

PROJECTS FOR HAPPINESS

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Application Form

[Project Name: Dialect Survey and Collection of Folk Rhymes in Tanjung Piandang, Perak]

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INTRODUCTION

Dialect and folk rhymes are valuable intangible assets because they have inherited the culture, history and characteristics of immigrants from various regions. When they decided to stay in this new place, they have also brought their own language and culture along with them. Malaysia is a multiracial country which promotes multilingual interaction among the society. Therefore, the Chinese society also undergoes dialect variation particularly to multilingual environment in this society.

However, the declining of the usage of dialects and lack of documentation about settling history directly affected the society. These intangible assets will be lost when the old settlements are being cleared off by the development of the society. It is necessary for us to take action and make documentation, so that these cultural and historical heritage can be kept in a better condition. A settlement nearby coast of Peninsular will be suitable for this project as the early settlements usually was built nearby the coast.

Taking Tanjung Piandang as the location of project, it is a fisherman's town nearby Parit Buntar, Perak. The town mainly consist of Teochew, which recorded the history of early Chinese settlements in Malaya. The village also surrounded by different races residence, having connection and interaction between the societies. By carrying out surveys on dialects and interviews on local residents, this project aims to collect folk rhymes, interpret the linguistic connection between local residents and early immigrants, and hence leave a documentation about the cultural heritage of that area.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 1) To collect folk rhymes of Teochew.
- 2) To create awareness about the importance of dialects.
- 3) To promote interaction between different ethnics.
- 4) To document the historical and cultural heritage of Tanjung Piandang.
- 5) To organise a public talk and enhance the appreciation of intangible cultural assets.

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ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

- 1) Training in survey methodology
- 2) Interview with local residents
- 3) Carry out dialects surveys
- 4) Carry out collection of folk rhymes
- 5) Analyse and interpret data
- 6) Prepare result presentation

PROJECTS BENEFICIARIES

- 1) Residents of Tanjung Piandang.
- 2) Students who involved in this project.
- 3) Researchers who are interested in the study of Chinese early settlements.

EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

- 1) Complete a documentation of the dialect and folk rhymes in Tanjung Piandang.
- 2) Complete dialects phonetic system.
- 3) Organise a public talk which present the interaction between different ethnic group and contents about local history.

PROJECT TIMELINE

June: Prepare proposal and form team members

July: Trainings and courses about survey's methodology

July: Dialect survey and collection of folk rhymes in Tanjung Piandang 1

Aug: Analyse and interpret data

Aug: Dialect survey and collection of folk rhymes in Tanjung Piandang 2

Sept: Analyse and interpret data

Sept: Dialect survey and collection of folk rhymes in Tanjung Piandang 3

Oct: Analyse and interpret data

Nov: Result Presentation

Dec: Submit report

BUDGET

Project Expenses		
Items	Budget	Remark
Direct Equipment and Supplies		
Recorder	1000	2 sets
Battery	200	2 sets
Research documents	200	
Survey materials	300	
Marketing and Event Support		
Brochures	100	
Refreshment	500	
Transport fees	100	
Space for presentation	500	
PA system	200	
Projector	100	
Crew	200	
Souvenirs	200	
Staffing Costs		
Respondents	1000	
Speaker invitation	500	
Miscellaneous	500	
Total	5600	

Student Expenses		
Items	Budget	Remark
Travel	1000	bus/train (to Parit Buntar), taxi (to Tj. Piandang)
Lodging	1000	Rental for homestay
Food (Biweekly)	400	
Total	2400	