

Project

Arsip Nasional, Jakarta, Indonesia

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia's independence, the Dutch business community collected funds for the restoration of the 250-year old former governor's residence, now known as Arsip Nasional. The funds of this gift to Indonesia were managed by a special foundation, called Stichting Comité Cadeau Indonesië.

The restoration contract was awarded to a joint operation of PT BAM Decorient Indonesia and Ballast. Taking into account the non-commercial intentions of the foundation and the limitations of the budget, BAM Decorient-Ballast prepared an extensively detailed bill of quantities to avoid any unforeseen costs.



Location Jalan Gajah Mada, Jakarta, Indonesia

Client Stichting Comité Cadeau Indonesië

Contractor Joint operation PT BAM Decorient Indonesia and Ballast

Contract period August 1997 – September 1998

Contract sum € 1,3 million

'Possibly Jakarta's best-maintained heritage building.'

Scope of work

The former residence (1760), one of the few preserved examples of colonial building in Jakarta's city centre has through the years been used for a variety of purposes, including that of housing the National Archives. After the archives were moved to a modern building on the outskirts of Jakarta, however, the building was no longer maintained. The floods that regularly submerge the area added to the degradation of the building.

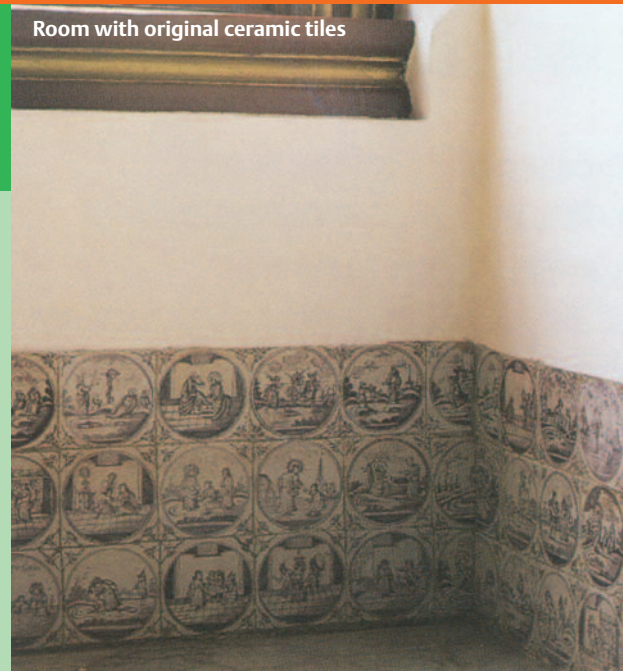
The restoration included reparations of many of the beautiful ornaments, doors, windows and structural beams. Seriously mouldered wood was replaced with good quality old wood reclaimed from other buildings. The building's walls and floors were treated intensively and flood resistance was achieved through landscape restorations including an ingenious drainage system.

Open-minded and constructive deliberation with the Stichting and the consultants guaranteed smooth progress and optimal application of funds. On 1 November 1998, a completely restored Arsip Nasional could be handed over to the owner.

Aisle to the Wing building



Room with original ceramic tiles



Ceiling ornament



View on Wing building passageway and balustrade of the first floor, both restored in old style



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