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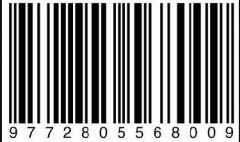
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# A Walk Down Memory Lane 2023 Program:

*in collaboration with Badan Warisan Negara and Perbadanan Putrajaya*



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On 24 August 2023, the Faculty of Law, UiTM Raub Pahang, organised a university social responsibility program called A Walk Down Memory Lane in collaboration with the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies. There are 15 participants involved in this program, which is between 6.30 am and 6.00 pm.

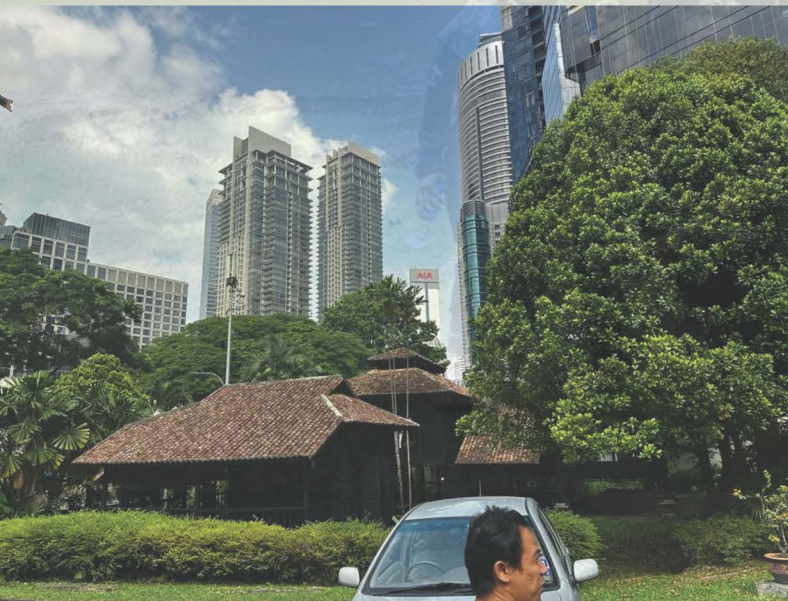
There are four objectives of the program in fulfilling the performance indicator (PI) of faculties, among others: (1) to recognise the importance of policy toward cultural and heritage preservation, development, and management, (2) to encourage involvement among researchers towards the development of new policies in facing cultural and heritage depreciation, (3) to give donations to a non-governmental organisation that is related to preservation and conservation of national heritage and (4) to encourage collaborative relationships between researchers and government agencies & non-governmental organisations.

The program was divided into two sessions. First, in the morning, with a non-governmental organisation known as Badan Warisan Malaysia. Badan Warisan Malaysia is noted for conserving and preserving historical and architectural buildings and areas in Malaysia. In the evening, the researchers were introduced to Perbadanan Putrajaya, a local government in the Federal Territory of Putrajaya under the Perbadanan Putrajaya Act 1995.



During the morning session, we were introduced by Ms Vanessa Loong, a general manager of Badan Warisan Malaysia. She presented the historical establishment of Badan Warisan Malaysia and its purposes. Generally, Badan Warisan Malaysia was established in 1983 by the late Tan Sri Dato Harun M. Hashim, the late Tan Sri Mubin Sheppard, and the late Ar. Chen Voon Fee and Prof. Dr Ar. Jimmy Cheok-Siang Lim. It was a registered organisation in Malaysia with tax-exempt status. It was incorporated in 1983 as a company limited by guarantee. The Council of Badan Warisan Malaysia manages the business, which its Constitution empowers. In 2023, Badan Warisan Malaysia was led by Lim Wei Ling, President of Badan Warisan Malaysia.

Badan Warisan Malaysia has three agendas: to conserve heritage buildings of fine architecture or to associate them with historical events or personalities. Second, the local population should be educated to enjoy the historical sentiments attached to heritage buildings. Lastly, Badan Warisan Malaysia to raise awareness and influence policymakers to create a conservation-friendly environment.



She informed us that the National Heritage Act 2005 is the primary law that deals with the conservation and preservation of natural heritage, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, underwater cultural heritage, treasure trove, and related matters. It was further supplemented by Heritage Building's Conservation Guidelines, a guide based on standards set up by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the charters under the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). As been informed, there are three criteria for being gazetted as national heritage: historical significance and cultural value, possessing a unique aesthetic or architecture, and contributing to innovation or scientific achievement.

Currently, its focus is on conserving new heritage buildings. A new heritage is a concept in which buildings that society has not yet identified as old have the potential to become a significant heritage buildings. It further emphasises new heritage buildings, including the architecture of the international style from the late 50s to the late 70s, that are currently subjected to a threat of demolition. There are a few examples, such as individual buildings like the Badan Warisan Malaysia Heritage Centre itself located at No.2, Jalan Stonor, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, SMK Convent Bukit Nanas, precincts such as Federal Hill, Pudu, and PJ New Town, and towns like Frasers Hill and Kampar.

She gave a tour guide to a traditional Malay house known as Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman. The Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman was built between 1910 and 1930 and was initially located at Kampung Sungai Kechil, Kedah. The Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman has been relocated beside the Badan Warisan Malaysia Heritage Centre for restoration and conservation. It serves as a

tourist attraction, which emerges in uniqueness, a traditional house located in the metropolitan area and the largest city in the country. There are a lot of antique Malay items on the house's interior, which are being preserved by Badan Warisan Malaysia, such as congkak, bed, and kitchen.

At the end of the morning session, the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy and Studies and the Faculty of Law donated RM 300.00 to support the effort by Badan Warisan Malaysia to preserve and raise awareness of natural heritage and appreciation for the gracious presentation and tour guide. Badan Warisan Malaysia provided researchers gifts for attending and showing interest in natural heritage.

In the evening session, Perbadanan Putrajaya officials brought researchers to Rimba Alam Park for jungle treks and to explore nature attractions located at Putrajaya. Rimba Alam Park is between Precincts 14 and 15 to the East of Putrajaya and is a concept for urban forestry. It is also a habitat for various tropical rainforest species such as chengal and light red meranti. There is also a lake inside the jungle, which serves as a way to mitigate the flood while at the same time preserving wildlife. It also serves as a metropolitan attraction, which provides a quiet atmosphere and a calm climate. The researchers had undergone the 1.9-km circular jungle trail, and they all successfully walked out from Rimba Alam Park with assistance and guidance from Perbadanan Putrajaya officials. Throughout the jungle tracking, researchers exchanged information on possible new ways to increase urban forestry in Malaysia. One way is to develop policies in providing and promoting activities that locals enjoy while maintaining its beautiful scenery. For instance, according to officials, visitors can partake in various activities at Rimba Alam Park, such as treasure hunt, jogging, orienteering, off-road cycling, guided tours and bird watching. As a token of appreciation, both parties exchanged gifts as a goodwill gesture.

At the end of the session, the program can achieve the said faculties' performance indicator (PI) while at the same time improving the coordination and workplace relationships among researchers during the university semester break. At the same time, researchers are to collect essential information pertaining to how to develop and improve new policies on the sustainability of natural heritage and urban forestry.



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