

**CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace
Cultural Immersion Overseas Journey to Penang
(19 November - 22 November 2017)**

A group of Primary 5 pupils and teachers went on an overseas journey to Penang, Malaysia from 19 to 22 November 2017. The trip aims to provide a platform for pupils to demonstrate good virtues, develop critical thinking and prepare them to be global citizens of the future.



The pupils had the opportunity to visit the following places of interest in Penang: UNESCO Heritage Sites, Georgetown, Entopia (Penang Butterfly Farm), Penang Peranakan Mansion and Khoo Kongsi.

The trip was both engaging and educational as pupils learnt about the culture of Penang. Pupils had the opportunity to visit Penang Chinese Girls' Primary School and Convent Light Street to learnt more about the educational system in Penang.





Our pupils had the opportunity to forge new friendship with friends from different cultural background when they visited the schools and attended the lessons. They had their recess in the school canteen and sat in the classroom for lessons together with their buddies.

CHIJ OLQP pupils also conducted the Virtues workshop for the pupils at Penang Chinese Girls' Primary School. They facilitated in the group activities and taught the pupils the virtues of purposefulness, cooperation and creativity.



A visit to Convent Light Street also gave pupils a better glimpse of how the first sisters who landed in Penang started the CHIJ schools. The visit to the school allows pupils to learn about the past and despite its humble beginning, it is still serving the community till today.

This is a reflection written by Ecclesia of 5Hope (2017):

I learnt a lot during this Penang overseas learning journey, especially their culture and their way of learning in school. Not only did I get to meet new friends but also tried most of Penang's delicious food. The trip was memorable as it was my first time travelling overseas without my parents. It gave me an opportunity to be independent, as I have to pack my own clothes and wake up in the morning on my own. I have to be responsible and take care of others too. I would like to go for more of such overseas learning journey so that I can learn more about the overseas Countries and immerse in their rich cultures.