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**ROOTS: Newsletter of the Singapore Heritage Society December 2018
Issue**

Message from the Editor

Dear SHS members and friends,

Happy holidays from all of us at the Singapore Heritage Society. We hope that 2018 has been a great year and that you are currently spending time with your loved ones as you are reading this issue of ROOTS.

In this issue, we will be covering what happened during our **Annual General Meeting** that was held at **The Substation**. We also organized a Peranakan themed event titled, **Engaging Peranakans** as part of our post-AGM activity.

We are also proud to announce that **Ah Ma Drink Stall** in Pulau Ubin has been rebuilt. The official launch party was held on the 22 of September 2018 and we were honoured to have **Minister Desmond Lee** officiate at the launch.

This is also the season of giving. If you are looking for a cause to support, why not [support our cause](#) in conserving Singapore's heritage? The society is an IPC charity and donors will receive a 250% tax deduction. You can also give your loved ones a membership to the society. All you have to do is to follow the instructions in this [membership form](#).

Last but not least, if you are a member do remember to renew your SHS membership. Please [contact us](#) if you need any assistance.

Warmest regards,

Han Ming Guang

Honorary Secretary of the Singapore Heritage Society

Annual General Meeting 2018 – 16th September 2018

On the 16th of September 2018 (Sunday), the society held its Annual General Meeting at The Substation. The meeting was attended by 20 general members and 5 ExCo members and it was called to order at 2.30pm.



Dr Chua Ai Lin and Dr Jack Lee answering queries

During the meeting, the ExCo highlighted a few key collaborations and activities that the society had participated in. These included the partnership with **Drama Box** regarding its interactive theatre experience called **Chinatown Crossings**, and also with **The Substation** on their programme **En Bloc, or Cities Must Die**.

The ExCo also informed members that the society was very active in Pulau Ubin and Bukit Brown. We worked closely with Kawan Ubin and the Friends of Ubin network to organize events such as Balik Kampong and Ubin Day. The society also launched the Bukit Brown Wayfinder which is a self guided tour of Bukit Brown.



Dr Chua, Victor Yue & Dr Jack Lee answering questions

Society members who were present also asked pertinent questions on fundraising and how the society can increase its pool of members.

The society would like to thank the **society members** who came down on a Sunday to attend the AGM and **The Substation** for providing the venue for our AGM.

The Audited Financial Report as of 31st March 2018 can be downloaded [here](#), while the President's Report can be found [here](#).

The photographs from the AGM can be found on our [Facebook page](#).

Engaging Peranakans - 16th September 2018

As part of the post-AGM activities, we organized a Peranakan-themed event to introduce the culture, practice and history of the community to the public. We invited **Mr John Teo**, General Manager of The Peranakan Museum to talk about the current and future plans of The Peranakan Museum.



Mr John Teo speaking to the audience

In addition to the talk, a book sale, where books on the Peranakan community were on sale, was also organized for the public. **Asian Civilisation Museum, Ethos Books, Landmark Books and Marshall Cavendish** were the vendors at the book sale.

Chilli Api Catering was extremely generous to sponsor the catering for the event. They prepared a number of Peranakan delicacies which disappeared quite rapidly!



Kueh Pie Tee from Chilli Api Catering

The docents from the **Asian Civilization Museum** also conducted guided tours of The Peranakan Museum, which our participants enjoyed greatly.

We would like to thank **Mr John Teo, Asian Civilization Museum, Ethos Books, Landmark Books, Marshall Cavendish and The Substation** for making this event

Photographs of the event can be found at our [Facebook page](#).

Launch of Ah Ma Drink Stall - 22nd September 2018

Built over 20 years ago, Ah Ma Drink Stall is an institution in Pulau Ubin. However, due to soil erosion, the structure had become unsafe for people to occupy it.

As part of the society's effort to protect the cultural heritage of Pulau Ubin, we worked with **Kawan Ubin**, which is a group comprising of passionate individuals representing the different aspects of Pulau Ubin, from Ubin's rich culture and heritage to the stunning biodiversity, to launch Project Ah Ma Drink Stall. The main goal of the project was to rebuild Ah Ma Drink Store as part of a larger community-led restoration initiative known as Revitalizing Ubin as a Living Kampung".



Ah Ma with Minister Desmond Lee officiating the launch

Together with students from the **NUS Department of Architecture**, **Philip Lim from Sea Angels**, **NParks** and **PH Consulting**, Ah Ma Drink Stall was rebuilt in a manner that preserved its original kampong style and spirit.

To celebrate the new Ah Ma Drink Stall, Kawan Ubin organized a launch for the new drink stall on the 22nd of September 2018. **Minister Desmond Lee** was also on hand to officiate the launch with Ah Ma.



SHS Representatives at the launch

The project started from last June and we would like to thank everyone who pitched in for helping rebuild Ah Ma Drink Stall.

Photographs from the launch can be found at our [Facebook Page](#).

Society News and Updates

Golden Mile Complex May Be Conserved

As reported in a [Business Times article](#), Golden Mile Complex might be conserved even if it undergoes *en bloc* sale. Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore has assessed that the building has heritage value and will be exploring possible options to conserve the building.

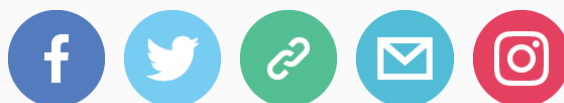
We are delighted that Golden Mile Complex has the chance to be conserved and it is a testament to our efforts in producing a [position paper](#) on Golden Mile Complex and our all-round efforts in trying to conserve Singapore's heritage.

Dr Jack Lee on Committee to oversee Singapore's Hawker Culture Nomination

We are proud to announce that our President, [Dr Jack Lee, is on the committee](#) to oversee and guide Singapore's effort to nominate its hawker culture for Unesco's intangible cultural heritage list.

He will be part of a 14-member committee that will provide recommendations, feedback and advice on the nomination documents for submission to UNESCO in March next year.

Our Executive Director, Dr Chua Ai Lin, went to Penang from the 29th of September 2018 to the 6th of October 2018 to attend the [Getty Conservation Institute course on Urban Conservation](#). The course provides participants with a fuller understanding of conservation methodologies and effective, practical tools and techniques for the conservation of historic places in urban contexts.



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