

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Think City and AusHeritage signs Memorandum of Understanding

Think City Sdn Bhd (“Think City”) and AusHeritage Ltd. (“AusHeritage”) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen existing relationship and foster further cooperation in the fields of cultural and natural heritage, as well as urban conservation. The MOU was signed by Think City Chairman, Prof. Dato’ Anwar Fazal, and the Chairman of AusHeritage, Vinod Daniel.

The MOU will cover three areas of cooperation between Think City and AusHeritage:

1. **Conferences, Workshops, Seminars and Exhibition:** both parties will encourage joint activities, including conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops and exhibitions on the protection, preservation, promotion and management of cultural and natural heritage.
2. **Skills Development:** both parties will encourage the exchange of expertise and joint activities in the research, preservation, conservation, promotion and management of cultural and natural heritage.
3. **Potential Areas of Development:** both parties will encourage the exploration of other areas of potential collaboration and advice.

“We hope that this MOU marks the beginning of many collaborations between our respective organizations,” said Prof. Dato’ Anwar, Chairman of Think City. “The added value that this brings to the stakeholders of the George Town World Heritage Site would be access and exposure to the specialist knowledge that exists within the members network of AusHeritage,” he said.

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About Think City Sdn Bhd

Think City is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Khazanah Nasional Berhad (KNB), which is the investment holding arms of the Government of Malaysia (“Government”). Think City in carrying out its role as trustee to the Government, promotes urban regeneration through a public grants programme – the George Town Grants Programme (“GTGP”), thought-leadership and outreach programmes. This approach is aimed at enhancing the city’s liveability and to build social capital over time.

About AusHeritage Ltd.

AusHeritage is a network of Australian cultural heritage management organisations, established by the Australian Government in 1996. The network aims to facilitate the engagement of practitioners and organisations for the Australian heritage industry in the overseas arena. Its members work internationally on a grant funded, commercial or cooperative basis. Members come from a variety of disciplines including: materials conservators, conservation architects and planners, academics, urban planners, environmental lawyers, cultural tourism planners and heritage managers. Membership organisations range from major Commonwealth collecting institutions and their counterparts in various State governments, to university departments and private sector consulting firms. AusHeritage is the only nationally based, multi-disciplinary cultural heritage organisation in Australia.