

A person in traditional Thai attire, featuring a large, ornate golden headdress and a snake draped over their shoulder. The person is wearing a patterned orange and black garment and has their hand raised in a gesture. The background is dark and textured.

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## Green Home Renovation

A home improvement act aimed at not merely making your home appear better, but making it functioning perfectly for both you and the environment. With meticulous planning, you can enjoy a healthier home, lower utility bills, reduced maintenance and a healthy mother earth for a greener future generation.

What can be done and why?

Should you be at the verge of buying or renovating a house, it is time you take green renovation into consideration. You may incorporate various green ideas, items or products into the renovation encompassing:

1. Hard surface flooring for easy cleaning and easy care.
2. Installed efficient lighting motion detectors.
3. Abundant natural daylight.
4. Light coloured interior finishes allowing light to bounce around the home
5. Natural linoleum for utility spaces.
6. Locally extracted granite countertop
7. Water efficient fixtures
8. Eco-friendly electrical appliances
9. Non-toxic sealants, paints, flooring, cabinetry and countertop.
10. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) salvaged fir hardwood floor.

What is a green and sustainable community?

Green renovation is helpful to lead you toward sustainability, offering needs for our own and future generation. It triggers you to ponder on the consequences of your current actions, and for years to come. A sustainable community promotes a healthy environment, good quality of life and a thriving economy. Technically, green renovation connotes the use of non-polluting goods and services, however a sustainable community is beyond that.

Within a neighborhood, a community can be initiated to unanimously agree on home designs to establish ties and bonds as social interaction is also part of a sustainable regime. As an example, front porches can create significant difference in determining communication among neighbors. To enhance the community, a few green activities can be implemented such as sharing tools approach, beautifying the neighbouring vicinity and hosting tree plantings.

Amenities and public transportation should be within walking distances to save residents the hassle to drive out in acquiring food or shopping. Other than being affordable, it's best to have a green landscape with plenty of trees and parks for outdoor purposes.



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## TROPICS 8

*As part of our initiatives to serve our buyers with the best property and products, Tropic Suites has been officially renamed “TROPICS EIGHT”.*

*A fully-furnished commercial suite project that consists of 88 lavish units, the built-up of the project starts from 500-800 sq feet. Tropic Suites has the perfect location, nestled in the renowned business hub along Jalan Gottlieb on Penang Island. It is in close proximity to Penang City Centre, hospitals, schools, parks and popular eateries. Selling price starts from RM500,000 onwards. For viewing, kindly make early appointment with any of our sales and marketing staff. They can be reachable at 04-229 1111/ 012-4019 577 (Jessica). Alternatively e-mail to [enquiry@newbobgroup.com](mailto:enquiry@newbobgroup.com).*

## NEW BOB, THE FIRST FROM PENANG TO GARNER BCA GREENMARK AWARDS OF SINGAPORE

~ Committed in building a sustainable future for the society ~

**SINGAPORE, 14TH MAY 2015** – New Bob Group's green projects were bestowed with BCA Green Mark Gold Plus for “The Manor”, and BCA Green Mark Gold for “Preston Oaks” by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Scheme. The Managing Director of New Bob Group, Dr. Lee Ville graced the stage to receive the noble awards during the BCA Awards presentation ceremony.

As for development, the company always places emphasis on building eco-friendly green homes and brought the green development concept into Penang with hopes of fostering healthy mother earth for a greener future generation. This includes maximizing the use of natural energy in reducing the consumption of energy from non-renewable sources to reduce carbon footprint. The company is also the green home pioneer in Penang with not many green homes available on the island.

According to the Managing Director of New Bob Group, Dr. Lee Ville, “It's truly an honour to emerge as the first developer in Penang in winning these prestigious awards. We will definitely strive harder in the coming days to build more sustainable developments for a greener mother earth.”

The manor is an eco-friendly bungalow project that encompasses three exclusive units. The total built-up for this development ranges from 5,576 sq ft – 5,804 sq ft, and strategically situated in Cordington Avenue, Pulau Tikus. The selling price starts from RM5.05million onwards. Meanwhile, Preston Oaks is a green bungalow project that encompasses four exclusive units. Nestled in the prime estate of Jalan Lim Mah Chye, the built-up of the project ranges from 6,634 sq ft – 7,221 sq ft. Selling price starts from RM6.25million onwards.

The BCA Green Mark scheme was initiated in 2005 at Singapore as the key strategic programme to address the awareness of sustainable and environmentally friendly buildings. It evaluates buildings for their environmental impact and performance. This involves accessing a building's performance such as energy efficiency, water efficiency, sustainable management and operation, indoor environmental quality and other green features.

To qualify, developers must meet these criteria:

Green Mark Score	Green Mark Rating
90 and above	Green Mark Platinum
85 to below 90	Green Mark Gold Plus
75 to below 85	Green Mark Gold
50 to below 75	Green Mark Certified



## NB'S Traveling Tips

Traveling is all about relishing fun, but not when it burns a hole in your pocket. Although money may not be an issue to some, it is a serious hindrance to most individuals. These are the part 1 of budget traveling tips to soothe the damage on your bank accounts yet relishing travel opportunities:

### 1. Plan in advance

It's advisable to carry out prior planning and make advanced booking before traveling. The most viable option is to buy the ticket or book accommodation six months to one year ahead. Sometimes, early bird tickets might cost you hundreds of ringgit cheaper. The trick here is to be flexible with dates as Tuesdays and Thursdays are normally the cheapest days to fly. In addition, remember to avoid booking your tickets on the weekends as it is when prices skyrocket and cheaper deals are normally available on weekdays.

### 2. Sign up for deals

Travel packages that encompass airfare, accommodation, and even tours are available everywhere. The cut-rate may increase up to 70% regular prices on certain days. The only thing you need to do is to survey and constantly be alert.

### 3. Save on transportation

One of the crucial aspects that involve traveling is to look for transportation. It is either you charter a car or opt for public transport namely buses, subways, trains, so forth. As a result of personalization and exclusivity, chartering a car may escalate your travel costs to an exorbitant level. Cabs are also more costly unless you have an extra stash of cash, otherwise it wouldn't be a wise choice. Nonetheless, taxi fares for short distances in Seoul and Hong Kong shared among four to five people are relatively cheaper than subways or buses.

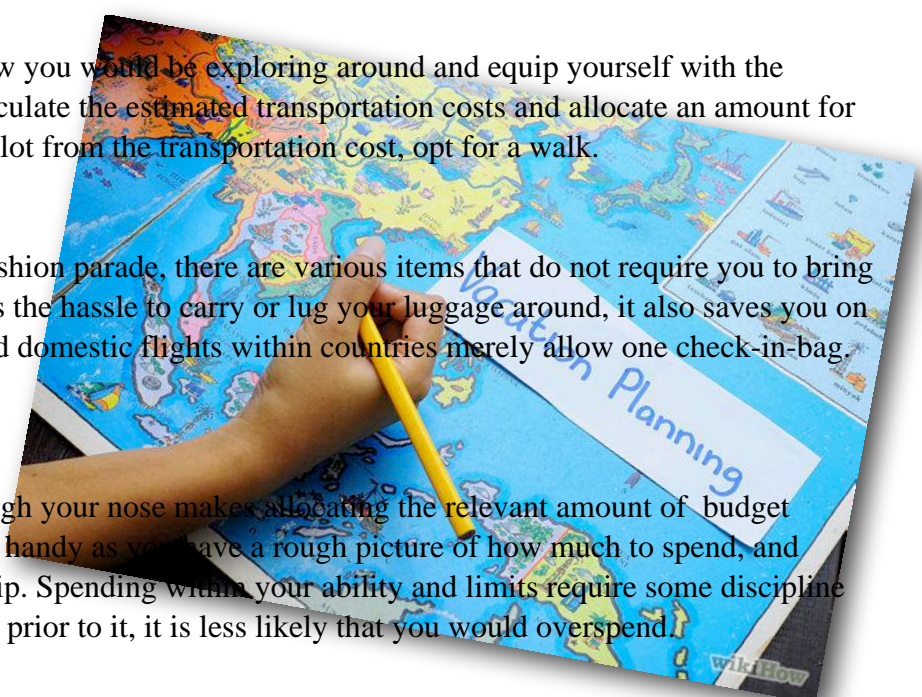
The wise choice is to plan ahead on how you would be exploring around and equip yourself with the transportation details for the place. Calculate the estimated transportation costs and allocate an amount for it. However, should you wish to save a lot from the transportation cost, opt for a walk.

### 4. Travel Light

If only your travel excursion is not a fashion parade, there are various items that do not require you to bring along. Travelling light not merely saves the hassle to carry or lug your luggage around, it also saves you on luggage fees, particularly when selected domestic flights within countries merely allow one check-in-bag.

### 5. Budget your money

The fact of being unable to spend through your nose makes allocating the relevant amount of budget crucial. This is when research becomes handy as you have a rough picture of how much to spend, and crafting out your budget limit for the trip. Spending within your ability and limits require some discipline but if you had organized your expenses prior to it, it is less likely that you would overspend.





## Hatyai Weekend Escapade

Organized by the dedicated “New Bob Sports Club”, New Bob team had the privilege to be part of the 2 days 1 night Hatyai Trip for a relaxing weekend escapade. Hatyai is the fourth largest city of Thailand, located in the south of Thailand near the Malaysian border. The enthusiastic team embarked on the wonderful five hour journey to the north at 7am on 23rd May 2015.

More than 60 people participated in the trip encompassing employees' family members and friends alike. Before checking into the hotel, we made a stop at Sam's Kitchen to savour a hearty Thailand local cuisine for lunch. As a whole, this vivid city had been really kind to us. We have not only tasted the best authentic Thai food, top-notch massage, and fulfilling shopping, but had spent quality time together as a big family.





## New Bob Ramadan Dinner

In celebration of the holy Ramadan Month, New Bob had a buka puasa session at the beautiful 59 sixty dining and bar restaurant on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015. We were treated to a rich selection of numerous cuisines right at the magical 59th floor of Komtar. Kudos to the New Bob Sports Club for the wonderful arrangement.