



ANNUAL REPORT

Memory of the World National Committee (Malaysia)
for the term of 2016-2017

1. Name of the National Committee of MOW

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2. Name list of the Committee, Contact Person of the Administration Office of the Committee.

The committee consists of one Chairperson and 24 committee members as below; -

Chairperson: The Commissioner of Heritage

Committee member:

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| i. Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia | xiii. Perbadanan Muzium Negeri Kelantan |
| ii. Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO | xiv. Penang State Museum Board |
| iii. National Archives of Malaysia | xv. Pahang State Museum Board |
| iv. National Library of Malaysia | xvi. Perak State Museum Board |
| v. Department of Museums Malaysia | xvii. Lembaga Muzium Negeri Sembilan |
| vi. Institute of Language and Literature | xviii. Lembaga Muzium Negeri Terengganu |
| vii. Sarawak Museum Department | xix. Lembaga Muzium Negeri Kedah |
| viii. Department of Sabah Museum | xx. Sarawak State Library |
| ix. Sabah State Archives | xxi. University of Malaya Library |
| x. Malay Customs and Heritage Corporation Selangor | xxii. Hamzah Sendut Library
Universiti Sains Malaysia |
| xi. Yayasan Warisan Johor | xxiii. Tuanku Bainun Library
Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris |
| xii. Perbadanan Muzium Negeri Melaka | xxiv. The Heritage of Malaysia Trust |

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4. Structure of the Committee and any subsidiary bodies

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5. Statutes and the Terms of Reference of the Committee

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6. Fundamental resources for year 2016-2017

The fundamental resources for the committee is the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia.

7. Activities and achievement for year 2016-2017

No.	Activities	Date	Venue
1.	Symposium and Consultation for the Implementation of UNESCO "Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage Including in the Digital Form"	08 May - 11 May 2017	Malaysia Tourism Centre (MaTiC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2.	Exhibition for the Lenggong Carnival 2017	28 June - 01 July 2017	Dataran Lenggong, Perak, Malaysia
3.	Exhibition for the Malaysia UNESCO Day	09 Sept - 10 Sept 2017	Kundasang, Sabah, Malaysia
4.	Series of meetings to nominate local heritage under MOW and MOWCAP	Through the year	

8. Any National Register of MOW?

The committee has its own National Heritage Register which lies under the National Heritage Act 2005 (Act 645). The inventory of the register is managed by the Department of National Heritage. The register is divided by sites, living figure and object. Each of the category has it sub categories to specify the register. The list of the register can be access through www.heritage.gov.my

9. Working plan for year 2018-2019

For the year 2018-2019, the committee is planning to inscribe more manuscripts and documentaries under the MOW and MOWCAP Register apart from continuously conduct exhibitions and advocacy programs to promote National Heritage.

The committee will also involve in the Malaysia UNESCO Day scheduled in July 2018. With the theme “Youth for Change”, the event lifts up the Sustainable Development Goals as the highlight for the year 2018.

All committee members will conduct their own programs and activities to promote and create the awareness among people about the heritage, history and the value of historical buildings, materials and documents under their custodian. It will be reported in the committee meeting which will be conducted anytime in the year.

10. Challenges and issues

The committee, when executing activities through the year 2017, found several challenges and issues. One of the major challenges was to convince the stakeholder on professional needs and requirement to appreciate the heritage. People would rather look at the new development than the preservation of the heritage.

The other challenges that the committee face was the limited funding to preserve and conserve the National Heritage. The committee is looking forward to suggestions and initiatives that can minimised the expenses to preserve and conserve the heritage.

The committee is looking at more learning opportunities conducted in the Southeast Asia region organized by the much advance institutions relating to heritage preservation and conservation.

11. Any news or suggestions for the next issue of MOWCAP newsletter

The committee is highly suggesting the MOWCAP to include a write up about the latest MOWCAP and MOW Register in the newsletter. There was no write up about the latest MOWCAP or MOW Register in the last three issues of the newsletter. Instead of informing and reporting about workshops and activities, the write up about the latest register would also be a good information to subscribers.

12. What actions have been taken to implement the UNESCO Recommendation on Documentary Heritage?

The committee has taken several actions to implement the UNESCO Recommendation on Documentary Heritage. As for the identification of document heritage, the committee has identified and nominated a number of significant documentary heritage from the committee member’s collections to the national, regional and international MOW and MOWCAP Register. The Register is managed by the Department of National Heritage. To date, Malaysia has a total of 16 manuscripts registered in the MOW Programs as listed in the **Appendix**. The committee has also continuously sought out private collections and encourage voluntary identification of documentary heritage throughout the year.

Furthermore, the committee had also sharing the information about the Recommendation and other normative instruments within the committee members and other relevant institutions. The committee always support each other to conduct programs and activities

concerning the outreach and awareness raising initiatives to encourage identification of documentary heritage.

In term of the preservation of documentary heritage, the committee had organized and conducted a number of trainings and workshops as well as providing consultations on preservation of the heritage within its committee members and to other relevant parties such as the Malaysian Ministries and government agencies. The committee members had also send their respective officers for training from the experts in Europe and other countries who have much advance knowledge to ensure the competency of their officers. The committee also had a long term investment in analogue and digital documentary preservation.

The committee work to ensure the access to the documentary heritage running smoothly by preparing the heritage especially records and archives in digital form that can be accessed through the net.

The committee had also planned and arranged to translate the UNESCO Recommendation into the National Language (Malay Language) to make it convenience for the committee members and other parties to read and understand the content. The translation is done with the collaboration between the committee members especially the Institute of Language and Literature.

There were actions taken to address the risk of documentary heritage where the committee form a special committee to look in the problem and threat of documentary heritage and conduct program as well as activities to create awareness about the value and the need to minimise the risk to the National Heritage.

The committee also collaborated with its counterparts in other country to promote joint nomination in the MOW Register. The latest collaboration is the Panji Tales Manuscripts which was the result of the joint nomination to the MOW International Register between Malaysia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

In addition, in 2017, the Symposium and Consultation for the Implementation of UNESCO “Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage Including in the Digital Form” was conducted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with the collaboration between the committee and the UNESCO and the support from the Government of Malaysia. This shows the commitment and responsibility of the committee and the Government of Malaysia in implementing the UNESCO Recommendation.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF REGISTERED MANUSCRIPTS IN THE MEMORY OF THE WORLD PROGRAM FROM MALAYSIA

Memory of the World International Register

- i. Panji Tales Manuscripts (2017)
- ii. Batu Bersurat Terengganu (2009)
- iii. Surat – Surat Sultan Abdul Hamid (2001)
- iv. Hikayat Hang Tuah (2001)
- v. Sejarah Melayu (2001)

Memory of the World Committee for the Asia and the Pacific Regional Register

- i. Kitab Ilmu Bedil (MS 101) (2016)

Recent Nomination

- i. MOW International Register – Kitab Ilmu Bedil & Diaries of George Wooley (2016)
- ii. MOWCAP – Kitab Ilmu Bedil & Diaries of George Wooley (2015)