

DesignWalk with TAN HIAP HONG

Seh Tek Tong Cheah Kongsi 5th July 2015: 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Restoration is the action or process of accurately revealing, recovering or representing the state of a historic building, as it appeared at a particular period in its history, while protecting its heritage value. This may include removing some historic building elements (after documenting them) to make the building historically accurate for a specific date in history. ONE of Penang's oldest clanhouses, the Seh Tek Tong Cheah Kongsi will proudly display its rich two-century-old history under an 18-month restoration project, that would enhance the George Town Unesco World Heritage site and mark a new phase in the Kongsi's history. Construction of this ancestral temple began in 1858 and the building has since been renovated several times.

Currently at 80% completion stage, the architect who is responsible for doing the restoration works: Tan Hiap Hong, a partner of aLM Heritage Sdn Bhd, would be giving an in-depth personal tour of Cheah Kongsi, that shares with us the process of restoration works and the 'bricks and mortar' of this interesting project.

Tan Hiap Hong graduated with Master of Architecture from the University of Tasmania, Australia. He specializes in areas of Heritage Building Conservation, Restoration and Documentation, Heritage Management, and Measured Drawing. Currently Tan Hiap Hong is the partner of aLM Heritage Sdn. Bhd, and director of Architectonic Studio, both based in Penang.

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