

PENBORNEO INFO



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INTRODUCTION

Pusat Pengkajian Borneo (penBORNEO) or the Borneo Research Centre was established on 31st January 2013, under the wing of Brunei History Centre with its objectives to become a source of reference and research on history of Borneo, to spread publication of Brunei to the whole of Borneo, to become a destination for academic tourism for the purpose of research, to establish research cooperation and collect materials on Borneo with other researches and to preserve the heritage of Brunei history in Brunei from being lost.

The word *pen* refers to the first three letters of the following words; *penyelidikan* (research), *pengkajian* (study) and *penulisan* (writing). These are the main words used in research, study and write about the history of Borneo. Linguistically in Malay, a pen is called *pena*. It is a type of stationery that has pointed end and uses ink. Implicitly, the meaning of pen has a great influence on the historical research and study of Borneo.

The *penBORNEO* building accommodates specific Borneo collection materials and has conducive and comfortable areas for researchers and the public to conduct research.

Hopefully with the establishment of *Pusat Pengkajian Borneo*, it will help Brunei History Centre to achieve its vision as “Brunei History Resource Centre” and missions to conduct research, documentation, study, publication as well as exhibition on the history of Brunei Darussalam.

VISION

***TO BECOME
THE BORNEO
RESEARCH AND
RESOURCE CENTRE***

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THE BORNEO RESEARCH CENTRE BUILDING IN ANGGEREK DESA



BRIEFING ON MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

THE *penBORNEO* HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Before the completion of *penBORNEO* Building in 2013, Brunei History Centre had a section called Resource Section which was introduced in 1990s.

During its early establishment, the Resource Section was responsible in collecting and keeping all the materials on Brunei History or related to Brunei History comprising of books, manuscripts, agreement letters, documents, newspaper articles, journals, working papers, conference proceedings and etc. for scholarly research and learning.

In 1990s, there were four units (Library Unit, Record/Archive Unit, Binding and Conservation Unit and Reprographer and Photography Unit) under this section. However, in 2000 onwards, one of its units, Reprographer and Photography Unit was separated and became Reprographer and Photography Section. Another Unit, Library Unit was also separated and became under different section in 2012.

In 2012, as a result of the restructuring departmental organization, the Resource Section finally renamed as *penBORNEO* Section, with four units under its section.

Pusat Pengkajian Borneo (*penBORNEO*) or Borneo Research Centre is operated by *penBORNEO* Section, one of the sections under Brunei History Centre.

penBORNEO RESOURCE COLLECTION

penBORNEO has a rich collection of things, including records of research material, that is accessible for public viewing and use. Currently, *penBORNEO* has 1,414 Borneo records, 1,189 microfilm reels, 3,371 VHS cassettes, 328 Borneo books, 271 manuscripts (copy and original), and 504 agreement letters. Usage of these items are restricted for research only and must have a written permission from the Head of Brunei History Centre or Deputy Head of Brunei History Centre. All these items cannot be borrowed. Only selected items can be photocopied or taken photos. Copied cd about historical events can be loaned for two weeks with a written permission from the *penBORNEO* Head Section.



At present, *penBORNEO* provides services and facilities as follows:

SERVICES

- ◆ Reference and Information Services
- ◆ Audio-Visual Services
- ◆ Work Attachment Programme
- ◆ Membership Registration

FACILITIES

- ◆ Exhibition Room (Ground Floor)
- ◆ Conference Room (Ground Floor)
- ◆ Research and Internet Room (First Floor)
- ◆ Photocopying Services (First Floor)
- ◆ Prayer Rooms (Second Floor)
- ◆ Audio-Visual Room (Second Floor)
- ◆ Binding Room (Second Floor)
- ◆ Multipurpose Room (Third Floor)
- ◆ Meeting Room (Third Floor)



“AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHERS”

MANPOWER OF *penBORNEO*

In order to achieve the vision and mission of *penBORNEO*, the organizational structure of *penBORNEO* has been rearranged into four units as follows:

RECORD UNIT

- ❖ To collect, record and preserve historical materials such as manuscripts, documents, microfilms, rare books, newspapers, journals, speech-texts, working papers, lectures and similar items whether in original forms or copies.
- ❖ To make index numbers and titles for the already compiled and preserved items using methods of documentation, to allow for easy access for research and reference.

CONSERVATION UNIT

- ❖ To conserve books, journals, magazines, newspapers, manuscripts and documents for research and reference.

BINDING UNIT

- ❖ Binding the written historical materials for research and reference.
- ❖ To restore an old publication and ancient manuscripts which need binding and keeping them in a good and safe condition.

DIGITALIZATION UNIT

- ❖ To preserve and digitize historical materials for the purpose of research and reference.
- ❖ To record on cd/dvd of all events and functions of historic values taking place locally or outside Brunei and also all the events broadcast by radio and television by television.

At present, there are 14 officers and staffs working at *penBORNEO* under the supervision of the *penBORNEO* Head Section. They are well trained and dedicated to provide reference enquiries and research assistance when needed.

ACTIVITIES

VISITS



TALKS@penBORNEO



OUTREACH PROGRAMME



OTHER ACTIVITIES



OPENING HOURS

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday and Saturday
(8.00am – 12.00 pm; 2.00 pm –
4.15pm)

FRIDAY, SUNDAY AND PUBLIC
HOLIDAY:
CLOSED

DOS AND DON'TS

Dos

- ❖ All visitors and non-members must register themselves by filling in the visitor's book provided at the reception desk (ground floor) and wear the visitor pass issued by the receptionist.
- ❖ Use valid member cards for all research transaction and show them when requested by the *penBORNEO* staff.
- ❖ Wear decent clothes and well behave at *penBORNEO*.
- ❖ All valuable items should not be left unattended and personal belongings well supervised as *penBORNEO* will not be responsible for the items which are lost or stolen.
- ❖ Must aware of the notices and instructions in the research room.
- ❖ The *penBORNEO* staff has the right to advice and enforce disciplinary action against those who are violating the regulations. If there is a misuse of research materials and *penBORNEO* facilities, suspension and fines of *penBORNEO* special privileges may be imposed.
- ❖ Must leave the *penBORNEO* building if there is a sound of fire alarm.

Don'ts

- ❖ Drinking, eating, smoking, sleeping and littering are not permitted.
- ❖ Misbehave and making noises are prohibited.
- ❖ Any electronic devices such as mobiles must be in silent mode.
- ❖ Removing any items from the research room is not allowed without any permission from the *penBORNEO* staff.
- ❖ Unauthorized use of *penBORNEO* facilities such as meeting rooms, exhibition room by outside organizations is prohibited.

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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

MAP LOCATION

