WG.4: Virtual Tours

Aim:
This working group aims to set up an interactive online database for SBH around the world: those members, researchers, partners, conservators, heritage lovers and general public can visit the places of interest relating to SBH around the world. Currently, we are looking at [www.archesproject.org](http://www.archesproject.org).

Arches is an open-source software platform developed jointly by the Getty Conservation Institute and World Monuments Fund for cultural heritage data management. This enterprise-level system is freely available for organizations worldwide to install, configure, and extend in accordance with their individual needs and without restrictions. Because of the robustness of the Arches platform, it is also well suited to other non-cultural heritage purposes, such as asset management. The Arches Project has a growing open source community including institutions and individuals representing the government sector, NGOs and philanthropy, academia, as well as commercial entities.

The Arches Platform is a comprehensive solution for data management, data discovery and visualization, and project/task management. The platform is fully integrated: it includes a data management system to manage, define and structure data; discovery and visualization tools to search, report and visualize data (e.g. geospatial data); and project/task management tools (e.g. workflows) to manage sophisticated data editing procedures.

For demo,
Objectives:

1. To evaluate type of online database that we can work together to achieve the aim stated above
2. To collect information (history, photos, etc) pertaining to places of interest including the WHS (listed and tentative list site) with SBH interest that already captured in the WHC.
3. To collect information on potential buildings and sites to be considered as potential to be listed, so that to improve communication with relevant stake holders.
4. To liaise with the Arches on the development of the online database
5. To launch the Arches for SBH before end of term

As a start while the members are working and exploring the interactive online database system, we will start to build up collection of virtual tours prepared by our members around the world to share with members. Collection of the virtual tours contributed by members will be shared in our SBH website (or linkedin page https://www.linkedin.com/company/icomos-isc-sbh while ICOMOS Secretariat sorting out on the server upgrade). Members who wish to contribute to submit to a brief introduce page (less then 500 words) about the project/ virtual tour for sharing. The sharing can be in the form of website link.

Below the examples of Virtual Tour that encourage members to share

Fort Walls in Malacca, Malaysia - trances of layering if history beneath the walls from Malay Sultan 1400s to Portuguese 1500s to Dutch 1641
Kuala Kubu Bharu – 1st Garden City Planned in Malayan's in 1920s by Charles C Reade during his appointment as 1st Town Planner in Malaysia.