APAKHABAIR?

Peranakan Museum in the Making

A Family Guide



"Apa khabair" is Baba Malay for an everyday greeting that asks "How are you?". Use this trail to explore the exhibition – we hope you'll learn more about Peranakan culture and heritage along the way.

Recognise this building? It's the Peranakan Museum on Armenian Street. Did you know I used to sit outside it everyday? See if you can spot me in this picture!

What exciting things happened here? Check out the Timeline wall to discover more!

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WHO ARE THE PERANAKANS?

Look around this space to learn about Peranakan food, clothing, and culture. Then, tell us something new you've learned on our interactive feedback wall.



WATCH!

View the videos you find in the gallery. What are they showing you? Which Peranakan craft or practice do you find most interesting?

If you were to learn a craft or skill from your parents or grandparents, what would it be? Write it down in the space below.



LEARN!

Something smells good... shall we find out about Peranakan food? Go to the "Making Food and Memories" wall to see what some Peranakan home cooks have whipped up in their kitchens! Scan the QR code for more information on each recipe.

Have you tried any Peranakan dishes? Do you have a favourite one? Match the ingredients in these four yummy Peranakan dishes below!





Hae Bee Hiam







Pulot Inti





Mango Paceri

SEE!

The objects around you are important in traditional Peranakan cultures. Can you guess what each object was used for?



Find the SIREH SETS

Sireh was an important part of traditional Chinese Peranakan weddings. A typical sireh set includes a cutter (for slicing areca nuts), and several small containers for holding ingredients like betel leaves, chalked lime paste, cloves, and tobacco. Identify the cutter and containers of the sireh sets here!



Find the display of NYONYAWARE.

The Baba Malay term for dining ware is "pinggan mangkok" (pinggan means "plate" and mangkok means "bowl"). A Peranakan dinner service can include a whole array of porcelain plates, bowls, and other containers! What colours and patterns can you find on the dining ware here?



If you're inspired by the beautiful plates and bowls here, why not try creating your own special design? What motifs and colours would you use in your design?





DO!

What's your favourite thing about Peranakan culture and heritage? Do you have any special memories of the Peranakan Museum? Write or draw your reflections below and drop this at our feedback station. Who knows... your reflections could end up being part of the show!

Write/draw here:

Psst... the Peranakan Museum reopens in the first half of 2023. We hope to see you there!

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