

#### **Small Museum Definition**

- A small museum's characteristics are varied, but they typically:
- Have an annual budget of less than \$250,000.
- Operate with a small staff with multiple responsibilities.
- And employ volunteers to perform key staff functions.
- Other characteristics such as the physical size of the museum, collections size and scope, etc. may further classify a
  museum as small.
  Is it the end-all, be-all of definitions? Certainly not, but it's a start and gives us a rallying point for our efforts.
- Where did that definition come from?
- In 2007, the Small Museums Committee distributed an electronic survey to the membership and received 455 responses out of 6,500 sent. It was designed to create a working definition for the Committee so it could better respond to the needs of small museums. Results from the survey provided the definition above.
- Sources: <a href="https://aaslh.org/communities/smallmuseums/">https://aaslh.org/communities/smallmuseums/</a> (American Association for State and Local History)



#### Statement

- University museums considered among the small museums in this country.
- viewed from aspects of collection development, funding, function and their role in the university as well as their core policy
- Still need to developed in their potential.
- When the pandemic of Covid 19 hit the world, the challenges in their functions are enormous. Therefore, a number of alternative strategies need to be made so that these museums would always remain relevant.



## Small Museums in Malaysia

- Lack of attention given by management
- Low number of museum visitors
- Low marketing strategy
- versus
- https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2021/may/13/10britain-best-small-museums-readers-travel-tips



### MyMuse – a network



Committee of Museums and Galleries for Malaysian Public Universities











































#### **Go Forward**

- 1. Reframing organizational models to focus on long-term effectiveness rather than short term efficiency.
- 2. Making interpretation, programs, and community engagement everyone business.
- 3. Becoming learning organization.
- 4. Knowledge can be shared.
- https://sites.google.com/view/unimalayaglamexhibitions/Museum-of-Asian-Art/Hari-Muzium-Antarabangsa-2021
- 5. Curators should do strategic thinking.
- 6. Small museum network strengthen, active and proactive



#### **Network activities**







#### International collaboration





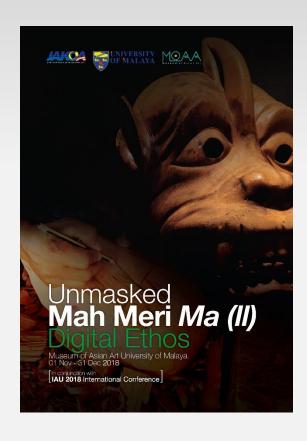
# **Community engagement**





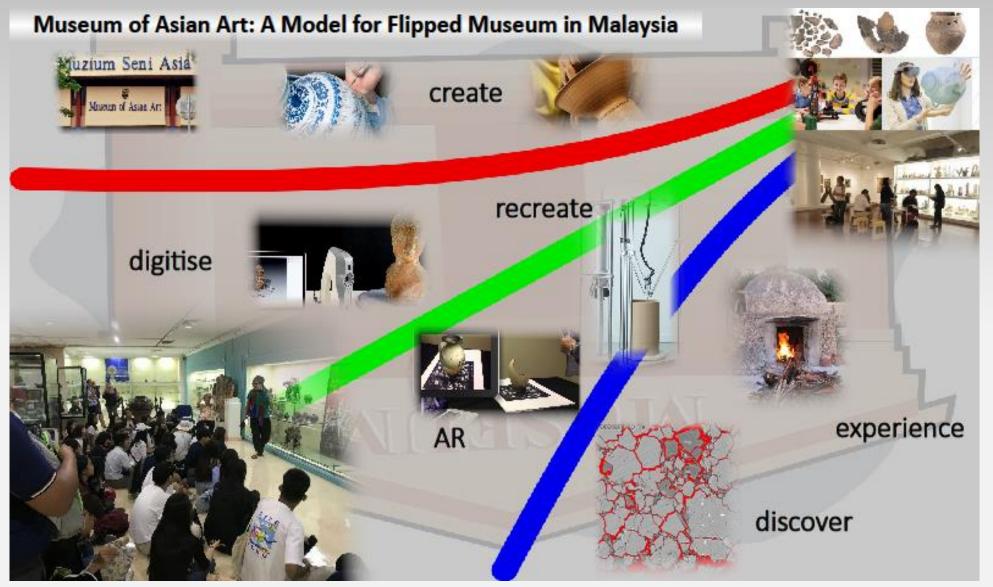


#### Research and talk series





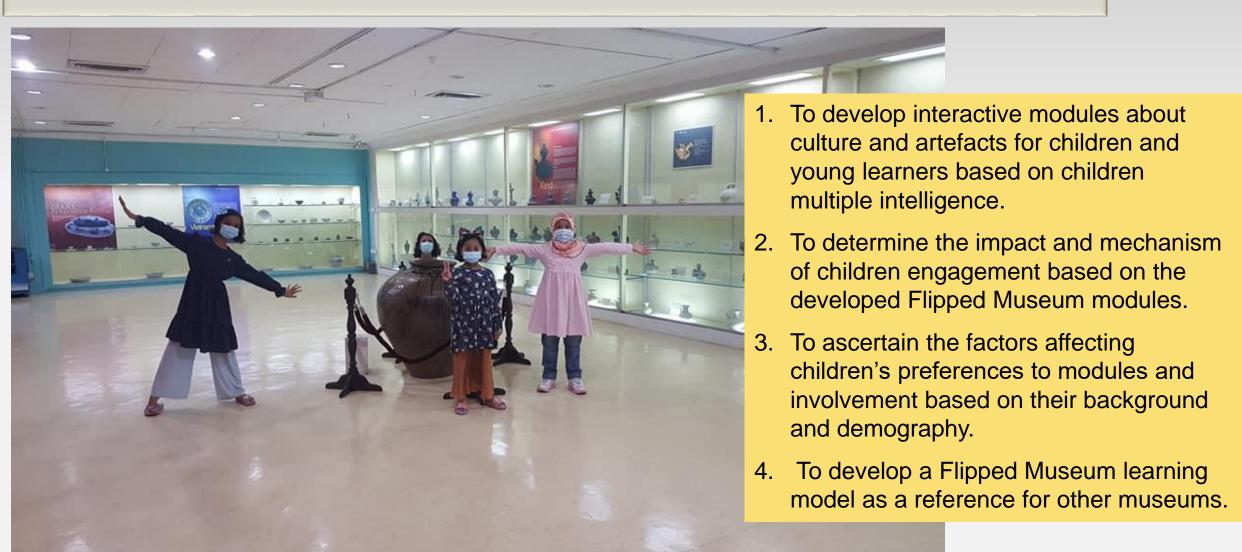




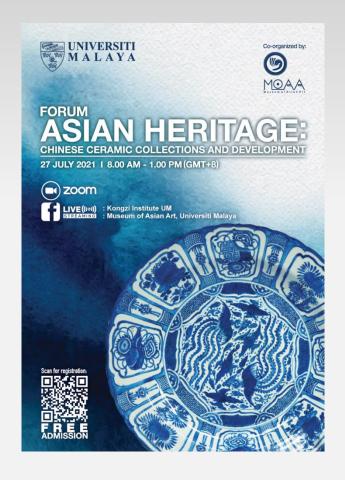


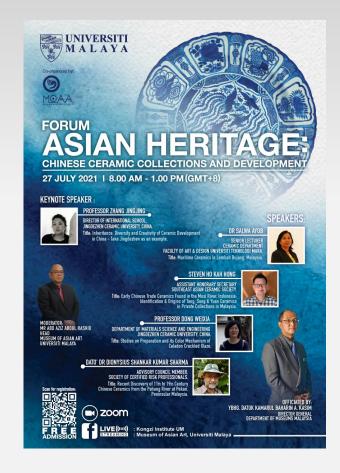


# Popularization and communication of cultural heritage based on physical artefacts appreciation



### Collaboration is a key factor...







# Thank you....

