



International Field School on Asian Heritage

ANNOUNCEMENT

Project:

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FIELD SCHOOL FOR ASIAN HERITAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ASIAN HERITAGE CONSERVATION (4TH IFSAH) – MASTER PLAN FOR REVITALISATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOTAGEDE HERITAGE DISTRICT, YOGYAKARTA

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Organized by

**Urban Design and Conservation Research Unit
Faculty of Built Environment
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia**

In collaboration with

**Center for Heritage Conservation
Department of Architecture and Planning, Faculty of Engineering,
Gadjah Mada University (GMU)**

And

**The JAPAN FOUNDATION Kuala Lumpur
The JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) Jakarta**

This is a proposal to hold a special 4th International Field School on Asian Heritage (IFSAH 4) Program in Jogjakarta in February 2007 – The Master Plan for the Revitalisation and Rehabilitation of Kotagede Heritage District, Yogyakarta

INTRODUCTION

About International Field School on Asian Heritage (IFSAH): With diverse and unique characteristics of the Asian heritage, philosophies and perception, several contention were made as regards to the suitability of applying international standards on restoration and the management of cultural resources in Asia and especially ASEAN countries. In most circumstances the concept formulated with western ideals cannot be easily adhered to by the countries in this regions because aforementioned diversity in characteristics and political / administrative systems. There is a need among Asian societies to share their own experiences and to act in complementary to each other in establishing the appropriate "Asian Chapter" for cultural resource conservation and management.

With the growing popularity of "cultural tourism", many Asian countries are taking advantage of this prospect by realising their own uniqueness and exploiting these cultural identities for the sake of economic returns. What was once rather "common" entities, which commanded no particular interests among the local residents can suddenly turned out into an over aspiring sensation for the tourists' attractions. Traditional trading activities, old town centres / streets, quaysides, and not to mention monuments of past civilisation that were generally neglected and unprotected became valuable entities for most of these countries.

The overzealous efforts to promote all these fixtures as tourists' attraction have some major drawbacks. As places became more exposed to tourists constrains are inevitable and certain standards of maintenance are often expected. Unfortunately the case of Asian countries, this aspiration cannot be put in the right perspective, as there are other immediate priorities to handle. Largely being poor, economic priorities take a centre stage and heritage conservation is generally seen as a privilege rather than a necessity. In most cases as heritage conservation is outwardly interpreted from the "western" models that it became a huge task for any authorities to adhere to completely.

The Objectives IFSAH: IFSAH was formulated with the following objectives:

- To exchange the experiences in cultural heritage planning and management in many Asian countries that will facilitate the development of "Asian standards" for cultural heritage planning and management.
- To understand and investigate tangible cultural heritage sites ranging from those listed World Heritage sites to small urban historic quarters.

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Past IFSAH Program: There had been 3 successful IFSAH programs in the past. 1st IFSAH being held in Thailand organised by the King Mongkut Institute of Technology at Ladkrabang, Bangkok which covers a three week intensive program (5th to 24th August 2002), attended by participants from Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia and India.

The 2nd IFSAH was held in Malaysia from 21st August to 07th September 2003 organised by the Urban Design and Conservation Research Unit of the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and sponsored by the Japan Foundation. 2nd IFSAH field visits cumulated in an international symposium entitled "Learning from Local Community's Experience" which was well attended by local community leaders from Japan,

Taiwan, India, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia who came to share their experience with the participants.

The 3rd IFSAH organised by the Nehru Cultural Foundation was held in Northwest India for the period of 2 weeks from 14th to 30th January 2005. Since 3rd IFSAH was preceded by an unfortunate event of the December 2004 tsunami incident, the field trip ended with a symposium dedicated entirely to discuss the "Post Disaster Management of Heritage Entities" which representatives from Phuket, North Sumatra (representing Aceh), Ahmedabad, Taipei and Kobe shared their experience with participants that came from Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, India and Thailand.

It is the turn of the Centre for Heritage Conservation at Department of Architecture and Planning, Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta to hold 4th IFSAH but was unfortunately called off because of the terrible earthquake disaster in May 2006. The following account will indicate the IFSAH secretariat's desire to hold 4th IFSAH in Yogyakarta in aid to the aftermath from the terrible disaster.

THE CURRENT IFSAH PROGRAM:

The 4th IFSAH program was scheduled to be organized by the Centre for Heritage Conservation at Department of Architecture and Planning, Gadjah Mada University in 27 August to 07 September this year but owing to the tragic earthquake that occurred there in May, the organizer is unable to carry out the scheduled program. It was initially suggested that the program be postponed indefinitely. The secretariat for IFSAH finds that to postpone the event is almost like dissenting the colleagues in Yogyakarta when it is actually the crucial time that IFSAH should be rendering help and support to overcome the losses during the tragic earthquake. Therefore this proposal is initiated as a counter proposal, to initiate a program called "Post Earthquake Damage Survey and Revitalisation Program" in the Cultural Village of Kotagede, Yogyakarta, which had suffered severe damage during the last earthquake.

Amidst other World Heritage sites and other cultural properties in and around Yogyakarta, Kotagede is the most neglected and difficult to manage as it is not in the World Heritage list and therefore does not attract monetary aids or experts to help its revitalization. Members of the Jogja Heritage Society and the Centre for Heritage Conservation at Gadjah Mada University are really concern about this site and have furnished the IFSAH secretariat with information in the hope that we can reorganize the 4th IFSAH program to give priority in helping them find solutions to deal with the complex issues pertaining Kotagede heritage properties restoration.

CONTENTS OF THE 4th IFSAH

Aim of Project: The 4th IFSAH is intended to assist the Jogja Heritage Society and the Centre for Heritage Conservation of Gadjah Mada University in finding the best solution to handle the conservation of the heritage settlement of Kotagede after the damaged incurred during the May 2006 earthquake.

It is really difficult to judge the conditions at Kotagede by looking at photographs and the information gathered by colleagues in Yogyakarta. It is therefore necessary that the entire team of experts and assistants from IFSAH to assess first hand on the degree of damage in Kotagede before attempting to suggest appropriate line of action. It is understood that this visit may not be able to fully comprehend the

convoluted situation as it also involves the entire aspects of the socio-economic framework of the community living in the area. Therefore, taking into account on the range of complex situation that may be involved, the following scope of contents are anticipated:

- a. To obtain enough preliminary information about the physical conditions at Kotagede and the prospect of initiating the community into a self help program of actions. This can be done by a pilot visit to the site and together with the assistance from the members of the Jogja Heritage Society and the Centre for Heritage Conservation UGM, interview the community representatives of Kotagede on the type of assistance needed.
- b. To conduct a damage assessment survey in Kotagede or part of the village, evaluating the extent of work required in restoring back the physical fabric of the place. This may itself be a preliminary assessment to help gauge the future plan of action as the nature of damage itself may need a long term effort to manage.
- c. To envisage the best possible strategy of action in revitalising the whole heritage village taking into account the complex nature of the socio-economic make up of the area.

It is hoped that with the short time spent in Yogyakarta, the IFSAH team can elaborate in all manner of their expertise and experience, the best plan of actions for short and long-term solutions in revitalising Kotagede and its community.

THE TARGET OUTCOME

The target outcome shall be:

1. The Master Plan for Revitalisation – the physical proposals on what need to be done and where.
2. Strategy Statement on how the best possible solution to revitalise Kotagede emphasising on various aspects ranging from the physical entity (buildings etc.) to the community (the socio economic conditions). It will look into the role of the community, the NGOs or NPOs and the Governmental agencies in collaborating their efforts to rebuild the damaged settlement.
3. Outlining the role of IFSAH in the continuous effort to help assist NGOs/NPOs and governmental agencies in restoring Yogyakarta to its former condition.

SCHEDULE DATE

Program Of 4th IFSAH (Tentative Activities)

16/17 February	arrival of delegates from Japan, India, Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand.
17 February	<u>Afternoon</u> : Opening of IFSAH IV Briefing by members of Centre for Heritage Conservation, UGM and Jogja Heritage Society concerning the current state of progress in Kotagede. This is followed by discussion. <u>Evening</u> : lecture on Kotagede Revitalization Program Post-earthquake and FS assignment
18 February	<u>Morning</u> : Briefing on various disaster areas. Field survey – Damage Assessment Survey – understanding the context of the site.

- Afternoon: visit Kotagede and meet the community representative to discuss some preliminary plan of action.
Night: Progress discussion
- 19 February Morning: Discussion on Strategic Master Plan – the overall concept of approach. Leading the discussion will be Laretna T. Adishakti and Suhadi Hadiwinoto.
Afternoon: Progress discussion
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- 20 February Morning: Experts - Explore & Understanding the sites
Other participants: Studio & Discussion
Afternoon: **Declaration of Center for Heritage Movement UGM in Kotagede**, Studio & discussion
Night: Presentation & Discussion In the Head of Yogyakarta Parliament House in Kotagede
- 21 February **International Symposium on Asian Heritage: Post Disaster Mitigation**
Keynote Speakers:
Prof. DR. Yukio Nishimura, Urban Design Laboratory,
Department of Urban Engineering, the University of Tokyo,
Japan
Session 1: Post Disaster Mitigation, Experiences of Asian Countries
Speakers:
1. Prof. DR. Fred CHIU Yen Liang, Taiwan National University,
a Social Anthropologist
2. Debashish NAYAK, Urban Heritage Conservation Advisor,
Ahmedabad Municipal Council, India
3. DR. Ikaputra, Department of Architecture and Planning,
UGM, Indonesia
Session 2: Urban Planning and Design Strategy on PDM Speakers:
1. Prof Dr. Tetsuo Kidokoro, Center for Sustainable Urban
Regeneration, Faculty of Engineering, University of Tokyo,
Japan
2. Madam Alice CHIU Rhu Hwa, Cultural Heritage Advisor,
Taiwan
3. Ass. Prof. DR. Syed ZA Idid, Urban Design & Conservation
Research Unit (UDCRU), Faculty of Built Environment,
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.
Closing session: Toward the Formulation Strategies of Master
Conservation Planning of Kotagede Heritage District Post Disaster
DR. Laretna T. Adishakti & IFSAH Team
- 22 February Morning and Afternoon: Discussion on the Physical Master Plan
Expert workshop to outline community help action plan
Strategising revitalisation formula for Kotagede
- 23 February Morning and: Discussion on the Physical Master Plan
Expert workshop to outline community help action plan
Strategising revitalisation formula for Kotagede - Preparation of
report
Afternoon: Presentation to the Community

24 February	International Workshop on Master Conservation Planning of Kotagede Session 1: Presentation Group 1,2, Session 2: Presentation Group 3,4 Session 3: Presentation Group 5,6
25 February	Free day
26 February	Participants departure

PARTICIPANTS & REGISTRATION FEE

We invite professionals, students and those persons who are actively involved in urban conservation to join the field school program in Yogyakarta. We have invited place for 40 persons. Please apply to the secretariat at following address before January 30, 2007.

Fee:

For full program of 4th IFSAH (inclusive of International Symposium on Asian Heritage) 17 – 25 February 2007:

USD 400 per participants (professionals)

USD 250 per participants (students)

Payment can be made by cheque or postal order to "BENDAHARI UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA"

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