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National Workshop on Harmonizing Coordination to Implement Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Strategy in the Heritage City of George Town

Date : 1-2 March 2018

Venue : Bayview George Town Hotel, Penang, Malaysia

Organizers : UNESCO Office Jakarta, in cooperation with George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI) and Think City

I. Background of the workshop

Under the framework of the Malaysian Funds-in-Trust (MFIT), UNESCO Office Jakarta in cooperation with UNESCO Apia Office is implementing a project entitled “*Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) of Heritage Cities in Southeast Asia (SEA) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)*”, with the aim to build the capacity of the pilot heritage cities for DRR by developing DRR strategies and mobilizing stakeholders. 3 pilot sites selected for this project are: 1) Melaka and George Town (Malaysia), 2) Kota Lama Semarang (Indonesia), and 3) Levuka Port Town (Fiji). The present National Workshop is specifically addressed to the case of George Town heritage city.

This workshop builds on the results of the two activities carried out in 2017, namely the development of **Preliminary Report on DRR Efforts in Heritage Cities in the Asia-Pacific region** (April 2017) and the **organization of Inception Workshop in Penang to officially kick-off the project** (May 2017). These two activities have provided baseline information on the disaster threats, challenges and key elements of DRR efforts undertaken in the three pilot heritage cities. On the basis of the above work, each of the selected pilot sites is expected to develop its own specific draft DRR Strategy, while conducting detailed assessment of hazard and vulnerability as well as gap analysis of the current disaster management plan.

To ensure the participation of local community – as custodian and inhabitant of the heritage city – in the development of DRR strategy, the document is to be reviewed through community consultation workshops. Two community consultation workshops have been so far conducted in George Town with the objective of collecting data, identifying vulnerability/risks to the structural and non-structural assets as well as getting suggestion of community’s involvement in the DRR process.

The present National Workshop in Penang, gathering Malaysian government representatives, cultural heritage managers, DRR agencies and experts intends to review the draft DRR strategy, developed so far with the inputs of the local communities. In doing so, the National Workshop aims to familiarize the district-level, state-level as well as federal-level government institutions with the draft George Town DRR strategy, thereby coordinating and harmonizing their engagement in the whole process of disaster risk management in George Town. Inputs and feedbacks received from the participants during the workshop will be incorporated in the final version of the DRR Strategy of George Town. Through the involvement of

government institutions from various levels in the National Workshop, the National Workshop also intends to mainstream disaster risk reduction of George Town in the National DRR Plan.

II. Objectives of the National Workshop

1. To present the draft George Town DRR Strategy with community inputs to the Malaysian government officials, cultural heritage managers and DRR agencies, thereby seeking their advice on the ways to improve the draft DRR strategy;
2. To harmonize district, state and federal government coordination and engagement in the process of disaster risk management in George Town.
3. To discuss ways to mainstream DRR for heritage city in the National DRR Plan.

III. Resource persons

1. Dr. Matt Benson, Think City (Malaysia)
2. Dr. Ceelia Leong, Think City (Malaysia)
3. Jun Yi Wong, Think City (Malaysia)
4. Dr. Ang Ming Chee, George Town World Heritage Incorporated (Malaysia)
5. Dr. Rohit Jigyasu (India)

IV. Participants

1. Representative from the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO (2 persons)
2. Representatives from the Heritage Management Office of Melaka (2 persons)
3. Representatives from the Heritage Management Office of George Town (2 persons)
4. Representatives from Think City (2 persons)
5. Representative from Jabatan Warisan Negara (National Heritage Board) (2 persons)
6. Representative from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of Malaysia (2 persons)
7. Representative from the Ministry of Works, Government of Malaysia (2 persons)
8. Representative from the Ministry of Environment, Government of Malaysia (2 persons)
9. Representative from the National Disaster Management Agency/NADMA (2 persons)
10. Representative from the National Security Council (2 persons)
11. Representative from the Federal Disaster Management and Relief Committee/DMRC (2 person)
12. Representative from the Penang State Executive Council (2 persons)
13. Representative from the Penang Local Council (2 persons)
14. Representative from the State Secretary Department of Penang (2 persons)
15. Representative from the local police (1-2 persons)
16. Representative from the local firefighting department (1-2 persons)
17. Representative from the local community (2 persons)
18. Representatives from the civil society organizations (1 person/each)
19. Representative from the academics / professional association (1 person)

AGENDA

DAY 1: Thursday, 1 March 2018

Time	Activity	Speaker	Moderator
08:30 – 09:00	Registration		
09:00 - 09:40	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Remarks by Chief Minister of Penang - Welcoming remarks by Secretary General, Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO - Special remarks by General Manager, George Town World Heritage Incorporated - Special remarks by Director of UNESCO Office, Jakarta <p>Group Photo session (5 min)</p>		
09:40 – 10:00	<i>Press Conference and Tea Break</i>		
10:00 - 10:30	Session 1: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sendai Framework for Disaster Reduction 2015-2030 • Introduction to the Project “Capacity Building for DRR of Heritage Cities in SEA and SIDS in the Pacific”, the National Workshop and the expected Output 	Rohit Jigyasu UNESCO	Asanti Astari
10:30 – 11:00	Session 2: Report from the Capacity Building Course Participation at the Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan	GTWHI	
11:00 – 12:00	Session 3: Disaster Risk Assessment of George Town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process of developing the draft DRR strategy and the community consultation - Background of disaster occurrences in George Town - Hazards, exposure and vulnerability analysis - Impact analysis on the heritage inventories 	Think City	
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
13:00 – 14:30	Session 3: (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction: GIS as a Disaster Management Tool - Engaging stakeholders and specialists to develop a GIS Decision Support Model (DSM) for Disaster Management 	Think City	

14:30 – 17:30	Session 4: Disaster Mitigation / Preparedness in George Town - Disaster mitigation readiness and identified gaps in George Town	Think City	Murali Ram
	- Adapting UNESCO Framework on Disaster Risk Mitigation strategy for George Town	Rohit Jigyasu	
	- Group exercise: what, who, when, how	Moderator	

DAY 2: Friday, 2 March 2018

Time	Activity	Speaker	Moderator
09:00 – 12:00	Session 5: Disaster Response in George Town - Disaster response readiness and identified gaps in George Town	Think City	Jun Yi Wong
	- Adapting UNESCO strategy in disaster response for George Town	Rohit Jigyasu	
	<i>Break</i>		
	- Group exercise: what, who, when, how	Moderator	
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
13:00 – 15:00	Session 6: Disaster Rehabilitation / Recovery in George Town - Disaster rehabilitation / recovery and identified gaps in George Town	Think City	Murali Ram
	- Adapting UNESCO strategy in disaster recovery for George Town	Rohit Jigyasu	
	<i>Break</i>		
	- Group exercise: what, who, when, how	Moderator	
15:00 – 15:30	Session 7: Chapter 4: Strategies to Mainstreaming DRR for Heritage Site in the National DRR Policy: Learning from Good Practices	Rohit Jigyasu	Moe Chiba
15:30 – 16:00	Session 8: Wrap up on Action Plan Forward	GTWHI and Think City	GTWHI
16:00 – 16:15	Session 9: Conclusion and Closing	UNESCO	