

Teluk Intan Leaning Tower

This spectacular leaning clock tower, similar to the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy, is the pride of Teluk Intan or formerly known as Teluk Anson.

Standing at 25.5m tall, its construction appears comprising eight different levels but the building is actually divided into only three storeys. When it was first built, its structure was straight but it began to tilt about 1.8 metre towards Jalan Bandar between 1889 and 1895.

This pagoda-like structure was built by a Chinese contractor, Leong Choon Choong, in 1885. Initially, it was used as a covered water tank to store water sufficient for 800 Teluk Intan residents at that time. During the Japanese Occupation, it was used as an observation post for the Japanese Army. Later, it became headquarters for the Boys Scouts.

These days, it just tells the time. Come Wednesdays, the clock tower's caretaker will wind up the clock's mechanism using a crank. Commissioned in London, the clock chimes twice every 15 minutes. The chimes can be heard as far as eight kilometres in radius especially at night.

Getting There

To get to Teluk Intan from the North-South Expressway, exit at Bidor Interchange and proceed to the road leading to Teluk Intan. The Tower is easily accessed through Jalan Selat.