

**SPEAKER 1: MR MOHD SYHRIN B ABDULLAH**

**LOCAL VOICES IN LENGGONG WORLD HERITAGE SITE, MALAYSIA**

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## ABSTRACT

The Archaeological Heritage of the Lenggong Valley was inscribed a UNESCO World Heritage site just over 3 years ago, in 2012, making it the fourth world heritage site for Malaysia. The process of nomination began in 2009, and involved various parties including the local communities.

The people living and working in a world heritage site are naturally concerned about how inscription would cause changes to their life and earnings, as they are fully aware that protection brings about restrictions. As an important stake-holder that is to be depended on for the protection of the world heritage site, the State Party realised their important role and them before, during and after inscription.

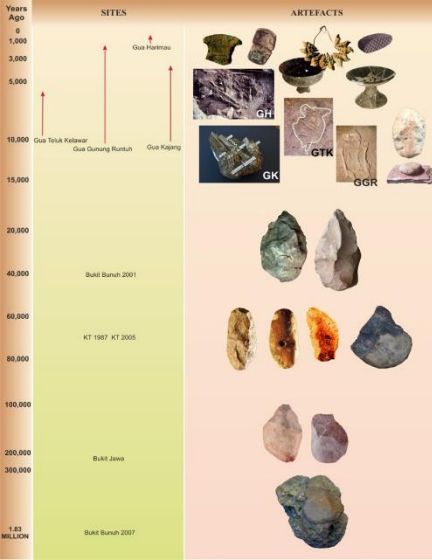
This paper will discuss the dynamics of the relationship between the State Party and the local communities, a rapport that is important for the success of obtaining the inscription as well as maintaining the inscription.

## BIODATA

My full name is MOHD SYHRIN ABDULLAH. I born in Kuala Kangsar, Perak, Malaysia, in 1975. My childhood was spent in Kuala Kangsar where I finish my primary and secondary education. I Graduated from International Islamic University, Gombak Selangor Darul Ehsan in 1999, a degree in Human Sciences, Majoring in Sociology and Anthropology and Minorng in Islamic Revealed Knowledge.

After working for five years in a private sector, I was appointed as a Curator at Heritage Division in January 2005. Starting from 1st March 2006, I became a Heritage Officer at the Department of National Heritage as a Head of Policy and International Affairs Unit where the scope of work including, world heritage inscription, international affairs, planning, policy and etc.

From September 2012 until January 2016, I was appointed as a Department of National Heritage Central Zone Director which covers State of Perak and Selangor as well as well as World Heritage Site of the Lenggong Valley, which was inscribed in 2012. My Current position is a Director of World Heritage Division, Department of National Heritage, Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia



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# MALAYSIA

- State Party to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972 (Since 1988).
- World Heritage Committee (2011-2015).



# UNESCO Operational Guidelines

- Para 2:

“States Parties to the Convention are encouraged to ensure the participation of a wide variety of stakeholders, including site managers, local and regional governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other interested parties and partners in the identification, nomination and protection of World Heritage properties”.



# UNESCO Operational Guidelines

Para 26, among the current Strategic Objectives :

(4). Increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication.

(5). Enhance the role of Communities in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.



# UNESCO Operational Guidelines

## Para 117:

“States Parties are responsible for implementing effective management activities for a World Heritage property. State Parties should do so in close collaboration with property managers, the agency with management authority and other partners, and stakeholders in property management”.

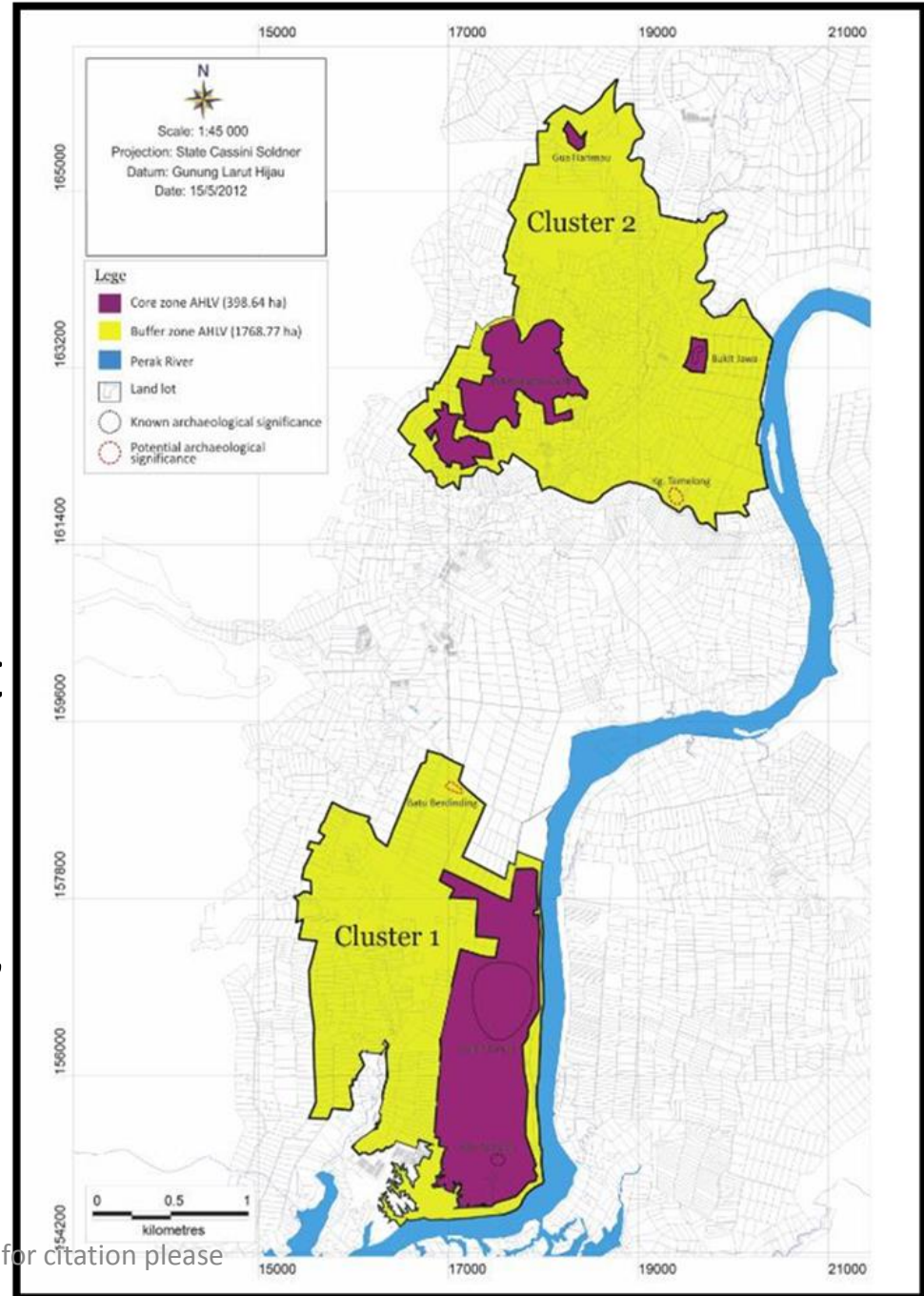


**ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
HERITAGE OF THE  
LENGGONG VALLEY  
(AHLV)**



# AHLV

- It was inscribed on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012
- Category: Cultural
- First archaeological sites
- AHLV is situated in the Lenggong Sub-district, District of Hulu Perak in the state of Perak, Peninsular Malaysia.
- 100 km from the state capital, Ipoh.
- Divided into two clusters.



# INSCRIPTION CRITERIA

- **Criterion (iii)**

Archaeological Heritage of the Lenggong Valley is **one of the longest cultural sequence in a single locality in the world**, covering an extraordinary range of nearly 2 million years and spanning all the periods of hominid history outside of Africa

## **Criterion (iv)**

Archaeological Heritage of the Lenggong Valley provides an outstanding and extraordinary record of the **Palaeolithic technological ensemble of prehistoric people**. With its rich and unique evidence of *in-situ* stone tool workshops spanning a 200,000 – 100,000 years period of time, AHLV reflects the evolution of human cognitive complexity in the form of a rational and systematic mind, an understanding of lithology and an efficient method of stone tool production. An outstanding example of lithic manufacturing of the Palaeolithic period is to be found at the *in-situ* Kota Tampan site. Kota Tampan has become an important global reference site for Palaeolithic tool technology.

# NUMBER OF INHABITANTS

Estimated human population located within the nominated property based on statistical data :

## Cluster 1

Area of core zone: Nil

Buffer zone: 2,513

Total: 2,513

## Cluster 2

Area of core zones: Nil

Buffer zone: 4,350

Total: 4,350



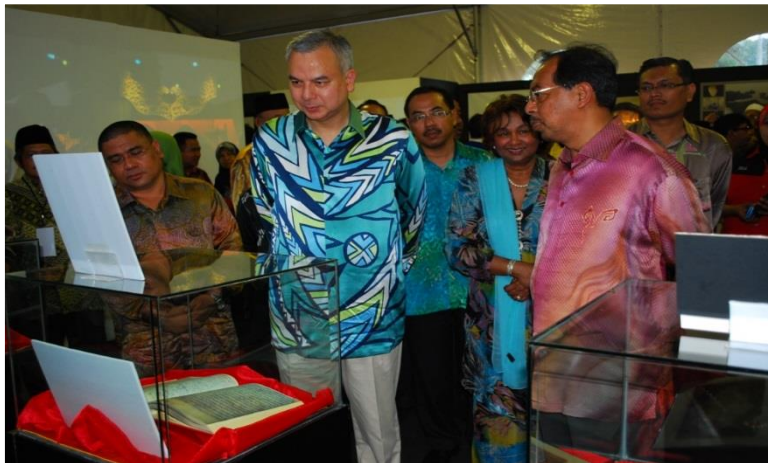
# SUPPORT FROM LOCAL PP

- During nomination & after inscription
- Through:
  - i. Awareness program
  - ii. Briefing / dialog
  - iii. Involvement in planning /program/ activities
  - iv. Updating new information





# AWARENESS PROGRAM



**ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF THE LENGGONG VALLEY CARNIVAL**

**Lenggong, Perak**

**27-29 Mei 2011**

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# BRIEFING AND DIALOG





# PLANNING PROCESS



**Focus Group Discussion for  
the prep. of CMP**

# DURING NOMINATION



EVALUATION MISSION BY ICOMOS,  
**Lenggong, Perak**  
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11-15 Sept 2011



# Updating New Information



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JABATAN WARISAN NEGARA

# AFTER INSCRIPTION



- Visitor Center Design Concept Contest  
*Januari - Mei 2013*
- Lenggong Carnival  
*Forum Warisan - 5 September 2013*  
*Jejak Warisan Dunia Lenggong - 7 September 2013*  
*Perlancaran Rakan Warisan Dunia - 7 September 2013*  
*Tunas Arkeologi - 7 September 2013*  
*Puisi Muzikal Lenggong - 7 September 2013*
- Briefing to local community  
(6 program)  
*i. 2 di Dewan Orang Ramai*  
*ii. 4 di Masjid sekitar Lenggong*
- Lenggong World Heritage Trail  
*Bersama Ketua Kampung Sekitar Lenggong & Ahli Majlis Daerah Lenggong*
- Arts Performance Program  
*21 Disember 2013*

# THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING SUPPORT FROM LOCAL PP

- Site Protection
- Save time and money
- Help identify prob. areas that may be overlooked
- Help providing useful input for desired condition
- To avoid misunderstood local cult. diff.



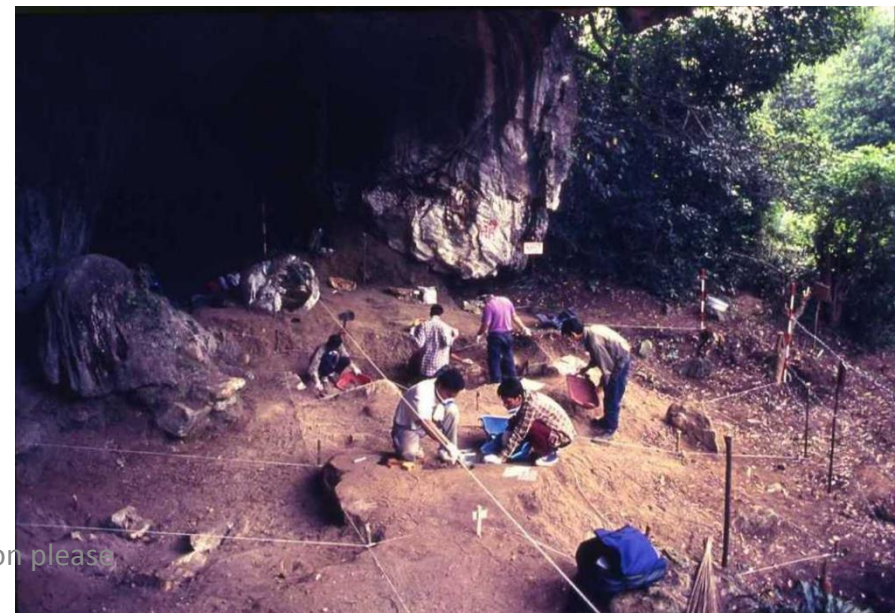
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# CHANNEL OF LOCAL VOICES

- Heritage Steering Committee
- Lenggong District Council
- Lenggong Tourism Council
- Heritage and Scientific Committee (HSTC)
- OSC (One Stop Center)





**THANK YOU**