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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to assist me in completing my final project which involves, hospitality design, specifically, budget hotel and café. In mean time, the re-adaptive use of old buildings acted as the supporting topic. These research findings helped me to get clear input and perception of the proposed project which is an upgrading work of restaurant to lodge and café facilities within a 1906 building at Jalan Medan Pasar Kuala Lumpur.

Basically the content of this thesis is about, the budget hotel, and café operations and issues arise regarding budget hotel facilities in Malaysia. The historical facts about proposed location and its building are also included, together with general issues regarding conservations in Malaysia. The second aspect of this study is to understand the clients brief and need, to achieve the design objectives. Case studies are among the important content. All of that are reported and sum up in this thesis report.

There are various ways in getting information about the topic, this includes, several interviews with the respective client, owners of selected hotels and cafes for case studies, site visits, observation of the site and its surroundings, newspaper report, historical books, thesis, as well as the fastest medium, the internet.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The main background of this project research is about the understanding of hospitality design and its operations, specifically of a budget hotel, and a café. It is to understand the difference, classifications and types of budget hotels and café restaurants. The secondary subjects of this study are the re-adaptive usage of old buildings that are converted into hotels, and the need to improve the design quality, condition and image of budget hotels facilities in Malaysia.

The term budget should not restrict the 'budget hotel' operator from offering clean, comfortable and nicely designed accommodations to their targeted market. By doing so, not only they will get return guests or nice reviews, their effort also help to boosts and elevate the level of hospitality industry, especially in budget hotel sector.

Old buildings specifically shop houses from colonial period should not be abandon or becoming an eyesore to our present and vast modern development of our cityscape. In many cities in the world, old buildings survive and live harmoniously with modern buildings despite their contrasting dialogue. Many were adapting to its new usage, and one of it, is, converting to a hotel facilities.

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