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# SUSTAINING CULTURAL HERITAGE THROUGH HERITAGE-LED REGENERATION

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## Abstract

Heritage-led regeneration is a new approach to prevent decay and decrepitude of cultural heritage in most of important historical areas. Elements for heritage-led regeneration includes the aspects of economic, social and environment which correlates each other is the key ingredients to ensure the sustainability of these areas. In Islamic perspective, the relationship between human and environment is crucial. Human as khalifah (vicegerent) has the responsibility to keep the balance between environment and development. This research is intended to discover whether the heritage-led regeneration schemes carried out in historical areas in Malaysia have helped to sustain the cultural heritage. The study looks at the relationship between man, environment and the needs to safeguard the cultural heritage as an act of amanah (responsibility) bestowed upon humankind as the main objective. Practicing sustainable urban regeneration is foreseen as the response to the hadith of the Prophet on the prevention of harming or reciprocating harm, in the context of the cultural heritage.

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