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Committed to Malaysia's Built Heritage

Dear Members and Friends of heritage

Happy new year to all our members and supporters. If 2003 left you worn out and in need of a break then you might like to consider a heritage holiday to revitalise you in 2004. There are a number of World Heritage sites throughout South East Asia that can be visited by a short flight from KL.

In Vietnam you can visit the historic trading port of Hoi An, the complex of royal monuments at Hue and the Champa Kingdom ruins of My Son. Nearby in Cambodia is the Angkor complex while in Laos there is the historic town of Luang Prabang with its numerous Buddhist monestaries and the temple complex of Vat Phou. Thailand meanwhile offers the historic cities of Ayutthaya and Sukhothai and the Ban Chiang archeological site. Other sites in the region include Vigan historic city in the Philippines, Borobudur and Prambanan temple compounds in Indonesia, the city of Macao and many places in China such as the old town of Lijiang and the ancient city of Ping Yao.

Tourism can bring benefits to local communities through job creation and higher incomes. Admission charges can also help fund the conservation and preservation of World Heritage sites. However, mass tourism also places a considerable number of conservation stresses on World Heritage sites, and can also create social and economic imbalances if priority is given to creating infrastructure for tourists to the detriment of local residents. Accordingly, it is important to practice responsible tourism when visiting World Heritage sites by doing things such as learning about a destination before you visit it, respecting the local cultures and traditions when you are there, considering the privacy, culture, habits and traditions of the host communities when at sites and supporting the local economy by buying local goods and services.

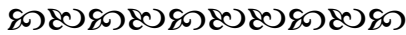
UNESCO has called for a new type of tourism "which supports ecologically sustainable development and encourages host countries to reaffirm their cultural identities, to make their culture and environment better known, cared for and appreciated by visitors." It is important that as friends of heritage we are all at the forefront of this



movement. For more information visit www.unesco.org/whc

Best wishes for a happy and safe 2004.

Chris Johnston



Stop press

The secretariat is urgently in need of volunteers to help with the gift shop and also in the office. Those interested please contact the secretariat at 03 - 2144 9273

NOTICE BOARD

Charity Bazaar

Sunday 20 June 2004

We will be organising our first fundraising event for the year in the form of a Charity Bazaar. We are interested in the following stalls:

- Art & Craft
- Food & Beverage
- Designer Seconds & Accessories
- Jumble & Antiques

Members are encouraged to dust off all their artistic or baking skills and contribute their wares and earn some money at the same time.

For the Designer Seconds and Accessories table, we are hoping that those of you (and your friends) with old Fendis, Guccis, Diors, Halstons and such pieces which haven't seen the light of day for a while; will round up all your pieces and donate them to us!

This is a great opportunity to not only help but it is also a great chance to meet or reacquaint yourself with other members.

We hope this will be a fun filled day for all involved.

Opening Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Price : Table rental (3' x 6')
RM20 per table with table cloth (outdoor)
RM40 per table with table cloth (indoor)

Non members will be charge 50% more for the tables. Tables are available on a first come, first served basis and payment must be made in full upon signing up.

Contributions in Kind

If you would like to help out in other ways, we are looking for the following contributions as well:

- 1) Canopy rental - 3 units 20' x 20' (white)
- 2) Mist fans - 3 units

Contributors will be given one free outdoor table

For more information, please contact Ee Lin at the secretariat.



SUPPORT by BUYING our Greeting Cards

Our new greeting cards are available for sale now! There are 5 full colour designs and 4 red Chinese paper cut card designs.

PLEASE order your cards now. You can personalise them at no extra charge if you order over 200 cards. To view the cards, please visit our web site www.badanwarisan.org.my

Please contact the Secretariat or e-mail your orders to info@badanwarisan.org.my

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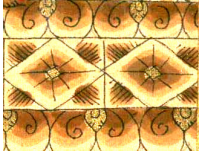
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Office

Mondays to Saturdays 9 am to 6 pm

Exhibition Centre

Mondays to Saturdays 10 am to 5.30 pm

Resource Centre

Tuesdays to Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm

Daily Rumah Penghulu tours

11 am & 3 pm except on

Sundays and public holidays.

Other times by prior appointment.

VISITS

Genting Tea Estate, Genting Sempah

Sunday 15 February 2003

10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Datuk Henry Barlow has kindly invited members to visit his tea estate. This will be a fun day out for families, with a guided tour round the orchard/arboretum starting at 11.00 a.m. and a talk on butterflies and moths after lunch.

Please bring your own picnic lunch which you can have on the lawn, in the house or at the waterfall!

RM10 per person (and children above 4 years).
Maximum of 40 people.

Please register with the Secretariat. Payment and indemnity forms have to be received by 10 February 2003.

Note: Meet at the Genting Highway Stop (outside McDonalds) at 10.00 a.m. before proceeding to the estate. Carpooling is encouraged.



TRIPS

Kuching, Sarawak

Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March 2004

3days / 2nights: We now have the minimum number for the trip to take place and would like to arrange flights. The current cost on Air Asia is estimated at RM250 incl. fees and tax – we cannot guarantee this rate as their fares change according to availability.

The Malaysia Airlines special fare is RM425 return (RM284 for locals over 55 years and if you stay 4 nights). We are looking to take the morning 9 to 10.00 a.m. flight into Kuching Friday and back on the 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. flight out on Sunday.

Accommodation will be arranged at Telang Usan hotel close to the old town centre and activities

include a heritage walk of Kuching, and some out of town sights.

The estimated cost for accommodation, main meals and local travel in Kuching:

Members: between RM400 – RM450 per member twin sharing

Non-members: between RM520 – RM585 per person (twin sharing)

There will be a single person surcharge.

Please forward a non-refundable deposit of RM100 to the Secretariat.

Discovering Kuching

The city was officially named Kuching in August 1872 and declared a city in 1988. In the beginning, it was a typical Malay principality under the Sultan of Brunei. In 1836, there was a rebellion against the Governor of Sarawak but James Brooke managed to help quash it. As a reward, the Sultan of Brunei installed him as Rajah and he became the next Governor of Sarawak.

When his reign ended in 1868, his nephew Charles Brooke took over. Besides a proper system of government, his other legacies include some of Kuching's notable buildings. These include the Astana, the Court House, the Sarawak Museum and Fort Margherita. Many of these historical buildings are still intact and reflect the city's intriguing past.

As the focal point of the city is the river, many of its significant buildings are located near the river. Among the interesting sites to see on a heritage walk of Kuching include: The Waterfront, The Sarawak Steamship Building, The Square Tower, The Round Tower, The Pavilion, The Post Office, The Court House, The Astana, Fort Margherita, various temples, mosques and museums.

We are investigating the possibility of visits to the above as well as to St James Church in Kg Kuop, an Iban long house, old Ricketts house, the Bishop house, kampungs, Rumah Mesra, and trade areas.

We look forward to this opportunity to meet up with our members based in Kuching as well!

to take up the challenge of reducing, and eventually of reversing, the progressive damage and destruction of our cultural and natural heritage.

Specifically we also hereby DECLARE that:

- i. governments throughout the world at both national and local levels should give greater recognition to the benefits arising from the conservation of cultural and natural heritage both to the present and future generations, and therefore should give the conservation of heritage a higher political and financial priority in the determination of national and local policies, using their resources more efficiently and effectively. Measures for the strengthening of the commitment of governments are proposed in Annex 1;
- ii. non-governmental organisations around the world should raise their efforts to halt the loss of both cultural and natural heritage at national and local levels, deploying the resources at their disposal in a professional and effective way to achieve this end. Measures for the strengthening of the commitment of non-governmental organisations are proposed in Annex 2;
- iii. both governments and non-governmental organisations should work together more closely to address the problem of the progressive loss of cultural and natural heritage, developing joint initiatives both to raise public understanding and concern, and to build capacity at the national and local levels, where appropriate calling on international assistance and co-operation.
- iv. the State Parties to the World Heritage Convention should reinforce their commitment to implement the requirements of Article 5 of the Convention as confirmed by the 2002 Budapest Declaration, namely “to protect heritage in all its diversity as an instrument for the sustainable development of all societies through dialogue and mutual understanding”.

National Trusts, and all other governments, non-governmental organisations and individuals who may endorse this Declaration, hereby pledge themselves to increase their efforts to conserve the natural and cultural heritage in their respective countries by implementing these actions and ideals to the best of their abilities.

Edinburgh
September 2003

*to read Annex 1 & 2, please visit our web site:
www.badanwarisan.org.my

The International Network of National Trusts, the participants of the 10th International Conference of