



View of the Perak River



Perak Royal Mausoleum

## PERAK ROYALTY RITUALS

The present Perak sultanate was established in 1528 and draws its origins to Sultan Mudzaffar Shah the eldest son of the last Sultan of Malacca. His courtiers along with the Royal Regalia escorted the Sultan's journey to Perak. When his ship approached the Perak River mouth, a ferocious storm suddenly arose. The ship was tossed around, powerless to journey on. Sultan Mudzaffar commanded that all unnecessary cargos be thrown overboard, as he thought it was due to the ship's load. As the storm worsened, the ill-fated ship rammmed a sandbank that surfaced suddenly in the middle of the river mouth.

At that point, an enormous genie appeared from the sea, so massive that his head touched the sky. Terror surrounded everyone including the Sultan. The great genie commanded the Sultan, "*Should you desire to be proclaimed the Sultan of Perak, cast your crown into this very sea...*". Fearing for the lives of his loyal subjects, the Sultan promptly charged his captain to fetch his crown and throw it into the river. Miraculously, the genie vanished, the water turned calm and the huge sandbank receded. Everyone was utterly overwhelmed and amazed.

Sultan Mudzaffar, then, commanded the ship to dock. Once the anchor was dropped, he came ashore to the place currently known as Beting Beras Basah. He decreed that he would be proclaimed as the Sultan of Perak at the exact spot before journeying on. The event marks the historic site for all his descendants ever since. Newly elected Sultan of Perak is obligated to pay homage to the very place after being crowned. From then on, the State of Perak only bears the title of *Raja Muda* (Heir Apparent) instead of *Tengku Mahkota* (Crown Prince) because the royal crown is in the possession of the great genie, Sri Mahkota Si Raja Jinn.

To experience the grandeur of Perak's royal history and observe the state's impressive Royal Regalia, pay a visit to *Muzium Diraja Kuala Kangsar* (Kuala Kangsar Royal Museum), previously known as *Istana Kenangan* (Palace of Memories). The museum opens daily and rests majestically on the hilly landscape of Bukit Chandan.

*Istana Kenangan now known as  
Kuala Kangsar Royal Museum*



Perak State Mosque

