

'Pasar Lama' – Old Market - Chinese Heritage Settlement in Tangerang City Which Describes 'Genius Loci' through Creative Collaboration between Chinese and Indigenous Inhabitant

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ABSTRACT

'Pasar Lama'- Old Market Chinatown alongside the Cisadane River at Sukasari district, is an urban heritage area in Tangerang Old Town. Chinese is the major occupant dominates the settlement and the local indigenous is the minority, but they can develop a collaboration and harmony relationship. The uniqueness of Chinese Tangerang community which so called China-Benteng (China-Fortress) is the collaboration with local indigenous that have been reflected not only on the settlements but also on the social life.

In the end of 1800s, several Chinese were relocated by Netherlands Indies Colonial Government at Pasar Lama or Old Market Tangerang which began spread to the other region in Tangerang. The Pasar Lama - Old Market - settlement was a place where Chinese traders and local indigenous traders were barter their commodities. They had accessed into the place through the Cisadane River.

This paper describes the 'genius loci' of Old Market - the Chinese old settlement – in Tangerang. First, the paper describes about the Old Market area in Tangerang city, about the history of the Old Market settlement, and about the Chinese community cultural acculturation in Tangerang. Second, the paper describes about the two ethnics (Chinese and indigenous) that created a creative space on Old Market area. They could create the harmony of their settlement pattern, the harmony of figure ground pattern of Chinese versus indigenous settlement and its building form, and finally the harmony of social and cultural life transformed into the harmony of physical setting.

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