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PRESS STATEMENT

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**Announcement of Recipients for
George Town World Heritage Incorporated Heritage Recognition and Awards 2020**

1. In celebration of George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)'s 11th anniversary since its establishment as the Site Manager for George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site on 21 April 2010, we are pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural GTWHI Heritage Recognition and Awards 2020.
2. A total of 107 nominations were received in the Awards which accepted nominations until 31 December 2020. This recognition and awards initiative is our attempt to recognise individuals, organisations and businesses for their outstanding contributions to the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value of George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site.
3. The nominations were reviewed by the jury panel members, which are Professor Emeritus Datin Paduka Siti Zuraina Abdul Majid (Former Director-General, National Heritage Department), Ms Moe Chiba (Programme Specialist and Head of Unit Culture, UNESCO Office Jakarta), Dr Rohit Jigyasu (Project Manager, The International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)), Dr Paritta Chalernpow Koanantakool (Former Director, The Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre), and Dr Ang Ming Chee (General Manager of GTWHI).
4. The list of recipients of the GTWHI Heritage Recognition and Awards is as follows:

4.1 Category: Conservation, Enhancement and Adaptation

4.1.1 Award Recipients

- Tokong Thai Pak Koong (Ng Suk) Tanjong Tokong, Pulau Pinang, King Street Fu De Ci Temple @ No. 32, 32A, 34, Lebuah King (2017-2019).
- Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce, The Conservation of the Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building @ No. 2, Lebuah Penang (2012-2015).

4.1.2 Honourable Mention by the Jury

- Enchanting Estate Sdn. Bhd., Spices Hotel @ No. 5 Lorong Lumut (2012), Urban Spice Hotel and Cafe @ No. 89, Lebuah Aceh (2015).
- George Town Heritage Hotels Sdn. Bhd., Seven Terraces @ No. 14A, Lorong Stewart (2011-2013).
- Persatuan Warisan Dato Koyah, Makam Dato Koyah @ No. 43, Jalan Transfer (2016-2018).
- Seh Tek Tong Cheah Kongsu, A Beam of Hope Through Heritage Restoration @ No. 52, Lebuah China (2019), No. 149, Lebuah Pantai (2019), No. 42, Lebuah King (2019).

4.1.3 Special Mention by the Jury

- City Council of Penang Island, Bangunan Dewan Bandaraya (City Hall) @ Jalan Padang Kota Lama (2013-2015).
- City Council of Penang Island Heritage Conservation Department, Upgrading Works in Side Lane and Backlanes at Lebuah Ah Quee (2020), Lebuah Gereja (2019), Lebuah Penang (2019), Lorong Pitt (2020).
- Estate of Yeap Chor Ee, Deceased, Forward School @ No. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 Lebuah Aceh (2019).
- Green Buildings Sdn Bhd, Ren I Tang Heritage Inn @ No. 82A, Lebuah Penang (2010-2013).

4.2 Category: Cultural Heritage Events and Activities

4.2.1 Honourable Mention by the Jury

- Hong Kong Street Tow Boh Keong Temple, Nine Emperor Gods Festival.
- Omara Production, Ghazal Party.

4.2.2 Special Mention by the Jury

- Penang Chinese Clan Council and Penang Clan Association Youth Committee, Chinese New Year Celebrations Miao Hui.
- Ju Xian Tang Temple, Queen Street, Li Tie Guai God Celebrations.
- Jalan Dr. Lim Chwee Leong Phor Thor Committee, Jalan Dr. Lim Chwee Leong Phor Thor (Hungry Ghost Festival) Celebration.
- Kwangtung and Tengchow Association Penang, Hungry Ghost Festival Celebrations of Kwangtung and Tengchow Association.
- Penang Chinese Clan Council, Meng Eng Soo Open Day.
- Penang Hindu Association, Hindu Cultural and Heritage (Pongal, Mother's Love, Engagement, Nitchayathartham, Kolam, Indian Bullcart, Indian pottery, Indian Masala Tea, Indian Sweets).
- Persatuan Warisan Dato Koyah, Maulidur Rasul.
- State Chinese Penang Association, Hand-crafting of Nyonya beaded shoes (Kasut Manek, Manek-eh).
- Tokong Thai Pak Koong (Ng Suk) Tanjong Tokong, Pulau Pinang, Traditional Chinese Praying Rituals Conducted on the Birthday Celebrations of the Deity Guan Gong.
- Tokong Thai Pak Koong (Ng Suk) Tanjong Tokong, Pulau Pinang, Traditional Chinese Praying Rituals Conducted on the Birthday Celebrations of the Deity Thai Pak Koong.
- Tong On Wooi Koon (Women's Wing) 檳城東安會館婦女組, Qi Qiao Festival 乞巧節慶典.

4.3 Category: Lifetime Achievement

4.3.1 Lifetime Achievement Award (Mastery of Skills)

- Chor Teik Heng.
- Chua Saw Tin.
- Jimah binti Chin.
- Khoo Tiang Shing.
- Lee Teik Chye.
- Teoh Huah Guan.

4.3.2 Lifetime Achievement Award (Dedication on Knowledge Transmission)

- Anthony Chan Guan Fook.
- Cheah Cheng Seang.
- Chong Yit Leong.
- May Lim Seiw Seng @ Lim Ah Mui.
- Noo Wan @ Wandee Aroonratana.
- Omar bin Md. Hashim.
- Ooi See Han.
- Tang Ah Wa @ Tang Chin Yong 鄧敬榮.
- Toh Ai Hwa.
- Yeap Chin Boon.

4.3.3 Lifetime Achievement Award (Merit on Cultural Heritage Advocacy)

- Cheah Swee Huat.
- Eustace Anthony Nonis.
- Tong Poh Kheng.

4.3.4 Lifetime Achievement Award (Merit on Outstanding Efforts and Dedication)

- Kuan Cheng Phoey.
- Lam Pin Lik.
- Law Boon Wah @ Don Law.

4.4 Category: Cultural Continuity Recognition

4.4.1 Platinum Status (100 years+)

- Ghee Hiang Manufacturing Co. Sdn. Bhd. (c. 1856).
- Hameediyah Restaurant (1907).
- Kwongtuck Sundries & Liquors Sdn. Bhd. (c. 1836).
- Hospital Lam Wah Ee Chinese Medicine Division (c. 1883).
- Penang Fook Chew Association (c. 1822).
- Red House Alcohol Distributor (c. 1900).
- Thai Pak Koong Temple (Ng Suk) Tanjong Tokong, Pulau Pinang (c. 1792).
- Yin Oi Tong Co. Sdn. Bhd. (c. 1796).

4.4.2 Gold Status (50 – 99 years)

- Cheng Woh Medical Hall (c. 1933).
- Hock Lean Seng (c. 1922).
- Hong Kong Shoe Store (c. 1958).
- Hup Huat Trishaw (c. 1922).

- Kedai Songkok O.S.M. Mohd Shariff (1941).
- Kok Ying Chow Signboard Maker (c. 1940).
- Kim Lee Leong Chan (c. 1930).
- Kun Kee Food Industries Sdn. Bhd. (1952).
- L. C. Lee & Co. (c. 1939).
- Ng Kee Cake Shop (c. 1928).
- Penang Heritage Joss Stick Maker (c. 1948).
- Penang Straits Chinese Dondang Sayang Club (c. 1954).
- Poh Aun Tong (1947).
- Seang Hin Leong (c. 1925).
- Seng Seng Advertising Service (c. 1939).
- Teow Hin Chan (1968).
- Traditional Home of Dessert (c. 1933).
- The World Optical Company (1934).

4.4.3 Silver Status (25 – 49 years)

- Gabungan Belia Persatuan Klan Cina Pulau Pinang (c. 1988).
 - Central Paper Agencies Sdn. Bhd. (1983).
 - Kim Giak Low Choon Puppet Show (c. 1989).
 - Kumpulan Boria Omara Pulau Pinang (c. 1991).
 - Penang Hong Guan Culture Association (c. 1989).
 - Penang Siamese Association (1976).
 - Tian Hua Arts and Antique (c. 1967).
5. GTWHI thanks everyone who sent in the nominations to celebrate individuals and groups with outstanding contributions to the George Town World Heritage Site. We also take this opportunity to congratulate the recipients and their family members.
 6. During the assessment process, we noted that certain old documentation was lost due to unfortunate events such as war, fire or flood. We therefore invite the public with old photos or old documentation related to the Awards recipients to be part of the recognition process and contact us as we seek to have more inclusive documentation on the recipients.
 7. We will be contacting all recipients in the arrangement for them to attend the special Awards reception scheduled for July 2021.
 8. For more information on the Awards, please call 04-261 6606, email info@gtwhi.com.my, or visit <https://gtwhi.com.my/heritage-recognition-awards-2020/>.

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