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*Merdeka Legacy Series: Visit to Parliament House*

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## Message from the President

We ended last year mourning the sad waste, when the authorities signed the permit allowing Bok House to be demolished. By 5pm on Sunday 16 December, all that was left were the memories of the many thousands who had enjoyed the splendour and the nostalgia of dining at Le Coq D'Or; and a huge pile of rubble.

The demolition generated a fair amount of public comment among which, we were edified to read, were expressions of distress and concern that such a beautiful building could have been left to decay, and then to be destroyed in such a wanton fashion. From this incident, it was clear that there was a need to look closely at what legal and moral instruments could be used to prevent something like this from happening again. Not that Bok House can ever be replaced.

In February we held a workshop called "Heritage Matters" and after much discussion and research, we are now in the process of producing a report and recommendations on how we can better understand what heritage assets and heritage resources we have, and hopefully, how we can take better care of them.

By this time, we were already all caught up in the tidal wave of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's independence. As the lead heritage consultants for the restoration of Stadium Merdeka, we raced against time to get the Stadium back into a reasonable state so that it could be used for the mega-event on 31 August night. The Prime Minister has acknowledged our role in this tremendous task and thanked us for it.

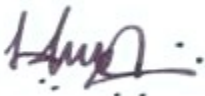
Just when things looked like they were beginning to ease off, we found ourselves battling to save the leprosarium at Sungai Buloh. Sadly, it looks like part of the Settlement will be demolished to make way for UiTM's new Medical Faculty. There is a silver lining though – it appears that the Central Section of the Settlement will be preserved almost in totality.

This is not the only battleground we have. Poor management of heritage resources, unclear guidelines and poor standards of conservation practice plague many projects which have been undertaken in the name of heritage restoration. Furthermore, government funds, grants or financial incentives of any kind are generally not available to the private owner or custodian of heritage properties to help encourage their better upkeep and maintenance.

To help provide professional heritage services on behalf of Badan Warisan Malaysia, Council agreed to establish a consultancy called Badan Warisan Heritage Services Sdn Bhd (BWHS). This company was incorporated on 26 December 2006 and the main objects are similar to that of Badan Warisan Malaysia, i.e. to promote the conservation and preservation of buildings, areas and sites which have historical and architectural significance for the benefit and education of the people of Malaysia. The first project this company has undertaken is the restoration of Stadium Merdeka. BWHS has also been appointed by the Penang State Government to write the Management Plan for the Historic City of George Town in its bid together with Malacca for UNESCO World Heritage Listing. BWHS is poised to take a more active role in the coming years.

Meanwhile back at the two heritage centres we run, at No 2 Jalan Stonor in Kuala Lumpur and No 8 Heeren Street in Malacca, our regular programme of events and activities for members and visitors continue. We are now beginning to consider potentially extending our knowledge and sharing our experience in management of heritage properties to other sites in the near future.

As you will see from the accompanying report, it has been a very full year. I want to thank all the members of Badan Warisan Malaysia for your continued support and contributions. I must mention especially those of you who volunteer your time to help in so many ways – from helping out at the Secretariat, to organizing visits and talks and to offering your professional expertise for our projects. To the members of the Secretariat, thank you for your dedication and careful delivery of our many different programmes and projects. Not least, to my colleagues on Council who serve so selflessly in order to promote the "cause" of heritage preservation.



Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid  
President

## **Council Members**

### **Tan Sri Dato' Seri (Dr) Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid, President**

Chairman of several Public Listed Companies, Chairman of IKIM, President of the Lawn Bowls Association of Malaysia, Vice-President of the Malay Cricket Association, former Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia

### **Laurence Loh Kwong Yu, Deputy President**

Architect, conservator, lecturer, international competition judge for architecture and planning, member of ICOMOS. Consultant to UNESCO, World Bank, Penang State Government, Hong Kong Antiquities and Monuments Board and Urban Renewal Authority, Penang Heritage Trust and Singapore Tourism Authority.

### **Dato' H S Barlow, Honorary Secretary**

Chartered Accountant, Author, Company Director, extensive experience in the plantations industry and Hon. Treasurer of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society

### **Christopher Boyd, Honorary Treasurer**

Fellow of the Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Member of the relevant Australian and Singaporean Real Estate Bodies, Registered Valuer and Estate Agent registered valuer; Governor, Alice Smith School

### **Datuk Haji Abdul Rahim Abdullah**

Architect, former President of the Board of Architects Malaysia, retired from the Civil Service as the Deputy Director General 2 of JKR, consultant and board member to public listed and non-listed companies that deal with property development

### **Ar Helena Aman Hashim**

Architect and Lecturer

### **Ishak Ariffin**

Registered Town Planner, Corporate member of the Malaysian Institute of Planners and the Royal Town Planning Institute, UK, as well as a registered EIA Subject Specialist. He is part of a planning and environmental consultancy.

### **Datuk Ismail Adam**

Retired from the Civil Service as Director General, Ministry of Health, former Director General of the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism, Company Director

### **Dato' Ir Lee Yee Cheong**

Electrical Engineer, Academician, Senior Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia; Commissioner, Malaysian Energy Commission.

### **Ar Lillian Tay**

Trained Engineer and Architect, a Principal of Veritas Architects, former Vice-President of PAM, public speaker, external examiner and critic at the local schools of architecture

### **Md Nazri Mohd Noordin**

Consultant Town Planner specializing in Master planning as well as Development and Environmental Planning.

### **Associate Professor Dr Danny Wong Tze Ken**

Deputy Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, University of Malaya; Lecturer, Historian, Writer

### **Honorary Council Members**

**Puan Sri Datin Amar Elizabeth Moggie**, Fundraising Committee; Sarawak Projects

**Puan Sri Datin Susan Jalaluddin**, Management of Resource Centre and Heritage Garden Projects

**Datin Valerie Albakri**, founder member of Badan Warisan Malaysia

**Datin Waveney Jenkins**, sculptor; founder member of Badan Warisan Malaysia; lime plaster specialist

**Ar Jimmy C S Lim**, architect; founder member of Badan Warisan Malaysia; Council Member of Badan Warisan Malaysia until 2006

**Ar Norzam Darmin**, architect; Johor projects

**Datuk Ir (Dr) Mohd Annas bin Mohd Nor**, Electrical Engineer; former Chairman of the Malaysian Energy Commission; member of Standard and Accreditation Council Department of Standard Malaysia; Chairman National Committee International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC); Chairman Industry Standard Committee Electrotechnical SIRIM; business consultant

**Elizabeth Wee**, responsible for the HSBC Bank's Group Public Affairs in Malaysia.

### **Council Meetings**

7 Council meetings were held since the last AGM. Attendance of the Directors was recorded as follows:

Tan Sri Dato' Seri (Dr) Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid	7/7
Laurence Loh	6/7
Dato' Henry Barlow	7/7
Christopher Boyd	6/7
Datuk Haji Abdul Rahim Abdullah	4/7
Helena Aman Hashim	4/7
Ishak Ariffin	7/7
Datuk Haji Ismail Adam	3/7
Dato' Ir Lee Yee Cheong	4/7
Mohd Nazri Noordin	5/7
Lillian Tay	2/7
Dr Danny Wong	3/7

There were also 4 meetings of the Executive Committee since the last AGM.

## **Membership**

As at 1 November 2007, a total of 401 members comprising Life, Ordinary, Corporate and Honorary Members have been registered. In 2008, efforts will be made to recruit Junior and Student members. The Council thanks all those who have been helping to recruit more members.

## **Donations and Funds**

A fundraising dinner will be held on 6 December 2007. The last time we held a fundraising drive was in 2002 and our operational funds have been much depleted over the past five years. This very timely effort has given us a much-needed boost to our accumulated funds. We thank especially Sime Darby Berhad for their generosity and support of our work by hosting the Fundraising Dinner in conjunction with the launch of the Sime Darby Convention Centre.

A very special thank you must go to Puan Sri Elizabeth Moggie for her commitment not only in coordinating the fundraising programme but also for her untiring efforts in soliciting for donations. To all our sponsors, and especially to those members who have so generously made donations, our eternal thanks.

## **Programmes**

**Trips and Visits** – the Merdeka Legacy Series received positive response from members but a few overnight trips could not be realized due to insufficient take up. Our programme this year was also affected because members of the Secretariat were facilitating education workshops out of KL. Site visits included day trips to the Bukit Cheeding Tea Estate, Rudinara and the TNB HQ in Kuala Lumpur. Our thanks to all our hosts for their generosity.

**Exhibitions** – in the past year, seven exhibitions were held at the Heritage Centre with an average run of 6 weeks each. A range of art styles and heritage subjects were represented and well received, especially our continued support for studio pottery and crafts based work. Both the seminal exhibition on Indian temples in Malaysia together and the exhibition of watercolour paintings from the Malacca Sketchbook reached very wide audiences.

**Talks and other events** – We held three talks at the Heritage Centre during this past year. Our main workshop event entitled, “Heritage Matters: Promoting and Protecting Place”, attracted over 60 participants comprising professionals, academics, educationists, heritage conservation NGOs, representatives from local authorities and other government agencies interested in the issues raised, and members of the legal fraternity. The discussions were facilitated by Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji, Richard Engelhardt, Regional Advisor for Culture in Asia and the Pacific in the UNESCO Bangkok office and Dr Johannes Widodo, lecturer at the National University of Singapore.

**Seminar and Education programmes** – we are increasingly invited to present papers at seminars, give talks to other organizations and lectures to colleges and schools. Badan Warisan Malaysia has given over a dozen talks to professionals and students in the field of architecture, planning, tourism, heritage and education. We continue to run our Introduction to Heritage programmes at our Heritage Centre and off site to students ranging from kindergarten to university level.

Our major education effort was focused on the 2006 Digi Amazing Malaysian Heritage Architect of Kedah programme where together with Laurence Loh, a team of facilitators and artists from Badan Warisan Malaysia worked with over 60 students from Standard 5 to Form 2 between June and August 2006. This culminated in a showcase at the Smokehouse museum in March 2007 where the history of the town and its residents were highlighted. In early 2008, we will be running another education programme focusing on the living cultural heritage of Brickfields with Chen Voon Fee who has received the 2007 Digi Amazing Malaysian Treasure Keeper of Kuala Lumpur award. We congratulate both Laurence and Voon Fee for their well-deserved awards.

## **Resource Centre**

Over 300 researchers used our Resource Centre this year. We also received increased enquiries via e-mail and enquiries from overseas students carrying out research projects in Malaysia. As more projects are carried out in heritage buildings, professionals are also using our Resource Centre. Our database information is being gradually migrated to the CDS/Winisis database system which we hope to be fully operational by next year. We are also converting our image collection and extensive newspaper records to digital format. Acquisitions and donations add to the growth of our collection. In addition, the Library Membership facility continues to be used by university and college students.

### **Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman**

Approximately 1,200 visitors came to the Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman this past year. We continue to refurbish the displays in the house in order to enhance our tours and maintenance work is ongoing. Among the new displays to be added next will be one showcasing the economic activities that led to our nation's development i.e. paraphernalia from the tin mining and rubber plantations. The tour is also now enhanced by the addition of the kitchen garden element.

We recently started collaborating with the Association of British Women in Malaysia on their "Hello KL" programme; we conduct the Introduction to Malay Culture at the Rumah Penghulu. Travel and tour companies add the Rumah Penghulu as a stop of their KL City tours including for cruise passengers. Increasing numbers of private taxi tours also bring their guests to the Rumah Penghulu. In the past year, we have seen a marked increase in publicity for the Rumah Penghulu and Badan Warisan Malaysia in the print and electronic media.

With the enhanced displays, we will be raising the minimum donation for the tour effective from 1 January 2008.

### **8 Heeren Street Heritage and Interpretative Centre**

Over 1800 visitors visited 8 Heeren Street in this past year. Without fail, they all leave impressed with the project, exhibition and tour by our Manager, Colin. This building has become a key site for students studying or carrying out research in Malacca City. We make great efforts to promote the individual centres to visitors who travel to both KL and Malacca. Colin also represents Badan Warisan Malaysia at meetings and events held in Malacca. Thanks must also go to Tan Hoon Keong for his continued technical supervision of this important project, and to Josephine Chua and the Trustees of the Cheng Hoon Teng Inc for their support and promotion of this site.

### **Badan Warisan Heritage Services Sdn Bhd**

In response to the increasing number of invitations to Badan Warisan Malaysia to undertake conservation consultancies, the Council established Badan Warisan Heritage Services Sdn Bhd (BWHS) as a 100% subsidiary of Badan Warisan Malaysia. This company was incorporated on 26 December 2006 with Datuk Ismail Adam and Puan Sri Datin Amar Elizabeth Moggie as Trustees. The Directors of the company are members of the Ex-Officio – Tan Sri Dato' Seri (Dr) Ahmad Sarji, Dato' Henry Barlow and Christopher Boyd. To ensure transparency, the audited financial statement of BWHS will be presented to BWM members at the AGM.

The objects of BWHS are similar to that of Badan Warisan Malaysia and focus on promoting "the conservation and preservation of buildings and areas which have historical and architectural features that form part of the heritage of Malaysia, for the benefit and education of the people of Malaysia and to preserve the setting of historic buildings and where appropriate their historic content."

The first project undertaken by BWHS is the restoration of Stadium Merdeka; Phase 1 of this project started on 5 February 2007 and was completed by mid-August 2007, in time for the grand celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> Merdeka.

Any members who have experience relevant to heritage conservation work are invited to register their professional services with BWHS - including architectural, planning, surveying, engineering and design services as well as research and writing services. If you want more information, please contact Elizabeth Cardosa.

Projects undertaken by BWHS in its first nine months of operations include Stadium Merdeka Restoration Project Phase 1, Management Plan for the Historic City of George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Federal Hill Conservation project.

The Financial Statement together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports for the period ending 30 June 2007 accompany this document.

### **Human Resources**

The Council would like to commend Elizabeth Cardoso, Lim Ee Lin, Lee Chai Ching, Nurzaifullah Mansor, Intan Syaheeda Abu Bakar for their continuing efforts in running the office, projects and programmes.

We would like to also express our thanks to Puan Sri Susan Jalaluddin for so diligently overseeing the management of our Resource Centre as well as being responsible for the development of our Heritage Garden project. We are very grateful to Hasnah Mohd Salleh for so faithfully volunteering her time every Tuesday; Diana Cooper and all those who have contributed to the Buletin Warisan; Ruby Loo, Dennis Xavier, Mark Gibson, Shamsu Mohd Yusof, Colette Hassan, Helen Ung, Vicki Fennessy, Judith Hurzeler, Tina Schlag and all other volunteers who always find time to help us especially during events and when we are short staffed.

### **Networking and collaboration**

We have been working closely with other organizations locally, regionally and internationally to extend our efforts in promoting heritage conservation, among which are:

Architectural Conservation Programme, Hong Kong University  
Arts-Ed  
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur  
IFT, Macau  
INTACH, India  
International National Trusts Organisation  
Jabatan Warisan Negara  
Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah  
Majlis Perbandaran Taiping  
Malaysian Institute of Planners  
Malaysian Nature Society  
Malaysian Tourist Guides Council  
Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage  
Ministry of Tourism  
National Trust of Queensland  
National Trust of Western Australia  
PAM (Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia)  
Penang Heritage Trust  
Perak Heritage Trust  
PERZIM, Melaka  
Royal Netherlands Embassy  
Sarawak Heritage Society  
United States Embassy  
Universiti Malaya  
UNESCO Bangkok Office

### **Acknowledgements**

We would like to thank all our donors, members, volunteers and supporters and members of the media for highlighting and promoting the preservation and conservation of Malaysia's built heritage. We apologise if we have inadvertently left anyone or anything out of this report.

## **Mubin Sheppard Memorial Prize Cycle 7 and Measured Drawings Grant 2007**

Thanks go to the members of the Jury for the Cycle 7 competition led by Chair, Ar John Koh without whose dedication and commitment, it would not have been possible to read and assess all the submissions.

Thanks also go to Ar Lillian Tay, Puan Sri Susan Jalaluddin and Elizabeth Cardosa for their work in assessing the inaugural MSMP Measured Drawings Grant.

The MSMP programme has been very ably administrated by Intan Syaheeda Abu Bakar.

### **Secretariat**

Elizabeth Cardosa, *Executive Director*  
Lim Ee Lin, *Heritage Centre Manager*  
Lee Chai Ching, *Accounts Officer*  
Intan Syaheeda Abu Bakar, *Project Officer*  
Nurzaifullah Mansor, *Information Officer*  
Yuana King, *Administrator*

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### **Opening hours**

*Office:* Mondays to Saturdays 9 am to 6 pm  
*Exhibition Centre:* Mondays to Saturdays 10am to 5.30 pm  
*Resource Centre:* Tuesdays to Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm  
*Rumah Penghulu tours:* Twice daily Mondays to Saturdays at 11 am & 3 pm (other times by prior appointment)

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