

VI. Meetings on Intangible Cultural Heritage

In Malaysia, activities related to intangible cultural heritage are often named under the umbrella of other names, such as traditional textiles, traditional crafts, local knowledge, traditional medicine, life ritual, traditional festivals, Malay Culture, South-east Asia Chinese culture, and so on. In fact, the term “intangible cultural heritage” was not very popular in Malaysia until end of 2015. Herewith the list of conferences and seminars those are hosted using items or domains that can be related to intangible cultural heritage.

(1) CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (2010-2016)

1) Third ASEAN Symposium on Traditional Textiles

Date	20-23 March 2011
Venue	Kuala Terengganu
Organizer	Terengganu Institute of Design Excellence (TiDE)
Website	www.tide.com.my/index.php/the-community/aseanttac
<p>Funded by the ASEAN Foundation and the Government of Malaysia and hosted by the Terengganu Institute of Design Excellence in cooperation with the state government of Terengganu of Malaysia, the 3rd ASEAN Symposium on Traditional Textiles was held in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia on 20-23 March 2011.</p> <p>Some 400 textile specialists, researchers, scholars and entrepreneurs, weavers, artisans, collectors, designers and students from 10 ASEAN countries participated in the symposium, along with textile experts and enthusiasts from Canada, United States of America, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, France, Japan and Germany. Her Royal Highness, Princess Azizah also attended the symposium. The symposium consisted of thematic visual presentations, demonstrations, site visits to weaving centers and a Culture of Clothing show.</p> <p>The theme of the symposium was Satu Rumpun, Satu Warisan (One Root, Shared Heritage) which gives due emphasis on the common elements of the different types of traditional textiles produced in the ASEAN region such as songket, ikat, batik, tenun sutra (woven silk) and new innovations introduced in their production.</p>	

<p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To harness the creative energies of Southeast Asian textiles artisans for their own benefit and for that of their communities 2) To recognise the importance of the cultural diversity existing in the respective textile producing communities of Southeast Asia, and 3) To facilitate community-based development strategies to fully maximise human and economic resources.
<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dato' Ar. Dr. Hj. Hajeedar Abdul Majid (Majlis Warisan Kebangsaan) 2) Prof. Ricardo G. Abad (Ateneo De Manila University, Philippines) 3) Prof. Dato' Dr Hj. Engku Ansaruddin Agus 4) Prof. Madya Ar. Dr. Abdul Majid Ismail 5) Prof. Azizi Bahauddin 6) Prof. Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan 7) Dr. Ibrahim Bakar 8) Prof. Tatiana A. Denisova 9) Dr. Parichart Visuthismajarn

2) International Symposium on Intangible Cultural Heritage

Date	30 November- 2 December 2015
Venue	Bayview Hotel, George Town, Penang, Malaysia
Organizer	George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)
Website	www.gtwhi.com.my/ich
<p>George Town of Penang has a unique infusion of diverse cultures, robust tradition of artistic tapestry and inspiring heritage legacy inherited from the early multi-ethnic trading communities of the Malay Archipelago, India, China, and Europe. After the city was inscribed as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in 2008, many comprehensive plans have been proposed and implemented by local, state and national governments to preserve the city's heritage assets and organic intercultural lifestyles. Yet, there remain many challenges, in particular those that pertain to the sustainability of the intangible cultural heritage of George Town and its people.</p>	
<p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To exchange innovative practices, sustainable strategies, and lessons learnt from Asia and the world in relation to the conservation and revitalisation of intangible cultural heritage. 2) To strengthen cooperation and collaboration between practitioners, policy-makers, researchers, activists and communities in the efforts to sustain intangible cultural heritage. 3) To promote sustainable development and dynamic growth of intangible cultural heritage for present and future generations. 	

Speakers

- 1) Prof. Sidney C. H. Cheung (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- 2) Prof. Tan Sooi Beng (Universiti Sains Malaysia)
- 3) Prof. Chia-Yu Hu (National Taiwan University)
- 4) Assoc. Prof. Tik-Sang Liu (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- 5) Dr. Alexandra Denes (Chiang Mai University, Thailand)
- 6) Ms. Janet Pillai (Independent Project Based Consultant)
- 7) Madam Leong Wai Man (Macao Cultural Affairs Bureau)
- 8) Mr. Yeo Kirk Siang (National Heritage Board, Singapore)
- 9) Mayor Eva Marie S. Medina (City Mayor of Vigan, the Philippines)
- 10) Mr. Khalid bin Syed Ali (National Heritage Department, Malaysia)

Presentations

- 1) Journey towards Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in George Town: Initiatives and Interventions by Ms. Janet Pillai.
- 2) The Production of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Taiwan: Different Approaches of Official Practices and Local Practices by Prof. Chia-Yu Hu.
- 3) The Making of a National Intangible Cultural Heritage Item in Hong Kong: Tai O Dragon Boat Water Parade by Assoc. Prof. Tik-Sang Liu.
- 4) Strategies for Sustaining the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Penang: The Heritage Celebrations and Potehi Glove Puppet Theatre Projects as Case Studies by Tan Sooi Beng.
- 5) Heritage Tourism as a Kind of Knowledge Transfer: “Modernology” and “Four Seasons” for the Framework by Prof. Sidney C.H. Cheung.
- 6) Mapping Intangible Cultural Heritage in Thailand’s Surin Province: Exploring the Pros and Cons of Mapping as a Process by Dr. Alexandra Denes.
- 7) Opportunities and Challenges: Macao’s Intangible Cultural Heritage and its Protection by Ms. Leong Wai Man.
- 8) Documentation and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Singapore by Mr. Yeo Kirk Siang.
- 9) Vigan Heritage Conservation Programme: A Tool for Development by Mayor Eva Marie S. Medina.
- 10) Intangible Cultural Heritage under the Provision of the National Heritage Act 2005 by Mr. Khalid bin Syed Ali.

3) Conference on Local Knowledge: Local Knowledge: Universal Heritage

Date	27- 28 July 2016
Venue	St Giles Wembley Hotel, Penang, Malaysia.
Organiser	<i>Jawatankuasa Persidangan Serantau Kearifan Tempatan</i>
Website	www.jmm.gov.my/ms/seminar-kearifan-tempatan-pemindahan-dan-pengurusan-ilmu
<p>Local knowledge refers to knowledge and expertise which originate from local and indigenous cultures that have developed over time. Its practices have been absorbed naturally and effortlessly into the local communities. The study on LK is aimed at enabling social transformation through a paradigm shift that forefronts local epistemology.</p> <p>The focus of this conference is to investigate local epistemology and its adaptability towards social transformation. Thus, this conference was a venue to present new findings, insights and experiences in specific areas of study on Local Knowledge (LK) from all over the world.</p>	

4) Local Wisdom Seminar Series 2: Transfer and Management of Knowledge (*Seminar Kearifan Tempatan Siri 2: Pemindaan dan Pengurusan Ilmu*)

Date	8 September 2016
Venue	Auditorium, National Museum Department, Kuala Lumpur.
Organiser	National Museum Department
Website	www.jmm.gov.my/en
<p>Presentations and Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The Direction of Museum <i>Education (Halatuju Pendidikan di Muzium)</i> by Mr. Azmi bin Ismail.2) The Relation of Culture and the Geo-Heritage Site as a tourist attraction at Bario, Kelabit Higland, Miri, Sarawak (<i>Kaitan Budaya dan Tapak Geowarisan Sebagai Tarikan Pelancongan di Bario, Tanah Tinggi Kelabit, Miri, Sarawak</i>) by Mr. Degor Anak Johia.3) Management and Tranfer of local wisom in Malaysia (<i>Pengurusan dan Pemindahan Ilmu Kearifan Tempatan di Malaysia</i>) by Prof. Madya Salasiah Che Lah4) The Usage of New Media Technology in Heritage Conservation (<i>Penggunaan Teknologi Media Baru dalam memelihara Warisan</i>) by Ms Norfarizah Mohd Bakhir5) Appreciation of the concept of Mak Yung the Traditional Theatre in Cultural Heritage Conservation: Reflection of Malay Culture through the Mak Yung Repertoire (Penghayatan Konsep Persembahan Teater Tradisional Makyung dalam Pemuliharaan Seni Budaya Warisan: Refleksi Budaya Melayu melalui Repertoire Makyung) by Dr. A.S. Hardy Shafii.	

(2) WORKSHOPS (2010—2016)

The National Heritage Department as the leading governmental agency on the safeguarding efforts of intangible cultural heritage has organised a total of forty-one (41) workshops on themes or topics related to intangible cultural heritage from 2010 to 2016. The programmes' titles and dates are detailed as follows:

Table 6 Intangible Cultural Heritage Related Workshops Organised by the National Heritage Department (2011—2016)

No.	Program	Date	Venue
1	The Art of Actors Heritage House Workshop (<i>Bengkel Seniman Rumah Aktor Warisan</i>)	19 Feb—30 Apr 2011 (every Saturday)	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
2	Heritage Talk: <i>Adat Perpatih</i>	11 Mac 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
3	Heritage Talk: <i>Puisi –Gurindam</i>	22 Apr 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
4	Basic Introduction Workshop: Jawi Writing, Calligraphy, Koolam (<i>Bengkel Asas Pengenalan: Tulisan Jawi, Kaligrafi, Koolam</i>)	14, 21, 28 May 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
5	Heritage <i>Bangsawan</i> Theatre Workshop in conjunction with National Artists Day: Introduction to <i>Bangsawan</i> Heritage Theatre	4—25 Jun 2011 (every Saturday)	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
6	Art Talk: <i>Puteri Gunung Ledang / Cik Siti Wan Kembang</i>	8 Jul 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
7	Heritage Talk: National Food (<i>Makanan Kebangsaan</i>)	23 Jul 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
8	Heritage Talk: Story of Malim Deman—a National Heritage (<i>Warisan Kebangsaan Hikayat Malim Deman</i>)	16 Sep 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
9	Folk Stories and Songs Workshop in conjunction with the Language and Culture Month (<i>Bengkel Cerita dan Lagu Rakyat Sempena Bulan Pembudayaan Bahasa</i>)	24 Sep 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur

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10	Basic Introduction Workshop National Heritage Mak Yong (<i>Bengkel Asas Pengenalan Warisan Kebangsaan Mak Yong</i>)	15, 29 Oct 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
11	1Malaysia Heritage Clothing Basic Workshop (<i>Bengkel Asas Busana Warisan 1Malaysia</i>)	19, 26 Nov 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
12	National Heritage Rebab Music Basic Workshop (<i>Bengkel Asas Muzik Warisan Kebangsaan Rebab</i>)	17, 31 Dec 2011	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
2012			
13	1Malaysia Heritage Clothing Basic Workshop (<i>Bengkel Asas Warisan Busana 1Malaysia</i>)	14 Jan 2012	Kelab Sultan Suleiman Kg. Baru, Kuala Lumpur
14	Heritage Talk: <i>Penglipulara</i>	24 Feb 2012	Kelab Sultan Suleiman Kg. Baru, Kuala Lumpur
15	Malaysian History Colloquium (<i>Kolokium Sejarah Malaysia</i>)	25 Feb 2012	Panggung Eksperimen, Univerisiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
16	Methodology Workshop on Oral Tradition Series 1 (<i>Bengkel Metodologi Tradisi Lisan Siri 1</i>)	28—29 Apr 2012	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
2013			
17	1Malaysia KL Heritage Xplorace 2013	23 Feb 2013	Menara Kuala Lumpur
18	Malay Manuscripts Talk Program (<i>Program Bicara Manuskrip Melayu</i>)	9 Mar 2013	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
19	Traditional Acting Art Talk (<i>Bicara Seni Lakonan Tradisi</i>)	25 May 2013	Bangunan Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kuala Lumpur
20	<i>Wayang Kulit</i> Talk (<i>Sembang Wayang Kulit</i>)	25 Jan 2014	Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur
21	Paluan Kompang Workshop (<i>Bengkel Paluan Kompang</i>)	29 Mac 2014	Kelab Sultan Suleiman Kg. Baru, Kuala Lumpur

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22	Menyolek Destar Workshop (<i>Bengkel Menyolek Destar</i>)	27 Apr 2014	Kelab Sultan Suleiman, Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur
23	101 Near Extinct Food Gathering (<i>Himpunan 101 Makanan Hampir Pupus</i>)	17 May 2014	Perkarangan Istana Negara Lama
24	Esprit De 'Corp Course	21—23 Sept 2014	Felda Residence Tekam, Pahang
25	Tradition Malay Literature Heritage Talk: The Story of Merong Mahawangsa (<i>Bicara Warisan Kesusasteraan Melayu Tradisi: Hikayat Merong Mahawangsa</i>)	27 Nov 2014	Bangunan Warisan (Arkib Lama)
26	Jawi Khat Writing Heritage Workshop: Khat Thuluth (<i>Bengkel Warisan Tulisan Khat Jawi: Khat Thuluth</i>)	29 Nov 2014	Bangunan Warisan (Arkib Lama)
27	Folding Headband and Bond Side Workshop (<i>Bengkel Lipatan Destar dan Ikatan Samping</i>)	4 Dec 2014	Bangunan Warisan (Arkib Lama)
28	Workshop on Conservation of Heritage Buildings Rendering Kapur (<i>Bengkel Pemuliharaan Leraan Kapur Bangunan Warisan</i>)	10—12 Dec 2014	Hotel Tower and Regency, Ipoh, Perak
29	Zapin Heritage Workshop (<i>Bengkel Zapin Warisan</i>)	13 Dec 2014	Bangunan Warisan (Arkib Lama)
30	National Heritage Act Amendments Course (<i>Kursus Pindaan Akta Warisan Kebangsaan</i>)	16- 8 Dec 2014	Impian Morib, Morib, Selangor
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2015			
31	Workshop on Setting SKT and Strengthening Main Work Process for Management Services (<i>Bengkel Penetapan SKT dan Pengukuhan Proses Kerja Utama Bahagian Khidmat Pengurusan</i>)	26—28 Feb 2015	Putri Bayu Beach Resort, Pulau Pangkor

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32	Citra Rasa Food Programme for the Heritage Cultural Tourism Carnival at LIMA 2015 (<i>Program Citra Rasa Makanan Warisan Sempena Karnival Pelancongan Kebudayaan di LIMA 2015</i>)	13—20 Mac 2015	LADA, Kuah, Langkawi
33	Traditional Musical Instruments Making Workshop: Bamboo Flute (<i>Bengkel Pembuatan Alat Muzik Tradisional: Seruling Buluh</i>)	4 Apr 2015	Bangunan Warisan (BPR Lama), Jalan Sultan Sulaiman, Kuala Lumpur
34	Orang Asli Wedding Workshop (<i>Bengkel Perkahwinan Orang Asli</i>)	13 May 2015	Bangunan Warisan, Jalan Sultan Suleiman
35	Amendment Workshop of National Heritage Act 2005 [Act 645] (<i>Bengkel Pindaan Akta Warisan Kebangsaan 2005 [Akta 645]</i>)	29 Sept—2 Oct 2015	Hotel Suria Hill Country House, Janda Baik, Selangor
36	19th Senior Officials Committee for The ASCC (SOCA) and the 14th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meetings	5—7 Oct 2015	Hotel Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur
37	Underwater Cultural Heritage Diving Course (<i>Kursus Menyelam Warisan Kebudayaan Bawah Air</i>)	21—24 Oct 2015	Pulau Tioman, Pahang
38	Programme for Vibrant Heritage and Popularisation of Arts and Culture in 2015 (<i>Program Semarak Warisan and Merakyatkan Seni Budaya 2015</i>)	31 Oct 2015	Dewan Orang Ramai, Kg Sungai Melayu, JB
2016			
39	Heritage Mapping Workshop/SOP Workshop (<i>Bengkel Heritage Mapping /Bengkel SOP</i>)	January 2016	Kuala Lumpur
40	Workshop on Herbal Medicine for Postnatal Care Series 1 (<i>Bengkel Perubatan Herba Bagi Wanita Selepas Bersalin Siri 1</i>)	3 Mac 2016	Pusat Pengembangan Warisan, Kuala Lumpur
41	Intangible Cultural Heritage Capacity Building Workshop: Module 1 and 2	7—13 Nov 2016	Melaka