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10 THINGS TO DO AT THE PENANG DIGITAL

Level up your learning and working styles at the Penang Digital Library.

It began in 2015, when the Penang state government collaborated with Keysight Technologies, Eastern & Oriental (E&O) Berhad, and TIME to conceive the idea for a library that would drive the way information is gleaned and consumed in this day and age. At the same time, it would help foster better social interactions and collaborations, that 'human touch' that has become lacking in today's societies.

The resulting Penang Digital Library (PDL) was officially launched in October 2016, housed in an elegant colonial bungalow on Jalan Masjid Negeri that was once the Puspanita office. E&O Group was the main contributor for building refurbishment works, including the mechanical and electrical aspects.

The PDL was designed to facilitate faceto-face discussions, sharing sessions, and cross-disciplinary engagements. Just six months after its opening, the library was



in February this year, Phase 2 (PDL2) of the project opened its doors. Located directly opposite PDL1, the second phase comprises a bungalow and a sleek, modern building set across a neat lawn.

What can you expect at the Penang Digital Library? Here are 10 reasons to visit.

1. FIND YOUR FAVOURITE READING CORNER

By the window with the sun streaming in, inside glass cubicles meant for one, booth-style seating, open table setups...PDL provides a variety of reading corners to suit different preferences. On good weather days, consider finding a spot at Wisdom Street (PDL2), a semi-outdoor area with large tables, oversized lamps and bits of greenery. There's complimentary WiFi all around and plenty of plug points for you to charge your devices.

FACING PAGE: Phase 1 is housed in a colonial bungalow; THIS PAGE: The Amphitheatre can accommodate up to 40 pax; there are meeting rooms available for rent





upgraded into a 24-hour facility and 2. WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A CONDUCIVE **ENVIRONMENT**

Spacious, well designed and decked out in comfortable furniture, the library presents a soothing environment that helps you focus and be productive, whether you're a student cramming for an exam or a freelancer on a deadline. Phase 1, in particular, is generally quiet and has less visitors. It's also open 24 hours so you can make use of its facilities any time.

3. BORROW AND READ E-BOOKS

Apply for a library card to access digital books via an app called Libby. Membership and rental are free. The collection of over 3,000 titles have been specially curated and covers many genres, including children's books, comics, and there are even audio books.





4. UTILISE THE COMPLIMENTARY IPADS

get what you need done on your mobile phone? Head inside the Phase 1 building and look for the iPad Area on the ground floor. There are about 10 tablets, tethered to long tables, that you can use on site.

5. HAVE A BRAINSTORM SESSION

is what you need to stimulate creativity and spark innovation. Bring your team over and rent either the Collaboration Room (PDL1) or Brainstorm Cube (PDL2). Rental starts from RM80 for two hours 8. DRINK AND DINE and the rooms come with LCD TV and Love A Loaf Café has one outlet each HDMI cables.

6. HOST AN EVENT

spaces that you can rent for events, the popular Kota Dine & Coffee.

seminars or bigger group meetings. The Left your laptop at home and can't Amphitheatre can accommodate up to 40 people whereas the Community Hall has a 200-pax capacity.

7. JOIN A WORKSHOP

PDL organises in-house events from time to time, such as children's arts and craft workshops during the school holidays. In April, they also hosted a Sometimes, a change of environment 'Let's read together for 10 minutes' session in support of the Penang state's government initiative to get people to read more.

at PDL1 and PDL2. The former serves light bites and drinks, whereas the latter **THIS PAGE:** Phase 2 opened this January, (also known as Cabin in the Park) offers a modern complex that includes Besides the smaller rooms, which a wider selection of breads, cakes and outdoor seating; FACING PAGE: Parents are suited for work meetings and hot food for all-day dining. Both are brainstorms, the library also has larger operated by the same people behind

can enjoy a meal at Cabin in the Park while their children make use of the playground

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9. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR KIDS

For the little ones, PDL1 has a Kid Learning Area that is comfortable and spacious, an ideal space for reading and exploring. If you prefer them outdoors, there's a playground next to the café at PDL2.

10. HIDE AWAY

Some days, the city can feel a bit too much. If you need a place to get away from it all for a few hours while eschewing the typical café scene, PDL may have just what you need. The Mansion, one of two buildings that make up PDL 2, has an elegantly furnished Lounge Area that could pass for a charming boutique hotel. 💯

PENANG DIGITAL LIBRARY

135 Jalan Masjid Negeri, Daerah Timur Laut, George Town Opens: Phase 1: 24 hours; Phase 2: 8am-10pm daily Helpdesk +604 370 8715 Office +604 370 8687 penangdigitallibrary.com



BOOKS AND BEYOND

Bibliophiles, bookmark these places in Penang to satisfy your love for the written word.





ARECA BOOKS

History buffs, literature enthusiasts, culture vultures, arts lovers...if any of these describes you or your choice of reading materials, you don't want to Big Bad Wolf book sale), BookXcess miss Areca Books.

A niche publisher founded by heritage activist Khoo Salma Nasution, who is also president of the Penang Heritage Trust, Areca is known for their well-researched books and academic titles on Malaysia and the region. They regularly host talks, readings, book signings and meet-theauthor sessions.

Many of Areca's titles are also available at the E&O Hotel's lifestyle gift boutique, Emporium.

72 Lebuh Acheh, George Town, Penang **Opens:** 10am-6pm daily T+604 261 8186 www.arecabooks.com



BOOKXCESS

After wowing book lovers in the Klang Valley with their astounding selections at low prices (and the record-breaking expanded to Penang to open their eighth store, at Gurney Paragon Mall, this January. There's much to love about this homey space that spans 26,000 sq ft across nearly two floors. Cushy sofas and armchairs dot the space so you can plonk yourself down and take your time reading through before deciding which titles to take home, or find a spot at Café Wolf if you'd like a drink and a bite as well.

The children's books section looks out to the sea while the Red Readerhood corner lets you spread the joy of reading with charity homes. The sheer number of books is staggering so it makes sense that this is where you'll find the longest bookshelf in Malaysia (70m in length) and another that stands proudly at 10 metres high.

7th & 8th Floor, Gurney Paragon, Gurney Drive, George Town, Penang Opens: 10am-10pm daily www.bookxcessonline.com/









GERAKBUDAYA BOOKSHOP @ HIKAYAT The original store at Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling has been in business since 2014 and last year, Gerakbudaya branched out to nearby Lebuh Pantai with this new edition. While the former focuses on South East Asian literature and rare titles from independent publishers, this second store carries more non-fiction and titles on Penang.

Besides books, there are unique collectors' items that capture slices of local heritage, such as the multimedia box set on Potehi Glove Puppet Theatre of Penang, Loka Made Gallery's illustrated cards depicting everyday Malaysian scenes, and cheeky card game Politiko. At the back of the store, a cafe-style area with minimal settinas lets you read in peace and relative quiet.

226 Lebuh Pantai, George Town, Penang Opens: 10.30am-8pm daily T+604 261 0282 www.gerakbudayapenang.com







THE NOOK BOOKS & CAFÉ

Describing itself as a used bookstore and espresso-tiam or coffee shop, The Nook certainly lives up to its name, a cosy and tranquil café housed in a row of neatlypreserved heritage residences that's ideal for escaping into a book. Order your coffee and perhaps a mille crepe (they just introduced some pasta dishes too), then browse through the bookshelf to find your read for the day. Step through the low opening in the centre and you'll find yourself inside an alcove-like space where more books await. Mostly priced between RM6 and RM22, the selection includes Asian, Malay and Chinese titles as well as volumes on philosophy, arts, and autobiographies.

4 Khoo Cheow Teong Court, George Town, Penang Opens: 11am-11pm, Mon + Wed-Fri; 9am-11pm, Sat-Sun; closed Tue **T**+6012-525 2762



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NAJA CONCEPT BOOK HOUSE Books and a daily changing menu of homecooked food served in a 160-year-old house that's recognised as a heritage building-that's Naja are for reading on-site only. The idea in a nutshell. Even more interestingly, while it was built in vernacular Malay architecture of its time, it had always been home to a Chinese family and the founder has maintained the rustic, homey atmosphere well. Dining tables are spread out across several rooms surrounded by books-mostly Chinese

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Penang, which chronicles the hotel's development and changes through the years, from its birth in 1885 to what it is today.

Victory Annexe, Eastern & Oriental Hotel, 10, Lebuh Farquhar George Town, Penang Opens: 9am-9pm T +604 222 2000 (Ext 3138) www.eohotels.com



and for children, with a smattering of English titles—from the proprietor's personal collection as well as donations from friends and customers, and most behind Naja is a place where the whole family can relax and spend quality time together. 🕖

17 Jalan Asmara, Bukit Mertajam, Penang Opens: 11am-8pm, Thur-Tue; closed Wed **T** +6010 464 2182

IN CAKE HEAVEN

Buttery and creamy, frosted or glazed, we rarely meet a cake we don't like. More so if they're from these six cafes in Penang and Johor Bahru.







CHINAHOUSE

Over 50 types of cakes and pastries are piled high onto three tiers, with even more varieties joining the mix on flakes but their mastery of French pastry weekends and new offerings introduced doesn't stop there. Le Petit Four also regularly. If you haven't encountered ChinaHouse's iconic Cake Table and that are just as beautifully crafted. The ordered from it, you haven't been to menu changes often, with seasonal Penang. It's possibly the biggest spread of cakes in Penang (maybe even Malaysia) under one roof, in what is the longest café on the island.

The crowds are incessant and much patience is needed to get a table on weekends and holidays, but the cakes are well worth the effort. Those who creation combines Guanaja chocolate have tried agree that their bestselling tiramisu is bar none while others rave about the salted caramel cheesecake. It will take many visits to try every single cake they have but you'll definitely find at least one that you'd go back for.

153 & 155, Lebuh Pantai, George Town, Penang Opens: 9am-1am, Sun-Thu; 9am-2pm, Fri-Sat **T** +604 263 7299

IF PETIT FOUR

They're best known for their croissants that boast of perfect layers and buttery tempts with a range of petit gateaux specials that are available for limited time only, but éclair is a mainstay and it comes in several variants such as chocolate, strawberry, pistachio, pecan, and hazelnut.

Besides éclairs, the Chocolate Cointreau is a must-try. This flourless mousse, chocolate cake, kirsch cherry, Cointreau cream and praline. The mousse is rich, silky and has a beautiful consistency while the praline provides a lovely crunch. Another highlight is the Enchante, a gorgeous presentation of rose cheesecake, raspberry jelly, and lvchee.

310 Lebuh Pantai, George Town, Penang Opens: 9am-6pm, Fri-Tue; closed Wed-Thu

REAL FOOD

There was a time when desserts and eating healthy didn't go together but as cafes like Real Food have proven, you can have your cake and eat it too. Their specialty is vegan, glutenfree, and dairy-free concoctions baked using organic ingredients and non-meat substitutes such as vegetable gelatin. Unbleached flour, high oleic sunflower seed oil, shredded coconut, dates and nuts are among the natural goodness found in their cakes, which include their bestselling carrot coconut and gateau chocolate. They also offer raw cakes in flavours like mint chocolate, berries and roselle, a blue-tinged vegan cashew cheese cake coloured with bunga telang, and occasional seasonal flavours like jackfruit.

Real Food accepts orders for whole and customised cakes too; do give them at least two to three days' advance notice.

A-G-13D Straits Quay, Jalan Seri Tanjung Pinang, Penang Opens: 10am-10pm daily **T** +604 890 8295



FULL OF BEANS

Espresso-based, siphon, aeropress, pour over—how do you like your coffee? This To sweeten your coffee experience and the selection changes every week. Besides their bestselling carrot walnut, they usually have several varieties of mille crepe as well, all of which pair well with coffee. They also serve single origin teas from China.

THE SUGAR PANTRY

There is a Japanese aesthetic to its décor and indeed, Japanese-style specialty coffee café has them all so it's breads and pastries are what they offer a matter of what mouthfeel you prefer. at their bakery section. When it comes to cakes, The Sugar Pantry simply focuses further, complement your chosen brew on delivering the best combination of with a slice of cake. Full of Beans sources textures and flavours. What you'll find is them from homemade bakers in Penang a smorgasbord of gorgeous confections that look as good as they taste. Take the Natsuko for example, a pleasing oblong in an apple areen tone aarnished with fresh strawberries, raspberry ganache, and black sesame cream. Cut through the crispy matcha chocolate shell and a black sesame financier greets you. Altogether, it's a party in your mouth!

3H-G-11 Straits Quay, Jalan Seri Tanjung Pinang, Penang Opens: 9.30am-9.30pm daily T +604 899 0621

47 Jalan Molek 1/9, Taman Molek, Johor Bahru Opens: 10am-10pm daily **T** +607 364 3910





MACO BAKERY & CAFE

Maco's main claim to fame is their mille crepe, and they offer more than 20 varieties on a rotational basis. At any one time, you can find at least 10 different flavours in their chiller. Their mille crepe is characterised by thin, even layers slathered with a good ratio of cream. If it's your first visit, aim for their top sellers: Hokkaido milk, original vanilla, and the 3-in-1 (chocolate, vanilla, strawberry). For something more 'exotic', try the Lemon Yuzu. It has a mild citrusy tang and is not too sweet, even with all the layers of cream. To wash it down, Maco offers a menu of specialty coffee, with the star being their Signature Aged Brew of premium Arabica beans brewed in ice bath for 30 days.

65 Jalan Sutera Tanjung 8/2, Taman Sutera Utama, Skudai, Johor Opens: 11.30am-11pm, Mon-Thu; 11.30am-11.30pm, Fri-Sun **T** +6013 727 3366



A SOUND **INVESTMENT**

Three homeowners tell us what inspired their decision to purchase properties at Seri Tanjung Pinang.





ANDY CHEN

a four-day holiday. What I saw and experienced within that brief stay was enough to make me relocate from My unit overlooks the landscaped Hong Kong and retire here.

endeavour which took 12 months and ended when I came upon Quayside surroundings, quality architecture, one of the top management teams in Penang, good security and safety measures, reasonable price, good value for money.

What attracted me the most was the lush greens; it reminded me of parts of Europe and Australia. I am quite keen on boating, so having a marina close by is definitely a plus point. I also liked that Straits Quay is practically next door, which is very convenient.

It took me just 15 minutes to decide that this would be my new home. If I'd known

"Two years ago, I came to Penang for about this place earlier, I would have saved a lot of time!

gardens below and towards the sea. It often feels like I'm staying in a hotel I began seriously house hunting, an and friends who have been to my place agree. In fact, a couple of them decided to purchase a home here after Seafront Resort Condominium. It's visiting me (they took just five minutes everything I want in a home: soothing to make that decision!) and ended up winning the grand prize of a Mercedes-Benz C-Class in E&O's Luxury Living campaign.

> I have been here for about nine months now and I must say, my quality of life has definitely gone up!"

WHAT ATTRACTED ME THE MOST WAS THE LUSH GREENS



E&O'S REPUTATION AND TRACK RECORD ARE WELL **ESTABLISHED**



KEVIN SINGHAM

well established so I didn't need much convincing when I heard about the launch of The Tamarind. Good design and planning, quality facilities, familyfriendly features...for all that, the price was very reasonable.

It's very strategically located, being surrounded by good amenities and within short driving distance to most places. Commute time is definitely made shorter.

Overall, the property really stood out so I didn't even feel the need to shop around or compare it with others. I knew right away it was a good choice.

"E&O's reputation and track record are My family and I currently reside in Gelugor, as my daughter's school is near the airport. But we come to this area on weekends to get groceries and shop for things that she needs. The Tamarind will thus be our weekend and holiday home.

> I look forward to being able to just walk out and get food or go to the movies. The water park is another highlight; I know that my family and I will be spending a lot of time there."



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DATO LIM KOK KHONG

"I invested in a unit at Amaris Terraces I really like the design too, especially By-The-Sea® because of E&O's practical features like having two reputation for quality. The after sales kitchens (wet and dry), a maid's service is impressive too and they room and a guest room. The overall showed great initiative in not only workmanship and landscaping were inspecting but also rectifying problems the other things I looked at as the before even handing over the keys.

Another important factor is the three my expectations. layers of security at Amaris—there are gates at the promenade, the back rows I'm still looking for a suitable designer between houses, and at each individual to do up the unit so we haven't moved unit. The compound is so spacious that in yet, although my wife has been children can play freely and as parents, asking!" 🥺 you feel safe letting them do that as it's within your own space and you can lock the gate.

surroundings are as important as the house itself. Seri Tanjung Pinang met all



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The design and layouts of Avira homes bring the outdoors in, encouraging good airflow and natural light





E&O Berhad's Avira Garden Terraces in Medini Iskandar Malaysia, Johor cemented its reputation as a holistic, integrated masterplanned development with distinctive homes when its second phase scored an encouraging 70% takeup rate before its official launch.

THE AVIRA'S EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN IS A MAJOR DRIVING FORCE OF THE PROJECT'S POPULARITY.

The Avira's exceptional design is a major driving force of the project's popularity. Conceived to invoke a sense of space and harmony with nature, every Avira Garden Terrace home is a paean to seamless, holistic living.

The layouts are such that they promote cross ventilation and optimise natural light flow, while linear gardens encourage engagement with nature and among residents.





Waze / Google Map: AVIRA Medini by E&O

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- University of Reading
- University of Southampton
- Management Development Institute of Singapore
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- Raffles University Iskandar
- Multimedia University (MMU) Secondary Trust School
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Nestled within verdant green spaces, AVIRA GARDEN TERRACES enjoys excellent accessibility to EduCity as well as a host of lifestyle and entertainment offerings.

One of the few landed properties in Medini, AVIRA GARDEN TERRACES is built with wide frontages that invite the outdoors in, whilst private courtyards and back gardens flow seamlessly into linear parks.

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Currently, there are 14 nationalities who Future Avira homeowners can look call Avira home. Together, they form a melting pot of cultures and a close-knit vibe besides enjoying its strategic and vibrant international community. Within Avira's gated compounds, they Puteri Harbour Theme Park, EduCity, and gather and socialise at ease while their children can play safely. A recently- Link to Singapore and major highways, completed clubhouse has added to among a host of retail and lifestyle residents' enjoyment, providing a leisure options. outlet for the whole family.

forward to more of the same welcoming location—in close proximity to Legoland, Gleneagles Medini Hospital, the Second

FROM TOP: Prospective buyers at the Avira sales gallery; residents enjoy numerous community events and activities organised by Avira

THERE ARE 14 NATIONALITIES WHO CALL AVIRA HOME



NIBBLES AND TIPPLES BY THE POOL

Every evening, the E&O Hotel's Poolside Terraces serves a selection of tapas that you can pair with wine.

How does this sound for a day ender? Delectable tapas served with your choice of white, red, or rosé while you relax in cushy wicker armchairs with views of the pool and the sea.

Welcome to Tapas & Wine at Poolside Terrace, located on the sixth floor of the E&O Hotel. Every evening between 6pm till midnight, you can order from an ala carte menu of more than 10 types of tapas and pair them with wine. The Whispering Angel, a delicate rosé, is a popular choice as it goes well with most of the tapas.

Take your pick from the refreshed menu, which was introduced just last month. There's a good mix of delicate bites and more substantial dishes that are perfect for sharing over good conversations. Start with the marinated green olives

with roasted almonds, mixed herbs, and Tuna Tartar, where diced raw tuna is garlic or the guacamole with tortilla chips. Pop them into your mouth to get your appetite going before moving on to more hearty selections such as the Marinated Air-dried Beef (bresaola) that's beautifully flavoured with chilli, Italian parsley, and parmesan.

The Spicy Prawns follows in the same vein, with juicy whole prawns swimming in unctuous goodness. Spiced Clams with Garlic is equally satisfying, its savoury sauce begging to be mopped up with the toasted baguette slices that accompany the tapas.

Creamy Sauté Mixed Mushrooms is another crowd pleaser; slivers of fungi that's all umami, well accompanied by a thick sauce. The most unique 10, Lebuh Farquhar, 10200 Penang presentation comes in the form of the www.eohotels.com

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seasoned with shoyu and served in pie tee shells, topped with a tangy wasabi sour cream.

These are just some of the scrumptious delights that await you at the Poolside Terrace every evening. If the weather is kind, you might even get to witness a beautiful sunset. ወ

Tapas & Wine is available from 6pm-12 midnight daily. For reservations, call 04-222 2000 ext 3151/3139

POOLSIDE TERRACE

Victory Annexe, Eastern & Oriental Hotel



NEW TENANTS



Shop a wide range of unique, high-quality furniture for children. Dress up your little ones' rooms with pieces from the Honey Baby collection, which includes beds, shelves, benches, desks, accessories, and bedding.

CLASSICAL MUSIC ROOM I 3A-1-11

Established in 2009, Classical Music Room (CMR) is staffed by a team of skilled, enthusiastic teachers who are passionate about developing musical talents and potential. Their mission is to develop the highest quality of music education for the next generation.

OSEL CLINIC I 3A-1-19

Healthcare goes digital at Osel Group, which integrate medical and educational needs under one roof. Their intelligent clinics are built on smart, digitalised platforms to ensure the best care for everyone.

PAPELLI I 3C-G-2

Woodfired pizzas topped with the freshest ingredients is the promise of Papelli, where traditional techniques are embraced in order to serve up rustic, authentic Italian fare. Their thin crust pizzas come in generous portions and are meant for sharing, so grab a partner or gather a group and tuck in to a hearty feast.

UPCOMING

THE ART OF KOLAM COMPETITION 19 OCTOBER 2019

This annual contest for children has been drawing more and more attention each year as the designs grow in creativity and innovation. The young kolam artists never fail to impress while bringing the colours of Deepavali to life. Attractive prizes await the winning creations, sign your children up now!

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ALL-TIME FAVOURITE TRICK OR TREAT 26 OCTOBER 2019

"Spooktacular fun" is the name of the game every Halloween when Straits Quay celebrates ghouls, spirits, and costumed characters. Participate in exciting games and take home some fantastic prizes.

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STRAITS QUAY CHRISTMAS CHARITY BAZAAR 30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER 2019

Deck the halls with boughs of holly and other Yuletide delights. You'll find them all at this annual charity do, where merchants ply a wide range of unique Christmas decorations and gift items. All proceeds go to local charities.



CELEBRATING LIFE

A season marked by joyous occasions



STRAITS QUAY COMMUNITY TALENT SEARCH 13, 14 & 27 APRIL 2019

There were energetic bands, soulful Children of all races captured the joy vocalists, graceful dancers, skilled and meaning of Hari Raya in this popular instrumentalists and spades of talents contest, producing vibrant artworks that on display at everyone's favourite talent reflected talent and flair well beyond search show. Judges and audiences their years. alike were vowed by the impressive performances, and a new batch of superstars were born.

HARI RAYA ART & CRAFT 2 COMPETITION 11 & 25 MAY 2019





WAU DESIGN & BATIK WORKSHOP

11 & 25 MAY, 1, 5 & 6 JUNE

The art of wau and batik are integral to Malaysian culture and heritage, and shoppers at Straits Quay Retail Marina had the opportunity to try their hands in producing some beautiful pieces for themselves. The well-received workshops were held in conjunction with Hari Raya.



A HELPING HAND FOR WATERSPOUT VICTIMS

E&O Berhad helped repair homes that were damaged in the incident.

The now infamous waterspout incident that hit the Tanjung Tokong area in early April this year caught everyone by surprise. Houses were damaged as was a community hall and the police station. Upon learning of their plight, E&O Berhad immediately contacted Tanjung Bungah assemblyman Zairil Khir Johari to offer our assistance.

The company teamed up with Kerjaya Prospek (M) Sdn Bhd, its main contractor, to replace the zinc roof sheets of the damaged structures. Volunteers, led by Johari's service centre, also distributed packets of nasi kandar and bottled water to affected families.











LIGHTING UP WITH THE JOY **OF RAYA**

E&O's Hari Raya Open House delighted residents and tourists alike.

Tantalising aromas of kambing golek, cucur udang, mee goreng, rendang and lemang wafted from the big canopy set up on the lawns of Straits Green public park for E&O's Hari Raya Open House.

Residents from the Tanjung Tokong area and tourists turned up in droves to join the festivities, which also featured traditional dance performances by students from SK Tanjung Tokong, SK Convent Pulau Tikus and Tadis Ar-Rasyidin.

The Open House was graced by Penang Deputy Chief Minister 1 Datuk Ahmad Zakiyuddin Abdul Rahman and state exco members Zairil Khir Johari and whose son suffers from cerebral palsy.

Dr Afif Bahardin, Pulau Tikus assemblyman Chris Lee, Pulau Betong assemblyman Mohd Tuah Ismail, and Penang Island City Council secretary Addnan Mohd Razali.

The event was the culmination of E&O's month-long support for the local communities, which included sponsoring Sports Day for participating schools of the Think Green programme, cash contributions for buka puasa and Ramadan Market, funding the repair of the Pusat Komuniti Prihatin Tanjong Tokong multipurpose hall, and extending support for the family of a fisherman









GARDENING 10 FOR CHILDREN

Young residents of Avira learned the basics of growing plants.

Young, aspiring urban gardeners had a field day at the Kids' Gardening Workshop organised by Avirg and held at its Clubhouse. First held in June, the workshop provided two hours of fun and experiential learning.

The children were introduced to a variety of local vegetables, learned how to make potting mix, picked up basic how-to on growing vegetables, and got to bring home a potted plant. It proved so popular that a second workshop was held in August. 🕺





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