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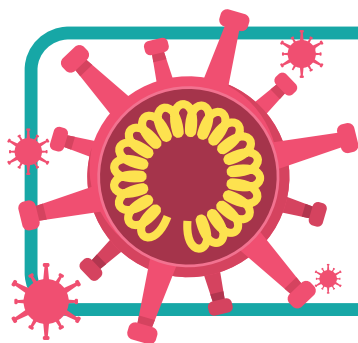
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Puan Aida Lim Abdullah



# CORONAVIRUS



## WHAT IS IT

Coronaviruses are a group of related RNA viruses that cause diseases in mammals and birds. In humans, these viruses cause respiratory tract infections that can range from mild to lethal.



## PREVENTION

At the end of the day, the goals are simple: Safety and security.



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Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue.



Avoid Crowd Places.





## SYMPTOMS

Nothing is of greater importance than the conservation of human life.



## INCUBATION

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the coronavirus' incubation period is believed to be 2 to 14 days.

## EVENT CALENDAR OF THE YEAR

**PONGAL CELEBRATION**Event Date: **14 Jan 2021**

Pongal is a harvest festival celebrated during the beginning of the year (January or February) by Hindus, and it is celebrated when crops like paddy and sugarcane are harvested.

**THAIPUSAM**Event Date: **28 Jan 2021**

Thaipusam is a religious occasion held by devotees for the purpose of seeking blessings, fulfilling vows, and offering thanks to Lord Murugan.

Address: *Arulmigu Balathandayuthapani Hilltop Temple*

**CHINESE NEW YEAR**Event Date: **12 - 13 Feb 2021**

Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Lunar Calendar, with each year ushering in a zodiac animal ruling sign. 2021 is the year of Ox. Celebrations start on the eve of Chinese New Year where family members gather for a Reunion Dinner.

**CHAP GOH MEH**Event Date: **26 Feb 2021**

Celebrated on the 15th day of the Chinese Lunar Calendar, Chap Goh Meh is the final day of the two week-long Chinese New Year Celebration. It is also known as Chinese Valentine's Day. On this day, the singles carry out Mandarin Tossing Ceremony and look forward to welcoming their new love and happiness.

**22ND PENANG SPORTS CLUB (PSC) INTERNATIONAL SOCCER 7'S TOURNAMENT 2021**Event Date: **06 - 07 Mar 2021**

The Soccer Section of Penang Sports Club (PSC) will be organising their 22nd edition of the PSC International Soccer 7's Tournament for 22 consecutive years in 2021.

Address: *Penang Sports Club*

**THAI WATER FESTIVAL (SONGKRAN)**Event Date: **13 Apr 2021**

Songkran or Water Festival is a traditional festival celebrated by Thai and Burmese devotees to mark the beginning of a New Year. It is celebrated by liberally splashing water on each other.

Address: *Wat Chayamangkalaram Thai Buddhist Temple & Dharmikarama Burmese Buddhist Temple*

**RAMADAN BAZAAR**Event Date: **13 Apr - 12 May 2021**

During the Muslim fasting month, a sumptuous array of food, local delicacies, festive cookies, clothing, and religious items will be sold at month-long evening Ramadan Bazaars around the state.

Address: *KOMTAR Pedestrian Walk & along many streets*

**VAISAKHI**Event Date: **14 Apr 2021**

Vaisakhi marks the harvest festival and the start of the Punjabi New Year. The occasion is observed by the Sikh community with prayers in Sikh temples.

Address: *Wadda Gurdwara Penang*

**HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI**Event Date: **13 - 14 May 2021**

In Malaysia, the Muslims celebrate the start of the month of Syawal with their families and friends. It marks the end of a month-long fasting during Ramadan.

**WESAK DAY**Event Date: **26 May 2021**

Wesak Day is observed by devotees to celebrate Buddha's birthday, enlightenment and achievement of Nirvana. The occasion is observed by devotees with prayers in temples.

Address: *Malaysian Buddhist Association*

**PENANG INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL (PIFF)**Event Date: **01 - 30 Jun 2021**

The Penang International Food Festival (PIFF) is an annual 16-day event, offering visitors an exciting experience to indulge in Penang's famed food. Presenting endless delectable choices, PIFF is the place for food, stories, experience, culture and traditions.

Address: *Around Penang*

**PENANG DURIAN FESTIVAL**Event Date: **01 - 31 Jul 2021**

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Address: *Jalan Burma, Jalan Macalister, Jalan Anson, Anjung Indah Balik Pulau, Bao Sheng Durian Farm*





## GEORGE TOWN HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

Event Date: **07 Jul 2021**

George Town Heritage Celebrations is an annual event that will be held online this year. Festival enthusiasts can expect interactive and educational programmes that aim to celebrate the living heritage of George Town and to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding our shared cultural heritage.

Address: *George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site*

## GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL (GTF)

Event Date: **10 - 18 Jul 2021**

The George Town Festival (GTF) is an annual festival held in Penang, in honour of the city's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008. The Festival is committed to promoting the beauty of arts, culture and heritage to all. This Festival will be reimagined and curated as a hybrid festival in 2021, integrating traditional forms of on-site entertainment with modern virtual elements.

Address: *George Town*

## PENANG ANIME MATSURI

Event Date: **17 - 18 Jul 2021**

Dive into the anime world at Penang Anime Matsuri. The two-day event features fascinating anime characters, anisong artists, cosplayers, guests, stage activities, and collectible items.

Address: *Setia SPICE Arena*

## HUNGRY GHOST FESTIVAL

Event Date: **08 Aug - 06 Sep 2021**

It is believed to be when the Gates of Hell are opened for spirits and ghosts to roam freely. Makeshift altars are erected at roadsides where giant joss sticks are lit and food offered. Staged operas are also conducted for the entertainment of ghosts, spirits, and the public on a nightly basis.

Address: *George Town & Around Penang*



## AWAL MUHARRAM

Event Date: **10 Aug 2021**

Also known as Maal Hijrah, it marks the first day in the Islamic Calendar (Hijrah Calendar). It is equivalent to the 1st of January in the Gregorian Calendar. In most states, it is gazetted as a public holiday.

## MERDEKA DAY

Event Date: **31 Aug 2021**

To commemorate Malaysia's Independence Day, an annual Merdeka Parade will be organised by the Penang State Government where contingents representing various government agencies will be taking part in the occasion.

Address: *Penang Esplanade*

## MALAYSIA DAY

Event Date: **16 Sep 2021**

A significant date in the history of Malaysia as it marks the joining together of Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak to form Malaysia in 1963.

## NINE EMPEROR GODS TEMPLE

Event Date: **04 - 13 Oct 2021**

The Nine Emperor Gods Festival is celebrated on the 1st till 9th day of the ninth month in the lunar calendar. Throughout this festival, rituals such as skewering and fire walking ceremonies are carried out. On the last day, the Gods are sent off to the sea accompanied by many other colourful floats.

Address: *Tow Boo Kong Temple, 894 & 896, Mk14, Jalan Raja Uda, Butterworth*



## DEEPAVALI

Event Date: **04 Nov 2021**

This colourful festival is also known as "The Festival of Lights" and is celebrated by Hindus all around the world. Oil lamps are lit and decorated in their homes on Deepavali morning as a way of thanking the Gods for happiness, knowledge, peace, and wealth.

## CHRISTMAS

Event Date: **25 Dec 2021**

Celebrate the festivity with your family and loved ones on Christmas day.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN PARTY

Event Date: **31 Dec 2020**

Countdown to year 2022 at The Top Penang. There will be exciting shows and entertainment lined-up and a grand fireworks display.

*In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some events in Penang may have moved online or may have been postponed. Please refer to the respective individual event websites for the most up-to-date information.*

*All information stated here is correct at the time of printing. Remember to always refer to the latest information and updates on iNPenang website [www.inpenang.com](http://www.inpenang.com)*

# ALLEN TAN & THE HABITAT PENANG HILL- THE STORY SO FAR

Allen Tan, Managing Director, The Habitat Penang Hill & Member, Executive Committee of The Habitat Foundation is a lawyer by training with a family background in construction and property development, Allen never expected to find himself working in the tourism sector upon his return to Penang, let alone in an ecotourism company with a mission to conserve, educate and inspire people to care for the environment. Since The Habitat Penang Hill eco-park first opened on 8th January 2016, its mission has been to raise awareness among its visitors about the importance of our shared natural heritage. They do this by creating and curating opportunities for people to experience and reconnect with nature when visiting the park.

Further to this mission, The Habitat has been heavily involved in supporting the Penang State and Malaysian Governments' application to nominate Penang Hill and its surrounding areas as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme. Biosphere Reserves are learning places for sustainable development that promote solutions reconciling the conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use. If successful, the Penang Hill Biosphere Reserve, measuring 12,481 hectares in size and comprising both terrestrial and marine ecosystems, will join a World Network of over 700 Biosphere Reserves giving the state an environmental UNESCO recognition to complement its current World Heritage Site status. The initiative was spearheaded by the Penang Hill Corporation (PHC) with the close cooperation and support of The Habitat and other state and federal agencies, including the Penang State Forestry Department (Jabatan Perhutanan), the Department of Wild Life and National Parks (Perhilitan), and the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (KeTSA).



Through the work of its sister organisation, The Habitat Foundation, The Habitat supports conservation work in Penang and beyond through a mini grants programme. The founders and shareholders of The Habitat, the Cockrell Family, have pledged all profits generated by the park towards supporting the work of the foundation and have to date already deployed money and resources to support conservation efforts throughout Malaysia and beyond. Allen says that The Habitat organized and funded a biodiversity survey, known as the Penang Hill BioBlitz, in October 2017, the results of which were used to support the application







to UNESCO. The Habitat also funded the consultancy team from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) which prepared the submission dossier to support the application. Going forward, The Habitat is working closely with PHC, the School of Biological Sciences, USM and other partners to establish a rainforest research centre on Penang Hill. The goal is to attract scientists from around the world to come to Penang to conduct rainforest research and studies related to environmental conservation and climate change.

For more information on The Habitat visit: [www.thehabitat.my](http://www.thehabitat.my)



Images courtesy of The Habitat Penang Hill

# Penang



YB Yeoh Soon Hin now helms “Tourism and Creative Economy” following Penang Chief Minister YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow’s announcement on the restructuring of Penang State Executive Councillors (EXCO) portfolios.

Creative economy encompasses an array of sectors including advertising, broadcasting, architecture, arts, crafts, design, fashion, heritage, gastronomy, music, publishing, theatre, technology and etc.

According to UNESCO, the creative economy is “one of the most rapidly growing sectors of the world economy and a highly transformative one in terms of income generation, job creation and export earnings.” It is becoming a key force in entrepreneurship and innovation, helping to boost social development and employment.

It is common perception that the agriculture and manufacturing industries are the main economic generators whereas the creative industries are more of leisure than a form of work. However, over the years, it has become significantly clear that creative economy could be a remarkable and profitable industry in its own right.

Penang has taken the initiative to be the first state in Malaysia to introduce “Creative Economy” in the portfolio of a State EXCO, as it sets out to pave the way for economic dynamism on a macro perspective by leveraging on its arts, culture and heritage sectors.

Since George Town was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008, urban planners and stakeholders have been studying the feasibility of branding Penang as a “Creative City” to boost and rejuvenate urban development for the State. Penang’s assets lie in its exceptional living culture, architecture, multiculturalism and rich collection of historical elements. This is essential to become a sustainable city, which is aligned to the Penang2030 vision.

The concept of “Creative City” was introduced in October 2004 by UNESCO through the launch of The Creative Cities Network to connect cities and share experiences, ideas, and best practices for cultural, social, and economic development. Historical cities equipped with the diversity of cultural resources such as George Town have profound potential to stimulate the development of our creative sectors, and has offered Penang the unique opportunity to transform the conventional tourism industry into a creative tourism industry.

Penang’s arts and culture industries have also displayed steady development across the years. Significant events such as George Town Festival and George Town Heritage Celebrations have empowered local communities, nurtured the growth of local talents and opened the eyes of Penangites to international showcases. With its success in hosting world class performances through cross-cultural collaborations and local community engagements, Penang is now well known as one of the most vibrant creative arts and cultural hub in the region.





# takes on a new direction with CREATIVE ECONOMY



Penang's outstanding street arts flourishes in tandem with the growth of its arts and culture industries, gaining numerous recognitions over the years such as the 8th Most Liveable & Workable City in Asia and 2nd best street food in the world. Penang was also listed by The Telegraph as #2 in "Six of the World's Most Thrilling Long Haul City Breaks" and has received mentions from CNN as one of the Best Places to Visit for the Ultimate Asia Experience.

In addition, United Nation has also declared 2021 as the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, which recognises the need to promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, foster innovation and provide opportunities, benefits and empowerment for all, as well as respect for all human rights.

The Penang State Government currently strives towards achieving the status of a UNESCO Creative City to realise our vision in positioning Penang as a creative economy hub.

Hence, it is pivotal to educate and initiate public awareness regarding the State's efforts to encourage public participation and promote inclusivity as the duty to develop, promote and implement creative economy does not lie solely in the hands of the authorities.

The synchronized efforts of all parties and active public involvement are core catalysts in ensuring that Penang is one step closer to becoming an economic powerhouse for the nation.



**YB YEOH SOON HIN**  
*Penang State EXCO for Tourism,  
Arts, Culture & Heritage (PETACH)*



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- 2 Ghee Hiang, Macalister Road
- 3 Ghee Hiang, Beach Street
- 4 The Whiteaways Arcade
- 5 Penang State Museum
- 6 Penang State Museum - HQ Office
- 7 Penang State Art Gallery

- 8 One East Museum
- 9 Wonderfood Museum
- 10 Penang 3D Trick Art Museum
- 11 PG Gold Museum
- 12 Dark Mansion
- 13 House of Amber
- 14 New World Park

- 15 The Top
- 16 Manchu Bar
- 17 Coffee on the Table
- 18 HeiHei Club
- 19 Teels Heritage Cafe
- 20 Winter Warmer
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### PENANG HOP ON HOP OFF



The Penang State Art Gallery is a comprehensive collection devoted to modern and contemporary art.

### PENANG BIRD PARK



It is home to more than 300 species of birds from around the world. Conceived as a garden oasis, the 5-acre park is filled with waterfalls, natural ponds and a rich diversity of flora and fauna. You can also spot free-roaming pelicans, flamingos, swans, storks, mandarin ducks and other kinds of birds.

### TROPICAL SPICE GARDEN



Discover Penang's legacy as a spice island in Asia's only award-winning spice garden. Set out over 8 acres of secondary forest, Tropical Spice Garden is home to over 500 exotic types of unique plants with beautifully landscaped trails.

### ENTOPIA



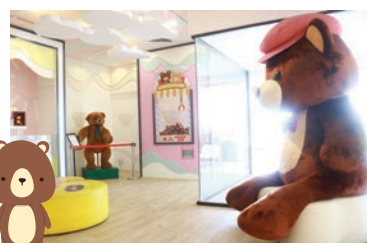
Set within this lush tropical sanctuary and vivarium are two attractions - The Natureland living outdoor gardens and The Cocoon indoor discovery centre. Over 150 species of fauna and 200 species of flora are showcased throughout Entopia. Its discovery centre features two floors of interactive learning exhibits and activities.

### PENANG TROPICAL FRUIT FARM



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### TEDDYVILLE MUSEUM



This interpretative museum is Malaysia's first and largest collection of teddy bears from various nations and eras as early as the 1900s. Check out the very first batches of teddy bears ever made to miniature teddies and even human sized ones!



## AUDI DREAM FARM



Audi Dream Farm, a mini-farm that grows natural fruits and vegetables without pesticides and herbicides. Not only do they grow crops, but they also have a petting farm with animals!

## THE HABITAT PENANG HILL



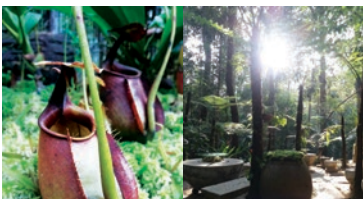
The Habitat is a world class ecotourism facility on the fringes of a 130-million year old virgin rainforest on Penang Hill. It promotes environmental and conservation awareness amongst visitors through its amazing nature trails, canopy walkways and zip lines.

## THE CAMERA & OWL MUSEUM



The Camera and Owl Museum is a specialty museum in Penang Hill. It occupies the lowest level of the three-storey Cliff Cafe complex. You can see the exterior of the museum as you exit the Penang Hill Railway Upper Station and walk through the elevated corridor.

## MONKEYCUP@PENANGHILL



The Monkey Cup Garden is a garden specializing in pitcher plants. Most plants originate from the deep jungles of Malaysia and Indonesia as well as from Madagascar and Brazil.

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Ghee Hiang is a household name in Penang that will be celebrating its 165th year in 2021. Today, Ghee Hiang offers a wide range of heart baked, handmade pastries that are made daily and beverages like coffee and herbal tea. Ghee Hiang is also famous for its 100% pure high grade sesame oil that has been ranked amongst the best in the world. Ghee Hiang prides itself for producing high quality products made from natural ingredients and centuries-old recipes.

## HARRISTON SIGNATURE



Harriston Signature is a Malaysian chocolatier with a major outlet in George Town, Penang. The Penang outlet is located on Kelawai Road, between Concordia Road and Jalan Pemenang. Opened in July, 2017, Harriston Signature Outlet Penang comprises a chocolate boutique, a cafe, and a workshop offering DIY classes.

## THE CHOCOLATE BOUTIQUE



The Chocolate Boutique is a tourist shop on Leith Street, in George Town, Penang. It specializes in retailing branded and high-end chocolate products, mostly to foreign tourists who arrive by tour coaches.

## DAVID BROWN'S RESTAURANT & TEA TERRACE



Tucked away in the corner of Penang's iconic Penang Hill is David Brown's at Strawberry Hill, a quintessential British colonial Restaurant and Tea Terrace which also happens to be the highest restaurant in Penang.

## TRAVIS HEGEL



Travis Hegel is a one-stop branded travel and outdoor retail chain store with specialises in bag repairs services in Malaysia.

## CRAFT BATIK



Craft Batik showcases and sells a variety of beautiful Batik for men and women. There are also scarves, tablecloths, souvenirs and batik printing available. A tour to view the printing process of the Traditional Hand Block-Printing Batik and Hand Drawn Batik is a must when coming to visit!



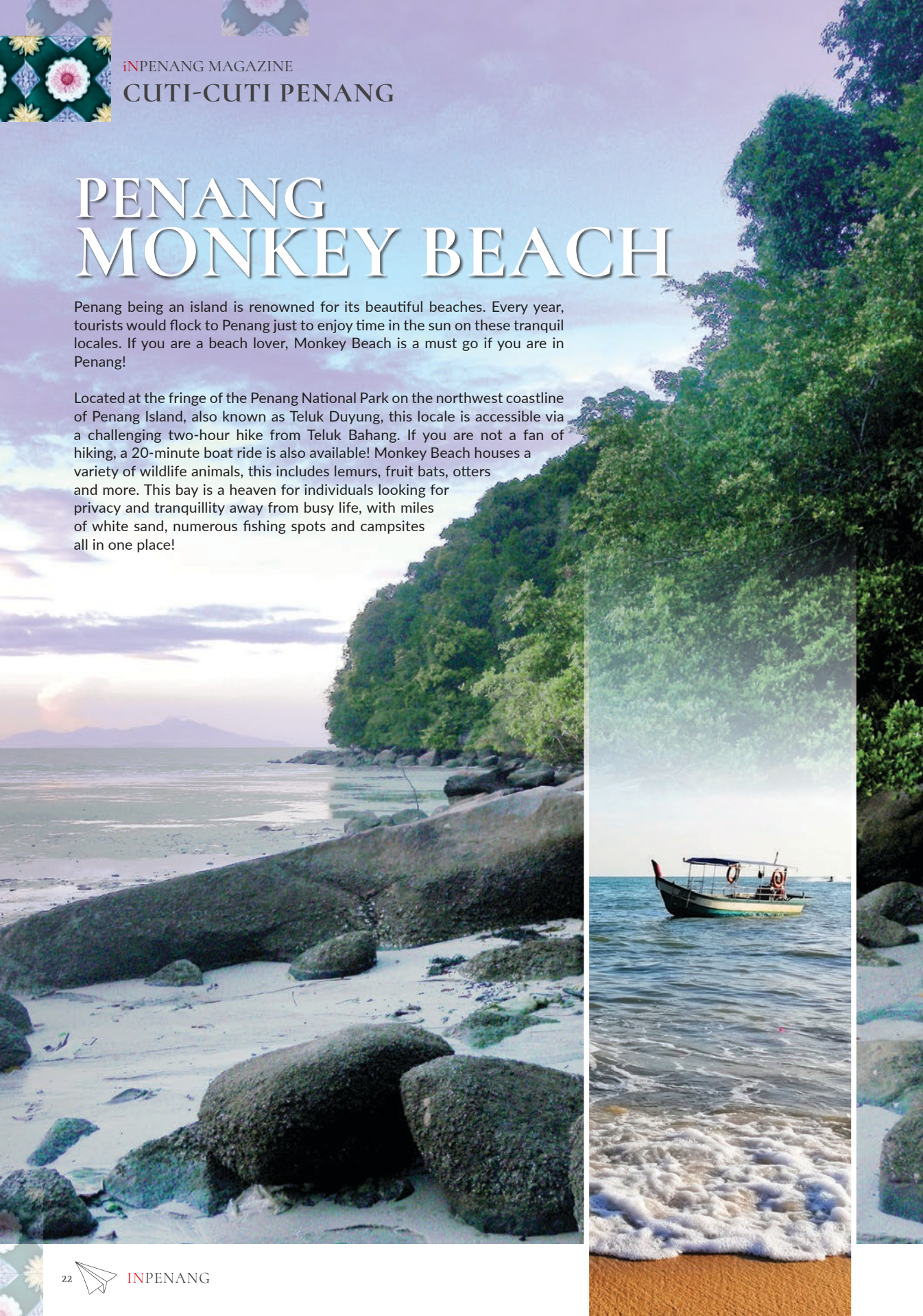
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# PENANG MONKEY BEACH

Penang being an island is renowned for its beautiful beaches. Every year, tourists would flock to Penang just to enjoy time in the sun on these tranquil locales. If you are a beach lover, Monkey Beach is a must go if you are in Penang!

Located at the fringe of the Penang National Park on the northwest coastline of Penang Island, also known as Teluk Duyung, this locale is accessible via a challenging two-hour hike from Teluk Bahang. If you are not a fan of hiking, a 20-minute boat ride is also available! Monkey Beach houses a variety of wildlife animals, this includes lemurs, fruit bats, otters and more. This bay is a heaven for individuals looking for privacy and tranquillity away from busy life, with miles of white sand, numerous fishing spots and campsites all in one place!







## Eyes That Spark

One of a kind, Spark Optics is a stylist independent optical shop, available in-store and online. Since its humble beginning in 2015, this is a place to go for everything extraordinary.

"We think differently, rebellious by nature, free spirited, independent and yet passionately honoring our heritage" says founder of Spark Optics Wayne Ng,

The shop-in-café concept is unique and located at the heart of Penang's heritage enclave, Georgetown. With the attitude of not not settling for any

less than perfect for customers, Spark is led by an experienced optician of more than 25 years, together with a rigorously well-trained & multi-talented team.

Spark is home to many local & international "indie eyewear" brands from around the globe. Housing only unique artisanal, hip and period eyewear brands for those with a hunger for independent thinking. For those who needs a good pair of spectacles and not forgetting to look cool with it, Spark is definitely a place to eye on.



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# PENANG SMART PARKING

*Running out of parking coupons every time you find a parking spot is the greatest nuisance! To provide a solution to this matter, the Penang Smart Parking (PSP) app was launched by the state council. It is the first of its kind in the country with paper-based coupons unavailable after the 31st of December 2019. This means in 2020 the parking payment in Penang will be fully digital.*

This app is a great upgrade to the conventional way of using parking coupons. It eliminates the hassle of searching for parking coupon booths and the time consumed to scratch it when you are rushing for time. You can easily find parking around selected zones, reload your wallet and pay your parking and summon in no time! The Penang Smart Parking app is conveniently downloadable from Google Play and the Apple App Store.

This parking system implements a combination of Internet of Things (IoT), sensor technology, the online payment system and the navigation system. There are 36,000 parking bays in the state with 24,000 bays under the supervision of the Seberang Perai Municipal Council (SPMC) and 12,000 bays under the Penang City Council (PCC). Smart parking sensors will also be installed to monitor the entry and exit of vehicles.

One of the best features of this app is that it provides users with vacant parking spots based on real-time information. If parking spots in the area are full, the system will provide the user with the closest alternatives available.

The Penang Smart Parking is one of the many initiatives the Penang council has launched to strive towards becoming a smart state. Although it may be hard to adapt to this major change at the beginning, but with time this app holds great potential towards improving the future of Penang's transportation system.



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# THE RETIREMENT PLAN

*Planning your retirement soon? Here is why you should choose Penang*

According to Forbes, Penang ranks #10 as the Best Places to Retire Abroad due to our excellent yet reasonably priced medical care and living standards. George Town is widely popular for retirees across multiple continents, so whether you're a Brit, an American, an Australian or a Chinese, you might consider setting up your home and enjoy expatriate life in retirement in Penang. Penang has a reasonably large and diverse community so it will not be as hard to adapt.

## LOW COST OF LIVING

The cost for accommodation, utilities, groceries and other miscellaneous expenses are relatively cheap, making it possible for westerners to retire and live like a rock star here in Penang. However, it really depends on how fancy or frugal you would like to be. According to Oh MY Expat Life, a budget living for two with affordable comfort in a fairly high-densed

apartment among locals in Tanjung Bungah would conclude a total monthly expenditure of approximately RM4026.

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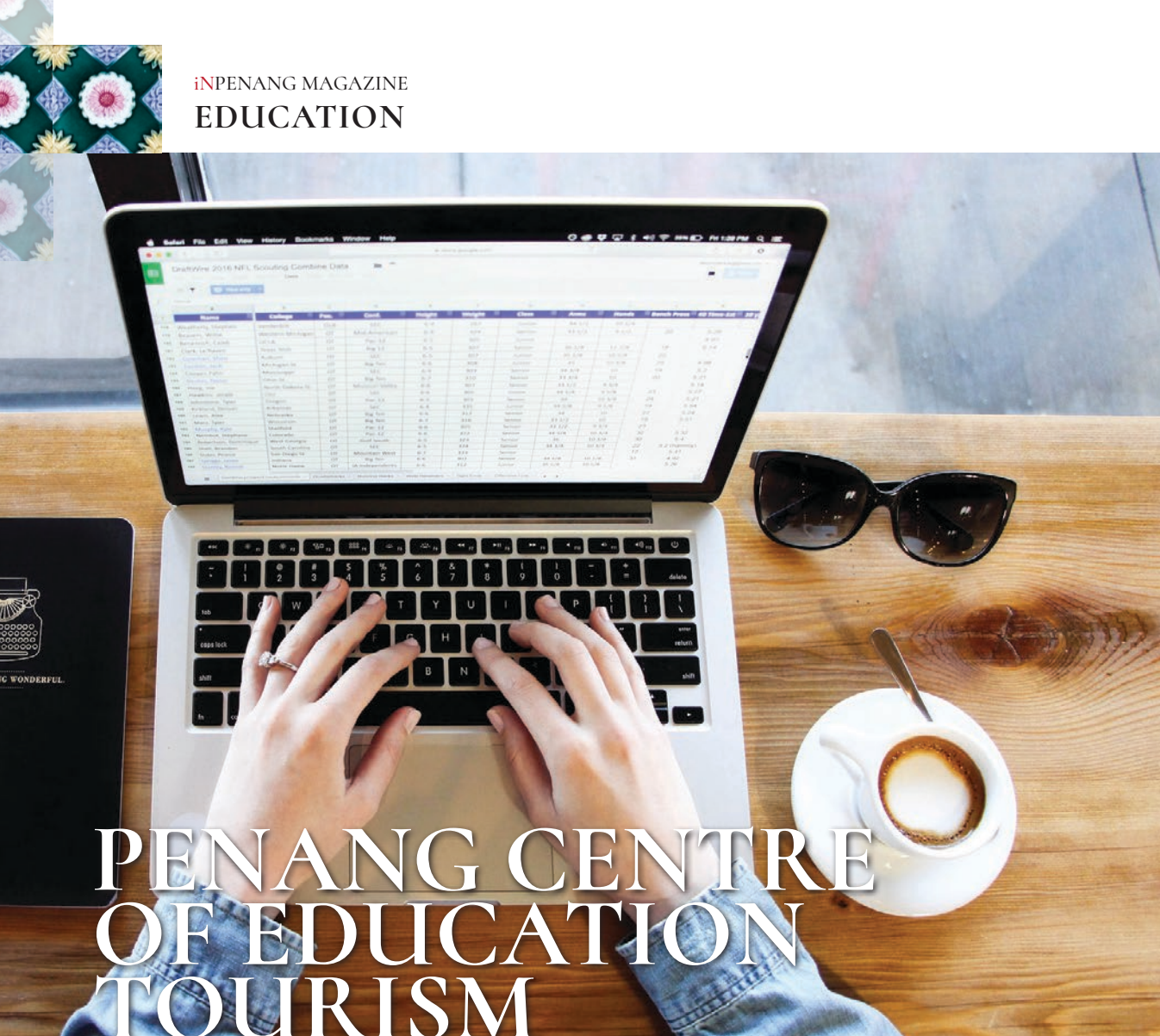
The streets of Penang are renowned as a food paradise due to the influences of ethnicity, culture and religion. The diversity has brought forth a wide selective range of food, yet none falls short of the rating "delicious". Enjoy your lifetime with delectable food at a modest price.

## EXCELLENT HEALTH CARE

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Dato' Abdul Halim Hussain.

# PUAN AIDA LIM ABDULLAH THE NEW CEO OF PENANG HALAL

Puan Aida has more than 25 years of varied experience in organizations ranging from audit firms, financial institution, GLCs to regulators, such as Bursa Malaysia Bhd ("Bursa", Malaysia's Stock Exchange) and the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC"). She has in-depth financial and capital market experience in a variety of roles, including corporate governance, internal control, risk management, audit, banking, treasury, corporate finance, merger and acquisition, investment strategies, financial technology/digital solutions/fintech, shariah, halal & toyibban management, supply chain, tender and procurement management.

In April 2020, upon her appointment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Penang Halal International ("PHI", formerly known as PIHH Development Sdn Bhd) an agency of the Penang State Government, she recognised that the Covid-19 pandemic would be a challenging time for businesses in Penang especially during the MCO period. Her project was to initiate a partnership with key technology players in the industry to provide trade, commerce, and payment solutions. For instance, partnering with FOODPANDA during the Ramadan month in 2020, she leads PHI to help the Penang halal F&B industry. She further expanded by striking a collaboration with SHOPEE and created the Penang E-Mall with a HALAL SECTION helping Penang merchants to expand their activities online. To date, PHI has helped more 6000 merchants to get into online commerce, online business workshops, training and enabling sessions for digital e-commerce, provide core halal introduction course and many more. PHI is proud to organise the "International Inspirasi Khadijah 2020", the first International virtual Cross Border e-Commerce event in 18 to 20 December 2020.





# INTERNATIONAL

Another notable effort by her is the recent initiative to re-define and clarify the corporate name, re-position PHI, rebuild the corporate image by introducing new website, Vision, Mission and Values to be embraced by PHI.

Prior to joining PHI, Aida was the Chief of Corporate Governance and Business Ecosystem of QSR Brands (M) Holdings Bhd, a key subsidiary of Johor Corporation. She was also a Member of the Board of Governors of Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG). She spent more than a decade in few senior management position in Bursa Malaysia and Securities Commission of Malaysia involved in regulating conduct of public listed companies, developing, and restructuring businesses, promoting corporate governance, drafting and implementing policies / listing requirement and capital market guidelines. During her stay in the Securities Commission, Chairman office, she also actively engaged in Malaysian Capital Market Development Policy, Investment and Financial Education Issues.

She obtained a degree in BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance (Major in Law) London, UK. She is a Chartered Accountant by profession with membership in Malaysia Institute of Accountants (MIA), Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) UK, Chartered Institute of Management Accountant of UK (CIMA), UK. Also member of Certified Financial Planner (CFP) US and Financial Planning Association Malaysia (FPAM); a Certified System Investigator (CSI) Singapore and was also an Associate Member of Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) US. She also completed her Diploma in Edu Language Development, Child Psychology, Special Education Need, London, UK.

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