

# SARAWAK HERITAGE SOCIETY

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# ABOUT US

## SARAWAK HERITAGE SOCIETY (SHS)

- Established in 2006
- **Non-Partisan, Non-Governmental, Non-Profit**
- Aims to **promote conservation** and **sustainable management** of Sarawak's cultural heritage (**tangible & intangible**)

# MISSION & VISION

## OUR MISSION

To promote and advocate for the conservation, permanent preservation, and sustainable management of Sarawak's significant cultural heritage assets both tangible and intangible.

## OUR VISION

A Sarawak where all stakeholders value the rich and unique cultural heritage and diligently contribute, directly or indirectly, to its ongoing sensitive and sustainable protection, conservation and management.



# SHS ExCo 2024/2026



**Datin Rosemarie Wong-Jabu**  
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**Sr. Gary Ningkan**  
Hon. Secretary



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Vice President



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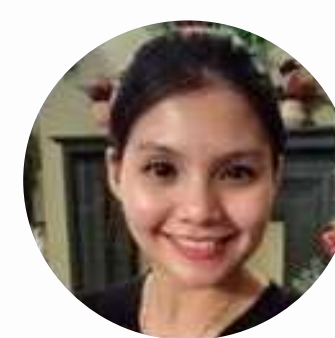
**Augustus R. Segar**  
(Late ExCo Member)



**Sylvia Jimmy**  
ExCo Member



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ExCo Member



**Wilson Suai**  
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# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS



**Follow-up visit to acting Permanent Secretary MTCP, Mr Desmond Jerukan, together with Swinburne University & UNIMAS to brief on proposed international collaboration with Singapore International Foundation & Singapore Heritage Society**

@ MTCP Office  
25th February 2025

# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## Press Conference: Old Nurse's Quarters (ONQ), Kuching 1st WIN for Sarawak Heritage Society!!

20th March 2025 @ Old Nurse's Quarters, Kuching



### Old Nurses' Quarters Heritage Building To Be Preserved As Flood Mitigation Project Proceeds

Posted on 20 Mar 2025  
Source of News: UKAS



KUCHING: The ongoing flood mitigation project around Sarawak General Hospital (SGH) will continue with some adjustments to preserve the main structure of the old Nurses' Quarters heritage building at Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg.

This decision was made to balance flood management needs with heritage conservation efforts.

Deputy Sarawak Secretary (Economic Planning and Development), Dato Sri Dr. Muhammad Abdullah Zaidel said the area had been identified as a key location for the flood mitigation project due to its position on low-lying land that is frequently affected by flooding, especially during high tide.

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## SHS 19th Annual General Meeting

12th April 2025 @ The Ranee Boutique Suites



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## Courtesy Call to Appointed Developer: Discussion on Preserving the Old Nurse's Quarters (ONQ), Kuching

22nd May 2025 @Developer's Office, Kuching



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## Follow-up Discussion: Old Nurse's Quarters (ONQ), Kuching and the Proposed Anjung Kasih Project Chaired by Deputy State Secretary

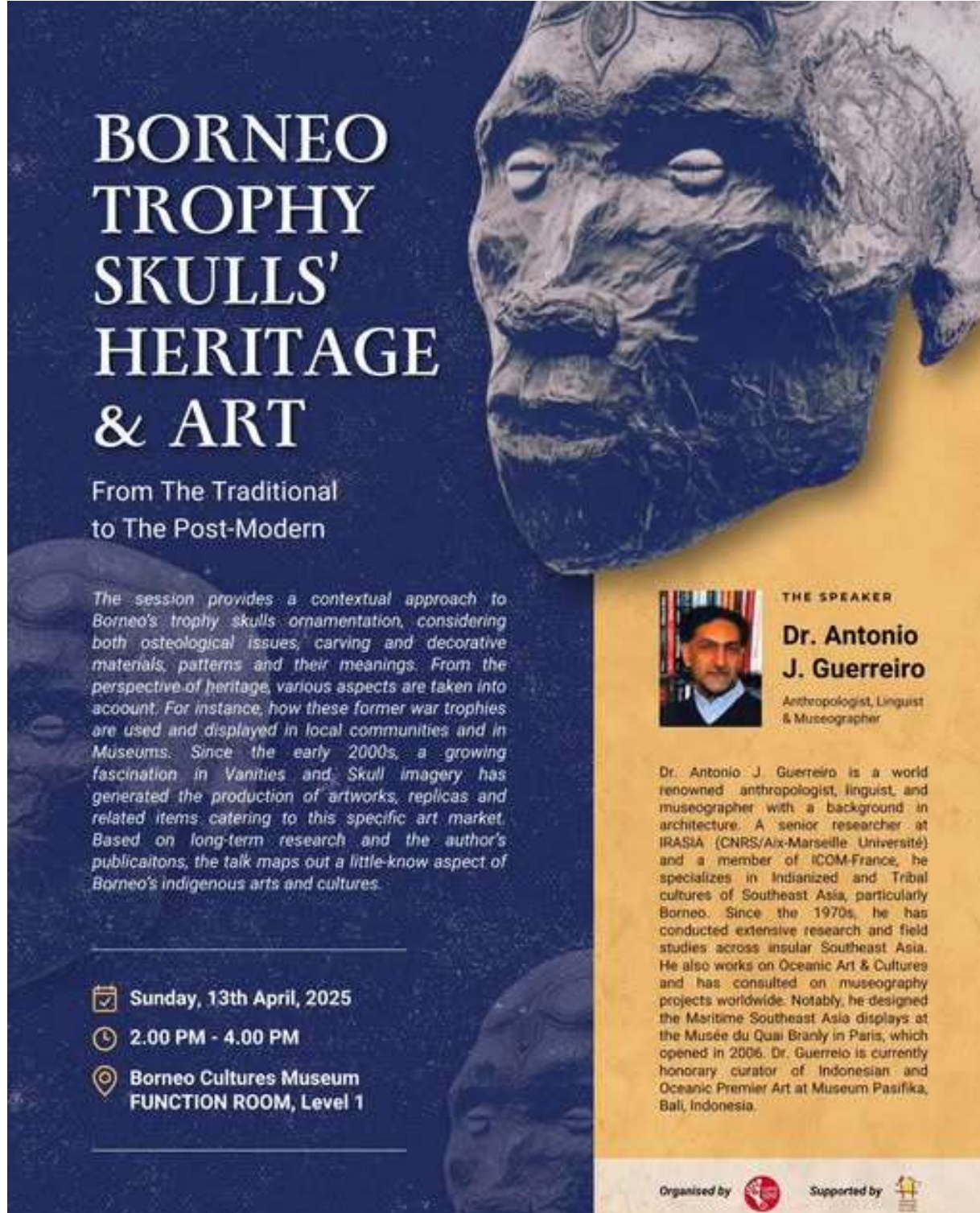
20th June 2025 @Wisma Bapa, Velocity Meeting Room, L12



# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## Heritage Speaker Series: Borneo Trophy Skulls' Heritage and Art – From the Traditional to the Post-Modern By Dr. Antonio J. Guerreiro

13th April 2025 @ Borneo Cultures Museum Function Room



**BORNEO  
TROPHY  
SKULLS'  
HERITAGE  
& ART**


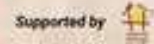
From The Traditional  
to The Post-Modern

The session provides a contextual approach to Borneo's trophy skulls ornamentation, considering both osteological issues, carving and decorative materials, patterns and their meanings. From the perspective of heritage, various aspects are taken into account. For instance, how these former war trophies are used and displayed in local communities and in Museums. Since the early 2000s, a growing fascination in Vanities and Skull imagery has generated the production of artworks, replicas and related items catering to this specific art market. Based on long-term research and the author's publications, the talk maps out a little-known aspect of Borneo's indigenous arts and cultures.

**THE SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Antonio J. Guerreiro**  
Anthropologist, Linguist & Museographer

Dr. Antonio J. Guerreiro is a world renowned anthropologist, linguist, and museographer with a background in architecture. A senior researcher at IRASIA (CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université) and a member of ICOM-France, he specializes in Indianized and Tribal cultures of Southeast Asia, particularly Borneo. Since the 1970s, he has conducted extensive research and field studies across insular Southeast Asia. He also works on Oceanic Art & Cultures and has consulted on museography projects worldwide. Notably, he designed the Maritime Southeast Asia displays at the Musée du Quai Branly in Paris, which opened in 2006. Dr. Guerreiro is currently honorary curator of Indonesian and Oceanic Premier Art at Museum Pasifika, Bali, Indonesia.

**Sunday, 13th April, 2025**  
**2.00 PM - 4.00 PM**  
**Borneo Cultures Museum  
FUNCTION ROOM, Level 1**

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## Heritage Speaker Series: Inch by Inch: “Echo of the Past, Foundations for the Future” By Inch Lim

17th May 2025 @ Lecture Theatre, Swinburne University Sarawak

Heritage Speakers Series 2025. 05. 17 @ 2 pm

# Inch by Inch

@ Lecture Theatre Swinburne Sarawak



"Echo of the past, foundations for the future"

InCh is a multi-award-winning landscape architect known for blending heritage and nature into contemporary design. A respected figure in Malaysia's design community, he serves on top judging panels including the PAM Awards.

Through his practice, Inchscape he champions the integration of cultural and ecological heritage into modern landscapes—proving that development and preservation can go hand in hand.

Organised By: Sarawak Heritage Society

Supported By: SARAWAK, SWINBURNE, and the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak.

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ELEMENTS



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## SHS Members Evening Update and Discussion on the Old Nurse's Quarters (ONQ), Kuching

1st July 2025 @ The Raneer Boutique Suites



# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## Networking Visit: Courtesy Call to Badan Warisan Malaysia (BWM)

14th & 15th August 2025 @ Badan Warisan Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur



Vanessa Loong, General Manager BWM



Lim Wei Ling, President BWM

## The 3rd Meeting for the Coordination Committee for the 80th Anniversary of Sarawak's Liberation from Japanese Occupation WWII

11th Sept 2025 @ MTCP Office

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# Invitation to 80th Anniversary of Sarawak's Liberation from Japanese Occupation

11th September 2025 @ Pending Point, Kuching

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## Invitation to 80th Anniversary Commemoration Batu Lintang Prisoner-of-War Camp

11th September 2025 @ Batu Lintang Teacher's Training Institute, Kuching



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## Meeting with Friend of Sarawak Museum (FoSM)

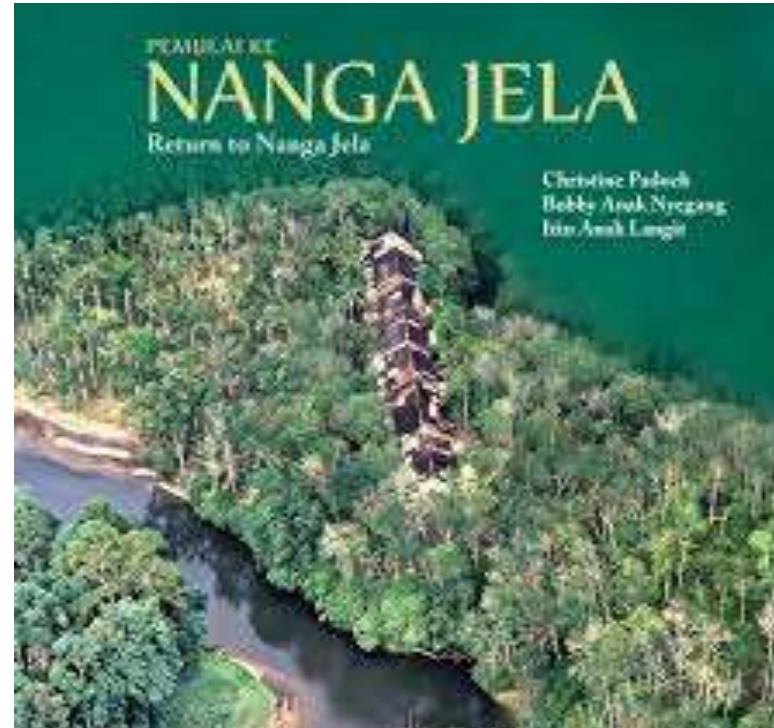
27th September 2025 @ DNA Office



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## Heritage Speaker Series: Pemulai ke Nanga Jela: Return to Nanga Jela Co-Organized with Friends of the Museum (FoSM) & Sarawak Dayak Graduates Association (SDGA)

4th October 2025 @ Telang Usan Hotel, Kuching



# State Steering Committee Meeting (Mukah) Followed by a Taste of Melanau Heritage Foods, Visit to Galeri Warisan Melanau Oya & Traditional Sago Making

6th October 2025 @ Mukah

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## Meet the Artist (Marvin Chew) & Members' Social Co-Organised with Friends of the Museum (FoSM) & Hoan Gallery

11th October 2025 @ Hoan Gallery, L3 La Promenade Mall



# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## Visit to Siniawan Old town & Siniawan Waterfront with Dr Douglas & Mrs Janette Harper (Red Bridge Visit)

4th November 2025 @ Siniawan Old Town



# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## 1st Site Visit to the Red Bridge With YB Dato Miro Simuh 121 Year-Old Steel Suspension Structure

4th November 2025 @ Kampung Seropak, Bau



## Appreciation Dinner with Dr Douglas & Mrs Janette Harper (Red Bridge Visit)

4th November 2025 @ Sarawak Club, Kuching

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## 2nd Site Visit to Document the Red Bridge, Kampung Seropak, Bau In Collaboration with Friends of the Museum (FoSM), Sarawak Photo Art Society (SPAS) & Zeitgeist Inspira Technologies Sdn Bhd

10th November 2025 @ Kampung Seropak, Bau



# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## Southeast Asian Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP) Foundation Roundtable Discussion -- “Consumers & Producers of Knowledge on the Ground: Experiences of Local Historical & Heritage Societies”

14th November 2025 @ Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University, Thailand



L-R: Ms. Hasti Tarekat Dipowijoyo (Co-founder, Sumatra Heritage Trust, Pan-Sumatra Heritage Network), Ms. Jaranee Khongsawasdi, Manager, Siam Heritage Trust, Siam Society, Datin Rosemarie Wong, President, Sarawak Heritage Society, Mr. Niño Kevin D. Baclig, Museum Director, Cagayan Museum and Historical Research Center, Dr Idham Bachtiar Setiadi (Suar Bahri Kultura Foundation)

# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## 6th Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF) Board of Management Meeting

21st November 2025 @ ICOM Square



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## Study Visit to Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial (RCBM) Hospital for SHS Members & UNIMAS (Faculty of Built Environment) Students

28th November 2025 @ RCBM Hospital



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## Study Visit to “The Bungalow”, Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial (RCBM) Hospital for SHS Members & UNIMAS (Faculty of Built Environment) Students

28th November 2025 @ RCBM Hospital

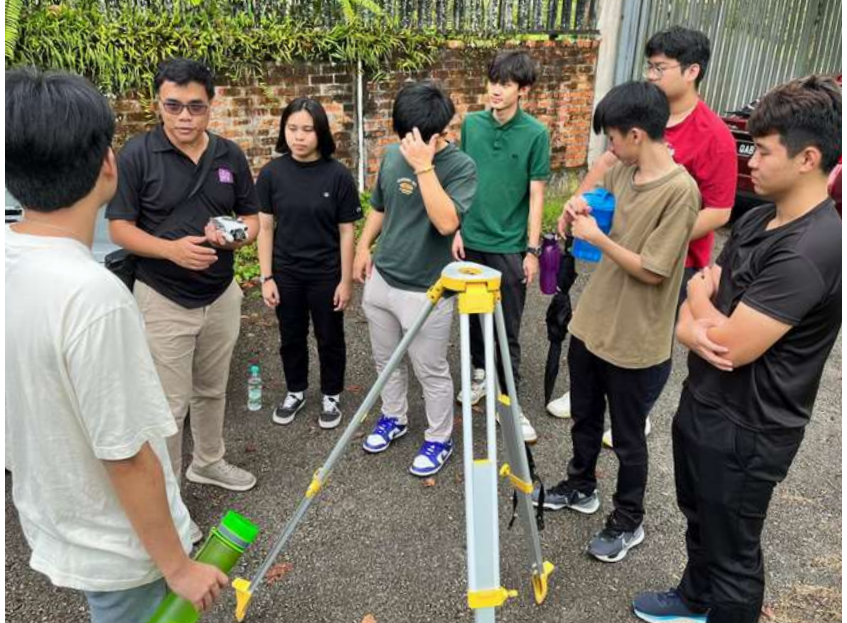


# Project: 3D Digitisation of the Old Nurses' Quarters (ONQ) In Collaboration with Swinburne University & Zeitgeist Inspira Technologies Sdn Bhd

14th May 2025

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Digital Twin Magic:  
Drone + Photogrammetry  
= Next-Gen Heritage



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## Meeting with Dato Sri Dr. Muhammad Abdullah bin Haji Zaidel, Deputy State Secretary Sarawak (Economic Planning and Development) regarding Old Nurses' Quarters Project

21st November 2025



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## Meeting with Datu Rashidah Bolhassan, Special Administrative Officer, Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts, regarding Heritage Matters

2nd December 2026



# ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

## Exco Meeting



20th February 2025



26th April 2025



3th November 2025

## Exhibition Plan for Chinese Hokkien School

10th May 2025

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## Networking Visit: Courtesy Call to The Siam Society, Thailand

9th December 2025 @ Siam Society Bangkok



L-R: **James Stent** (Council Member), **Kanitha Kasina-Ubol** (Managing Director), **Datin Rosemarie**, **Fauzy Ismail** (President, Singapore Heritage Society), **Januree Khongswadi** (Siamese Heritage Trust Manager)



# At a glance ...

## Website Views from 16 April 2025 - 15 April 2026

- Views - 68,400
- Visitors- 7,000

## Membership from Jan 2025 - Dec 2025

Total - 114

- Ordinary - 97
- Affiliate - 13
- Student - 4

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