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Restoration of Rubber Smokehouse, Lunas, Kedah, Malaysia.
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Restoration of Rubber Smokehouse

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Award Cycle: **2008-2010 Cycle**

Status: Shortlisted

Country of origin: Malaysia

Location: Lunas, Kedah, Malaysia

Client: DIGI Telecommunications

Architect: Laurence K.Y. Loh

Located in the small town of Lunas, in Kedah district near Penang, the Rubber Smokehouse stands as an example of Malaysia's industrial heritage and the rubber industry that was of vital importance to Malaysia's economy for much of the twentieth century. The preservation project brought together the different communities living in the area and created an awareness of their shared history. It also engaged Malaysian schoolchildren, who

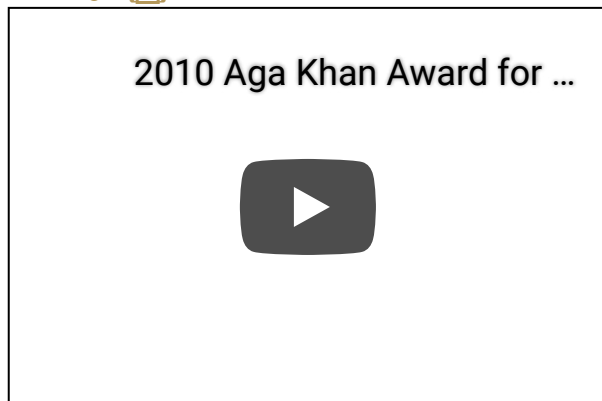
Design: 2006-2007

Size: 340 m²

Completed: 2007

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were charged with mapping and documenting a cultural history of their home. Sponsored by a local telecommunications company, the project was led by the architect Laurence Loh, whose family is originally from Lunas. The Rubber Smokehouse has been transformed from an abandoned and forgotten building into an important part of the town's landscape and a focus for the rural community. It has combined the physical conservation of the historic fabric with youth engagement, intercultural tolerance and civic pride, a unique approach that shows how architectural interventions can play a role in advancing social cohesion in multicultural societies.

OTHER PROJECTS: MALAYSIA

NAME	CITY	BUILDING TYPE	AWARD CYCLE
University of Technology Petronas	Tronoh	Higher Education Facilities	2005-2007 Cycle (Recipient)
Datai Hotel	Pulau Langkawi	Hotels & Communal Facilities	1999-2001 Cycle (Recipient)
Petronas Office Towers	Kuala Lumpur	Office Facilities	2002-2004 Cycle (Recipient)
Menara Mesiniaga	Selangor Darul Ehsan	Office Facilities	1993-1995 Cycle (Recipient)
Salinger Residence	Kajang, Selangor	Private Residences	1996-1998 Cycle (Recipient)
Tanjong Jara Beach Hotel	Terengganu	Hotels & Communal Facilities	1981-1983 Cycle (Recipient)

OTHER PROJECTS: RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION

NAME	CITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	AWARD CYCLE
Nasrid Tower Restoration	Almeria	Spain	2014-2016 Cycle (Shortlisted)

NAME	CITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	AWARD CYCLE
Rehabilitation of Nagaur Fort	Nagaur, Rajasthan	India	2011-2013 Cycle (Shortlisted)
Thula Fort Restoration	Thula	Yemen	2011-2013 Cycle (Shortlisted)
Rehabilitation of Al-Qaraouiyine Mosque	Fez	Morocco	2008-2010 Cycle (Shortlisted)
Restoration of the Amiriya Complex	Rada	Yemen	2005-2007 Cycle (Recipient)
Rehabilitation of the Walled City	Nicosia	Cyprus	2005-2007 Cycle (Recipient)
New Life for Old Structures	Iran various locations	Iran	1999-2001 Cycle (Recipient)
Old City of Jerusalem Revitalisation Programme	Old City	Jerusalem	2002-2004 Cycle (Recipient)
Restoration of Al-Abbas Mosque	Asnaf	Yemen	2002-2004 Cycle (Recipient)
Restoration of Bukhara Old City	Bukhara	Uzbekistan	1993-1995 Cycle (Recipient)
Conservation of Old Sana'a	Sana'a	Yemen	1993-1995 Cycle (Recipient)
Palace Parks Programme	Istanbul	Turkey	1990-1992 Cycle (Recipient)
Kairouan Conservation Programme	Kairouan	Tunisia	1990-1992 Cycle (Recipient)
Rehabilitation of Hebron Old Town	Hebron		1996-1998 Cycle (Recipient)
Great Omari Mosque	Sidon	Lebanon	1987-1989 Cycle (Recipient)
Rehabilitation of Asilah	Asilah	Morocco	1987-1989 Cycle (Recipient)
Darb Qirmiz Quarter	Cairo	Egypt	1981-1983 Cycle (Recipient)
Historic Sites Development	Istanbul	Turkey	1984-1986 Cycle (Recipient)

NAME	CITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	AWARD CYCLE
Restoration of Al-Aqsa Mosque	Jerusalem	Jerusalem	1984-1986 Cycle (Recipient)
Conservation of Mostar Old Town	Mostar	Bosnia-Herzegovina	1984-1986 Cycle (Recipient)
Conservation of Sidi Bou Saïd	Tunis	Tunisia	1978-1980 Cycle (Recipient)
Rüstem Pasa Caravanserai	Edirne	Turkey	1978-1980 Cycle (Recipient)

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