

Semarang: around Taman Tugu Muda at the southern end of Jalan Pemuda, formerly Bondjong, Nov. 2006



Picture 1. This impressive Dutch-style building was erected in 1907 and has been designed by the architects J. F. Klinkhamer and B. J. Ouëndag from Amsterdam. Postcard dated 1912, private collection Dirk Teeuwen.

Picture 2. The former head office of the Dutch-Indian Railway Company in 2006.





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Picture 3. Part of the interior with stained glass.

The building is locally well-known as the house with the thousand doors (Gedung Lawang Sewu). The building was a Dutch office until 1942. From 1942 until 1945 it has been the headquarter of the Japanese secret police Kempetai. Many people have been tortured dieing a violent death. In the garden one can find a museum dedicated to the victims. People tell that many ghosts come out to haunt at night. Artists tried to paint these spooks in a memorable way. The railway-office will be renovated into an hotel in the nearby future.



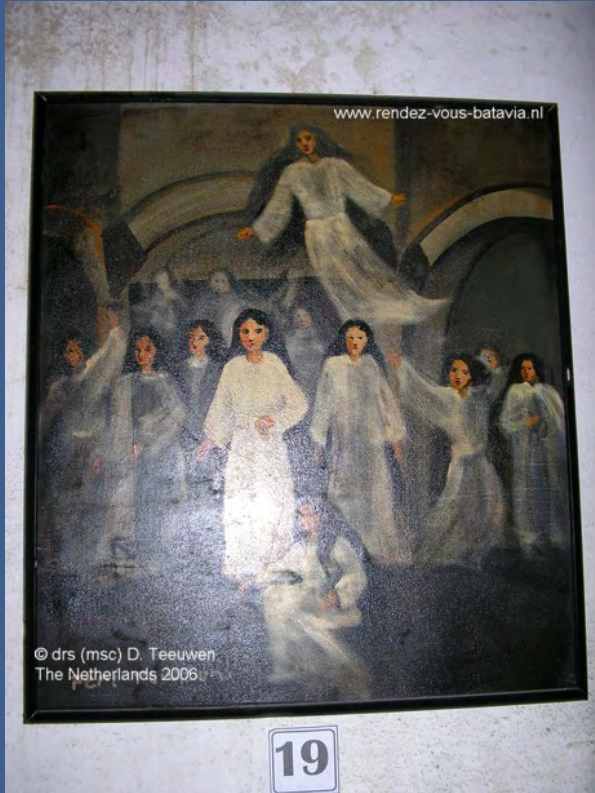
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Picture 4. The "haunted house" museum.



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Picture 5. Detail of the outside of the western wing.



Picture 6. Spectral apparitions.



Picture 7. An impression of one of the corridors.



Picture 8. The inner court.



Picture 9. Around Taman Tugu Muda: the former residence of the Dutch governor. From 1946-1950 it was a colonial clubhouse nicknamed "Tigers Club".

Picture 10. Around Taman Tugu Muda: the former office of the Dutch governor.

