



Visit to the Batu Lintang War Memorial Mini Museum

Saturday 30th April 2016, 9:30 a.m.



The Batu Lintang Japanese Internment Camp operated from March 1942 till September 1945. It housed both Allied prisoners of war and civilian prisoners in what used to be the (British) Punjabi Regiment barracks. Thousands were sent and perished there from disease, malnutrition and mistreatment. It held 2,024 internees including women and children when it was liberated on 11th September 1945. The camp was made famous through the book “Three Came Home” by Agnes Newton Keith, a renowned author and internee. The book was later made into a movie. The site is now the Batu Lintang Teachers’ Training Institute established there in 1948.

The visit is jointly organised by the SHS and Friends of Sarawak Museum, and Mr. Lim Kian Hock (Sarawak Tourism Federation Heritage Development Committee Chair) who was instrumental in the setting up of this museum. Mr. Lim will give us an introduction and historical insights. The museum houses photos and some memorabilia of the prisoners. It is only open by appointment.