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Penang Hill Corporation Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary

Penang Hill Corporation (PHC) will be celebrating its 10-year jubilee at the Penang Hill Lower Station on 9th January 2021 (Saturday). The celebration was originally planned for November 2020 but was later postponed several times due to the spike of COVID-19 infections in the country.

The celebration will be officiated by the Chief Minister of Penang who is also the chairman of PHC, YB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow. Other attending guests include its former chairman, YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng, Deputy Chief Minister II YB Prof. Dr. Ramasamy A/L Palanisamy, Penang State Executive Councillor for Social Development and Non- Islamic Religious Affairs YB Puan Chong Eng, Penang State Executive Councillor for Welfare and Environment YB Tuan Phee Boon Poh, Penang State Executive Councillor for Tourism and Creative Economy (PETACE) YB Yeoh Soon Hin, Penang State Executive Councillor for Trade and Industry and Entrepreneurial Development YB Tuan Dato' Haji Abdul Halim Bin Haji Hussain, Penang State Executive Councillor for Youth and Sports YB Tuan Soon Lip Chee, and Penang State Executive Councillor for Health, Agrotechnology and Food Safety, and Rural Development, YB Dr. Hajah Norlela BT. Ariffin, and PHC's general manager, Dato' Cheok Lay Leng.

Since its inaugural in 2009 through an enactment passed by the Penang State Legislative Assembly, PHC is entrusted to primarily manage the funicular services, enhance the infrastructures and promote the conservation of heritage and culture with aims to make Penang Hill the hill resort of choice in Malaysia.

“Through PHC, the state government is able to continue to effectively play a vital role in the hill's sustainable development and see that the progress will bring it to greater heights. With Penang 2030's vision to become a family-focused, 'green and smart' state, I am pleased to that PHC has also aligned itself and undertaken the same approach in making Penang Hill family friendly and people-centric,” says YB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow.

“Over the years, the state government has invested an enormous amount for the improvement and upgrading works of Penang Hill and will continue to do so to enhance hill facilities, natural disaster mitigation work and slope stabilisation projects around the hill main areas. The funding also includes the refurbishment and restoration works at the state-owned heritage bungalows such as Edgecliff and a few other conservation works that are in the pipeline. PHC's application to see Penang Hill and its surrounding areas recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is also another initiative that will intensify education for sustainable development and conservation through scientific research and promote eco-tourism.

“All these initiatives would not have been possible if not for PHC's dedicated staff and pioneers who have contributed tremendously to the corporation's work, and whom we are celebrating today. I hope that PHC will continue to demonstrate resilience and emerge stronger than ever in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis that are upon us,” he adds.

In conjunction of the 10th anniversary celebration, author Mike Gibby will also be present to premiere his newly published book, *The Bungalows of Penang Hill*. The book is published by Entrepot Publishing Sdn, Bhd., and sponsored by both The Habitat Penang Hill and Penang Hill Corporation.

To complement the 10th anniversary celebration and jazz up the atmosphere at Penang Hill Lower Station, a series of specially choreographed dance by Adikarma.

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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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