

Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif
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Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif is the Municipal President of Municipal Council of Seberang Perai (MPSP). She holds a Master of Science in planning studies from University Science Malaysia, Penang and also a degree in Town Planning Studies from University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, United Kingdom. Her career begins from 1985 to 2003 as Town Planning Officer in Municipal Council in Penang. In June 2003 as Director, Department of Planning and Development till November 2009. As a head of Planning and Development Department, she was responsible in preparation of structure plan, local plan, development control, projects and landscape. Apart from that, she headed a team for the planning and implementation of urban renewal projects for little india and implementation of Gold Bazaar project.

In November 2009, she was entrusted to establish George Town World Heritage Incorporated. As General Manager and a founder of George Town World Heritage Incorporated, a state arm company, she has the responsibility to manage the George Town World Heritage Site which was inscribed by UNESCO in July 2008. She was the precursor for the George Town Festival in 2010 and now established as yearly event to the Penang State. With her knowledge and involvement in the heritage, she was chosen by the government as one of the expert to represent Malaysia in UNESCO World Heritage Committee Meeting at St. Petersburg, Rusia in June-July 2012.

On 16 March 2011, she was appointed as the first female Municipal President of Municipal Council Of Seberang Perai. As a mayor of a local authority, she has to lead and steers MPSP to attain its vision "To make Seberang Perai cleaner, beautiful, comfortable place to stay, work, investment and tourist attraction by 2018" and in line with the state of Penang's vision which is "Cleaner, Greener, Safer and Healthier Penang". Besides, she also inspired MPSP to produce the first Seberang Perai Trail, Heritage Trail and Coffee Table Book of Seberang Perai and it was a successful project under her guidance.

Over the years she has presented many papers in seminar, forums and conferences both locally and internationally. For her remarkable contribution to Penang and Seberang Perai, she has been awarded several recognitions by the Penang State Government, Malaysian Government and International Organization such as "Best City Manager" and "Best City" by Europe Business Assembly, Stresa, Italy and "Planner of The Year 2014" by Malaysian Institute Of Planners.