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## **GEORGE TOWN HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS 2018 EMBRACES DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

GEORGE TOWN: To mark the 10th anniversary of George Town's listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, George Town World Heritage Incorporated will again organise its annual George Town Heritage Celebrations in July 2018, with a programme line-up that offers a rewarding experience for celebration-goers.

Themed **POTENTIAL - Of the Past, In the Present, For the Future**, this year's Celebrations 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 since its inscription on 7 July 2008.

The Celebrations will feature the much-anticipated Street Festival on 7 July 2018 from 6pm to 11pm in the George Town World Heritage Site where more than 20 local communities will showcase their culture and traditions through a variety of programmes and performances. There will also be site excursions to eight places of worship in George Town at weekends in July 2018.

George Town World Heritage Incorporated general manager Dr Ang Ming Chee, who is also the Celebrations' executive producer, said it is a community-powered event – a platform for the communities to open their hearts and culture to the public, who are given the opportunity to immerse in George Town's diverse cultural heritage and understand its outstanding universal values.

"Let's join in the celebrations and explore our potential. Collectively, we can safeguard the cultural heritage of George Town and create a sustainable heritage city for the future generations," she said.

Dr Ang added that celebration-goers will be able to appreciate the similarities and celebrate the diversities George Town has to offer.

Visitors are encouraged to participate in the community-led workshops during the Street Festival to discover elements of auspicious celebrations, learn a craft from an artisan or taste a recipe passed down through generations.

Opera lovers are also in for a treat with the staging of Taiwanese opera performances by the world-renowned, award-winning Tang Mei Yun Taiwanese Opera Company. The troupe will perform at the Khoo Kongsi on 7 July 2018 and Majestic Theatre on 8 and 9 July 2018.

In the site excursions, visitors will visit St. George's Church, Church of the Assumption, Kapitan Keling Mosque, Kramat Dato Koyah, Nattukottai Chettiar Temple, Police Gurdwara Sahib Penang, Acheen Street Malay Mosque and Thai Pak Koong Temple.

The Celebrations is organised with the endorsement of the Penang Government, and in cooperation with the Penang Island City Council, Penang Global Tourism and Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO.

For more information about the Celebrations and registration of the site excursions, visit [gtwhi.com.my/gthc2018](http://gtwhi.com.my/gthc2018), call 011-5131 9213 or follow George Town Heritage Celebrations on Facebook (George Town Heritage Celebrations) and Instagram (@heritagecelebrations) for the latest updates.

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