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Title:	Khazanah, Heritage Department to Restore Heritage Sites		

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- Khazanah Nasional Berhad and the National Heritage Department have been entrusted to restore two heritage sites recognised by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

The sites are Melaka and George Town, Penang.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Chor Chee Heung said Khazanah would overlook restoration works for the heritage site in Penang, while the heritage department's Kumpulan Wang Warisan would supervise works in Melaka.

In line with the recognition, he said the government had approved RM50 million to restore the sites, followed by an annual allocation provided under the National Heritage Department.

"A RM20 million fund has been set aside for Penang and RM30 million for Melaka," he said in reply to a question from Liew Chin Tong (DAP-Bukit Bendera) at the Dewan Rakyat here Thursday.

Chor said the allocation for the heritage sites would be used for preparation of restoration management plans and determining heritage-related policies, in line with Unesco's requirements.

He said the funds would also be used for preparing the Special Area Plan (SAP), which is a monitoring plan under Section 16B(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1976.

"It serves as a planning control and detailed guideline based on building typology analysis and the social composition of an area," he said, adding that it would also be used to create more comprehensive inventories for each heritage building and upgrade the current inventory system.

"Besides that, it will be used to ensure monitoring, conservation and documentation works are more efficient, as well as for the use of preparing manuals for repair and maintenance," he said.

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