

**FINAL REPORT – The Hai-O Arts & Culture Grants.**

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**Background**

• **Provide overview, aims and objectives of project**

In collaboration with Pusat Sejarah Rakyat (PSR), an independent archive of Malaysian people’s history, the project managed to publish a Chow Kit postcard-based community mapping derived from the ongoing walking tour of Chow Kit led by the students of Buku Jalanan Chow Kit (BJCK), an alternative school of undocumented communities in Kuala Lumpur. The specification of Jalan Cerita as below:

- a) No of pages: 14
- b) No of printing: 500
- c) Colour printed on 200 gsm paper
- d) Size: A5
- e) Contains text, photo, oral history audio documentation, sketches of Chow Kit’s inhabitants.

From the documentation of BJCK’s ongoing projects, the project managed to collect communities’ oral histories, sketches, photography and designed different maps; ranging from its gastronomy tour, educational-based photography, *pasar* spaces as well as the urban issues affecting the communities as a postcard-based publication. The production of postcard-based mapping will then be utilised for BJCK’s students monthly walking tour activities, as well as their learning tools.

• **Details of events/ activities that took place.**

- The event took place at Buku Jalanan Chow Kit and around the Chow Kit area.
- The walking tour & launching of Jalan Cerita postcard mapping took place on 26th August 2023 at 8:30 AM.
- The event involved 21 paid participants and 10 others invited guests from PSR and BJCK.

**Impact/Outcome**

• **How has this funding grant assisted us as an organisation?**

As a project co-organized by PSR and BJCK, the funding is strategic to ensure different ways of collaboration between different two organizations. For PSR, its interest is to look at different ways of documenting oral history, mainly looking at the practices of community mapping. Here, the engagement with BJCK’s students allows such an opportunity to explore different ways of learning, particularly through collecting oral histories, photography and sketches from the students.

Here, the project assists us to facilitate long-term engagement as the publication of the postcard mapping ensure the possibility to generate income via walking tour and the sales of Jalan Cerita postcard map.

**• How did this grant contribute to your project?**

The grant provides the organisations the seed funding to produce and publish our own postcard mapping which will allow sustainable income for the organisations. Apart from that, it also assists in providing documentation of the urbanization process of Chow Kit, as well as expanding different ways of learning for the students and organizers of BJCK.

**• Did the project/ commission achieve the goals set out as planned?**

Yes.

**Budget**

**• What was the proposed budget cost?**

RM 10,000.00

**• What was the actual budget utilised?**

RM 10,000.00

**Collaborations/Partnerships**

**• Were there any other networks/ collaborators formed directly through this project/ programme? If applicable, kindly provide details.**

Yes, we collaborated with Manjeet Dhillon, a heritage and historical enthusiast. She is the founder of Akar Kita, a community page for Kuala Lumpur historical info. Her involvement with the project contributes to multiple ways of looking at the city while engaging with the students throughout the mapping process.

**Post-Event Plans**

**• Will there be any other future programmes/ activities/ projects created directly from this project? If applicable, kindly provide details.**

- Yes, as mentioned above, the components of Jalan Cerita will be utilised as BJCK's students co-learning tools in its teaching syllabus. Apart from that, the postcard mapping publication will also assist with future walking tours led by the students themselves.
- The postcard mapping itself will be distributed to different bookstores in order to ensure different access to it.

**• Considerations to scale projects (e.g. produce, present and market work/ future editions to a larger audience, engage with different stakeholders, pitch work to presenters/producers etc.)**

- As of now, the project is looking to publish the postcard mapping into English and Japanese language. This is to accommodate different demography, particularly among different networks of collaborators

and organizations that continue to engage with BCJK & PSR.

- Apart from that, we are also looking to expand the number of walking tours from once every month to twice every month. This can be done by having more volunteers on board to accommodate different segments of participants.
- **General reflection and thoughts on next steps for future editions (if applicable).**
  - As one of the components in the postcard mapping is the oral history of communities around Chow Kit, we can add in further documentation to the existing folder. This can be strategic to position Jalan Cerita as a continuously expanding project and able to capture the ongoing process of urbanization in Chow Kit.
  - Apart from that, we are also looking at the possibility of printing it into different languages in the future to access more audiences.

## Others

- Programme tentative (if applicable)



*Official Bilingual Poster of Jalan Cerita*

- Program Tentative (on 26<sup>th</sup> August at 8:30 AM at Buku Jalan Chow Kit)

8:15 AM: Registration

8:30 AM: Brief introduction of the #JalanCerita project by BJCK's students and project team

8:35 - 10:30 AM: Walking Tour led by BJCK's students & project team

10:35-10:45 AM: Brief screening & discussion with BJCK's students & project team

10:45-11:00 AM: Visiting BJCK's Building

1) Documentation Video –

*(NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED AS IT CONTAINS BJCK'S UNDERAGE STUDENTS & UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS):*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6tuA0imdSFY77Jaem2JQaBpizeCYLcD/view?usp=sharing>

2) Project Logo –

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PKLqDDbCPuzfCfiElg3lEXQxj\\_BrjoEJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PKLqDDbCPuzfCfiElg3lEXQxj_BrjoEJ/view?usp=sharing)

3) Project Publication & Postcard Mapping of Jalan Cerita –

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G1toqzKqBLfdFTyt7cEhmv-UxtxiQFib?usp=sharing>

4) Selected Pictures during Jalan Cerita's Launching Events & Walking Tour

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