

INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL PERANAKAN CONFERENCE & OFFICIAL
LAUNCH OF PERSATUAN PERANAKAN BABA NYONYA
KUALA LUMPUR & SELANGOR

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The registration fee will cover the whole programme i.e. conference, conference kit, official launch, lunch, refreshments and cultural performance.

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BABA NYONYA
A MULTICULTURAL LIVING LEGACY



Joint Organisers:
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Background

The history and origins of the Babas and Nyonyas go back over 600 years, when Chinese traders arrived in the Malay Peninsula, the nucleus of which was Malacca, the centre of the Malacca Sultanate. Inter-marriage with the local women resulted in a unique hybrid culture, a beautiful synthesis of cultural elements of Chinese, Malay, Javanese, Thai and European cultures. The Peranakan culture flourished in what was called the Golden Age of the Babas from the late 19 to the mid-20th century. It was between 1900 and 1920 that the three Peranakan associations of Singapore, Malacca and Penang were formed. These three associations, with their long histories, are the anchors for late 20th century Peranakan resurgence. In 2008, another newcomer appeared on the Peranakan scene. The PPNKLS is the first Peranakan association (within Malaysia and Singapore) formed outside of the former Straits Settlements; it was founded by a group of babas and nyonyas who sought a tangible connection with their Peranakan heritage. Physically distant from Malacca, Penang and Singapore, the Peranakan living in Kuala Lumpur & Selangor hope that by creating sites and spaces to celebrate their Peranakan identity, they can reconnect with their unique culture and heritage. One of the main objectives of the PPNKLS is to celebrate and promote an awareness of the Peranakan culture beyond the traditional bastions of the Babas and Nyonyas. This inaugural international conference is one of its outcomes.

The Peranakan Chinese have contributed much to the socio-economic, political, social and cultural development of Malaysia, Singapore and Southeast-Asia. In an era of globalisation and increasing homogeneity, with its concomitant dangers of erosion and loss of minority cultures and languages, it is timely that we explore the challenges that the Peranakan community faces. In the light of a resurgence of interest in all things Peranakan, this conference aims to tackle some issues pertaining to this unique community, and explore ways to ensure that it will not disappear but continue to evolve and thrive, contributing to the multicultural mosaic of the social/cultural/economic and political fabric of Malaysia, Singapore and the international community.

Theme

Theme – ‘Baba Nyonya : A Multicultural Living Legacy’
 Sub themes:
 Identity: Identity ambiguity and identity maintenance in changing times
 Peranakan contributions to SE Asia & the international scene – culture, art, literature and society
 Showcasing a unique culture and heritage – keeping the culture alive
 Challenges in the 21st century: The way forward

Objectives of the Conference

- To bring together local and international scholars, researchers, Peranakan personalities, the media, the arts and culture personnel, association members and friends of the Peranakan to examine issues and challenges related to the Peranakan community
- To provide a platform for discussion and debate, networking and fraternity
- To deliberate on the role, contributions and achievements of the Peranakan
- To articulate pathways and directions forward

Programme

8.30 am–9.00 am : Registration
 9.00 am – 9.15 am : Opening Address by Professor Datuk Dr. Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, Founding Director, KITA
 9.15 am – 10.15 am : Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address *Twilight or High Noon? Peranakan Adaptability and Resilience in the 21st Century* by Dr. Lee Su Kim, President, PPNKLS & Associate Professor, FSSK, UKM.
 10.15 am -10.45 am : Tea Break

Session 1 Multiculturalism and the Peranakan Legacy

10.45 am – 11.20 am : 1st Paper - *Peranakan Chinese and their Culture in Southeast Asia: A Preliminary Survey* by Professor Dr Leo Suryadinata, Chinese Heritage Centre, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
 11.20 am – 11.55 am : 2nd Paper – *Multiculturalism or Early Globalisation? The sarong kebaya and the Peranakan contribution to 5 centuries of an international style* by Peter Lee, Honorary Curator, The Baba House, Singapore.
 11.55 am - 12.30 pm : 3rd Paper – by Kenson Kwok, Director, Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore
 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm : Lunch & Baba Nyonya Cultural Exhibition & Bazaar

Session 2 Keeping Alive the Peranakan Legacy

2.00 pm – 2.35 pm : 4th Paper – *Museums as Custodians of Culture* by En. Kamarul Baharin, Muzium Negara Kuala Lumpur
 2.35 pm – 3.10 pm : 5th Paper – *The Quest for Political Leadership: The Straits Chinese in Malaysia* by Dr. Lee Kam Hing, Asian Center of Media Studies, The Star, Malaysia
 3.10 pm – 4.00 pm : Panel session and Close of conference

Session 3 Launch and Cultural Performance

4.00 pm - 4.30 pm : *Launch of Persatuan Peranakan Baba Nyonya Kuala Lumpur & Selangor*
 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm : Baba Nyonya Cultural Show
 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm : Coffee/Tea and Nyonya Kueh
 6.00 pm : End

Kepada sesiapa yang ingin menyertai sila isi Borang Pendaftaran dan hantar kepada Urusetia Seminar Baba Nyonya. Sebarang pertanyaan sila hubungi 03-8921 4641@ E-mail : faris@ukm.my