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(The Council of Dato' Dato' State of Penang)

## 槟州拿督理事会



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**DATO'  
MARKEND  
D. JOSHI, JP**

Terlebih dahulu, saya ingin mengalu-alukan keluaran pertama Newsletter 2009, yang juga mengandungi Kata-kata Aluan Presiden yang sulung daripada saya. Saya juga amat teruja mengumumkan bahawa Jawatankuasa bagi 2009-2011 telahpun dilantik dan mereka ini terdiri daripada ahli-ahli yang sangat berwibawa dan berkebolehan dalam jawatankuasa.

Kami kini dalam rangka menyediakan program-program yang menarik bagi sesi 2009-2011 dan kami berharap anda semua akan turut sama menyertai dan memberi sokongan dalam menjayakannya.

Dalam meneruskan kesinambungan kejayaan program-program yang lalu seperti "Patron's Night" dan sumbangan-sumbangan derma kepada mereka yang kurang bernasib baik, kami juga ingin melihat lebih banyak interaksi di kalangan ahli-ahli.

Justeru bagi mencapai niat murni ini, kami memulakannya dengan pengeluaran risalah ini yang mana secara langsung ianya dapat menyatukan semua ahli dengan laman web Majlis dan juga maklumat ahli-ahli. Pada masa yang sama, program dan aktiviti anjuran Majlis akan mudah disampaikan kepada semua ahli.

Kami juga sedar bahawa hampir 180 orang ahli kini berada di Kuala Lumpur. Jadi untuk mendekatkan mereka dan dengan fungsi keahlian, maka satu majlis akan dianjurkan di Kuala Lumpur pada awal tahun 2010 dan T.Y.T Tun juga bersetuju untuk meraikan majlis tersebut. Naib Presiden, YBhg. Dato' Vaseehar Hassab Abdul Razack sedang dalam usaha melaksanakannya memandangkan beliau menetap di Kuala

## MESEJ dari Presiden

Lumpur. Berikut merupakan sebahagian program yang telah dirancang :-

- i) Pengagihan hamper-hamper kepada para pesakit di Hospital Seberang Perai oleh Penaung kita TYT Tun pada November 2009 sempena sambutan Hari Raya dan Deepavali;
- ii) Majlis "A Bow Tie Members Social Night" di Pulau Pinang – 2010;
- iii) Majlis "Patron's Night" atau Malam Penaung – 2010; dan
- iv) Kesinambungan penganugerahan Anugerah Perkhidmatan Emas Anugerah Belia Cemerlang.

Selain program-program seperti tersebut di atas, Majlis juga merancang beberapa projek yang bermanfaat dan memberi faedah kepada warga Malaysia terutamanya kepada mereka yang kurang berkemampuan.

Bagi memastikan kejayaan semua program dan aktiviti ini, kita memerlukan penajaan serta sumbangan, maka saya merayu kepada semua ahli sekiranya dapat memberi sokongan dalam bentuk kewangan bagi menampung Tabung Derma Kebajikan kita, yang jumlahnya kini semakin susut berikutan perlaksanaan program dan aktiviti yang lalu tanpa mengenakan sebarang sumbangan daripada ahli-ahli. Semua sumbangan kepada tabung tersebut adalah dikecualikan cukai.

Lencana Kereta Majlis (Majlis Car Badge) telah diberikan hakmilik dibawah Akta Hak Milik (Trade Mark Acts) dan semua ahli adalah disarankan untuk membelinya daripada Sekretariat Majlis bagi mengelakkan pembelian daripada pembekal yang tidak diiktiraf.

Bagi mereka yang tidak mempunyai Kad Keahlian, anda boleh mendapatkannya daripada Sekretariat Majlis.

Saya dapat memberi jaminan bahawa barisan Ahli Jawatankuasa bagi tempoh 2009-2011 adalah amat komited dan kami menjangkakan kejayaan pasti akan dicapai pada masa akan datang melalui kerja keras dan penjaan idea-idea produktif daripada semua.

# President's Message

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT:-

**DATO' MARKEND D. JOSHI, JP**

Firstly, welcome to the first newsletter of 2009 as well as the first President welcome from me! I am very excited to announce that the 2009-2011 committee has been elected, with very enthusiastic and capable persons on board.

We are preparing a very exciting programme of events for 2009-2011, which I hope you will participate and enjoy the fruits with your generous support.

While we continue on previous successful events such as the Patron's Night and Charities to the less fortunate, we would also like to see more interaction among members.

To achieve this we are starting off with this newsletter and subsequently connect all members with a web site of the Majlis with details of all members. At the same time the Majlis events and activities will be accessible to all members.

We are also aware that almost 180 over members reside in Kuala Lumpur. To bring them closer a member's function in Kuala Lumpur will be held in the early part of 2010 and our TYT Tun has agreed to grace. Vice President Dato Vaseehar Hassan Abdul Razack is working on this as he is based in Kuala Lumpur.

Some of the programmes lined out are as follows:-

- i) Distribution of Hampers on the occasion of Hari Raya & Deepavali to the patients of the Seberang Prai Hospital together with our Patron TYT Tun in November 2009
- ii) A Bow Tie Members Social Night in Penang - 2010
- iii) Patron's Night (Malam Penaung) - 2010
- iv) The continuity of the Anugerah Perkhidmatan Emas Anugerah Belia Cemerlang awards

Besides the above the Majlis is also planning out some very worthy projects that will benefit all deserving Malaysians in particular the less fortunate ones.

In order to ensure the success of the programmes and events we require sponsorship and donations and I appeal to all members, and encourage you, to wholeheartedly support financially to build up our Tabung Derma Kebajikan that has been depleted due to projects carried out in the past few years without taxing members. All donations to our Tabung Derma Kebajikan are Tax Exempt.

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I can assure you that the team that has been elected for the term 2009-2011 is all very committed in the interest of the Majlis and the expected success of the coming years will be a reflection of their hard work and productive ideas.

# 槟州拿督理事会

## 献词

**主席：拿督麦肯佐希局绅**

首先，我谨呈献2009年第1份会讯并向大家表示欢迎，我很兴奋地宣布2009至2011年的拿督公会理事会已经选出，并由许多位有志趣及能干之士出任理事。

本会经已策划出2009至2011年的系列精彩活动，本人希望大家热烈参与及支持。

我们保留过去几项成功的活动，包括顾问之夜与为较不幸者进行的慈善活动，此外我们也希望会员之间有更多的交流。为达致此目的，我们推出这份会讯以及接着设立公会的网站，以联络大家，包括列入各会员的资讯。同时将本会的节目及活动，通知大家。

我们也知道，本会有逾180位会员居住在吉隆坡，为了把距离拉近，我们在2010年初，将在吉隆坡举行一个会员活动，槟州元首阁下已俯允参与其盛。副主席拿督华希哈哈山阿都拉萨由于居住吉隆坡，故由他着手推动。

以下是一些已拟定的节目。

- (I) 今年11月由槟州元首主持的开斋节及屠妖节前往诗布朗再也医院赠送礼篮。
- (II) 2010年在槟州举行会员结领花出席的社交之夜。
- (III) 2010年顾问之夜。
- (IV) 继续主办杰出青年服务金牌奖。

此外，本理事会也计划举行一些有意义的活动，以惠及应享有福利的大马公民，特别是较为不幸者。

为确保有关活动及节目成功，本会需要赞助人及捐献，本人吁请所有会员并欢迎大家慷慨解囊，以充实本会的福利献金，由于过去数年举行的活动并未向大家认捐，该献金已停止多年。凡捐款予福利献金，可豁免所得税。

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本人保证，2009至2010年选出的队伍，将认真对本会贡献，并预期来年的成果将展现他们的魄力与丰富的意见。

# HEALTH AND WELFARE

KABUPATEN LUTAN: Bukit Patah, Bagan Lapan, Gerik, Gopeng, Gopeng, Petai, Beting, Sungai Ais, Sungai Nibong, Sungai Pinang, Sungai Perak, dan kawasan sekitarnya.

Sinar TANIUNG2

## HPP pasang sistem paparan digital

GEORGETOWN – Runtiti perkhidmatan yang diberikan kepada pesakit Hospital Pulau Pinang dapat ditingkatkan dengan pemasangan 'Digital Display System' (OMS) di kaunter Jabatan Pesakit Luar.



● Saleena (tiga dari kanan) memantau ribon pesakit di kaunter Jabatan Pesakit Luar di Hospital Pulau Pinang semalam.

Sistem paparan digital bernombor yang disumbangkan Majlis Dato-Dato Pulau Pinang ini disempurnakan Pengerusi Projek Kebajikan, Dato' Saleena Yahya. Beliau di dalam ucapannya berkata, dua buah unit OMS yang disumbangkan dapat memudahkan pendaftaran pesakit di kaunter.

"Masa yang datang ke hospital setiap hari dan banyak tenaga kerja diperlukan untuk menguruskan pesakit."

"Dengan adanya skrin paparan digital ini, proses pendaftaran pesakit akan menjadi lebih mudah dan pantas."

Kemudahan yang ada ini juga dapat meningkatkan masa tunggu.

Ketua Jabatan Pesakit Luar, Dr Sharif Ishak berkata, pemasangan sistem tersebut dapat meningkatkan masa menunggu.

"Kami menerima 800 hingga 1,000 pesakit dalam sehari. Sebelum ini, pesakit perlu menunggu untuk dipanggil masa pesakit, namun dengan adanya sistem ini,

panggilan pesakit akan lebih teratur dan senyap."

"Dahulu, pesakit terpaksa menunggu masa sehingga 30 minit untuk mendapatkan rawatan namun kini jangka masa tersebut 10 minit hingga 20 minit sahaja," katanya.

Memerutnya, kaunter untuk warga asing belianan upaya (WAB) turut disediakan bersebelahan bagi memudahkan pendaftaran.

"Selain itu, kemudahan yang diberikan untuk memudahkan

staf tidak lagi mengalami rangsan dan komen negatif daripada pesakit dan kebanyakannya semua apabila menerima makluman nombor."

"Diharapkan pesakit yang datang akan berpuas hati dengan perkhidmatan yang kami sahkan," katanya.

Program tersebut turut dihadiri Timbalan Pengerusi HPP, Dr Noridah Ahmad dan Pengerusi Majlis Dato-Dato Pulau Pinang Dr Mark D Jolly.

**George Town:** Kualiti perkhidmatan yang diberikan kakitangan Hospital Besar Pulau Pinang dapat dipertingkatkan dengan pemasangan Digital Display Sistem (OMS) di kaunter Jabatan Pesakit Luar. Sistem paparan digital bernombor display telah dihadiahkan oleh Majlis Dato-Dato-Pulau Pinang dan di sampaikan oleh Pengerusi Projek Kebajikan, Dato' Saleena Yahya. Dalam ucapan beliau, Dato' Saleena telah mengatakan bahawa dua buah unit OMS yang disumbangkan oleh Majlis Dato'-Dato' dapat melancarkan proses pendaftaran pesakit luar. "Banyak mengambil masa dan tenaga datang kehospital Besar sebagai pesakit luar. Dengan adanya sistem ini, proses pendaftaran boleh dipercepatkan dan dimudahkan". Dr Sharif Ishak, Ketua Jabatan Pesakit Luar telah mengatakan bahawa sistem ini dapat mengurangkan masa menunggu.

"Jabatan ini menerima 800-1000 pesakit luar tiap-tiap hari. Kalau dulunya seorang pesakit terpaksa menunggu setengah jam untuk dipanggil, kini, seorang pesakit hanya menunggu 10 minit untuk dipanggil. Sistem panggilan juga berubah dan menjadi lebih senyap. Dulu, seorang jururawat menjerit memanggil pesakit." Beliau juga mengatakan bahawa pendaftaran Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU) juga diasingkan dari pesakit luar untuk memudahkan pendaftaran dan rawatan. Setakat ini sambutan amat menggalakan dan Jabatan ini tidak lagi menerima sungutan atau komen negatif dari pesakit. Diharap bahawa pesakit akan berpuas hati dengan perkhidmatan ini." Dr Noridah Ahmad, Timbalan Pengarah Hospital Besar P. Pinang dan Presiden Majlis Dato'-Dato' Markan Joshi juga turut hadir Majlis ini.

## HISTORY OF PENANG'S LEADERSHIP

**Raja Tun Uda Al-Haj Bin Raja Muhammad (1957-1967)**

Yang Amat Mulia Raja Tun Uda Al-Haj Bin Raja Muhammad was born in 1894, at Kuala Langat. He studied at the Malay College in Kuala Kangsar, a premier institutions formally reserved for aristocrats and members of the Malay royalty. He was Secretary to the British Resident of Selangor in 1947 and then became the first State Secretary of Selangor in 1949. On 31st August 1957, Malaya achieved independence and he became the first Malayan to be appointed Governor of Penang. He served as Governor until 30th August 1967. He became the Menteri Besar (Chief Minister) of Selangor in 1951 and was awarded C.M.G. 1953 (Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (K.B.E.)). In July 1953 he was appointed High Commissioner for Malaya in United Kingdom. In November 1954 he was reappointed as Menteri Besar, Selangor and on 24 August 1955 was appointed Speaker of Federal Council.

**Tun Tan Sri Syed Sheh bin Syed Abdullah Shahabudin (1967- 1969)**

The Second Governor of Penang Tun Tan Sri Syed Sheh bin Syed Abdullah Shahabudin, served as Governor from 1967 to 1969.

## The First Three Malayan Governors of Penang (1957-1969)



Penang's second Governor. He was born on March 10, 1910 and was educated at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College, Alor Star. Tun Syed Sheh was in the Kedah Civil Service and served as the Controller of Customs in North Kedah and the Director of Lands Kedah. He also served as the District Officer of Baling, Kulim and Kuala Muda. He became A.D.C. to the late Sultan Abdul Halim Shah. He was Ambassador to Thailand and Japan and was also Malaysia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and the Ambassador to the Republic of Eire. He was awarded several State decorations including the Kedah Meritorious Service Star, the Kedah Distinguished Service Star and the Kedah Long Service Star. For his services to the nation, he was awarded the Darjah Seri Maharaja Mangku Negara (S.M.N.) which carries the title "Tun" and the Darjah Panglima Mangku Negara (P.M.N.) by His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. His highest recognition for meritorious services to the state and nation came on 31 August 1967. His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong appointed Tun Syed Sheh bin Syed Abdullah Shahabuddin as the second

Governor of Penang. Tun Syed Sheh was married to Tunku Habsah binti Sultan Abdul Hamid Halim Shah.

**Tun Tan Sri Syed Sheh AL-Haj bin Syed Hassan Barakbah (1969-1975)**

The Third Governor of Penang, Tun Tan Sri Syed Sheh Al-Haj bin Syed Hassan Barakbah, served as Governor from February 1969 to February 1975. In April 1946 he was Special Magistrate and in 1948 President of the Kedah Sessions Court in the Colonial Legal Service. From October 1955 to June 1958, he was Judge at the Seremban Court and in 1962 Judge of the Court of Appeal. In 1963, he was appointed Chief Judge of Malaya. On the 1st of June 1966 to 10 October 1968, he was appointed the First Lord President of Malaysia and in 1968, was appointed Senator. On 27 January 1969 he was appointed Yang di-Pertua Dewan Negara. February 1969 to February 1975 and served as the third Governor of Penang for two terms. He passed away in Alor Star, Kedah.



# Senarai Nama-nama Ahli Jawatankuasa Majlis

## List Of Committee Members Of The 2009 Majlis



**Dato' Markend D. Joshi**  
(Presiden - President)



**Dato' Tan Chong Meng**  
(Bekas Presiden Yg. Lepas -  
Immed. Past President)



**Dato' Kenny Ong**  
(Naib. Presiden I - Vice President I)



**Dato' Hj. Waris Ali bin Abdul Carrim**  
(Vice Presiden II - Vice President II)



**Dato' Vaseehar Hassan Abdul Razack**  
(Vice Presiden III - Vice President III)



**Dato' Seri Khoo Keat Siew**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan -  
Member, Management Committee)



**Dato' Choo Ewe Seng**  
(Bendahari Kehormat - Hon. Treasurer)



**Dato' Hajjah Saleena Yahaya**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan - Welfare &  
Education Committee)



**Dato' Ar Jong East Full**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan -  
Member, Management Committee)



**Dato' Tan Gin Soon**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan - Welfare &  
Health Committee)



**Dato' Mohd. Noor Md. Kamaludin**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan - Member,  
Management Committee)





**Dato' Ong Gim Huat**  
(Timb. Presiden - Deputy President)



**Dato' Hj. Rafique Karim**  
(Setiausaha Kehormat - Hon. Secretary)



**Dato' Datin Hajjah (Prof) Wazir Jahan B. bt. Abdul Karim**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan - Research & Publications Committee)



**Dato' R. Arunasalam**  
(Ahli Majlis Pengurusan - Member, Management Committee)

Ahli-Ahli Baru yang di-terima ke Majlis Dato'-Dato' Negeri Pulau Pinang  
New Members Accepted into the Council of Dato'-Dato' State of Penang

**Dato' Khor Lee Nam**  
**Dato' Teh Weng Khim**  
**Dato' Lim Chin Leng**

Ahli-Ahli Baru yang diterima ke Majlis selepas 8hb Ogos 2009  
New Members Accepted to the Council after August 8th.

<b>Dato' Chan Hong Kwong (JP)</b>	<b>Dato' Ang Choo Hong</b>
<b>Dato' Sean H'ng Chun Siang</b>	<b>Dato' Teow Teng Hee</b>
<b>Dato' Teh King Them</b>	<b>Dato' Teoh Thung Hor @Teoh Kooi Sneah</b>
<b>Dato' Chong Choong Leong</b>	<b>Dato' Ng Chai Eng</b>
<b>Dato' Tang Chong Hock</b>	<b>Dato' Suppiah Manikam</b>
<b>Dato' Mohd Nadzir bin Hj. Mansor</b>	<b>Dato' Chuah Thean Seng</b>

## JADUAL AKTIVITI TAHUNAN-CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES Julai-July-Dis-Dec 2009

**Julai-July 4** - Mesyuarat Agung • AGM • Laurel Evergreen Hotel, Penang

**Julai-July 29** - Persembahan alat digital kepada Hospital Besar • Presentation of digital System to General Hospital.

**Ogos-August 8** - Jamuan Tengah-Hari Untuk Meraikan Dato'-dato' Baru • Lunch to Welcome New Datos • Laurel Evergreen Hotel, Penang

**Ogos-August 13** - Kunjungan Hormat ke T.Y.T. Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abd. Rahman bin Haji Abbas • Courtesy Call to T.Y.T. Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abd. Rahman bin Haji Abbas • Seri Mutiara, Penang.

**November-November 18** - Visit to Seberang Jaya Hospital with TYT and distribution of 120 hampers.

## JADUAL AKTIVITI TAHUNAN-CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES Januari-January-Mac-March 2009

**January 14** - Kunjungan Hormat Ke YBhg. Dato' Zainal Rahim Seman, Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang • Courtesy call to YBhg. Dato' Zainal Rahim Seman, State Sec., Penang State

**February 22** - Penukaran Pandangan dengan Dato' Wira Ayub bin Hj. Yaacob, Ketua Polis Negeri Pulau Pinang • Exchange views with Dato' Wira Ayub bin Hj. Yaacob, CPO of Penang State.

**March 13** - Majlis Malam Mesra, Westin Hotel, K.L. 7.30 mlm dibawah Penaungan T.Y.T., Pulau Pinang • Majlis Malam Mesra, Westin Hotel, KL. 7.30pm under the Patronage of TYT Governor of Penang.



**QMS Handover**  
(July 29)



## OBITUARY

Cik Gu Baharoodin Ahmad (Cik Gu Baha as he was fondly called) passed away in the early hours of the morning on June 28 2008 at the General Hospital, Penang. He had been suffering from kidney disease and failure for several years before finally succumbing to his illness. With his death, Malaysia has lost yet another artist of great repute and dedication to the Malay art world. Very few noticed that in July 2009, Cik Gu Baha was awarded the D.S.P.N. by the State government of Penang, posthumously which carries the title of Dato' for his wondrous contribution to multicultural theatre and dance. He united Jawi Peranakan and Cina Peranakan Theater through productions of the *bangsawan*-historic narratives, songs and dances of the Malay royalty in the Nusantara.

Cik Gu Baharoodin Ahmad was born in Singapore in 1944 at the High Street Police Station where the Museum of Singapore is now located. His father, Ahmad bin Hj. Saad was born in Parit Buntar and served in the Malayan police force as a constable. He married Cik Puteh bte. Y. Ismail who raised four children under difficult circumstances. When the Japanese bombed Singapore in 1945, his father escaped to Parit Buntar. In 1945, he was transferred to the Penang Road Central Police Station and then to Armenian Street, Central market and Beach Street. Cik Gu Baharoodin grew up on the streets of Penang and imagined he was part of a local mafia as he took mock shots passer-bys going to work 'Berhenti tidak aku tembak hang!!' ('Stop or I will shoot!') Just like every police child who opts for the other side of midnight, Cik Gu was no different but this launched his astounding career as an actor, singer, dancer, director, producer, choreographer, and scriptwriter in indigenous theatre and dance or the performing arts, most significantly, in the *bangsawaan*, *citrawara* and *ronggeng*.

He had a dream to be a station-master, envious of their rambling bungalow houses and gleaming white uniforms with shiny brass buttons. In 1953, he was enrolled in the Sekolah Kebangsaan Glugor and in 1953 in Balik Pulau. When his father was transferred to Kota Bahru, he was enrolled in the Special Malay Class at Sultan Ismail College. Although he was still in primary school, he participated in a secondary school puppet theatre production, a Kelantanese adaptation of Tok Janggut who emerged as a Malay hero rather than a villain and destroyed the British with a blow of his wicked kris much to the dismay of Mr Cartwright the drama teacher who had advised them that Tok Janggut was a "rebel without a cause". He was further exposed to Kelantanese séance dances of *Main Puteri*, *Mak Yong* and *wayang kulit* (shadow play) and soon became a favourite child actor in school.

His first Shakespearean play was "A Mid Summer Night's Dream" where he played the naughty foolish and sometimes wise Puck who agreed with the other wise fool Bottom, 'That Man is but an ass, if he go about to expound this dream'

Cik Gu eventually studied in the prestigious English College in Johor Bahru where he painted props for the play, "The Importance of Being Earnest" and it was here that he discovered his real talents in acting. He took part in several plays, among which were "Midsummer Nights Dream", "The Importance of Being Earnest", "Hamlet", "Merchant of Venice", "Kejatuhan Tumasik" and "Sultan Mahmud Mangkat di Julang". He also picked up Javanese dancing,



### The Passing Of An Artist: Allahyarham Dato' Baharoodin by Prof Dato' Wazir J Karim

the *zapin* and *ronggeng* but his mother was constantly ill and he was forced to give up his interests to take care of her. These were hard times, when his family had to ponder on where to get their next meal, despite times when a piece of *roti canai* (flat bread) was ten cents.

This was the era of the jive, rock and roll, teddy boy walk and Cik Gu Baharoodin absorbed most of these new influences from America and adapted them into his walk. He started a trend doing the teddy boy walk and fast became the most popular student in the school. After completing his Cambridge O Levels, he enrolled in the Language Institute and trained as a language teacher. Here he met Datuk Sri Utama Rais Yatim, the current Malaysian Minister for Information, Communication and Culture, who became his roommate for a year. His first posting was Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Mertajam and in 1965 was transferred to Westlands Secondary School to teach Bahasa Melayu.

At Wetlands, Ms Perera the dance teacher engaged his help to train the girls at St Georges to master indigenous dances. He was spotted by Dato' N.A. Ogle, a member of the Board of Governors of St. Georges who asked him to train the students at the Universiti Sains Malaysia where he held the post of Registrar. Eventually, all cultural dances at the university were performed by the girls at St George rather than undergraduates from the university. As a teacher with a diploma, Cik Gu was able to enroll as an undergraduate in the University and chose to specialise in the Fine Arts. In his life time, Cik Gu has staged numerous *bangsawans* and may be said to be the prodigy of the famed Arwah Mak Minah and Arwah Pak Alias, who were *bangsawan* veterans and were hired as instructors in USM. They took Cik Gu under their wing. His early 1970's production of Dandan Setia, Si Bongkok Tanjung Puteri, Gul Bakawali and his later 1980's production of Laksama Mati dibunuh, Sayang Laksama in the Panggung Sasaran USM enhanced his reputation as a producer, director and choreographer and he moved on to do productions for the Penang State.

As an undergraduate, Cik Gu was without a scholarship or loan and gave art tuition to the children of now famous men and women to make

ends meet. He became a household name among the pampered children of the famed Jawi Peranakan of George Town. Artist, dancer, and singer he became a member of the hip bohemian Malay art set in Penang appealing to both men and women, young and old.

When he graduated in 1989, he was invited to become the cultural officer of USM. He later produced Raden Mas based on his own script, Sri Tanjung, Sam Pek Eng Tai, or Butterfly Lovers a Chinese version of the Persian tale of Laila Majnun from a "Thousand and One Nights" and more recently Puteri Sadong with his favourite dancing troupe from the Prince of Songhala University to a full house at Panggung P Ramlee in 2006 including "Dandan Setia," and "Si Bongkok Tanjung Puteri."

This period marked his warmest relations with the Prince of Songkla University, where in 2006, student dancers performed Thai court dances in his *bangsawan* production of Puteri Sadong the last queen of Kelantan. His production of "Butterfly Lovers" or "Sam Pek Eng Tai" in 2000 met with luke warm response, mainly due to financial problems, but it showed the *bangsawan* as a Malaysian melting pot with a multi-ethnic cast, fluently conversant in Malay and Chinese. The same can be said of "Rama and Sita" staged in 2003 by a cast of Malays, Chinese and Indian actors. Cik Gu's latest production of "Raden Mas" was based on an entirely new script which he had solely written and was staged in August 2007 in Panggung P. Ramlee as a preview to the national celebrations of Malaysia's 50th anniversary.

Baha was a gifted artist and was famous for his Bibik Itam performance launched by Khoo Salma Nasution in synergising the ethno-cultural traditions of the Jawi and Cina Peranakan and in reviving the *ronggeng* with the Straits Chinese Associations in Melaka and Penang. He was a multicultural, exuberant performer, much loved by everyone and guarded jealously by his fans. He was declared a Living Treasure in March 2005 by the Penang Heritage Trust. One may pine with his *bangsawan* lovers, "Tak lena tidur tak lalu makan, ibarat pungguk merindukan bulan"; die with his Bendahari Sang Rajunatapa "Memakan Sumpah Raja Iskandar, Suami-isteri menjadi batu, Kedalam laut batu di lontar, menjadi Pulau Bukom diwaktu, or live with his Bibik, "Hitam manis hitam manis, yang hitam manis, pandang tak jemu".

Now the young Puck transformed into a Courtly Laksama builds the golden bridge of love from Tumasek to Melaka and Tanjung and joins myth and history in a stage of cultural innovation. "Alls the world a stage and all the men and women merely players". They have their exists and entrances Cik Gu Baha made a grand entrance As Algernon said in "The Importance of Being Earnest", 'I don't play accurately, anyone can play accurately but I play with wonderful expression'. His 'exist' however will be a reminder of the fragile connection between actor and man, the stage and the real world we live in.

Al Fatihah Dato' Baha, May You Rest in Peace.

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## OUR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR



### Dato' Seri Khoo Keat Siew and The Khoo Kongsi At George Town, Penang

The Leong San Tong Khoo Kongsi is the most famous of the Khoo clanhouses and bears the tomb of a pioneering ancestor, Khoo Mo Ling (1775). This Khoo Kongsi built at Cannon Square opens to two rows of double-storey shop houses on both sides of the courtyard leading to the Khoo Kongsi. The clanhouse mysteriously burnt down in 1901 and was rebuilt in 1902. It was restored in October 2001 and opened in August 2002, with a museum added in the basement. The present Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the clanhouse is Dato' Seri Khoo Keat Siew, former President of the Majlis Dato'-Dato' Pulau Pinang, distinguished member of Penang's civil society, who is descended from Khoo Cheow Teong, his grand-father, a well known businessman and entrepreneur. His father was Khoo Sian Ewe, a successful businessman and philanthropist.

From the late eighteenth century to 1850, the Khoos migrated from Sin Kang Village to Penang and as described by Khoo Keat Siew, they "came with nothing but the clothes on their backs". In 1883, they founded the Ee Kok Teng clan association. The new comers in the 1850's, referred to as *singkeh* (new immigrant) assimilated with those who were Straits born; the Penang Straits Chinese remained an ethnically homogenous community, in language, matrimony, residence, business and commerce. They were however able to interact with local Malays although philanthropy was associated with the welfare of the migrant Chinese community, regardless of their clan affiliations. Adoption of the Malay *kebaya* and sarong and Malay culinary life-style was also typical of Straits born Chinese. However, by the early twentieth century, this form of assimilation of Malay material culture became less pronounced as they were able to assert their Chinese identity more thoroughly through Chinese business interests. They became less dependent on local Malay patronage. British patronage in business and commerce became more important and the

Khoos, led the movement into modernity through English education, preferring to send their sons to English public schools and universities in the United Kingdom. This movement into English education followed the same pattern as the *Jawi Peranakan*, a hybrid Malay-Indian -Arab urban community in George Town who mostly married into prominent Malay families and used their wives 'connections to expand their business and status. The Straits Chinese *Cina Peranakan* and Straits Muslims *Jawi Peranakan* also competed for positions in the civil service and had extensive networks of business based in the Middle-East, India and Indonesia. Later the clanhouse became more involved in Chinese education and established the SJK(C) Sin Kang.

In the early twentieth century, the Khoos resided in the Weld Quay area, Canon Street (Leong San Tong) and in the houses surrounding the Ee Kok Teng. By then, their social influence in local political affairs had intensified. They bought property in Southern Thailand, Sumatra and other towns in Malaya and became the most prominent leaders of the Chinese community, excelling in welfare and education, although this was channeled into the poorer sectors of the Chinese community. In the 1920's, they bought the Thean Teik Estate, the largest investment ever made by a local community on Penang Island. In 1955, the Ee Kok Teng became a registered organisation and in 1976, a Board of Trustees was set up to manage the affairs of the clanhouse. Thus the clanhouse became a modern family corporation.

Descendants of the Third Generation have formed the Boon San Tong Khoo Kongsi and the Si Toon Keng Tong Khoo Kongsi Altogether, the Khoos have records of 27 generations traced to their village in China, although the patrilineal system of descent does not enable them to trace any descent through women or to have prominent Khoo women noted in the clanhouses.

The highest achievement in politics was seen in Tan Sri Khoo Kay Por, who was born in 1932. He started his career as a bank clerk, earning RM88.50 monthly in 1951. His father's business had collapsed and he had to find his own means of support. Tan Sri Khoo Kay Por had been a State Executive Councillor for more than 30 years and in 1983, represented Malaysia in the United Nations State Assembly. He was once Acting Chief Minister, in the service of Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu.

Dato Seri Khoo Keat Siew born in 1930 has contributed widely to Penang's civil society, through his Presidency of Penang's Cheshire Home, the Befrienders (Founder) and the Penang State Chinese Association. Another well known Khoo, Datuk Khoo Kay Huat has been appointed International Distinguished Governor of Lion's Club and runs a successful business in multiple transport mode cargo, and one of the first transporters to promise door to door delivery more than 20 years ago. Together the Khoos have made memorable contributions to Penang Chinese welfare and civil society.

**Wazir Jahan Karim**





# MAJLIS DATO'-DATO' NEGERI PULAU PINANG COUNCIL OF DATO'-DATO' PENANG STATE

## MATLAMAT DAN OBJEKTIF MAJLIS

- A. Mempromosi salatur-rahim dan hubungan mesra serta persahabatan diantara ahli-ahli yang memegang salah satu dari Anugerah Negeri Pulau Pinang berikut- 'Darjah Utama Pangkuan Negeri', 'Darjah Gemilang Pangkuan Negeri', 'Darjah Yang Mulia Pangkuan Negeri' dan 'Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri'.
- B. Mempertimbangkan, menentukan dan mengamalkan kedudukan ahli yang dianugerahi Anugerah Negeri Pulau Pinang diatas.
- C. Menyokong dan membantu, sejauhmana boleh, dalam hasrat mencapai matlamat dan aspirasi jawatan Yang di Pertua Negeri dan kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang.
- D. Menggalakan ahli menyumbang kepakaran, pengalaman dan ilmu demi kebaikan Masyarakat dan Majlis.
- E. Memperolehi konsesi dan keistimewaan, sejauhmana boleh, dari sektor awam dan swasta.
- F. Membangunkan tabung derma yang digelar "Tabung Derma Kebajikan Majlis Dato' Dato' Negeri Pulau Pinang'.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MAJLIS

- A. To promote goodwill and fellowship as well as foster closer relationships and companionships among members holding the State of Penang Order the 'Darjah Utama Pangkuan Negeri, the "Darjah Gemilang Pangkuan Negeri, the 'Darjah Yang Mulia Pangkuan Negeri' and the 'Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri'.
- B. To consider, determine and maintain the status quo of members carrying the title of Dato' of the State of Penang.
- C. To support and assist wherever possible in the achievement of the aims and aspirations of the office of the Yang Di Pertua Negeri and the Government of the State of Penang.
- D. To encourage members to contribute their expertise, experience and knowledge for the betterment of the Community and Council.
- E. To obtain concessions and privileges where possible from the public and private sectors.
- F. To set up a fund known as "Tabung Derma Kebajikan Majlis Dato'Dato' Negeri Pulau Pinang.



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