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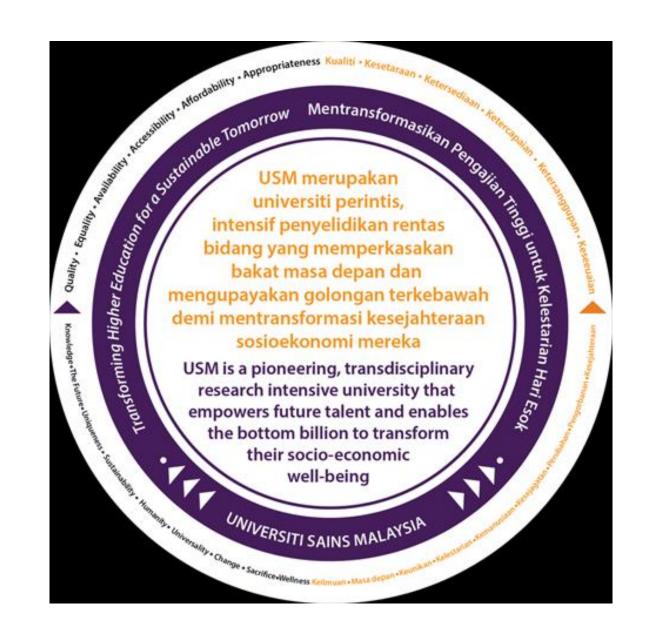
UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

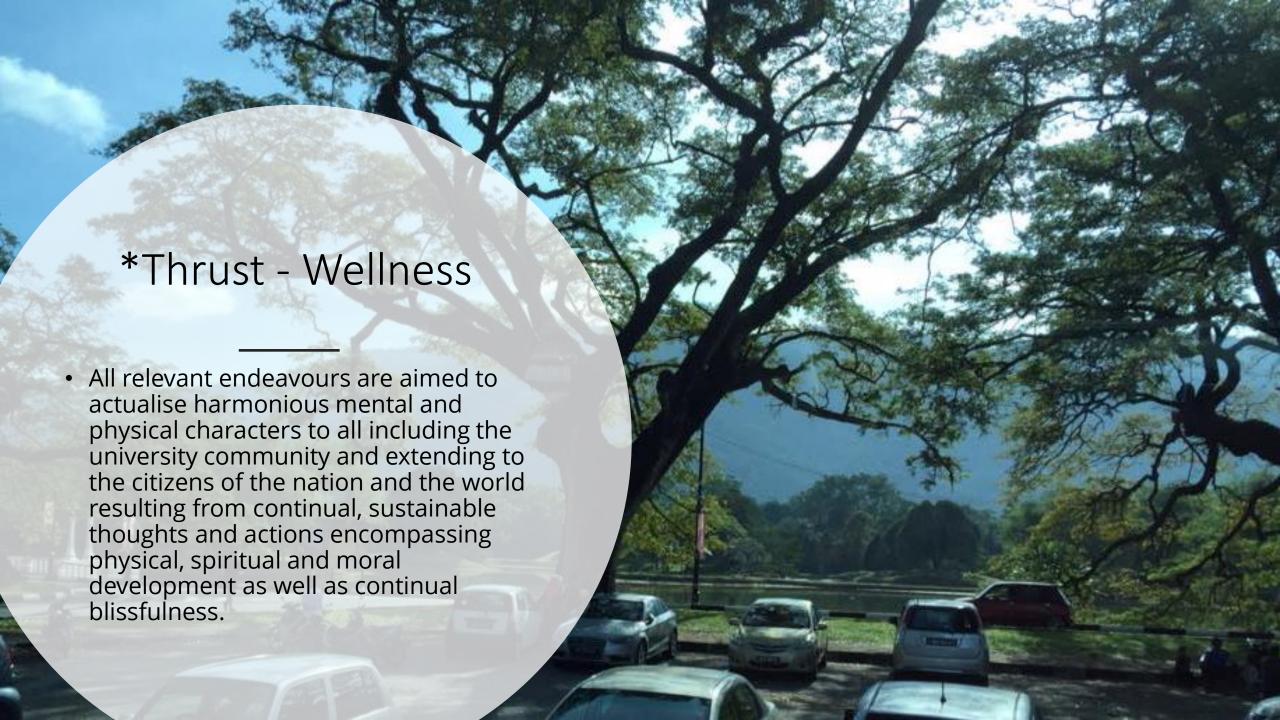


- Established as the second university in the country in 1969, the present campus is on 416.6 hectare site at Minden, Penang
 - 17 Academic Schools on the main campus in the island of Penang;
 - 6 Schools at the Engineering Campus in Nibong Tebal
 - 3 at the Health Campus in Kubang Kerian, Kelantan (approximately 300km from the main campus).
 - 17 dedicated research centres (wide range of specialisations).

9 APEX THRUSTS

- 1. Knowledge
- 2. The future
- 3. Uniqueness
- 4. Sustainability
- 5. Humanity
- 6. Universality
- 7. Change
- 8. Sacrifice
- 9. Wellness*





School of Humanities

originally the School of Cultural and Community Studies.

It was established in 1970, a year after the inception of Universiti Pulau Pinang (predecessor of the present Universiti Sains Malaysia).

liberal arts- oriented and were set up to provide a balance in terms of the focus of the University so that emphasis would not be placed solely on the sciences and technology.



School of Humanities

- Geography
- History
- Malay Language Linguistic Studies
- English Language Studies
- Islamic Studies
- Literature
- Philosophy and Civilisation
- Translation & Interpreting Studies

Environmental Humanities

".. a diverse and emergent field of cross-disciplinary research that seeks to analyze and investigate the complex interrelationships between human activity (cultural, economic, and political) and the environment, understood in its broadest sense."

The Oxford Research Centre for the Humanities (TORCH)

Teaching

HGG250/3 Society, Space and Environment

 Class Assignment: USM as Sustainable Campus – Location, Space and Functions

HGT342/4 Research Methods and Geography Fieldwork

- Fieldwork Project 1: Cultural Ecosystem Services of Urban-Blue Spaces
- Fieldwork Project 2: Ecotourism and Wetland Conservation

HGG250 SOCIETY, SPACE AND ENVIRONMENT



An elective course for major Geography in BA Geography programme



A compulsory course for minor Sustainability Studies



1 semester course



USM as Sustainable Campus

Students engagement with campus community

- Identify location and spaces
 - Learning Spaces
 - Leisure Spaces
 - Food/ Café
- Discuss and analyse spaces for sustainable lifestyle (e.g. waste, energy, design, safety)
- Output:
 - Map of important spaces in USM Campus
 - Positive and negative experiences of using the campus spaces
 - Recommendations to improve the spaces

HGT342
GEOGRAPHY
RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY
AND FIELDWORK

An compulsory course for major Geography in BA Geography programme

2 semesters (4 units)

Students working in groups, 7 weeks to 1 week in the field and 1 week at the university

Project 1: Ecotourism and Wetland Conservation

- Kuala Sepetang was formerly known as Port Weld, the first railway system in Malaya began on June 1, 1885 when 8¼ mile railway track connecting it and Taiping
- Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve, the largest mangroves covering an area of about 41,000 ha.
- Crescent-shaped measuring about 13 km wide in the middle and about 52 km between extreme ends of the northern coast of the state of Perak in Peninsular Malaysia. Comprises of 19 independently gazetted forest reserves. Mangrove trees are logged to produce charcoal
- In recent years, the small town has become popular tourists destination especially for its seafood (especially prawns) and Eco-Tours.



"The world has enough for everyone's need, but not everyone's greed"

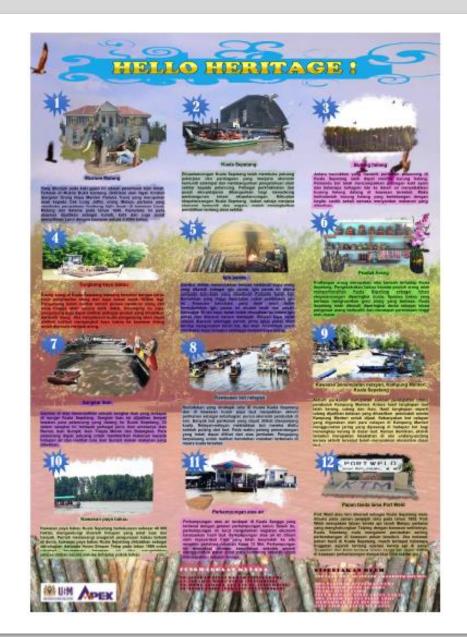
- Mahatma Gandhi-

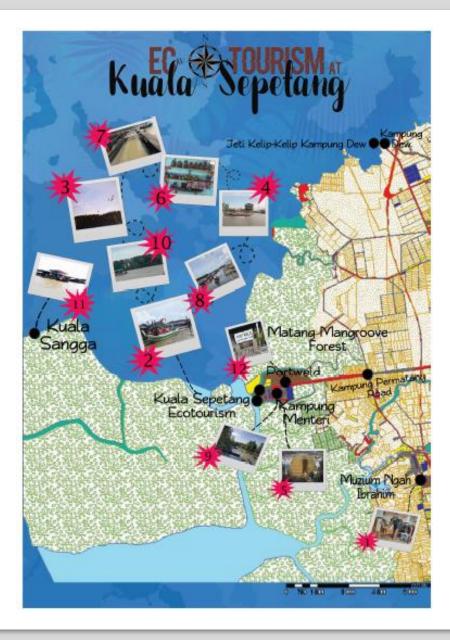
 Most of the eco-tour guides are fishermen with local knowledge of the river, mangrove and its biodiversity

 Eco-tour guides were trained about management of the forest reserve and charcoal production (main product of mangrove trees).

• They needed a map showing the attractions of the area and local stories for the tourists.

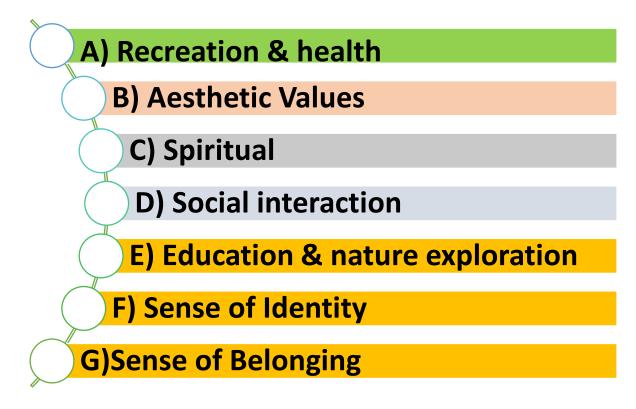






Project 2: Cultural Ecosystem Services of Urban Green-Blue Spaces

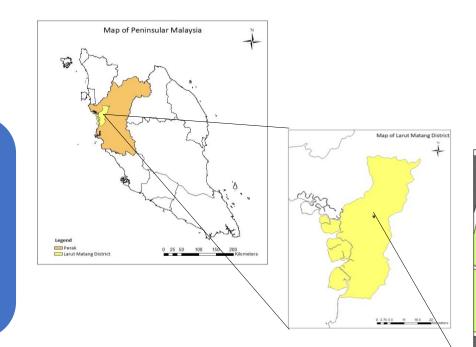
- Urban green-blue spaces (e.g. urban parks, lakes & river corridors) – important for sustainable cities & communities
- Green-blue spaces provide bundled ecosystem services
- Visitor Employed Photographs (VEP) to map perceptions
 - Enable the localization of the most highly valued ecosystems in a landscape
 - Allow the identification of critical focal areas for UES planning and management



Taiping

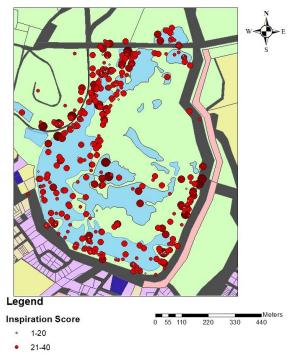
A historical city and known for its natural heritage – tin mining and biodiversity

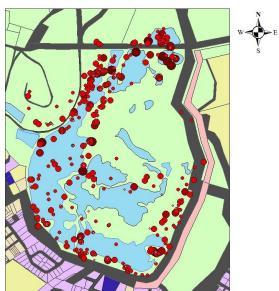
Taiping Lake Garden covered with 2,300 trees and the beautiful scenery of the drooping branches of the 100 years old trees

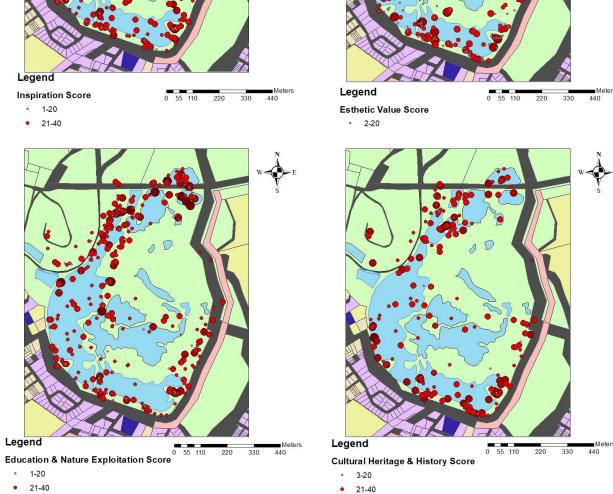
















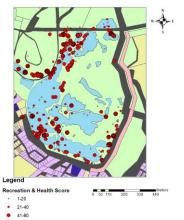
Distribution of Cultural Ecosystem Values



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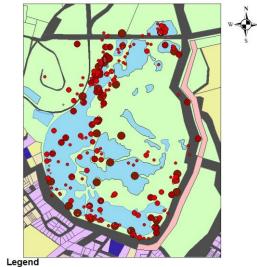
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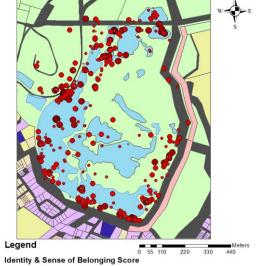
- 61-80





Spiritual Score

- 1-20
- 21-40
- 61-80
- 81-100



- 1-20
- 21-40
- 41-60
- 61-80
- 81-100





Thank you