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Book on Penang Hokkien Kongsi launched

BY TRUSTEES, MEMBERS OF THE PENANG HOKKIEN KONGSI CELEBRATED ITS 158TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A DINNER WHICH SAW THE LAUNCHING OF THE BOOK, THE STORY OF HOKKIEN KONGSI, AND PENANG.



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Down memory lane: Members of Penang Hokkien Kongsi showing the newly launched book during the kongsi's 158th anniversary at CRC Restaurant, George Town.

Kongsi chairman Khoo Kay Hock said the book documented the migration of the Hokkien forefathers to Penang in the 18th century, who settled down and formed the Goh Tai She Kongsi - namely Cheah, Khoo, Lim, Tan and Yeoh - 158 years ago.

"The Hokkien Kongsi also controls five temples in Penang - the Snake Temple in Bayan Lepas, Tai Tay Yeah Temple in Jelutong, Siew Thean Keong in Jalan Datuk Keramat, Seng Hong Beow in Jalan C.Y. Choy, and Chooi Bee Keong in Jalan Tanjong Tokong," he said at the dinner held at the CRC Restaurant in

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George Town on Saturday.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said the book costs RM100 per copy and the proceeds from the sales would go towards a major renovation of the Tai Tay Yeah temple in the near future.

Kongsi committee member Tan Lye Hock said the book would be used as a reference for the younger generation to understand the history of the Hokkiens in Penang.

He also thanked the state government for returning the title deeds for two lands, one opposite the Snake Temple and one behind the Chooi Bee Keong Temple, to the kongsi.

“Both pieces of land were supposed to be returned to us by the Penang Municipal Council after they were acquired for road widening projects.

“With the help of the state government, we got back the land in Bayan Lepas in 2011, and now, the Chooi Bee Keong Temple land is finally given back to us, after a long awaited 41 years,” he said.

On Wednesday, the trustees also paid a visit to state Local Government, Traffic Management and Flood Mitigation Committee chairman Chow Kon Yeow to thank him for helping the kongsi regain the title deeds for the two parcels of land.

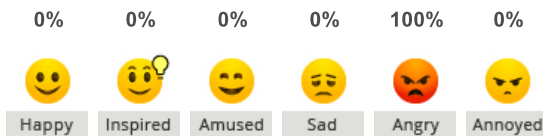
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