

**Visit to Adelaide by PROFESSOR LAURENCE LOH**, Architect & Conservation Advocate (from Adelaide's Sister City of Penang, Malaysia.)

Hosted by **ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL**, in association with **AUSTRALIA ICOMOS**

**Date – Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5.45pm for 6pm start, with drinks after the event**

**Venue – Adelaide Town Hall, Queen Adelaide Room**

**RSVP** - to ICOMOS member Deborah Lindsay on [deborah\\_lindsay@hotmail.com](mailto:deborah_lindsay@hotmail.com) by Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> (to provide us with an idea of numbers)

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT**, with a renowned international speaker and promises to be a lively and stimulating lecture followed by refreshments afterwards.



**Professor Laurence Loh Kwong Yu**, (AA, RIBA, APAM, LAM, IPDM, ICOMOS, Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong) architect and conservation advocate from Adelaide's sister city Penang in Malaysia has been invited to Adelaide to mark *The International Day for Monuments and Sites* (18 April) established by UNESCO in 1983. This special day offers an opportunity to raise public awareness concerning the diversity of the world's heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as to draw attention to its vulnerability.

Protecting, Conserving, Managing & Sustaining the Cultural Heritage of Malaysia and the region for present and future generations has been Professor Laurence Loh's core passion for the past 28 years. In the arena of profession, society and politics, he has consistently created best practice exemplars, led community action and education programmes, lectured and written papers to position heritage conservation as a critical activity for maintaining the spirit of place, the preservation of knowledge and the continuity of artistic expressions.

**Laurence will talk on "Spirit of Place"** and has written and lectured extensively on this topic. He states:

*"Spirit of place conveys the cultural essence of a site. It encompasses the meanings of a place accrued through time and through its past and present uses. Expressed through the tangible built heritage, these intangible heritage values give the place its distinctive character, an aura that draws people to the place, speaks to them, engages their emotions and, often, gives them a sublime experience of their surroundings."...*

*How does conservation of a physical structure articulate its spirit of place? Primarily, the place has to be true to its history. This truth must be conveyed in the very process of conservation itself, in a heritage site's physical form, in its contemporary use, and in its interpretation and presentation."*

*Thanks are expressed by Australia ICOMOS to the Adelaide City Council for agreeing to host this important event.*