

A watercolor illustration of a hillside. In the foreground, there are lush green plants with large leaves and clusters of red flowers. The middle ground is filled with dense green trees and bushes. In the background, several houses are visible, including a prominent two-story house with a blue roof and another with a red roof. The sky is light and airy.

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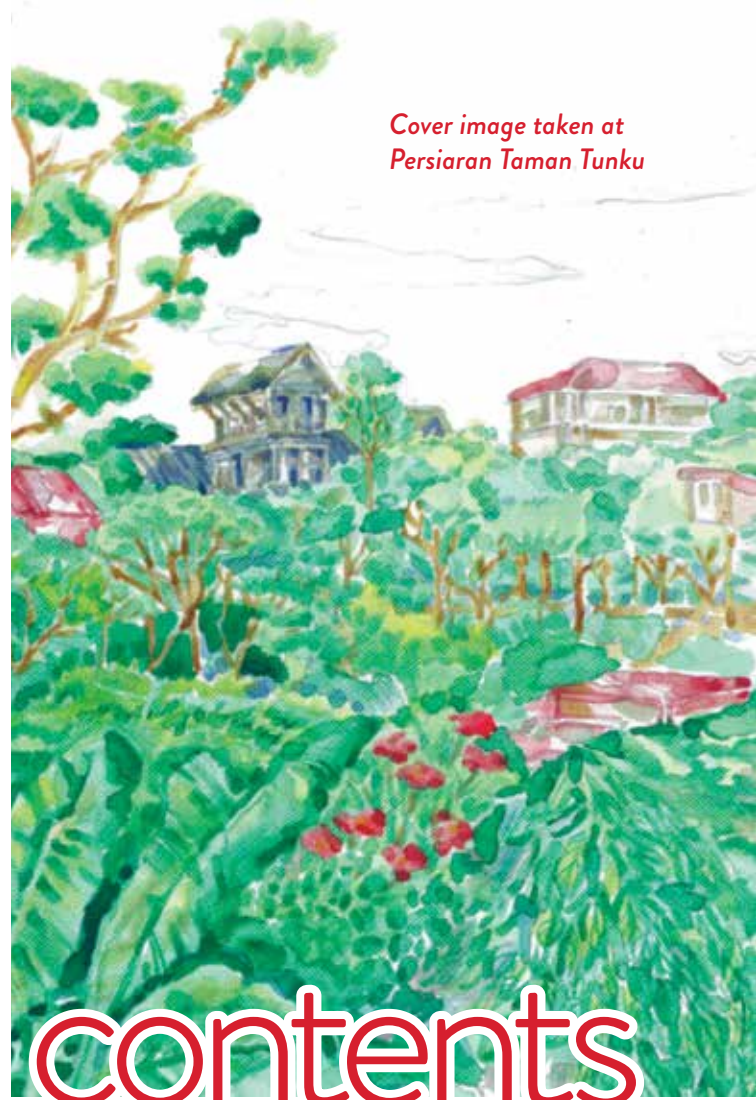
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**A Bespoke Tailor  
Comes Home**

*Watercolour by Arif Wan Abdullah  
Vista taken from Persiaran Taman Tunku*



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Big, awesome, lovely gift from Omar Ali to our little hospital. Got it since the previous MCO actually, started wearing this edition these few days. Sukaa. Fefeeling surgeon 😊 Terima kasih 🌿

May Allah reward those who keep giving and giving and giving the very best of health, success, and wealth; dunia dan akhirat. Ameen 🌸

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# The President Speaks

I was hopeful that we could end 2020 on a reasonably positive note – the easing of restrictions (safely), and a gradual recovery of our economy. So, it gives me little pleasure to say that I'm composing this message during yet another MCO, "Conditional" it may be. Apart from the obvious inconvenience to everyone and to businesses concerned, I feel this round has given rise to more anger and frustration. You've probably read commentary in mainstream publications and social networks by all and sundry. It's disappointing and disheartening to see that there are still people who continue to flout the rules and thus everyone else suffers the consequences.

In our neighbourhood, the most high-profile activity is, without doubt, the re-vitalisation of Taman Tunku. It feels like it's taking forever to complete, but rest assured the BTRA Committee has been in regular contact with Selangor Properties for updates. Work delays due to MCOs were inevitable, and the completion time frame was pushed back. The most pressing problem in the last few weeks and months is the parking situation, which has made that part of Langgak Tunku (between the junctions of Laman Tunku and Jalan Bukit Tunku) even more congested and hazardous to drive, especially during peak hours.

Regrettably, judging by the on-going work in Taman Tunku, the dire parking situation does not look like it will change much in the near future. The Committee is monitoring this matter closely and will ensure that whatever course of action is taken will not be in breach of the zoning laws. Until this issue is resolved, I suspect

that there will be cars parked along the street, so please take care when driving along Langgak Tunku.

In regard to neighbourhood security, I encourage all to be extra vigilant in these times. I say this out of an abundance of caution – our neighbourhood has a low crime rate, and we aim to keep it that way. Look out for suspicious individuals on bikes and cars that seem to be "casing" our streets. It's not easy for them to look into residential compounds here but that doesn't mean they won't try. Our BTRA Security Patrol has been alerted. If you have not subscribed to this patrol service yet, you may want to consider it now. It provides an added layer of security to your home and our streets.

Lastly, at the AGM in August, some BTRA Rules were updated. The last update was more than a decade ago, and in fact they were not recorded by the Registrar. Therefore, we took the opportunity to review and adjust the Rules to reflect today's reality of running a residents' association. Key changes to membership were updated and are outlined in this issue.

With that, I wish all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and Gong Xi Fa Cai. Ramadan starts in mid-April in 2021, so I wish all who observe this holy month a blessed Ramadan.

Our lifestyles may have changed but we can still think positive, keep our spirits up and continue to stay safe.

*Muthanna Abdullah*

## Feedback? Suggestions? Comments?

If you have feedback or comments on Living On The Hill, or would like to suggest topics for future issues, or wish to contribute an article, please don't hesitate to email [bukit.tunku.residents@gmail.com](mailto:bukit.tunku.residents@gmail.com). Please enter "Living on the Hill" in the subject line for easy reference.

We'd love to hear from you!

(Contributions and correspondence may be edited for space and clarity). Living On The Hill is available at [www.btra.com.my/newsletter](http://www.btra.com.my/newsletter).

*Season's Greetings*

&  
Happy New Year  
2021

# Living on *The Hill* Unplugged

Rebooted in 2015, Living on The Hill is published twice yearly and distributed to occupiers of landed property and condominium developments in Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta. After five years (10 issues), a survey was sent to BTRA Members earlier this year to determine:

1. Preferred format – hard copy or soft copy; and
2. Top three most read sections.

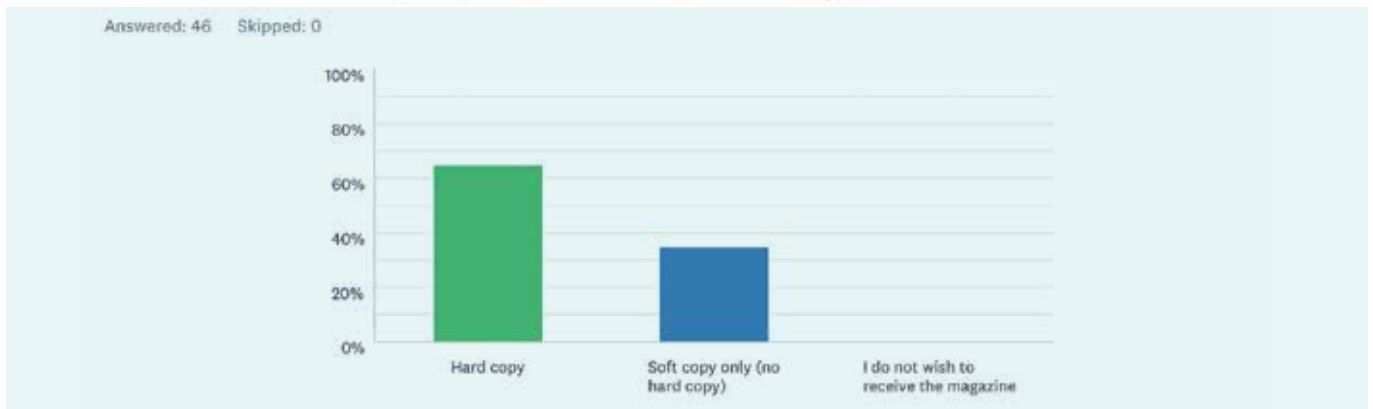
The feedback suggests that more than two-thirds of those who responded preferred a hard copy. And, unsurprisingly, the top three most read sections are:

1. My BT
2. Community Capsules
3. The President Speaks

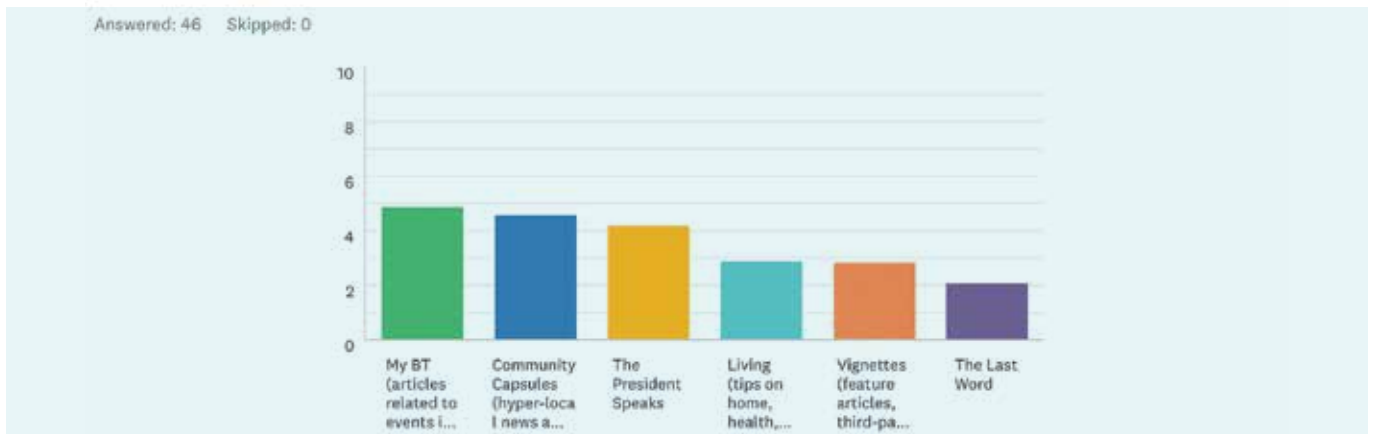
Therefore, Living on The Hill will focus on these three sections for the most part. If there are other topics of interest or contributions by third parties, they will certainly be considered based on various criteria.

The BTRA Member Comms sub-committee would like to encourage contributions for possible publication. Please contact the Editor for further information.

## In which format do you prefer to receive the magazine?



Please prioritise sections from 1 to 6, where 1 = "most important, must read;" 6 = least important or interesting, I would not miss it if it's gone." Please prioritise all sections.



# AGM 2020

The BTRA AGM was held on Monday 10th August, slightly later than the usual time frame of June, due to MCO restrictions.

Twenty-six Members and Associate Members attended the meeting. The minutes of the 2019 AGM, the 2019 Financial Report and the 2019 Auditors' Report were passed. Members also elected the Committee for the term 2020 to 2021:

<b>President</b>	: Dato' Muthanna Abdullah
<b>Deputy President</b>	: Dato' Tan Hoe Pin
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	: John Smurthwaite
<b>Deputy Hon. Secretary</b>	: Jaspreet Kaur Gill
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	: Mohammad bin Abdullah
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<b>Sub-Committee Members</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nor Jasmin Azmi, Taman Duta Representative</li> <li>2. Rossana Rashid, Tijani Representative</li> <li>3. Dato' Pardip Kumar Kukreja, Security</li> <li>4. Tunku Mohamad Alauddin Tunku Naquiyuddin, Security</li> </ol>

## Amendments to BTRA Rules

Notice was given of the intention to amend (update) the BTRA Rules. The original Rules were formulated when the Association was set up, more than 20 years ago. In 2006, updates were proposed, but those were not updated in the records of Registrar of Societies. Therefore, the amendments proposed at the latest AGM include those proposed in 2006, as well as further updates in line with the economic and societal reality of running a residents' association today.

Key updates that are relevant to all members directly are:

### Change of Membership Category:

#### ✦ Ordinary Member

Any individual owning one or more properties or a tenant of a property in Bukit Tunku shall be an ordinary member (hereinafter referred to as “Ordinary Member”) and shall be entitled to one vote notwithstanding the number of properties such individual owns in Bukit Tunku.

#### ✦ Corporate Member

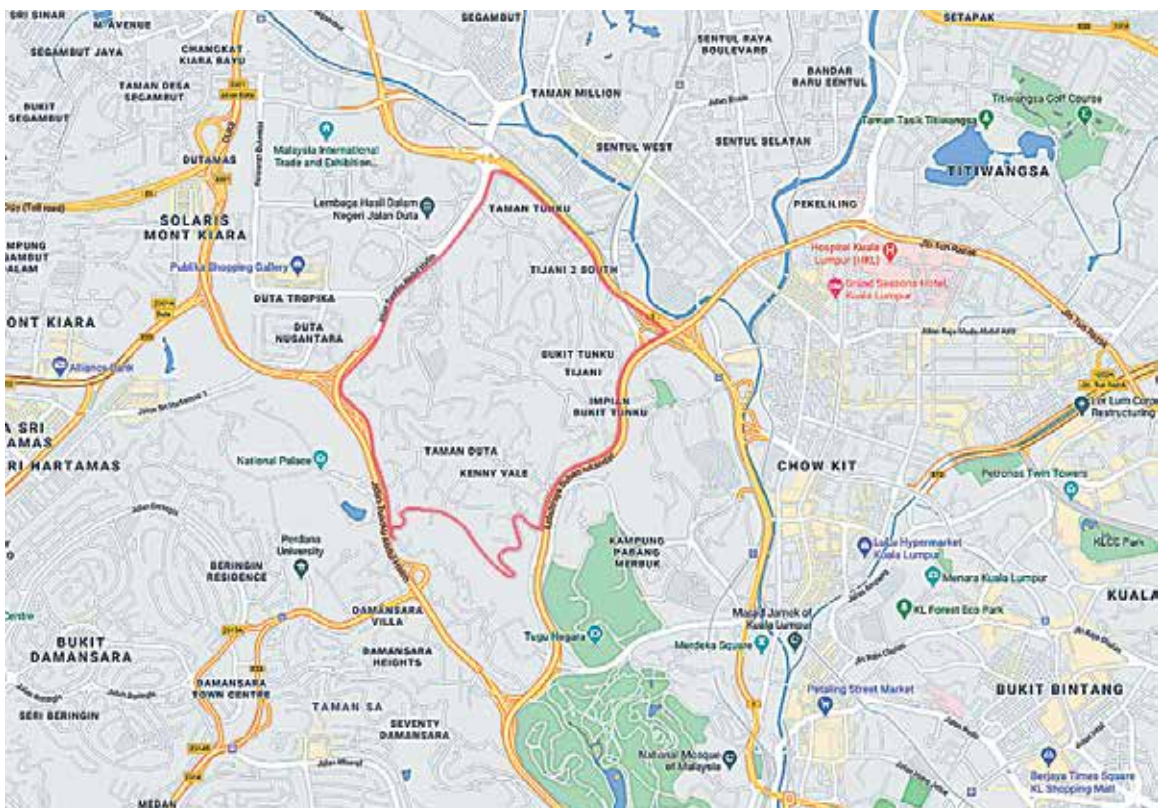
Any corporation owning one or more properties in Bukit Tunku shall be a corporate member (hereinafter referred to as “Corporate Member”) and shall be entitled to one vote notwithstanding the number of properties such corporation owns in Bukit Tunku.

#### ✦ Associate Member

Any other resident of Bukit Tunku (including the resident of any condominium or other multiple residential dwelling in Bukit Tunku) may be an associate member (hereinafter referred to as “Associate Member”). Such Associate Member may take part in all meetings of the Association but shall not have the right to vote.

### Change in Annual Membership Subscription:

With effect from 1 April 2021, the annual subscription payable for an Ordinary Member and a Corporate Member shall be **RM300** and for an Associate Member shall be **RM50**. The annual subscription shall be due on 1 April of each year and payable in advance not later than 30 April of that year.



*“Bukit Tunku” in the context of BTRA is the area shown edged in red on the map and includes Taman Duta and all houses having frontages on to the roads marked red on the map*

## Drain Repairs

DBKL continued to undertake roadworks and reparations to public spaces in Bukit Tunku in the past few months. A team was mobilised to repair a badly clogged drain near the entrance of Tijani 1 on Langgak Tunku. The drain was broken, debris cleared – including large tree branches – and was subsequently re-built. The BTRA Sub-Committee for Environment continues to work with DBKL and Public Service Agencies to keep the neighbourhood in good shape.



## The Stories of Taman Tunku

offering fusion fare, a bar, and a Japanese restaurant.\*

With the increased number of retail outlets, it's inevitable that more parking space is needed. To this end, Selangor Properties is working on options to increase parking capacity.

Plans are on the way to provide valet services and parking attendants, as well as a complimentary shuttle service, in the near future. Given the traffic and parking woes faced by residents and motorists along Langgak Tunku in recent months, this will be favourable news for all concerned.

After two years of updating and upgrading, *The Stories of Taman Tunku* will revert to a hive of activity – with more retailers offering a greater diversity of goods and services.

Apart from the thriving Kenny Hills Bakers in Block A, there are plans for a supermarket and a bespoke tailor. Additionally, more F&B outlets will install themselves in this popular neighbourhood hub, among them a restaurant

In keeping with the theme of building stories, story boards will be created at all social spaces within the hub. The story boards are crafted to commemorate the lives of individuals relevant to the neighbourhood. Social spaces within *The Stories of Taman Tunku* are named for these pioneers:

- The architect Dato' Kington Loo, a lifetime resident of Bukit Tunku and a co-founder of BTRA;
- William Eyre Kenny, after whom this neighbourhood was originally named; and
- Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia, after whom the neighbourhood's name was changed.

\*At time of writing; subject to change.

# Separation of Household Garbage and Recyclables : Reminder

Collection for Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta areas :

TYPE OF COLLECTION	SCHEDULE AND FREQUENCY
Domestic Residual Waste	Twice weekly from 6:30 hours (see table for specific streets and locations.) <b><i>It is highly recommended that you call the Customer Hotline to confirm collection days on your street.</i></b>
Recyclable Waste, Garden Waste, Bulky Waste	Once weekly, on Tuesday, from 6:30 hours

Customer Hotline: 1.800.88.7472

## RECYCLABLE WASTE COLLECTION

Recyclable waste will be collected **once a week.**

1x



2x



## RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTION

Residual waste will be collected **twice a week.**

## SEPARATE SOLID WASTE IN 3 EASY STEPS

- 1 Separate according to types
- 2 Temporarily store them in suitable containers
- 3 Place them next to garbage bin on collection day

## WHAT NEEDS TO BE SEPARATED?

Desert





# RECYCLABLES

Placed **next to** the large green garbage bin. Collected **once a week**.



## 1. PAPER - Blue Bags



## 2. PLASTIC - White Bags



## 3. OTHERS - Green Bags

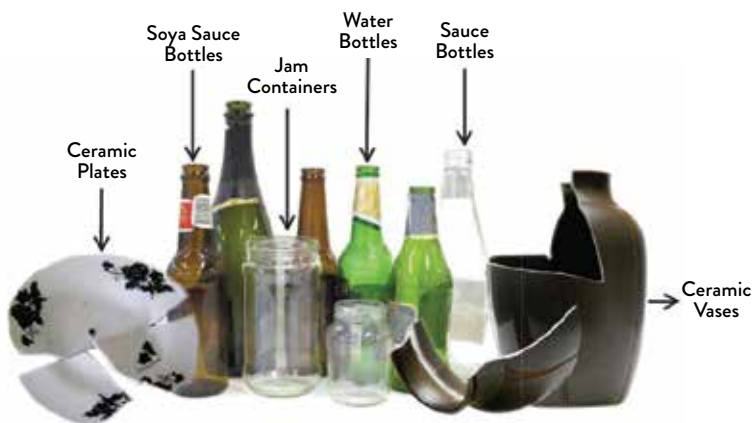
### I. METAL/STEEL/ALUMINIUM CANS



### II. HAZARDOUS WASTE



### III. GLASS/CERAMIC



### IV. LEATHER/RUBBER/SHOES/FABRIC





### 3. OTHERS - Green Bags (continues) V. ELECTRONIC WASTE/SMALL ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES



## DOMESTIC RESIDUAL WASTE



Placed **inside** a heavy-duty black garbage bag in your large green garbage bin. Collected **twice a week**.

### I. CONTAMINATE MATERIALS



### II. KITCHEN WASTE



### III. DISPOSAL DIAPERS



### IV. FOOD WASTE



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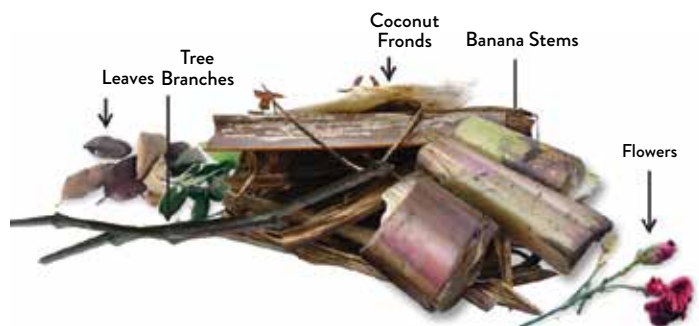
## BULKY WASTE

Can be left as is, and you can call Alam Flora to organise a pick up for these bulky items.



## GARDEN/FARM WASTE

Do bundle your garden/farm waste, so it's neat and easy for our public service workers to collect.



# Domestic Residual Garbage Collection Schedule by Street

(provided by Alam Flora)

Call 1.800.88.7472 to confirm collection days for your street

STREET <i>(alphabetical order)</i>	LOCATION	COLLECTION DAYS
Cerunan Tunku		2, 5
Changkat Duta		1, 4
Changkat Tunku		1, 4
Dalaman Tunku		2, 5
Dataran Tunku		2, 5
Jalan 1/63		1, 4
Jalan 1/63	Belvedere Condominium	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Jalan Bukit Tunku		2, 5
Jalan Carruthers		3, 6
Jalan Cemerlang	Villa The Rhoda	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Jalan Gallagher	Sri Duta 1 condominium	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Jalan Girdle		2, 5
Jalan Ledang		3, 6
Jalan Lembah Duta		1, 4
Jalan Lembah Tunku		2, 5
Jalan Mercuri		2, 5
Jalan Nusa		1, 4
Jalan Syers	Rumah Pengaseh	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Jalan Taman Duta		1, 4
Jalan Tengku Ampuan		3, 6
Jalan Tunku		1, 4
Jalan Tunku Putra		1, 4
Kelok Tunku		2, 5
Laman Tunku		2, 5
Langgak Duta	Sri Duta 2 condominium	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Langgak Duta		1, 4
Langgak Tunku	Tijani 1	1, 4

STREET <i>(alphabetical order)</i>	LOCATION	COLLECTION DAYS
Langgak Tunku	Tijani 2	1, 4
Langgak Tunku		2, 5
Liku Tunku		2, 5
Lorong Lembah Tunku		2, 5
Lorong Tinggian Tunku		2, 5
Lurah Tunku		2, 5
Lorong Duta 1		1, 4
Lorong Duta 2		1, 4
Lorong Duta 3		1, 4
Lorong Duta 4		1, 4
Lorong Duta 5		1, 4
Lorong Nusa 1		1, 4
Lorong Nusa 2		1, 4
Persiaran Bukit Tunku		2, 5
Persiaran Carruthers		3, 6
Persiaran Duta		1, 4
Persiaran Taman Tunku		2, 5
Persiaran Ledang		3, 6
Pinggiran Tunku		2, 5
Selekoh Tunku		2, 5
Simpangan Tunku		2, 5
Simpang Nusa		1, 4
Simpang Tunku Putra		1, 4
Tepian Tunku		2, 5
Tinggian Tunku		2, 5

# From The Hill to Ipoh and Back

Idris Mokhtar

**T**he year 2020 has certainly been extraordinary for all of us. For some of us, it was “business as usual” with the help of digital technology, albeit at a slower pace. As for me, while adjusting to life under MCO, I took the opportunity to sort through myriad personal possessions and memorabilia, partly to declutter, and partly to see what I could preserve from my family’s treasure chest over more than half a century and two generations. It was nostalgic and brought back lots of childhood memories of the simpler lives we led.

I was born in Kuala Lumpur in 1964; my birth certificate stating my address as Jalan Kenny Timor (renamed to Langgak Tunku). Both my sisters had their primary education at Convent Bukit Nanas School. However, in 1969 life in Kenny Hills was cut short as my late father, who was with LLN (Lembaga Letrik Negara, now known as TNB) was posted to Ipoh as Area Manager for the Northern Region. This meant he was responsible for managing the electrical supply in the states of Perak, Penang, Kedah, and Perlis. Cameron Highlands also fell

into this zone because at that time, the only access to Tanah Rata was by road from Tapah, Perak. As a result, we had to move from our residence at one of the many LLN houses along Jalan Bukit Tunku to another LLN house at Tiger Lane, Ipoh. Interestingly, the design of the LLN house in Ipoh was an exact replica of the one in Kenny Hills!

Life in Ipoh back then was unhurried and relaxed; I still have vivid memories of my father coming home daily from office to enjoy his lunch! Thus, beginning in the early 1970s, my life in Ipoh commenced with getting an education at a kindergarten just a few miles away, followed by primary schooling at Cator Avenue, and secondary school at Anderson School (and learnt much later that my late maternal grandfather was an “old boy” there!).



*Tok declaring Merdeka in Melaka, 1957*

**Osman Talib dalam kenangan**

# Rakyat biasa pernah jalankan tugas2 Sultan

**Oleh Nasaruddin Abu Bakar**



**ALLAHYARHAM DATO' SRI OSMAN**

SEKALIN, semasa kemaharajanya pada 9 September lalu, Allahyarham Dato' Sri Osman Talib telah seorang putera Malaya yang utamadatu dan orang besar negeri yang pernah memegang beberapa jawatan penting negeri dan negara. Tetapi dia adalah Allahyarham yang seorang anak pesuruh kampung di Kota Bahru, Perak.

Berikut kenangan bayarnya dan kesungguhan Allahyarham sendiri dalam pelajaran di Sekolah Anderson, Ipoh dan King Malay, Kuala Kangsar akhirnya anak pekerja biasa ini berjaya membuktikan bahawa anak kampung boleh mencapai prestasi tinggi dan dalam pelajaran dan kerjaya hanya untuk mencapai cita-cita sebagai seorang besar negeri dan juaan.

Allahyarham Dato' Sri Osman Talib yang dilahirkan di Mukim Teja pada tahun 1908 adalah seorang yang agak pendiam tetapi hatinya orang yang tidak banyak berbilang itu merupakan karakter rasul bekuja hingga selasai segala yang dipertanggungjawabkan kepadanya.

Allahyarham adalah orang kebaruan kedua yang masuk keurusan raja memegang gelaran Bendahara Perak, selepas kematian Dato' Sri C.M. Yusoff pada 26 Jan 1952 lalu dan memegang tampuk - sedang tahun Keramat Negeri Perak, pemegang gelaran Bendahara Perak boleh memaafkan tugas-tugas sultan beberapa jam atau beberapa hari, selasai berlaku kemangkatan selagi-gelang diwariskan kepada anak.

Menurut perantaraan ia, Allahyarham Dato' Sri Osman Talib pernah memegang tugas-tugas Sultan Perak dari 31 Januari hingga 3 Februari 1984 lalu, selepas kemangkatan Sultan Idris Almarhum Khalil Shah dan perantaraan Sultan Azlan Muhibuddin Syah.

Semasa hidupnya, Allahyarham Dato' Sri Osman Talib pernah memegang jawatan pendiri pegawai dan diarah di beberapa tempat mulai tahun 1935, pegawai diarah, majlis, Setiausaha Kerajaan Perak dan Perak yang kemudiannya menjadi Timbalan Menteri Besar Perak pada tahun 1955 hingga 1957.

Selepas mendedah jawatan Allahyarham dilantik menjadi Ketua Menteri Malaka hingga tahun 1959 dan selajus ia menjadi Pengerusi Lembaga Lantik Negara pada tahun 1971.

Allahyarham dikurniakan gelaran Dato' Kerna Jasa oleh Sultan Perak pada tahun 1957, Seri Negara Brunei pada tahun 1960, Seri Paduka Mahkota Perak yang bergelar KEMERDEKAAN tahun 1966 dan Dato' Mahkota Perak pada tahun 1968.

Allahyarham mempunyai beberapa buah syarikat kecil yang dipengeruskannya sendiri dan menjadi ahli Lembaga Pengarah syarikat-syarikat lain yang kebanyakannya adalah mengenai kerajaan.

Apabila Syarikat Gula Perak Berhad tidak mencapai keuntungan dan mengalami kerugian terpuca - juga ringgit pada setiap tahun hingga beberapa tahun lalu, Allahyarham mengambil daya usaha mengambalikan syarikat tersebut itu hingga baik sekarang.

Sekaligus pergaulannya dengan masyarakat luar agak terluas, tetapi dalam keluarga Allahyarham adalah amat mesra dan bagi keluarga yang kurang berada.

## “The Hills Are Alive”

As for me, one of my fondest childhood memories growing up in Kenny Hills in the 1970s was my school holidays with my cousins at our maternal grandparents house along the street now known as Langgak Tunku. I really looked forward to school holidays, which were quite lengthy back then, stretching over a few months, to spend time with my cousins at my grandparents' house back in Kenny Hills.

According to my mother, Tok bought four empty plots of adjoining land in Kenny Hills in the 1950s, purportedly from William Kenny himself, who at that time planted rubber trees at his plantation here. In fact, there's still one original rubber tree in front of my present house, and occasionally its unique looking pods would fall to the ground beyond my gates.

Memories abound at Tok's house on Langgak Tunku; my uncles and aunts held their weddings there, and these included notables guests such as the late Sultan Azlan Shah and three former prime ministers (Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, Tun Hussein Onn). They sat on a number of 1950-style square couches, and now those couches are proudly sitting at my house. If only they could speak, what a tale they would tell!

My maternal grandfather, who I always addressed as “Tok,” was an ordinary kampung boy at a village where our well-known cartoonist, Lat, hailed from: Teja, or better known as Kota Bahru, Perak, a small village near Gopeng. The railway line runs across it. Tok would take the train at Kota Bahru station to go to school in Ipoh. He would alight at Ipoh Train Station and hop on his bicycle stored there to cycle to Anderson School, approximately four miles away.

His full name and title was YAB Orang Kaya Bendahara Seri Maharaja Tan Sri Dato Seri Haji Osman bin Talib. Tok's remarkable career took him from being the first Chief Minister of Malacca (1957-1959), Deputy Menteri Besar of Perak (1953-1957), LLN Chairman (1960-1971), UTM Pro Chancellor (1979-1982), and Datuk Bendahara of Perak (1967-1984). He was also a close adviser to both Tunku Abdul Rahman and the late Sultan Omar Saifuddin III of Brunei, who he assisted in forming Brunei's constitution.



Tunku in his three-button Baju Melayu



*Hari Raya Elegance*

In the early 1980s, I met my wife (most affectionately known as Ennie) at a college in Ipoh. She's from KL and it was love at first sight! I knew she would be my wife one day. After a courtship that lasted almost 10

years, we finally tied the knot – but only after the customary “getting a university degree first” phase, of course!

Starting our married life, we initially stayed at my grandparents' house as it was located most conveniently for work. My wife had joined her family business and the workplace was at Jalan Masjid India. I was posted to the marketing department of an oleochemical factory in Kundang, near Rawang, a journey through Jalan Kuching and onwards through Templer Park and Rawang. Getting to work through two heavily-used roundabouts – the first at Jalan Duta near IKIM (no longer there), and the second one at Jalan Segambut - Jalan

Kuching every morning was a lesson in Zen patience and tolerance! We eventually rented a townhouse in Sri Hartamas (when it was still accessible only from Jalan Duta without the through-road to the present SPRINT Highway). After a decade and three kids



## PPEs for Front-Liners at HKL

Back in the early days of the MCO in March this year, hospital front-liners were in danger of running out of PPEs. This was the case especially at non-Covid hospitals, as most of the PPEs were directed to front-liners at facilities treating Covid-19 patients, understandably.

To ensure front-liners at non-Covid departments did not go without, specialist Baju Melayu tailor Omar Ali stepped up to produce and donate PPE kits to front-liners at the children's wing at Hospital Kuala Lumpur. Made from a non-woven fabric that is a blend of cotton and polyester (regulation), Omar Ali modified the cuff using Lycra, which makes it more comfortable while acting as a safety barrier. The full kit comprises tops and bottoms, boot covers and hoods, of which more than 3000 were donated.

later, we moved back next to the address in my birth certificate and it is our present home.

## A Homecoming, Of Sorts

As it happened, fate intervened and my wife's family business, a chain of boutiques called *Omar Ali* that her late father started in 1935 (yes, already 85 years in existence!) making Malay traditional attire, namely the Baju Melayu, had a very important customer. It was none other than Tunku Abdul Rahman himself. Unwittingly, Tunku left a sartorial footprint. He wanted to alter the customary five-button Baju Melayu into a three-button Baju Melayu (something not done before) incorporating a Mandarin-style collar so that it was not so protrusive at the neckline and allowed him to breathe more easily. We called it the "Baju Melayu Collar Tunku" but nowadays it is generally known as "Baju Melayu Butang-3" or three-button Baju Melayu.

It was also a delightful surprise to find out that my Tok was a customer of my father-in-law. I discovered this when I found an Omar Ali Baju Melayu in Tok's closet – how the world turns!

In 2001, I joined my wife's family business and we expanded to seven outlets in the Klang Valley and Putrajaya. We were serving long-term customers – 4th generation in some cases, from grandfather to great-grandson!

It has been said that the apple does not fall far from the tree. I believe that would apply to us! It was a natural decision to open our 8th branch at *The Stories of Taman Tunku*. We could very well be the only traditional Malay attire shop in Malaysia with a special heritage, and probably the only shop at *The Stories* that can proudly lay claim to having Tunku as a customer, operating an exclusive outlet at the very place in Kuala Lumpur named in his memory. Life takes us on a journey and then we end up at home!

*Idris Mokhtar is a true blue Kenny Hill-billy. After a short detour to Ipoh, Idris and his family have come home to roost. His latest boutique, **Omar Ali – Bespoke**, is located at *The Stories of Taman Tunku*, continuing the family business of creating traditional Malay attire, as well as modern Western attire, for discerning Malaysians.*

The global pandemic has rocked humanity on multiple levels. At least in this corner of KL, there was palpable relief for much needed PPEs, and much gratitude for this kind gesture.



# A Start to Managing the Neighbourhood Monkey Business

Following engagement with the Animal Neighbours Project (ANP) in the last quarter of 2019, which included a community workshop at the Taman Tugu Nursery\*, BTRA embarked on an urban study with ANP to better understand the issue of human-monkey conflict.

The Bukit Tunku / Taman Duta area was selected because residents have often complained about conflict with monkeys in these neighbourhoods to the authorities.

A survey company was commissioned to send the questionnaire to residents. Regrettably, the survey response was underwhelming, with only 25 usable responses.

This poor response rate could be due to a number of factors, for example:

1. The survey email did not reach everyone;
2. The survey email arrived but landed up in the spam or junk mailbox, which is not checked very often, and therefore missed the opportunity to provide valuable feedback; and
3. Everyone received the survey email but did not respond by the deadline due to other commitments or lack of concern for the issue.

The low response rate was rather disappointing and a lost opportunity, given that many residents here have voiced their frustrations about the monkey problem several times and fervently.

That said, a review of the 25 responses provided some insight:

1. Monkeys do cross regularly into private properties, and sometimes enter houses;
2. The main issue is that the monkeys rummage through rubbish bins;
3. Of the responses received, about one third said they would like to see a decrease in the number

of monkeys in the area. The other two thirds said they are fine with the numbers or they do not care about the number of monkeys in their area. When asked whether they see the issue as a problem, only one quarter said it's a serious problem while three quarters said it's a minor nuisance or no nuisance at all.

4. Among those concerned, respondents suggested relocation or culling as options to resolve the problem.

To address the rummaging issue, an experiment using special locks on rubbish bins was proposed and carried out. Tijani 2 South was selected for the experiment. Bins with locks were provided to 55 units; ANP designed and installed the locks.

Unsurprisingly, the experiment has been relatively successful in containing one of the main problems,







i.e. monkeys rummaging in bins. Feedback on the locks themselves is that they were not very robust (possibly can be broken easily with some force), but just adequate do the job. Nevertheless, the outcome of this experiment would suggest a way forward for anyone facing such a problem.

Undoubtedly these monkeys can be a pest at best and frightening at worst. Recently, one such monkey “visited” a resident at home. The primate then proceeded to raid the compost heap, which contained organic waste such as fruit peel and rind, vegetables and seed husks. What a treat!

Home occupiers can do simple things to avoid a conflict with our primate cousins, who are here to stay.

1. Keep open food away from easily accessible spots, e.g. from large open windows in which monkeys can easily reach in or climb through; and
2. Wrap food waste tightly and dispose in a bin with a lid that locks; these monkeys clearly know how to take a lid off a bin, so a lock would help to deter.

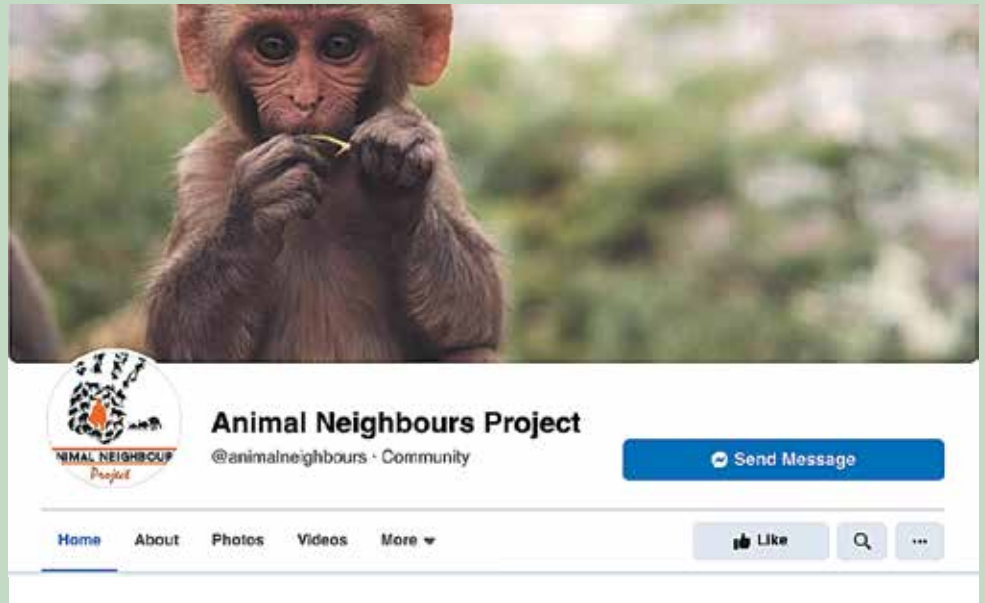
Lastly, obviously don’t encourage these visits by proactively offering food, unless that is what you wish to do, in which case, prepare for consequences.

BTRA will monitor the situation to determine next steps, including working with DBKL and ANP to manage the problem. A follow-up survey may be sent in the next 12 months; it is hoped that responses will be more forthcoming to help make informed decisions with regard to actions.

*\*see Living on The Hill December 2019 issue*



# About Animal Neighbours Project



ANP is a community project that aims to reduce human-monkey conflict using research and awareness. The project was established and founded in 2013 by Dr Sharmini Paramasivam, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) alumni from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Dr Sharmini is currently based at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Surrey, United Kingdom.

In 2018, the ANP won a Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) grant from Research England in collaboration with UPM. The GCRF project aims to develop a multi-disciplinary stakeholder partnership to address the human-monkey conflict in conflicted area in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

To date, ANP has engaged with local communities in urban areas that are directly affected by the human-monkey conflict, among them: Bangi; Bukit Gasing; Bukit Kiara; Bukit Jalil; Bukit Tunku; Kuala Selangor; and Taman Tugu, to assess the severity of the problem.

ANP continues to expand and engage with more communities in Malaysia. The organisation is actively looking for volunteers who are interested to participate and support this cause. Contact ANP at [animalneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:animalneighbours@gmail.com) or send a message on its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/animalneighbours/>



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