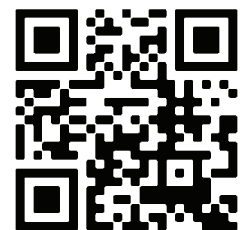


A QUICK LOOK AT THE GOLDEN AGE OF SINGAPORE CINEMA

DID YOU KNOW THAT SINGAPORE WAS ONCE THE HOLLYWOOD OF SOUTHEAST ASIA?
IN FACT, THE TALE OF THE DEVOURING ROCK WAS MADE INTO A MOVIE, FILMED RIGHT HERE IN SINGAPORE! FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SINGAPORE'S FILM HISTORY.

4 Number of filming locations for the 1959 film, *Batu Belah Batu Bertangkup*

These four locations were a mangrove river, a nipah palm plantation, Kampong Tampines (near present-day Jalan Guan Choon) and Kampong Java Teban (in present-day Jurong).



Can you find where Jalan Guan Choon is on google maps?



50 The cost of a movie ticket (in cents!) in 1960s Singapore.

The cost of a movie ticket in 1960s Singapore was about 50 cents for a regular ticket, going up to 75 cents for premium seats and films.

8 The road number for the new Shaw studio at Jalan Ampas, which opened in 1947

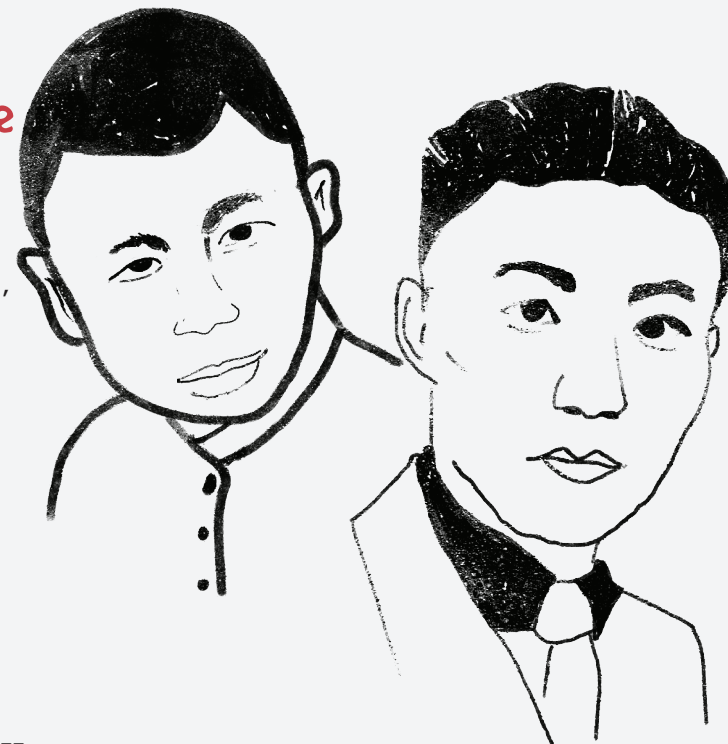
In 1941, Shaw built a second film studio at Jalan Ampas, but only managed to open it in 1947 after the Japanese Occupation. The studio closed for good in 1967.

Find out what 8 Jalan Ampas looks like years after it closed its doors.



19 Number of cinemas run by the Shaw Brothers in 1965

The Shaw Brothers arrived in Singapore between 1926-1928, initially to distribute films from mainland China, and eventually expanded into film production in then-Malaya. By 1965, they owned 19 cinema halls in Singapore, 70 in Malaysia and 41 in the rest of Southeast Asia.



162 The total number of films produced by Malay Film Productions

MFP produced 162 films over 20 years and was successful thanks to multi-talented people like Jamil Sulong and P. Ramlee.

Find out more about P. Ramlee, one of MFP's most famous artists.



Jamil Sulong

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