



Gedung Kuning

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Salaam

It was nice meeting you at Abg Khir's house today and for the lovely discussion. I hope you'll consider some of our suggestions with regard to Gedung Kuning.

Summary of what we've discussed:

Mango Tree

I'm glad that the termites problem was not from my mango tree and that the tree needn't be cut down.

Photos of Haji Yusoff

Pls see attachment. 65 refers to Haji Yusoff at 65 years old. I hope the 'photo' that you're recreating will be displayed in a prominent place and with a short write-up about Haji Yusoff.

Names of rooms

Kota Raja

Kota Nongchik (to ask permission from the family)

The Verandah

We'll let you know if we have other suggestions

Doa selamat

We've agreed not to have this.

Write-up about Kg Glam

As agreed, I will do a short write-up about Kg Glam (1 page) to be inserted on your menu page. However, I request that you include this below the write-up - Information from forthcoming book on Kampong Glam by Hidayah Amin

I will email you once I'm done, perhaps in May.

Acknowledgement tags on items donated

Julina will ensure all items donated will have the acknowledgement tags (pls refer to NHB). Pls also inform us should you decide not to use any of the items in Gedung Kuning.

Haji Yusoff Entrepreneur Club

As discussed, pls let us have the concrete proposal (objectives, programme etc) before we decide. Haji Yusoff was particular about his association with such labels.

Forgotten point

Sale of Gedung Kuning book

I've forgotten to bring this up during the discussion. Perhaps Fig & Olive could consider selling my book at the retail store as customers/tourists would like to know the history of the house. According to Ibrahim from Wardah Books, the book sells well and he often has to re-stock. So it'd be a bonus to your customers if they can get hold of the book at your shop. No pressure to sell my book :) Just thought it would be a nice touch to the restaurant.

Other matters discussed previously with Julina

Food Festival 2012

Reading sessions: Normally authors don't like to have reading sessions of the book that have yet to be published Hence, neither Abg Khir or myself will do any readings or publicity of our forthcoming projects (book, film or recipe, etc), though I made the exception to do a short write-up on Kg Glam for Fig & Olive.

Abg Khir,
Have I missed out anything else?

Warmest regards,

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From: **Hidayah Amin** <hidayah.amin@gmail.com>
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Dear Zulkarnine

Congratulations to Fig & Olive on the contract. My cousin Abang Khir is arranging for us to meet sometime in April when he returns from Ethiopia. Julina has earlier contacted us and perhaps I should also share with you what I've discussed with her.

I recently watched an episode of American Horror Story and was intrigued by what one of the characters said, "A house (this old) has personality, its own feelings, mistreated and you'll regret it". I sincerely hope that Fig & Olive will not mistreat Gedung Kuning. I can't overemphasize the importance of this.

Signature menu

Favourite dishes from the family: too many. We'll revert about this.

Mango-based desert: good idea, can link the story to my book.

Mango Tree (email to Julina)

As I recall, there's no wood panelling next to my mango tree when we lived there. Tepak Sireh must have installed it then.

To cut the mango tree would be a tragedy as then Gedung Kuning would then not have any tree at all! What is a mansion without tree? I strongly advise that we save the tree through whatever methods that you have suggested etc.

Press Conference

I'll have to check my schedule. Chances are that I might not be able to make it. Besides, you don't really need me at the press conference, right?

History of Gedung Kuning

This depends on what you'd be doing. Are you having some historical panels about the family's history etc? If you want articles, you can get them from www.gedungkuning.com

For photos, it all depends on your ideas of the portrayal the history of Gedung Kuning.

May I suggest that you sell my Gedung Kuning book at your restaurant. This is because visitors and tourists would be keen to learn the story of Gedung Kuning. If you're keen, I will give you the contact of my distributor.

Reunion

The family just had our annual haul 2 weeks ago (a tradition that Haji Yusoff insisted on). Perhaps future hauls can be done at your restaurant (we will of course pay for the food catered which we hope will be given to us at a discounted rate). A reunion is possible but we have to discuss this with the family. Gedung Kuning doesn't belong to us anymore; I don't see why you want us to be there for doa selamat.

As highlighted to Julina earlier, we would like to see all items that the family donated and displayed in Gedung Kuning to have the acknowledgement plaques. I noticed many are missing when I last went there. Some items can't hold heavy things (I was appalled when I saw heavy hi-fi set sitting on one of the antique tables). Pls ask Abang Khir if you're not sure about this.

Hope to see everyone at our meeting!

Best regards,

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On Sun, Mar 25, 2012 at 10:33 AM, Zulkarnine Hafiz <zulkarnine@figolive.com> wrote:

Dear Hidayah

We were given the contract to manage and run the Gedung Kuning from the Malay Heritage Board. We will start our renovation in April to July. We will be having our press conference in Kampung Gelam CC on the 13th April (Fri) at 2:30pm. We would like to invite and will be honoured if you could come to witness this event.

In addition, we would like to seek your help in getting permission to use copies of your family photos/articles as part of our commitment to educate the community on the history of the place. We are also looking into the possibility of introducing some signature menu items that is served in Gedung Kuning.

We are also seeking if it is possible to have a reunion for your family at Gedung Kuning somewhere in June (insyaallah) before it is open to the public for a doa selamat.

Thanking you in advance.

Best regards

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On Tue, Oct 18, 2011 at 2:25 PM, Hidayah Amin <hidayah.amin@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Zulkarnine

Thank you for your email. I'm returning to Cambridge today and will be away for some time. I've forwarded this email to my cousin Khir Johari. Do get in touch with him if you need to. For more information on Gedung Kuning, pls visit my website and read my book 'Gedung Kuning: Memories of a Malay Childhood' - <http://www.gedungkuning.com/book/index.htm>

Best regards,
Hidayah

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From: **Zulkarnine Hafiz** <zulkarnine@figolive.com>

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Dear Sis Hidayah

I received an offer to tender for Gedung Kuning from the Malay Heritage Board. As I was doing some research on its historical background, I found that you are the best person for me to talk and gather information. If you do not mind, could I request for a meeting with you. The objective is to know more first hand information about this unique place.

I hope that you could accede to my request.

Thanking you in advance.

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