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Of the Past, In the Present, For the Future

Dari Kisah Silam, Untuk Masa Kini, Demi Masa Hadapan

Street Festival
7 JULY 2018
6pm-11pm

George Town
UNESCO World Heritage Site
10th Anniversary
2008-2018

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Melaka & George Town
Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca
Foreword

On 7 July 2008, Melaka and George Town were jointly inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, instilling a sense of pride among the communities that make up the heart of the historic city of George Town. Now 10 years later, we reflect on the progress made over the years, especially on efforts to preserve the living multicultural heritage in George Town.

The George Town Heritage Celebrations is held annually in July to commemorate the inscription. This year’s theme, POTENTIAL - Of the Past, In the Present, For the Future, explores George Town’s potential in moving forward based on its past narratives and current experiences. POTENTIAL also contains the word ‘TEN’, representing the 10th anniversary of George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and reminding us of this significant milestone.

Through George Town Heritage Celebrations 2018, both living heritage and tangible cultural heritage in the George Town World Heritage Site are celebrated and appreciated. It features site excursions and a vibrant street festival that includes interactive workshops, performances and cultural shows. The diverse communities will open their hearts and culture to the public who are given the opportunity to immerse in the living traditions of George Town.

The team behind this year’s celebrations has been exploring all possibilities of POTENTIAL, focusing on its relevance to George Town and the communities to ensure an eye-opening experience for all celebration-goers.

Come join us in this much-anticipated event to understand and eventually safeguard the outstanding universal values and cultural heritage of George Town. Together, we will be able to create a sustainable heritage city for our generation and generations to come.

Dr. Ang Ming Chee
Executive Producer
George Town Heritage Celebrations 2018

Site Excursions

Join tours to 8 houses of worship in a journey to understand the beauty of religious practices here in George Town. Discuss and interact with people from different walks of faith as you discover the differences and similarities that make us unique and yet, unified.

St. George’s Church | Lebuh Farquhar
7 July 2018 (Saturday), 9.30am - 11.30am
Built by the East India Company, St. George's Church was the first Anglican Church in Southeast Asia. After a year of construction, it was completed in time for Christmas Day in 1818.

Church of the Assumption | Lebuh Farquhar
7 July 2018 (Saturday), 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Bishop Arnaud-Antoine Garnault, together with the first group of Catholics arrived in Penang with Captain Francis Light on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption in 1789, and celebrated their landing by naming their church after the Feast.

Kapitan Keling Mosque | Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling
8 July 2018 (Sunday), 10.00am - 12.00pm
Masjid Kapitan Keling was built in 1801 by Casmer Mydhill Menan, who was appointed head of the Indian Muslim community. He then became known as the Kapitan Keling (Captains of Keling).

Kramat Dato Koyah | Jalan Transfer
8 July 2018 (Sunday), 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Syed Mustapha ibni, also known as Dato Koyah, was an indian Muslim saint who dedicated his life serving the underprivileged Indian Muslim community. The story of his life in Penang has been passed down through generations. His followers built a tomb in his honour after his death in 1840.

Nattukottai Chettiar Temple | Jalan Kebun Bunga
9 July 2018 (Monday), 10.00am - 12.00pm
The Nattukottai Chettiar Temple is dedicated to Lord Murugan in the form of Thandayuthapani. It was built in the year 1814 on Greenfield Road by the Nattukottai Chettiar community.

Police Gurdwara Sahib Penang | Jalan Cheah Choo Yew (Jalan Patani)
13 July 2018 (Friday), 6.00pm - 8.00pm
The Sikhs amongst the contingent of Straits Settlements Police were given a prayer room at Fort Cornwallis in 1887. This became the first Sikh Gurdwara Sahib in Penang. In 1927, when the police headquarters on Jalan Patani was built, a building was subsequently given as a Gurdwara Sahib.

Acheen Street Malay Mosque | Lebuh Acheh
15 July 2018 (Sunday), 10.00am - 12.00pm
Acheen Street Malay Mosque was founded in 1808 by Tengku Syed Hussein Al-Aidid, a wealthy Acehnese merchant who founded the Acheen Street settlement. Acheen Street was also known as the 'Second Jeddah', as pilgrims gathered and waited here for the ship to Jeddah.

Thai Pak Koong Temple | Jalan Tanjung Tokang
15 July 2018 (Sunday), 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thai Pak Koong Temple in Tanjung Tokang is one of the oldest Thai Pak Kong temples in Penang whose history could be traced back to more than 200 years ago.

Note: To join the site excursions, register here: gtwh.com.my/gthc2018. You may sign up for one site only. It is free of charge for Malaysians and RM100 for non-Malaysians. Please dress appropriately when visiting the places of worship.
Community Workshops
7 July 2018 (Saturday)
Please refer to the next page

Performances
7 July 2018 (Saturday)
This year’s Main Stage showcases traditional performing arts and contemporary interpretations from local contributors and invited troupes. Featuring folk dances that get you off your feet, the Dance Floor is a place where everyone with enough spirit is invited to join in, regardless of dance skills!

Main Stage
Armenian Park (7.00pm-10.30pm)

1. Khanak Klong Yau
   By Penang Siamese Association
   A charming ensemble featuring Thai long drums, finger symbols, clappers and many more traditional instruments. Sutil gaiyong is a hand-to-hand combat system that uses the tiger claw technique to lock an enemy’s joint.

2. Silat Gayong
   By Persatuan Reka Laga Muslim
   A show for the diehies, the opera is the highest expression of Teochew culture, bringing together drama, music, singing and even acrobatics.

3. Teochew Opera
   By Penang Teochew Association
   Break

4. Fusion Drums
   By Loud Percussion Team
   Inspired by the drums used in the Southern Lion Dance, the troupe has pulled from other elements of Chinese culture to form a new act that pays tribute to the past.

5. German Songs
   By Penang Chamber Singers
   An intimate yet tight-kinned choir performance of classical songs in celebration of the heritage of German music.

6. Modern Cultural Dance
   By Raphaela Penang Modern Dance Ensemble
   The dance celebrates and reflects Penang’s vibrant multiculturalism in a modern fusion way.

7. Hakka Choir
   By Penang Hakka Association
   A contemporary interpretation of Hakka Mountain Songs in the tradition of durt singing.

8. Nilaikalakali Silambam
   By Nilaikalakali Silambam Association, Penang
   A DKV martial art where fighters train for seven years, starting with staff twirling and ending with sophisticated arm attacking poses.

Break

9. Sitar
   By Tumult of Fine Arts Penang
   The music of the sitar evolves in the hands of the esteemed National Living Treasure of Malaysia, Mr. Kumar Kiranadu, and his students.

10. Minyo: Natsu Matsuri
    By The Pink Hibiscus Club
    This show features Hanagasa Ondo and Sakura Ondo - folk dances performed during the summer Obon festivals.

11. Tarian Kuda Kepang
    By Wai Long Music and Art Centre
    A traditional Javanese dance depicting a group of horsemen “riding” horses made of woven bamboo.

12. Kerala Nrittham
    By North Malaysia Malayali Sangam
    This cultural dance of Kerala draws inspiration from the classical Mohiniyattam, Thamathil and Ottamthillil, making it uniquely its own.

13. Washu
    By CMF XH Animation Academy
    A martial art and full contact sport from China with bare-handed routines and those performed with weapons.

14. Dikir Barat
    By Dikir Barat Sura Mura
    Graceful movements, rhythmic hand claps and repetitive singing make this art form a legacy unique to the Malay Peninsula.

15. Bharathanatyam
    By Tumult of Fine Arts Penang
    Originally a female-only dance expressing South Indian religious themes, this performance was brought to stage until 1900.

16. Lion Dance
    By Gooners Association Penang
    Performers dress and move like a lion, bringing in good fortune during festivals and special occasions.

Dance Floor
Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling (7.15pm-11.00pm)

1. Chingay
   By Penang Chingay Association
   A specialty of Penang, Chingay flagpole bearers perform impressive balancing acts with enormous flags that can weigh 75kg (68 lbs) and go up to 9.7m (32 ft) in length.

2. Tarian Buluh
   By Wai Long Music and Art Centre
   Bamboo, the footwork and rhythm of this Sabahan performance as dancers jump across ever-moving poles controlled by their fellow performers.

3. Bhangra
   By Sikh Negevener Selha Malaysia (Penang branch)
   The lively beat of the dhol drum leads this Punjab folk dance filled with energetic kicks, leaps and twists.

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5. Raas Garba
   By Gujarati Sariyen Penang
   Dancers revolve around an earthware lamp or an image of their goddess in this high-energy Gujarati folk dance.

6. Loy Krathong Dance
   By Rani Thai Dance
   The joy of celebrating Loy Krathong is conveyed using the popular samranwong (Thai folk dance) style of graceful gestures and easy to follow footwork.

7. Dhatubhajana
   By Telugu Association of Malaysia, Penang Branch
   Bhangra, a re-creation of a traditional folk dance, depicts a group of horsemen “riding” horses made of woven bamboo.

8. Tarian Kuda Kepang
    By Wai Long Music and Art Centre
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9. Kesenjuku Bayashi
    By The Pink Hibiscus Club
    A popular folk dance during summer festivals celebrating the fishing lifestyle of the Okinawan people.

Street Festival
Celebrations 2018 is fittingly the Street Festival. The liveliest part of George Town Heritage Day. As you go on the ground, take in the rich history of what these communities have brought to the past. Be present as you experience the warmth of their shairings. And in this way, begin to imagine what the future holds for all of George Town’s POTENTIAL.

Armenian Street’s Got Talent
Date: 7 July 2018
Time: 5.00pm - 9.00pm
Venue: Lebuhr Komtar
Tel: 05-211 0889

Indian Muslim Festival - Yesterdays to Tomorrows
Date: 7 July 2018
Time: 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Venue: Masjid Kapitan Kapitan Keling Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, 10050 Penang Tel: 06-261 4215

Georgetown: Beautiful and Irreducible Exhibition
Date: 7 July 2018
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Venue: Arndale Building, 119 Lebuh Carnarvon, 10050 Penang
Tel: 06-258 8029

St. George’s Church Heritage Day
Date: 7 July 2018
Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Venue: St. George’s Church, Lebuh Farquhar
Tel: 06-261 6747 (Mr. Heleni Weirin)
7 July 2018  
Saturday  
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Potential Community Workshops

Play a game that generations of children have played. Taste recipes passed down from someone’s great-grandmother. Learn a craft from a real master artisan. Do all of that and more as you explore the wide range of community-led workshops.

With 25 interactive workshop stations to choose from, you can decide on the type of activity you want to take part in. Or if you’re feeling adventurous, you can try as many as you like.

One thing’s for sure, there will something for everyone.

Auspicious Celebrations

1. **Bunga Rampai**
   - A mixture of pandan leaves, flowers and rose water blended and hand-kneaded and given to bride at Malay wedding.
   - Presented by: Salleh Wanman Height Mohd Lateh Achah

2. **Mehendi**
   - A Pakistan event where bride has her hands and feet painted with henna a few days before her wedding. It is believed to bring good luck and longevity to her marriage.
   - Presented by: Malaysia Pakistani League Penang

3. **Nadu Veetu Kolam**
   - A recipe handed down through generations.
   - Presented by: Maitakatul Harajin Halal Malaysia Society

4. **Kaliottakali**
   - A dance performed by Malay women especially on marriage day during the Dram and Malay celebrations to bring luck in marriage and marital bliss.
   - Presented by: Nadi Malaysia Nadi Selangor

5. **Ark Bhuja**
   - A sticky rice cake decorated with desiccated coconut and peanuts. Ark Bhuja is both an ancestral offering and a snack to the ancestors.
   - Presented by: Parung Lembah Association

6. **Krathong**
   - A floating flower basket. Presented by: Parung Damai Association

7. **Sieh Liu Gue**
   - A “money bag” filled with peanuts and black beans, which features in the coming of age ceremony of Teochew youths.
   - Presented by: Parung Teochew Association

8. **Paul Chor**
   - The séng da chow or stir-fried dish served at Indian Muslim marriages. Presented by: Parung Siam Association

9. **Sadu Bharatham**
   - Literally meaning “simple cloth”, Sadu Bharatham is the basic technique of Sadu chunni embroidery. Presented by: Sajja Sajja Penang

10. **San Hung**
    - The Chinese lantern or the lantern. Presented by: Kow Pong Choon and Tan Lowe Association

11. **Sashiko**
    - A style of stitching involving simple patterns inspired by the Japanese ancient traditional arts. Presented by: Penang Japanese Society

12. **Manik**
    - The method of dating is women by women. Presented by: Penang Japanese Society

13. **Woodblock Prints**
    - The Han Chinese welcome the Chinese New Year with woodblock prints featuring images or symbols in their traditional arts, often in fortune and prosperity.

14. **Weaved Dumpling**
    - A type of dumpling filled with a sweet filling. Presented by: Penang Khoo Association

15. **Glass Beads**
    - Large beads from the Theravada Buddhist culture are valuable heirlooms that carry blessings and protection and are a symbol of social status.

16. **Manpadam**
    - A handmade clay crockery is known to give people extra luck. Presented by: Penang Wala Association

17. **Atap Nipah**
    - A spongy yellow rice used in the traditional Malay cuisine. Presented by: Penang Wala Association

18. **Idiyappam**
    - A simple dish made in an Indian Muslim dining table. Presented by: Penang Wala Association

19. **Mustard Salad Dressing**
    - European and Asian cooking ingredient in this salad dressing. Presented by: Penang Church Association

20. **Hakka Lei Cha**
    - A translated as “green tea” from Hakka. Presented by: Penang Church Association

21. **Roti Canai**
    - Made from flour and is fairly similar to masala dosa. Presented by: Penang Church Association

22. **Malball-Quartet**
    - A fun and easy game based on Germany’s May Wine Festival especially made to celebrate the George Town Heritage Celebrations. Presented by: George Town Heritage Society

23. **Hok Kien Oa Ho Chit Tho**
    - In conjunction with the George Town Heritage Celebrations, the Hock Choy Jik Hock Choy Tama festival gives people to come together and remember terms used in daily life.

24. **Pachikala Ata**
    - This game is played across the Indian subcontinent in different variations. The aim is to require chance and strategy and find frequent mentions in Indian myth and religion. Presented by: Indian Association of Malaysia Penang Branch

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