

WHV – Cheng Ho and Maritime Silk Road Heritage Melaka Camp

Melaka and George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca, Malaysia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2008)

PROJECT DATES

09 July - 20 July 2023

THE SITE - Melaka and George Town, historic cities of the Straits of Malacca have developed over 500 years of trading and cultural exchanges between East and West in the Straits of Malacca. The influences of Asia and Europe have endowed the towns with a specific multicultural heritage that is both tangible and intangible. With its government buildings, churches, squares and fortifications, Melaka demonstrates the early stages of this history originating in the 15th-century Malay sultanate and the Portuguese and Dutch periods beginning in the early 16th century.

OBJECTIVES - aims at raising awareness about the voyages of Cheng Ho and Melaka's crucial role in the Maritime Silk and Spice Road, while also leveraging the Museum's experience in the protection and revitalization of Melakas's heritage buildings to sensitise local citizens and tourists about conservation needs.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will support the exhibition on Cheng Ho and the legacy of the Maritime Silk and the Spice Road, with historical heritage and relic sites built by traders and navigators along the countries in Indo-Pacific region. They will hold a public lecture on Cheng Ho's voyage to and design activity posters together with community residents. Participants will also investigate the historical heritage sites of ancient Melaka, in particular working on the verification of the roof tiles for water leakage in the ancient building of the "Maison du General des Chinois". They will help the museum to design a tourist route of Melaka highlighting the sites relevant to the Cheng Ho experience, and will support the training of young heritage tourism guides from the community.

PARTNERS - Perbadanan Muzium Melaka (PERZIM, Melaka State Museum), Chinese Assembly Hall of Melaka, Tourism Promotion Division of Melaka State, Jonker Walk Committee Office, Pay Fong Middle School Melaka, Hotel Puri Melaka

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