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LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF WALL ART @ PENANG HILL LOWER  
STATION**

Penang Hill Corporation (PHC) launched the Wall Art @ Penang Hill Lower Station today, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Penang Hill Railway.

The Wall Art @ Penang Hill Lower Station is a collaboration between PHC and Equator College Penang, that have stepped forward to take the challenge of completing a rooftop mural that captures the essence of Penang Hill's breathtaking scenery, rich flora and fauna, and the funicular.

The idea for this project was initiated back in 2019, but unfortunately, due to the pandemic, it got delayed. However, the launch took place today and special thanks were given to one of the top-notch art colleges in Penang, Equator and its students for their dedicated efforts in spurring the growth of the creative industry in Penang.

Through this project, the students from Equator had not only the opportunity to express their creativity but also to learn about the rich natural heritage, history, and cultural significance of Penang Hill. It is a unique opportunity for them to explore the hidden gems of the state and draw inspiration for their artistic endeavours.

As the Penang Hill Lower Station Gallery is already a place for creative art, PHC aims to promote art through its facilities and create a space for art enthusiasts to showcase their talents and be innovative in the artistic expression of Penang Hill Biosphere Reserve.

PHC also showcased other remarkable art pieces created by talented artists at the Penang Hill Lower Station. Nason Ponniah's Penang Hill Nickel Pin Art Monument is the world's largest nickel-plated pin art, consisting of approximately 2,316,500 pins. Esther Geh's beautiful flora and fauna artwork adorns the pillars, while Thomas Powell's nature-themed painting graces the rooftop of Penang Hill Lower Station. Additionally, Fuan Wong's 'renewal' sculpture, crafted from disused parts of the funicular, adds a unique creative element to the area.

These remarkable works represent the diversity and ingenuity of the art scene in Penang Hill, and PHC is proud to support and promote them.

By working with and engaging creative talents, PHC has always opened its doors for young artists to use Penang Hill as a platform to display their creativity. Through this initiative, PHC aims to inspire and amaze visitors with the diverse range of artistic expressions on display.

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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, undertake the development of socio-economy and infrastructure in Penang Hill and promote the Hill as a major ecotourism destination, in its vision to make Penang Hill the Hill Resort of Choice in Malaysia and the region.

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