# Penang Jawi Peranakan Heritage Society (JAWI) - Pertubuhan Warisan Jawi Peranakan, Pulau Pinang

# SYMPOSIUM

# **"THE MAKING OF A NATION"**

(1) JAWI PEKAN-PERANAKAN STORIES 2017

(2) MALAY - ORANG TANJUNG STORIES 2018

(3) INDIAN MUSLIM-MAMAK STORIES 2019

8.30 0am - 6.00 pm

## April 22 2017

#### Grand Ballroom, Heritage Wing, E&O Hotel, George Town

# Overview

The Penang Jawi Peranakan Heritage Society (JAWI) or *Pertubuhan Warisan Jawi Peranakan, Pulau Pinang* will be organising a Symposia series from 2017-19, to promote Malaysian and Muslim multiculturalism, in Penang and nationally, by highlighting the contributions of various Muslim communities to culture, heritage, history and socio-economic developments over the last centuries to present times. Narratives and visual presentations from personalities, academicians, descendants and experts in the field will be the highlight of the symposia. NGO's in particular will be welcomed to highlight their activities and contributions to Malaysia's vibrant civil society. Reflecting on global trends of neo-conservatism, economic nationalism, xenophobia with increasing marginalisation of Muslims and other ethnic and cultural minorities throughout the U.S., Europe and Southeast Asia, a primary objective of the symposia is to challenge these trends and celebrate the cultural diversity and ethnic heterogeneity of Penang and Malaysia, while simultaneously highlighting multiculturalism as the basis of a vibrant, sustainable modern democracy. The symposia is opened to the public

# Objectives

- 1. To highlight the historic, political, economic and social contributions of the Jawi Pekan and Jawi Peranakans of Penang.
- 2. To illustrate the entrepreneurial achievements of urban Muslim communities in Penang and nationally.
- 3. To challenge neo-conservatism, radicalisation and xenophobia while forwarding Muslim multiculturalism as an intrinsic world-view towards progress, success and peace.
- 4. To lead in national discourses and policies of Malaysian multiculturalism, national identity and nation-building.

# Registration: 8.30 -9.00 am

Morning coffee

#### 9.00 Introduction

By Raqib Karim Razha

#### Welcoming Address by

Dato' Dr Wazir Jahan Karim, President of the Penang Jawi Peranakan Heritage Society

Theme Song Led by Raqib Karim & Nawiza Ariff

Suriram

"Tell me the tales that to me was so dear" -Thomas Haynes Bayly (1797 – 1838) (Lyrics: Thomas Haynes Bayly (1797-1839) Music: English folk song -Skotsk folkemelodi)

## Session 1 -10.30am -12.00 noon

#### "The Making of Penang's Muslim Civil Society"

Moderator: Clement Liang

Tuan Hj Yusof Azmi Merican: 'Founding of the Malay Woman's League in 1946 '

Dato' Seri Nazir Ariff: "My Grand-mother, Lady Rehman Ariff"

# Q & C 12.00 -12.45 pm

# Luncheon Key-Note Address 1.00 – 1.30 pm YAB Tuan Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister of Penang

"The Making of a Nation: Rise of Peranakan Muslim Civil Society" Launch Lunch 1.30-2.30

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#### SESSION 2: - 2.30 - 4.00pm

Dato' Dr Wazir Jahan Karim: Jawi Peranakans and the Women's Institute: Romanising the Empire'

Tan Sri Hj. Ibrahim Zain: 'My family and the Early Life-styles of the Orang Tanjung

Puan Hjh. Mariatul Kabtiah 'Sailing to Mekka as a welfare volunteer"

Tea break

#### Session 3: 4.30 -5.55pm

Tan Sri Hj. Yussof Latiff: 'Early Founders of the Penang Malay Society or Pemenang"

Dato' Halimah. & Said & Hj.Serajudin Ismail : "In Conversation: Exploring *Images* of the Jawi Peranakan" Moderated by Raqib Karim.

## 5.55-6.00

# **Concluding Remarks**

Dato' Wazir Jahan Karim

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