

Preserving the Past Saving the Future: Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Building in Bandung

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ABSTRACT

Entering the age of 200 years - slowly but sure - heritage buildings in the city of Bandung begun to extinct. Preservation of heritage buildings often has constraints for most countries, especially in the context of a developing country such as Indonesia. In city of Bandung, heritage buildings are still considered not to have economic value as well as heritage buildings in other cities in the world. Any methods that will be undertaken to maintain historic buildings - including by drafting legislation - will not be much help without offset by the economic value generated by the building.

The paper was prepared based on a premise that the use of heritage buildings as a business location will be one of the best solutions in preserving heritage buildings. Chemistry between the values contained in the building and the values held by business organizations is a must. 'Cultural value' and 'Emotional value' contained in the building must be supported by the 'Use value' of the building that is owned or used by a business organization.

The three values of resources then will form what we called the heritage value of historic buildings. And when these values can be created, then the business organization will require the heritage value of heritage building - as a value added business - as well as the building needs the economic function of business organizations for supporting their existence. So the positive interdependency relationship between business organization and heritage building will be created. Using the heritage building for a business means less of natural resources used than built a new commercial construction space. Symbiosis mutualism between heritage buildings and the business entity is a way to step out to our future by simply preserving the past.

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