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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR FIREFIGHTING PROGRAMME IN GEORGE TOWN

GEORGE TOWN: George Town World Heritage Incorporated is now accepting applications for a firefighting programme provided free for the local community of the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site, to enhance their skills and ability to respond effectively to fire emergencies. It will also equip the programme's 50 participants with fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

Through the Community-Based Fire Responders for George Town World Heritage Site programme organised in collaboration with UNESCO Office Jakarta, the participants will each receive a set of fire extinguisher and smoke detector to be installed at their respective heritage premises, as well as undergo a three-hour training in firefighting and be provided with practical fire mitigation information.

The programme aims to protect the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site from fire hazards, improve fire protection measures and enhance the communities' resilience during fire emergencies. It also seeks to raise awareness among the public on pragmatic steps to protect cultural heritage from disasters.

Owners, residents and business operators of premises in the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site can apply for the programme online at <https://goo.gl/forms/9cxBO3QIRV9sE6EJ3> or at the George Town World Heritage Incorporated office before 15 March 2019. For more details, please contact Ms Ng Boon Nee (boonnee@gtwhi.com.my or 014-909 0035).

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