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## RE: Nominate A Heritage Tree

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Dear Gan Khing and the NParks team,

As a follow-up to my email of May 7, I enclose a recent photo of the mango tree taken in May 2012. If you noticed, the lower branches had been unfortunately chopped off, presumably by the old tenant (Tepak Sireh Restoran).

I thought perhaps it would be important to let you know the correspondences between myself and the Malay Heritage Centre (MHC) pertaining to the tree.

On March 21, the MHC informed me on that...

### "Mango Tree

Speaking about mango... after the previous tenant finally moved out of GK, we saw some termites infestations on the wood panelling on the wall next to the Mango tree. Masmunah (new tenant) has called in the pest/termites busters to check on the situation and extent of damage. Hidayah, we may need to seek your understanding, in case there is a need to cut the tree due to the termites infestation. We can seek some advice if there is any way to save the tree, do some tree cutting technique or sthg like that, so that it be transplanted at another lot. I have not had the update yet wrt to this. I suggest tht we can discuss this when we meet up."

I met up the GM of MHC and Masmunah & Zulkarnine (Fig & Olive, the new tenant) on April 6 and they informed me that there was no termites infestation with the tree but the termites problem was due to the wooden decks that the Tepak Sireh Restoran put up. MHC had since ordered them to be removed and informed me that the mango tree need not be cut down.

As such, I really hope that NParks would recommend that the tree to be nominated as a heritage tree due to the following reasons:

1. Cultural significance of the mango tree in a Malay family. Malay cooking used a lot of mango and it was not uncommon to find mango trees in kampongs.
2. Historical significance of a mango tree in a historic building.
3. As an understanding of the cultural significance of Malay practice of planting a fruit seed to commemorate birth of a child (which is similar to some cultural practices of other communities in the world).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have other queries.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

**Hidayah**

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

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Dear Gan Khing,

I enclose some photos of the mango tree at 73 Sultan Gate (Gedung Kuning). The 2012 picture showed the tree girth.

I hope the tree can be endorsed as a heritage tree due to the historical and cultural significance.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

**Hidayah**

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On Mon, May 7, 2012 at 10:32 AM, Gan Khing GOH (NPARKS) <GOH\_GAN\_KHING@nparks.gov.sg> wrote:

Hi Hidayah

Thank you for your nomination and sharing with us the story behind the tree.

We will be visiting the nominated tree to assess it. If it meets the necessary requirements, we will submit it to the Heritage Tree Panel for their consideration and endorsement. The Panel meets in the last quarter of the year and is made up both NParks and non-NParks tree lovers.

Thank you for the support!

Regards,

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