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**Press Release**

**Heritage Walks in 2025 – Sentul & Melaka**

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur in partnership with Malaysia India Heritage Society (MIHS) organized “**Sentul Heritage Walk**” on **6 December 2025**. The walk, which was the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the series of Heritage walk since 2023, explored the rich tapestry of Indian history and culture in Sentul. Around 70 heritage and culture enthusiasts participated in the walk, including members of MIHS, officials of High Commission, members of media and local community.

2. The opening ceremony was held at St. Joseph’s Church, Sentul and was graced by High Commissioner of India HE.Mr.B.N.Reddy, YB Senator Puan Saraswathy Kandasamy, Hon’ble Deputy Minister of Unity, Monsignor James Gnanapragasam, St Joseph’s Church Sentul and Mr Prabhakaran Nair, President, MIHS. During his remarks, High Commissioner lauded the efforts of MIHS and its members for their continued pursuit towards preserving the cultural heritage of both India and Malaysia through such initiatives. In her remarks, YB Senator Puan Saraswathy Kandasamy recalled her long association with Sentul and described it as a vibrant neighbourhood notable for the significant religious diversity and interfaith harmony, reflecting the broader multicultural constitution of Malaysia. Monsignor James Gnanapragasam and Mr Prabhakaran Nair also shared their thoughts on the occasion.

3. The 3-hour long walk was jointly flagged off jointly by the High Commissioner and Mr Prabhakaran Nair from St Joseph’s Church and covered 15 important places of historical and cultural significance including SJK(T) St Joseph’s, Athi Eeswaran Temple, Sri Lankan Buddhist Temple, Railway Recreation Club, Gurudwara Sahib Sentul, Sentul Punjabi School, KB Menon tailors, Muthamizh Padippagam, Methodist Boys School Sentul, Young Men’s Indian Association (YMIA), Chettiar Hall, Sentul Works and Railway Depot and culminated at Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (KLPAC), Sentul. The closing ceremony was held at KLPAC, which included a presentation on Sentul Works and Railway Depot as well as KLPAC.

4. As part of the series of heritage walks, earlier this year, High Commission in partnership with MIHS and Melaka State Government and Tourism Melaka organized the “**Melaka Heritage Walk**” on **27 April 2025**. The inaugural ceremony of the event was graced by YB Datuk P Shanmugam Pitchay, Melaka State EXCO for Youth, Sports and NGO as the Chief Guest of Honor, who addressed the participants along with High Commissioner H.E. B.N. Reddy and Mr. Prabhakaran Nair, President, MIHS.

5. The 3-hour Melaka Heritage Walk was jointly flagged off from the Swiss Heritage Boutique Hotel, by YB Datuk P Shanmugam Pitchay, High Commissioner H.E.Mr.B.N.Reddy, along with members of MIHS. The walk covered key landmarks reflecting the diverse and rich heritage of Melaka including Jonker street, Cheng Hoon Teng Temple, Kampong Kling Mosque, Gurudwara Melaka, Poyyatha Vinayagar Temple and the ancestral home of Tun Tan Cheng Lock, along with a visit to Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum. The closing ceremony was officiated by Datin Paduka Tan Siok Choo. About 60 enthusiastic participants joined the walk including High Commission officials, Members from Melaka state Government, Melaka Tourism, members of MIH society, members of local communities in Melaka and media persons.

6. As a prelude to the Melaka Walk, an informative session on Melaka Chitti and the historical links of Melaka-India was organized on 26 April 2025 at the Chitti Settlement Village, Melaka, along with a guided tour to the Chitti Museum. The session included presentation by Mr K.Narayansamy, Former Secretary, Melaka Historical Society and cultural programme by the Chitti community. Further, on 26 April 2025, High Commissioner of India H.E. BN Reddy, accompanied by HCI officials and MIHS members, also visited Gurudwara Melaka, which celebrated 100 years of its establishment in February 2025 and interacted with the management committee headed by Mr. Amarjit Singh.

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