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# SINGAPORE HISTORIC BUILDINGS 101: GEDUNG KUNING

a talk by Ms Hidayah Amin

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| venue       | Visitors' Briefing Room<br>Level 1, National Library<br>100 Victoria Street |
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| admission   | Free and open to the public   |
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Very little is known of Gedung Kuning or the Yellow Mansion at No. 73 Sultan Gate. Once a stately residence for a Bendahara or Prime Minister, Gedung Kuning was, from 1912 to 1999, home to the family of Haji Yusoff 'Tali Pinggang' or Haji Yusoff the Belt Merchant. Haji Yusoff, patriarch of Gedung Kuning was a respected merchant who toiled at his business and was recognised as one of the great pioneers in the Malay community. Gedung Kuning has witnessed the seasons of Haji Yusoff's family through four generations, and its gate welcomed the poor who came to ask for alms. Even to the very last day when the family moved out, Gedung Kuning stood proud befitting its royal colour and stature. Hidayah Amin, one of Haji Yusoff's great-granddaughters revisits her childhood home, taking you beyond the gate guarded by stone eagles, through rooms with big mirrors and marble floors and shares interesting anecdotes growing up in Gedung Kuning, the legacy of a Malay family in Singapore.



Hidayah Amin is one of Haji Yusoff's great-granddaughters and is fondly known to family members as Cik Idah. She was born and grew up in Gedung Kuning. She is the creator of [www.gedungkuning.com](http://www.gedungkuning.com). Hidayah was a Fulbright Scholar who once volunteered in a medical

mission in tsunami-stricken Aceh and taught film-making to Native American children in a Reservation. She hopes to publish her first book *Gedung Kuning, Memories of a Malay childhood* this year.

