

CONSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

“ASIA-EUROPE SEMINAR ON CONSERVATION OF TIMBER AND LIME BUILDINGS” (ASEM SEMINAR)

5TH - 8TH MARCH 2011

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Date and Venue

Date : **5th March - 8th March 2011**

Venue: i. Impiana KLCC Hotel and SPA Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
ii. World Heritage City of Melaka, Malaysia

Organiser

Department of National Heritage
Ministry of Information, Communication and Culture
Malaysia

Co-Sponsorship

Malaysia invites ASEM Member Countries to be co-sponsors of this event. Co-sponsorship could be in the form of provision of conservation experts as plenary speakers, including their international airfares to and from Malaysia and accommodation throughout the seminar.

Introduction

In Asia and Europe, especially in Southeast Asia and East Asia, most of the heritage buildings are of timber structures and local bricks plastered with lime. Examples are the rows of two-storey ancestral houses in The World

Heritage City of Vigan in the Philippines. Similarly, in the World Heritage City of Hoi An, Vietnam and the World Heritage Cities of Melaka and George Town in Malaysia, there are hundreds of single and two-storey shop houses in different styles made of local clay bricks and plastered with lime.

Most of the above buildings are still in good condition but a number of them are dilapidated with major defects. Conservation of these buildings from the research process to building diagnoses, scientific analyses, identification of building materials, restoration to management and documentation requires in-depth knowledge and expertise. Each step requires an expert's input, knowledge, experience and interpretation.

In addressing such problems, heritage experts, professionals and managers are invited to share their knowledge and experiences among ASEM Member Countries in one platform and that is a seminar on the conservation of timber and lime buildings.

Objectives

The objectives of the seminar are:

- i. To provide a platform for heritage experts, professionals and managers in Asia and Europe to share and exchange their experiences and knowledge on the latest methods pertaining to conservation, techniques and issues with regards to the conservation of timber and lime buildings.
- ii. To improve perceptions on conservation of heritage buildings.
- iii. To identify possible areas of cooperation or networking in building conservation.

The Format, Theme and Language of the Seminar

As announced at the ASEM SOM in Prague, Czech Republic, in February 2009, as per the endorsement by the Third ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 21-24 April 2008.

The two-day seminar will focus on the theme “**Conservation of Timber and Lime Buildings**”. Participants are expected to share their experiences in the conservation of timber and lime buildings in their respective countries to broaden their knowledge on building conservation.

The working language of the seminar will be **English**.

Seminar Participants

Participants are from the ASEM Member Countries. Each Member Country is invited to nominate one (1) participant (Heritage Managers, Architects, Building Surveyors, Engineers, etc.). Invitations to participants will be communicated through the relevant ministry of the Member Country.

Each participant is requested to prepare a full paper on the state of conservation, latest conservation issues, methods, techniques and practices in the construction of timber or lime buildings in his/her country. The presentation should not be more than 15 minutes and in power point format. The abstract and full paper of the presentation as well as the CV of the seminar participant should be submitted to the Seminar Secretariat (norazimah@warisan.gov.my or nuraini@warisan.gov.my) and to reach the Secretariat by **4th February 2011**.

Financial Arrangements

The organiser covers meals for one (1) participant from each Member Country during the seminar while the participants' flights to and from Malaysia as well as accommodation will be borne by the participant.

The organiser covers the plenary speakers' flight to and from Malaysia as well as meals and lodging during the duration of the seminar.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

“ASIA-EUROPE SEMINAR ON CONSERVATION OF TIMBER AND LIME BUILDINGS”

Date : 5th - 8th of March 2011

Venue: Impiana KLCC Hotel and SPA
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DAY 1: (5th March 2011)

Arrival of participants.

Registration of participants.

Evening:

8.00 pm : Official opening ceremony officiated by the Minister of
Information, Communication and Culture, Malaysia

DAY 2: (6th March 2011)

Morning:

8.30 - 9.30 : **Plenary Speaker 1**
*“Construction and Conservation of Timber Buildings in
the World”*

9.30 -10.45 : **Session I**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 4 Presenters)
- Country report

10.45 -11.00 : Coffee Break

11.00 - 1.00 : **Session II**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 5 Presenters)
- Country report

Afternoon:

1.00 - 2.00 : Lunch

2.00 - 3.45 : **Sesion III**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 6 Presenters)
- Country report

3.45 - 4.00 : Coffee Break

4.00 - 6.00 : **Session IV**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 7 Presenters)
- Country report

Evening:

8.00 : Dinner

DAY 3: (7th March 2011)

Morning:

8.30 - 9.30 : **Plenary Speaker 2**
“Basic Principles on Conservation of Lime Buildings”

9.30 -10.45 : **Session V**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 4 Presenters)
- Country report

10.45 -11.00: Coffee Break

11.00 -1.00 : **Session VI**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 5 Presenters)
- Country report

Afternoon:

1.00 - 2.00 : Lunch

2.00 - 3.45 : **Sesion VII**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 6 Presenters)
- Country report

3.45 - 4.00 : Coffee Break

4.00 - 6.00 : **Session VIII**
Paper presentation (Panel Style: 1 Chair, 6 Presenters)
- Country report

DAY 4: (8th March 2011)

Morning:

9.00 - 9.00 : Site Visit to World Heritage City of Melaka

(Note: 2-hour drive from Kuala Lumpur to Melaka City)

DAY 5: (9th March 2011)

Departure of participants

End of Programme

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