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Hillside Bungalow to be Refurbished into a Family Lodge and Campsite

Eco-holiday goers will soon have another reason to immerse themselves in the nature and beauty of Penang Hill.

Since 2017, Penang Hill Corporation (PHC) has been restoring one of the heritage bungalows at Penang Hill, the "Hillside Bungalow". After months of restoration and through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, PHC is delighted to announce that an eco-friendly colonial-styled accommodation will soon be made available for those who wish to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city to spend a night or two amidst the 130 million-year-old rainforest at Penang Hill.

The restoration covers Hillside Bungalow and Tulip House that are nestled comfortably within the surrounding rainforest. Under this project, Hillside Bungalow along Upper Tunnel Road will have 4 boutique rooms, 4 bunk rooms plus an open area that can accommodate up to 16 four-person-tents for camping. Tulip House, located just below the main Summit Road near the Bee Gallery, will have 2 rooms. The maximum capacity for this project is about 80 persons.

Besides a design that blends well with the environment, the extensive amenities include living and dining areas, toilets and shower rooms, refuse and recyclable material storage, rain harvesting system and many other eco-friendly features; thus, making this project a truly unique one that offer campsites with a breath-taking panoramic view and comprehensive camping facilities.

Campers will get a chance to indulge themselves under a blanket of stars, inhaling the cool fresh air while casting their eyes over the Milky Way. This is a chance to enjoy a timeless moment of tranquility and intimacy with loved ones in peace and quiet.

Chief Minister of Penang cum PHC Chairman YAB Chow Kon Yeow said, "This public-private partnership project is in support of PHC's vision in making Penang Hill the hill resort of choice in Malaysia and the region. It also reflects the endeavours of the Penang state government to promote ecotourism and allowing families to spend quality time together by enjoying the natural beauty of Penang Hill throughout the day."

"This project will provide more opportunities for tourists who are keen on our environment and heritage to explore such hidden gems at different parts of Penang Hill with the extended time spent on the hill."

Built in the early 1900s, Hillside Bungalow is one of the oldest bungalows on Penang Hill and is classified as a Category II heritage building in the Penang Hill Local Plan 1998 and Penang Hill Special Area Plan 2016. The bungalow was once used as a rest house for British government officers. It was turned into a rest house for public servants after Independence and left vacant.



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On the other hand, Tulip House was built by the British in the 1920s for the workers at that time, the place was used as a government quarters after Independence. It was then handed over to PHC after 2011 and it was renovated in 2016.

PEMBINAAN YSBT (M) Sdn Bhd (YSBT) was selected to operate this new and exciting addition on Penang Hill after a Request For Proposal (RFP) was called in September 2017.

YSBT will further refurbish and equip Hillside Bungalow and Tulip House. It will also operate this truly unique family lodge and campsite as Hillside Retreat Penang. YSBT also aims to make this accommodation project available for the public at affordable prices.

Hillside Retreat Penang is expected to be ready by the end of October 2019 and the official launch date will be announced soon. For further information, please visit:

1. <https://www.facebook.com/hillsideretreatpenang/>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/mypenanghill/>

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About Penang Hill Corporation

Penang Hill Corporation was established in 2009 through an enactment passed by the Penang State Legislative Assembly. Its main focus is to manage the funicular system, maintain and develop Penang Hill as a major ecotourism destination, and its vision is to make Penang Hill the hill resort of choice in Malaysia and the region.

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Hillside Bungalow



Tulip House

