Reflecting on 20 Years of the UNESCO Heritage Awards, Setting a Vision for Sustainable Placemaking for the Next 20 Years

The year 2019 marks 20 years of the UNESCO Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation which was conceived in Penang, Malaysia during UNESCO’s landmark “Economics of Heritage” regional conference in 1999. The 20th anniversary presents an opportune moment for reflection not only on the achievements and lessons learned from the UNESCO Heritage Awards programme, but also to review how far heritage conservation has come in the past two decades.

It will also present an opportunity to chart the course and a future vision for the next two decades on the role and contribution of cultural heritage more broadly to sustainable development, within the broad framework defined by Agenda 2030, along with key partner institutions and thought leaders in the field.

Target participants will include:

- UNESCO Heritage Awards winners
- UNESCO Heritage Awards Jury Members
- UNESCO Heritage Awards supporters/donors/advisors
- UNESCO Heritage Awards secretariat and publication teams
- Heritage practitioners, heritage organizations, universities
- Heritage-driven urban regeneration organizations
- Local governments and private sector stakeholders investing in heritage

Interested public is invited to register at: https://unesco-heritageawards20.peatix.com
# Tentative Programme

## Asia-Pacific Heritage 20/20 Forum (Venue: U.A.B Building)

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | • Opening ceremony  
• Welcome remarks: Hamdan Abdul Majeed, Executive Director, Think City  
• Opening remarks: Shigeru Aoyagi, Director, UNESCO Bangkok  
• Congratulatory remarks: Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang  
• 2019 Awards ceremony |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK                                                                                   |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | **Panel discussion with the Heritage Awards Jury and the winners:** “From Blue Mansion to Blue House: the Evolving Landscape of Heritage Conservation in the Asia-Pacific region from 2000-2019”  
  o Moderator: Richard Engelhardt, Former UNESCO Regional Advisor for Culture in Asia and the Pacific  
  o Anne Arnold, Heritage Council of Western Australia  
  o Salman Beg, Aga Khan Pakistan  
  o Laurence Loh, Adjunct Professor, University of Hong Kong  
  o Abha Narain, Principal Architect, Abha Narain Lambah Associates  
  o Yeo Kang Shua, Associate Professor, Singapore University of Technology and Design  
  o Jose Yam, Commissioner of Heritage, Development Bureau of Hong Kong  
  o Alfred Yeung, Managing Director, Brock Carmichael Asia |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | LUNCH                                                                                           |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | **Heritage Clinic: Emerging challenges, new responses**  
Young professionals and current students in conservation will present their projects to the experts and the audience for an interactive discussion on emerging challenges and new responses. All participants will be pre-allocated to three different groups for this parallel discussion.  
*Note: Projects to be included have been selected through an application process* |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | COFFEE BREAK                                                                                   |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | **Heritage20/20x Talks:**  
• Setting the scene: Emerging challenges, new responses by two representatives from the Heritage Clinic (Two selected submitters)  
• **Roundtable: Strategic Alliance for “Culture, Heritage and Sustainable Placemaking”**  
  o Moderator: UNESCO and Think City  
  o Heritage x People: Ginevra Boatto, Regional Representative for Southeast Asia, World Monuments Fund  
  o Heritage x Digital Technology: Khun Sirikitiya Jensen  
  o Heritage x Empowerment: Sangita Jindal, Chairperson, JSW Foundation  
  o Heritage x Urban: Neil Khor, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UN-Habitat  
  o Heritage x Nature: Allen Tan, Directing Manager, The Habitat |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | CLOSING REMARKS                                                                                 |

## Evening Reception (Venue: Suffolk House)

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| 19:00 – 21:00 | • Launch of Asia Conserved Volumes 3  
• Special recognition of UNESCO Heritage Awards partners/supporters |