

Location	Fort Alice, Sri Aman	Ref No.	SAWS/AR013
Subject	Programme's closing event - 'A night in Fort Alice'	Date	11 th – 12 th April 2015
		Time	Day 1 : 2.00-5.00pm; 6.30-11.00pm Day 2 : 7.30 -11.30am
Attended by	Ref attached attendance list	Conducted by	Jonathan Ko/ Goh Tze Hui/ Olivia Tam
Recorded by	Jonathan Ko & Olivia Tam	Coordinated by	Mike Boon/Goh Kaw Sze

'A night in Fort Alice' was the closing event for this community engagement programme which has been running for 18 months. The participants were given a unique opportunity to spend a night in the conserved fort.

43 local students gathered at Fort Alice at 2pm. They were divided into 5 teams led by assigned leaders and supervised by Facilitators. The Facilitators, volunteers, representatives from the organisers, parents and outstation visitors made up the remaining 76 participants for the 2-day programme.



Congregation after Day 1 afternoon session. (Photograph by Fong Wui Syn)



Registration and briefing. (Photographs by: Fong Wui Syn (Top), Mike Boon (Bottom))

After a short briefing on housekeeping matters, all attendees started the day by cleaning the interior and compound of Fort Alice in preparation for its official opening on 18.04.2015. The cleaning mission was accomplished ahead of time, most likely because the attendees wanted to sleep in a clean and comfortable environment for the night. They were rewarded with home-made pie and 'kuih' before the traditional games session.



Attendees hard at work before relaxing by the riverfront.

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The Fort’s undercroft was filled with laughter when the ‘oldies’ in the group, Nelly Soh (Facilitator), Dr. Charles Leh and Pn. Rahmah (JMS), demonstrated the games. We hope that the markings on the compacted clay floor will be kept to evoke future visitors’ childhood nostalgia.



Attendees were excited by the traditional games; hopscotch, marble and rope skipping (L to R). (Photographs by: Mike Boon (L & Middle) & Fong Wui Syn (R))

An open-air cinema (*Wayang Pacak*) was staged in front of Fort Alice after a simple dinner. The slide show on photographs of past events brought giggles and memories that lingered in the cool breeze. A few participants warmed up and shared their feelings and experiences of participating in this memorable programme. This was intercepted by the roar of the passing *Benak* (tidal bore in Lupar River) in the dark, before a movie - ‘A Night in the Museum’ - was shown. They all sat on the floor, just like their parents or grandparents used to do in the old days when a *Milo* promotion van came to town, offering free chocolate drinks while projecting 16mm black and white movie on white cloth stretched between bamboo poles.



Attendees engrossed in the film. (Photographs by: Fong Wui Syn)

Encouraged by the atmosphere, Dr. Charles offered to tell a bedtime story after the participants cleaned up following a light supper. Reminiscent of his namesake (Rajah Charles Brooke who was responsible in building this fort in 1864), Charles told the story on the evolution and natural history of Borneo, much to the delight of the tired souls after an invigorating day. They eventually lay on the floor like past fortmen, and the background chattering faded slowly. It seems that many did not have a good night’s sleep: some of them woke up before we could hear the birds singing at dawn.



Bedtime story by Dr. Charles Leh.

The youngest participants unexpectedly sleeping soundly possibly due to exhaustion.

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After the 'Breakfast Food Trail' in town, Mike Boon demonstrated the basic techniques of conducting a guided tour of Fort Alice to the participants. They were given some time to visit the exhibitions, before demonstrating their interpretations in a practical session. Many were able to articulate their opinion with great confidence.



Trying their best to be the future tour guides.

This event ended with the presentation of certificates, souvenirs and prizes to the participants, sponsored by NS Bluescope Lysaght (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd. The participants' enthusiastic offer to welcome the Guest of Honour on the opening day was received favourably by En. Tazudin Mohtar and Dr. Charles Leh (Assistant Directors of JMS).



The most outstanding team rewarded for their effort.

Salute to Alice!

Notwithstanding the closing of this successful community engagement programme that was conducted alongside the conservation of the fort, the local communities and Friend of Fort Alice (FoFA) hope to continue, with the support of JMS, as the 'Guardians of Fort Alice' to support the operation of 'Muzium Warisan Sri Aman'.



Ready for public showing. (Photographs by: Fong Wui Syn (1, 2 & 4 (L to R)) & Mike Boon (3))

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