learning from the vast experience of other countries and trying not to repeat the mistakes made by them, we realize that affordable housing and social housing within the inner city is important to maintain an economically sustainable mix of commercial and residential as well as a social mix of rich, middle-income and poor from all cultural backgrounds.

Social housing through reuse of existing buildings is also desirable to integrate the elderly and disabled persons into the mainstream of society. This can be done by providing them with managed accommodation in the inner city with suitable surroundings, rather than institutionalizing them in homes outside the city where they will be further segregated and isolated.

In view of the economic slowdown and the fact that the government and private developers have not succeeded in providing adequate low-medium cost housing, we urge that social housing through urban rehabilitation and revitalisation in the inner city be given serious consideration as an alternative. Funds can be raised through government housing grants and development charges in lieu of providing new low-medium cost housing. Incentives can be given to owners to repair and upgrade their buildings in exchange for providing affordable housing.

The authorities as well as the entire Penang community have a responsibility to respond to these problems in the manner of a caring society. We need to maintain continuous dialogue between all stake-holders - the government, the tenant, the landlords, the users and the NGOs. We expect our political and community leaders to work together to create public and private partnerships to reinvest in, upgrade and revitalize

the city centre. We expect charitable trusts, social and religious institutions with inner city properties to play an exemplary role in stabilizing the inner city community by maintaining medium-level rents. We expect the business community to act in a socially responsible manner by helping to reduce property speculation and greedy expectations.

We urge the government to immediately set up an information cum service centre on Rent Control Repeal problems. This centre should coordinate the relevant property data and tenant information collected, for example, by the State Housing Board, the ADUNs of Pengkalan Kota, Padang Kota and Kampong Kolam, so that all parties are well informed and can deal with the problems promptly and realistically.

- Hon. Secretary, Penang Heritage Trust



Restoration Works of Carpenters' Guild to begin soon

The Penang Heritage Trust is pleased to announce that the Committee for the Restoration of the Loo Pun Hong (LPH) Carpenters' Guild on Love Lane, Penang, represented by members of both the PHT and the LPH, has awarded the tender for the project to the Penang firm Syarikat Success Construction Sdn Bhd.

Work is scheduled to begin in July 1999 upon the arrival of artisan materials from China and is expected to take about 4 months. The architectural consultancy firm of Laurence Loh Akitek is aiding in the supervision of the restoration works.

In 1996, it came to the notice of the Penang Heritage Trust that the committee of the 19th century guild was auctioning its antiques in order to finance the repair of its leaking roof. Members of the Trust managed to persuade the LPH committee to immediately cease the auction and to seek financing for the repair of the Guild's premises. The PHT then utilized its extensive network to run publicity drives, charity dinners, donations in cash & kind, a street party and 2 silent auctions, towards this end.

The Penang Heritage Trust wishes to thank the public for its support over the last 3 years towards this project. It would also like to inform the public that the **total amount collected by the PHT to date amounts to RM83,000 while the Loo Pun Hong has managed to raise a sum of RM46,000 with the help of State Assemblyman YB Teng Chang Yeow.**

Together, it is anticipated that the monies collected should be sufficient to restore the main roofs of the building, the decorative main ridge and other artisan timber carvings as well as the terra cotta floors of the main temple. **It has also been agreed by all parties in the Restoration Committee that all payments for works done will be made on a pro-rate 2/3(PHT) to 1/3(LPH) basis.** Members of the PHT, the LPH and the public are welcome to make enquiries on the on-going process as well as on the accounts of the restoration.

1999 Duncan Sandys Award programme

The PATA Foundation recently awarded a scholarship in its 1999 Duncan Sandys Award programme to Penang Heritage Trust Council Member Loh-Lim Lin Lee. This is the 9th year of the programme and it has established itself as one of PATA Foundation's most successful activities. The award allows the recipient to learn more about conservation and its relationship to tourism on a first hand basis, by spending time in the United Kingdom and drawing on the store of knowledge & experience available there.

The objectives are :

- to expose participants to successful conservation methods & current conservation thinking

- to demonstrate how the government's planning process, conservation and tourism, can work together in the protection of an environment and in the conservation of a historic community or a heritage site

- to show how volume tourism has been successfully managed in historic towns, buildings & places of natural beauty

- to contribute to the core of conservation knowledge & understanding in the participants own country & assist in the improvement of the management & interpretation of heritage sites there.

There are only 4 awards available a year to applicants from Asia & the Pacific. Applicants are considered in their personal capacity and the criteria used in the selection process include educational background, at least 5 years working experience, current responsibilities in relation to conservation and the purposes for which the knowledge & experience gained will be used. The other 1999 recipients are Stuart Lennox, nature-based tourism consultant Tourism Tasmania, Wiwien Tribuwani Wiyonoputri, planner from Centre for Research on Tourism, Institute of Technology, Bandung and Mandip Singh Soin, managing director, Ibex Expeditions, New Delhi.

Dato Tengku Idaura Ibrahim, a PHT member, also received the

award several years earlier, being the only other Malaysian recipient in the history of the award.

Ms Loh-Lim is a practising conservator/researcher in a leading architectural firm, as well as project director for several Penang Heritage Trust projects including 'The Education in Conservation Programme', the restoration of the Francis Light Cemetery & the restoration of the Mariner's Guild for adaptive reuse. She is also the joint co-ordinator for the restoration of the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion, conducting historical restoration tours for thousands of visitors to the project site. Ms Loh-Lim is regularly invited to make conservation presentations at schools, colleges, associations and clubs and also to speak at international conservation courses and conferences.



Manik slippers

NEW Bead Workshop

Michael Cheah, a specialist in Nyonya & Baba heritage, is organising another beaded slippers course at the PHT's office, by popular demand. **Fees: RM100 for 4 sessions held weekly.**

The courses will now start on:

Tuesday 6 July 1999

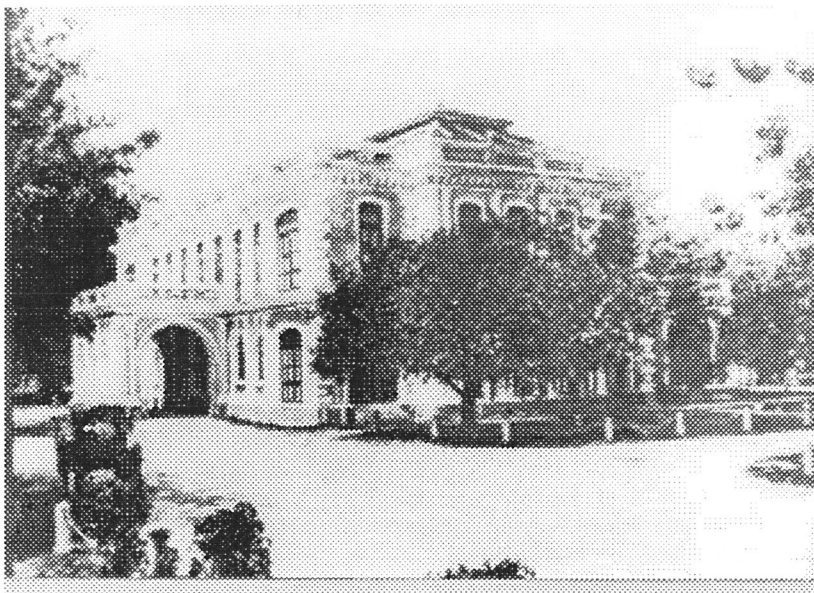
at 9.30 am - 12 noon

or

Saturday 10 July 99

at 3.00pm -5.30 pm

Part of the proceeds will go to support PHT. Materials are not included, but Michael will be selling them at practically cost price. Nyonya kueh and Chinese tea will be provided. Those interested, please contact Priscilla at Tel : 04-264 2631



Old view of the Town Hall

Town Hall by the Esplanade - a Case for Return of Use

The Town hall has ceased to be used since the private college that was previously renting the premises moved out. It will rapidly deteriorate if left unused, and then a valuable asset that originally belonged to the people of Penang will be lost. At the very least, expenses for repair will escalate the longer the building is left unattended to.

The Penang Heritage Trust wishes to present a case for the use of the Town Hall to be returned to the people of Penang.

The Town Hall was first built around 1880 and upgraded in 1890. It was built to fulfill social functions, having within its spacious interiors, an assembly hall, a library and a ball-room, where weddings, parties and other events were celebrated. For over 64 years, from 1890 to 1954, it also maintained a town band, made up of Filipino musicians, for the pure enjoyment of the citizens of Penang. They held open air concerts in the band stand at the Esplanade as well as at the Botanic Gardens. When the City Hall was completed in 1903 to accommodate the Municipal offices, the Town Hall was again upgraded, for the added comfort of its public users. Completed renovations in 1906 saw the Town Hall emerge as one of the first buildings in Penang to be completely fitted with electric

lights and fans.

It is clear that the people of the inner city of Georgetown require the use of a public building that has been custom made for civic usage. Currently, only hotels and private associations can cater for the needs of weddings and other kenduris, at very exorbitant rentals. Other public halls are out of town servicing the outer suburbs, making it very inconvenient for inner city folk to use.

It would appear to be morally and socially correct for the MPPP to consider the return to original use of this excellent building. The nearby Dewan Sri Pinang is restricted to the performing arts due to its layout. Therefore, the revitalisation of the Town Hall would add to the public viability and popularity of the water front promenade of the Esplanade.

The Town Hall could incorporate the following uses:

- *a large public function hall for concerts, seminars, wedding receptions, kenduris etc.*
- *meeting halls*
- *art gallery*
- *tourist information centre*
- *central ticketing/booking for concerts/plays/tours etc*
- *meet-the-people centre*
- *small coffee shop/snack area*

The architectural importance of this public building and the historical origins of its construction, would render private usage, either by a

MPPP department or the private sector, inappropriate.

It should rightfully be returned to the people of the inner city to enjoy and to use in the conduct and enjoyment of their daily lives.

- by a PHT Council Member



German Student Volunteers

Coming Mid-July to Mid-October

Tjoa Mai-Lin Bonatz of the Darmstadt Institute of Technology first, who is doing her Architectural History Ph.D. on Penang shop-houses, first came to Penang about ten years ago under an ASA scholarship.

Through Mai Lin we have applied to the ASA programme to get German student volunteers, and this has been approved. Three German student in architecture, planning and urbanism from the Munich University of Technology (Technische Universitaet Muenchen) will be arriving on 16 July and staying for three months. They will be volunteering for the Penang Heritage Trust, with their expenses paid for by the ASA scholarship. We are asking them to conduct some studies related to urban rehabilitation and the Repeal of Rent Control.

The following is our letter to Mai Lin and her response, just to give PHT members the background in which this request was framed, and the challenges that we hope the students will help us deal with. In particular, we hope they can help PHT in the work we are doing with the State Rent Control Repeal Committee chaired by YB Dr. Toh Kin Woon.



1 September 1998

Dear Tjoa Mai Lin,

Sustainable urban renewal concept for the Historic Inner city of George Town, Penang.

The Penang Heritage Trust is a non-profit, voluntary organisation that is working to save the built heritage of George Town, Penang. As you know, we are applying for World

Heritage Status for the historic enclave of George Town. At the same time, the historic enclave is facing new threats due to the repeal of Rent Control which is not being phased out but will be repealed by 1 January 2000. About 10,000 prewar houses will suddenly face the threat of being vacated, demolished and re-developed.

The local government has not embarked on urban rehabilitation but is still grappling with the introduction of urban design guidelines. Our fear is that not enough groundwork has been done to prepare for urban renewal and urban rehabilitation.

In the meantime, due to the speculative property market, landowners are still unwilling to just improve the houses and let them out for a reasonable rent. Landowners expect they will be able to charge a high rent although it is clear from increasing vacancies that there is a glut in the property market. Moreover, the houses need to be rehabilitated before they can get reasonable rents.

The city zoning also allows conversion to commercial use anywhere in the city. On the contrary, there is a clear need for housing in the inner city, although housing rents are usually lower than commercial rents. We need studies done on how some houses can be rehabilitated for housing and some for mixed use.

The Penang Heritage Trust has been working with the Penang State Government and the Municipal Council for the last five years on this problem. Progress is steady but slow. The Trust is also well linked to the state research institute - the Socio-Economic & Environmental Research Institute (SERI Penang). The Trust is working closely with community groups of all cultural backgrounds in the inner city. For example, this September we are organising a large fund-raising event together with the tourism industry and the neighbourhood groups to raise funds for the traditional Chinese carpenter's guild.

Now that the Penang Heritage Trust has its new office in the old city, at 26A Stewart Lane, we are confident that the heritage movement will be given a great boost. The timing is critical as we have only one

year left before the rent control repeal.

With this we would like to request your help in recommending student interns in the field of architecture, planning or social sciences who can help us with our research and formulating plans and proposals for the old neighborhoods. Look forward to your reply,

*Khoo Salma Nasution, Hon. Sec.,
Penang Heritage Trust*



We received a reply on 16 November 1998 that the application had been approved, for the students will be arriving on 16 July. We are still looking for rental accommodation for them, as well as "host parents" and friends who will help to make them feel welcome in Penang.

For those of you who know Mai Lin, and might want to renew contact with her, her new email is:

<bonatz@ruf.uni-freiburg.de>



Past Talks, for the record

March 1999 - Following the strong support voiced by the president of the National MICCI, the Penang MICCI invited Penang Heritage Trust to give a presentation on Conservation in Penang in March 1999. Mrs. Loh-Lim gave the main presentation on behalf of the PHT, which was also represented by Dato' Nazir Ariff and Dr Choong.

30 May - Khoo Salma gave a talk called "Spice-traders, Seafarers and Shopkeepers: The Penang Story" on the Sunday afternoon at the Caring Society Complex. The talk was sponsored by the Penang Association for Continuing Education, which organises free weekly talks for the public.

18 June - Khoo Salma gave a talk at the Chinese Town Hall on "Rent Control Repeal: The Challenge for Penang", as part of a larger event on the Repeal of Rent Control organised by the tenants committee. Attended by more than 800 people, mostly tenants, the event was somewhat politicised. Notwithstanding, Khoo Salma's main message was how government, property owners, NGOs and community could work

together to revitalize the city.



Artists for Heritage

The artists who have been painting Penang showed great support for two programmes which PHT co-organised in conjunction with the UNESCO Conference/Workshop.

Art Exhibition: 'New Views of Old Penang'

We are proud to report that as many as 72 artists took part at the Intec '99 exhibition 'Artists for Heritage: New Views of Old Penang', held in support of the Penang Heritage Trust.

The exhibition opening was officiated by Yang DiPertua Dr. Teng Hock Nam, President of the MPPP and Dr. Choong Sim Poey represented the Penang Heritage Trust.

Thank you Mr. David Yap, Dean of School of Art & Design, Ms. Chong, Head of Foundation Studies and Ms. Ng, Public Relations Manager as well as the principal of INTEC Ms. Amy Goh for doing most of the hard work of putting the exhibition together. Thank you Mr. Roger Green of Speech Dynamics, for responding to a last minute call to volunteer as our Emcee for the opening event.

PHT member Goh Mai Loon helped to arrange this collaboration with INTEC College. PHT council member Dr. Tan Chong Guan as well as ex-PHT executive secretary, Tan Teong Kooi acted as judges. One artist who helped both in his individual capacity and also as secretary to the Penang Watercolour Society was Khoo Cheang Jin.

Banner-painting: Our City, Our Homes

In the compound the Goh Hock Tong at Chulia Street on the afternoon of 10 May 1999, from 4 - 7 pm, rent control tenants, concerned citizens, seniors, children, tourist and passer-bys all had fun painting up the 100 ft long banner beautifully prepared by Art Rock Studio.

Thanks to Tan Siew Khuan and his friends Alex Leong, Lee Eng Beng, Jeffrey Lau and Ong Siew Khuan who helped us carry out this successful event which received a lot of press coverage.



Brief Report on UNESCO Conference/ Workshop

held at City Bayview Hotel,
Penang. 9-17 May 1999

The staging of the UNESCO Conference/Workshop in Penang and Malacca was a great opportunity for the Penang Heritage Trust to further convince all parties of the "Economics of Heritage". It was also a chance for many of our members to participate in a highly relevant and prestigious international conference. The overall success of the event is summarised in a post-conference note from UNESCO to PHT:

"The 'Economics of Heritage' greatly exceeded all our expectations, with more than 40 papers presented and 350 participants representing 25 countries in attendance. ... It is good to see that during the conference we were able to light some fires for conservation which, we expect with your continued support and help will have far-reaching benefits. The foundation of the Melaka Heritage Trust, the INTEC college art exhibition and the Art Rock Studio's Penang heritage mural, as well as UNESCO initiatives such as LEAP Online, the UNESCO Heritage Award and IMPACT are just some of the exciting new initiatives that have been generated."

It would be to big a task to give a full review of the UNESCO conference, but the following paragraphs serve to document

PHT's involvement:

Khoo Salma, Loh-Lim and Laurence sat on the Organising Committee chaired by the State Planning Director, Encik Mohd. Jamil for several months preceding the event. The secretariat was headed by Shahril Cheah of PDC AR&T Total Project Management. PHT worked with Cecilia Mak to design the conference bag (based on the PHT tote bag) and the bright yellow publicity banners, with the theme "Penang & Melaka for World Heritage".

Sunday afternoon, 9 May - Opening of the Intec 99 Art Exhibition "Artists for Heritage: New Views of Old Penang" coorganised by INTEC College and Penang Heritage Trust. The exhibition was open for the duration of the conference.

Monday morning, 10 May - The Conference was launched. The Penang Chief Minister YAB Dr. Koh Tsu Koon announced that Penang is confirming its nomination for World Heritage. A large number of Penang Heritage Trust and Nanyang Folk Culture members participated in the UNESCO Conference/Workshop. In exchange for some services rendered by the PHT, the organisers kindly allowed fee waivers for several PHT representatives, namely, our executive secretary Priscilla Charles-Chee, as well as our volunteers Gwyn Jenkins, Tong, and Tan Yeow Woi. Abdur-Razzaq Lubis, Koh Sheh-Ren and Azeeza Begum attended as representatives of the UNESCO-PHT-Kapitan Keling Mosque LEAP project.

PHT operated the book and gift shop in the foyer of the conference venue. Many PHT volunteers helped us run this shop, including Ahmad Chik, Joan Shori, Alvin, Zakiah, Yeoh Swee Lin, Quah Sok Ching, Tong, Mrs Lim, Mr Beh, Alvin Looi and Dywill. We sold PHT gifts, Cheong Fatt Tze souvenirs as well as Badan Warisan books, Victor Chin's books and cards, Khoo Cheang Jin's reprints, Mr. Ngo's reprints and Mr Cheah's collectible crafts.

Monday night, 10 May - Khoo Salma presented an illustrated dinner lecture.

Afternoons of Monday & Tuesday, 10-11 May - PHT organised three of the 5 Site-visits/Workshops, namely: Loh-Lim took the Cheong Fatt Tze/Leith Street, Muntri Street - Historic Residential, Guilds District site visit. Khoo Salma conducted the Campbell Street, Chulia Street, Pitt Street - Historic Commercial Religious District site visit. Laurence Loh took the Light Street/ Beach Street - Historic Civic Commercial District

site visit. Loh-Lim had prepared the briefs and check list for the site visits. Laurence arranged a meeting with the MPPP councillors and officers at the City Hall, Padang Kota on Monday afternoon. The other two site visits and workshops were organised by Dato' Tengku Iduara and Mr. Lim Hooi Siang of PDC AR&T (both who are also PHT members). Hooi Siang took the tour to Little India while Dato' Tengku Iduara took the tour to the Acheen Street/Armenian Street historic enclave.

Monday afternoon, 10 May - Art Rock Studio and PHT coorganised a banner-painting event entitled "Our City, Our Homes" at the Goh Hock Tong.

Tuesday night, 11 May - Laurence and Loh-Lim organised the dinner (hosted by MPPP) to be held at the Cheong Fatt Tze. Laurence gave a inspired talk at dinner about the spirit of Cheong Fatt Tze.

Wednesday afternoon, 12 May - The PHT Website was launched by Dr. Richard Engelhardt, UNESCO Advisor for Culture and the Pacific. <http://www.e.com.my/pht/>

Wednesday afternoon, 12 May - Site visit leaders and rapporteurs presented the reports from the first two days' site visits.

Wed night, 12 May - As many AWPNUC members were among the international delegates, we held an informal AWPNUC meeting.

Thursday, 13 May - PHT members went down to Melaka with the other conference delegates. On the bus, PHT members had a chat with MPPP Councillor Wong Mun Hoe about the Town Hall, the Kapitan Keling Mosque, hawkers, signage and illegal warehousing.

Friday noon, 14 May - In Melaka, Peter Zabielskies and other PHT members had a chance to network with friends in Malacca and to encourage them to form the embryonic Malacca Heritage Trust.

Penang & Melaka for World Heritage Map

Saturday night, 15 May - Dr. Choong Sim Poey announced the formation of the Melaka Heritage Trust! The announcement was made at the conference dinner held in the Portuguese Square. The protem committee is headed by Debbie Ong, and has representation from the Straits Chinese, Eurasian, Malay, Chitty and Indian Muslim communities. Everyone got up to sing and dance to celebrate the occasion.

Sunday morning, 16 May - Khoo Salma presented the "Consolidation of Stakeholder Concerns: Penang/Melaka interest groups concerned with economic conservation" which listed the concerns/expectations of owners, residential tenants, commercial tenants, visitors/tourists, itinerant daily users, NGOs/advocacy groups, planning/building professionals, politicians/government, developers/contractors, media and the future generation.

Sunday morning, 16 May - Dr. Richard Engelhardt announced the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation, which was sponsored by UNESCO. PHT was previously given a small grant to help UNESCO prepare the guidelines for this award.

Monday, 17 May - The bus trip home to Penang, after a very challenging conference which brought a lot of Penang people together and also allowed us to meet up with old friends like Didier Repellin, Bruce Pettman, Ron Danvers and Siegfried Enders, who had each contributed towards Penang's progress in the journey heritage conservation.

Community Participation in Waqf Revitalization

Two 'Experts-Community Exchange' sessions at the Kapitan Keling Mosque were held on the afternoons of Monday and Tuesday, 10-11 March, as part of the site visits. They were organised as part of the Community Participation in Waqf Revitalization programme organised by the Kapitan Keling Mosque and PHT as a UNESCO LEAP Project.

On the first day, the theme of the workshop was 'Designing for street traders at Buckingham Street (eastern end of Campbell Street Mall)'. Among those present were Dr. Richard Engelhardt of UNESCO, Syed Zainol Abidin Idid from UTM, Encik Adnan and Ms. Lan Ah Nan from MPPP. On the second day, the Workshop theme was 'Waqf properties & social housing for elderly and poor'. Among those present were Isabel Milbert (the resource person on social housing) and the Austrian Ambassador His Excellency Clemens Coreth.

We were welcome by the Mosque Committee Chairman, Mr. Mohd. Rabi, the Secretary Sirajuddin, co-project coordinator Mr. Abdur-Razzaq Lubis and members of the mosque community. The visitors were also invited to view the exhibition, prepared with the assistance of Koh Sheh-Ren of University Malaya in time for this event.

Penang Heritage Trust Website

<http://www.e.com.my/pht/>

Our website was officially launched by Dr. Richard Engelhardt,

UNESCO Regional Advisor for Culture in Asia & The Pacific on Wednesday, 12 May 1999, in conjunction with the UNESCO Conference/Workshop on "Economics of Heritage". At the same time, he launched PHT's electronic signature campaign to "Save Inner City George Town".

Dr. Engelhardt declared, "I am happy to launch the Penang Heritage Trust website as an initiative which will raise international awareness about the wealth of Penang's cultural heritage and dedicated efforts of the Penang Heritage Trust. He said he was pleased to see "how a special group of Penang's young urban professionals - the web designers - are supporting heritage."

"Penang is well-known in the Asia Pacific region for its high-tech electronics industry and its heritage buildings. It is one of the Penang Chief Minister's dreams to marry high-tech and heritage, and through the creativity of Penang's young people, this dream can come true," he added.

Thanks to Emanon Sdn. Bhd. for sponsoring our website and having rushed its completion just in time for it to be launched at the UNESCO Conference!

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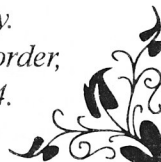
Home-Made Penang Acar

The main ingredients of this popular acar are preserved limes, preserved belimbing buluh and dates as well as prunes cooked to perfection in chilli, spices, vinegar and sugar.



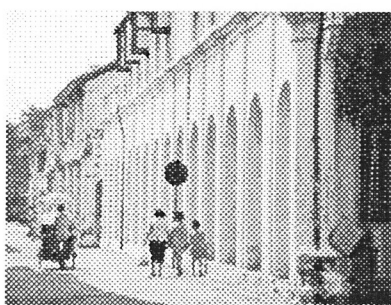
The business started in 1933 and is presently run by PHT volunteer Zakiah Basheer. "The recipe was handed down to us by our great-great grandfather. The acar is a good accompaniment to Briyani and Ghee rice. It is a favourite amongst those going abroad especially students and people who are going on pilgrimage."

A pack of 450 grams costs RM 5 only. We can also take orders for kenduri. To order, call Zakiah Basheer at 604-827 5764.

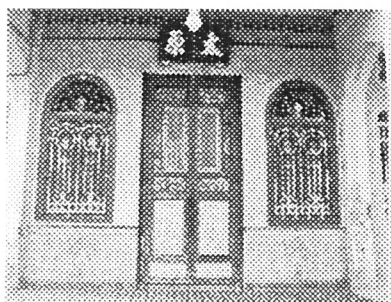


POST CARDS of PENANG

Responding to the suggestions by Raphael Surin and Arthur Percival last year that we should produce Postcards of Penang that the PHT can sell, Khoo Salma has produced a set of 8 postcards which are featured on the pages of this newsletter. They are selling for RM0.80 per card or RM 5 for 8 cards. Available at the PHT office. Proceeds go to the PHT.



Lorong Stewart



Muntri Street

Some samples of the postcards



Kuih Seller

Visit by

Datin Seri Endon

On 8 June 1999, Datin Seri Endon, the wife of our Deputy Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, accompanied by State Executive Councillor for Tourism Dato' Kee Phaik Cheen, visited the PHT office to look at Michael Cheah's beadwork class. Datin Seri expressed her delight that Michael Cheah and the Penang Heritage Trust are doing the good work of keeping the Nyonya craft alive for future generations.



New Conservation Website

Dr. Abdul Ghafar Ahmad who teaches at the Housing, Building & Planning Department, Universiti Sains Malaysia (HBP-USM) has set up a website dedicated to the promotion of issues and matters related to building conservation, urban conservation and heritage tourism. It contains many of Ghafar's papers which he has written for various conferences and projects.

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Website

<http://www.hbp.usm.my/conservation>



Penang Heritage Website

Apart from the Penang Heritage TRUST website, there is another Penang Heritage website, put up by the planner Mr. Lim Hooi Siang and his colleagues at PDC AR&T Heritage Consultancy. It showcases the work they are doing on the heritage guidelines in Penang. The website also features an essay and watercolours by PHT member Alan Flux.

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Website

<http://www.geocities.com/Rainforest/Canopy/4388/>