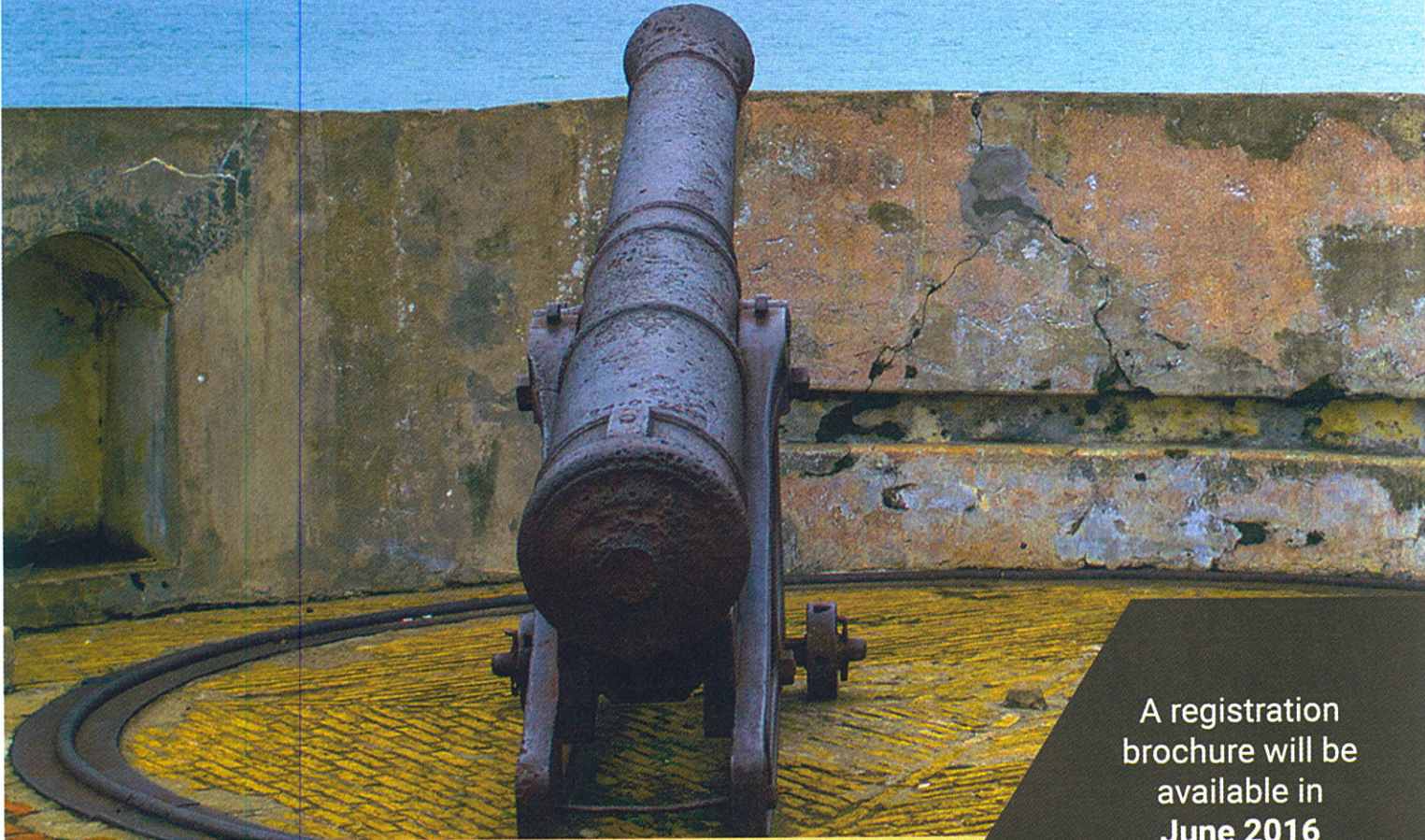


# **CARTER V BOEHM**

## 250th Anniversary Conference

Where: **Bengkulu, Sumatra**

When: **1 & 2 October 2016**



A registration brochure will be available in **June 2016**

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The insurance issues in *Carter v Boehm* (1766) arose out of a French attack on Fort Marlborough, a British trading post in Bengkulu (then known as 'Benkulen' or 'Bencoolen') in 1760. As appears from the accompanying photographs (supplied by Akadika Photography, Bengkulu), Fort Marlborough is presently in very good condition, thanks to restoration work completed by the Indonesian government in 1984.

Join us for this one-off weekend Conference in Bengkulu City (population almost 400,000) to acknowledge and reflect on the 250th anniversary of Lord Mansfield's seminal judgment on 'utmost good faith' in *Carter v Boehm*, arguably the most important case in the law of insurance. The judgment was delivered in London at Easter time in 1766.



## THE CONFERENCE

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The Conference will include presentations by qualified academics and others (including Professor Robin Pearson of the University of Hull) each morning. It will also include a guided tour of the Fort and perhaps visits to the nearby jungle for a look at the tallest flower in the world and the largest flower in the world and other nearby attractions. For those with more time in Bengkulu, it is likely arrangements will be made for an overnight visit to an active volcano (a 2.5 hour drive away) on the days leading up to the Conference.

Attached is a Memorandum with some practical information about this part of the world and how to get there.

## REGISTRATION

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Registration will cost \$850 plus GST, which will cover attendance at the morning presentations, lunch, dinner and refreshments on Saturday and Sunday, and participation in a guided tour of Fort Marlborough and all other tours arranged for the weekend.

Although we are arranging and underwriting the Conference, we will not financially profit by it. We intend to donate anything over and above incurred costs to a worthy cause in Bengkulu, yet to be selected. We expect to have a Registration brochure for the Conference next month. Logistics limit the Conference to 35 delegates.



## Memorandum

### Carter v Boehm 250th Anniversary Conference

**Place:**  
Bengkulu, Sumatra

**When:**  
The weekend of 1 and 2 October 2016

**Subject:**  
Practical information about this part of the world  
and how to get there



## HISTORY

In 1685, the English East India Company established a pepper-trading centre and garrison at Bengkulu (then known as Bencoolen). Bengkulu is on the Indian Ocean, on the west coast of Sumatra, Indonesia. It is the capital and largest city of the Bengkulu Province, with a population of almost 400,000 people. The primary crops of the area are pepper, coffee, nutmeg and sugar cane.

Between 1713 and 1719, the British built Fort Marlborough (also known as 'Raffles Fort') in Bengkulu.

In 1817, Sir Stamford Raffles was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Fort Marlborough.

## GETTING THERE AND BACK

Getting to Bengkulu/Fort Marlborough is via Jakarta. There are multiple daily flights from Jakarta to Bengkulu - cost about A\$275 return.

## BENGKULU SIGHTS

Here are the better-known tourist places in Bengkulu and its surrounds (in addition to Fort Marlborough):

### Residence of Sukarno

Sukarno (Soekarno) was the first President of Indonesia (1945 to 1967). He was replaced by one of his generals, Suharto. The Dutch exiled Sukarno to Bengkulu from 1938 to 1941. Today, his small villa is a museum, containing books, clothes, a few photos and his bicycle.

### Bukit Kaba Volcanic Crater

The Crater is about 100 km from Bengkulu. There are 2 sulphuric calderas with 12 active craters. There are panoramic views and hot springs near Curup (less than 20 kilometres away).

### Kemumu

Kemumu is about 40 km from Bengkulu. It is a good base for walking, hiking and swimming near a waterfall.

### Enggano Island

Enggano Island is covered by dense rain forest filled with buffalo, pigs and cattle. The inhabitants have lived in virtual isolation for centuries. Boats go from Bengkulu to the island.

### Tikus Islands

These islands are known for fishing, diving and snorkelling. Boats go from Bengkulu to the islands.

### The tallest and the largest flowers in the world

The Bengkulu province rainforests are home to the world's tallest flower, a lily-like flower locally known as Kibut or bunga Bangkai (Amorphophalus Titanum). The flower is rich red with a yellow stamen and can grow more than 2 metres high.

The rainforests are also home to the world's largest flower, a parasitic plant known as Rafflesia Arnoldi (named after Sir Stamford Raffles who, with his medical assistant Joseph Arnold, discovered it in 1818). Its flower can attain a diameter of nearly a meter and can weight up to 7 kg.

Both flowers can be found in rainforests on the slopes of the Bukit Barisan Mountains, within 60km of Bengkulu.

## ACCOMMODATION

There are a number of modern hotels in Bengkulu. Internet pictures suggest the hotels are comfortable. We are in the process of selecting one of the hotels as the preferred hotel for those wanting to join us on this trip.

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BENGKULU

A detailed travel guide for Bengkulu appears at [www.tourhotelguide.com](http://www.tourhotelguide.com).