

# Session 1.2 – 3 Dec 2020

Case-study of the Historic City of Melaka (Malaysia) to highlight the significance of protecting and management of OUV

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# What you have learned:

## PRINCIPLES FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT WITHIN A SUSTAINABILITY MINDSET

- Overview of the historical development of heritage conservation principles/ charters/ conventions ranging from Ruskin – le Duc – Venice Charter – Burra – Nara – SDGs, etc.
- Introduction to the World Heritage Convention and Operational Guidelines
- Definition of World Heritage
- Outstanding Universal Value
- Authenticity and Nara Document
- Integrity

# Melaka and George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca

 **Malaysia**

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**Date of Inscription:** 2008

**Minor boundary modification inscribed year:** 2011

**Criteria:** (ii)(iii)(iv)

**Property :** 154.68 ha

**Buffer zone:** 392.8 ha

**Ref:** 1223bis

Melaka and George Town, historic cities of the Straits of Malacca have developed over 500 years of trading and cultural exchanges between East and West in the Straits of Malacca.

The influences of Asia and Europe have endowed the towns with a specific multicultural heritage that is both tangible and intangible.

With its government buildings, churches, squares and fortifications, Melaka demonstrates the early stages of this history originating in the 15th-century Malay sultanate and the Portuguese and Dutch periods beginning in the early 16th century.

Featuring residential and commercial buildings, George Town represents the British era from the end of the 18th century.

The two towns constitute a unique architectural and cultural townscape without parallel anywhere in East and Southeast Asia.

# Outstanding Universal Values

(ii)

to exhibit an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design;

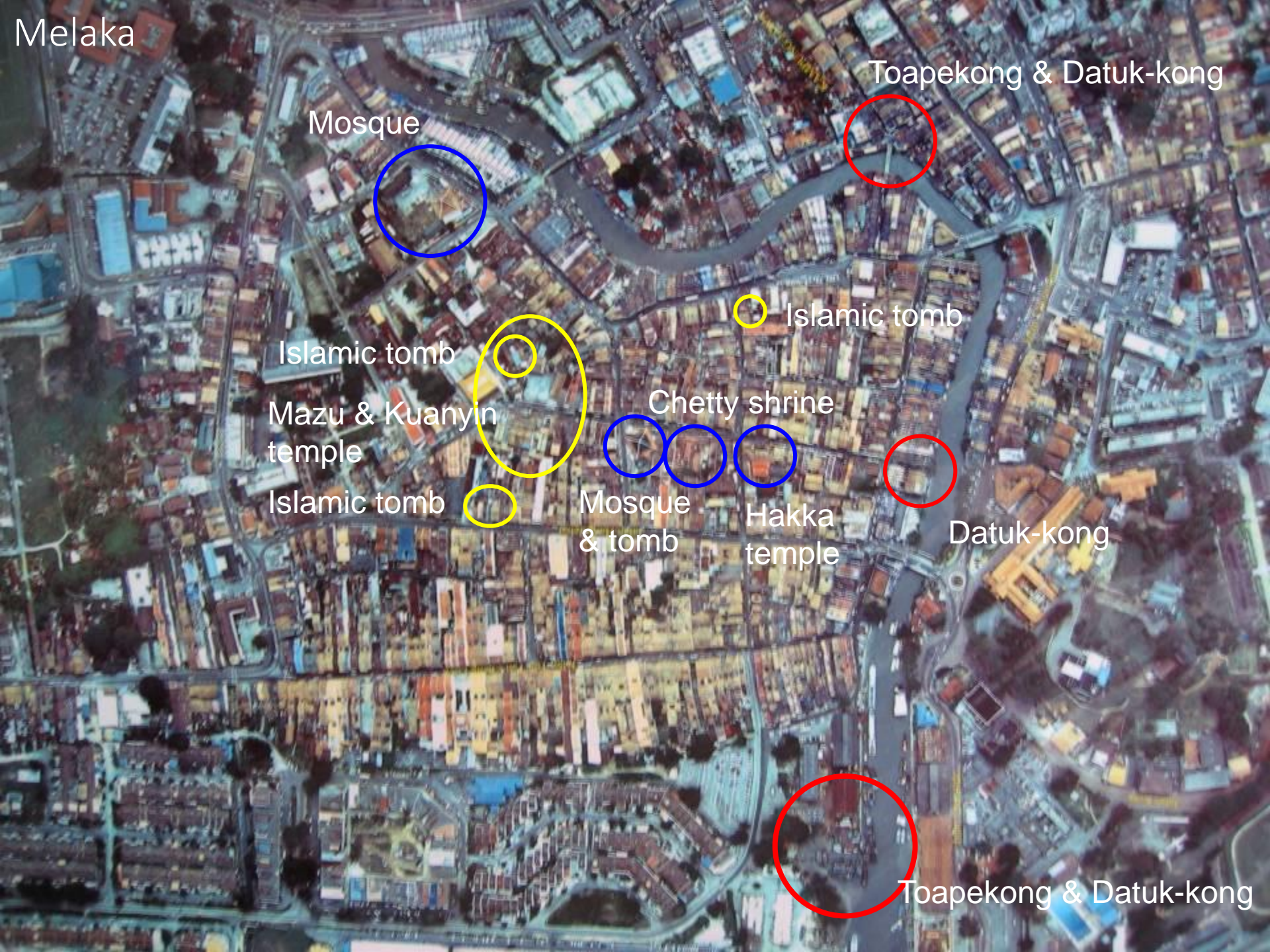
(iii)

to bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared;

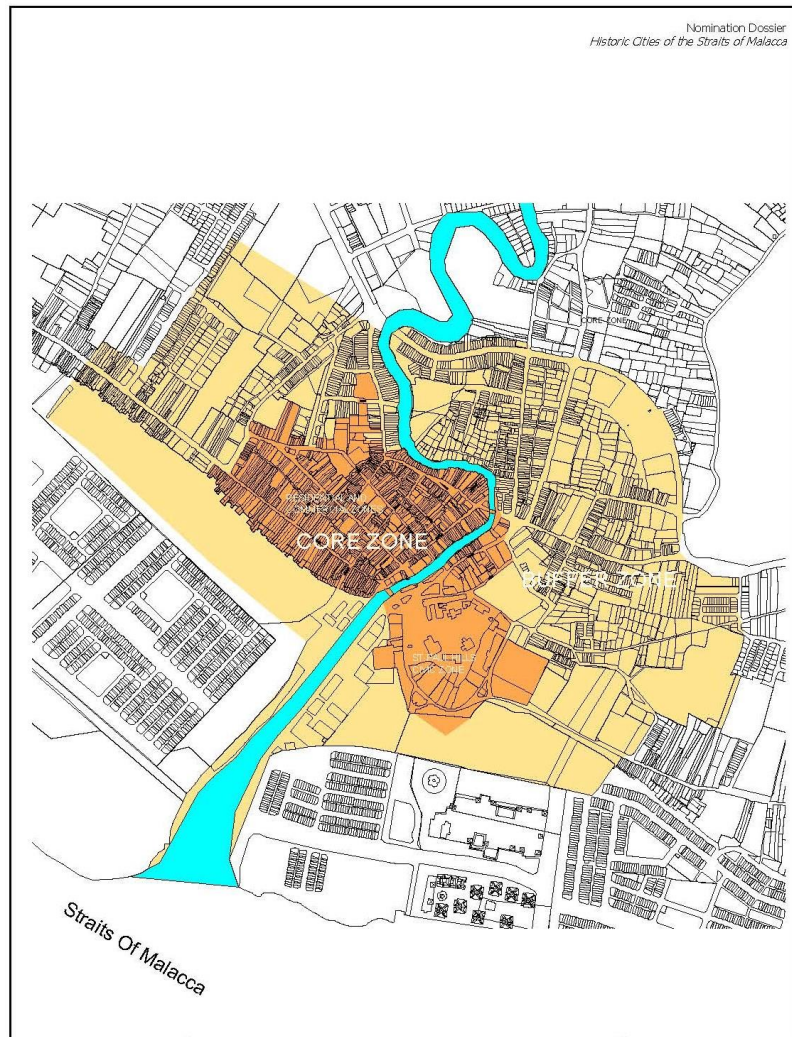
(iv)

to be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history;

# Melaka



# The inscribed property and the buffer zone of the Historic city of Melaka (2007), and Inscribed minor boundary modification (2011)



* Scale 1cm : 470 m	<b>MAP 1.7</b> <b>THE CORE AND BUFFER ZONES OF THE HISTORIC CITY OF MELAKA</b>	
Source : Town and Country Planning Department, Melaka	<b>Legend :</b> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: orange; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Core Zone 38.62 hectares <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Buffer Zone 134.03 hectares Total 172.65 hectares	

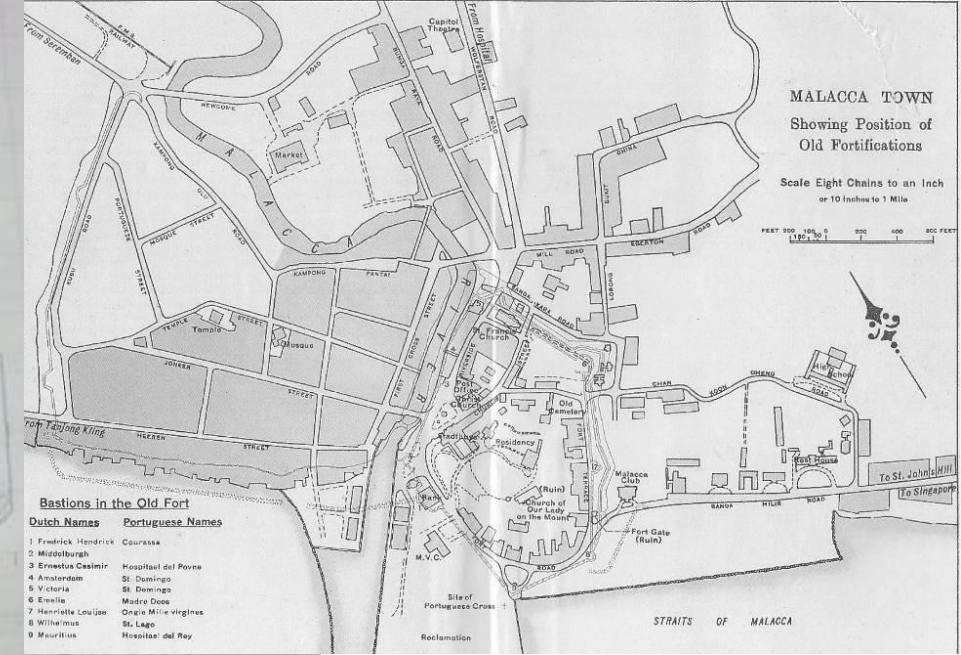
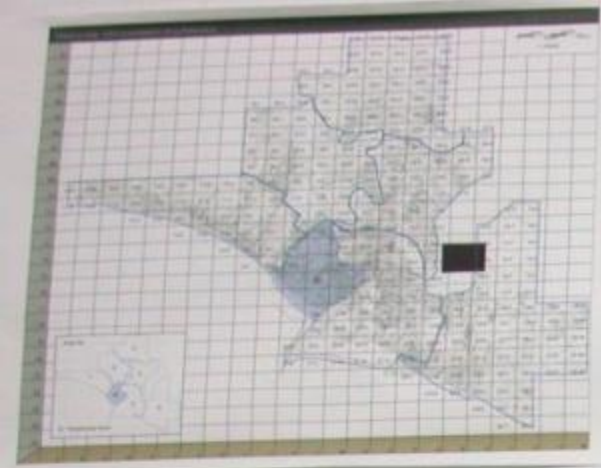
CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SPECIAL AREA PLAN



Proposed Amendment Boundary

BOUNDARY	CORE ZONE	BUFFER ZONE	TOTAL AREA (HECTARE)
Inscribed	38.62	134.03	172.65
Proposed Amendment	45.3	242.8	288.10

Figure 2.7 : Inscribed Boundary vs Proposed Amendment Boundary



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Melaka: official World Heritage area vs comprehensive inventory (2003)

# TOURISM (not Science, Culture or Education)



23 November 2008 – Kuala Lumpur

## Principles of Good Tangible & Intangible Heritage Conservation & Management:

- Authenticity (cultural)
- Integrity (physical)
- Continuity (social)
- Sustainability (environmental)
- Viability (economic)

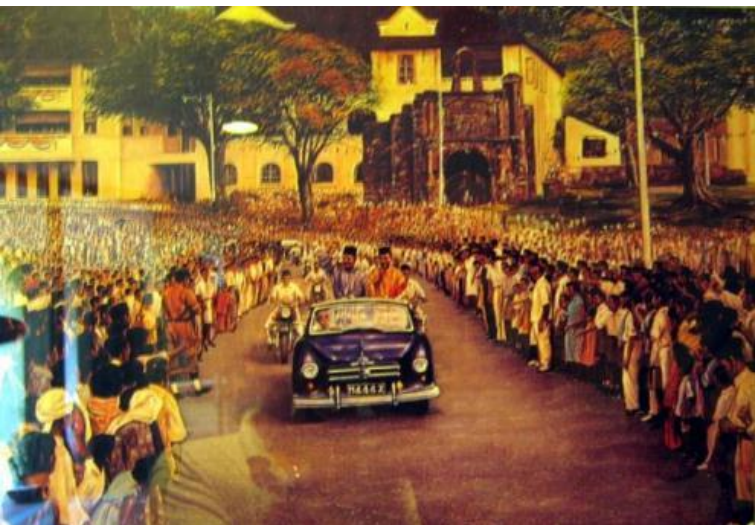




Melaka River (past)



Melaka River (present)



Tunku Abdul Rahman proclaimed the country's independence at Padang Pahlawan in 1957



Dataran Pahlawan Mega Mall (present)



Monorail & Tourist Boat



Reclamation & Speculative Development



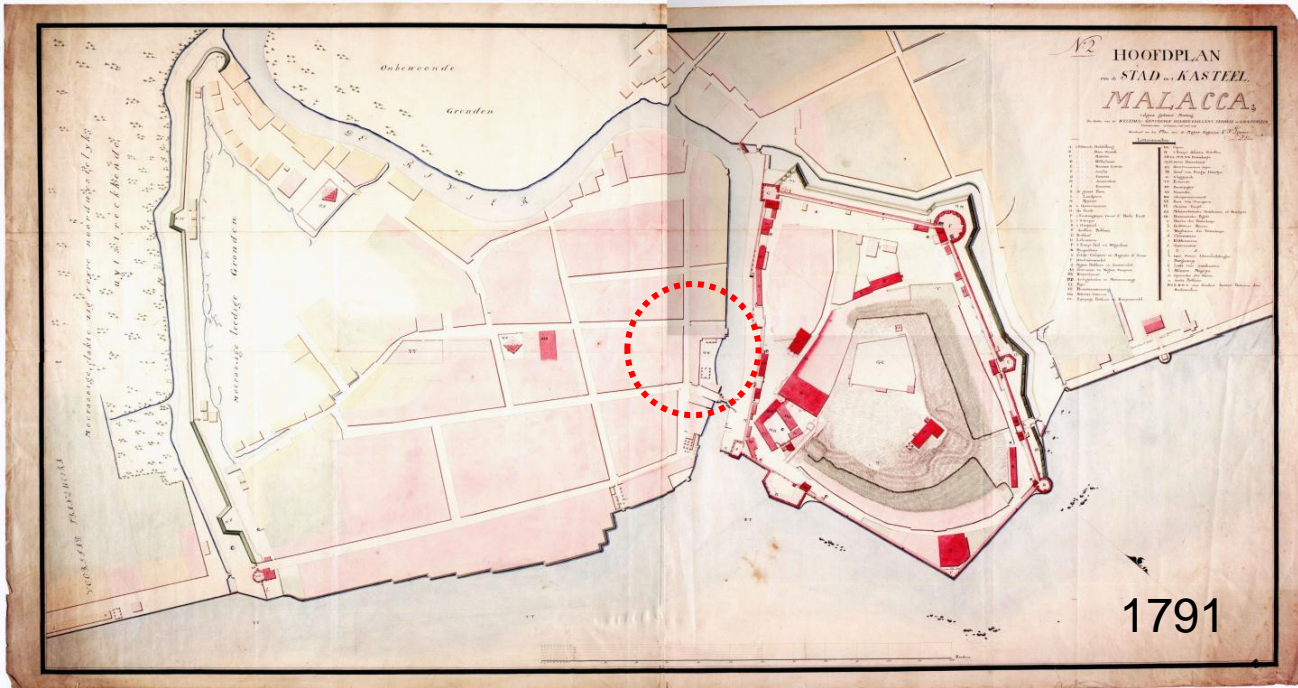
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Jonker Walk



**NATION**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002 9

### 'Money behind demolition of heritage properties'

**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.** — To prevent heritage buildings from being demolished at will, the Government will need to address the profit-making opportunities gained by their owners from doing so.

Historian Prof Datuk Khoo Kay Kim said the demolition of these buildings would be a recurrent problem as long as there was substantial money to be made, since many purchased such buildings not for their historical value, but for the investment possibilities.

"After the shophouses are sold to foreigners, that is an indication that something will happen," he said, referring to the three heritage shophouses in Jonker Walk, Malacca, that were torn down on Sunday although an application had been made only to renovate the premises.

The owners are, renest

**TOO LATE:** Ali at the site where the shophouses listed as heritage buildings at Jonker Walk in Malacca once stood.

### State plans to build museum at site of demolished buildings

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owners submitted an application to renovate their property some time ago.

Chief Minister Datuk S...



- Over Tourism
- Demolitions
- New developments in historic site
- Inappropriate new functions
- Swift's nest in old buildings
- Abolition of Land Rent Control
- Weak heritage law and implementation

# State of Conservation Reports

## Factors affecting the property in 2009\*

- Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure
- Housing
- Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure
- Management systems/ management plan

## Factors affecting the property in 2011\*

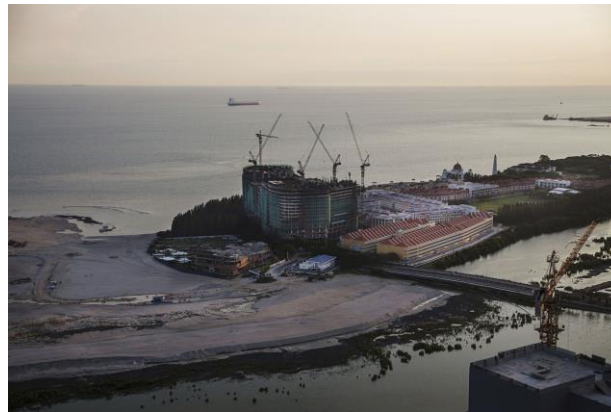
- Housing

## Factors affecting the property in 2013\*

## Analysis and Conclusion by World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies in 2013

The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies consider that the recent concerns of the World Heritage Committee in relation to the protection and management of the property are being addressed by the State Party. They therefore are of the view that no further reporting to the World Heritage Committee is currently required. However, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies recommend that the State Party monitor periodically the state of conservation of the property, in particular to ensure that the Special Areas Plans emphasise the requirement for Heritage Impact Assessments on all infill and replacement development so that the character of the townscape will not be adversely affected, before any existing buildings are replaced or open spaces developed and effectively monitor the timetable for reinforcing the management system to ensure its effective implementation at the property.

# Melaka Gateway (2014-2025)



## Despite Controversy, Melaka Gateway Project Still Wants To Revive Melaka Port As Global Business Hub

The project has been in works since 2014.



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<https://www.therakyatpost.com/2020/12/01/despite-controversy-melaka-gateway-project-still-wants-to-revive-melaka-port-as-global-business-hub/>