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## **ABSTRACT**

This paper represented an investigation on the adaptive reuse of historical buildings in Malaysia. In Malaysia, many historical buildings are unique structure, design and architectural style. The historic buildings need to be preserve because those buildings have their own history and for the future generations.

This dissertation starts with the definitions of adaptive reuse and historical buildings. Then, it will explore the successful adaptive reuse carried out in Malaysia, the principle of adaptive reuse and advantages of adaptive reuse are involved in historic buildings. It will go on to study several examples of adaptive reuse of historical buildings in Malaysia such as Central Market Kuala Lumpur (Pasar Seni Kuala Lumpur), the shop houses on Jonker Street, Malacca, Museum of History and Ethography Malacca (Stadthuys) and Muzium Islam (Islamic Museum), Kelantan.

The dissertation focuses on case studies of Central Market Kuala Lumpur (Pasar Seni Kuala Lumpur), Museum of History and Ethography Malacca (Stadthuys) and Muzium Islam (Islamic Museum), Kelantan. The purpose of this dissertation are to define the meaning of adaptive-reuse and value of conservation historical buildings in Malaysia; to identify the adaptive reuse techniques practice of historical buildings in Malaysia and to recommend the best way of implementing adaptive reuse to historic buildings in Malaysia.

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