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## New Office in Kuala Lumpur

TPR has just celebrated its first year in the new office.

TPR Network was established 15 years ago, in the UK. Today, this is the regional base coordinating TPR work for all the areas outside Europe. The other TPR offices are in the UK and Singapore, with several other agencies in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Americas, and Hong Kong.

On the 15th floor of Wisma Pantai in the city's Kerinchi area, the staff is enjoying more space and fantastic views. Staff and visitors alike appreciate the ease of access: hardy souls brave enough to drive in Kuala Lumpur can easily reach the office via the Federal Highway, and those who prefer public transit can step down at the Kerinchi LRT station, which is actually within the building. Very convenient indeed – especially during the monsoon down-pours.

Richard Davies, the founder of the global network of TPR companies, looks out the office windows and points to the iconic Petronas Twin Towers in the city centre. He gets a kick from looking up at former Prime Minister Tun Mahathir Mohamad's office at the top of the closer tower and wondering if Dr. Mahathir is looking back at TPR. (One is quite certain that he must be, Richard. Yes, by all means.)

While Richard muses about the view, the rest of the staff wax lyrical about the food. In Malaysia, after all, life revolves around food. A dearth of excellent, varied and affordable eateries near the office would incite staff revolt. The ground level food court, however, caters to every taste, so peace reigns at lunch time.

A warm welcome to the first edition of TPR's monthly newsletter!

TPR is a network of independent researchers, genealogists and lawyers specialising in the discovery of unclaimed moneys, land and inheritances.

We are launching this newsletter simply to share stories about our company – who we are and what we're up to lately, new legislation that may help us or trip us up, and tales from our case files, including the brilliantly successful, the maddeningly elusive, and the downright odd.

If you wish to unsubscribe from the mailing list of our e-newsletter, you can click on the link at the bottom of the e-newsletter which you receive via email, but we'd much rather you stayed with us and even submitted comments and suggestions. We'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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# Divine Providence? We Think Not.

Most of us, at one time or another, have received an email offering to connect us with vast sums of unclaimed moneys. Many of these messages are purportedly from an "attorney" in Africa or Asia, including TPR's home base, Kuala Lumpur. Here is a sample:

Good day,  
The inspiration to contact you is simply divine providence, I am making this proposition because I have to seek the partnership of a reliable person to help me actualise this project; I am Williams Leng attorney/solicitor and investment consultant based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia...

Mr. Leng goes on to say that his German client perished in a plane crash alongside his wife and children, leaving their USD10 million fortune in limbo. Might Mr. Leng present you as a recently located relative, rather than allow the money to languish in a bank?

We at TPR do not actually see such emails as "divine providence" but rather as pure vexation, serving to connect Malaysia and unclaimed assets with fraud in people's minds. It is possible, however, to distinguish legitimate firms from the scam artists.

There are many internet sites which track fraudulent campaigns; a fine one is [www.fraudwatch.org](http://www.fraudwatch.org), which provides an easily searchable database of scams perpetrated from all over the globe. Should you ever receive a dubious offer from an unknown party, it would be wise to investigate it on Fraudwatch.

TPR Network (M) Sdn Bhd, by contrast, was incorporated in 2003 and is registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia. (The registration numbers of all TPR companies can be viewed at [www.tpr.net/contact\\_us.php](http://www.tpr.net/contact_us.php).)

Scam artists offer to connect you with monumental sums to which you have no real claim. TPR's researchers and genealogists seek to re-unite people with their own assets. Scam artists invariably ask for money up front in the guise of "processing fees". TPR collects no money until the assets have been returned. We encourage you to be vigilant, especially concerning too-good-to-be-true offers, but we also hope that pernicious internet scams will not frighten you from pursuing assets which are rightfully yours.



## Gary H'ng Joins TPR

We welcome the arrival of Gary H'ng, who joined the staff on 18 January as a Systems Developer.

Data is at the very core of TPR's work, and its integrity and security are paramount. It's a daunting task to maintain the powerful and intricate database and the applications to track TPR casework, but Gary is enthusiastic about the challenge to improve efficiency and user-friendliness.

Presently, TPR's data is all in English, with Chinese names transliterated. Gary's Chinese literacy will facilitate future adaptations to our software, allowing us to import data from, for example, Hong Kong.

Having previously written software for a company that collected money owed from credit card and loan debt, Gary is pleased to try life on the other side – re-uniting people with their assets, rather than separating them.

An avowed fitness buff, Gary goes to the gym every day. He plays the cello, and he loves to travel at least twice a year. His favourite destination thus far is Bali. Although a day at the office – even TPR's – is hard-pressed to compete with a day on a Balinese beach, we hope Gary will enjoy working with us (between his travels, of course).