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ABSTRACT

The heritage site can be simply defined as an interesting place where people describe themselves in term of belonging to a specific place. For this study, it will reminiscence the historical values and the nostalgia of Kuala Kedah Fort area towards authentic place by enhancing the local physical character. The physical character will emphasize on the function of public space, the systematic linkages between natural area and historical area. The methodology of this study involves the implementation stage of secondary data from the government department and existing data from previous researchers which already published. The primary data has been identified the potential area to develop and preserved. Based on the strategy and design ideas inspired from the concept of 'Reminiscence' that has been transformed into the physical form in designing the public space to be more functional, systematic linkages and conservation of historical features to make the place be more authentic with own true local identity in facing the modernism in 2035. The aim and objectives are to bring back the unique experience and the originality monuments and buildings as well with history of Kedah's Royalty and Colonials within the Coastal Port Town at Kuala Kedah Fort. To optimize the link of natural area and historical area that can promote the activities using a living heritage approach and lastly, to provide master plan that encourage user to experience the liveable public space that have various activities. Hopefully, this project can be used as a design strategy and guidelines for stakeholders in reviving the heritage site to give a sense of place that creates a different feeling and memorable experience.

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CHAPTER 01: TOPIC INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Nowadays, the heritage conservation at Malaysia still lows in terms of how people appreciate the historic story. Public realize the historical area are not important in planning a development. The historical area also can create a space for the community with a great condition to become an attractive place. The historical area can be a public space that can encourage people to come and get indoor and outdoor activities. Public space is space and place can be defined as a public through the notions of property ownership and rules of access (Low&Smith,2006). The public space is the paths, the links, the connection, the nodes and the transition of our built environment. A gathering spot or part of a downtown, neighbourhood, waterfront, city centre, commercial area, historic area, parks and another area within the public realm is defined as a set of public space that helps to encourage social interface and sense of community. For examples may contain such space as a plaza, town squares, parks, marketplace, public commons and mall. The public space is important to identify the geographic, demographic and social character of the public space. (Characteristics and Guidelines of Great Public Spaces). The major character of public space is user-friendliness and ability for all user. (Nissen, 2008). The successful public space can encourage human contact and social activities. Space must safe, have the sense of welcoming and accommodating for all user which are older, adult, teenagers or student also children.

The design and architecture features must have great visual and reflect the culture or history of the place that can encourage community involvement. The place also has a well-maintained system. The commerce, entertainment, performance, recreational, sporting, cultural, market, vending, exhibits, fairs, festivals and special event is the activities make the space attractive to people and encourage social interaction. Space must provide a sense of comfort and safety to people gathering. The public space must make it extraordinary and memorable for users. If space has the commitment to maintain the space and keep it a usable space over time. (Characteristics and Guidelines of Great Public Spaces).