



**THE DR. WU LIEN–TEH COMMEMORATIVE GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM**

Dr. Wu Lien-Teh (1879-1960) was a global medical icon in public health in the 20th century. Born in Penang, Malaysia, he was a student of the Penang Free School. He was the first Malaysian and the top medical student of Cambridge University and at Emmanuel College, where he also obtained his PhD. He was among the first founders of the Anti-Opium Society in Malaya and eventually achieved the abolishment of opium in 1926. He was trained by 3 doctors who were Nobel Prize winners in medicine in England, France and Germany before returning to work in the Institute of Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, where there is a gallery about his great pioneering work. He was offered a position as Vice Director of the Tientsin Military Medical Hospital, China in 1907. In December 1910 there was an outbreak of a serious epidemic involving pneumonic plague in Manchuria and he and his small medical team were despatched by the Ching dynasty government to investigate the cause and bring the plague under control.

Dr Wu’s heroic medical work led to the halting of the outbreak after 60,000 lives were lost, which could have devastated China. By initiating the largest cremation in Chinese history and putting in quarantine measures and inventing the “Wu mask”, Dr. Wu helped in bringing the plague under control within 6 months. He subsequently was tasked to establish some 20 hospitals and research hospitals in China, thus he was known as the Father of Modern Medicine in China. In 1932 he co-authored the first English book on “History of Chinese Medicine”.

He also founded the China Medical Association in 1916. For his work on pneumonic plague he was nominated for the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1935 and he still holds the record as the first Malaysian to achieve such distinction. He returned to Malaysia in 1937 and continued as a practicing doctor and was actively involved in civic and public health work in Ipoh until 1960. He retired in January 1960 and returned to Penang where he died of a stroke. The Times of London wrote “The world of medicine has lost a heroic and almost legendary figure”.

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**(Symposium Day One)**

**(Presentations)**

**Saturday 23 July 2016**

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| 8.00am | Registration of the arrival of Family members from around the world and Participants for the Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Symposium |
| 9.00am | Welcome  by Society President, Dato’ (Dr.) Anwar Fazal |
| 9.10am | Speech by Chief Minister of Penang/State Minister of Health |
| 9.20am | Speech by a representative of the family |
| 9.30am | Presentation of Gift to Chief Minister of Penang/State Minister of Health |
| 9.35am | The Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Lecture by Clement Liang – The Legacy of Dr Wu Lien-Teh |
| 10.35am | Presentation by Alison Chong of the Family Tree, so those present can see their line of descent from Founding Ancestors – Ng Khee Hock and Lam Choy Fun.  Talk also on rediscovery of the Ancestral tombs ; Search for Ruth Huang’s (First Mrs. Wu) tomb in Beijing; Search for Missing Elder Brother and 5th Brother |
| 11.20am | Tea Break |
| 11.50am | Program resumes |
| 11.55am | Donations Appeal to maintain the Ancestral Tombs by Henry Yeang  with short slide presentation |
| 12.10pm | Open Floor discussions and feedback from participants on the Program to date and the proposed touring part – When should the next Family Reunion Event be held ; Should it be in Penang or Ipoh or Shanghai or Beijing or Harbin and what topics to cover |
| 12.30pm | The Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Society sharing on the Society’s objectives, the Life Member program and various initiatives. |
| 12.45pm | LUNCH |
| 2.00pm | **Sharing by some family members of stories and memories of Dr Wu** |
| 3.00pm | Dr Kris See on Healing with Passion (Global Health Issues – Challenges & Opportunities). |
| 3.30pm | Medical Talk on current public health issues by Prof. Dr. Rashid Khan |
| 4.30pm | Medical Talk (Speaker to be confirmed) |
| 5.30pm | End |
| 7.30pm | **Grand Dinner by Special Invitation Only – Family Members and Friends of Family and special dignitaries – Venue: St Giles Hotel** |

**Sunday 24 July 2016**

**SYMPOSIUM DAY 2**

**(Dr. Wu Lien-Teh HeritageTour)**

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| 8.30am | Depart to Visit Mt Erskine to pay respects to the Founding Ancestors from whom all relatives descended from  - Dr Wu’s parents and his maternal grandmother. |
| 10.15am | Visit Batu Gantung to pay respects to Dr. and Mrs Wu. |
| 11.20am | Drive past his house in Ayer Itam where he retired and died. |
| 11.30am | Arrive at Penang Free School for Photo Shoot at Gate  Visit the new School Museum and the Grounds – 200th Years Anniversary. |
| 12.45pm | Drive to the Road named after the Legend, Taman Dr. Wu Lien-Teh – photo session. |
| 1.15pm | Lunch at Peranakan Nyonya Favourites at Leboh Light. |
| 2.30pm | Pay respects at the Wu Kongsi where Dr Wu’s father was a member. |
| 3.45pm | Drive past 38 Love Lane where Dr Wu lived. |
| 3.50pm | Drive past his clinic at Chulia Street. |
| 4.00pm | Visit Museum (Either Dr Sun Yat Sen or Dr Wu Lien-Teh). |
| 5.30pm | End of tour - Back to Hotel. |
| 7.00pm | FAMILY REUNION DINNER.  For family & friends only – Depart to Mayble Palace for Family Reunion Dinner – Non Halal - Restaurant can cater for halal food to be brought in. |

**Note:**

**For those that elect to pay for the Grand Dinner as Extra at additional cost of RM 300 you will get to attend the Dinner and receive a special limited edition minted Dr Wu Lien Teh medallion to mark this Commemorative Symposium that also co-incide with Penang Free School 200 Years anniversary where Dr Wu attended as a student from 1886 to1896 and now there is a Sports House named Dr Wu Lien Teh.**

**For those on day 2 program tour comes to an end at 5.30 p.m. and you will be ferried back to hotel for your return home, unless Family member and personal friends then proceed for the Family Reunion Dinner.**

**Application Form Registration – Please see attached Form. Submission with remittance by deadline of 30 April 2016.**

**OFFICIAL HOTELS**

**The following hotels are providing special rates and participants are encouraged to stay at any of them depending on logistical reasons:**

1. **St Giles Wembley Hotel** [**http://www.stgiles.com/penang-hotels/the-wembley-hotel/**](http://www.stgiles.com/penang-hotels/the-wembley-hotel/)

**183 Jalan Magazine; 10300, Penang**

**Price : RM 295 net per twin sharing per night – Superior Room, with breakfast**

**Tel : +604 259 8000**

**Fax No: +604 264 3388**

**Email:**[**info.swpg@StGiles-Hotels.com**](mailto:info.swpg@StGiles-Hotels.com)

1. **Cittitel Express Penang (Located behind ST Giles Hotel) - Budget Hotel**

**123 Leboh Noordin , 10300, Penang**

[**www.cititelexpress-penang.com**](http://www.cititelexpress-penang.com)

**Price : RM 165 net per twin sharing per night – Standard Room, with breakfast**

Tel: +604 259 1188

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Email: [**resvn@cititelexpress-penang.com**](mailto:resvn@cititelexpress-penang.com)

**All Hotel Bookings are to be made direct to the hotel. Early booking is requested as room at special rates are limited. You need to secure the room with your credit card for the nights you plan to stay in Penang.**

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